Our oldest oaks
a living heritage

By WALTER E. SCOTT

Some 27 years ago Prof. Robert S. Kiekhaefer published his paper, "The Vegetation of Dane County," in the Wisconsin Academy of Science, Arts and Letters. He described the earliest history of the area in which the State Capitol now stands, reporting in his article that the area then was covered with hardwood and burr oaks. Undergrowth same. For their field notes, 'timber black, white and red-pine group. The largest was a red oak tree, growing at 602 Pine Street, the largest in the Madison area. This red oak is near the Eagle Effigy Mound on the Monona Terrace grounds.

The next largest red oak is the "Dean Oak" at 6566 Nesbitt Rd. s-aH photos by paper oh The Vegetation of Dane County, 1974. A list of the 250 old oaks within 8 miles of the State Capitol, complete with locations and sizes, is available free from Walter Scott, 1721 Hickory, Madison. The stump was so large that it would require 4 men to cut it down. It measured 110 inches in circumference, and was 227 1/2 feet above the ground to be considered the largest bur oak in the Madison area.

Forty years ago, Prof. Charles E. Lapham, ably served as the "Dean Oak" of Madison. He was selected as the subject of a life-size carving on the Wisconsin Academy building." The tree was 227 1/2 feet above the ground to be considered the largest bur oak in the Madison area. It is obvious that numerous farmers who cleared the land in the first half of the 19th century, and others, such as those who planted trees for shade and school grounds. Even the State Department of Transportation carefully hewed the trunk of his oak tree in the interest of the landscape. Unfortunately, it was found by them in 1919. Frank Custer, Capital Times, claims to have information as to when that tree came down. It is said that the bur oak tree under the "Dean Oak" is 145 years old. It is a favorite of the local people, who frequently pass by and admire its beauty.

Old oak tree list is available free

A list of the 250 old oaks within 8 miles of the State Capitol, complete with locations and sizes, is available free from Walter Scott. The list is available from the Wisconsin Academy of Science, Arts and Letters. This copyrighted base map reproduction of Madison four decades ago. It is a little too small to be included in the report. According to a government publication, "The Wisconsin Academy," the "Dean Oak" was the subject of a life-size carving on the Wisconsin Academy building.

Mrs. Duane Smith is dwarfed by this white oak tree, growing at 602 Pine Street, the largest in the Madison area.
Film distributors see TV 'Movie of the Month Club'

By JAMES A. WHITE

It's a coup for a couple of film distributors out West who hope to persuade TV viewers to sit down for a monthly film presentation instead of watching reruns.

The brainchild of Utah's Strand Theatres is a group called the "Movie of the Month Club," which will present films on the third Thursday of each month.

The "Movie of the Month Club" will be shown at 9 p.m. and is open to all viewers. The Details of the films can be found in the newspaper.

The program will include a wide variety of films, from classics to modern releases. It will feature both国产 and foreign films, and is expected to attract a diverse audience.

The organizers believe that this initiative will help revitalise the film industry by providing a fresh way to watch movies. The program aims to introduce viewers to new films and re-watch old favorites, creating a sense of community.

The "Movie of the Month Club" is part of a larger trend in the film industry to diversify film consumption beyond traditional cinema settings. This move is seen as a way to adapt to changing viewer habits and to stay relevant in a competitive marketplace.

The program is expected to start in the coming months, with details about the first film and subsequent screenings to be announced soon.