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This report is continued from the last newsletter.

Father Zenobe Membre who visited the Illinois country with LaSalle recorded in his Journal the fact that an indian tribe dwelt at the mouth of the Mellieke. This is thought to be another name given to the Milwaukee River. In 1785, Alexander DeFrombois maintained a fur trading place at the mouth of the Milwaukee River and stayed for a period of two years. He left and put his post in the hands of his brother. Not long after this, the brother was found murdered by the Winnebago Indians. The treaty of 1783, which terminated the Revolutionary War, included Wisconsin within the boundaries of the United States. The first settler that we know that settled here was Jean Baptist Mirandeu. He came here in 1795 and married a Chippewa Indian squaw. He was by trade a blacksmith and became useful to the indians because he could manufacture knives and spears for them. He lived most of his life on the east side of the Milwaukee River and reared a family of ten children. He died in 1819 and left no family record, but his daughter, Victoria, married Joseph Portier and lived in Milwaukee and supplied these historical facts. *(To be continued...)*

- **Our next general membership meeting will be on Tuesday, April 29, 2003 at 7:00 P.M. in the lower level of the St. Francis Library. The meeting will feature Bob Paquette and his Microphone Museum. He has a private collection of over 1000 microphones and many items associated with microphones, such as desk and floor stands, microphone enclosures, transformers, preamplifiers and test equipment. His museum is located at 107 E. National Ave. and open to the public by calling 645-1672.**
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- **The society would like to help our local Cub Scouts earn badges for history. We are looking for someone who was a Cub Scout twenty or more years ago, to talk about his den meetings, what kind of uniform he wore, and general Cub Scout memories. Please call Kathy Matthew at 483-8137 for additional information.**
- **Do you remember? Peashooters? Howdy Doody? 45 RPM records? Green stamps? Roller skate keys? The Fuller Brush Man? 15-cent McDonalds hamburgers? 35-cent/gallon gasoline? Candy cigarettes? Wax coke-shaped bottles with colored sugar water inside? Blackjack, clove and teaberry chewing gum? Home milk delivery in glass bottles with cardboard stoppers? Party lines?**