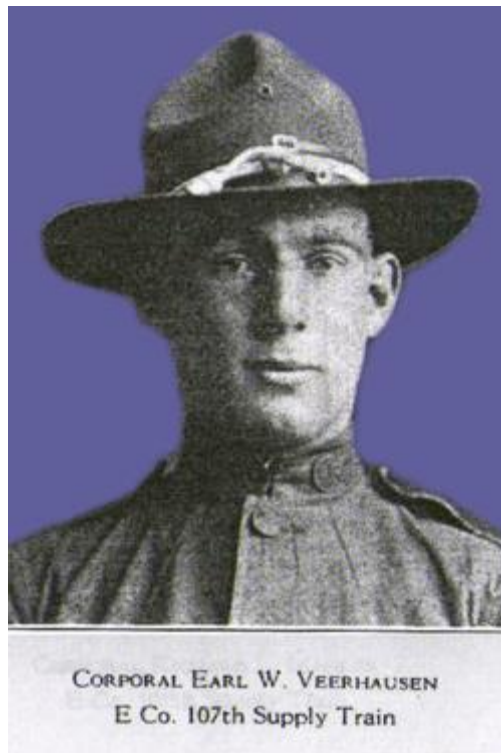


TUSCANIA

One of the “Baraboo 21”
Veerhusen, Earl Walter
1898 WI – 1952 WI



CORPORAL EARL W. VEERHAUSEN
E Co. 107th Supply Train

Earl Walter Veerhusen – courtesy of Steven Schwartz of Renton WA

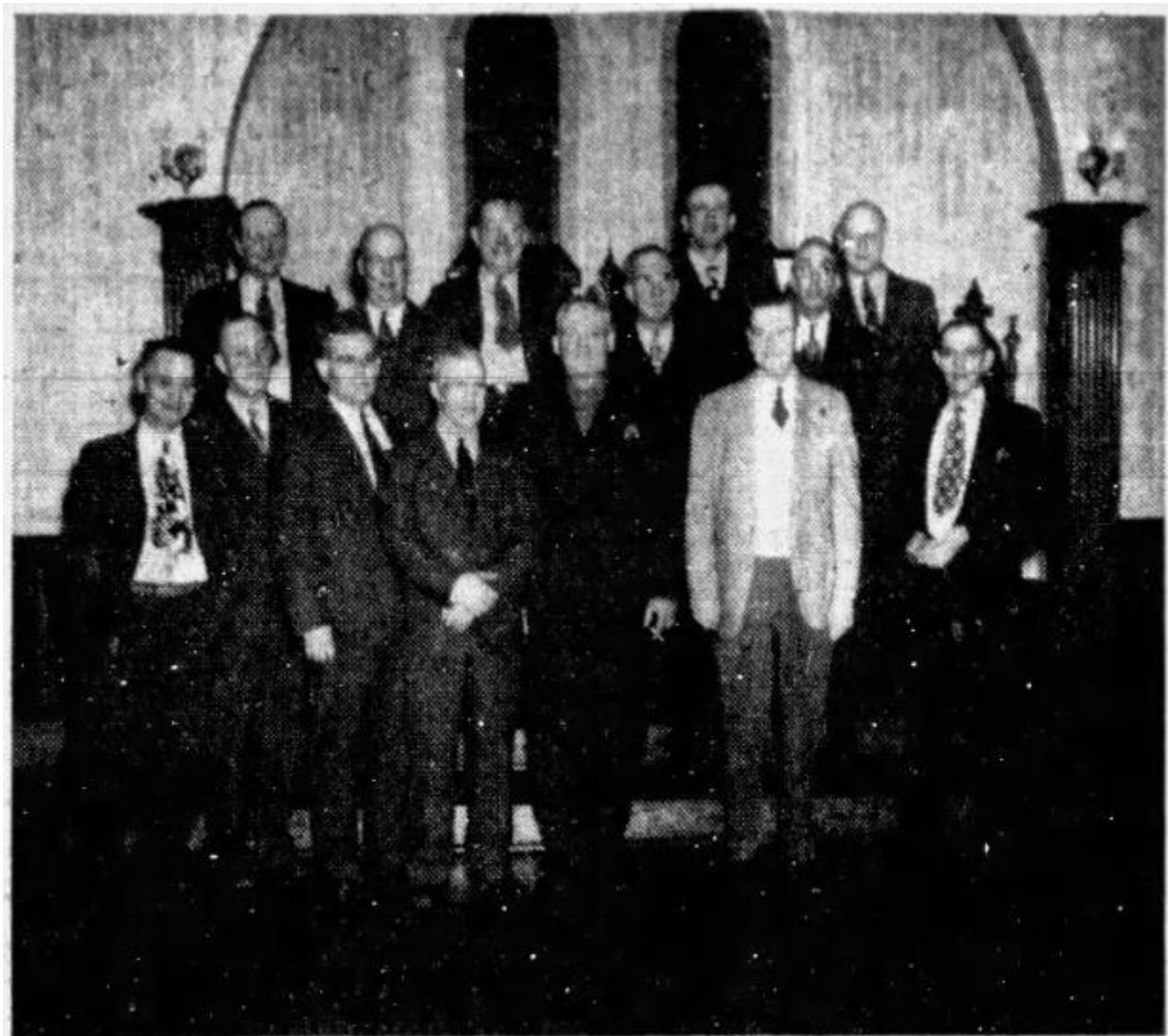


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Earl Walter Veerhusen is 2nd from left in the back row - "Madison (WI) Capital Times" Friday 4 Feb 1949 p 12 - Find A Grave 70423421



Saturday, Feb. 5th, is the 31st anniversary of the sinking of the troop ship Tuscania off the Irish coast, with "Baraboo's 21" soldiers aboard, and as has been customary in years past, the surviving members of the group will convene in Baraboo on Saturday Feb. 5th, for a reunion in which they will be joined by Baraboo friends. Dinner will be served at the Legion club followed by a social evening.

There are now 15 of the veterans surviving and last year all were present except Wayland Kier, who lives in Montana. They are shown above on the occasion of last year's reunion, reading left to right:

Front row: Richard Mahler, Horace Cahoon, Paul L. Stewart, Edward Coughlin, Charles Kellogg, James Bray and Randall Herfort.

Second row: Otto Bates, Earl Veerhusen, Otto Arndt, Earl Powell, Clarence Braun, Arthur Thayer, and Herbert Steckenbauer.



Earl Walter Veerhusen is 2nd from left in the back row – "Baraboo (WI) News Republic" Thursday 3 Feb 1949 p 1



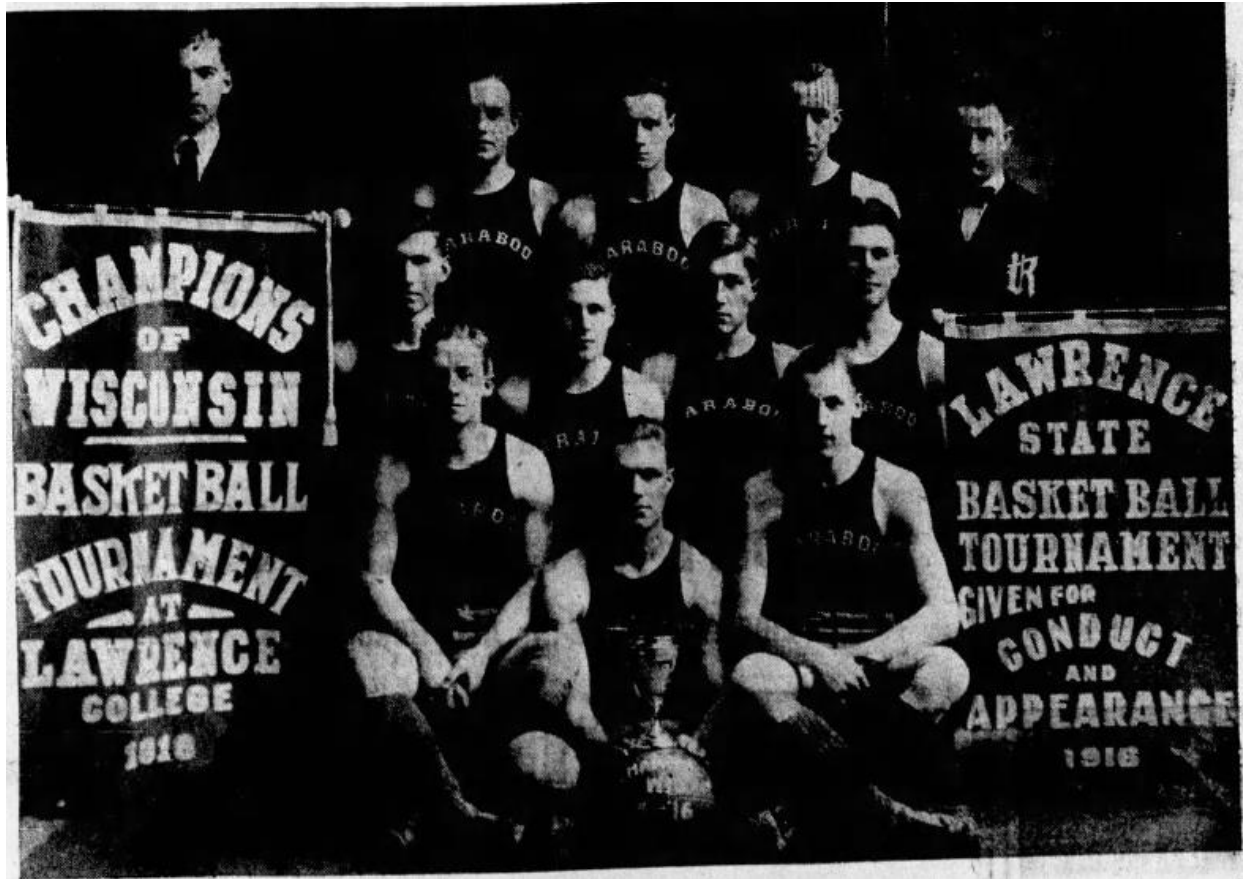
Back in 1916 the above group of men won for Baraboo High school a state basketball championship and they have recently been honored guests of the Baraboo Lions club at a dinner, also honoring the 1950-51 team which came near to equalling their record. The Baraboo News-Republic photographer tried to pose them in the above picture as nearly the same as they were grouped 35 years ago in the picture below.

Standing, above left to right, are Earl Veerhusen, now harbor master of Milwaukee; Dr. Fritz Dippel, Baraboo dentist; Lawrence Kaiser of Allis-Chal-

mers, Milwaukee; and "Coach" Edgar Rosenthal, who journeyed here from Milwaukee where he is principal of a school.

Front row, left to right, Frank Terry, who came from Champaign, Illinois, where he is an insurance executive; Willott Warren, Baraboo, realtor; Kendall Layden, who is in the insurance business in Chicago, and John Sprecher, LaCrosse salesman.

Below is the championship basketball team of 1916 taken then:



(Back row, standing, left to right) Manager Earl Veerhusen, Dr. F. R. Dippel, Lawrence Kaiser, Otto Ritzenthaler, and Coach Edgar Rosenthal. (Second row) Frank Terry, Willott Warren, Frank Koons and John Sprecher. (First row) Floyd Bailey, Lloyd Pearson and Kendall Layden.

Earl Walter Veerhusen pictured in top photograph in 1951 in back row, far left (light-colored suit) and in bottom photograph in 1916 in back row, far left (holding banner) – “Baraboo (WI) News Republic” Tuesday 10 Apr 1951 p 1



TUSCANIA SURVIVORS PICNIC — The above group includes most of the 100 people who recently attended a summer picnic of the Wisconsin Tuscania Survivors association, held at the summer home of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Coughlin at Lake Delton. Business of the picnic included plans for the organization of a separate Wisconsin group, and those present accepted an invitation from the Baraboo group, known as Baraboo's 21, to meet in this city in February for their first session. When the American transport Tuscania was sunk by a German submarine off the coast of Ireland during World War I, there were 21 Baraboo soldiers aboard, together with a number of other Wisconsin veterans, who have ever since kept up the associations made on the Tuscania.

Some of the people in the above picture are not identified, blanks indicate the few whose names we were not able to obtain. Left to right, front row, Mrs. Herbert Steckenbauer, Edward Coughlin, Mrs. Otto Bates, Mrs. Hurd of Wausau, Mrs. E. Johnson of Rosholt, Mrs. Paul L. Stewart, Mrs. Arthur Thayer, Della Simonds, —, —, Mrs. Paul Cahoon, Mrs. Edward Coughlin, —, —. Second row, left to right, Paul L. Stewart, —, Horace Cahoon, Otto Bates, Nathan Carhart of Galesville, Herbert Steckenbauer, A. H. Thayer, James Bray, Edmond Johnson of Rosholt, Earl Veerhusen, —, —, Oakley Parkhill, C. J. Van Nedon, Minneapolis, 3 unidentified, Max Collins, Milwaukee, —, Mrs. Collins, two unidentified, Paul Cahoon, J. W. Kramer of Medford, Robert Riley of Waukesha, Mrs. Kramer, —, Arthur L. Siplon, Muskegon, Mich., and three unidentified.



this appears to be Earl Walter Veerhusen, back row, 10th from left
Tuscania picnic — "Baraboo (WI) News Republic" Wednesday 18 Jul 1951 p 8

Form 121

STATE OF WISCONSIN
Department of Health—Bureau of Vital Statistics

ORIGINAL BIRTH RECORD—DELAYED

County of Dane
Township of _____
or
Village of _____
or
City of Madison

Registered No. 277
(No. 631 Williamson St. 3rd Ward)
(Street and Number or Name of Hospital)

FULL NAME OF CHILD EARL WALTER VEERHUSEN

Sex of Child <u>Male</u>	Color or Race of Child <u>White</u>	Twin, Triplet, or other? }	If so }	Number in order of birth (Year)	Date of Birth <u>March</u> <u>5</u> <u>1898</u> (Month) (Day) (Year)
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FATHER		MOTHER	
FULL NAME <u>Walter Veerhusen</u>	FULL MAIDEN NAME <u>Hulda Hoyer</u>	FULL NAME <u>Walter Veerhusen</u>	FULL MAIDEN NAME <u>Hulda Hoyer</u>
RESIDENCE* (Post Office) <u>Madison, Wis.</u>	RESIDENCE* (Post Office) <u>631 Williamson</u>	RESIDENCE* (Post Office) <u>Madison, Wis.</u>	RESIDENCE* (Post Office) <u>631 Williamson</u>
COLOR OR RACE <u>White</u>	AGE AT TIME OF THIS BIRTH <u>29</u> (Years)	COLOR OR RACE <u>White</u>	AGE AT TIME OF THIS BIRTH <u>27</u> (Years)
BIRTHPLACE <u>Madison Wisconsin</u> (State or Country)	BIRTHPLACE <u>Madison Wisconsin</u> (State or Country)	BIRTHPLACE <u>Madison Wisconsin</u> (State or Country)	BIRTHPLACE <u>Madison Wisconsin</u> (State or Country)
OCCUPATION* (Nature of Industry) <u>none</u>	OCCUPATION* (Nature of Industry) <u>none</u>	OCCUPATION* (Nature of Industry) <u>none</u>	OCCUPATION* (Nature of Industry) <u>none</u>

Number of children of this mother
(Taken as of time of birth of child herein certified and including this child) } (a) Born alive and now living 1 (b) Born alive but now dead 1 (c) Stillborn 1

If above facts were checked with any records, state type of document (baptismal, insurance, etc.)

Minnie Peterson being duly sworn, deposes and says that the birth of this child occurred as above described.
(Signature) Minnie Peterson (Relationship, if any) Cousin
2109 Center Ave Madison Wis
Present Post Office Address

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 13 day of June 1941
My Commission Expires May 3, 1942
Miss A. Mahan
Notary Public

* At time of this birth.

MARGIN RESERVED FOR BINDING
Write Plainly With Unfading Ink—This Is a Permanent Record
One of the parents or some near relative or friend who is older and has a full knowledge of the facts must sign the certificate before a notary public.

WI birth record filed 13 Jun 1941 - https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/673998:61482?tid=&pid=&queryId=b220dde45f7b936f9a35c404421b33f8&_phsrc=hFB64743&_phstart=successSource

Well Known Baraboo Man Dies In Madison

Earl W. Veerhusen, 54, of Milwaukee and Baraboo, died on Monday noon at the Wisconsin General hospital in Madison. For the past five months Mr. Veerhusen had been in failing health, however his death on Monday came quite suddenly.

While Earl had been making his home in Milwaukee with a niece and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Clem Sharafinski, he had spent much time in Baraboo at the home of his sister, Mrs. Hazel Ross, especially during his illness.

He had attended Baraboo High school and was manager of the school's state championship basketball team of 1916. In Milwaukee for many years he had held the position of city superintendent of

the harbor commission. He was a veteran of World war 1 and the 32nd division and was one of Baraboo's 21 survivors of the sinking of the Tuscania during World war 1. He was a member of Baraboo Legion post No. 26 and of Collins-Meyer post No. 2903 of the V.F.W. of Milwaukee. He was also a member of the Fun-O-Lears club of Milwaukee.

Mr. Veerhusen is survived by his sister, Mrs. Ross, two nieces, Mrs. Sharafinski and Mrs. Arland Schmalz of Prairie du Sac, and his fiancée, Miss Della Simonds, of Baraboo. He also leaves an aunt, Mrs. John L. Kind, of Knoxville, Tenn.

The funeral of Mr. Veerhusen will be held on Thursday afternoon at 2:30 at Trinity Episcopal church, the Rev. George Schiffmayer officiating. Burial will be in the Walnut Hill cemetery with Legion rites at the grave. Friends may call at the Scheible funeral home on Wednesday, 3 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m., and Thursday until 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

"Baraboo (WI) News-Republic" Tuesday 20 May 1952 p 4

Veerhusen Services

BARABOO— Funeral services for Earl V. Veerhusen, 54, Milwaukee, will be held at 2:30 p.m. Thursday in Trinity Episcopal church.

The Rev. George F. Schiffmayer will officiate. Burial will be in Walnut Hill cemetery with American Legion rites.

Mr. Veerhusen died suddenly Monday in a Madison hospital. The body was taken to the Scheible funeral home.

He attended Baraboo high school and was harbor master for the city of Milwaukee. He was a veteran of World War I, serving with the 32nd Division, a member of Baraboo's 21 Tuscania survivors, Baraboo American Legion post, and the Milwaukee Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) post.

Survivors include a sister, Mrs. Hazel Ross, Baraboo.

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Life:

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Veerhusen has been made happy by the arrival of a baby boy.

Birth of Earl Walter Veerhusen – “Portage (WI) Daily Register” Thursday 10 Mar 1898 p 4

Earl Veerhusen was an Ableman caller today.

On Monday – “Baraboo (WI) Weekly News” Thursday 4 Aug 1910 p 10

Trinity.

The Trinity church services began Christmas eve at 11:30 in which many took part. Sunday morning at the regular hour services were held as usual. The church was nicely decorated with evergreen, presenting a Christmas time appearance. The service consisted largely of music by the boy choir under the direction of Miss Olga Reinking, with Miss Lila North as organist. The choir consists of the following:

Virgil Roick, Donald Buehler, Clarence Butterfield, Ralph Compton, Robert Evenson, William Radtke, Robert Curry, Louis Melcher, Walter Kier, Arthur Peck, Willott Warren, Earl Veerhusen, Edwin Brewer, Wayland Kier, Burton Melcher, Karl Fisher, Paul Stewart, Osman Odekirk, Abbott Peck, Clayton Rodwell and Russell Williams, assisted by Harry Tudor, A. C. Withington, H. E. French, and C. F. Kindschi.

Many of the selections were difficult but with the excellent training the boys brought out the theme in a creditable manner. They prove that there is music in the boys under good training.

Several members of the Trinity Christmas choir will survive the sinking of Tuscania – “Baraboo (WI) Republic” Thursday 27 Dec 1910 p 4

Wayland Kier and Earl Veerhusen spent the day with Madison friends.

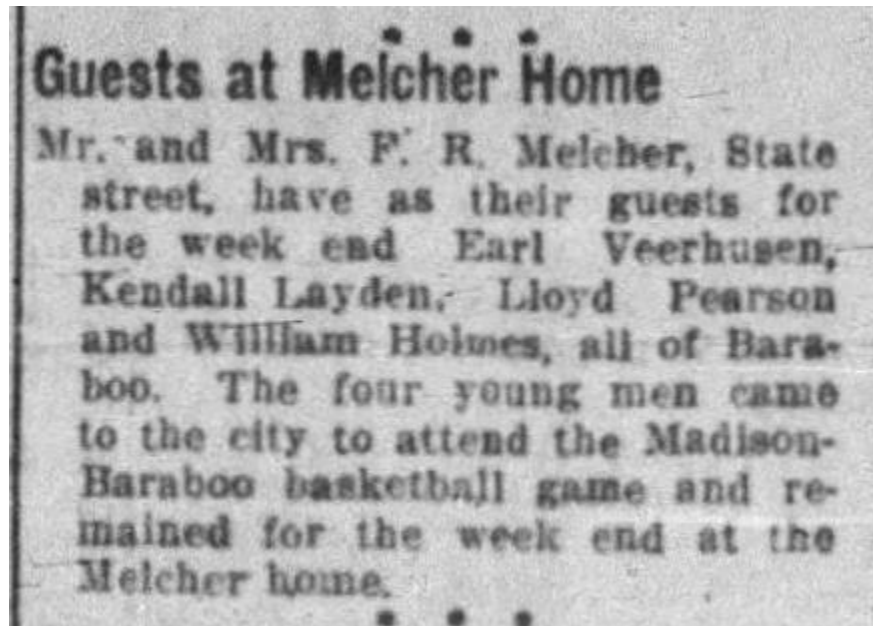
Both will sail on Tuscania – “Baraboo (WI) Republic” Thursday 31 Aug 1911 p 9

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Martyn and Earl Veerhusen went to Milwaukee this morning to spend a few days with relatives.

“Baraboo (WI) Republic” Thursday 4 Jan 1912 p 7

Earl Veerhusen left this morning for Milwaukee where he will spend a few days with relatives.

"Baraboo (WI) Republic" Thursday 7 Mar 1912 p 2



"Wisconsin State Journal" (Madison WI) Sunday 10 Jan 1915 p 6

CAST OF CHARACTERS FOR AMATEUR PLAY

At the Lyceum theatre on Tuesday and Wednesday of next week John B. Rogers will present "In Story Book Land" under the auspices of St. Margaret's Guild. This production is being put on by the same management that produced "Fi-Fi of the Toy Shop" that was so much enjoyed last year. The cast of characters and a synopsis of the play are given below:

Jean, aged ten—Lou Metcalf

Allan, aged twelve—Alton Cady
(Who wish they were in Story Book Land)

Their mother—Alva Messenger

Moon Beam, the Dream Fairy—Agnes Grotophorst

Mother Goose, who has a large family—Zelpha Meyers

Mistress Mary, keeper of the king's garden—Marie Layden

Marjorie Daw, who took first prize at a Beauty show, but they made her put it back—Maude Frazier

Tom, Tom, the Piper's son, in love with Mary—Walter Isenberg

Simple Simon, the king's gardner—Harry Lemay

Geraldine, a pet mule—Randall Herfort

Pieman—Earl Luder

Mr. Spratt, a mere husband—Mr. Cleveland

Mrs. Spratt—A woman with votes-to get—George Pelton

King's messenger—Earl Veerhusen

Bo-Peep, the king's shepherdess—Margaret Weber

King of Hearts, who has a propensity for boiling people—William Rowland

Queen of hearts, who is susceptible to flattery—Lucile Herrington

King Cole, with a merry disposition—Martin Arndt

Knave of Hearts, with a kleptomaniacal tendency—Harold Elkington

Mrs. Pumpkin Eater, who refuses to stay in her shell—Miss Briggs

Stephanie Schultz—Specialty dancer

[followed by a synopsis of the play]

"Baraboo (WI) News Review" Saturday 30 Jan 1915 p 8

TENNIS TOURNAMENT AT THE Y. M. C. A.

The Y. M. C. A. Tennis tournament is in full swing with much excitement and interest. Willott Warren holds the highest record so far. He captured another contest with William Holmes. Leo Frazer won from Glen Richards; this gives Leo a chance at Robert Evenson who won from Kinsley Stackhouse. A very close and long fought out game took place between Earl Veerhusen and Kendall Layden as both were quite evenly matched; Kendall winning the best two out of three as follows: 6-3, 6-3, 9-7.

The longest time game so far in the tournament was that between Lawrence Kaiser and Lester Harvey. It was puzzling till the last game as to who would win out. Lester was the winner in the end and won over Kaiser with the following score 6-2, 7-5, 0-0. The next close battle for Lester will be against the all star athlete Kendall Layden.

The contest between Arnold Braun and C. H. Copley was won by C. H. Copley in a close margin.

The quoit tournament is being played as follows: Page against Evenson, Layden against Curry, Stackhouse against Rev. Hall, Rev. Johnson against Anderson, Kaiser against Verhusen, and Johnston against Warren making 16 enteries in the quoit tournament. The winner of the tournament throws against the barred champion of the west. Mr. M. Mather be sure and see the finals.

"Baraboo (WI) News Republic" Thursday 9 Sep 1915 p 8

RED CROSS ENTERTAINMENT A SUCCESS

"Doing Our Bit," was done on large scale at the Al. Ringling Theatre Thursday night. The owners of the theatre donated the theatre to the local Red Cross, supplying also the regular equipment, which included the regular daily expenses, all but the cost of the films, which was taken out of the proceeds. The result is that the Red Cross is ahead \$500 or more. The house was well filled at the matinee in the afternoon and at both shows in the evening, many being turned away.

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Then came the 21 Baraboo boys
 came the twenty-one Baraboo boys
 who were on the Tuscania when it
 went down, but all were saved to go
 forward, to do the great task for hu-
 manity, in the same spirit and with as
 great courage as have the patriots in
 our other wars since the time of 1776:
 First Lieut. Paul L. Stewart, H. Q.
 Co. 107 Supply Train.
 First Seargt. Otto Arndt, E. Co. 107
 Supply Train.
 Sergt. George W. Hattle, H. Q. 107
 Supply Train.
 Sergt. Arthur Bender, E. Co. 107th.
 Supply Train.
 Sergt. Earl L. Powell, E. Co., 107th.
 Supply Train.
 Corp. Russell Brodie, E. Co. 107th.
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 Corp. Otto F. Bates, E. Co. 107th.
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 Corp. Edward W. Coughlin, E. Co.
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 Corp. Vernon A. Caisisch, E. Co. 107th
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 Corp. Herbert E. Steckenbauer, E.
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 Corp. Donald M. Duncan, E. Co., 107th,
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 Corp. Charles M. Kellogg, E. Co. 107
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 Corp. Richard Mahler, E. Co., 107th.
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 Corp. Ralph L. Sanderson, E. Co. 107
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 Corp. Earl W. Veerhusen, E. Co. 107
 Supply Train.
 Corp. James F. Bray, H. Q. Co. 107th.
 Supply Train.
 Private Wayland E. Kier, H. Q. 107th
 Supply Train.
 Private John T. O' Brien, H. Q. Co.
 107th. Supply Train.
 Private Clarence Braun, E. Co., 107th
 Supply Train.

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"Baraboo (WI) Republic" Thursday 7 Mar 1918 p 9

ATHLETIC BOARD ELECTS OFFICERS

The Athletic Association of the Baraboo High School elected officers and board of control at the high school yesterday. The following were chosen:

President—Earl Veerhusen.

Vice president—Lorraine Brewer.

Secretary—Rachel Fellows.

Treasurer—Frank Koons.

Board of Control: Seniors, Margaret Thompson, Lloyd Pearson, Frank Terry, M. Weber. Juniors: Willott Warren, Frank Bailey, E. Brownell. Sophomores: R. Evenson, Carl Marquette. Freshman: Coughlin.

The foot ball schedule for the coming season is as follows:

Sept. 25—Open.

Oct. 2—Portage, at Portage.

Oct. 9—Hillsboro, at Hillsboro.

Oct. 16—Madison, at Baraboo.

Oct. 23—Sparta, at Baraboo.

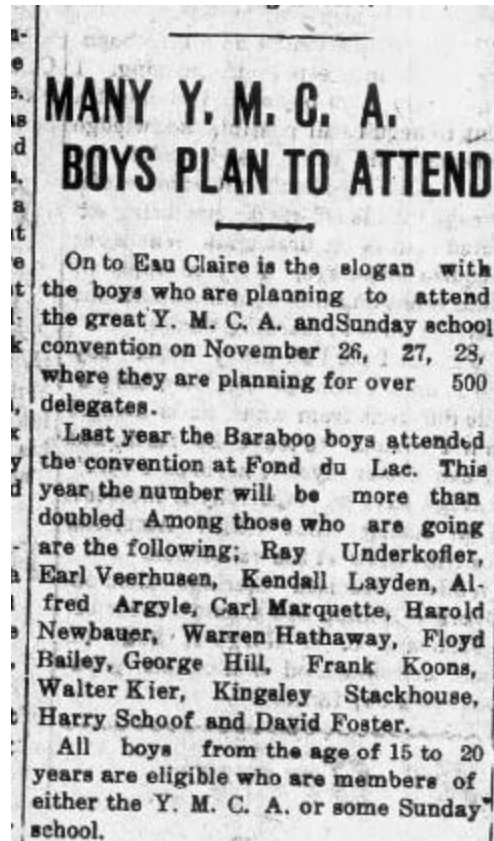
Oct. 30—Open.

Nov. 6—Reedsburg, at Reedsburg.

Nov. 13—Open.

Thanksgiving—Open.

"Baraboo (WI) Republic" Thursday 16 Sep 1915 p 7



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"Baraboo (WI) News Republic" Thursday 11 Nov 1915 p 2

THE CAPTAIN OF PLYMOUTH

Comic Opera Given by
Musical Organization at
High School Fine
Success.

The comic opera, "The Captain of Plymouth," which was given to a large house Friday evening was a credit to Mrs. Georgia Hyde of Madison, musical director of the city schools and her assistants. The pupils filled their respective places nicely and the audience as a whole, was well pleased. The part of Miles Standish was cleverly portrayed by Arthur Peck, who was a staunch admirer and imitator of Caesar. John Alden as represented by Carl Marquette was a lovable character and his love scenes and duets with the pretty Priscilla were much enjoyed. He was quite pathetic as he sang of his love for Priscilla and the loyalty of friendship. He proved a good wooer as well for his friend as for himself.

Earl Veerhusen as Elder Brewster was very pleasing with his splendid voice, which it was a pleasure to listen

to. His act with the two sailors, Floyd Bailey and Glen Hill was very good.

John Sprecher, as Erasmus, Miles' right hand bower, got into disgrace by kissing one of the shy puritan maidens, Mercy, which part was taken very gracefully and creditably by Miss Grace Hathaway, who made the hit of the evening in her hesitating answers when quizzed as to the kissing.

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"Baraboo (WI) News Republic" Saturday 15 Apr 1916 p 4

Mrs. E. J. Martin and daughter, Mrs. E. T. Ross, and Earl Veerhusen are visiting in Madison.

"Baraboo (WI) News Republic" Thursday 22 Jun 1916 p 4

Earl Veerhusen returned this morning to Milwaukee to resume his studies at the normal school.

"Baraboo (WI) News Republic" Monday 14 Aug 1916 p 3

HIGH SCHOOL PLAYERS ARE AWARDED HONORS

Yesterday afternoon at the high school the members of this year's Baraboo football team were awarded their B's for participation in the various games of the season. The presentation was made by Superintendent A. C. Kingsford, the conferring of the letter on each one honored being accompanied by a few appropriate remarks from Mr. Kingsford. The following young men received the award: Floyd Bailey, Earl Veerhusen, Ray Underkofler, George Pigg, Robert Evenson, Harlan Page, Ivan Cahoon, Albert Ayers, Harold Hawkins, Arthur Keifer, Charles Lusby, Frank Koons, George Schenk, William Zamzow, Eugene Terfy, Harold Hauptman and Lawrence Kaiser.

"Baraboo (WI) News Republic" Saturday 25 Nov 1916 p 1

FRIDAY PROGRAM AT HIGH SCHOOL

The following is the program for Friday afternoon at 1:30 at the high school. Parents and friends are invited:

Singing by the school.

• Christmas story, "Mickey's Christmas," written by Glen Hill; read by Viva Mulcahy.

Boys' and girls' chorus, directed by Miss Mac Arthur; accompanied by Alice Bates.

Russian dance by Alice Lord; accompanied by Mrs. Wilcox.

Boys' chorus, Christmas Carol; accompanied by Winifred Sayles.

Solo, Agnes Grotophorst; accompanied by Margaret Davenport.

School paper; read by Winnifred Sayles.

Male quartette, double number, "Silent Night," "The Light of Bethlehem," by Earl Veerhusen, Raymond Underkoffler, Floyd Bailey, George Hill; accompanied by Winnifred Sayles.

Christmas tree.

Earl Veerhusen entertained a number of the soldier boys of Company A at a 6 o'clock dinner in honor of Lloyd Hagen of Manitowoc, who is here visiting. The table decorations were the national colors.

"Baraboo (WI) News Republic" Monday 22 Jan 1917 p 4

Clarence Freising, Randall Herfort, Everett Tinkham, Tom Cullen and Earl Veerhusen returned to Camp Douglas this morning.

"Baraboo (WI) Republic" Thursday 27 Sep 1917 p 10

All From Baraboo On Tuscania Saved

Reports From the Lost Ones Come on Sunday Afternoon, Bringing to an End Days Suspense--113 Still Missing

On Sunday afternoon the intense tension in Baraboo homes was relieved when word came that all of the soldiers from here on the Tuscania had been saved. For several days cables had been coming through that certain ones were safe, and on Sunday a message came to Mr. and Mrs. Paul Cahoon that their son was all right, and this accounted for them all. The days had been ones of intense anxiety, and there was general rejoicing when the last report was received.

In addition to those already given, the following are reported rescued:

Arthur Francis Bender, Baraboo.
Wayland E. Kier, Baraboo.
Hale R. Tolieth, Kilbourn.
Otto Arndt, Baraboo.
James F. Bray, Baraboo.
Horace C. Cahoon, Baraboo.
Randall H. Herfort, Baraboo.
G. W. Hattle, Baraboo.
C. G. Jones, Kilbourn.
R. L. Mahler, Baraboo.
Earl Veerhusen, Baraboo.
A. H. Thayer, Reedsburg.
John O'Brien, Baraboo.

NO WORD FROM O'NEILL

"Baraboo (WI) News Republic" Monday 11 Feb 1918 p 11

Letter From John O'Brien

Mr. and Mrs. Nick Straus have received the following letter from their nephew, John O'Brien, who was on the Tuscania:

Dear Uncle and Aunt and All:

We are stationed in Ireland just for a day or so, and tomorrow we leave for England. I have had some experience since leaving the United States. You probably have read about the boat being sunk, in the papers. That is right, and we were all on it. We were hit in the Irish sea, and in about 400 feet of water, about 5:45 p. m., just after dark. J. Kier, Bray and two other boys of the headquarters company are together here, and Herfort. The rest of the Baraboo bunch I have not seen. I saw Earl Veerhusen after the boat had been torpedoed. It is a funny feeling, and it sure does hit. Boat sank in five hours and I was afloat in the ocean for about three hours in a life boat, and it sure was some cold. No hat or cap, gloves or overcoat.

no hat or cap, gloves or overcoat.

Went down a rope from the top of the boat down into the water and then in the last lifeboat down. It sure is a funny feeling standing on a boat that is gradually sinking.

Ireland is a handsome place, green grass all over, and the people are just fine. It has been raining for two days. Everything I had went down with the boat except the suit I have on. Have not seen Stewart since that night, as I saw him on a raft in the water paddling. The Major and Biff and Hattle I have not seen, but they are all scattered in different towns or where they were picked up.

I'm going to supper now, so will close, hoping to see you soon.

JOHN.

P. S. Will write tomorrow.

"Baraboo (WI) News Republic" Friday 1 Mar 1918 p 8

Letter From Earl Veerhusen

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Martyn of Milwaukee have received the following letter from their son, Earl Veerhusen, who was on the Tuscania:

Ireland, Feb. 9, 1918.

My Dear Folks:

We arrived here in Ireland Wednesday morning, February 6 at 4:00 o'clock. Our boat was sunk by a submarine, but most all were saved. The weather here is very rainy, but everything is nice and green just like spring. I don't know how long we will be here, but we don't expect to be

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very long. The people here are very nice, especially the English and the Irish soldiers. They give us tobacco and clothes to keep us warm. Tonight we are going to town to hear some singing, and they give us eats about 9 o'clock. We just got through having tea. They only drink tea here. An Irish soldier just came in and gave us a razor so we could shave. I am going to buy me a razor as soon as we get any money.

I saw an Englishman who came from the same part of England as you did.

Gee, it has been a long while since I have written any mail or received any mail. Well, I am feeling fine and getting heavy. I will be glad to hear how you all are. Send this letter to Hazel and I will write you both in a few days. I remain, your son,

CPL. EARL VEERHUSEN.

Truck Co. E, 107 supply train.

Q. M. C. A. E. F.

"Baraboo (WI) News Republic" Thursday 7 Mar 1918 p 1

Letters From Baraboo Boy

Mrs. E. T. Ross has received the following letters from her brother, Earl Veerhusen, which were forwarded her from her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Martyn, of Milwaukee:

February 12, 1918.

My Dear Folks:

I have arrived in England and am feeling fine. The weather is very wet, but not as wet here as in Ireland.

The people here are very nice; they try to do everything they can to make us comfortable.

You can sure tell that war is going on here. You never see a man unless he has a uniform on. There are not many British soldiers here now, because they are away in France or some other place fighting. Yesterday we saw a woman who was fireman on our train here to camp. They do all the work which they can possibly do.

Young boys and women do the men's work, and the young girls 8 and 9 stay at home and do the work and tend to the babies. I don't know how long we will be at this camp, but I would like to stay here a long while, it is so nice. I never saw such beautiful scenery as I saw yesterday—great big hills with green grass and cattle and sheep grazing upon them. The farmers are getting their fields ready to plant. Everything looks fine. We don't hear as

much news about the war as you people do in the states. Twice on our way we were given hot coffee and cakes. While we were in Ireland all we got was tea, and a big bowl of it four or five times a day. The people are sure glad to see American soldiers. We were the first American soldiers in Ireland and they wanted to know what America looks like. As soon as we get paid I am going to have a small picture taken and will send them

home.

You write as often as you can; you know we can't because they can't bother with so much mail. I will write again in a few days.

I remain, your son,

CPL. EARL VEERHUSEN.

Truck Co. E, 107th Supply Train.

American E. F., Q. M. C.

"Baraboo (WI) News Republic" Wednesday 13 Mar 1918 p 1

Earl Veerhusen Writes From France

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Martin, Milwaukee, have received the following letter from their son, Earl Veerhusen, who is in France:

American Exp. Forces.
March 15, 1918.

My Dear Folks:

Last night a bunch of Baraboo fellows came in from the states and they told me that everyone had me a dead one for a long while and also they had me in a hospital in Ireland. Well, I was not even near a hospital in Ireland. My name was sent in with the Milwaukee names. Curtis and Gibbons told me about that Sherman boy dying in Texas and what a big funeral they had for him in Baraboo. He said that the day of the funeral was the day they got the news of the "Tuscania" being sunk with the Bara-

boo boys on it. That must have been an awful sad day around Baraboo. Gibbons told me you were pretty sick when you heard about it and could not find my name! But I am safe and well and weigh 35 pounds more than I did when I enlisted. They told us that the government sent a telegram to all of our relatives if we were saved. Did you get one? I also sent a telegram to you; did you get that one?

We have not got paid yet, but the lieutenant bought me an auto-strop razor, a U. S. A. make just like I bought in Texas. It cost me 21 shillings, and will pay him for it as soon as we get paid. He got paid and he buys us tobacco and we will pay him back as soon as we get ours.

I will have them send another bond home as soon as it is paid up. Don't forget to take the coupon off and take it to the bank and get the interest for it in May. If you can get any papers that tell about the "Tuscania," send them to me so I can see just how the people felt in the states about it.

Well, don't worry about me, because I am just as safe over here as I would be at home.

Give my regards to all of the folks, and tell them I will write to them. I have written to all of them once, but maybe they did not all get them.

Love to all.

CPL. EARL VEERHUSEN.
Truck Co. E, 107th Supply Train.
American Expeditionary Forces.

"Baraboo (WI) News Republic" Saturday 13 Apr 1918 p 1

According to a letter received from Earl Veerhusen, now in France, in order for a parcel post package to be sent to a soldier abroad several things must be done. A list of what is wanted is prepared by the soldier, this is approved by his officer, the list is sent to America, and then placed in the box so the postal authorities can find it when the box is inspected in New York. Unless the list is in the box, it is not likely to be forwarded.

"Baraboo (WI) News Republic" Friday 3 May 1918 p 4

Helps in the Work

Mrs. E. T. Ross has received a letter from her brother, Corporal Earl Veerhusen, Truck Company E, 107th supply train, 32d division, A. E. F. The letter in part reads as follows:

Randall Herfort and I and another fellow have a back room upstairs in a farmer's house and we have just got through eating some cottage cheese she made yesterday, and home-made bread. They make great big loaves "over here," about the size of a big turtle. They look just like the shell of a big turtle. We had pay day and we sent to the town and got some canned pears, beans, etc. We can buy tobacco at this camp quarters. Our company mess kitchen is only a few steps from our room, so we don't have very far to go to eat. We have just as good things to eat as when we were in the states. Herfort and I sent a small French boy to the next town to see if he could get us any chocolate candy. He said they have it there once in a while.

have it there once in a while.

We are learning a great deal of French from this boy and the old folks. Yesterday I helped the woman and her daughter feed, and clean out the barn. They have lost one son in the war and the other one left yesterday for the front. So the girl and her mother have to do all the farm work.

An order came out today that we cannot receive any parcel post from

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the states unless we have all the articles signed for by an officer. The list must then be placed in the box that it may be found by the censor at New York. If the list is not in the box it will not be forwarded.

"Baraboo (WI) Weekly News" Thursday 9 May 1918 p 1 & p 12

The graduates of the Baraboo high school this year will be known as the war class, as stated at the Al. Ringling theatre on Monday night, when the diplomas were conferred. The class, liberty chorus, orchestra and speakers occupied the stage, the parents were in the boxes and the audience filled most of the main floor of the building. National colors and the high school service flag decorated the stage.

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THE DIPLOMAS

In introducing the class, Superintendent Kingsford said that George Weirich, Earl Veerhusen, Charles Kellogg, Cecil Kilmer, Dewey Armbruster and Ralph Ketchum, members of the class, are all now on the battle front in France. Mr. Kingsford said their experiences over there would in a way compensate for the time they missed from school.

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Graduates from Baraboo High School in absentia – "Baraboo (WI) News Republic" Thursday 4 Jun 1918 p 1

Earl Veerhusen has written some interesting things to Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Ross. He says that at times he is so busy driving a truck that he has not time to reach a place where regular meals are served. Sometimes he takes a can of fish or other eatables, ties the can to the exhaust pipe of the truck and when ready to eat the cooking has taken place. He mentions sardines as one of the things he eats on the fly. Life is filled with excitement and long days.

"Baraboo (WI) News Republic" Monday 26 Aug 1918 p 4

MORE NAMES ON THE HONOR ROLL

Since the publication of the list of names of those represented on the service flag given by local patriotic orders to the city, many other names have been sent to this office. The list is to include only those who went from Baraboo, not the town of Baraboo or Lyons. Since the committee has turned over the names and flag, it is requested that all names be sent to this office and they will be given to the proper persons. If a name has not appeared, please send at once by mail or telephone.

The following names have been sent to this office as having not appeared:

Clarence Braun	Boyd Ladd
Albert W. Blanck	Herman Lee
Mouton Brand	Ralph Martin
Charles Deiner	Eric Mertz
Thomas Collins	George Niles
Roy Case	Elger C. Pearson
Earl E. Faber	Charles Rich
Ben Getsman	Frank Stone
V. A. Gibbons	William Smith
Veo Gibbons	Earl W. Veerhusen
Philip Gibbons	Walter Steinfeld
Raymond Hiller	Russel Williams
William M. Hayes	Asa Walker
Herbert E. Leuck	Chas. E. Zantow
	Carl Zantow

"Baraboo (WI) News Republic" Thursday 27 Feb 1919 p 8

Mrs. E. J. Martin of Milwaukee is here for a short visit and to greet Earl Veerhusen, one of the Tuscania heroes. Mrs. Martin formerly resided in Baraboo.

"Baraboo (WI) News Republic" Monday 28 Apr 1919 p 4

Another lot of the Baraboo boys who were on the Tuscania and served through the world war, arrived at 7 o'clock train last evening. They were met at the station by the band and a large number of citizens. The family car in each case was drawn up and the boys were not long in being loaded into the car ready to start for home. The names of the boys are: Randall Herford, Edward Coughlin, Otto Bates, Earl Veerhusen and Russell Brodie.

"Baraboo (WI Republic)" Thursday 31 May 1919 p 5

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Martin and son, Earl Veerhusen, who have been visiting the former's daughter and family, Mrs. E. T. Ross, have returned to their home in Milwaukee.

"Baraboo (WI) Republic" Thursday 4 Dec 1919 p 2

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Martyn and son, Earl Veerhusen spent Thanksgiving with Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Ross of this city. Mr. and Mrs. Martyn and son now reside in Milwaukee. They formerly lived in this city.

"Baraboo (WI) Weekly News" Thursday 4 Dec 1919 p 5

Earl Veerhusen, formerly of Baraboo and now of Milwaukee, is spending a few days in Baraboo with friends and relatives. Mr. Veerhusen is associated with the Equitable Life Insurance company in the above city.

"Baraboo (WI) News Republic" Thursday 31 Mar 1921 p 4

Earl Veerhusen, a former resident of Baraboo, is recovering from an operation, having had his tonsils removed at a Milwaukee hospital.

"Baraboo (WI) News Republic" Monday 16 Jan 1922 p 4

Lest We Forget

Four years ago Sunday the Tuscania disaster occurred, when the ship was hit by a German torpedo, February 5, 1918 about six o'clock in the evening the Baraboo soldiers who were on board the ill-fated ship state they heard a crash that sounded as if the whole German army were ordered to fire beneath their ship. The Tuscania, it seemed, was then lifted out of the water and set in a different place. The Baraboo soldiers were assigned to various posts on the vessel to await the embarking of the lifeboats. The ship was sinking every minute. Many had already embarked and about 500, which included two Baraboo boys, were still on the ship when the rescuing destroyer came alongside and they were taken to safety.

Many lost their lives by diving into the ocean with lifebelts on and were unable to bring their heads out of the water being kept in the diving position by the belts.

Position of the Bells.

Baraboo soldiers to the number of 21 were on board the Tuscania and all were saved. The local soldiers who "changed bars", in the water off the coast of Ireland include: Paul L. Stewart, Otto Arndt, George W. Hattle, Arthur Bender, Earl L. Powell, Otto F. Bates, Horace C. Cahoon, Edward W. Coughlin, Vernon E. Calfisch, Herber E. Steckenbauer, Randall H. Herfort, Charles M. Kellogg, Richard L. Mahler, Ralph L. Sanderson, Earl W. Veerhusen, James F. Bray, Wayland E. Kier, John T. O'Brien, Clarence Braun; Donald Duncan and Russell Brodie deceased.

"Baraboo (WI) News Republic" Saturday 4 Feb 1922 p 1

Baraboo Men Aboard Tuscania Observe Tenth Anniversary Of Ship's Sinking, Sunday, Feb. 5

A group of eighteen Baraboo boys who were aboard the transport Tuscania at the time the ship was sunk off the Irish coast by a German torpedo on Feb. 5, 1918, will observe the anniversary of that event here on Sunday. At the time of the great disaster which occurred in the early days of America's entry into the World war, there were 21 Baraboo men on board. Of this number three have died, Donald Duncan dying of pneumonia overseas, Russell Brodie also succumbing to this disease after he had returned to this country, and Ralph Sanderson passing away during the past year in Texas, his death probably due to his war service.

The eighteen remaining men, nearly all of whom will be in Baraboo for the weekend to take part in the banquet and other events planned in observance of the anniversary, are: Paul L. Stewart, Otto Arndt, George W. Hattle of Beloit, Arthur Bender, Earl L. Powell, Otto P. Bates, Horace C. Cahoon of Kilbourn, Edward W. Coughlin, Vern-

on E. Caflisch, Herbert E. Steckenbauer, Randall H. Herfort, of Detroit, Charles M. Kellogg of Janesville, Richard L. Mahler of Maywood, Ill., Earl W. Veerhusen of Milwaukee, James F. Bray, Wayland E. Kier of Montana, John T. O'Brien of Milwaukee, and Clarence Braun.

There will no doubt be plenty of reminiscences when the "Boys of '18" get together once more, and most clearly in their memories will stand out that night of ten years ago when about six o'clock in the evening the terrific crash was heard. With the ship sinking every minute, the Baraboo soldiers were assigned to various posts to await their turn at the life boats. There still remained two of the local men on board ship when the rescuing destroyer came alongside and all remaining men were taken aboard to safety.

Many lost their lives by diving in to the ocean with life belts and is remarkable that out of the many drowned, every one of the Baraboo boys was saved.

Baraboo Boys Aboard Tuscania Hold Reunion

When a German torpedo sank the American transport, the Tuscania, off the coast of Ireland, Feb. 5, 1918, there were 21 Baraboo boys aboard. Comrades in that disaster in which all of the 21 local men escaped, the little group from Baraboo has been observing the anniversary annually since. While the number is no longer 21 and there are several vacant places in the group, Saturday of this week will see the boys, together with their invited guests, assembling at the American Legion hall.

The gathering is generally held on a Saturday night since it is possible for more of the out-of-town men to be here at that time, although the real anniversary of the sinking of the Tuscania does not occur until next Wednesday. Invitations have been sent to the following 18 guests of honor:

Paul L. Stewart, Otto Arndt, George W. Hattle of Beloit, Arthur Bender, Earl P. Powell, Otto F. Bates, Horace C. Cahoon of Kilbourn, Edward W. Coughlin, Vernon E. Caffisch, Herbert E. Steck-

enbauer, Randall H. Herfort, Charles M. Kellogg of Janesville, Richard L. Mahler of Maywood, Ill., Earl W. Veerhusen of Milwaukee, James F. Bray, Wayland E. Kier of Montana, John T. O'Brien of Milwaukee and Clarence Braun.

Vacant chairs will be those of Donald Duncan, who died of pneumonia overseas, Russell Brodie who died of the same disease after his return to this country, and Ralph Sanderson who passed away in 1928 in Texas, his death due to his war service.

It was only the past year that secrecy surrounding the sinking of the Tuscania was broken and a German officer revealed the name of the submarine which sank the transport with a loss of 200 American lives. This account, contained in a letter from the submarine commander sent to the historian of the Milwaukee Tuscania association, was read with great interest by the Baraboo boys, and made an interesting feature of last year's gathering.

Baraboo Tuscania Survivors Reunite

100 Attend Annual Meeting of Veterans at Legion Hall

BARABOO — About 100 Baraboo men gathered at the American Legion hall Saturday night to attend the annual reunion of "Baraboo's 21," the group of local boys who were aboard the Tuscania when the American transport was sunk off the Irish coast by a German U-boat on Feb. 5, 1918.

Those honored at the reunion Saturday night were Otto Arndt, Paul L. Stewart, George W. Hattle, Beloit; Arthur Bender, Earl L. Powell, Otto F. Bates, Horace C. Cahoon, Madison; E. W. Coughlin, Herbert Steckenbauer, Randall M. Herfort, Charles Kellogg, Janesville; Richard Mahler, Maywood, Ill.; Earl W. Veerhusen, Milwaukee; James F. Bray, Arthur H. Thayer, John T. O'Brien, Milwaukee, and Clarence Braun, Wayland Kier, who resides in Montana, could not be present.

Four of the original 21 in the group have passed away: Russell Brodie died of pneumonia on his return from over-seas; Donald Duncan died in France of influenza; Ralph Sanderson passed away in Texas three years ago, and Vernon E. Caffisch died in Baraboo a year ago.

This was the fifth annual reunion which the Baraboo boys have held.

Survivors Of Tuscania To Hold Reunion

This week-end will see the observance of the fourteenth anniversary of the sinking of the Tuscania, an event which is annually marked by a reunion of the 21 Baraboo boys aboard.

Five Baraboo men motored to Milwaukee this morning to attend the annual state reunion of the Tuscania survivors. They are Otto Arndt, James Bray, Horace Cahoon, H. L. Steckenbauer and Edward Coughlin. The men will attend the meeting there this evening and return here for the local reunion Saturday evening, other Baraboo boys who are now residing away from here accompanying them home for the occasion.

As usual, invitations have been issued to a number of other Baraboo men to be present at the reunion held here at the Legion hall. Baraboo was among the first places to observe the anniversary and it is only in the past few years that a state organization has grown up.

Baraboo's 21 survivors were Paul M. L. Stewart, Otto Arndt, George W. Hattle, Arthur Bender, Earl L. Powell, Otto F. Bates, Horace C. Cahoon, Edward W. Coughlin, Vernon E. Caffisch (deceased), Herbert E. Steckenbauer, Randall H. Herfort, Charles M. Kellogg, Richard L. Mahler, Ralph L. Sanderson (deceased), Earl W. Veerhusen, James F. Bray, Wayland E. Kier, John T. O'Brien, Clarence Braun, Donald Duncan (deceased), and Russell Brodie (deceased). The group has also been joined by A. H. Thayer who moved here from Reedsburg.

Left: "Wisconsin State Journal" Tuesday 10 Feb 1931 p 10 and right: "Baraboo (WI) News Republic" Friday 5 Feb 1932 p 1

Earl W. Veerhusen of Milwaukee and Charles Kellogg of Janesville are among the first out-of-town arrivals for the reunion of "Baraboo's 21" to be held here tonight. Ever since these reunions on the anniversary of the sinking of the Tuscania have been held, these two have made it a point to be in Baraboo where they formerly resided. Others expected from away for the event are George W. Hattle of Beloit, Horace C. Cahoon of Madison, and Richard L. Mahler of Maywood, Ill. A group of Milwaukee men, including officers of the state Tuscania survivors' group, are also expected to attend.

"Baraboo (WI) News Republic" Saturday 6 Feb 1932 p 4

The 15 men who now compose Baraboo's Tuscania Survivors are a Otto Arndt, who is now Sauk county register of deeds; Paul L. Stewart of Baraboo, last year elected secretary of the national group; Earl L. Powell, who now resides at Wisconsin Rapids; Edward W. Coughlin, last year elected treasurer of the national association; Otto F. Bates of Baraboo; Horace C. Cahoon, who resides at Wisconsin Dells; Herbert E. Steckenbauer of Baraboo; Randall H. Herfort of Baraboo; Charles M. Kellogg of Janesville; Richard Mahler of Maywood, Ill.; Earl W. Veerhusen of Milwaukee; James F. Bray, who at the 1934 convention was elected national president; Wayland E. Kier, who lives in Lewiston, Montana; John T. O'Brien, Chicago and Clarence Braun, Baraboo.

Although they have lost in membership, the group has gained one member, for Arthur H. Thayer, although he enlisted from Reedsburg, is now residing in Baraboo and joins the local group in its annual gathering each year.

"Baraboo (WI) News Republic" Tuesday 5 Feb 1935 p 6

Mrs. E. I. Ross has received word that her brother, Earl Veerhusen, is much improved from a critical illness at the Veterans' hospital at Wood, Wis. Her husband, who had been seriously ill at St. Mary's-Ringling hospital, is also improving.

"Madison Capital Times" Thursday 9 Oct 1941 p 10

Friends of Earl Veerhusen of Milwaukee will be glad to hear that he has recuperated from his recent illness which confined him to the veterans' hospital at Wood, Wis. Mr. Veerhusen and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Martyn, also of Milwaukee, were here to spend the week-end with the Martyn's daughter, Mrs. E. T. Ross, and family.

"Baraboo (WI) News Republic" Wednesday 10 Dec 1941 p 4

Tuscania Sidelights

Earl Veerhusen, Milwaukee, recalled with distaste that he was in his bunk on the ship when the torpedoes hit. He sat up so suddenly he banged his head painfully on the bunk above. What was so distasteful to him was the memory of the "rabbit stew" the men had eaten for supper. It was not, he said pointedly, the best rabbit stew he has eaten.

At the National Tuscania Survivors Association meeting - "Wisconsin Rapids (WI) Daily Tribune Monday 9 Feb 1942 p 10 - <https://www.newspapers.com/image/243278266/>

Mr. and Mrs. Clem Sharafinski and Earl Veerhusen of Milwaukee were weekend visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Ross. On Sunday, all went to Belvidere, Ill., where they spent the day at the home of Mr. Ross' sister, Mrs. Alfred Gamlin.

"Baraboo (WI) News Republic" Monday 24 Oct 1949 p 4

Lions Honor Baraboo High "Champions"

About 100 persons turned out ~~at the 12:15 meeting~~ sponsored by the Baraboo Lions club honoring Baraboo high school cage teams of 1916 and 1950-51.

The 1916 state champs attending were Dr. F. R. Dipple, Manager Earl Veerhusen, Lawrence Kaiser, Coach Edgar Rosenthal, Frank Terry, Willott Warren, John Sprecher, and Kendall Layden. Otto Ritzenthaler, Frank Koons, Floyd Bailey, and Lloyd Pearson were unable to attend.

Members of the 1950-51 Southern Ten champs and participants in the WIAA finals were Bobby Jackson, Rex Ziemke, Jim Schilstra, Jim Isenberg, Bob Liegel, Fred Brand, Clayton Jackson, Marland Weinke, Jim Edwards, Ralph Schultz, Garry Meyers, Jerry Knerr, Coach William Leidholdt, and Manager Charles Grosinske.

The guest speaker of the night was "Bud" Foster of the University of Wisconsin. Foster spoke about the past cage season for the Badgers and the prospects for the future. Foster also congratulated Baraboo on its fine 1950-51 showing and said the boys shouldn't feel badly about its play in the WIAA finals.

After speaking, Foster showed movies of Badger games with Ohio, Northwestern, and Illinois.

"Baraboo (WI) News Republic" Tuesday 10 Apr 1951 p 1

Father:

A Narrow Escape.

This morning, Walter Veerhusen and William Bernard went out on Lake Mendota in their ice-boat. When sailing about a quarter of a mile from the shore, nearly opposite the "old castle," in the 2d ward, one runner cut into the ice, which in that place was becoming thinner each foot away from the shore. As the boat was running very swiftly before the wind when the runner cut the ice, the sudden veering of the boat in consequence threw Bernard off on his face with great force. He was also dragged some little distance. At this juncture the ice broke in with the weight of the boat and Bernard, somewhat stunned by the shock, went into the water, though still hanging onto the boat.

Feeling the ice giving way under the boat and thinking that with the weight of both boys the boat would soon break through unless lightened, Veerhusen, seeing his companion was conscious, left the boat and started for the shore for help. Arriving, he went to the residence of F. S. Giddings and secured the help of one of Mr. Giddings' sons. The two took a row boat, run it out on the ice to where the ice boat lay, and, by working carefully, succeeded in reaching Bernard and getting him into the boat without further accident. He was quickly taken to the shore and into Mr. Giddings' residence, where willing hands soon had the al-

most exhausted young man stripped and in hot blankets. Dr. Favill was sent for and under his care Bernard was soon able to be taken to his home, 624 East Gorham street.

Bernard was in the water for nearly an hour and was chilled through when rescued, besides suffering from several cuts in his face, one being on his forehead and another on his chin.

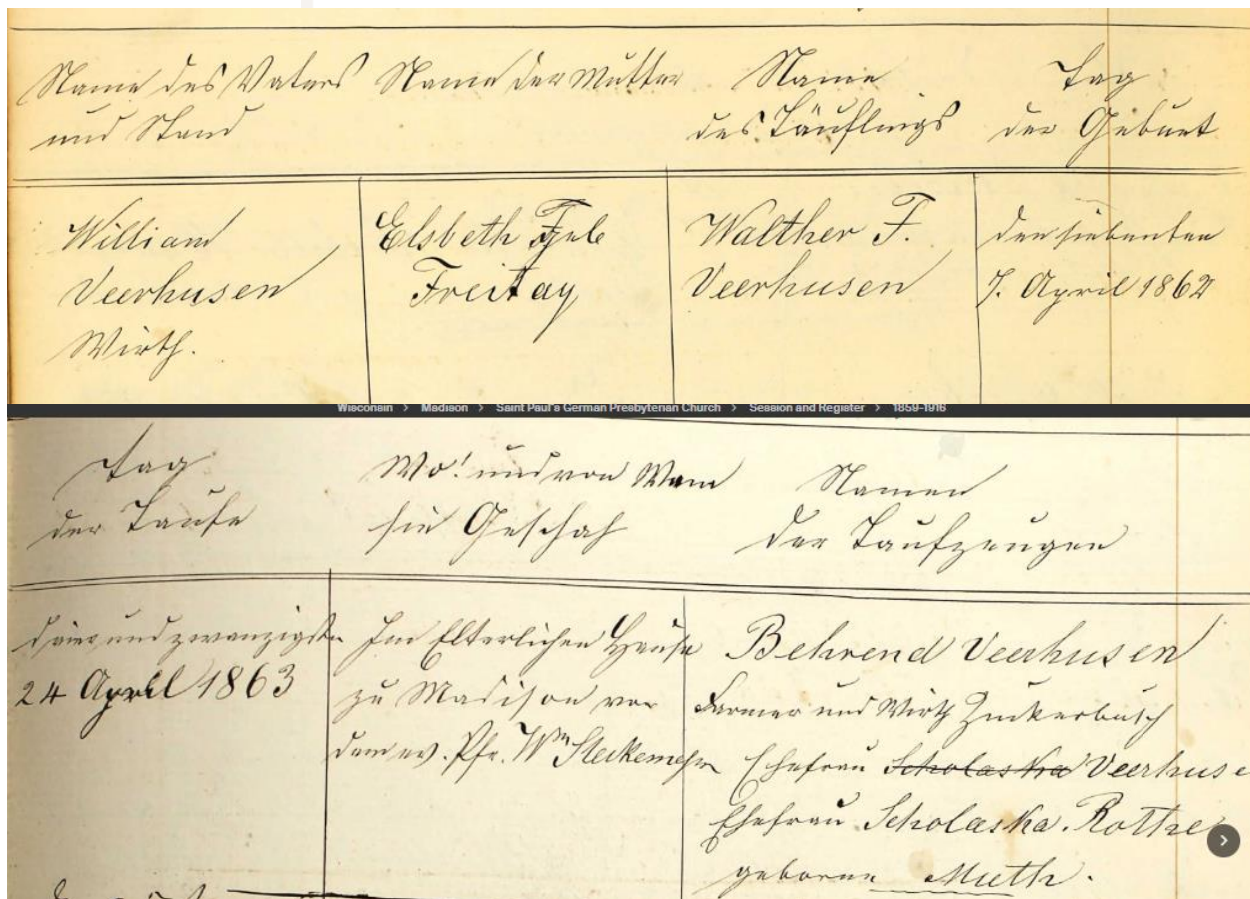
It was a narrow escape and the boys may consider themselves in luck that they fared no worse. Where the accident occurred was near the open water in the lake, the boys having ventured farther than safety would allow.

The political economy class at the state university witnessed the accident, and before Prof. Parkinson was conscious of the situation he was talking free trade to empty benches, his students having rushed down to the lake shore in the hope of rendering some assistance. It is unnecessary to state that even after the ice-boaters were safely landed on terra firma the class did not get back to the class room till after the recitation hour was over.

Walther F. Veerhusen

in the U.S., Presbyterian Church Records, 1701-1970

Name	Walther F. Veerhusen
Baptism Age	1
Event Type	Baptism
Birth Date	7 Apr 1862
Baptism Date	24 Apr 1863
Baptism Place	Madison, Wisconsin, USA
Church	Saint Paul's German Presbyterian Church
Father	William Veerhusen
Mother	Elisbeth Veerhusen



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Mother:

Walter Veerhusen

in the Milwaukee, Wisconsin, U.S., Marriages, 1838-1911

Name	Walter Veerhusen
Gender	Male
Race	White
Record Type	Marriage
Birth Place	Madison, Wisconsin
Marriage Date	22 Feb 1895
Marriage Place	Milwaukee, Wisconsin, USA
Father	William Veerhusen
Mother	Elsa Friday
Spouse	Hulda Hyer
Certificate Number	2113

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1. Full name of husband Halter Vachusen
2. Full name of the father of husband William Vachusen
3. Full name of the mother of husband (a) Ella Friday
4. Occupation of husband Barbering
5. Residence of husband Milwaukee Wis
6. Birthplace of husband Madison Wis
7. Full name of wife previous to marriage Kouddal Hoyer
8. Full name of the father of wife Fredrick Hoyer
9. Full name of the mother of wife (a) Louisa Hoyer
10. Birthplace of wife Madison Wis
11. Time when marriage was contracted February 22 - 1895
12. The place, town or township, and county Milwaukee Wis
where the marriage was contracted
13. The color of the parties (b) White
14. By what ceremony contracted —
15. Names of subscribing witnesses: Laura J. Giffen
Fred T. Giffen

I HEREBY CERTIFY, That the foregoing marriage was solemnized by me on the day above named, and that the above is a true return of said marriage and of the other facts there recorded.

Dated at Milwaukee
Milwaukee County, Name (c) Theodore Giffen
Wisconsin, this 1 day July, 1895

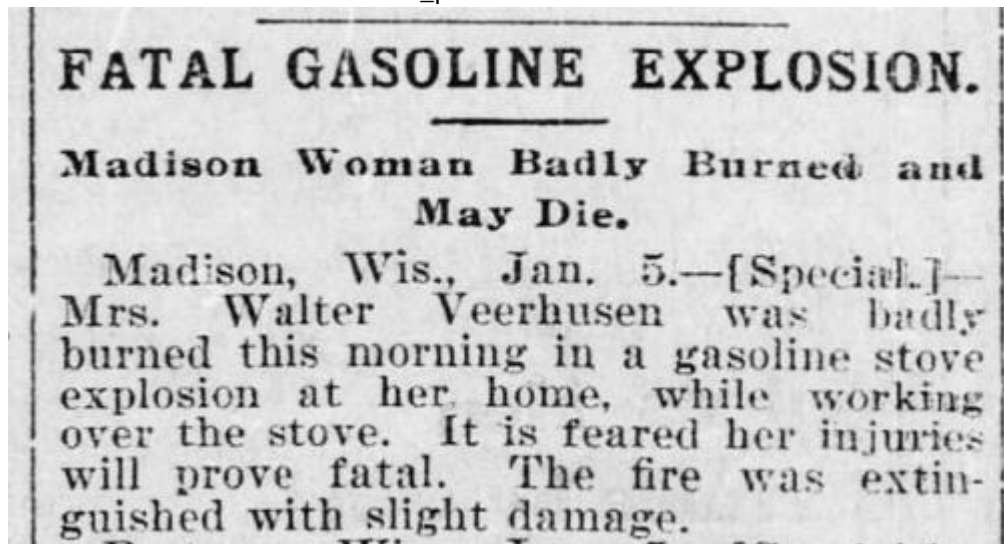
Title of clergyman, officers or other person pronouncing marriage: Congregational Chaplain
Residence Milwaukee Milwaukee County, Wisconsin

NOTE—(a) Give full name, previous to marriage. (b) State the color so distinctly that the race also may be understood, as White, Black, Mulatto, Indian, Mixed White and Indian, etc. (c) The person pronouncing marriage should sign here.

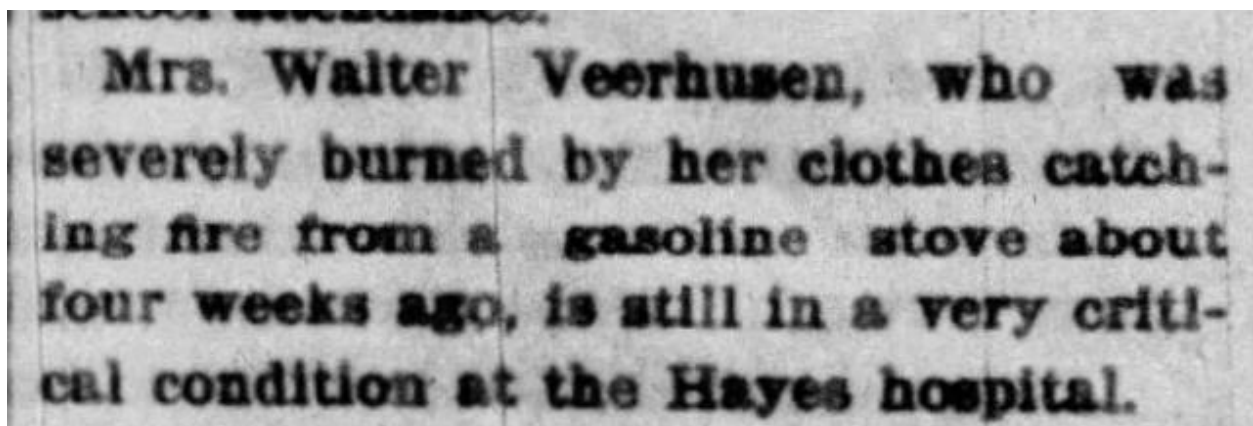
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Theodore Giffen Register.

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"Watertown (WI) News" Tuesday 9 Jan 1900 p 6



"Wisconsin State Journal" (Madison WI) Wednesday 31 Jan 1900 p 8

Death of Mrs. Veerhusen

Mrs. Walter Veerhusen, the victim of fire from a gasoline stove, nearly a month ago, died at the Hayes hospital about 3 o'clock this morning. The nurses and the kind women of the city who had visited the hospital during the past few weeks and who had been as ministering angels, say they never before witnessed such excruciating suffering. The miseries of the poor victim were heartrendering. It was a relief, truly, to those around the bed when death came and took the mother and her six months child to everlasting rest.

Mrs. Veerhusen leaves a husband, a three-year old child, an aged mother and four or five sisters, one residing at 817 Williamson street, the others in various portions of the state. The funeral will occur from the home of the sister, Mrs. A. J. Stone, 817 Williamson street, at 2 o'clock Monday afternoon.

The death of mother Hulda & a 6-month-old child – “Wisconsin State Journal” Saturday 3 Feb 1900 p 1 – Was she 6 months pregnant, instead of having a 6-month-old baby who died on the same day she did, from the same explosion, which is not mentioned elsewhere? The surviving 3-year-old was son Earl.

Burns Prove Fatal.

Madison, Wis., Feb. 3.—[Special.]—Mrs. Walter Veerhusen, who was badly burned a few weeks ago, her dress catching fire from a gasoline stove, died this morning at the Hayes hospital.

“Watertown (WI) News” Tuesday 6 Feb 1900 p 6

Foster father/uncle:

E. J. Martyn Dies Today

Edward J. Martyn, 85, passed away about ten o'clock this morning at St. Mary's-Ringling hospital. Mr. Martyn had suffered a stroke at his home in Milwaukee and was brought here by ambulance a week ago Friday, his condition having since been critical.

He was born in England and was for many years a resident of Baraboo, going to Milwaukee to live about 30 years ago. He was a retired engineer of the Chicago & North Western railroad.

Mrs. Martyn had passed away three years ago and he is survived by one daughter, Mrs. E. T. Ross, Baraboo, and one son, Earl Veerhusen, with whom he made his home in Milwaukee. Also surviving him are two granddaughters, Mrs. Betty Schmalz, Prairie du Sac, and Miss Irene Ross, Milwaukee.

The body is at the Scheible funeral home.

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Edward J. Martyn

BARABOO—Edward J. Martyn, 85, retired North Western road engineer, died Tuesday at a Baraboo hospital. Martyn had sustained a stroke at his Milwaukee home 10 days ago and was brought to the hospital by ambulance.

Born in England, he had lived in Baraboo most of his life, going to Milwaukee to live about 30 years ago.

Martyn is survived by a daughter, Mrs. E. T. Ross, Baraboo, and a son, Earl Veerhusen, with whom he lived in Milwaukee. His wife

died three years ago.

The body was taken to the Scheible funeral home.

Obituary of Edward J. Martyn – “Wisconsin State Journal” (Madison WI) Wednesday 2 Jun 1948 p 3

Foster mother/aunt:

Mrs. Martyn Rites

BARABOO — The funeral of Mrs. E. J. Martyn, 77, Milwaukee, will be held at the McGann funeral home at 2 p. m. Thursday with the Rev. George F. Schiffmayer of Trinity Episcopal church officiating. Burial will be in Walnut Hill cemetery.

Mrs. Martyn died Monday at her Milwaukee home after a long illness. She was born in Madison and had spent many years here until 1919, when she and her husband, a railway engineer, moved to Milwaukee.

She is survived by her husband; a daughter, Mrs. E. T. Ross, Baraboo; a son, Earl Veerhusen, Milwaukee, and a sister, Mrs. Vosberg, Milwaukee.

Obituary of Emma Hyer Martyn – Earl is listed as her son - “Wisconsin State Journal” (Madison WI) Wednesday 14 Nov 1945 p. 4

Engagement, - but apparently no marriage

Mrs. E. T. Ross of Baraboo has received word of the engagement of Miss Clare Hoffman of Milwaukee to her cousin, Earl Veerhusen also of Milwaukee. Mr. Veerhusen is well known in Baraboo, being a former student of the high school and a member of Co. G., Baraboo. Miss Hoffman also is known in Baraboo having been a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Ross several times in the last few years.

“Madison Capital Times” Wednesday 19 Nov 1924 p 11

Mrs. E. Hoffman of Milwaukee has announced the engagement of her daughter Clare to Earl W. Veerhusen, Milwaukee. Mr. Veerhusen is a former resident of Baraboo, making his home with Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Martyn and attending the Baraboo high school. Miss Hoffman has visited Baraboo several times as a guest of Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Ross.

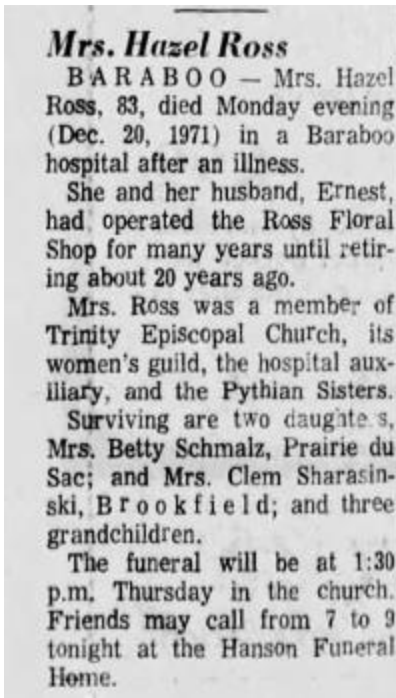
"Wisconsin State Journal" Wednesday 19 Nov 1924 p 17

Sibling:

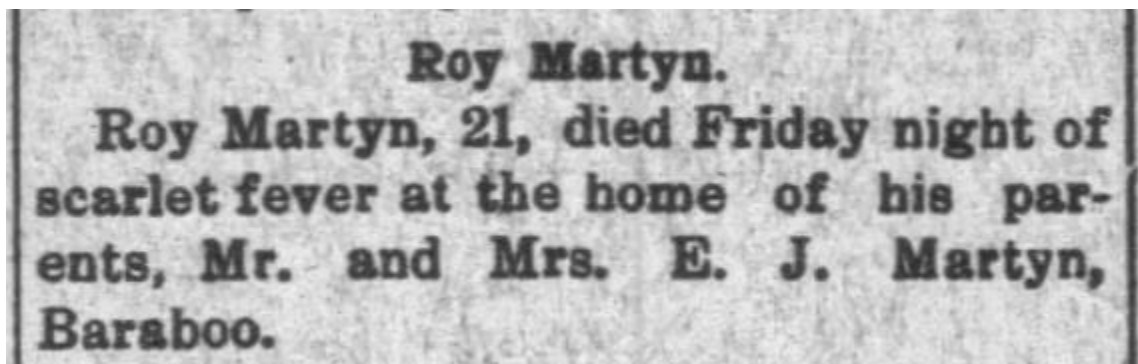
10. Veerhusen, Olive	3 Juli 1895	Walter Veerhusen	Oskar Biederstadt
Hulda	4 Oct 1896	Hulda Hoyer	

Baptism of Olive Hulda Veerhusen on 4 Oct 1896 in St. Paul's German Presbyterian Church, Madison, Dane WI – born 3 Jul 1895 - https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/150578941:61048?tid=&pid=&queryId=7c218e590546c055b1511e4e21222803&_phsrc=hFB64729&_phstart=successSource

Foster siblings/cousins:



Obituary of cousin Hazel H. Martyn Ross (1888-1971) – “Madison (WI) Capital Times” Wednesday 22 Dec 1971 p 3



Death of Roy Martyn on 12 Apr 1912 in Baraboo, Sauk WI – “Portage (WI) Daily Democrat” Monday 15 Apr 1912 p 3

SUDDEN DEATH OF YOUNG MAN

Roy Martyn Succumbs to
Scarlet Fever Friday
Night.

(From Saturday's Daily.)

The news of the death of Roy Martyn, which occurred last night, came as a shock to his many friends in this city. Mr. Martyn had been ill but a few days and his death was due to malignant scarlet fever.

Last Tuesday he was taken ill with a sore throat in Chicago and a physician was summoned. On Thursday his mother, Mrs. E. J. Martyn, received word that he was seriously ill and she intended to go to Chicago on the afternoon train. Later in the day she received another telegram stating that he was better and that he would be able to return home during the night. He came home alone Thursday night on train No. 511, riding in an ordinary coach. When he arrived here he was very weak, having taken more cold and the ride being too much of a strain for him.

A local physician was summoned who pronounced it scarlet fever and said the young man was in a serious condition. The home was quarantined yesterday morning.

yesterday morning.

Death came about 10:30 o'clock last night. Besides his parents, Engineer and Mrs. E. J. Martyn, 114 First avenue, he leaves one sister, Miss Hazel Martyn, and one brother, Earl. He was 21 years old and has always lived here. Roy was a favorite among the young people of this city and his death is keenly felt. He had been braking on passenger trains on the Northwestern for about a year.

The body was taken to the cemetery at 10 o'clock this morning accompanied by the funeral director, C. A. Graham, of the E. S. Johnston furniture store. Rev. C. A. Wilson and Louis Brandt, Orriel Philbrick and Ernest Ross, who acted as pall bearers. Rev. Wilson delivered a prayer and short service at the grave.

The case is similar to that of a young man who came from Dakota to his home near Plain during the cold weather last winter. When he reached the end of his journey he became so ill that he died in a very short time. At Spring Green and along the way a number of persons were exposed to the disease.

Obituary of Roy Martyn, noting his surviving brother Earl – "Baraboo (WI) Weekly Times" Thursday 18 Apr 1912 p 1

BOARD OF HEALTH WILL INVESTIGATE

An effort will be made to ascertain the name of the Chicago physician who permitted Roy Martyn to come to Baraboo when fatally ill with scarlet fever. It will be recalled that he died a few hours after reaching home and evidently the physician in Chicago should not have permitted him to leave the city. In case the physician cannot be found an effort will be made to locate the nurse and the whole matter may be laid before the state board of health. It is a serious matter for a physician to permit a person to leave home when ill with a contagious disease.

"Baraboo (WI) Weekly News" Thursday 18 Apr 1912 p 8

Abbreviations:

b = born

d = died

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

NOK = next-of-kin

Name: Earl Walter Veerhusen

Name variations:

Military:

On Tuscania: 107th Supply Co. E - corporal

Serial number: 251,237

Entered service from: Milwaukee, Milwaukee WI
 Sailed on "Tuscania" as: Earl Walter Veerhusen
 Next-of-kin on "Tuscania": uncle Ed. J. Martyn, 490 Greenbush St., Milwaukee WI
 Returned from war on: "Winifredian" Apr 1919
 Sailed on return ship as: Earl W. Veerhusen
 Next-of-kin on return ship & rank: aunt Mrs. Emma Martyn, 351 Scott St., Milwaukee WI (cpl, Co. F, 101st Supply Train)

World War I draft registration (1917):
 National Tuscania Survivors Association (1939): 915 W. Washington St., Milwaukee WI
 World War II draft registration (1942): as Earl Walter Veerhusen – b. 5 Mar 1898 Madison WI; res: 915 W. Washington St., Madison WI. NOK Mrs. Emma Martyn, same address.
 Employed by City of Milwaukee, City Hall, Milwaukee WI. Height: 6' – 208 lbs.

Veterans Administration Military Index:
 Enlisted: 15 Jul 1917
 Discharged: 28 Apr 1919
 Address: 351 Scott St., Milwaukee WI
 Rank/unit: corporal, Co. F, 101st Supply Train

Birth & death:

Born: 5 Mar 1898 Madison, Dane WI
 Died: 19 May 1952 Madison, Dane WI (in a Madison WI hospital)
 Find A Grave record: 70423421 – presence on Tuscania indicated in text & flower
 Burial location: Baraboo, Sauk WI
 Cemetery: Walnut Hill
 Tombstone:

Father: Walter Veerhusen.
 Son of William Veerhusen (1823 Germany -1888 WI, F: 86588457) & Elsbeth Freitag (Friday) (1834 Switzerland – 1896, F: 86588442).
 His parents seemed to have tried to name a son Walter approximately 3 times. There is the Walter F. Veerhusen who shares a tombstone with his father (11 Jun 1861-7 Nov 1863, F: 86588456). A Walter born 7 Apr 1862 was baptized 24 Apr 1863. In the 1870 census (conducted 12 Jul 1870), there is a 2-month-old Walter.
 Resident of Madison, Dane WI in the 1870 & 1880 censuses.
 In his father's obituary (Mar 1888), Walter is listed as a surviving son.
 In the 1888 Madison WI city directory, Walter Veerhusen resides at 605 E. Gorham, as does Elspeth Veerhusen (a student) & Elspeth Veerhusen (widow of William Veerhusen).
 In the 1900 census, Walter, age 29, was a widower, living in the State Hospital for the Insane, Westport, Milwaukee Co. WI.
 Might he be the Walter Veerhusen, 38 WI, single, father b. Germany, mother b. Switzerland, a quartz miner in Wells, Elko NV, a lodger?
 Might he be the Walter Veerhusen noted in the 1914 & 1916 San Francisco CA city directories?
 Find A Grave:

Mother: Hulda Helen Hyer/Heyer/Heier Veerhusen, 1871 WI - 3 Feb 1900 Madison, Dane WI from burns incurred on 5 Jan 1900 when her dress caught fire from a gasoline stove. Birth surname spelled Heier on WI death record - spelled Hyer on her marriage record (viewed index, not the original) - also found as Heyer (1880 census).

Daughter of Fredrick & Louisa Hyer.

Buried with daughter Olive.

Find A Grave: 86588448

Parents' marriage: 22 Feb 1895 Milwaukee, Milwaukee WI

Foster parents:

Edward Martyn, 1862 England – 1 Jun 1948 Baraboo, Sauk WI. Buried in Walnut Hill Cemetery, Baraboo, Sauk WI. F: 68091272

Emma Hyer Martin, 1868 Madison, Dane WI – 12 Nov 1945 Milwaukee, Milwaukee WI. Daughter of Louisa Hyer. The sister of Hulda Hyer Veerhusen, Earl's mother. Buried in Walnut Hill Cemetery, Baraboo, Sauk WI. F: 68091273

Emma Hyer Martyn, 1868 Madison, Dane WI – 12 Nov 1945 Milwaukee, Milwaukee WI. Buried in Walnut Hill Cemetery, Baraboo, Sauk WI. F: 8091273

Spouse:

Spouse Find A Grave:

Marriage:

Children:

Sibling:

- Olive Veerhusen, 3 Jul 1895 Milwaukee, Milwaukee WI – 5 Oct 1896 WI. Baptized 4 Oct 1896 in St. Paul's German Presbyterian Church, Madison WI. Buried in Walnut Hill Cemetery, Madison Dane WI. F: 86588453

Cousins/foster siblings: the children of Edward Martyn & his mother's sister Emma Hyer:

- Hazel H. Martyn Ross, 4 Jun 1888 WI – 20 Dec 1971 Baraboo, Sauk WI. Wife of Ernest Thomas Ross (1884-1952, F: 154086157). Resident of Baraboo, Sauk WI in May 1952 when Earl died. Buried in Walnut Hill Cemetery, Baraboo, Sauk WI. F: 154084390
- Roy Martyn, 1889 – 12 Apr 1912 Baraboo, Sauk WI. Died of scarlet fever at the home of his parents. Buried in Walnut Hill Cemetery, Baraboo, Sauk WI. F: 68091274

Notes:

The Veerhusen saloon in Madison burns down Dec 1857 & also in 1879. Operated by William Veerhusen.

“Madison (WI) Capital Times” 11 Jun 1919 p 4 – in Madison 87 years ago, a lager beer saloon on the square was owned by William Veerhusen, father of the late Herman Veerhusen of the clothing firm, Olson & Veerhusen.

Obituary of Louisa Hyer d. 17 Mar 1908 F:86449198

“Wisconsin State Journal” 17 Mar 1908 p 6

Mrs. Frederick Hyer, resident of Madison the past 14 years, died from a stroke of paralysis at the home of her daughter, Mrs. E.J. Martyn, of Baraboo WI at age 80.

Survived by 6 daughters:

Mrs. George McWatters (Lena, F:86643114)

Mrs. Charles Vosburg

Mrs. Charles Gillette

Mrs. Frank Carpenter (Milwaukee)

Mrs. Alfred Stone (Clara, F:86033530, Madison)

Mrs. E.J. Martyn (Emma, F: 68091273, Baraboo)

In 1910-1940 censuses, living in Milwaukee with uncle Edward John Martyn & his wife, Emma C. (Heyer/Hyer) Martyn, Earl's mother's sister. Earl is buried with the Martyns. Emma Hyer Martyn is the sister of Earl's mother Hulda Helen Hyer Veerhusen

Pre-war:

Wartime:

Post-war:

Obituary:

Social Security number:

Censuses:

1870 census Madison WI

Fred, age 45, b. Prussia [Fred also listed as Fritz]

Louisa, age 44, b. Prussia

Lena, age 14 WI (later McWatters)

Bertha, age 12 WI

Henrietta, age 8 WI

Clara, age 6 WI (later Mrs. Alfred J. Stone)

Eda, age 5 WI

Emma, age 3 WI [later Martyn]

Earl's mother Hulda is born the following year [1871]

1900 Madison, Dane WI – State Hospital for the Insane – conducted 2 Jun 1900 – his father – his mother had died 3 Feb 1900

Walter Veerhusen, 29 WI, widowed, saloon keeper by occupation

1900 cannot locate Earl Veerhusen

1905 WI state census – Baraboo, Sauk WI – Earl has surname Martin

Ed J. Veerhusen, 39 England, parents b. England, railway engineer

Emma, 33 WI, parents b. Germany [wife]

Hazel, 17 WI, clerk, father b. England, mother b. WI, student [daughter]

Earl, 6 WI, father b. England, mother b. WI, student [son]

1910 Baraboo, Sauk WI

Edward J. Martyn, 47 England, parents b. England, married 23 years, emigrated 1883, naturalized, engineer, locomotive

Emma K. Martin, 41 Wi, parents b. Germany, gave birth to 2 children, 2 are living [wife]

Hazel H. Martin, 21 WI, single, father b. England, mother b. Germany, saleswoman, dry-goods [daughter]

Earl F. Veerhusen, 12 Wi, parents b. WI [nephew]

1920 Milwaukee, Milwaukee WI – 351 Scott St.

Edward J. Martyn, 56 England, parents b. England, emigrated 1881, naturalized, locomotive engineer, steam railroad

Emma Martyn, 51 WI, parents b. Germany [wife]

Earl VERHUSSEN, 21 WI, parents b. WI, single, laborer, motor company [nephew]

1930 Milwaukee, Milwaukee WI – 351 Scott St.

Edward Martyn, 67 England, parents b. England, age 25 at 1st marriage, engineer, railroad company

Emma Martyn, 61 WI, parents b. Germany, age 17 at 1st marriage [wife]

Earl W. Veerhusen, 32 WI, parents b. WI, single, inspector, sewerage, city, WWI veteran [nephew]

1940 Milwaukee, Milwaukee WI – 915 W. Washington St. – same place in 1935

Edward J. Martyn, 77 England

Emma C. Martyn, 72 WI [wife]

Earl W. Veerhusen, 42 WI, single, labor foreman, municipal, city of Milwaukee [nephew]

1950 Milwaukee, Milwaukee WI

Clem G. Sharafinski, 27 WI, accountant, plumbing manufacturer

Irene H. Sharafinski, 28 WI, comptometer operator, diesel manufacturer [wife]

Earl Veerhusen, 52 WI, never married, superintendent, Harbor Commission, city of Milwaukee [mother's brother-in-law – which is misread as son-in-law by indexer]

Irene is the daughter of Earl's cousin/foster sister Hazel Hyer Martyn.