

## Announcing New Waterloo Rural Schools Book

The Waterloo Area Historical Society announces the debut of a new book on rural schools. Members Ron Giese, Mikki Dempsey, Maureen Giese, Lucy Hanson and Kathy Lawrence have worked for eight months collecting and documenting information.

Over 40 area people contributed pictures and stories. The nostalgic result is a book of 104 pages with details on 21 former one-room schools in the Waterloo area – from Abendroth to Youker.\*

Most school districts started in the 1840s and 1850s and continued until consolidation. The book is lavishly illustrated and refers to names of 1600 former students, teachers and officers.

The schools book will be available during the society's holiday sale at Building 129 North Monroe, former Coffee Station on Saturday, December 6th, from 10 am until 4 pm, just in time for holiday gifts.

Cost is \$15 (if mailed, add \$5 and order at WAHS, P. O. Box 52, Waterloo WI 53594).

Also at the holiday sale are:

Homemade bakery goods from local kitchens.

Numerous bargain items of Christmas décor.

Other publications like the extraordinary

**Homecomings** (old settlers) **Book** and the terrific **Waterloo Sesquicentennial Calendar** with dozens of vintage photographs. Runn through March of 2010 will be available. It is the finest historic Waterloo calendar ever produced.

\* The full list of districts covered includes all schools in Waterloo and Portland townships, one each in Milford, Elba and Medina, and three in York Township as follows: Waterloo village, Little White, Abendroth, Island, Jordan, Kypke, Stony Brook, Faville, Hubbleton, McCormick, Goebel, Gaffney, Cold Spring, Portland village, Youker, Whipple, Pershing, Smith, York Center, Lone Oak, and Shady Lawn (Andrews). These are the schools that furnished students to Waterloo High School before consolidation.

