

203 S. Cherry Avenue

Historically, known as the Charles S. & Nancy Vedder home, this Queen Anne was built between 1887 and 1888. Vedder moved to Marshfield in 1884 and opened a general store in partnership with T. F. Vannedom. After 1896, he closed the store and took over the insurance and real estate business of his father, Sidney Vedder. Vedder was also a supervisor from the city of Marshfield, elected as city clerk in the 1990's and later elected as city treasurer. In addition, Vedder was clerk of the



Marshfield School for many years prior to his death in 1912. In September of 1938, the home was sold to Mr. & Mrs. Horace Anderson, who lived in Marshfield for about 8 years and was engaged in the real estate business. It was also the home of Glen Madison, who owned a sign-painting business with his brother for 27 years. Madison was an alderman and served as mayor for the city of Marshfield 1952-1958, until leaving the city in 1960.

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On Tuesday night, March 12th the spirit of Mrs. S. H. Vedder left its earthly testament and passed over to the other shore.

Mrs. Eliza S. Vedder was born at Cohoes, N. Y. Aug. 19th, 1833. February 2nd, 1853 she was married to Mr. S. H. Vedder at Eagle Wis. Mrs. Vedder was a consistent Christian, a loving mother and a true noble woman. For many years she was a member of the Episcopal congregation at Waukesha, their home before moving to Marshfield, about two and one half years ago. She had always enjoyed excellent health until about one week ago she contracted a sever cold which terminated in pneumonia and her death. Besides here husband she leaves behind two sons and one daughter, Mr. Chas. S. Vedder of this city, Harry M. of Milwaukee, and Mrs. F. R. Upham of this city. The funeral ceremonies were held at the residence on Wednesday, at 11 o'clock a.m., Rev. E. P. Wright, of Milwaukee, her former pastor at Waukesha, pronouncing the obsequies.

There were present from abroad her two sisters, Mrs. L. T. Mead, of Chippewa Falls, Mrs. W. H. Hamilton, of Sun Prairie, and nephew Mr. J. Palmer of Chippewa Falls
(from the Marshfield Times, 15 March 1889, p. 1)

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DEATH OF S. H. VEDDER

Another of Marshfield's old and most respected citizens has crossed the river Death. Mr. S. H.

Vedder is no more. A face familiar to all is forever hidden from view in the little house of clay in the cemetery. He was a genial companion and a good neighbor, honesty and principal being cardinal virtues with him. He was of good, old New England parentage, a plain matter-of-fact man, out-spoken in all things, but generous and kind to all. Those who knew him best will cherish his memory most, and while we realize the great dark mantle that now divides us from him, we realize also that a good neighbor and friend has been summoned from our midst.

Mr. Vedder was born in New York City, N. Y., July 13, 1829 and was, at the time of his death, 67 years of age. When Wisconsin was yet a territory he settled within her borders, in Waukesha county, in the year 1846. On February 2nd, 1853, he was joined in marriage to Miss Eliza Freeman and the two led a happy, contented life until the year 1889 when death called her from him. To them were born three children, Harry M. Vedder now of Waukesha, Charles S. Vedder and Mrs. Lillian Upham of this city. For eleven years, while at Waukesha, deceased was a trusted and efficient railway postal clerk, his office expiring on the election of Mr. Cleveland's first term. He came to Marshfield in the year 1886, making his home with his son. He did not engage in any regular business but assisted in his son's store and had the agency for several insurance companies. Beyond doubt, Mr. Vedder was one of the oldest members of the order of Odd Fellows in the state, having been a member in good standing since 1851. For two years he was grand treasurer and one year grand instructor of that order. He was also a member of the Knights of Pythias lodge of this city.

Mr. Vedder's sickness was of short duration. A little over five months ago he was attacked with stomach troubles. Nothing serious was anticipated at first but his robust constitution was soon undermined and it was soon made known that his ailment was cancer of the stomach. The news of his death last Friday morning was a great surprise to all but his nearest friends and relatives who were with him through his sufferings. The funeral occurred from the home of his daughter, Mrs. F. R. Upham, on Sunday. Rev. Rollo Branch officiating. His remains were followed to their last resting place by the members of the two lodges, I. O. O. F. and K. of P. in a body, besides hosts of neighbors and friends. The floral offerings, especially those presented by the lodges, were the work of hot house artists. May he rest in peace.

(from the Marshfield Times, 10 July 1896, p. 1)

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DEATH OF C. S. VEDDER IS SHOCK TO ENTIRE CITY

CITY CLERK, ONE OF MARSHFIELD'S PIONEERS, WHILE TEMPORARILY DERANGED LEAVES OFFICE, WALKS TO HIS HOME TWO BLOCKS AWAY AND WITHIN FEW MINUTES TAKES HIS OWN LIFE.

INSANITY THE CAUSE

Tragedy Startles Community as Thunderbolt Out of a Clear Sky - Long Residence in Marshfield and Years of Devoted Public Service Made Him Prominent Figure - Was Well Known as City Officer.

The whole community was shocked beyond measure shortly after four o'clock Monday afternoon when word went from one to another that Charles S. Vedder, city clerk and clerk of the school board, had passed away suddenly. A few minutes later the sorrow which the announcement caused to Mr. Vedder's numerous friends and acquaintances was made the keener by the definite news that death had been caused by his own impulsive act while temporarily insane. He took his life with a 38 caliber revolver, while in a woodshed at the rear of his home, corner Cherry and Second streets.

A coroner's jury, impaneled by Justice of the Peace Charles Hahn, viewed the body at the residence, and adjourned until Tuesday morning when after hearing testimony a verdict was brought in stating that Mr. Vedder's death had been self-inflicted while temporarily deranged.



City Clerk C. S. Vedder

Several people who saw Mr. Vedder at the city hall Monday commented upon his strange behavior. He seemed preoccupied, absent-minded and did not reply when spoken to. Several times he made short trips to Central avenue, visiting several offices without seeming to have any special errand. A News man who called on him about three o'clock in the afternoon received no answer to several questions, and upon referring to a small matter of city business was met by the answer from Mr. Vedder that he did not know what was meant. Others who called upon Mr. Vedder between three and four o'clock found him apparently unwell.

Testimony was given at the inquest Tuesday morning by Dr. James B. Vedder, son of the deceased, that Mr. Vedder had been subject to dizzy spells and severe pains in the head, especially in hot weather like that of the last two weeks. It was also learned that Mr. Vedder had been having medical treatment from both sons, Dr. J. R. Vedder and Dr. Harry A. Vedder, the latter of whom resides at Edgar.

The family have been fearful of some sort of stroke and Mr. Vedder, whose habit has always been to work hard through even the longest day, had been cautioned against over-exertion. Notwithstanding this he had accomplished a vast amount of detail work in his several capacities as city clerk, clerk of the school district, clerk of the Woodmen, insurance agent and notary public, and it is the opinion of friends that his mental breakdown followed as a direct consequence.

At about 4 o'clock Monday afternoon Mr. Vedder put on his hat and walked to his home, which is two blocks east of the city hall. He entered the house and after greeting Mrs. Vedder he lay down on a couch and began to read a newspaper. He then must have taken the revolver from his desk, although this action was not seen by anyone else in the house. Walking out by the rear door he passed through the yard and entered the east half of a small shed in which odds and ends of lumber were stored. A shot followed and Mrs. Vedder ran out in search of her husband, finding his body in the shed. T. A. Tack and his son Willis J. Tack, who are neighbors, a block away from the house, came to the assistance of Mrs. Vedder and attempted to carry the body into the house, but because of the weight of it were compelled to await the arrival of Dr. James Vedder, who had been summoned from his office.

An examination was made by the son and by Dr. K. W. Doege, and it was found that death must have ensued instantly. The ball entered just above the ear, causing a considerable flow of blood.

A thorough investigation was made by the coroner's jury, seeking to throw all possible light on the tragedy which has been so severe a shock to the entire city. Testimony was given to show that Mr. Vedder was not financially distressed, that he had no family troubles whatever, but that he had been suffering intensely from the strain of overwork and dizziness. The jury was composed of John F. Cole, J. C. Marsh, Harry Hambright, George D. Booth, T. J. Tuchscher and George W. Upham.

The sudden death of hardly any other man in the city would have occasioned the surprise caused by the death of Mr. Vedder, as he was when in health and strength a man of most cheerful disposition, always ready with a word of greeting for everyone, and very often whistling at his work or when on the street. More than that, his acquaintance throughout Marshfield and vicinity was most extensive, and it might be said that he was as well known among rich and poor alike as any other man who has spent a lifetime in Marshfield. His pursuits, beginning as a storekeeper and covering a long and honorable career of public service, had brought him into contact with a great number of people every day of the week, and toward each one he was always affable, courteous and obliging.

Charles Sidney Vedder's age was fifty-six years, seven months and six days. He was born November 25, 1855, in Mazomanie, Dane county, Wisconsin, being the first white boy born there. He was the son of Sidney Harmonious Vedder and Eliza Freeman, both former New Yorkers. As a boy he was industrious and a steady worker. Thirty-three years ago, on September 25, 1878, at Heart Prairie near Whitewater, he married Nancy J. Sanford, and at the request of her father took charge of the parental farm and operated it successfully for the next six years.

Mr. Vedder's own father and mother had removed to Marshfield, the father entering the insurance and real estate business.

About 1884 Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Vedder left Heart Prairie for Marshfield, Mr. Vedder opening a general store at the present Louis Laemle corner, in partnership with T. F. Vannedom under the firm name of Vedder & Vannedom. They rebuilt their store after the fire of 1887, and later Mr. Vedder transferred his interest and opened a store where the Paulsen Shoe company is located today. For a short time he was in partnership with M. J. Kraus, now of Colby. About 1896, after the death of his father, he closed out his store and took over the insurance and real estate business of Sidney Vedder, conducting it from that time on until last Monday afternoon.

Mr. Vedder had been a supervisor from the city of Marshfield several terms. He was elected city clerk in the nineties, served to the general satisfaction of all and was later elected city treasurer, preceding City Treasurer George J. Leonhard, who is now in office. In 1911 he made a successful campaign for the office of city clerk and was just entering upon the second year of the term. He had been clerk of the school district for years.

He was identified with the Odd Fellows, the Knights of Pythias, the Equitable Fraternal Union, the Beavers and the Modern Woodmen of America. He was a past chancellor commander in the

K. P., was clerk of the Woodman camp and had held high office under the Odd Fellows.

Surviving are the widow, the two sons, and four grandchildren, Harry, Jeannette and Lillian, all of Edgar; and Charles Albert of Marshfield; one brother, Harry M. Vedder of Waukesha; and a sister, Mrs. Frank R. Upham of this city. Mrs. C. A. Hamilton of this city and Mrs. Mead of Chippewa Falls are aunts of the deceased. All of the relatives, with the exception of Mrs. Mead, were here for the funeral, together with Mrs. Harry Vedder of Edgar, Mrs. B. F. Sanford of Ripon, a sister-in-law of Mrs. C. S. Vedder, and Mrs. C. A. Sherman of Stevens Point, also Mrs. Harry Vedder of Waukesha, Charles Delano and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Delano Jr. of Wausau, Harvey Hamilton of Minot, S. D., and Charles Upham of Chicago.

The funeral was held yesterday afternoon, with impressive services at the residence in charge of the Marshfield lodge of Odd Fellows. The body was taken to Hillside cemetery for interment beside the parents of the deceased. A profusion of elaborate floral tributes testified to the sympathy of friends and fraternal orders for the bereaved family.

(from the Marshfield News and Wisconsin Hub, 04 July 1912, p. 1)

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MRS. NANCY VEDDER DIES AT AGE OF 76

Funeral Services For Pioneer to be Held Thursday Afternoon

Mrs. Nancy J. Vedder, 76, died yesterday afternoon about 4 o'clock at St. Joseph's hospital. She had been ill for several months, and death was caused by apoplexy.

Funeral services have been set for Thursday afternoon, Oct. 15, at 2 p. m. The services will be held at her home, with the Rev. Marshall R. Olson and Dr. M. R. Laird officiating.

Mrs. Vedder, nee Nancy J. Sanford, was born March 19, 1855, at Heart Prairie, Wis., and spent her girlhood there. Sept. 25, 1878, she was married to Charles S. Vedder at Heart Prairie. They came to Marshfield in 1835, and the rest of her life was spent here.

Mrs. Vedder is survived by her two sons, Dr. Harry A. Vedder and Dr. James B. Vedder, both members of the Marshfield clinic. There are also six grandchildren.

Three brothers and one sister of Mrs. Vedder preceded her in death. Mr. Vedder died in July, 1912. A sister-in-law, Mrs. F. R. Upham, survives.

(from the Marshfield News-Herald, 13 October 1931, p. 1)

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TWO HOUSES ARE SOLD BY BUILDING AND LOAN

The Marshfield Building and Loan Association reports the sale of two homes, one at 212 W. Arnold st. to Oscar Aigner, and another to 203 S. Cherry st. to H. Anderson.

(from the Marshfield News-Herald, 10 September 1938, p. 5)

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FALL CAUSES DEATH OF LOCAL RESIDENT

Mrs. Minerva Heidrich Dies of Cerebral Hemorrhage This Morning

Mrs. Minerva Heidrich, 82, died at 11:25 o'clock this morning at St. Joseph's Hospital, where she was taken after a fall at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Horace Anderson, 203 S. Cherry street, with whom she had been living the past several years.

Death resulted from a cerebral hemorrhage. The fall occurred sometime between 7 and 8 o'clock this morning, and she had remained unconscious from the time of the fall until her death.

The body will lie in state at the Central Wisconsin Co-operative Funeral Home until the time of the funeral services, arrangements for which have not been made.

Mrs. Heidrich, nee Minerva Marten, was born Feb. 1, 1860, and was married Aug. 3, 1883, to Gustave Heidrich at Kilbourn. Before coming to Marshfield in 1902, Mrs. Heidrich had lived for a time in Monroe County, where she had moved from Line Ridge.

Since 1902 she had lived in Marshfield with the exception of a few years in Sparta and several years with her son, Edward A. Heidrich, in Minneapolis.

Surviving are three sons. Sidney G. Heidrich, Greenwood; Ralph D. Heidrich, route 1, Marshfield; and Edward A. Heidrich, Minneapolis; a brother. John Marten, Baraboo; a sister, Mrs. M. M. Baker, Reedsburg; four grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren.

A daughter died in infancy.

(from the Marshfield News-Herald, 4 January 1943, p. 2)

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HORACE ANDERSON DIES EARLY TODAY

Funeral of Local World War Veteran to be Conducted Sunday

Horace E. Anderson, 50, who lived in Marshfield before being taken to the Grand Army Home for Veterans at Waupaca July 31, died there at 5:30 o'clock this morning following a 2 1/2 years' illness. Mr. Anderson, a veteran of World War I, was born in Whitewater March 13, 1893, and was married Oct. 15, 1919, to Sara Hawes, who survives with a daughter, Virginia, 22, and a son, Edward, 17. The Anderson home here is at 203 S. Cherry street.

A resident of Marshfield for a-bout eight years, Mr. Anderson was engaged in the real estate business here. Survivors also include four brothers, Alvin and Randolph, both of Whitewater, Loren of California, and Howard in the armed services, and one sister, Mrs. Etta Marshall, Loyal.

Funeral services will be conducted Sunday at Whitewater, where the body is lying in state at the Cummlngs and Hickey Funeral Home, and interment will take place there.
(from the Marshfield News-Herald, 26 November 1943, p. 3)

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GLEN MADISON, 203 S. Cherry street, will be unopposed for a one-year term as alderman of the Seventh Ward in the April 3 election. The position was left vacant by the resignation of Karl Kamps.

Madison was born in Dunn County Jan. 20, 1895, and received his primary and high school education in Colfax. He also attended business college at Great Falls, Mont., for two years.

He entered the Navy in 1918 and attended Harvard Radio Naval School for one year. He also served on a sub-chaser whose home port was New London, Conn. He received his discharge in September, 1921.

From 1922 to 1932 he operated a restaurant business in Colfax and in 1932 he came to Marshfield and went into the sign business. In 1935 he was" joined by his 'brother, Malcolm, in the business which they now own and operate.



Glen Madison

During World War II Madison served for two years as an instructor in radio at Truax Field. Madison, under civil service, and for the next year and a half he was an instructor in radio at the University of Wisconsin radio school. He returned to Marshfield in 1945.

He married the former Miriam Keffner of Almond Aug. 17. 1928. The couple had twins, Janet and Jerry, who will be 16 years of age in June.
(from the Marshfield News-Herald, 26 March 1951, p. 2)

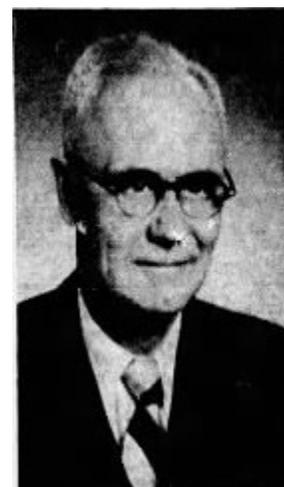
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MAYOR MADISON WILL NOT SEEK 3RD TERM

Glen Madison, who has held Marshfield's highest office since 1953, today announced that he would not be a candidate for a third term as mayor at the polls here April 1.

Drawing on his experience as alderman as well as mayor, Madison also took the opportunity to support the present part-time may or-Common Council form of government and to urge the appointment of a comptroller for greater efficiency in municipal government.

He also decried the ever greater usurpation of local government by the state.



*(John H. Keel, Photographer)
Glen Madison*

Madison was serving his third year as alderman of the Seventh Ward when he was appointed mayor by the Common Council to fill the unexpired term of Mayor James J. Burke, resigned.

He was elected the following spring to a two-year term, and reelected to the mayor's office in 1956.

"To borrow a phrase from the late Calvin Coolidge, I do not choose to run again," Mayor Madison said. "This decision was most difficult to make, as my seven years on the City Council has been a valuable and enjoyable experience.

"I wish to express my sincere gratitude to all the citizens of Marshfield who have given me their whole-hearted support, especially the present City Council and all past Councils, all elective and appointive officials, who have at all times been cooperative. When the Council and I have disagreed 10 to 1, it would obviously appear from the ratio I was in the wrong.

"I have tried to give every complaint my earnest attention, and invariably complaints were legitimate and justifiable.

"My decision to retire as mayor," Madison declared, "is definite and final. In leaving the office, I depart with the happiest recollections, with many fine friendships established with the men with whom I served over the past seven years, entirely without animosities toward anyone, and with the highest hopes and aspirations for the future of this wonderful city of ours.

"And it is largely in line with this feeling and based on the experience I have gained during my years in city government that I want to make some observations and recommendations.

"I have been asked many times what would be the best form of government for Marshfield. I do not feel there is too much wrong with the present system with a few changes in policy."

The retiring mayor turned to the 1958 budget to clarify his position.

"The total budget is \$1,179,582.-41. Deducting anticipated revenues, public school levy including bonds and interest payments, vocational school, state and county taxes, and fire and police departments, leaves the city government expenditures at \$207,057.25, which includes outlays for street paving, and so forth.

"While the total budget could be considered 'big business,' "the mayor observed, "what is left for the mayor and Council to actually, directly control I doubt would warrant a change from our part-time mayor-Council form to the fulltime mayor-Council or city manager-Council.

"The other alternative would be the commission form composed of three people, which is not popular in Wisconsin.

"The Finance Committee composed of three aldermen has become an integral part of our City Council," Madison continued. "Its duties are to peruse and recommend all fiscal matters to the Council.

"But the time these men have to devote to this tremendous task is probably not sufficient, and I believe; some very serious thought should be given to appointing a comptroller to hold a composite position of efficiency engineer, budget-watcher and purchasing agent, with all purchases to be passed on by the Board of Public Works or the whole Council.

"I feel sure through careful scrutiny of the budget and cooperative buying, this man could save the city thousands of dollars over and above his salary," the mayor declared.

"The mechanics of setting up such an office would be up to some future Council that may detect some merit in this proposal."

He turned to another problem: "There is one development in government to which I seriously object and which, alone, would be enough to deter me from another term as mayor. I refer," Madison stated, "to the steady encroachment of the state upon local government. This usurpation by the state of local control has made city government 'puppet government,' and the end is not in sight.

"We are directly concerned with our state agencies, which have been given more and more power at practically every session of our State Legislature. One man in speaking of State Statute 66.01 (4) Home Rule and Manner of Exercise has ably put it 'They have hacked away at that tree until there is nothing left but the stump and eventually they will dig that out.'

"I realize my voice is weak, probably 'one crying in the wilderness,' but I am going to yell as loud - as I can as long as I can against this insidious, creeping menace which is robbing us of our government "by the people," Mayor Madison concluded.

Madison's action in deciding against a third term clears the way for a wide-open mayoralty race here in spring. Several hopefuls are considering or rumored to be considering campaigning, but at the moment the city's top governmental office is without announced candidates.

The retiring mayor, 62, is a native of Dunn county, where he was born Jan. 20, 1895. He received his education through high school at Colfax and attended a business college in Great Falls, Mont., for two years. With America's entry into World War I, Madison joined the Navy in 1918 and attended a radio school at Harvard for a year. He also served aboard a sub-chaser prior to receiving his honorable discharge in September, 1921.

Until 1932 he operated a restaurant at Colfax, coming to Marshfield in that year to start a sign business, known today as Marshfield Sign Co., Inc. During World War II he spent two years at civil service radio instructor at Truax Field in Madison, and for six years taught the subject at the University of Wisconsin radio school.

Mr. and Mrs. Madison, who live at 203 S. Cherry Ave., have two grown children.
(from the Marshfield News-Herald, 2 January 1958, pgs. 1 and 9)

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MADISON SEEKS ASSEMBLY SEAT

Demo Nomination Is Sought by Ex-Mayor

Glen Madison, until recently mayor of Marshfield and a resident long identified with Democratic party activities, today announced his intention to seek the Democratic nomination for assemblyman of North Wood county.

He is the first to seek the office on the Democratic slate. The office is held by John S. Crawford, Marshfield attorney who is completing his second term as assemblyman and has announced his plans to seek reelection on the Republican ticket.

Said Madison: "I take this step with humility and gratitude. I am humble in my desire to serve the people of North Wood county: grateful to the many friends who have urged me to this decision.

"My campaign will be conducted on principles and issues, not on personalities. I pledge a clean, constructive campaign.

"My concern is and always will be with the taxpayer. Our backs are bent with oppressive taxation and a sales tax is not the answer. Whatever form it might take, a sales tax is still a discriminatory tax."

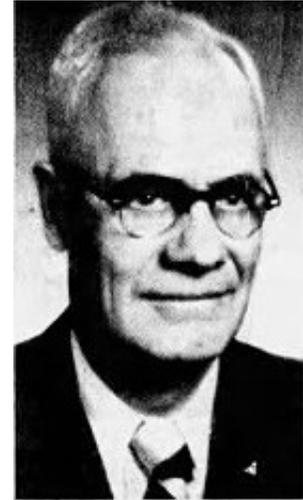
The Democratic candidate proposed a commission to eliminate waste and extravagance in government. Eliminating unnecessary government agencies and overstaffing in others could, Madison asserted, "result in astounding savings to the taxpayers.

"As mayor of Marshfield I learned the importance of home rule. I believe in the right of our cities to be free from oppressive, unnecessary and arbitrary decisions by state agencies.

"I have always believed in the principles of the Democratic party, and I will support them as long as they remain honest and equitable; but I will never be subservient to any group, organization or individual. As in the past, when I was mayor of Marshfield, I will face every issue squarely regardless of how controversial it may be.

"I want to serve the people of North Wood county in the State Legislature," Madison's statement concluded. "If I am nominated and elected, I promise to serve them all faithfully, without fear and without favoritism."

The assembly candidate, who is president of the Marshfield Sign Co. Inc., entered local politics in 1951, when he was elected Seventh Ward alderman. With the resignation of James Burke as mayor to take a state position, Madison was appointed mayor by his Council colleagues in the fall of 1953, elected to a two-year term in 1954, and reelected in 1956. In January of this year Madison announced that he would not seek reelection to the mayor's office.



*(John H. Keel, Photographer)
Glen Madison*

Madison, 63, was born in Dunn county and attended schools in Colfax. He spent two years at a business college in Great Falls, Mont., and also attended a naval radio school at Harvard University for a year. A veteran, of World War I, Madison served as a radio electrician in the Navy aboard a sub-chaser.

During World War II he served as a civilian employee of the War Department, teaching radio at Truax Field and later was an instructor in radio for the Navy at the University of Wisconsin.

Mr. and Mrs. Madison, who reside at 203 S. Cherry Ave., have two children, Janet Lee and Jerry Mac, who is serving his second one-year term as state president of the Young Democrats. *(from the Marshfield News-Herald, 28 June 1958, pgs. 1 and 2)*

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Former Mayor Leaves to Make Home at Lake

Glen Madison, in the sign-painting business here for 27 years, a former alderman, and mayor of Marshfield from 1952 to 1958 is moving Thursday to his cottage home on Lake Pulaski, 11 miles south of Bruce in Rusk County.

Mr. and Mrs. Madison have sold their home at 203 S. Cherry Ave., to Mrs. Grace Wix, who will take possession tomorrow.

Madison sold his Marshfield Sign Co. business here in December. *(from the Marshfield News-Herald, 9 Mar. 1960, p. 18)*

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NEIGHBORHOOD CELEBRATES 4TH

By Mystique Neibauer of the News-Herald

The red, white and blue was out in the Pleasant Hills neighborhood Saturday as neighbors and guests gathered to celebrate the nation's birthday.

The neighborhood picnic, which has become tradition, was in its fourth year on the Fourth this year, according to John Sinclair, 203 S. Cherry Ave., one of six event organizers. He and his wife, Lisa, Ellen and Steve Clouse and Carolee and Doug Ruhnke, make plans each year for the picnic held on S. Cherry Avenue, between E. Second and E. Third streets.

The Pleasant Hills neighborhood, bordered on the north by E. First Street, on the west by S. Maple Avenue, on the south by the north side of E. Fourth Street and on the east by S. Ash Avenue, is canvassed each year by organizers who distribute invitations to residents. Participants are asked to bring something to grill, picnic supplies, refreshments and a dish to pass. Activities, such as shaving foam cake decorating and water balloon fights are planned for the children. They also have an annual poster contest and children's parade. This year an adult cake decorating contest was held as well. The cakes were decorated with sparklers and used for dessert at the end of the day.

Each year the group has received permission from the city to block off the street on that block for the party. This year streamer flags in shades of the holiday were draped from sign to sign.

"I don't know of anybody else that docs (block the street)," Sinclair said. He said others may at other times of the year, but he said the Pleasant Hills party is the only one on July 4.

Mrs. Sinclair said at least 77 adults and children attended this year. Last year about 75 attended.

Sinclair said when he and Lisa lived in Los Angeles, Calif, they would hold a beach party each year on the Fourth. He said they celebrated that way about 10 or 11 years.

"When we came here we decided we should continue the tradition," he said.

"I think this is (Lisa's) favorite holiday," he added. From her red, white and blue stars and stripes shirt to her patriotic cap, she looked festive. The picnic is headquartered in front of her home and she provided patriotic music, decorations and organized activities and prizes for the festivities.

"I think Lisa is always on the lookout for decorations," Sinclair said. "We don't have the number of decorations that we normally do," he added, citing high winds that precluded them" from putting up some.



Anticipation

Virginia and Bob Mocsenthin, 313 E. Third St, have attended the party each of the four years.

Kirsten Reierson, 5, daughter of Greg and Mary Reierson, 106 S. Vine Ave., waits patiently as Carmen Robles paints a Ninja Turtle on her cheek at the Pleasant Hills July 4 neighborhood celebration. Megan Swayze, 2, in cat face paint, waits and watches in the background. Robles painted children's faces as part of the day's activities which included foam cake decorating, a poster contest and children's parade. The picnic is held each year to celebrate the nation's independence.

(News-Herald Photo)

"We like it" Mocsenthin said.

"We don't really want to go too far on the Fourth," Mrs. Mocsenthin added. By attending the neighborhood party they have to travel less than a block.

"It's kind of like an open house. They come and they go," said Ada May, 108 S. Vine Ave., who attended with her husband, Robert. The picnic begins at noon and ends around 6 p.m. Residents come early and leave early, come late and leave late or come and go during the day.

"I think it's nice," said Violet Rogers, 209 S. Vine Ave., who attended her first picnic. "It's just a little too windy."

"It seems like a really fun idea," said Greg Reiersen, 106 S. Vine Ave., who also attended his first picnic. He said he and his wife, Mary, and children have lived in the area for four years but were "a little shy of the whole neighborhood idea."

"It's nice to get a chance to meet everyone," he added.
(from the Marshfield News-Herald, 6 July 1992, p. 3)

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JOHN SINCLAIR

Public memorial services for John A. Sinclair, 48, of 203 S. Cherry Ave., who died at 9:50 p.m. Sunday at his residence, will be at 2 John Sinclair p.m. Saturday at Rcmbms/Kundingcr Chapel.

The Rev. Gary A. Hedding, of Faith Lutheran Church, will officiate. Music will be provided by Jane Andersen, soloist; Cindy Penker, accompanist; Shannon Wendt, pianist; and Bonnie Cain, harpist.

The family will receive relatives, friends and colleagues from 1 p.m. until service time Saturday at the funeral chapel. Presentation of the American flag will be conducted by the Boy Scout Troop 382 prior to the memorial service.



John Sinclair

He was born Aug. 16, 1944, in New York City, to Charles W. and Renee (Bassette) Sinclair. He graduated in 1960 from St. John's Prep School in New York in 1960.

After his high school education, he enlisted in the U.S. Army and served from Aug. 30, 1961, to Oct. 7, 1969, with the 101st Airborne Infantry Division. He later graduated from the Army Nuclear Weapons Specialist School and the Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center at Presidio, Monterey, Calif. He was offered a congressional appointment to the U.S. Military Academy, West Point, N.Y., and served as nuclear weapons instructor at West Point. He received outstanding scholastic achievement at the U.S. Army Intelligence School, Fort Holabird, Md. He was stationed at Fort Bliss, Texas, in 1966, and served in the Army Intelligence Unit from 1967-69.

His military awards and decorations included the Medal for Heroism, Soldier's Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal and the Cross of Gallantry.

His first marriage to Sandra Humm ended in divorce. He married Lisa Robles Rodeghier Aug. 4, 1973, in El Paso.

After his discharge, he was a correctional officer at the La Tuna Correctional Facility, El Paso,

from 1970-72. He also was deputy director of El Paso County West Texas Regional Adult Probation Department until 1974. He received a bachelor's degree in criminal justice from the University of Texas-El Paso, in 1974.

He later was self-employed as director of Sun City Investigation Agency in El Paso until relocating to Los Angeles to own and direct the John Sinclair Private Investigation Agency from 1975-83. He moved to Marshfield in 1984 and was affiliated with FDC at Figi's Plaza as senior accountant team manager in charge of computer automation projects until his medical retirement in July 1992. He had been in ill health for two years.

He was active with the Boy Scouts served as scoutmaster in Los Angeles for Troop 168 from 1976-83 and was scoutmaster of Troop 382 of Marshfield from 1984-92. He was instrumental in forming the Boy Scouts Explorer Troop in Criminal Justice in Marshfield. He was active in community and civic organizations, including the task force for the formation of the YMCA.

He is survived by his wife, Lisa; two daughters, Mrs. Michael (Susan) Swayze of Wisconsin Rapids and Heather Sinclair-Curtis of Colorado Springs, Colo.; two sons, Jason B. Rodeghier and Adam Sinclair, both of Marshfield; his mother of Marshfield; and one granddaughter.

He was predeceased by his father.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be given in his name to Boy Scout Troop 382 or St. Joseph's Hospital Hospice Care Unit.

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POLITICS IN MADISON'S BLOOD

By SARA STEFFERS of the News-Herald

WAUSAU - The die-hard Democrat's first campaigning was in 1948. His candidate, to-be President Harry Truman. His pitch, made beside a flier-filled wagon at Mitten's Furniture in Marshfield's downtown.

Jerry Madison's candidate won, as did many in his 50 campaigns to follow. Among them were former senator and Wisconsin Gov. Gaylord Nelson, his father and former city Mayor Glen Madison, to his boss, Dave Obey, U.S. representative in the 7th District.



On the Move

Jerry Madison, whose Democratic political activities started in Marshfield as an eighth grader campaigning for Harry Truman, is long-time district office representative for Dave Obey, D-7th District in Wausau. The son of former Marshfield Mayor Glen Madison he has participated in about 50 campaigns advocating for Democrats.

(News-Herald Photo by Dan Young)

As district office representative in Wausau, Madison's been behind the scenes, for Obey ' for most of the congressman's 26 years in Washington, D.C.

But their relationship didn't start out most amicably.

In 1959, Madison won chairmanship of the National Democratic Committee. Obey, who knew Madison as chairman of the Young Democrats of Wisconsin for two years, had backed Madison's opponent.

"But I won," Madison laughed, during an interview this week. "So, I always teased Dave that he had to join a winner."

Madison and his twin sister, Janet, grew up at 203 S. Cherry Ave., near the home of Melvin Laird's mother. Laird, who held Obey's seat until joining Richard Nixon's administration as secretary of defense, was a Republican. But he left an impact on the young Madison.

Laird often would stop in the elder Madison's Marshfield Sign Co., and talk politics with the college-aged younger Madison.

"I learned a lot of politics - nuts and bolts - while Laird was in town," he said.

After graduating from Marshfield Senior High School in 1953, he and his sister headed to Central State College in Stevens Point. It was the first year his father served as mayor, a tenure that extended through 1958.

He then became active in the young Democrats, until graduating and teaching in New London from 1957-61.

Though deep in politics, Madison preferred to stay an advocate, not to become a politician.

John F. Kennedy, who visited Madison's classroom in 1960 as a presidential candidate, asked why he wouldn't consider a run for office. When the reply was one of remaining an advocate, Kennedy said that was the next best thing to make a difference.

"He told me that," Madison said. "That stuck with me."

In 1961, he headed to Madison to get his master's degree in history, then taught from 1962-69 at Wausau High School. He was chosen Wisconsin's Outstanding Young Educator in 1967.

Then he was pulled back to politics full time, working on Obey's race for the 7th District against Walter John Chilsen in 1969. After the boss claimed victory, Madison stayed on through another election and the district's reorganization in 1970.

But Madison missed the classroom enough to leave Obey for Wausau East High School in 1973. Still active in politics, he was pressured to return to Obey's office in 1977. He returned to his other passion.

Approaching age 60, Madison hasn't left since and doesn't plan to anytime soon.

In all these years with Obey, he said it's hard to see how the boss has changed. He remains a fighter who is consistent, concerned about working folks and the environment, Madison said.

"In general, Dave and I have gotten along," Madison said. "That doesn't mean I always agree with his tactics."

What fires up Madison in politics is the vitality of the democratic process. "Decent folks" line both party sides, he said.

"I would like to think politics makes a difference and elections should make a difference. I've believed that since childhood," he said.

"In reality, elections seldom go the wrong way, in my opinion."

Madison oversees all case work at the district office, which are requests from constituents in Obey's 44 counties.

He works as an educator as well, speaking to classes or Boy Scout groups for the congressman. He also sets up Obey's schedule.

"My main job has been to keep the office going and get the case work done," he said.

"Another member of Obey's local crew is Madison's wife, Nelda, who often travels with the boss. Madison met her while she was working for Sen. William Proxmire in 1957 in Milwaukee. They married in 1961 and honeymooned, predictably, in Washington, D.C.

During their trip, they left a photograph of Madison and Kennedy to be autographed by the new president. It returned - dutifully signed six weeks after Kennedy's assassination.

Politically, Madison's inspirations have been many local, national, local turned national.

Laird, though politically different, was a great teacher as a congressman and beyond. He remains a leader today, he said.

Gaylord Nelson was among the memorable, with Madison active in his 1958 and 1960 gubernatorial campaigns. Nelson went on to become a U.S. senator and to found Earth Day in 1970. Earth Day is now a national observance.

"I just backed him right from the beginning," Madison said. "I just thought he was the shining light of the Democratic party."

And, of course, there was his first mentor, his late father, who led Marshfield as an alderman, mayor and Housing Authority of Marshfield executive director. He also ran unsuccessfully for the 70th state Assembly seat, now held by Don Hasenohrl, D-Pittsville.

"My dad was a great guy," he said. "There may be a tinge of bias there."

Today's spin of politics shows Republicans in the limelight, but time will show their results, Madison said. He has seen his party in high and low times and hasn't agreed always with the Democratic stance.

Regardless, Madison rejects today's cynicism in the electorate as a threat to enthusiasm in our democracy. He advocates making a pitch for ideas one believes in and seeing them through.

"I admire people who work hard to get some real things done," he said.
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Jane Vedder

Mrs. Charles A. (Jane B.) Vedder, 83, of 900 Sawyer Drive died Jan. 26, 1996, at St. Joseph's Hospital House of the Dove, where she had been a resident since Jan. 4.

Memorial services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at St. Alban's Episcopal Church in Marshfield. The Jane Vedder Rev. John Splinter, pastor of the Church of the Holy Apostles in Oneida, and Rev. William Radant, interim pastor at St. Alban's, will officiate.

Burial will be in Hillside Cemetery in Marshfield.

The church will be open for prayer and meditation from 10:30 a.m. Monday until services. The family will receive relatives and friends for refreshments in the church hall following the services.



Jane Vedder

She was born April 3, 1912, in Antigo, to Alonzo and Ethelyn (Single) Duchac. She married Charles A. Vedder on Nov. 2, 1935, at St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Chicago, Ill.

Jane graduated from Antigo High School in 1930 and from St. Luke's School of Nursing in Chicago. She worked in the surgical department at St. Luke's Hospital and was a private-duty nurse in Chicago until her marriage. She and her husband moved to Marshfield in June 1936 and he joined Marshfield Clinic that same year as a physician and surgeon. They continued to reside in Marshfield after their retirement. They celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary this past year.

Jane was active in St. Alban's Episcopal Church, the Diocesan Altar Guild (Episcopal Diocese of Fond du Lac) and the Red Cross Blood Mobile program and Inoculation Center.

She is survived by her husband; two sons, Harry Vedder of Madison and Charles (Robin) Vedder of DeLand, Fla.; one sister, Marjorie Johnson of Oshkosh; one brother, David (Joyce) Duchac of Antigo; and three grandchildren, Clayton (Terri) Vedder, Sam Vedder and Virginia

Vedder and one great-grandson, Nicholas Vedder, all of DeLand.

She was predeceased by her parents; a sister, Gretchen; and a brother, Henry Duchac.

Memorials may be given in Jane's name to St. Alban's Episcopal Church, the Marshfield Medical Research Foundation or St. Joseph's Hospital Hospice.

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Dr. Charles Vedder

Charles A. Vedder, MD., 90, a Marshfield resident, died at 7:15 a.m. Jan. 5, 2001, at Wells Nature View, where he resided since March 1996.

A memorial service will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at St. Albans Episcopal Church, Marshfield. The Rev. John T. Splinter will officiate. Burial will be in Hillside Cemetery. The family will greet relatives and friends at the church following the service.

The Rembs/Kundinger Funeral Home is assisting the family with the arrangements.



Dr. Charles A. Vedder

Charles Vedder was born July 7, 1910 in Marshfield to James B. and Alta (nee Sherman) Vedder. He married Jane B. Duchac, a registered nurse, on Nov. 2, 1935 at St. Luke's Episcopal Chapel, Chicago, Ill.

Charles graduated from Marshfield High School in June 1927. He was active in football, basketball and track. He attended Lawrence University, Appleton, and graduated in 1931, Cum Laude with a B.A. degree. After Lawrence he attended Northwestern Medical School, Chicago. He joined the Medical Fraternity, Phi Chi Med, and graduated in 1935 with an M.D. degree.

From 1934-36 he served his internship and residency at St Luke's Hospital, Chicago. He then returned to Marshfield and joined Marshfield Clinic in July 1936. He was Doctor No. 13 at that time. His specialties were general surgery and medicine.

In 1937 he joined the reserve officers, along with Dr. Robert Baldwin and Dr. Jack Millard from the clinic. He received his training at Fort McCoy and Fort Ogelthorpe, Ga. In September 1941 he was sent to Fort Brady, Mich, to serve for a year as a surgeon at Fort Brady Army Hospital. His wife Jane and his children, Harry and Charles joined him there until he received his orders in 1942 to transfer to Camp Hale, Cola, in the 10th Mountain Ski Troops. Charles trained with them until he was sent into the Aleutian Campaign. He returned to Camp Carson, Cola and then to Fort Riley, Kan. From there he was sent to Europe where he was attached to the 21st Corps of the Second Army. He served as the Major Commanding Officer of 669 Medical Clearing Company. He was slated to be sent to the Pacific Area but fortunately the war ended.

Charles returned to the United States in September 1945 and was honorably discharged from Camp McCoy. He returned to his surgical practice at Marshfield Clinic in October 1945. He served as president to Wood County Medical Association in 1945 and as the clinic's president from 1957 to 1960. He retired from the clinic in 1972, and spent his retirement in Marshfield.

Charles was active in St. Alban's Episcopal Church, a member of Marshfield Elks Lodge No. 655, and a member of the American Legion Post 54.

Survivors include two sons, Harry Charles Vedder, pastor with the Holy Spirit, OCCA, of Madison, and Charles Bernard (Robin) Vedder, professor at Stetson University, Deland, Fla.; one brother, Frank (Ellie) Vedder of Sun City, Ariz.; three grandchildren, Clayton, Sam and Virginia Vedder, and one great grandson, Nicholas Vedder.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife who died Jan 26, 1996; and one brother, Dr. James Vedder.

Memorials may be given in Dr. Charles Vedder's name to St. Alban's Episcopal Church, Marshfield Respite Center or the American Legion Post 54 of Marshfield.

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