



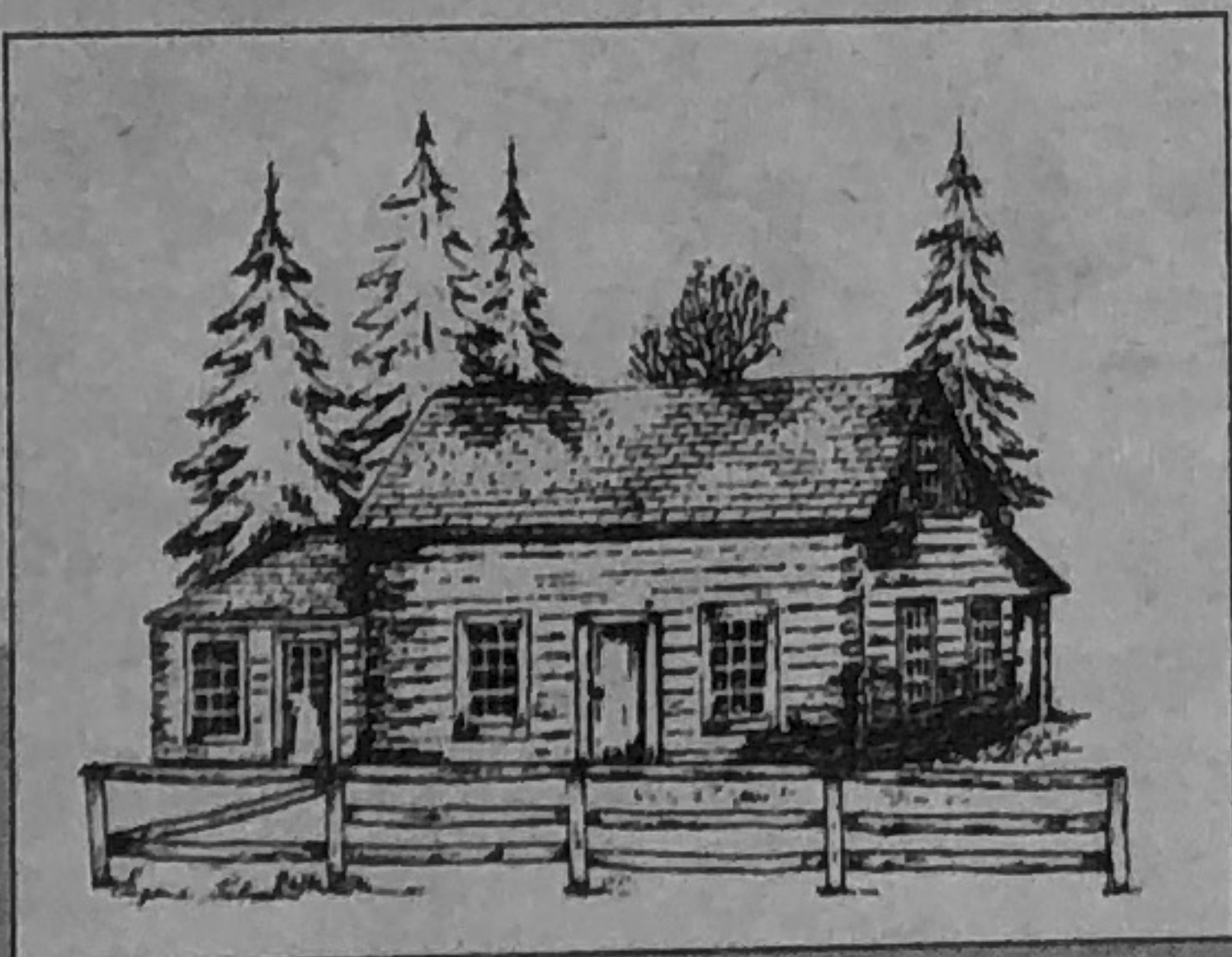
Kellogg's Pond was a favorite ice skating destination and the city erected a warming hut there.

Long ago, Antigo saw importance of park land

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Every city, from White Lake to Milwaukee, which is situated on a lake is proud of its lakeshore and the recreational opportunities it provides. For example, as early as 1908, Madison developed a plan under the guidance of landscape architect John Nolan, a student of Fredrick Law Olmstead, to develop the Lake Monona shoreline for recreation rather than for industry.

Antigo was not fortunate enough to have a natural lake from its beginnings. Francis



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Deleglise moved his family into his cabin along the banks of Spring Brook in 1878. Soon other settlers and businessmen came to the area which would become Antigo.

Deleglise, anxious to recruit various businesses to the fledgling city, was able to convince brothers Louis and Joseph Novotny to move their lumber mill from Wausau to Antigo. They did so in 1879. The Novotny mill provided rural settlers a market for their timber as they cleared land for farming, created employment, and supplied the region's increasing demand for lumber in building.

Essential for a lumber mill is a body of water in which to store the timber and Deleglise gave the Novotny brothers permission to build a dam on Spring Brook. The dam was erected in 1883 and created a large pond for the mill. That same year T.D. Kellogg moved to Antigo from Lily and bought out the Novotny brothers. Kellogg's mill flourished and the pond created by the Novotnys' dam came to be called Kellogg's Pond.

Other mills flourished in Antigo, particularly around Kellogg's Pond. An 1893 bird's eye view map of Antigo map identified several. T.D. Kellogg's Lumber & Manufacturing Sawmill, Planing Mill, and Hub Factory was at the western end. Along the northern shore there were also the Wisconsin Handle and

Manufacturing Factory (makers of broom handles and barrel headings), the Antigo Screen Door Company, and the Frost Veneer Seating Company at the eastern end.

Other lumber mills existed within the city and were only a few blocks away, to the south, along the banks of Spring Brook. In later years the Faust Lumber Company was a major feature on Kellogg Pond's northern shore.

Forest products were a large part of the local economy—and in fact still are—but by the 1920s the mills along the north shore of Kellogg's Pond were mostly gone, much of the forest crops having been depleted. This left a desolate landscape of abandoned logs and buildings and piles of sawdust.

But the city parks commission saw potential for recreation and in 1923 proposed a plan for a swimming beach and boathouse near Aurora Street with plans to develop a skating rink and warming house in winter at the same site. The land to be used was owned by Antigo businessman and philanthropist John Hanousek who granted permission for the project. The skating rink proved most popular and local stores were pleased to see increased sales of ice skates.

That same year, 1923, the city took an even bolder step in hiring Charles H. Ramsdell, a Minneapolis based landscape

architect, to develop an overall plan for the lake shore and create a park. Ramsdell visited the site and told city officials "You have a reclamation project of large possibilities."

Ramsdell's plan was presented to Antigo residents in a general meeting held at the high school in October 1923. It showed two lakes, one on land then owned by the Faust Lumber Company. The upper lake would have extended almost to the Fairgrounds and would contain an island in the middle. The plan received enthusiastic reception at the open meeting with Faust Lumber announcing that they would donate its land to the project. Ramsdell urged city officials to move as quickly as possible since the longer they waited the more difficult it would be to secure some of the needed land that was in private hands.

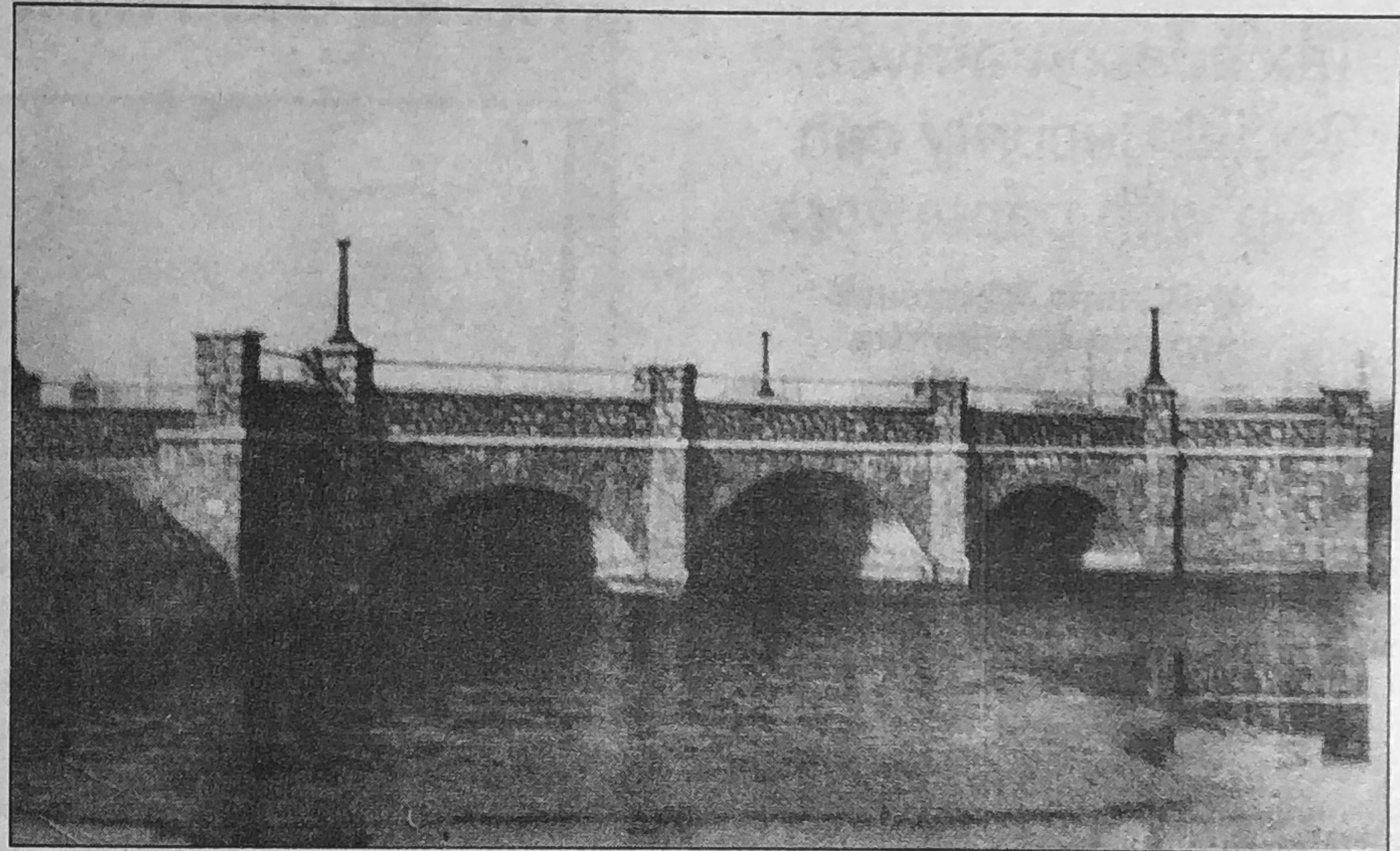
Things moved slowly with implementation of Ramsdell's plan. Even so, small efforts were made to clean up the remnants of the saw mills. The Lions Club in Antigo got involved in a project to clean up the tree stumps at the western end of the pond. The Antigo Women's Club also got involved in a cleanup project. But progress was slow.

Civic leaders, including Antigo Daily Journal editor at the time, Fred L. Berner, had the foresight

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Kellogg's Mill gave the pond its original name. Located at the western end of the pond it was created by the dam erected by the Novotny brothers. St. John Catholic Church is in the background.



The Hudson Street Bridge was constructed in the 1930s using FERA grants as part of the cleanup of Kellogg's Pond. It was designed by city engineer Henry Olk.

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to see the shoreline development as important to Antigo. They did much to promote Ramsdell's vision. General advocacy took more definite shape under the

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actually experiencing being where you are.

Mindful waiting — We often need to wait in line whether due to traffic, lots of people also shopping, etc. Instead of becoming frustrated, practice some mindful breathing. Pay attention to the breath as you inhale and exhale. Notice the environment instead of your frustrated thinking. Being frustrated will not make the wait time decrease!

Mindful listening to music — Get yourself comfortable, switch on your favorite piece of music and simply listen, moment by moment. As usual, after a while your mind will begin thinking of other things — just gently guide your mindful attention back to the sounds of the music. Be aware of both the sounds and the silence between the sounds. Notice how all sounds arise and fall back into the ever-present silence.

Be accepting of others — Allow other people to be human and make mistakes. Be prepared to accept apologies and forgive others for their indiscretions. At the same time, be gentle and forgiving of yourself when you make a mistake.

Live in the moment — Pause to smell those roses. Take a break from speculating about the future and sifting over the past. Instead, put the full weight of your attention into the here and now.

leadership of Mayor J.R. McQuillan.

In the 1930s, in the depths of the Great Depression, McQuillan and city officials revisited Ramsdell's original plan. Ramsdell returned to Antigo for an encore presentation. He now divided his grand plan into two parts which could be done separately. The lower part would involve rebuilding the dam at Fourth Avenue and landscaping up to Second Avenue. The upper part, extending to the fairgrounds could wait.

In the Great Depression many of Ramsdell's ideas could not be developed but the revised plan did get the ball rolling. There were federal grants and low interest loans available which would provide much needed employment for Langlade County residents. Some home owners along the south shore feared loss of privacy if the path were too wide. Long negotiations were conducted and residents were satisfied when the path was cut to 40 feet wide.

A work crew built a dike along the south shore from the Fourth Avenue dam to the Hudson Street bridge thanks in large part to Federal Emergency Relief Administration (FERA) grants, one of the federal government's New Deal programs designed to

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provide employment and infrastructure improvements. New Deal projects also paid for several new bridges spanning Spring Brook, including a magnificent arched bridge across Hudson Street, which has recently been restored and considered by many an Antigo landmark.

In 1935 the city purchased eight acres of land on the west side of the pond from L.P. Tradewell for

\$4,000 and used FERA funds to develop it into a park. In 1936, thanks to WERA funding (Wisconsin's version of FERA) 175 men were put to work on the north side of the pond cutting back the shoreline by 30 feet and clearing away large deposits of sawdust from the former mills and cleaning up the silt deposited from Spring Brook.

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Tax season arrives, Social Security can help with paperwork

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It's that time of year again. Preparing for tax season can seem overwhelming. Some forms and paperwork might be difficult to track down. If you misplaced your Benefits Statement or haven't received it by the end of January, we've made it easy for you to go online to request a replacement with my Social Security.

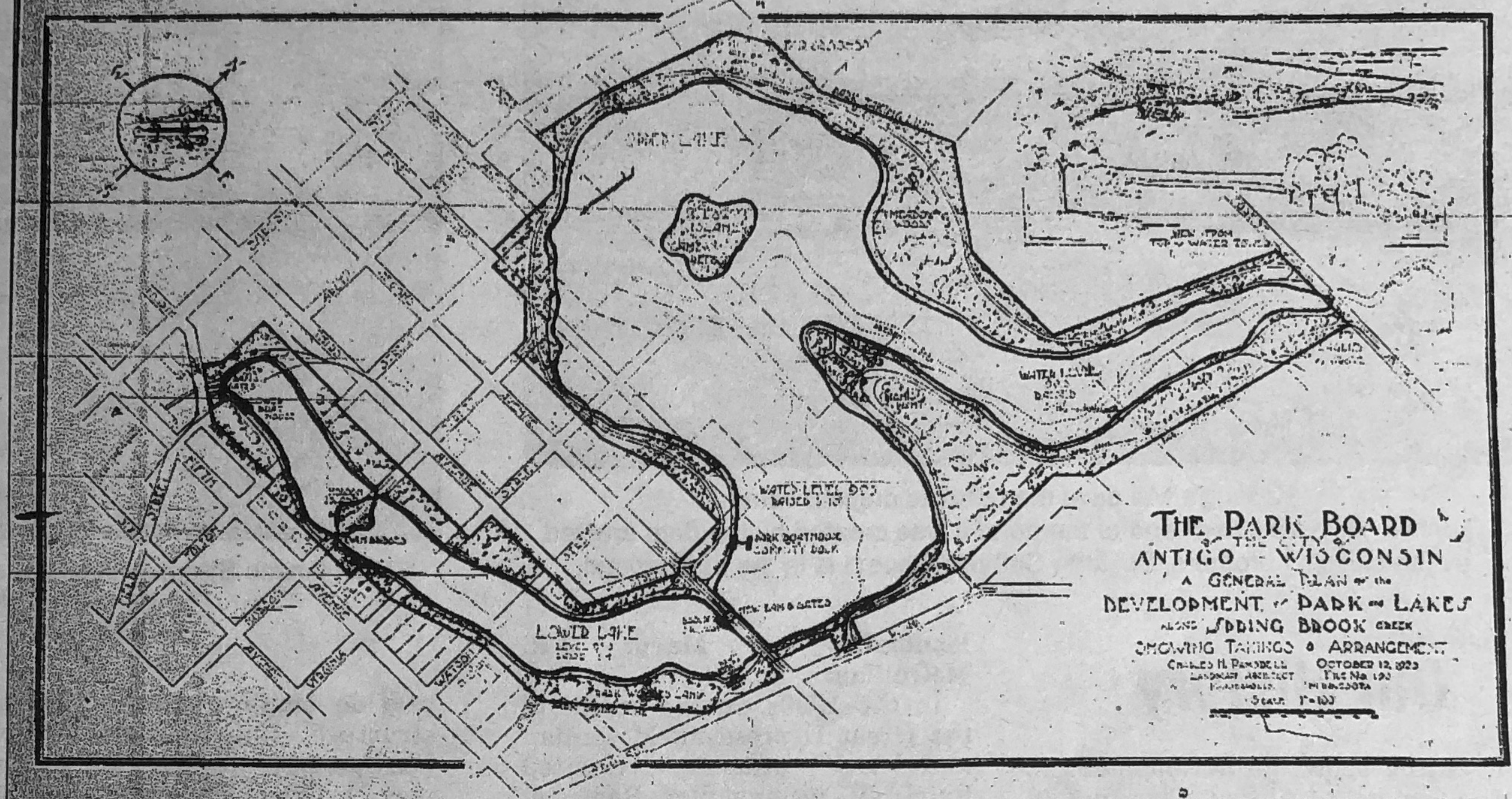
An SSA-1099, also called a Benefit Statement, is a tax form Social Security mails each year in January to the more than 60 million people who receive Social Security benefits. It shows the total amount of benefits received from Social Security in the previous year so people know how much Social Security income to report to the IRS on their tax return.

For noncitizens who live outside of the United States and received or repaid Social Security benefits last year, we'll send form SSA-1042S instead. The forms SSA-1099 and SSA-1042S are not available for people who receive Supplemental Security Income (SSI).

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Every working person in the U.S. should create a my Social Security account. The secure and personalized features of my Social Security are invaluable in securing a comfortable retirement — for today and tomorrow.

Proposed Lake Project As Outlined By Charles H. Ramsdell, Landscape Architect.



Minneapolis based landscape architect Charles Ramsdell was hired by the city to develop a plan to beautify the shoreline. Originally proposed in 1923, it was reduced in scope somewhat but work began in 1933.

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Kellogg's Pond became Antigo Lake. The Antigo Daily Journal in 1936 stated that prior to the cleanup Kellogg's Pond "was little more than a mud puddle with filth in the channel and a shoreline of rubbish." It commented that those who criticized the plan as too costly or impossible to implement were wrong. Editors praised the Fourth Avenue dam and Hudson Street Bridge both planned by city engineer Henry Olk and looked forward to further development of a swimming pool further upstream.

Although Ramsdell's plan was

not fully realized, the city was able to transform a lumber industry wasteland into a beautiful recre-

ational facility still enjoyed more than 80 years after work had begun.

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