

# Photos taken in the Plymouth, Wisconsin Area



The old abandoned Chicago & North Western Railroad is being rebuilt by the State of Wisconsin and Wisconsin & Southern Railroad. Photos provided by John Winter

A photo of a train (one engine # 4417, two cars and a C&NW caboose) heading west towards Plymouth. The bridge (trestle) is gone as of March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2015, completely removed so a new bridge can be installed. The insulated boxcars came into Plymouth for several months in the early 1980's. Two every day, Monday through Friday. They were spotted at the then A&P wing of the Borden's Cheese Plant on the south side of Plymouth. I was told by an employee of A&P that cheese was being shipped to Florida for export to a South American country for a US government contract. The interesting thing about the movement of these insulated boxcars was, they were steady, two new ones every day and two loaded cars out every day. But then, all of a sudden we were seeing 6, 8, even 15 cars per day! I thought the export cheese business was really picking up. I later found out, all the cheese for export was being

warehoused in Florida until the complete order was ready to be shipped.

When the order was about 80% filled and warehoused in Florida, it was discovered every box of cheese (I believe these were either 2 or 5 pound boxes) was missing a US Government required, little round sticker, which had to be on each box per the contract. All the cheese was sent back to Plymouth, where they unloaded every rail car, put the stickers on and reloaded the cars. Then the cars were shipped back to the warehouse in Florida. This made for some busy times in Plymouth for a couple of weeks! All because of a sticker the size of quarter, which should of been put on all the boxes in the first place. There is a C&NW bay window caboose on this train. Jerry Thompson Mullet River Hobbies



There is equipment and material stationed at various points along the line. Equipment such as backhoes and front-end loaders were at the Willow Road crossing and Pleasant View Road crossing in Plymouth. There was also some culvert pipes lying on the ground at some areas too. At the crossing of county highway M, workers were assembling a crane, no doubt to be used in rebuilding the bridge that crosses the river just west of Hwy M. They were in the process of adding counter-weights and more sections of the boom to the crane.

Top photo is a westbound CNW freight crossing this bridge, that will be replaced.

