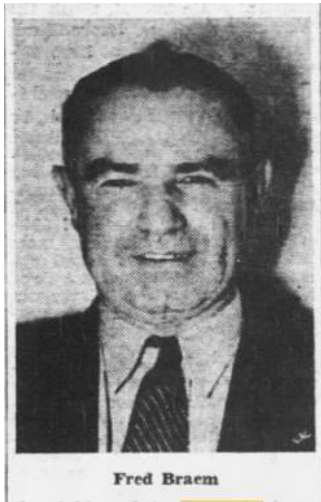


TUSCANIA

Braem, Ferdinand (Fred)
1893 Switzerland – 1964 WI



Fred Braem



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Left: Fred Braem "Marshfield [WI] News-Herald" 6 Feb 1941 p 5 –
right: "Sheboygan (WI) Press" 5 Feb 1941 p 17 -
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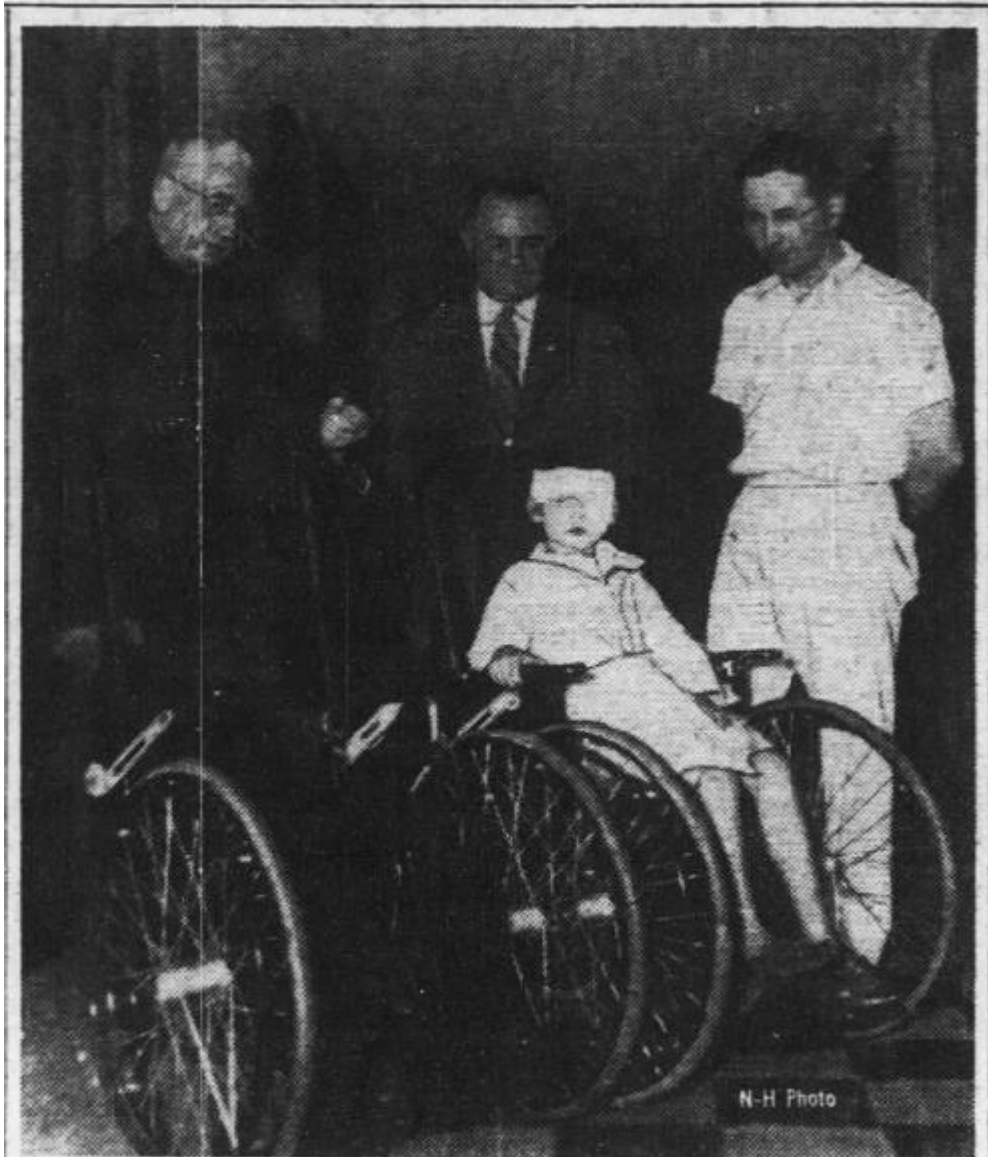
Fred Braem – left: “Marshfield (WI) News-Herald” 20 Nov 1964 p 1 – right: “Marshfield News-Herald” 6 Feb 1956 p 1



Fred Braem, standing, far left - “Marshfield News-Herald” Monday 7 Feb 1955 p 3



Fred Braem, standing, back left – "Marshfield (WI) News-Herald" Monday 20 Oct 1941 p 1



FOR THE COMFORT OF HOSPITALIZED CHILDREN—Little Virgene Treankler, Stratford, tries one of the two specially built juvenile wheel chairs presented to the St. Joseph's Hospital pediatric department yesterday by Marshfield Lodge No. 665, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. Pictured with her are J. H. Cundy (left), chairman of the Elks' Crippled Children's Committee; Fred Braem, exalted ruler of the local lodge, and Dr. R. F. Collins, an interne at the hospital. The chairs, ordered last October and just arrived, include every possible adjustment for the comfort and convenience of hospitalized children, and are the first of their type in use here. Previously, older and larger chairs had been used, which were difficult for children to operate. The wheel chairs are only one small instance in the rehabilitation and aid program conducted by the Elks in hospitals and homes throughout the year.

Survivor of Tuscania Dies Here at Age 72

Fred Braem, 508 Magee St., retired superintendent of mails at the Marshfield Post Office, and the last person in Marsh-



field who had survived the sinking of the British transport Tuscania on Feb. 5, 1918 by a German submarine during World War I, died in St. Joseph's Hospital early Thursday afternoon. He was 72 years of age.

Funeral services will be conducted in the First Presbyterian Church at 10:30 a.m. Monday by the Rev. Douglas P. Oyan, pastor, and burial will be made in Hillside cemetery with American Legion military rites.

Visitations may be made at the Rembs Funeral Home from 3 p.m. Saturday until 9 a.m. Monday, and then at the church. An Elks Lodge of Sorrow will be conducted at the funeral home at 7:30 p.m. Sunday.

Braem was on board the Tuscania almost 47 years ago with more than 2,000 American soldiers from Wisconsin, Michigan and California when the transport was torpedoed off the north coast of Ireland. Over 200 persons perished in the first serious military loss of the United States in World War I.

Braem was the only survivor of the sinking who still resided in Marshfield, although there were five here at one time. Halie Dumas, now living in California, was one of the five. Others were Vernon Kelly, Ray Anderson and Columbus Vannedom, all deceased. For years Braem had attended reunions of Tuscania survivors.

Born in Switzerland Sept. 4, 1892, Braem was nine years of age when his family moved to Marshfield, where he received his education, and where his career in postal service spanned 33 years from 1920 to 1953.

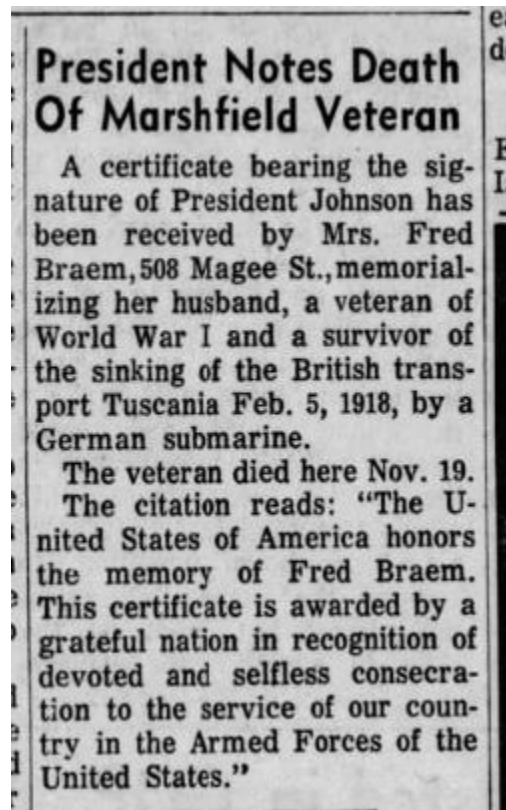
He was married at Rockford, Ill., on Sept. 4, 1922 to the former Grace Truhlar, who survives him.

A veteran of World War I, he had served a captain of Company A, Wisconsin National Guard, and in later years was a member of the Selective Service Board. He belonged to the American Legion Post, and to the Elks Lodge of Marshfield, of which he was a past exalted ruler.

Other survivors are a daughter, Mrs. James (Violet) Hansen, and a son, Richard, both of Marshfield; seven grandchildren; a sister, Mrs. Selina Schilling, Marshfield; and three brothers, William and Frederick, Marshfield, and Herman, Wisconsin Rapids.

A brother, Charles, preceded him in death.

"Marshfield (WI) News-Herald" Friday 20 Nov 1964 p 1 -
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"Marshfield (WI) News Herald" Thursday 24 Dec 1964 p 2

Fred Braem

MARSHFIELD — Fred Braem, 72, Marshfield, brother of Herman Braem, Wisconsin Rapids, died in St. Joseph's Hospital Thursday afternoon.

He was a retired superintendent of mails at the Marshfield Post Office. While in military service during World War I he survived the sinking of the British transport Tuscania on Feb. 5, 1918, by a German submarine.

Funeral services will be conducted in the First Presbyterian Church at 10:30 a.m. Monday by the Rev. Douglas Oyan. Burial will be in Hillside Cemetery, with American Legion military rites. Friends may call at the Rembe Funeral Home from 3 p.m. Saturday until 9 a.m. Monday and then at the church.

Mr. Braem was on board the Tuscania with more than 2,000 American soldiers from Wisconsin, Michigan and California when the transport was torpedoed off the north coast of Ireland. More than 200 persons perished, marking the first major military loss for the United States in World War I. He was the only survivor of the sinking who still resided in Marshfield, although there were five here at one time. One now lives in California. Others

were Vernon Kelly, long-time Wood County treasurer; Ray Anderson and Columbus Vannedon, all deceased.

Born in Switzerland Sept. 4, 1892, Mr. Braem was nine years of age when the family came to Marshfield. His career in postal service spanned 33 years, from 1920 until 1953. He was married at Rockford, Ill., Sept. 4, 1922, to the former Grace Truhlar, who survives.

He had served as a captain of Co. A, Wisconsin National Guard, and in later years was a member of the Selective Service Board. He was a past exalted ruler of the Elks Lodge here.

Other survivors are a daughter, Mrs. James Hansen, and a son, Richard, both of Marshfield; a sister, Mrs. Selina Schilling, Marshfield; two other brothers, William and Frederick, Marshfield, and seven grandchildren.

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Braem Park

905 N. Cedar Avenue

A 40-acre community park with a softball field, playground, picnic shelter, restrooms, 18-hole disc golf course, skatepark and nature trails.

Check out the [Braem Park Disc Golf Aerial Video Tour](#) from the Mid-Wisconsin Disc Golf Association.

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Life:

Fred Braem and Albert Delmore have returned from Superior, where they went to tryout for places in the Northern league. They expressed themselves dissatisfied with the chance given them and have decided to again align themselves with the local team.

Baseball player - "Marshfield (WI) News & Wisconsin Hub" Thursday 29 Apr 1915 p 7

Fred Braem has been nursing a discolored optic since Sunday, the result of being hit by a foul ball while at bat in the Marshfield-Stevens Point game in the latter city.

"Marshfield (WI) News & Wisconsin Hub" Thursday 26 Aug 1915 p 7

PROMOTIONS IN CO. A

William Mittelsteadt Now 1st. Lieutenant, Walter Mueller 2nd Lieutenant.

Captain Frank Reigel has made a number of promotions in Company A. Second Lieutenant William Mittelsteadt was advanced to first lieutenant, Mess Sergeant Walter C. Mueller to second lieutenant, Sergeant Fred Braem to first sergeant, Sergeant Ted Witt to mess sergeant, Corporal Joseph Seidel to supply sergeant, Corporals Fred Lahman, Ernest Miller, Willard Purdy, Lawrence Schunk and Carl Thom to sergeants, Privates Vincent Flaherty, Joseph Grall, Vernon Kelly, William Mass, Adolph Mittelsteadt and Alfred Spearbecker to corporals, Private Edward Nelson to Cook, Private George Rice to bugler.

Article continues - "Marshfield (WI) News & Wisconsin Hub" Thursday 26 Jul 1917 p 1

Names Three at Marshfield

Fred Braem of Marshfield, first lieutenant of Company "K," Sixth infantry, station Marshfield.

"Wisconsin State Journal" (Madison WI) Tuesday 31 Jul 1917 p 2

In the display window of the American National bank is a photograph of the Sixth Wisconsin infantry, taken at Camp Douglas, which is attracting much attention. Company K of this city is a unit of this regiment, and the officers of this company, who are Captain William Mittelsteadt and Lieutenants Fred Braem and John Kohl, occupy prominent positions in the officers' row and are easily recognized. The photo is about eight feet in length.

"Marshfield (WI) News & Wisconsin Hub" Thursday 27 Sep 1917 p 7

WISCONSIN SURVIVORS ON TUSCANIA

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9.—Seventy-nine Wisconsin men who were on the transport Tuscania sunk by a torpedo are known to have been saved, the war department announced today.

Dispatches are being received from across the Atlantic checking up the lists so that a complete list of the missing will soon be known. Wisconsin survivors are:

Melvin Aarensen, Abbotsford, Wis.	Eugene Claison Hart, Racine, Wis.	John Budzislowski, 1063 Garden st., Milwaukee, Wis.
Ray Anderson, 409 South Cherry St., Marshfield, Wis.	Harry Hanson, 667 Mason street, Rhinelander, Wis.	Lyman P. Byse, Wautoma, Wis.
Clarence C. Andrew, 104 James street, Waukesha, Wis.	William D. S. Horne, Red Granite, Wis.	Vernon A. Caffisch, R. F. D. No. 6, Baraboo, Wis.
Guide Frederick Buth, Waterloo, Wis.	Arthur J. Hantschel, Appleton, Wis.	George L. Gunderson, Wautoma, Wis.
Joseph Bauer, Wautoma, Wis.	Barney Kujawski, 24 Center St., Milwaukee, Wis.	Arthur L. Hanson, Kennedy, Wis.
Oliver B. Bendixen, Wautoma, Wis.	Alfred Russell Kost, Lorraine, Wis.	Raymond C. Harrison, Cottage Grove, Wis.
Warren J. Berry, Wautoma, Wis.	Earl William Knight, R. F. D., No. 2, Spooner, Wis.	Adam Wisniewski, Milwaukee, Wis.
Martin D. Bongers, 319 Quincy St., New London, Wis.	Vernon Kelly, 737 First street, Milwaukee, Wis.	Adam J. Zielke, Red Granite, Wis.
Arthur E. Bidney, Independence, Wis.	Albert Harold Anderson, R. F. D. No. 2, Boyceville, Wis.	Clyde P. Diggles, Hancock, Wis.
Fred Braem, Marshfield, Wis.	Carl Martin Anderson, Barron, Wis.	Milton A. Doege, Stanley, Wis.
Harry Arnold Burnham, Barron, Wis.	Francis E. Anderson, Pleasant	Donald M. Duncan, Baraboo, Wis.
		Kirkwood Durrant, Waupaca, Wis.
		Fred A. Duxbury, Hixton, Wis.

"Madison (WI) Capital Times" Saturday 9 Feb 1918 p 1

PRAISE FROM OVERSEA ON BRAVERY OF LIEUT. FRED BRAEM

Below will be found parts of two interesting letters from J. C. P. Hanley, a captain with the American forces in France, written to his relatives in Stanley, which have been handed to us for publication. Mr. Hanley is well known here and will be remembered by many of our citizens as a baseball umpire who officiated at games in this city a number of times in the past few years. One of his letters is especially interesting in that it contains high praise for a Marshfield officer, Lieut. Fred Braem, who also is serving his country in France.

The letters follow:

Somewhere in France.

Dear One and All:

Well, here I am in France. I like it very much. You will notice that no places are mentioned, also that no information is given out. I do the censoring of my own mail, also that of the headquarters.

We were lucky not to be on the Tuscania. We were supposed to sail on it but a snow storm held us back, so we followed right behind it, but, believe me, we had all the excitement on our boat that anyone cares for. All of us were full of "pep." We had a dandy boat—elaborate and everything up to date.

All the Americans who came over think France really is wonderful, and that its people can't be beat. The French sure gave us a grand reception, and they mean it too. Both England and France are certainly worth coming to see.

The boys, Dick Richey and Bill Olson, got to Ireland after the boat wreck, and they thought Ireland was the best place they had seen. The people treated them royally.

Tell Tom Lee and Frankie Soda-berg that Lieut. Braem was the bravest officer on the boat that went down; he was the last man off; he waited until all the boys were off.

The camp we are in was founded by Napoleon, and all the boys like it very much. We have thousands of German prisoners here, also a number of French soldiers, so it is quite interesting. We are not working ourselves too hard, and I am feeling the best I ever did in my life. All the Stanley boys here with me are also

feeling fine.

The weather is fine here and gardens are being planted.

We feel quite chesty as we are the first of our division to reach the other side.

If anyone wants to know what to send the boys, tell them that the only things the boys are unable to get is candy and tobacco.

I forgot to tell you that on the boat we came were over 100 Red Cross nurses, and we had parties and danced every night. How is pa getting along; tell him not to worry as I am feeling fine and getting along great with my work. I have a much better position than when I had the company, although I have much more responsibility.

Captain J. P. Hanley,

Hdqs., 107th Ammunition Train.

In another letter, Mr. Hanley writes, among other things, the following:

We are with the artillery now, and that sure beats the infantry by far. Things look good for our winning the war, but no doubt it will take some time.

"Marshfield (WI) News & Wisconsin Hub" Thursday 4 Apr 1918 p 1

Word has been received that Lieut. Fred Braem with Company A in France has been promoted to captain. This will be good news to his many friends. He has a reputation of being a brave and efficient officer.

"Marshfield (WI) News & Wisconsin Hub" Thursday 13 Jun 1918 p 7

NEWSY LETTERS FROM OUR BOYS AT THE FRONT

MY DEAR MOTHER:

Well mother, hope you enjoyed your birthday, same as last year, I celebrated it over here. We are allowed to put the name of the town we are at, on the heading of our letters, so now you can look for it upon the map.

We are having fine weather over here, just splendid, suppose you're enjoying a fine summer this year. Haven't anyone to bother you, or run the cars too fast, Ha! Ha.

My arm is coming along fine, expect the doctor to take the cast off most any day. I'm feeling fine and dandy, hope everybody at home is feeling the same as I.

Suppose you'll have one great day July 4th. It sure ought to be a big day this year, if it ever was before. I suppose the drafted boys are at training camps and just about time for another crowd to go. Was to church Sunday, they sure have a fine priest here. You know this is Base hospital nine, about 150 miles from Base 15, where I was at before.

Read in the paper where the German Subs are showing themselves in American waters, well, they sure are nervy. I believe in the first place our country has too many German spies. What do the Blenker people think about it that their boys are drafted? Am well satisfied that I'm in the Army, although a person has to go through a lot of suffering and hardships. Wish this doggone war was over with, but it looks good for a year or two to me, of course that's only my opinion.

Is Willis still working in the garage, he sure is some sticker. Tell him I want him to write me a real letter for once and not to forget about it, as he always does.

Haven't seen Fred Siegert, but quite a number of the thirty second division, from all branches of services are here, the thirty second division men are in the front line.

It's really so hot I can't hardly finish this letter, but I want to make it worth while.

I haven't heard from you for almost a week and haven't received the package containing those red rubbers and socks, no doubt somebody else has them, of course this transferring around, causes this delay. The Red Cross takes care of us in the line of smokes, go over there any day and get a package of cigarettes. Yes, I know that the law is passed that things from home such as candy, cigarettes, etc., can't be sent, but as long as the home papers arrive regular, that's what I like to receive most. I expect the time you receive this letter, it will be July 4th and July 29 will be my one year in the army. Did Willis ever ride my motorcycle?

Aeroplanes are flying over here all day long every make and type. They sure do some peculiar stunts in the air.

Was talking to a fellow from North Dakota that knows our relatives out there.

What kinds of cars has pa now? He hasn't added any more to list, has he? Suppose Willis is the repair man. At this hospital we are allowed to

write two letters a week, one on Monday and one on Thursday.

Lieut. Fred Braem has a Dodge car to go around in, he sure has a good job.

Now as long as you have my two cameras there don't forget to take some real pictures and then send them to me. I just love to get pictures. Have you taken any of the factories, etc., you know what I like. There was a peculiar happening last night, a negro was shot and the guilty party not found, the negro was shot outside the hospital gate, and the offender should of ran through here, so its going to be quite a job to find the guilty one. Was to the "Y. M. C. A." and when I came back, had to be searched. Had some fine movies too, "Fatty Arbuckle" was the comical part.

Am going to put in a picture of a German gun captured by the French, think it will go through.

Suppose Phenie will be visiting you soon. She told me of her intentions.

I know of nothing more to write, so will close with love to all.

Your son,

ROY HADLER,

Base Hospital 9,
American E. F., France.

"Marshfield (WI) News & Wisconsin Hub" Thursday 4 Jul 1918 p 10

H. E. Hoerl is in receipt of word that Captains Wallie Mueller and Fred Braem, both Company A men, who served with other divisions for some time while overseas, have been transferred back to the 32nd division and therefore are expected to arrive home with the rest of the Marshfield boys, who are thought to be on their way to the States at the present time.

"Marshfield (WI) News & Wisconsin Hub" Thursday 1 May 1919 p 5

25 YEARS AGO TODAY

Mrs. Charles Schilling of Leaf River, Ill., arrived in the city Sunday to spend a month here at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ferdinand Braem. The cause of her visit here is the fact that the Braem family expect to greet their three sons who have served Uncle Sam the past eighteen months. Sgt. Charles Braem, a member of the famous 127 Infantry band, is already here and the family are now awaiting the return of Capt. Fred Braem and Herman, who is still in an overseas contingent.—(Marshfield Times.)

Reprinted from May 1919 – “Marshfield (WI) News-Herald” Thursday 18 May 1944 p 4

Mrs. Charles Schilling, nee Selina Braem, of Leaf River, Ill., is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ferd. Braem. She expects to stay until her three brothers arrive home from overseas service. One, Charles, came the past week. The other brothers are Fred, a captain, and Herman.

“Marshfield (WI) News & Wisconsin Hub” Thursday 22 May 1919 p 9

Capt. Braem Home.

Captain Fred Braem of the 107th Supply train, who recently arrived in the States from overseas service, pulled in to the city Monday morning on a 15-day furlough which he is spending with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ferd. Braem. That everybody was delighted to see him again goes without saying. Whenever he is down town he is kept so busy receiving the hand of welcome and exchanging felicitations that he has but little time for anything else. He expects to receive a release from the army upon his return to Camp Grant.

“Marshfield (WI) News & Wisconsin Hub” Thursday 5 Jun 1919 p 1

Capt. Fred Braem, who was at the home of his parents, has returned to Camp Grant for his discharge from the army. He was accompanied as far as Chicago by his sister, Mrs. Charles Schilling, who was on her return home to Leaf River, Ill.

"Marshfield (WI) News & Wisconsin Hub" Thursday 12 Jun 1919 p 9

Mrs. Ferd. Braem, Herman & Billy Braem, Capt. Fred Braem and Miss Marie Stuessy called on M. Britten and family Wednesday evening. Capt. Braem recently returned from overseas and is home on a 15-day furlough, after which he will return to Camp Grant to get his discharge.

"Marshfield (WI) News & Wisconsin Hub" Thursday 12 Jun 1919 p 12

BASE BALL

Locals Feature Celebration In Merrill In Hotly Contested Game.

Baseball sport for the remainder of the summer is in prospect for the city.

Adam Emmerich got busy Thursday and organized a city team, consisting in its entirety of some of the most prominent of our oldtime stars of the diamond, and journeyed with it to Merrill to cross bats with the Merrill team as a feature of the Fourth celebration. The result of the game was 4 to 3 in favor of Merrill.

Considering that the local players had but little sleep the night preceding, due to the poor train connections to Merrill, together with the fact that they had no preliminary practice outside of about 15 minutes before the game, they made an excellent showing. Merrill was said to have a clean record of six victories so far this season.

Scoring activities began in the opener when Marshfield registered one. In the second another score was added. The fourth round tied the result and the seventh gave Merrill a lead of two, which was shortened by the locals by one in the eighth. The final session was featured with a sensational slide for home by "Packy" Leitner, but he lost the score by sliding too far over the base. There were two out and two men on bases when this putout was made.

Reeths and "Ham" Braem did the delivering and receiving for Marshfield. English was on the mound for Merrill. Though Reeths usually serves at the receiving end, he loomed up, in this game, like a finished product of the firing line. The others of the Marshfield lineup were: Wright 1b, Fred Braem 2b, Berg ss, Leitner 3b, Anderson rf, Nulicheck cf, Johnson lf.

Manager Emmerich is planning to open the playing season at home next Sunday.

BASEBALL CLUB ORGANIZED

HEADED BY MR. EMMERICH
—APFEL SEC-TREAS.,
FRED BRAEM TEAM
CAPTAIN.

First Game On Home Grounds
Next Sunday—To Give
Benefit Dance.

After an interval of about two years, Marshfield will again have baseball by a representative city team. Assurance to this effect took form at a meeting of baseball enthusiasts in the Eagle club Thursday evening, called for the purpose of organizing a club for the promotion of this popular sport for the remainder of the season. The organization was effected with the following officers.

Adam Emmerich—Manager.

Floyd Apfel—Secretary-treasurer.

Fred Braem—Captain.

Committees were appointed as follows.

Benefit dance—Adam Emmerich, Leo Berg and Fred Braem. The purpose of this hop is to raise money for the fund to finance the team. Buy a ticket whether you care to dance or not.

Rules and regulations—Emmerich, Fred Braem, Apfel, Emerson Wright and Art Reeths.

To investigate the proposition of having a refreshment stand at the next fair: F. B. Lamson, Leo Berg and Fred Braem.

Music for opening game: Fred and "Ham" Braem and Leo Berg.

Those present were very enthusiastic about the resumption of baseball and seemed to be filled with a determination to put a team in the field that will be a credit to the city and the pride of the fans. With excellent talent like Jimmy Christensen, "Packy" Leitner, Fred and "Ham" Braem, Leo Berg, Emerson Wright, George Johnson, Ray Anderson, Nulicheck and a few others to pick from, the promoters ought to meet no difficulty in forming just such a team.

Tentative arrangements were to open the playing season here next Sunday with the strong Merrill team as the combating aggregation. The game probably will be featured with band music.

The meeting was addressed by Secretary Lamson of the Chamber of Commerce along a very fine line of thought on the baseball subject. Some valuable suggestions were given which met with favor. He pointed out that baseball was a plank in the Chamber's program of work and that a baseball team was considered one of the best community advertising stunts that could be designed. He offered to co-operate with the club to the fullest extent.

Major R. Connor, Captains Fred Rhyner and Otto Meyers and Lieutenants Walter Mueller and Fred Braem left Monday for Milwaukee to attend a conference of officers in regard to the re-organization of the Wisconsin National guard.

"Marshfield (WI) News & Wisconsin Hub" Thursday 9 Oct 1919 p 7

with a pleasant car Saturday.
Fred Braem has been appointed to a position in the post office. He entered upon his duties Monday, serving at the general delivery window.

"Marshfield (WI) News & Wisconsin Hub" Thursday 10 Jun 1920 p 9

NEW POST LEADER

He is Mr. Caldwell—Elected Last Week—Buchmiller and Reeths Re-elected.

D. A. Caldwell is the new commander of William Lesselyong post, American legion. He was elected to that office at a meeting of the Post last week. The other officers chosen follow: vice-commander, Fred Braem; adjutant, Ed. Buchmiller; historian, Frank Normington, Jr., finance officer, Glenn G. Kraus; chaplain, Charles Pors; master-at-arms, Fred Reeths, Jr.

All are new officers excepting Ed. Buchmiller and Fred Reeths, who were re-elected.

A market square with a barn for sheltering farmers' teams was among the subjects discussed. The sentiment was in favor of the project.

A report was made showing members of the post had visited sick ex-service men at the local hospital, taken flowers to them and otherwise showed the fraternal spirit, in conformity with a national Legion campaign along this line.

"Marshfield (WI) News & Wisconsin Hub" Thursday 31 Jan 1921 p 1

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Braem, Jr., left Monday in their car for Appleton for a two weeks vacation to be spent camping and fishing. Mr. Braem is employed in the local post office.

"Marshfield (WI) News-Herald" Thursday 23 Aug 1923 p 3

BOWLING						
Fred Braem easily advanced to the head of tournament bowlers at the Eagle alleys last night by bowling five scores for a total of 912 pins which total is nearest rivaled by score of Andrew Feess who swept the pins off the alley for an aggregate count of 889. The scores in detail bowled last night are as follows:						
F. Braem	148	190	198	183	193	912
A. Feess	178	197	162	165	187	889
Leitner	147	176	134	155	158	765

"Marshfield (WI) News-Herald" Wednesday 30 Jan 1924 p 7

LOCAL MEN SURVIVED TUSCANIA DISASTER

Memorable Event Of War Period To Be Celebrated In
Milwaukee, Feb. 5

February 5, 1928 may mean just another calendar day for most Marshfield people, but for three members of William J. Lesselyong post, American Legion, the date will recall an incident which the world at large has forgotten.

February 5, 1928, will be the tenth anniversary of the sinking of the S. S. Tuscania, whose list of passengers at the time of the disaster included three Marshfield men, Vern Kelly, Fred Braem and Ray Anderson. Kelly, Braem and Anderson were members of Company F, 107th supply corps, 32nd Division and survived the tragedy.

In commemoration of the tenth anniversary of the sinking of the Tuscania, the Milwaukee American Legion post is planning a celebration to be held in Milwaukee. Invitations to attend a banquet and get-together meeting have been extended to Marshfield Legionnaires. Members who plan to attend are requested to address their reservations to Tracy Greene, 419 Thirty-six street, North Milwaukee.

"Marshfield (WI) News-Herald" Friday 16 Dec 1927 p 6

LOCAL MEN CLAIMED AS SWISS SUBJECTS

Father's Neglect To Renounce Allegiance Puts Two Sons In Quandary

Ferdinand (Fréd) Braem, postoffice employee is involved in an international tangle. He is a United States citizen, yet claimed as a subject of Switzerland, the country of his birth. This supposed fact came to light with the receipt of a communication from the Swiss authorities in Washington, D. C., with a claim for \$64.60 in military taxes, said to be due because of not having served his time in the Swiss army. He has taken the matter up with United States government representatives in an effort to straighten out the tangle. His brother, Herman, Eagle bowling alley manager, is in a similar quandary.

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According to Ferdinand Braem, Sr., father of the brothers, their peculiar situation is the result of his failure to renounce his allegiance to the Swiss government when the family immigrated to this country. Until that is done, he explained, every Swiss native is regarded a subject of his country no matter where he is or what other country he has become a legal citizen of. And unless they meet the obligations of their native country, they are liable to arrest and imprisonment, should they return there.

Brothers Become Citizens

The two brothers automatically became citizens of this country when their father was naturalized, a few years after the family came to this country, 30 years ago. Fred was 6 years old then, his brother Herman 5.

The military age in Switzerland is 20 years. The senior Mr. Braem further explained that every able bodied Swiss young man is required to serve in the army two weeks every two years for 12 years, or pay an annual tax in lieu of such service.

The amount charged against Ferdinand appears to be an accumulation of Military since 1916, together with a small fine for neglect to meet his military obligations and several other small tax items, including income and personal.

The notice among other things states that anyone who defaults in payment of his dues will be brought to the attention of the "strafrichter" (judge), but that this will no wise relieve him of paying the amount due. The elder Mr. Braem stated that the only way a Swiss can sever all strings with his native country is to officially renounce his citizenship and settle the claims against him.

Sends Reply

Ferdinand, Jr., has sent the following reply to Washington:

"Referring to your letter of August 20, 1928, register No. 199,619, will say that I do not know what it is all about, but as near as I can make it out it is a tax on military duty of a Swiss subject. As I am an American citizen and have been for the past 25 years this will not apply to me.

"I have been in the National guard of Wisconsin for 10 years, have been with that guard on the border in 1916 and 1917, and served in the World War as an officer from July 15, 1917, to May 15, 1920, first as a lieutenant and later as a captain. Am at present working in the post office department at Marshfield, Wis. Please correct your records."

Works for Uncle Sam Claimed by Sweden

Ferdinand Braem, Marshfield postoffice employe, is involved in a little international tangle, as is also his brother, Herman. Although a citizen of the United States, Ferdinand is being claimed as a subject of Switzerland, his native land. This was disclosed with receipt of a communication from the Swiss authorities at Washington with a claim for \$64.60 in military taxes, for not having served his time in the Swiss army. The brothers automatically became citizens of this country when their father was naturalized and the money claim is based upon their failure to renounce allegiance to the Swiss government when the family came to this country. Ferdinand has taken the matter up with government representatives at Washington in an effort to straighten it out.

Switzerland, not Sweden – "Stevens Point (WI) Journal" Monday 1 Oct 1928 p 8

Sinking of Tuscania Eleven Years Ago is Recalled Here

Marshfield's five survivors of the sinking of the *Tuscania* 11 years ago last Feb. 5, are directly interested in Dr. Wilhelm's story on the sinking of the British steamer which conveyed American troops to France during the World war. They are Fred Braem, Columbus Vannedom, Ray Anderson, Vernon Kelly and Hallie Dumas. Braem, a lieutenant and the others of lesser rank, were all survivors of the ill-fated vessel and members of Company F, 107th Supply train, Thirty-Second division. Only Braem, Anderson and Kelly are now residents of Marshfield, the others being located elsewhere.

Dr. Meyer was lieutenant commander of the German U boat that sank the *Tuscania* by firing a torpedo into its side. His story was told in a letter to Leo V. Zimmerman, historian of the Wisconsin *Tuscania* Survivors' associa-

tion, which was received after a number of years was spent by Mr. Zimmerman in efforts to establish the identity of the commander of the U boat to complete an historical account of the disaster.

Fired Two Torpedoes

Relating for the first time his story of the scuttling of the American troopship, Dr. Meyer, who now lives at Saarbrucken, told of following the British-American convoy protecting the *Tuscania*.

"At 7:40 we fired two torpedoes, and after a short time—time enough for the torpedoes to travel a distance of 1,200 meters, we heard a loud detonation and knew that our target was hit," Dr. Meyer related, according to one story.

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Picked Up Signals

"It was then that we saw something had happened to the target. The steamer had put up white mast lights and was listing badly to the starboard with its stern deep in the water. We intercepted the S. O. S. wireless signals and the name "Tuscania."

"To hasten the sinking of the ship, we attempted another attack at 8:49 and fired a third torpedo which missed its aim. Quickly thereafter we had to submerge because a destroyer appeared.

"When we again arose to the surface, we saw a number of vessels at the place of torpedoing. These vessels were giving light signals, but there was no more trace of the steamer.

Caused Tremendous Excitement

"On Feb. 7, the wireless of the British admiralty confirmed that the Tuscania was sunk. Only when we returned to our home port on Feb. 21, did we hear of the tremendous excitement the sinking of the Tuscania had caused in the United States."

Each year the Wisconsin survivors of the disaster that cost 200 American lives met in Milwaukee to exchange reminiscences. Twenty-six were at the eleventh anniversary celebration. Dr. Meyer expressed surprise that the Americans should celebrate.

Breaking a silence he has maintained for 11 years, through the letter to Zimmerman, Dr. Meyer closed with a request that "perhaps you could give me now the picture of how this war event looked from your side."

Floats Three Hours

The Tuscania remained afloat over three hours after it was struck, according to Mr. Braem. He was in one of the parlors at the time, watching a game of checkers, while the other Marshfield boys were on a lower deck.

The force of the explosion sent him reeling against a wall of the room. It was about 6 p. m. He recalled this from the fact that the steward sounded the call for mess only a few moments before the stroke was felt. Recovering from the shock, he hurried to the deck to assemble with the rest of his company to enter life boats, many of which were wrecked by the U-boat. About three hours elapsed before he left the ill-fated vessel. His escape from going down with it was effected by sliding down a rope onto a British torpedo boat destroyer. Others of the company, including his fellow townsmen, were taken from the sinking craft by another British torpedo boat about an hour earlier. He did not know when the Tuscania went down, and nobody else seems to know. Information from one survivor fixed the time at 10 o'clock, which would be about an hour after Mr. Braem was rescued.

Mr. Braem was landed at Buncranne, Ireland, at 5 o'clock the next morning. A day later he was sent to Belfast and next to Winchester, England, via Liverpool. Re-united at Winchester, Company F and the rest of the units of this supply train proceeded to the war front in France. The other Marshfield boys had landed at places other than the port of Mr. Braem's landing.

Lambs—good and choice 32 lb. down

TUSCANIA SURVIVORS GIVEN COPY OF SONG

**'Tuscania Calls' Was Written
By Dorchester Woman**

Marshfield's five survivors of the sinking of the *Tuscania* by a German submarine during the war were presented with copies of the song, "Tuscania Calls", by Miss Lydia L. Schultz of Dorchester this week. Presentation was made through the *News-Herald* and came as a result of a story published early in the week in the *News-Herald* in which survivors discussed their experiences.

"In looking over yesterday's issue of your paper," wrote Miss Schultz to the *News-Herald*, "I read the article on 'The Sinking of the *Tuscania*', and note that Marshfield has quite a few survivors of that sad catastrophe.

"It has always been the wish of Mr. Leslie, who worked with me in preparing the *Ms.*, and myself, that all survivors should have a copy of 'Tuscania Calls', so am enclosing a few numbers. The last address I have of Mr. Leslie is 'Director of Violin, Conservatory Music, San Diego, California.

"If there are not enough copies, I shall be most happy to send more. Also I shall be very glad to have the gift made through your paper, if you will be so kind.

"It might interest the recipients to know that a copy of 'Tuscania Calls', is being preserved among other war records in the steel filing cases of the University of Texas, at the request of Milton R. Gutch, director of same, whose letter of July 15, 1919, I still have in my possession."

Survivors of the *Tuscania* sinking, who received copies of "Tuscania Calls" are Fred Braem, Columbus Vannedom, Ray Anderson, Vernon Kelly and Halie Dumas. If there are other survivors in Marshfield and vicinity whose names have not been included, the *News-Herald* will be glad on behalf of Miss Schultz and Mr. Leslie, to forward a copy to each of them.

"Marshfield (WI) News-Herald" Friday 22 Feb 1929 p 4

Local Men Recall Sinking Of Tuscania 12 Years Ago

Just 12 years ago tomorrow the Tuscania, transport ship carrying more than 2,000 American soldiers overseas was torpedoed and sank in the Atlantic ocean.

That news, chronicled in startling headlines in the newspapers, brought the first actual realization to Wisconsin that her own men were in the thick of the "war to end war."

The memory of the tremendous crash interrupting a perfect sunset; of a ship's deck seeming to "hunch" up; of the clear, sea-washed air growing dusty is still vivid to Fred Braem, Vernon Kelly and Ray Anderson, all of this city. Two other Marshfield men who actually went through that winter night "Adventure are Columbus Vamiedum and Hollie Dumas, both of whom are now residing away from the city.

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There were 2,300 men on the sinking ship. In their van, near enough so they could see, was the Baltic, another huge ship bearing American troops, going on steadily and unheedingly. No one on that large ship expected to stop to help the men on the torpedoed ship. No one on the doomed ship expected help. Delay might have meant two ships going down instead of one.

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sailed between the Irish and Scottish coasts.

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The sun was sinking, streaking the western horizon with a line of light, when suddenly a tremendous explosion seemed to heave up the deck of the ship. The torpedo struck amidship, and the ship began sinking.

All about the convoy took its un-interrupted course. The ships which looked liked freighters went steadily on. The Baltic leading the Tuscania possibly rushed her engines a bit hurrying out of the danger zone.

Knew What to Do

Men on the Tuscania needed to be told nothing about what to do. Each had been given his orders as to where to be sent and what to do. All of them didn't do exactly what they had been told, but many of those who did were the men who lost their lives.

The Marshfield men had thought of the possibility of a shipwreck as well as every man on board.

"The torpedo struck the Tuscania while it was going between Scotland and Ireland. On the Scottish coast were two promontories, called by the Scots the Mull of Oa and the Mull of Cantyre. The life boats which drifted away from the ship eventually were dashed to pieces on those two mulls, and most of the 200 who lost their lives in the disaster died there.

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The little destroyers, took off men until their decks were crowded. Those men reached Liverpool safely.

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"Marshfield (WI) News-Herald" Tuesday 4 Feb 1930 p 2

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Scottish island of Islay, not village of Isla – "Marshfield (WI) News-Herald" Tuesday 10 Feb 1931 p 3

TUSCANIA SURVIVORS RECALL TORPEDOING

Fred Braem Elected Treasurer of Group at Meeting at Baraboo

Baraboo—(P)—The screaming blast of a torpedo, the terror-filled scramble for lifeboats, and a thrilling rescue from the icy waters of the north Atlantic 17 years ago was recalled here last night as 200 members of the national Tuscania Survivors' association met in annual convention.

The membership includes those of the American expeditionary force and members of the crew who lived through the torpedoing of the transport ship, *Tuscania*, off the coast of Ireland, Feb. 5, 1918, with a loss of 315 of the 2,700 aboard.

Sheboygan was chosen as the next convention and Fred Duxbury of that city was named president. Other officers are: Dr. Ingwald Hansen, Manitowoc, vice-president; Max Collins, Eau Claire, secretary; Fred Braem, Marshfield, treasurer; Charles B. Dunn, Chicago, judge advocate; Leo V. Zimmerman, Milwaukee, historian; Nathan F. Carhart, Galesville, sergeant-at-arms, and John L. Barnes, Wautoma, chaplain.

Medals Requested

The one resolution adopted asked President Roosevelt and Wisconsin's two senators to enact the senate bill providing medals for *Tuscania* survivors.

Memorial services for victims of the disaster were held at a bridge here with members of the Baraboo unit of the national guard participating.

Speakers at the banquet included Col. P. K. Zinck, Beaver Dam, war time commander of the 127th infantry of the 32nd division. Dr. Wilhelm F. Meyer, commander of the German submarine which sank the *Tuscania*, was invited to attend but sent his regrets from his home Saarbruecken, Saar territory. The recent plebiscite there, he explained had increased his duties and made his coming impossible.

To three Marshfield men, Jimmy Wendt, Fred Braem, and Ray Anderson, present at the Baraboo meeting, the reference to Dr. Wilhelm Meyer recalled the story of the torpedoing written by Dr. Meyer and published a few years ago.

Story Is Recalled

He told his story in a letter to Leo V. Zimmerman, historian of the Wisconsin *Tuscania* Survivors' association, as follows:

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Braem Tells Experiences

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"Madison (WI) Capital Times" Wednesday 6 Feb 1935 p 4

Local Tuscania Survivor Recalls Rescue in 1918

Yesterday and today were important anniversaries in the life of Fred Braem, superintendent of mails at the Marshfield Post Office. Twenty-three years ago yesterday, tossed about on the broad Atlantic in a sinking ship, Braem never expected to see land again. Twenty-three years ago this morning he landed in North Ireland, one of the survivors of



Fred Braem

the sinking of the Tuscania, troop ship sent to the bottom of the Atlantic by a German torpedo.

Braem is the only survivor of the sinking who still lives in Marshfield, although there were five here at one time. Vernon

sign of a submarine had been seen before the blow was struck, but two torpedoes had been launched by the enemy from somewhere, the first one passing just astern of the vessel, while the second struck in the vicinity of No. 1 boiler.

Trouble With Lifeboats

"The Tuscania stopped dead. A shiver ran through her and she heeled over at a dangerous angle. The lifeboats, thus elevated so high on the port side, were practically useless. Only a few were put over from that side.

"The first of the lifeboats launched struck the water so unevenly that they capsized, throwing the occupants into the sea. However, several were put down successfully but the vessel's list became more perilous. The soldiers, under strict orders from their commanders, kept unusually cool heads and their military precision even after they thought they were doomed to go to the bottom and even after their superior officers, realizing that the end had come, ordered them to break ranks and 'do the best they could' for themselves.

"Just when everyone on board was certain that their last hour had come, a British destroyer appeared miraculously from somewhere and drew up on the starboard side of the wrecked Tuscania. This ship took off several hundreds of our soldiers—all she could carry—and moved away. As she steamed off with her decks loaded with Wisconsin and Michigan men, another British destroyer emerged out of the dark-

live here at one time. Vernon Kelly, Wood County treasurer, is one of the five. Braem, who remained with the ship, was taken off by the British destroyer Mosquito before the transport sank, and was landed in North Ireland the next morning. Kelly, who was assigned to one of the ship's boats, was picked up on the open sea by another British ship.

Columbus Vannedom and Hal-lie Dumas, former Marshfield residents, and Ray Anderson, deceased, were the other original Marshfield Tuscania survivors.

Has Attended Reunions

Braem has attended reunions of Tuscania survivors other years, but will be unable to attend the annual reunion being held at Detroit on Feb. 7, 8, and 9 this year.

An account of the sinking, published in a recent issue of the Madison Capital Times, gives the following information:

"The sinking of the British transport Tuscania on Feb. 5, 1918, by a German submarine was the first serious military loss of the United States in the first World War. The vessel was under charter to the Cunard Line and served as a transport for American troops to Europe.

"On board the Tuscania 23 years ago were 2,179 American soldiers, the greater number being from Wisconsin, Michigan, California and other West Coast states. The transport was torpedoed off the north coast of Ireland near the Island of Islay. Over 200 lives were lost. Many of the bodies were washed ashore on the Scottish coast and buried with appropriate services in Scotland. The members of the crew who lost their lives were nearly all killed in the explosion in the engine room.

"The Tuscania was attacked early in the evening of Feb. 5 while proceeding under convoy in sight of the Irish coast. With other troop and provision ships, she was entering what was considered fairly safe waters. Moving along in the dusk, with land easily distinguishable ahead, a torpedo struck the liner amidships. No



Vernon Kelly

ness on the Tuscania's port side.

"Soon the work of rescue was over, but not soon enough to save all. Most of the deaths, however, in the soldiers' ranks, were caused by the capsizing of the lifeboats in the attempt to lower them from the port side of the vessel. Many of those thus thrown into the icy waters perished of exposure.

Every Aid Given

"Wisconsin had the greatest number of survivors in this wreck—155 being listed. The survivors, upon reaching the Irish mainland, were quartered in hotels, private homes and hospitals along the north coast of Ireland. Two groups were sent off to Belfast by rail, thence by boat to England. Everywhere they were given warm welcome and substantial aid and comfort.

"The possibility of being torpedoed had been discussed daily by the soldiers aboard from the time

the Tuscania left American shores. When this actually happened, they seemed to be ready. Hundreds of soldiers had just finished their evening meal. Hundreds more were forming in line to enter the dining salon when disaster struck. Officers shouted instructions to the men who displayed wonderful coolness and nerve as they marched to their boat stations. There wasn't a sign of a panic.

"The rescue work done by the British destroyers was followed by trawlers which watched for and picked up those whom the destroyers had missed. One trawler thus rescued 340 Americans. The vessels which took part in this heroic, historic rescue were H. M. S. Harpy; H. M. S. Mosquito; H. M. S. Graashopper; H. M. S. Curacao and the Trawler Walpole."

ELKS CHOOSE BRAEM TO HEAD CLUB HERE

**Install New Officers April
14; Bowling Banquet
Tonight**

Exalted Ruler of the Marshfield Elks, No. 665, for the coming year will be Fred Braem, as a result of the annual election held last night at the clubrooms on E. Second street.

Other officers elected include Frank Lawrence, leading knight; Eric Forrest, loyal knight; Richard Schlafka, lecturing knight; Henry Kofel, tiler; Bert Becker, alternate to the Grand Lodge; Louis Trossen, trustee; Clarence Kohl, secretary; and Elmer Martin, treasurer.

Installation of the new officers will take place Monday evening, April 14.

It was also announced last night that the First Annual Elks Club bowlers banquet will be held tonight at the clubrooms beginning at 6:30 p. m. The banquet is sponsored by members of the Elks Bowling League and is free to all members.

The short, informal program to follow the dinner will include the awarding of 1940-41 bowling prizes. Cards, a "songfest" and refreshments will follow.

"Marshfield (WI) News-Herald" Tuesday 25 Mar 1941 p 6

TUSCANIA VETERANS TO MEET AT RAPIDS

Fred Braem is Only Member of Group Still in Marshfield

Among the 250 survivors of the Tuscania disaster of World War I who will attend the annual convention of the National Tuscania Survivors Association at Wisconsin Rapids on Saturday and Sunday will be Fred Braem, superintendent of mails at the Marshfield Post Office.

Braem is the only man now living in Marshfield who was on the British troopships when it was sunk off Ireland 24 years ago today with the loss of 269 of the 2,393 American soldiers it carried.

Vernon Kelly, Wood County treasurer, now living at Wisconsin Rapids, was another Marshfield man who survived the sinking. He is now secretary-treasurer of the national association, and Dr. F. F. Firnstahl of Wisconsin Rapids is president.

Banquet Saturday

The convention banquet will be held Saturday evening at the Hotel Witter, convention headquarters, at 7 o'clock and business and social sessions have been

planned for Sunday. Atty. Gen. John E. Martin will address the group at 7:15 p. m. Saturday.

The 1942 meeting of the unusual organization will be all the more significant because warriors of a new A. E. F. are on the seas, facing not only U-boat attacks but the danger of aerial bombing.

The Tuscania, a 14,000-ton British vessel under British convoy, was the first transport lost in the movement of nearly 2,000,000 American troops to Europe.

Better Prepared Today

The survivors, wishing the new A. E. F. bon voyage, declared the U. S. Navy was better prepared for convoy duty today.

"It felt like running into a sandbar in addition to the roar of the explosion and the crash of steel and timbers," Leo V. Zimmerman, of Milwaukee, Association historian, described the Tuscania attack.

"Hatchways were filled with soldiers adjusting lifebelts. . . No panic was apparent. . . There in the dark we stood on the slanting deck, counting off as we awaited the launching of the lifeboats. . . Two hissing serpentine streaks of fire shot up—skyrockets, signals of distress. . . The stars blinked sadly and the lighthouse many miles away beckoned us on like a siren."

Invited Sub Captain

The tragedy was not without its oddities, however. Two men were shooting dice when their raft was found at daybreak. A survivor claimed that the shock of the ex-

plosion cured his pneumonia.

A decade later, survivors learned that Capt. Wilhelm Meyer, of Saarbrücken, commanded the submarine. He promised to attend the 1933 meeting, saying that the invitation indicated an absence of bitterness and a recognition that he merely had done his duty.

The German Embassy in Washington later announced that Meyer "had decided not to come," reportedly because the Embassy had been offended at a radio dramatization of Meyer's acceptance in which he was represented as expressing sorrow over the drowning of the American soldiers.

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F. H. Braems Observe 25th Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Fred H. Braem, 508 MaGee street, observed their silver wedding anniversary and Mr. Braem's birthday yesterday with a dinner followed by a reception in the evening.

Mr. Braem is the superintendent of mails at the Marshfield Post Office. He was a captain in the A.E.F. during the first World War and the sole survivor of the *Tuscania* sinking who is still living in Marshfield. Mrs. Braem is the former Grace Truhlar.

The couple were married by the Rev. Mr. Liddell at the Presbyterian Parsonage, Rockford, Ill., Sept. 4, 1922. They have a son, Richard, and a daughter, Violet, Mrs. James Hansen.

Guests at the dinner included Mrs. Braem's brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Grant, Saginaw, Mich.; Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Siebert, Shiocton; Mr. and Mrs. James Hansen and son Richard, S. Severns street; Mr. Braem's mother, Mrs. Selina Braem; and Richard Braem. Mr. Braem's mother presented him with the silver spoon which he had sent her from Camp Douglas in 1916.

It's 'Just Another Day' for Survivor Of Ship Tuscania

This day holds a special significance for one Marshfield man.

He is Fred Braem, 508 MaGee street, one of five local men who 34 years ago figured in a story that hit the headlines in newspapers about the globe — the sinking by submarine of the British steamer Tuscania, which was carrying American troops to Europe's battlefields that fateful Feb. 5, 1918.

The sinking by a German U-boat marked the United States' first major military loss in World War I. It cost more than 200 lives among the 2,179 Yank troops, most of them from Wisconsin, Michigan, and West Coast states.

Braem was taken off the stricken steamer by the British destroyer Mosquito. Other men aboard who then claimed Marshfield as their home were County Treasurer Vernon Kelly, Wisconsin Rapids; Hallie Dumas, now residing in California; Columbus Vannedom, who lives in St. Paul, and Ray Anderson, now dead.

Braem and Kelly last formally observed the event in 1941. The Marshfield man is going about his duties as superintendent of mails at the Post Office, observing the anniversary as "just another day."

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6th Man Added to List Of Tuscania Survivors

A sixth man has been added to the group of Marshfield servicemen known to have been aboard the steamer Tuscania, which was sunk 34 years ago yesterday by a German U-boat.

He is George Schunk, a local resident for most of his life, who has made his home in Milwaukee for the past half-dozen years.

During World War I Schunk left Marshfield to enlist in Company M, Fourth Infantry Regiment of the Wisconsin National Guard at Kenosha, and was aboard the British steamer en route to Europe when it fell prey to the submarine.

The only one of the six Marshfield survivors still living in Marshfield is Fred Braem, 508 Ma-Gee street. Others are County Treasurer Vernon Kelly, Wisconsin Rapids; Hallie Dumas, now in California; Columbus Vannedom, St. Paul, and Ray Anderson, deceased.

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TUSCANIA MEET—Thirty-eight reservations have already been received for the state meeting of the Wisconsin Tuscania Survivors Association to be held at the Elks Club tomorrow, beginning at 5:45 p. m., Fred Braem, in charge of local planning, said today. "Tuscanians" and their wives are gathering to mark the 38th anniversary of the torpedoing of the British ship Feb. 5, 1918, with 2,179 American troops aboard.

"Marshfield (WI) News-Herald" Friday 3 Feb 1956 p 12



HOLD REUNION HERE—Survivors of the torpedoing of British ship Tuscania during World War I met at the Elks Club here Saturday night for a reunion and memorial service marking the 38th anniversary of the disaster. Seated, left to right, are N. T. Carhart, Galesville, secretary-treasurer; Oakley L. Parkhill, Galesville, president; Fred Braem, Marshfield, in charge of local arrangements; and V. M. Kelly, Wisconsin Rapids. Standing, left to right, are O. R. Thompson,

Rib Lake; William Gereau, Chippewa Falls; Herb Hard, Wausau, T. S. Greene, Oconto Falls; I. W. (Jim) Wendl, Marshfield, who was ill in a New Jersey camp when his outfit boarded the ill-fated transport; Arthur J. Siplon, Muskegon, Mich.; William Ruechel, Shawano; Leland McCue, Poy Sippi; J. W. Kramer, Medford, and John Jacobson, Waupaca. (News-Herald Photo)

14 Tuscania Survivors Gather Here for Disaster Anniversary

Fourteen survivors of the sinking of the British troopship *Tuscania* on Feb. 5, 1918, gathered at the Elks Club here Saturday night for a reunion and memorial service marking the 38th anniversary of America's first major military loss in World War I.

Members of the Wisconsin *Tuscania* Survivors Association voted to confer with representatives of three other *Tuscania* veterans groups in Wisconsin with the hope of consolidating them into one association. Approximately 200 survivors are on the rolls of the group which met here. Other *Tuscania* societies are in the Milwaukee, Baraboo and Chippewa Falls areas.

Officers, who have served since the Wisconsin association was formed in 1948, were reelected Saturday. They are Oakley L. Parkhill, president, and N. T. Carhart, secretary-treasurer, both of Galesville, and Oscar Bjork, Chippewa Falls, vice president.

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The gathering here opened with a memorial service conducted by the Rev. Howard A. LePere, Marshfield, who was also the principal speaker at the dinner which followed. John Morzinski of Marshfield played Taps.

Twenty-nine persons, including wives and guests of the "Tuscans" attended the dinner. Fred Braem, Marshfield, served as toastmaster.

More than 200 of the 2,179 American soldiers aboard the *Tuscania*, members of the 32nd Division, lost their lives when the ship was torpedoed by a German U-boat off the coast of Ireland.

The men gathered here Saturday were members of the 107th Supply Train, with one exception. They came from Headquarters Company, and Companies A, C, D and F of the World War I outfit. The exception was Arthur J. Siplon, Muskegon, Mich., who was a member of the 100th Aero Squadron, one of three similar independent units aboard the troopship which were aviation sections of the Signal Corps.

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One "non-survivor" was also present at the dinner—L. W. (Jim) Wendt of Marshfield, a member of Company F of the 107th Supply Train who was quarantined at Camp Merritt, N. J., and thus did not sail with his unit.

One survivor present, Martin J. DeBoer, La Crosse, became ill at the reunion and left before the affair ended.

The gathering here voted to hold its next meeting, a picnic, at King July 8.

Also discussed was the possibility of interesting a "name" writer in the *Tuscania* disaster. Proponents pointed out that the sinking, which did much to unite America for the World War I drive for victory, has been largely ignored and forgotten and a popular book on the subject might give the disaster a larger place in history.



Fred Braem, seated, 2nd from right - "Marshfield (WI) News-Herald" Monday 6 Feb 1956 p 1

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Braem, Ma-Gee St., were in Chippewa Falls on Saturday to attend the annual reunion of the SS Tuscania survivors. Mr. Braem was among the servicemen that survived the sinking of the ship off the coast of Ireland on Feb. 5, 1918. The reunion Saturday included election of officers, a memorial service, and banquet.

"Marshfield (WI) News-Herald" Wednesday 6 Feb 1957 p 12

Of the 40 members of Marshfield's first Boy Scout Troop listed in the Marshfield News Feb. 22, 1912, and included in our Recorder column 11 years ago today, four live in the city at present—George Bauer, Arlington street; Fred Braem, retired postal clerk and survivor of the Tuscania sinking during World War I; William D. Connor, and Dr. Paul Doege. Harold Bille was sergeant of the troop organized late in the summer of 1911 and patrol leaders included Willard D. Purdy (World War I hero for whom the local Junior High School was named), Arthur Fleckenstein, Richard Connor, Charles Cobeen and William Burns. The troop took part in the 1912 Memorial Day parade, held in the afternoon instead of the usual time, and presented a drill on the street after the lowering of the colors in the evening. The following report of their camping trip, taken from the Times dated June 19, 1912, will no doubt bring back memories to those who participated:

"The Boy Scouts are now encamped near Big Bull Falls, in the town of Richfield, nine long miles away from home, having reached there Monday evening after a hard tramp. They are under the supervision of Scoutmaster Rev. Melvin R. Laird, and also accompanied by Prof. Hedgecock . . . The tents, food, etc. for the commissary department were transported by team, but Farmer Jenkins will supply the boys with fresh eggs, butter and milk. Upon their return it is expected that

the boys will have acquired a healthy tan to match their khaki uniforms and will be much improved in many ways by their outing."

When the Rev. Mr. Laird (who took the lead in organizing the Scout Troop soon after he became pastor of First Presbyterian Church) left Marshfield late in February, 1913, to accept a call extended by the Presbyterian

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Wife:

Grace Braem

Grace D. Braem, 94, Marshfield, died at 9:29 p.m. June 1, 1996, at the Bethel Nursing & Rehabilitation Center in the town of Richfield. She had been admitted to the center on Dec. 31, 1992.



**Grace
Braem**

Funeral services will be at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday at the

Rembs/Kundinger Chapel. The Rev. Gary M. Albert, pastor of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Marshfield, will officiate. Maldon Plank, organist, and William A. Allen, soloist, will provide the music.

Burial will be in Hillside Cemetery. Grandsons and great-grandsons will serve as pallbearers, including Richard, Donald, Joshua and Jacob Hansen, and Richard F. and John Braem.

Visitation will be from 5 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral chapel and again until service time on

Tuesday.

She was born March 1, 1902, in Marshfield, to John M. and Mayme (Marks) Truhlar. She was married to Fred Braem on Sept. 4, 1922, in Rockford, Ill.

Mrs. Braem was educated in Marshfield schools. She was a lifetime resident of Marshfield. After marriage, she was a mother and housewife, later employed by the Sears Co. for 10 years. The Braem residence was on MaGee Street. Mr. Braem was employed by the U.S. Postal Service and at the time of his retirement, he was superintendent of mails.

She is survived by her daughter, Violet (James) Hansen of Marshfield; son, Richard K. (Bonnie) Braem of Hot Springs, Ark.; nine grandchildren, Richard (Jan) Hansen, Donald (Kathy) Hansen, Richard F. (Kay) Braem, Michael (Jeanie) Braem, Jan (Jack) Zahr, James (Sue) Braem, John (Kris) Braem, Lori (Randy) Channel and Sue Braem; 17 great-grandchildren; and her half-brother, Kenneth (Flory) Truhlar of Marshfield.

She was predeceased by her husband on Nov. 19, 1964; her parents and her sister, Dolly Grant.

LOCAL COUPLE TO BE MARRIED AT LEAF RIVER

Miss Grace Truhlar and Fred
Braem To Be Married at the
Home of the Latter's
Sister on Monday.

Miss Grace Truhlar and Fred Braem left today for Leaf River, Ill., where Monday, they will be married at the home of the latter's sister, Mrs. Charles Schilling.

The ceremony will be performed by the Presbyterian minister of Leaf River, and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Schilling will act as witnesses. Mr. and Mrs. Braem after their marriage will spend some time traveling and visiting before returning to Marshfield. After their honeymoon they will be at their new home on West Fifth street.

"Marshfield (WI) News-Herald" Friday 1 Sep 1922 p 1

Birthday Party

Mrs. Fred Braem celebrated her birthday anniversary at a gathering held at her home on W. Fifth street last evening. Guests present were Mrs. Charles Schelling of Milwaukee; Mr. and Mrs. Henry Geblein and children, Eileen and Roy, and Mrs. Dave Matti, Auburndale; Mr. and Mrs. Fred Braem and family, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Braem, Mr. and Mrs. William Braem, Mrs. Charles Braem, and Fritz Braem and family, Marshfield.

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Children:

Dear Santa Claus:

I would like a doll house and a blackboard and a doll. I have been a good girl. I have a little brother whose name is Richard Karl and he wants a football and a truck.

Violet Mae Braem,
512 Magee street.

Daughter Violet Mae Braem Hansen (1925-2012) – "Marshfield (WI) News-Herald"
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Junior E. R. A. Holds Election of Officers

Two junior groups of the Equitable Reserve association elected officers Saturday afternoon at the E. R. A. hall.

Gloria Foss is president of the junior officers and will be assisted by Gloria Storm, past president; Bobbie Haight, vice-president; Violet Braem, advisor; Frederick Deauchamp, secretary and treasurer; Betty June Poppy, warden; Betty Romain, assistant warden; and David Foss, guard.

The junior auxiliary officers consist of Shirley Collier, president; Lucille Liebel, past president; Diana Haight, vice-president; Carol Beck, advisor; Constance Haight, treasurer; William Chapel, secretary; Nelva Lubber, warden; Mary Wilcott, assistant warden; LaVern LaMere, guard; Tobe Foss, pianist.

Sixty-four children attended the meeting. Following the election, games were played and lunch was served at 4:30 o'clock. The next junior party will be held on March 23, and the junior auxiliary party on April 4, at which time installation of officers will take place.

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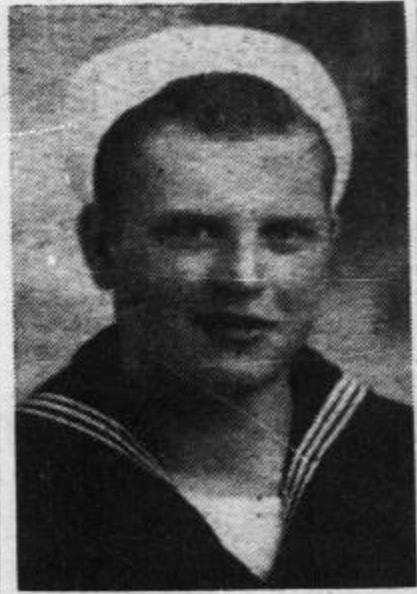
NAME OMITTED—The name of Violet Mae Braem was unintentionally omitted from the list of children taking part in the play, "Color Blind," which will be presented by the Woman's Missionary society of the First Presbyterian church tomorrow afternoon. Violet will take the part of a little Italian girl.

"Marshfield (WI) News-Herald" Wednesday 25 Aug 1937 p 6



IT'S SCHOOL TIME AGAIN—Marshfield Public Schools will open Monday, Sept. 8, and, yesterday and today, hundreds of students have been registering for classes at the Senior and Junior High Schools. Pictured above at the Senior High School are Violet Braem, Colleen Holleran, Shirley Wensing and Ruth Hefko checking their choice of studies and registration cards with Mrs. Arthur Schaefer, secretary, and Harry Borchardt, chemistry and physics teacher. Approximately 400 enrolled at the High School yesterday, and an additional 200 were expected today.

“Marshfield (WI) News-Herald” Friday 29 Aug 1941 p 1



On LEAVE HERE — Spending his leave with relatives and friends in Marshfield is James Hansen, seaman, first class, of the U. S. Navy, and the son of Mr. and Mrs. Tony Hansen, 911 S. Peach street, who was married today to Violet Braem, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Braem, 508 MaGee street. Seaman Hansen arrived from New York City Tuesday night, Aug. 8, and will report back east Aug. 25. He is a member of a Navy gun crew with the Merchant Marine.

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Violet Mae Braem Becomes Bride of James D. Hansen



Mrs. James D. Hansen

Both Young People Were Graduated From M. H. S.

The attention of the many Marshfield friends of Miss Violet Mae Braem and James D. Hansen, seaman first class, of the U. S. Navy, was turned today toward their wedding which took place this morning at 8 o'clock in the Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Both young people were graduated from the Marshfield High School with the class of 1943.

Seaman Hansen came Tuesday from New York City for the service read by the Rev. Edmund Cramer. The bride, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Braem, 508 MaGee street, had Miss Helene Johnson, a cousin of the groom, as her maid of honor. Best man was Myron Braem, a cousin of the bride; Dick Braem, the bride's only brother, served as groomsman; and Miss Lois Hansen was bridesmaid.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a white linen two-piece dress. Rich Irish crochet outlined the square neckline of the snug peplumed jacket which buttoned down the front, and matching insertion trimmed the hemline of the gracefully flared skirt. A small white hat with a becoming double ruffled brim and white gloves completed her attire. She carried a white prayerbook and had a corsage of talisman rosebuds and sweet peas for a color accent.

Miss Johnson wore a gold dress and Miss Hansen an aqua frock. Both wore clusters of flowers in their hair and had corsages similar to the bride's.

Mrs. Braem viewed her daughter's wedding in a black and white ensemble with which she wore white accessories while the groom's mother wore black with matching accessories. Both had corsages of colorful summer flowers pinned to their shoulders.

A wedding breakfast was served to the immediate relatives at the Hotel Charles at 10 o'clock and a reception was held later at the Braem home decorated with white wedding bells and bouquets of pink and white gladioli.

Early this afternoon when the bridal pair left for northern Wisconsin on a wedding trip Mrs. Hansen was wearing a brown dress with matching accessories.

The groom, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Tony Hansen, 911 S. Peach street, entered Navy service in July 1943, received his basic training at Great Lakes Naval Training Station, and was then stationed with an armed guard unit at Gulfport, Miss., before shipping out as a member of a Navy gun crew with the Merchant Marine. On Aug. 27 he will report to New Orleans, La., for reassignment.

Mrs. Hansen, who is employed by the Felker Oil Co., will continue to make her home with her parents for the present.

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James D. Hansen, seaman first class, and his bride, the former Violet Mae Braem, whose wedding took place here Monday morning in the Sacred Heart Catholic Church yesterday from Hopper's Resort, Rice Lake, where they spent their honeymoon. The young couple are now visiting with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tony Hansen, 911 S. Peach street, and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Braem, 508 MaGee street.

"Marshfield (WI) News-Herald" Friday 18 Aug 1944 p 7

TO NEW ORLEANS

James Hansen, seaman first class, and his wife, the former Violet Braem, left Monday for New Orleans, La., where Seaman Hansen will report back at base, after a 30-day leave here with relatives and friends. The young bluejacket is the son of Traffic Officer and Mrs. Tony Hansen, S. Peach street.

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(The Reed Studio)

JAMES D. HANSEN, 1414A S. Maple Ave., unsuccessful candidate for mayor in 1956, is seeking the post of alderman of the Fifth Ward in the April 1 election.

Hansen was born at Marshfield Dec. 14, 1923, and attended local schools, graduating from Senior High in 1943. Within a few weeks after graduation, the candidate began Navy service which was to continue until December, 1945.

In that year he took a post with the city of Marshfield as an engineer's assistant under the veterans' on-the-job training program. Three years later he went to Neillsville to assume the position of city engineer and director of public works.

In 1952 when he left Neillsville, Hansen moved to Algoma where he became public works director. The candidate returned to Marshfield in September, 1954, going to work for the Midwest Engineering Co., and for a short time operated a fish market.

Hansen became engaged as a driver-salesman on a bottled gas route for the L. L. Felker Co. in about the middle of 1955 and for the past year and a half has been employed as a clerk with the Clover Cream Dairy Products Co.

The aldermanic aspirant married Miss Violet Braem of Marshfield Aug. 14, 1944, and the couple are the parents of two sons, Richard, 11, and Donald, 10.

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FOR JAMES HANSENS

Mr. and Mrs. James D. Hansen, 1710 S. Maple Ave., celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary Sunday by an anniversary Mass that morning at Sacred Heart Catholic Church and a social gathering and 5 p.m. supper at their home. Mr. Hansen and the former Miss Violet Braem were married Aug. 14, 1944, at Sacred Heart Church by the Rev. Edmund Cramer, pastor there at the time. Their attendants were Mrs. Wayne (Helene Johnson) Buckurt of Wisconsin Rapids, and Mrs. Orville (Lois Hansen) Heide, Mike and Richard Braem, of Marshfield. Mr. and Mrs. Hansen have two sons — Richard James, who is married and resides at 1111A S. Cedar Ave., and Donald Allen, who will be a junior at Wisconsin State University - Stevens Point, this fall.

"Marshfield (WI) News-Herald" Monday 25 Aug 1969 p 12

James D. Hansen

 James D. Hansen, 84, of 1501 Carmen Drive, died Tuesday, Jan. 15, 2008, at Saint Joseph's Palliative Care.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:30 a.m. Friday, Jan. 18, 2008, at St. John's Catholic Church. The Rev. Charles Stoetzel will officiate and Cathy Heuer will be the organist for St. John's Church Funeral Choir.

Burial will take place in Gate of Heaven Cemetery, where military rites will be conducted by the American Legion Post No. 54. Serving as pallbearers will be Jeffrey, Josh and Jacob Hansen, Dick and John Braem and Dave Schmitt.

The visitation will be held from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. today at Rembs Funeral Home and from 9:30 a.m. until service time Friday at St. John's Catholic Church. A combined parish and Knights of Columbus Rosary Service will be held at 6:30 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Mr. Hansen was born Dec. 14, 1923, in Marshfield, the son of Anton and Doris (Reeths) Hansen. He was a 1943 gradu-



James Hansen

1945. He and Violet M. Braem were married Aug. 14, 1944, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Marshfield.

He served the city of Marshfield as a police officer for twenty-six years and was the first "officer friendly." He taught motorcycle safety and retired as a sergeant. He also co-owned J & J Sports Shop in Marshfield. He enjoyed hunting and fishing. As an artist his hobby was painting pictures. He loved to sit with his dog, Sassy, on his lap and he truly loved his grandchildren. He enjoyed morning coffee with friends and going to the casino. He was rich in spirit for the love of his family and friends.

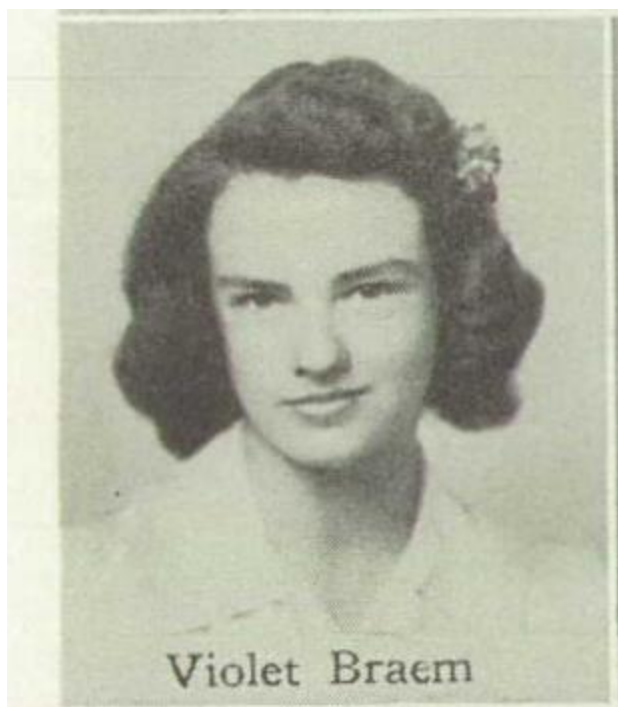
He is survived by his wife, Violet; and his sons, Richard (Jan) Hansen and Donald (Kathy) Hansen, all of Marshfield. He is also survived by six grandchildren, Jeffrey (Jessica), Kim, Josh, Jacob, Sarah and Kristina Hansen; two stepgrandchildren, Brenda Korth and Robert Nelles, Jr.; and three great-grandchildren, Sydney, Connor and Koffee Hansen. He is further survived by a brother, Jack (Bonnie) Hansen of Marshfield.

He was predeceased by his parents; a granddaughter, Rachel Hansen; and a brother, Jerry.

The family will designate a memorial in his name at a later date.

Condolences may be sent online to www.rembsfh.com

ate of Marshfield Senior High School. After his education, he enlisted in the U.S. Navy, serving during World War II until his honorable discharge in



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Violet Hansen

1925 - 2012



Violet Hansen Obituary

Hansen, Violet

Violet M. Hansen, 86, Marshfield, died on Monday, July 23, 2012 in the emergency room of Ministry St. Joseph's Hospital, Marshfield.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 12:30 pm on Friday, July 27, 2012 at St. John's Catholic Church, Marshfield. Rev. Samuel Martin will officiate and music will be provided by St. John's Church Funeral Choir. Burial will take place in Gate of Heaven Cemetery, Marshfield, and serving as pallbearers will be grandsons, Josh, Jacob and Jeff Hansen and nephews, Rick and John Braem and Shane Hansen. The visitation will be held on Thursday from 4:00 pm until 8:00 pm at Rembs Funeral Home and on Friday from 11:30 am until service time at St. John's Catholic Church. St. John's Parish Council of Catholic Women rosary service will be held at 4:00 pm on Thursday at the funeral home.

Violet was born on September 26, 1925 in Marshfield, the daughter of Fred and Grace (Truhlar) Braem and was a graduate of Marshfield Senior High School. She was united in marriage to James D. Hansen on August 14, 1944 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Marshfield. He died on January 15, 2008.

Vi had been employed at Thomas Super Market and at the Wood County Clerk's Office, both in Marshfield. She enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren and great grandchildren and her dog, Sassy.

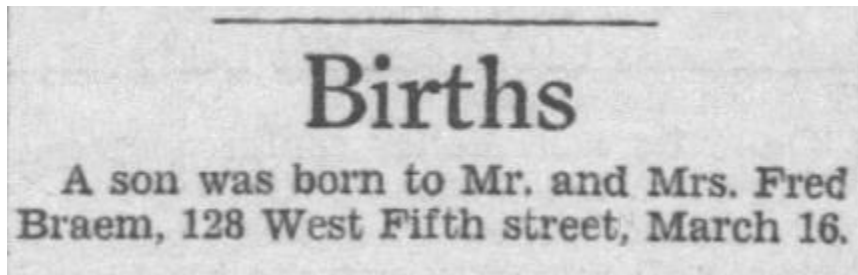
She is survived by two sons, Richard (Janice) Hansen and Donald (Kathleen) Hansen, all of Marshfield. She is also survived by six grandchildren, Jeffrey (Jessica), Kim, Josh, Jacob, Sarah (fiancé - Ryan Sarazin), and Kristina Hansen, two step grandchildren, Brenda Korth and Robert Nelles, Jr. and three great grandchildren, Sydney, Connor and Koffee Hansen. She is further survived by a brother, Richard (Bonnie) Braem of Marshfield.

She was predeceased by her parents, her husband and a granddaughter, Rachel.

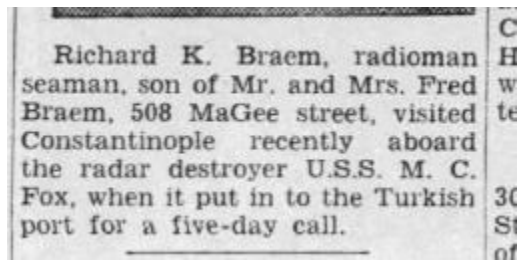
Memorials may be designated in her name to the Clark County Humane Society.

Condolences may be sent online to www.rembsfh.com

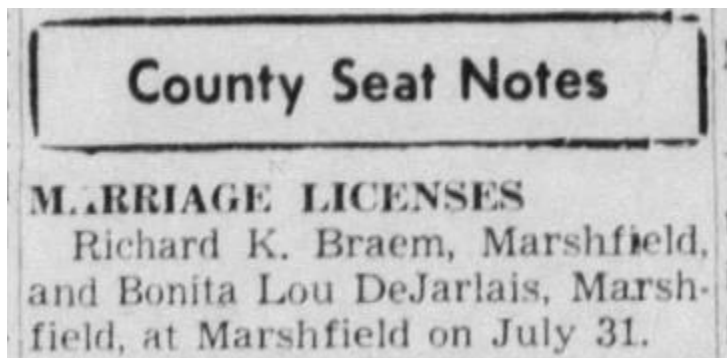
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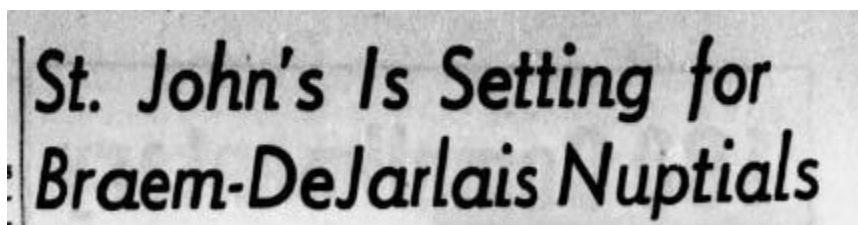
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(John H. Keel, Photographer)

Mrs. Richard K. Braem

Now on a honeymoon in northern Wisconsin are the former Miss Bonnie Lou DeJarlais and Richard K. Braem, who were united in marriage by the Rev. Bernard Schreiber during a nuptial High Mass at 10 a. m. Saturday in St. John's Catholic Church.

When the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd DeJarlais, 600 W. Blodgett St., and her husband, whose parents are Mr. and Mrs. Fred Braem, 506 MaGee St., return to the city they will reside at 634A Adler Rd.

Scalloped lace and a deep flounce of gathered tulle were combined in the bouffant skirt of the ballerina-length bridal gown topped by a long-sleeved bolero jacket over a strapless lace bodice. The bride's finger-tip veil of imported French illusion was surmounted by an Elizabethan cap of matching lace bound with a double row of diminutive pearls. Complementing the bridal ensemble was a white orchid nestled among stephanotis caught with streamers.

Miss Sandra DeJarlais served as maid of honor for her sister and bridesmaids were Miss Judy Ann Doro, Milwaukee, and Mrs. Violet Hansen, Algoma, sister of the groom. The bride's younger sister, Cheryl Ann DeJarlais, was flower girl.

The white gowns of the bridal aides were fashioned with lace bolero jackets over strapless matching lace bodices and tiered net-over-taffeta skirts. The aides all carried baskets of feathered white mums and yellow and blue daisies.

James Rickman, E. Sixth St., was best man and Andrew Schirpke, S. Vine Ave., and William Allen, Wisconsin Ave., were groomsmen.

Richard DeJarlais, Elgin, Ill., brother of the bride, and James Hansen, Algoma, brother-in-law of the bride helped to seat the guests in church.

The bride's mother wore a powder blue nylon mesh gown accented by a corsage of white pompons and pink roses while the senior Mrs. Braem wore a yellow and white nylon print and her corsage was formed of pompons and yellow roses.

The new Mr. and Mrs. Braem greeted friends and relatives at a breakfast served at the Hotel Charles and later at a reception and buffet supper at the Armory.

Both of the newlyweds are Marshfield Senior High School graduates and the groom spent four years in the Navy while his wife attended St. Agnes School of Nursing at Fond du Lac. He is now employed at the U. S. Post Office here in the city and she is a registered nurse at St. Joseph's.

Guests attended the wedding from Madison, Milwaukee, Algoma, Minneapolis, Saginaw, Mich.; Elgin, Ill.; Wausau, Fond du Lac, La Crosse, Dalton, and St. Cloud.



ENGAGED — An early fall wedding is being planned by Miss Bonnie DeJarlais, R. N., and Richard K. Braem, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Braem Jr., MaGee St. Their engagement was announced today by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd DeJarlais, W. Blodgett St. Miss DeJarlais is practicing her profession at St. Joseph's Hospital while her fiance is a local mail carrier.

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CLASS REUNION COMMITTEE—Pictured above is the reunion committee which formulated the plans for Saturday's 20-year reunion of the 1950 graduating class of Marshfield Senior High School held at the Knights of Columbus Clubhouse, 400 W. Upham St. Seated, left to right, are Mrs. Gordon E. Star-

gardt, Mrs. Delbert L. Greunke, Mrs. Robert C. Reitz Jr., Mrs. Jerry R. Saindon, Mrs. Richard K. Braem, Mrs. Stanley E. Fait and Mrs. Melvin G. Wilke, and standing, left to right, are George H. Winkler, Jerry R. Saindon, Mrs. Arnold Stelzl, William J. Buckley, Mrs. DuWayne Welch, Mrs. Roger B. Rasmussen, Robert C. Reitz and Wallace A. Henseler.

"Marshfield (WI) News-Herald" Monday 10 Aug 1970 p 12

Father:

ILLNESS FATAL TO FERDINAND BRAEM

Funeral Services to be Held Friday for Pioneer Upholsterer

Ferdinand Jacob Braem, 75, founder of Marshfield's first upholstery shop and a resident here since 1898, died at the Marshfield General Hospital at 5 p. m. yesterday of a complication of ailments, aggravated by his advanced age.

Although in poor health since he suffered a cracked hip when a bicycle on which he was riding was struck by an automobile about four years ago, Mr. Braem had been active in his shop until the past six weeks. He had been taken to the hospital at 10 a. m. yesterday.

Funeral services will be conducted at the Rembs Funeral Home at 2 p. m. Friday, the Rev. T. E. Blaufuss officiating, and burial will take place in Hillside cemetery. The body will lie in state at the funeral home.

Mr. Braem was born at Zurich, Switzerland, on Aug. 17, 1864, and was married to Miss Selina Kaege in that city on Dec. 7, 1891. In 1897 they came to the United States with their three children, Ferdinand, Herman, and Selina, and settled at Medford, where they lived for a short time.

They came to Marshfield on March 10, 1898. Mr. Braem obtaining employment at the bedding factory here. Three years later, in 1901, he established the upholstering and decorating business which he and two of his sons continued to operate up to the present time.

A well known figure in Marshfield, he was a member of this city's celebrated Saenger Verein, a musical organization which gained considerable renown a number of years ago.

Mr. Braem was a member of St. Paul's Evangelical and Reformed Church.

Surviving him are Mrs. Braem

Surviving him are Mrs. Braem and their six children: Ferdinand Jr., Herman, Frederick, Charles, and William, all of Marshfield, and Mrs. Charles (Selina) Schelling, Leaf River, Ill., and 17 grandchildren. A brother who had settled in Brazil later died in his native Switzerland, and a sister, Mrs. Caroline Schneider, still lives in Zurich.

Ferdinand Braem, who conducts an upholstering shop in the old building at 412 South Central avenue, adjacent to his home, has decided to give up that place as a workshop as soon as his lease on the property runs out, April 1. He will then have his shop in the rear part of his house.

“Marshfield (WI) News & Wisconsin Hub” Thursday 20 Feb 1913 p 7

We Have With Us Every Day

Ferdinand Braem.

Upholsterer and paperhanger.

Ferdinand Braem was born in Winterthur, Switzerland, Aug. 17, 1864, and served in the infantry branch of the army of his native country.

When he was one year of age his father died. At the age of three years his mother moved to Buelach, where he attended school up to his fifteenth year, when he began to learn the upholstering and paperhanging trade in Aarau. Finishing his apprenticeship, he followed his trade in France and Germany in addition to Switzerland. In 1891 he established an upholstering and paperhanging shop of his own in Zurich, continuing it until he and wife and three children immigrated to this country in September 1897. They settled in Medford. In December of the same year he came to this city. His family joined him here in the following March. His first place of employment here was in the old bedding factory, where he spent about six months. Next he followed his trade in Milwaukee and Chicago about six months and then returned to this city and again engaged in the upholstering and paperhanging work for himself. In connection with it he has been doing painting.

Fraternally, he is identified with the Owls.

The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Braem was solemnized in Zurich Dec. 7, 1891. Six children were born to them, all of whom are living, being Fred, Herman, Fritz, Charles, and William, all of Marshfield, and Mrs. Charles Schilling, Leaf River, Ill.

Politically, he is independent.

His hobbies are reading and schafskopf.

Mother:

Mrs. Braem, 85 Dies at Home

Attended Funeral Of Son Yesterday

Mrs. Selina Braem, who had spent 58 of her 85 years in Marshfield, died quietly in her rocking chair at 9 a. m. today while watching a funeral procession pass her home at 112 W. Fifth St. She had attended the funeral of one of her six children, Charles, yesterday afternoon.

Born Selina Kagie in Zurich, Switzerland, on Oct. 13, 1870, she came to this country in 1897 with her husband, Ferdinand, to whom she was married on Dec. 7, 1891, and their three children.

Mr. Braem was an upholsterer by trade, and established residence at Medford upon arriving in Wisconsin. A year later the family came to Marshfield, where he was employed in the old bedding factory for a time before establishing himself in business.

Mrs. Braem, in addition to rearing her six children, was active in



(News-Herald Photo)
Mrs. Selina Braem

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her husband's shop. She was a charter member of the local American Legion Post and belonged to St. Paul's Evangelical and Reformed Church and its Women Guild, and to the Equitable Reserve Association.

In recent years she was widely known in the city for her hooked rugs, of which she made an impressive variety. Although in failing health for some time, she insisted on attending funeral services yesterday for one of her sons, Charles, who was fatally injured in a fall last week.

Mr. Braem died on Sept. 26, 1939. Surviving are a daughter and five sons; Mrs. Charles (Selina) Schelling, Leaf River, Ill., and Fred (Ferdinand), Fritz (Frederick), and William, Marshfield, and Herman, Wisconsin Rapids. She also leaves a brother, Edwin Kagie, in Colorado, and 19 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.

Funeral rites are tentatively scheduled at St. Paul's Evangelical and Reformed Church Friday afternoon with the Rev. George Behrens officiating. The body is in repose at the Rembs Funeral Home.

"Marshfield (WI) News-Herald" Saturday 26 Nov 1955 p 1 & p 13 -
<https://www.newspapers.com/image/267693807/> and
<https://www.newspapers.com/image/267694037/>

Selina Braem Buried Friday

Funeral services for Mrs. Selina Braem, 85, who died Tuesday at her home at 112 W. Fifth St., were held Friday afternoon at St. Paul's Evangelical and Reformed Church here. The Rev. George Behrens officiated and "Let Not Your Heart be Troubled" and "No Light There" were sung by William Allen, accompanied by Mrs. Verlyn Ziegahn at the organ.

Burial rites were conducted at Hillside cemetery. The pallbearers were Donald, Allen, Richard, Michael and Ronnie Braem and Louis Leitner.

Out-of-towners present were Mrs. Selina Schelling, Leaf River, Ill.; Herman Braem, Mrs. and Mrs. William Sullivan Mrs. Dorothy Hancock, Joyce Braem, Wisconsin Rapids; Mr. and Mrs. Don Braem, Edgerton; Allen Braem, Wauwatosa; Mr. and Mrs. Kenny Mundt, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Stoiber, Wausau; Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Jenson, Minneapolis, Minn; Mr. and Mrs. Ed Amacher, Henry Sutor, Medford.

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR PROBATE OF WILL—TAKING PROOFS OF HEIRSHIP AND TO CREDITORS.
STATE OF WISCONSIN, COUNTY COURT, WOOD COUNTY**

In the Matter of the Estate of Selina Braem, Deceased.

Notice is hereby given at a term of said Court to be held on Friday, the 23rd day of December, 1955, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon of said day, at the City Hall in the city of Marshfield, in said County, there will be heard and considered:

The application of Ferdinand Braem, for the probate of the Will of Selina Braem, deceased, said Will being dated the 10th day of June, 1955, and for the appointment of an executor of the estate of said Selina Braem, deceased, late of the city of Marshfield, in said County, and for taking proofs of who are the heirs of said decedent;

Notice is further given that all claims against the said Selina Braem, deceased, late of the city of Marshfield, in Wood county, Wisconsin, must be presented to said County Court at Wisconsin Rapids, in said County, on or before the 1st day of March, 1956, or be barred; and that all such claims and demands will be examined and adjusted at a term of said Court to be held at the City Hall in the city of Marshfield, in said County, on Tuesday, the 13th day of March, 1956, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon of said day.

Dated November 22, 1955.

By Order of the Court,

Byron B. Conway, Judge

Pors and Pors, Attorneys.

(Nov. 26-Dec. 3-10)

"Marshfield (WI) News-Herald" Saturday 26 Nov 1955 p 13

Siblings:

Herman Braem

Herman (Ham) Braem, 86, 1350 Washington St., was dead on arrival this morning at Riverview Hospital.

Services will be at 1:30 p.m. Monday at Immanuel Lutheran Church. The Rev. Robert Buckman will officiate. Burial will be in Forest Hill Cemetery.

Braem was born Sept. 19, 1893 in Zurich, Switzerland, a

son of Mr. and Mrs. Ferdinand Braem. He moved to this area from Marshfield in 1943. He owned and operated the H.J. Braem Painting and Printing Company until retiring in 1965. He married Linda Schaefer Dec. 19, 1919 in Wausau. She died in 1955. He was a World War I veteran and a member of Wisconsin Rapids Senior Citizens., He is survived by two sons, Robert, Downers Grove, Ill.; William, Wisconsin Rapids; six daughters, Dolores Leitner, Marshfield; Helen Ropel, Menomonee Falls; Esther Trudeau, Carol Sullivan, Dorothy Hancock and Joyce Huber, all of Wisconsin Rapids; one sister, Selina Schelling, Marshfield; 25 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one son and four brothers.

Friends may call from 2 p.m. Sunday until noon Monday at Ritchay Funeral Home and from noon until time of services at the church.

Brother Herman Joseph Braem (1893-1980) – "Wisconsin Rapids (WI) Daily Tribune" Friday 29 Feb 1980 p 2



Herman Braem - <https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/tree/179258312/person/202327679300/media/86fc464d-122e-40f7-9adf-f3ea1f9dcc9f>

Mrs. Selina Schelling

Services will be at 1:30 p.m. Sunday at Wesley United Methodist Church for Mrs. Selina Schelling.

The Rev. John F. Wreford is to of-

ficiate. Burial will be in Hillside Cemetery.

Music will be provided by Mrs. Donald Weir, organist, and William A. Allen, soloist. Nephews of Mrs. Schelling will be pallbearers.

Friends may call after 7 tonight and until noon Sunday at Rembs/Kundinger Funeral Home and then at the church from 12:30 p.m. until services.

Mrs. Schelling, 85, of 515 N. Peach Ave. died at 1:35 a.m. Friday at Marshfield Convalescent Center. She was a resident there since May 23, 1977.

She was born June 14, 1895 in Zurich, Switzerland, to Ferdinand and Selina (Kagi) Braem. The family came to the United States when she was 3 and she attended Marshfield schools. In 1918 in Leaf River, Ill., she and Charles Schelling were married.

The couple owned and operated a hardware store in Leaf River. After his death in 1963, she returned to Marshfield and resided with her brother, William Braem, and nephew, Mike Braem.

Mrs. Schelling was an accomplished pianist and was active in musical affairs. She was affiliated with the Methodist church in Leaf River and was a member of the Mount Morris Chapter 929, Order of Eastern Star there.

A stepdaughter, Mrs. George (Margie) Hodge of Lompoc, Calif., survives. A stepson, five brothers and her parents are deceased.

Sister Selina Braem Schelling (1895-1980) – "Marshfield (WI) News-Herald" Saturday 20 Dec 1980 p 3

SELINA BRAEM**MARRIED IN ROCKFORD.**

Word was received that Miss Selina Braem, a well known and popular Marshfield girl, was married Saturday in Rockford, Ill., to Charles Fhelling of Leaf River, Ill., near Rockford. She is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ferdinand Braem, town of Day, Marathon county, residents of this city many years, who moved to the town of Day about two years ago. They received a telegram Sunday announcing the marriage. The groom is in the hardware business and had an excellent home prepared for his wife.

"Marshfield (WI) News & Wisconsin Hub" Thursday 20 Sep 1917 p 1

Local Resident Dies at Age 68

Frederick (Fritz) Braem, 68, of 405A S. Cherry Ave., died of a heart ailment at 5:15 p. m. Saturday at the Marshfield Convalescent Home. He had been in ill health for the past 2½ years.

Services will be conducted at 10 a.m. Tuesday at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church with the Very Rev. L. H. Timmerman officiating. Burial will be made in the Gate of Heaven cemetery.

The body will repose at the Rembs Funeral Home until time of services. The Christian Mothers Society rosary service will be conducted there at 3 o'clock today, and a general rosary at 8 o'clock tonight.

Mr. Braem was born April 9, 1899, in Marshfield, and had resided here his entire life. He was



Frederick Braem
(As a Marshfield Fireman)

ing, Marshfield; and 10 grandchildren.

Two brothers preceded him in death.

n- a member of the Wisconsin
n- State Guard 9th Regiment for
two years; a charter member of
Company C 128th Infantry —
32nd division for three years,
and a member of 135th Medical
Regiment Band.

e- He also had been a volunteer
n- member of the Marshfield Fire
il- Department for 26 years, and a
member of the paid organization
for two years. In addition, he en-
gaged in a decorating and uphol-
stering business for a number
of years.

ks His marriage to Anna Gropp,
It who preceded him in death July
ce 1, 1938, took place July 10, 1923,
to at Sacred Heart Catholic Church
50 here. On Oct. 20, 1943, he was
married to Lila Harding, who
survives him.

ut Mr. Braem was a member of
h, the Holy Name Society, and the
rs U.C.T.

rk Other survivors are four
if- daughters, Mrs. Richard (Vir-
ut ginai) Stoiber, Wausau; Mrs.
he George (Jacqueline) Hoppe,
n- Berkeley, Ill.; two brothers, Wil-
ia liam Braem, Marshfield; and
Herman Braem, Wisconsin Rap-
ids; a sister, Mrs. Selma Schell-

Brother Frederick Charles Braem (1899-1967) – “Marshfield (WI) News-Herald” Monday 5 Jun 1967 p 6

YOUNG COUPLE MARRIED BY REV. TOELLER

The Sacred Heart Catholic parsonage was the scene of a wedding ceremony yesterday morning at 8 o'clock during which the pastor, Rev. H. P. Toeller, solemnized the marriage of Miss Anna Gropp, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Gropp Route 3, to Frederick Braem, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ferdinand Braem, 112 West Fifth street.

The bride wore a white canton crepe gown and carried a corsage bouquet of roses. The maid of honor, Miss Margaret Gropp, a sister wore a pink canton crepe gown and also carried a corsage bouquet of roses. The best man was Arnold Siemers of Eau Claire.

A wedding dinner was served at the home of the bride's parents after which the bride and groom left on their honeymoon, accompanying Mr. Siemers as far as Eau Claire by car. From Eau Claire they will leave for points in Iowa and will return to the city in about two weeks. They will make their home on the Richfield road.

The groom is in the paper hanging and upholstering business with his father and a brother.

"Marshfield (WI) News-Herald" Wednesday 11 Jul 1923 p 1



(News-Herald Photo)

Charles Braem, 1900-1955

Injury Fatal to Charlie Braem

Funeral Service to
Be Held Monday

Charles Braem, 55, one of the most widely known of Marshfield's residents, died at 5:15 p. m. Friday at St. Joseph's Hospital, of injuries suffered in a fall Thursday afternoon.

Braem lost consciousness at 4 p. m. Thursday, about 45 minutes after he was brought to the hospital suffering from head injuries and a broken back inflicted when he fell 17 feet from the second story to the basement of a home he was helping to build. Surgeons performed a brain operation in a vain effort to save his life.

A native of Marshfield, born on April 30, 1900, Braem had been in postal service here since 1923, but was active in many fields. Veteran of Mexican border service in 1916 as well as of overseas service in both World Wars, his interest in music, athletic, veterans', and

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Elks affairs gave him a wide acquaintanceship not only throughout Wisconsin, but in many other states as well.

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"Charlie," as he was called by all who knew him, joined the 2nd Wisconsin Infantry Band at 16 and was stationed on the Mexican border with that unit for nine months.

After a brief period of civilian life he joined the regular Army on April 6, 1918, went to Waco, Texas, as a corporal with the 32nd Division, and overseas aboard the Leviathan. His outfit, the 107th Sanitary Train, saw service as a hospital unit on the Alsace, Aisne-Marne, Oise, and Argonne fronts in France, and spent five months with the Army of Occupation in Germany after the armistice.

During this period Braem turned his attention to boxing and became champion of the 64th Brigade. He boxed professionally for a short time after the war, and his life-time interest in the sport was reflected by his later work as a trainer and referee of amateur boxers. He played an important part in the inauguration of the Lions' Golden Gloves tournaments here and was an honorary member of that organization. He was known throughout Wisconsin as a boxing referee.

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On his return to the United States Braem engaged in orchestra work for a time, and joined the staff of the local postoffice in 1923. He served as a postal clerk, except for World War II service, until a few years ago, when he became rural letter carrier for postal route 4 here.

When the 135th Medical Regiment Band was formed in 1926 he became a member and was a warrant officer when the United States entered World War II. He was in command of the band unit for a time before it went overseas and then commanded the Fort Sheridan post band. Later he went overseas to North Africa as a member of the Army Postal Service, and was transferred from there to Italy.

He had served as president of the Marshfield Board of Vocational and Adult Education, resigning in 1941 to enter military service, and was a past commander of the local American Legion Post, member of the Forty and Eight, and a past exalted ruler of the Marshfield Elks Lodge.

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He was married on Oct. 2, 1920, in Marshfield, to Helen Rienow, who survives him. He also leaves two sons, Allen of Wauwatosa and Donald of Edgerton, a daughter, Mrs. Jerry (Sally) Saindon, Marshfield, his mother, Mrs. Selina Braem, Marshfield.

There are four brothers and a sister, Fred, Fritz, and William, Marshfield, Herman, Wisconsin Rapids, and Mrs. Charles (Selina) Schelling, Leaf River, Ill.

The body will repose at the Hanson Funeral Home from tonight until Monday noon, when it will be taken to the First Presbyterian Church, where funeral rites will be conducted at 2 p. m. Monday. The Rev. C. A. Kipps of Waupaca, former pastor of Trinity English Lutheran Church here, and the Rev. Douglas P. Oyan, Marshfield, will officiate.

Burial will be in Hillside cemetery, where American Legion rites will be conducted at the grave. An Elks Lodge of Sorrow will be observed at the funeral home at 7:30 p. m. Sunday.

Brother Charles L. Braem (1900-1955) – "Marshfield (WI) News-Herald" Saturday 20 Dec 1955 p 1 & p 10

Charles Braem Dies; Well-Known Boxing Referee

MARSHFIELD (AP) — Charles Braem, widely known Marshfield boxing referee, died Friday night at St. Joseph's Hospital of injuries received Thursday when he fell from a house he was helping construct.

Braem, 55, also was active in veterans and fraternal affairs. He served in the Mexican border incidents and both World Wars and had been a postal worker for 32 years.

Funeral services will be held at Marshfield's First Presbyterian Church at 2 p.m. Monday.

"Sheboygan (WI) Press" Saturday 22 Oct 1955 p 8

William Braem

William C. Braem, 77, Marshfield, died at 3:20 a.m. today at St. Joseph's Hospital, Marshfield. He was the brother of Herman Braem, Wisconsin Rapids.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday at St. John's Catholic Church, Marshfield, the Rev. Joseph Martinson officiating. Burial will be in Gate of Heaven Cemetery, Marshfield.

Other survivors include two sons; one sister. He was preceded in death by three brothers.

Friends may call after 3 p.m. Sunday and before services Monday at Rembs-Kundinger Funeral Home, Marshfield.

Brother William C. Braem (1901-1978) – “Wisconsin Rapids (WI) Daily Tribune” Saturday 16 Sep 1978 p 2

William C. Braem

William C. Braem, 77, of 515 N. Peach Ave., died at 3:20 a.m. today at St. Joseph's Hospital, where he was admitted Wednesday. He had been a resident of Marshfield Convalescent Center the past two years.

Services will be 10:30 a.m. Monday at St. John's Catholic Church, the Rev. Joseph M. Martinson, associate pastor, officiating, and burial will be in Gate of Heaven Cemetery.

Visitation begins at 3 p.m. Sunday at Rembs/Kundinger Chapel and again Monday until service time.

St. John's parish vigil will be 8 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home with the Knights of Columbus rosary there at 7:30 Sunday evening.

Mr. Braem was born Aug. 24, 1901 in Marshfield, attended Marshfield schools and lived in this area his entire life. He was self-employed as a painter and paperhanger for many years and worked for Marshfield Milling Co. before retiring in 1962.

He was a former member of Marshfield National Guard and a former member of Badger Aerie 624, Fraternal Order of Eagles. A member of St. John's Catholic Church, he also was affiliated with its Holy Name Society.

He was married Dec. 2, 1924 at St. John's Catholic Church to Irma Graettinger who died Dec. 23, 1959.

Surviving are two sons, Myron (Mike) Braem of Marshfield and Ronald Braem, Middleton; two grandchildren; a brother, Herman Braem, Wisconsin Rapids; and a sister, Selina Schelling of Marshfield.

Besides his wife he was predeceased

William C. Braem – "Marshfield (WI) News Herald" Saturday 16 Sep 1978 p 3

Abbreviations:

b = born

d = died

F: = Find A Grave (www.findagrave.org)

NOK = next-of-kin

Name: Fred Braem

Name variations: birth name Ferdinand Braem; used name of Fred Braem – not to be confused with his brother who was born Frederick Charles Braem, who used the name Fritz Braem. There are sometimes two "Freds" listed in the family on documents. Also known as Fred H. Braem or Fred Braem, Jr. or Frederick Braem, Jr.

Military:

On Tuscania: 107th Supply Co. F – 1st lieutenant

Serial number: officers were not assigned serial numbers in WWI

Entered service from: Marshfield, Wood WI

Sailed on “Tuscania” as: Fred Braem

Next-of-kin on “Tuscania”: father Fred Braem, Marshfield WI

Returned from war on: "Virginian" May 1919

Sailed on return ship as: Fred Braem

Next-of-kin on return ship & rank: mother Mrs. Salina Braem, Marshfield WI (captain, HQ Co., 107th Supply Train)

World War I draft registration (1917): as Fred Braem - b.4 Sep 1892 Switzerland; registered Wood Co. WI - residence not listed, 7 years in WI Guard, sergeant. Member Co. A, Wis. 2nd Regiment. Single. Paper hanger for Fred Braem Sr. in Marshfield, Wood WI. Medium height & build.

National Tuscania Survivors Association 1939 roster: 512 Magee St., Marshfield WI (1939 NTSA) - 508 Magee St., Marshfield WI (1955 WI Survivors). NTSA treasurer 1935, 1936.

World War II draft registration (1942): as Fred Braem, Jr. - b. 4 Sep 1892 Zurich, Switzerland; res: 508 Magee St., Marshfield, Wood WI. NOK Mrs. Fred Braem Jr. of same address. Post Office department, Marshfield, Wood WI. Height: 5'7 ½" – 187 lbs.

Veterans Administration Military Index: as Fred Braem, with birthdate of 4 Sep 1891

Enlisted 15 Jul 1917

Discharged 16 Jun 1919

Address: 112 W. 5th St., Marshfield WI

Rank/unit: captain, infantry

Birth & death:

Born: 4 Sep 1893 Alstetten (suburb of Zurich), Switzerland (WWI draft card: 4 Sep 1892 – Veterans Administration Master Index: 4 Sep 1891)

Died: 19 Nov 1964 Marshfield (Wood or Marathon) WI (in St. Joseph's Hospital)

Find A Grave record: 131735567, presence on Tuscania noted in flower & text

Burial location: Marshfield, Wood WI

Cemetery: Hillside

Tombstone: veteran flat: Fred Braem / Wisconsin / Captain U.S. Army / World War I

Father: Ferdinand Jacob Braem, 17 Aug 1864, Zurich, Switzerland – 26 Sep 1939 Marshfield, Wood WI.

Son of Felix Ferdinand Braem & Anna Susanna Karolina Mayr.

Obituary: “Marshfield News-Herald” 27 Sep 1939 p 6 – Ferdinand Jacob Braem, age 75, founder of Marshfield’s 1st upholstery shop & Marshfield resident since 1898. Although he got a cracked knee when the bicycle he was riding was hit by a car 4 years ago, he was active in the shop until 6 weeks ago. Born in Zurich, Switzerland 17 Aug 1864. Married Mis Selina Kaege [sic] in Zurich 7 Dec 1891. In 1897 the couple & 3 children came to the US, settling in Medford WI. They came to Marshfield on 10 Mar 1898, where he was employed at the bedding factory. In 1901 he established an upholstering & decorating business

which he & 2 sons operated until the present. He is survived by his 6 children: Ferdinand Jr., Herman, Frederick, Charles & William of Marshfield WI & Selina (Mrs. Charles) Schelling of Leaf River IL.

Buried in Hillside Cemetery, Marshfield, Wood WI.

Find A Grave: 131735616

Mother: Selina Kagie (Kaegi) Braem, 13 Oct 1870 Zurich, Switzerland – 25 Oct 1955 Marshfield, Wood WI.

Daughter of Jakob Caspar Kaegi & Anna Baur. Obituary: "Marshfield News-Herald" 25 Oct 1955 p 1, continued on p. 12 – photo, a resident of Marshfield for 58 years, died at her home at 112 W. 5th St. at age 85, 1 day after attending her son Charles's funeral. She was born Selina Kagie in Zurich, Switzerland, on 13 Oct 1870 & came to the US in 1897 with her husband & 3 children. She had married Ferdinand Braem on 7 Dec 1891. She raised their 6 children & worked in her husband's upholstery shop. Charter member of the American Legion. Famous for her hooked rugs. Son Charles was fatally injured last week, and although she was in ill health, she insisted on attending his funeral. [Selina died the day after Charles's funeral.] Survived by Selina (Mrs. Charles) Schelling of Leaf River IL & sons Fred (Ferdinand), Fritz (Frederick) & William Braem of Marshfield & Herman Braem of Wisconsin Rapids WI.

Buried in Hillside Cemetery, Marshfield, Wood WI.

Find A Grave: 131735649

Parents' marriage: 28 May 1891 or 7 Dec 1891, Bülach, Zurich, Switzerland

Spouse: Grace Darlene Truhlar Braem, 1 Mar 1902 Marshfield, Wood WI – 1 Jun 1996 Marshfield, Wood WI. Daughter of John M. Truhlar & Mamie Marks.

Obituary: "Marshfield News-Herald" 3 Jun 1996 p 7 – Grace, age 94, d. 1 Jun 1996 at Bethel Nursing & Rehabilitation Center, Richfield township, where she was admitted 31 Dec 1992. Funeral 4 Jun. Born 1 Mar 1902 to John M. & Mayme Marks Truhlar.

Buried in

Spouse Find A Grave: 131735558

Marriage: 4 Sep 1922 Leaf River, Ogle Co. IL

Children:

- Violet Mae Braem Hansen, 26 Sep 1925 Marshfield, Wood WI – 23 Jul 2012 Marshfield, Wood WI. Wife of James D. Hansen (1923-2008, F: 100177811) whom she married 14 Aug 1944 in Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Marshfield, Wood WI. Obituary: "Marshfield News-Herald" 25 Jul 2012 p 2 – died at age 86 on 23 Jul 2012 in the emergency room of Ministry St. Joseph's Hospital. Born 26 Sep 1925. Graduate of Marshfield Senior High School. Buried in Gate of Heaven Cemetery. F: 94320933
- Richard Karl Braem, 16 Mar 1929 WI - . US Navy veteran. Husband of Bonita Lou (Bonnie) DeJarlais, daughter of Floyd H. DeJarlais (1896-1984, F: 99488941) & Arvilla E. Asp (1904-1994, F: 99489208) whom he married 31 Jul 1944 in Marshfield, Wood WI- Resided in Hot Springs AR with wife Bonnie when his mother Grace died

in 1996. Resided in Marshfield WI when sister Violet died in 2012. Husband of Bonnie DeJarlais, daughter of Floyd H. & Arvilla DeJarlais.

Siblings:

- Herman Joseph ("Ham") Braem, 19 Sep 1893 Zurich, Switzerland – 29 Feb 1980 Wisconsin Rapids, Wood WI. WWI veteran. Story is that he registered for WWI draft as "Harry Taylor." <https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/179258312/person/202327679300/facts> – Married Viola Helen Scherr (1896-1926, F: 125710712) in 1913; in 1916 Viola married George William Plier (1895-19774). - Husband of Linda Esther Schaefer (1899-1955, F: 106342545), on 20 Dec 1920. She died 26 Jul 1955 in a car accident in which Herman was the driver. Buried in Forest Hill Cemetery, Wisconsin Rapids, Wood WI. F: 144758579
- Selina (Ida Celina) Braem Schelling, 13 Jun 1895 Switzerland – 19 Dec 1980 Marshfield, Wood WI. - Listed as Ida C. in 1900 census & Helena in 1910 census. - Wife of Charles Theodore Schelling (1866-1963, F: 7728404), whom she married in 1918 in Leaf River IL; his 2nd wife. Charles's 1st wife Mary C. had died in 1916. Resident of Leaf River IL during WWI. Obituary: "Marshfield News-Herald" 20 Dec 1980 p 3 – funeral 21 Dec 1980. Died at age 85 on Friday at the Marshfield Convalescent Center, where she had resided since 23 May 1977. Resident of 515 N. Peach Ave. Born 14 Jun 1895 Zurich, Switzerland. Married Charles Schelling in Leaf River IL in 1918. They owned & operated a hardware store. He died 1963. She returned to Marshfield & lived with her brother William. Her 5 brothers preceded her in death. Survived by a stepdaughter Mrs. George (Margie) Hodge of Lompoc CA. – Buried in Hillside Cemetery, Marshfield, Wood WI. F: 131735598
- Frederick Charles ("Fritz") Braem, 9 Apr 1899 Marshfield, Wood WI – 3 Jun 1967 Marshfield, Wood WI. Note that his brother Ferdinand used the nickname "Fred" while Frederick used the nickname "Fritz." - Married 10 Jul 1923 in Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Marshfield Wood WI to Anna Gropp (1903-1938, F: 103170388). – Widowed, he married Lila Alvina Harding (1906-1993, F: 171264946) on 20 Oct 1943 in the same church. - Buried in Gate of Heaven Cemetery, Marshfield, Wood WI. F: 171264980
- Charles L. Braem, 30 Apr 1900 Marshfield, Wood WI – 21 Oct 1955 Marshfield, Wood WI. Listed as Karl I. in the 1900 census. His 85-year-old mother Selina attended his funeral & died the next day. Obituary: "Marshfield News-Herald" 25 Oct 1955 p 12 [immediately under his mother's obituary] – funeral 24 Oct, d. at St. Joseph's Hospital of severe injuries suffered the previous day when he fell off the roof of a house under construction. – Husband of Helen M. Rienow (1902-1984, F: 181075074) whom he married in Marshfield, Wood WI on 2 Oct 1920. Buried in Hillside Cemetery, Marshfield, Wood WI. F: 181075100
- William Charles ("Bill") Braem, 24 Aug 1901 Marshfield, Wood WI – 16 Sep 1978 Marshfield, Wood WI. – Husband of Irma Graettinger (1906-1959, F: 181491488) whom he married 2 Dec 1924 in St. John's Catholic Church, Marshfield, Wood WI. Buried in Gate of Heaven Cemetery. F: 181491571

Notes:

Wartime:

Became captain Jun 1918

“Marshfield Times” 16 Mar 1919 – Capt. Fred Braem of the 107th Supply Train is now in the 2nd Division where he is an athletic instructor [newspaper not available on Newspapers.com as of Sep 2024]

“Marshfield Times” 21 May 1919 p 7 – Mrs. Charles Schilling [sic/Schelling] of Leaf River IL arrived in Marshfield Sunday for a month with her parents, Mr. & Mrs. Ferdinand Braem. The family expects to greet their 3 sons who have been with Uncle Sam for the past 18 months. Sgt. Charles Braem, a member of the famous 127th Infantry Band, is already home. They are waiting for Capt. Fred & Herman, still overseas. instructor [newspaper not available on Newspapers.com as of Sep 2024]

“Marshfield Times” 28 May 1919 p 7 – the Ferdinand Braem home is one with an extremely happy family, as their three sons are home from overseas: Captain Fred Braem, Sgt. Charles Braem & Sgt. Herman Braem. The captain will be home in Marshfield shortly with some other members of the 107th Supply Train, while Charles & Herman are already home. When Fred returns, they plan a reunion. Mrs. Charles Schelling (nee Selina Braem) of Leaf River IL is in Marshfield awaiting the arrival of Fred from demobilization camp. This is one of the few families with more than 2 sons in service. Two other sons – William & Fritz – are members of Co. I., WI State Guards. instructor [newspaper not available on Newspapers.com as of Sep 2024]

“Marshfield Times” 4 Jun 1919 p 5 – Captain Fred, 107th Supply Train, arrived home early Monday on a 15-day furlough. He was with the 107th since the outbreak of war, except was separated from it for a short time but was transferred back in when the unit left France. He looks fine & is in the best of health & says it’s good to be back among the home folks. He will go to Camp Grant when his furlough ends. He is in Marshfield as a guest of his parents, Mr. & Mrs. Ferdinand Braem. All their 3 boys have returned, including Sgt. Herman & Sgt. Charles. instructor [newspaper not available on Newspapers.com as of Sep 2024]

Post-war:

Charter member of American Legion Post 54, Marshfield WI, established 24 Aug 1919

"Wisconsin Rapids (WI) Daily Tribune" 9 Feb 1942 p 19 - NTSA reunion there, 1 of the "ranking officers" attending: Capt. Fred Braem of Marshfield WI, commanding officers, Co. F, 107th Supply Train

Obituary:

"Marshfield News-Herald" 20 Nov 1964 p1, photo, res: 508 Magee St., Marshfield WI, retired superintendent of mails at Marshfield Post Office, postal employee 1920-1953, last Tuscania survivor in Marshfield (had been 5 at 1 time), attended NTSA reunions, age 72, b. 4 Sep 1892 Switzerland, came with family to Marshfield at age 9, married 4 Sep 1922 Rockford IL to Grace Truhlar, who survives, American Legion, on Selective Service board, in National Guard. Funeral 23 Nov with military rites at Hillside by American Legion. Survived by wife Grace, daughter Violet (Mrs. James) Hansen & son Richard Braem, both of Marshfield, & 3 brothers: William & Frederick Braem of Marshfield & Herman Braem of Wisconsin Rapids. His brother Charles Braem & sister Mrs. Selina Schilling [sic] of Marshfield preceded him in death.

Social Security Number: 392-05-1653

Censuses:

1900 Marshfield, Wood WI – Richfield Rd. - conducted 19 Jun 1900

Fred BRAHM, 35 Switzerland, Aug 1864, parents b. Switzerland, married 9 years, emigrated 1897, in US for 2 years, alien, upholster [sic]

Celena, 30 Switzerland, Oct 1869, parents b. Switzerland, gave birth to 5 children, 5 are living

Fred H., 8 Switzerland, Sep 1891, at school

Herman, 7 Switzerland, Sep 1892, at school

Ida C., 4 Switzerland, Jun 1895

Fred, 1 WI, Apr 1899

Karl I., 1 month WI, Apr 1900

1905 WI state census – Marshfield, Wood WI

Ferdinand BREHM, 40 Switzerland, upholsterer

Celina, 34 Switzerland

Ferdinand, 12 Switzerland

Hermann, 11 Switzerland

Celina, 10 Switzerland

Fred, 6 WI

Charles, 5 WI

William, 3 WI

1910 Marshfield, Wood WI – Central Ave. [quality of copy poor]

Ferdinand Braem, 46 Switzerland, parents b. Switzerland, in 1st marriage, married 18 years, emigrated 1897, upholsterer, shop

Selina, 40 Switzerland, parents b. Switzerland, emigrated 1897, gave birth to 6 children, 6 are living

Ferdinand, 17 Switzerland, emigrated 1897, laborer, shop [maybe, hard to read]

Herman, 16 Switzerland, emigrated 1897, sales manager [maybe, hard to read]

Helena, 14 Switzerland, emigrated 1897, servant

Frederick, 11 WI

Charley, 10 WI

William, 8 WI

1920 Marshfield, Wood WI – blurry/faint & hard to read

Fred Braem, 58 Switzerland, parents b. Switzerland, emigrated 1898, naturalized 1902, proprietor, upholstery shop bedding factory

Saline, 49 Switzerland, parents b. Switzerland, emigrated 1898

Fred, 27 Switzerland, emigrated 1898, “perhaps” reads laborer, bedding factory [this is Ferdinand “Fred”]

Herman, 26 Switzerland, emigrated 1898, occupation indcipherable

Fred, 20 WI, paper hanger [this is Frederick Charles “Fritz”]

Charles, 19 WI, paper hanger

William, 18 WI, paper hanger

1930 Marshfield, Wood WI – 512 Magee St.

Ferdinand Braem Jr., 37 Switzerland, parents b. Switzerland, age 30 at 1st marriage, clerk, post office, not a veteran, note: naturalized by parents (?)

Grace, 28 WI, parents b. WI, age 20 at 1st marriage

Violet May, 4 WI

Richard K., 1 year 1 month WI

1940 Marshfield, Wood WI – 512 Magee St. – same house in 1935

Fred H. Braem, 47 Switzerland, superintendent mail, post office

Grace D., 38 WI

Violet M., 14 WI

Richard K., 11 WI

1950 Marshfield, Wood WI – 508 Magee St.

Fred H. Braem, 57 Switzerland, superintendent, post office

Grace D., 48 WI