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## Junior Pioneers Annual Winter Social

Turner Hall, New Ulm

Saturday, February 27th

6:00 Social Hour – 6:30 Dinner and Program

### "Spending a Day in the Downtown Business District of New Ulm In The 1950's"

presented by: Kathleen Backer

Presenter, Kathleen Backer, will take you on a day trip in New Ulm in the 1950's, a time when the downtown business district was the center of activity. Experience what a typical day was like when people could take care of most of their "business" on the main street.

Without having to move their cars once they parked them, (*that is, if they owned a car*) people could shop at the retail stores and grocery stores; keep appointments with the doctors, lawyers, beauty operators, and barbers; conduct business at the banks or even buy a car at auto dealerships. Once business was taken care of, they could enjoy a meal at a café or restaurant and take in some entertainment at the bars, taverns, movie theaters, bowling alley or ballroom.

Come and enjoy a great night of wonderful food, camaraderie, and an extremely entertaining speaker!!

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Or, Junior Pioneer Parks Blog: <http://juniorpioneerpark.wordpress.com>



## **\*Deceased Members**

Carla Fritsche King      Betty Retzlaff      Sally Forstner      Shirley Oswald Schnobrich Panagini  
Mary Berg Patterson      Cletus Franta

## **\*New Members**

<i>Name</i>	<i>Ancestor</i>
Gerald and Margaret Ubl	Reinhart/McCrea
Jenna Carlson	Haeberle/Brust
Brittany Haala	Haeberle/Brust

## **\* Memorials and Donations**

### **In memory of Allan Gebhard**

Ken and Jane Albrecht, Ronald and Katherine Russo, Jane Fritsche Watson

### **In memory of Larry Johnson**

Jerry Nachreiner

### **In memory of Harriet Whittaker (Lauterbach)**

Nancy Schwalen

### **In honor of the Buckthorn Killer Bill Otis**

Thomas Hurley

If we have forgotten or miss-credited anyone concerning; Memorials, Donations, Deceased Members or New Members, please notify the President Lori Otis at 507.359.2320 or any Board Member and we will correct it.

## **Park Report** by Lori Otis, JP President/ Park Manager

Our park is asleep under a blanket of snow and has enjoyed a generally mild Minnesota winter. We continue to develop a plan for our park and its needs going forward. Our top priority is safety. The barbwire fence that has followed the steep embankment along the river has been ravaged by weather and erosion. We have obtained quotes for placing a new chain-link fence along this dangerous, steep, eroding bank along the Minnesota River. We will search for grants to assist in this expensive, but much needed project. We would ask you to consider a donation to the park for this project. We also continue to develop revenue generating options for the park's maintenance. Our park will be the venue of a wedding this spring! The first wedding in about 25 years! Our park will also have new neighbors (we hope) soon. Target in New Ulm is closing and the Target parking lot is adjacent to the park property. We will keep you informed of the plans for the park, and its progress. Your thoughts and ideas are always welcome.



### Submitted Story

Thank you to Jerry Gulden for his submission of this two-part article. Watch for the second part in our next newsletter! If you would like to submit a historical or family story, please do so by emailing it to Lisa Besemer at lisabesemer@newulmtel.net.

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## **BREWERIES IN NEW ULM - 1915**

When one starts a search on a topic one never knows what else might be found. Again using <http://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/> while researching my grandfather Michael Klinkhammer I had stumbled upon his being part owner in the New Ulm Brewing and Malting Company. I then found this article and thought it would be a lead into the next newsletter about the New Ulm Brewing and Malting Company.

### ***New Ulm Review, October 13, 1915***

#### **HOME OF NEW ULM MALT PRODUCTS**

While the prohibition wave has been sweeping over this country for the past two years with overwhelming suddenness, people in New Ulm have gone on trusting that the men who have built up the big brewing industry in this city would not find that ill luck had hit them rare, confiscating their property and throwing out of employment the many men they now provide for. In New Ulm we look at the liquor question a little differently from what they do in most places. The use of beer in moderate amounts is not regarded with the horror that it inspires in other communities. It is a matter of course that most of the citizens here use it in some quantity, but there are few who abuse the privilege. It is not a "forbidden fruit" and therefore has not the attraction for people that it has elsewhere. Knowing as we do that the majority of people here know better than to use the beverage to excess, we cannot quite understand the fury that agitates others who are attempting to put the brewers out of business.

#### **In New Ulm there are three Brewing plants.**

The **August Schell Company** was founded in 1860 by August Schell. The Schell family went thru the terrible times of the Indian Outbreak but following that time, the business grew in the fashion German enterprises have of doing, until at the present time they employ 36 men and expend annually \$3,000 for horse feed to care for the big draught animals that take the product to market. The Schell Brewery consumes 20,000 bushels of barley per year and burns 1,000 tons of coal. The location of the plant is one of the beauty spots of the county. It would take a column to begin to describe the various points of interest about the place and it is possible to mention here only one of them, the deer park, in which are kept live deer, descendents of the beautiful wild creatures which once roamed the plains of Minnesota. This park and its gardens remind one of pictures of the Fatherland, and are a most charming place to spend an hour on one of Minnesota's fine days.



## Hauenstein Brewery (continued)



The **Hauenstein Brewery** reminds one of a castle set, as it sits against the background of hills. From the city a splendid view may be had on several of the Centre Street crossings, looking to the South, about a mile as the crow flies. The great red buildings set against the background of green hills make a picture of scenic charm that is not often surpassed. For all its beauty it is a place of busy workers. There are employed some 30 men in the brewery and bottling house and there are six members of the office force. The plant was founded by John Hauenstein, Sr., in 1864, shortly after he

and his young wife came here on his return from serving in the soldiery for the protection of the whites against the Indians, during and following the Outbreak. Nor was the Outbreak the only hard times the Hauensteins saw. The tornado of 1881 did a great deal of damage to the plant and only five years ago the collapse of a storage building meant a loss of \$30,000.

Some of the figures showing the magnitude of the business will be of interest. The pay roll totals \$26,825 annually. The barley needed for their manufacturing amounts to 30,000 bushels and the 16 to 20 horses which they keep require 2,000 bushels of oats and 500 of corn to satisfy their needs. These grains are all grown in this state, and principally in this vicinity. Twelve hundred tons of coal are required by the plant and it takes 20,000 pounds of hops in the manufacture of the chief product.

The **New Ulm Brewing and Malting Company** is located in the heart of the city and gets its power, light and water from the city mains. Their bills for this service run about \$100 per month. The consumption of coal amounts to one and a half cars in the same length of time. Thirteen men are employed. It takes six thousand bushels of grain per year to furnish the material for the Ulmer Lager and High Quality Beers turned out by this company.



***Do you know of anyone that is eligible to become a member of the Junior Pioneers? Attached is a membership application!*** We would love for them to become members of this historic group! In order to become a member, it is necessary to have had a direct ancestor who resided or came to New Ulm vicinity prior to 1870. "Vicinity" includes the City of New Ulm and the townships of Cottonwood, Lake Hanska, Linden, Milford and Sigel in Brown County; the townships of Bernadotte, Brighton, Courtland, Lafayette and West Newton in Nicollet County; and Cambria Township in Blue Earth County.

The Junior Pioneers were formally organized by the children and descendants of the original settlers on Sunday afternoon, February 25, 1912, in preparation of the 50th anniversary of "Dakota Conflict of 1862". The purpose of the Junior Pioneers is to...."keep green the memory of the early pioneers who settled New Ulm and the vicinity; and to preserve as much as possible the usage's and customs, language and ideals of the early settlers...."



**Junior Pioneers 2016 Annual Winter Social**

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Banquet Tickets(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Number Attending: \_\_\_\_\_ \$25.00 each: \_\_\_\_\_

**Reservations are Due by Wednesday, February 24th**

*Payments can be made at the door, but reservations are required prior to February 25th  
You can also send checks to: Junior Pioneers, PO Box 22, New Ulm, MN 56073 or email juniorpioneers@nutelem.net  
Questions? Reservations: Lisa Besemer at 766-1991 or lisabesemer@newulmtel.net*

**If you have not paid your 2016 Annual Membership fees, please do so...**

Single Membership	\$20 _____
Joint Dues ( <i>Husband &amp; Wife both qualify for membership</i> )	\$30 _____
Surviving Spouse	\$20 _____

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**From the Vault of History . . . .**  
The New Ulm Review, February 2, 1916  
100 years ago!!!

**STUDEBAKER**  
THE CAR OF THE  
**Golden Chassis**

Now at the Automobile Show at Minneapolis.  
Be sure and see it.

1—Passenger Four	2—Passenger Six
\$825	\$1025
3 and 7—Passenger	5 and 7—Passenger
\$845	\$1050

**F. H. Retzlaff**

**OUR MEN OF AFFAIRS**

Illustration of a man in a suit, surrounded by various scenes of daily life, including a woman, a child, a dog, and a car. The illustration is titled "OUR MEN OF AFFAIRS".

**Turner Hall**  
*Program of Classes in Gymnastics.*

Boys' class, ages 6 to 11: Wednesday afternoon, 4:30 to 5:30; Saturday forenoon, 9:00 to 10:15.  
Boys' class, ages 11 to 14: Monday and Thursday afternoons, 4:30 to 5:30  
Youths' class, ages 14 to 17: Monday evening, 7:30 to 8:45 and Friday evening, 7:30 to 8:30.  
Girls' class, ages 6 to 11: Tuesday afternoon, 4:30 to 5:30, and Saturday forenoon, 10:15 to 11:30.  
Girls' class, ages 11 to 15: Tuesday and Friday afternoons, 4:30 to 5:30.  
Misses' class, age over 15: Wednesday and Saturday evenings, 7:30 to 8:30.  
Ladies' class: Thursday evening, 8:00 to 9:00.  
Men's class: Tuesday and Friday evenings, 8:30 to 9:45.  
Fencing class: Sunday forenoon, 10:00 to 11:30.  
Sunday School: Sunday forenoon, 10:30 to 11:45.  
**HERMAN HENK,**  
Instructor

**Junior Pioneers**  
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