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Preparations for the observance of Adams' centennial year got under way in January. At that time, members of the executive committee met with chairmen of the various committees to initiate plans for the two-day celebration. Seated, from left: Sylvester (Bud) Schaefer, Michael Rauwen, Vernon Schaefer,

Mrs. Juel Osmundson, John Wagner, chairman, and O. T. Anderson. Standing, same order: Herman Klapperich, Gordon Klautt, Harry Wemette, Juel Osmundson, Gilbert (Gib) Fasbender, Robert Roy, George Johnson, president of the Adams Commercial Club, and Wayne McDaniel.



Many hours of hard work went into preparing this historical brochure. Mrs. Juel Osmundson, standing at right, served as chairman of the historical committee and wrote the history based on considerable research. Shown with Mrs. Osmundson

are committee members and volunteers examining photographs submitted by area families. From left: Miss Marion Boyum, Joseph Schaefer, Vernon Schaefer, Juel Osmundson, Mrs. Lee Hamilton, and Sylvester (Bud) Schaefer.

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HISTORY



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By MRS. JUEL OSMUNDSON

Let us journey down memory lane one hundred years and try to picture what the area surrounding the village of Adams was like so long ago.

Mower County, of which Adams is a part, was pictured as a rolling prairie, interspersed with natural and domestic groves, beautified by meandering streams, and surfaced with rich deep soil, giving this county advantages which have placed it in the foremost ranks of Minnesota's agriculture and grazing districts. The above is a quote from the History of Mower County published in 1911.

During the ensuing years the progress and development of Adams and its community must give credit to this valuable agricultural climate.

The first settler in Adams township was Thomas Knudtson. He came in June 1855 with his three brothers, his father and his mother. He settled on a claim where he erected the first home in the township. It was built of logs, 18 x 18, and 8 feet high, covered with hay and prairie sod with puncheon floor. The next year he put on a shingled roof. Eight more settlers came during the year. They used the trees along the streams for their first houses.

The first town meeting of Adams Township was held in May, 1858 in Section 16 on the open prairie.

The first couple to be joined in the holy bands of wedlock were M. Krebsbach and Susan Bandes in 1858. The first birth was a daughter to the Stephen Olsons, born in December, 1855, a few days after her father was lost in a snow storm and froze to death.

The first male child was Mathew Heimer, son of the Stephen Heimers born March 29, 1858. The first seeder, mowing and threshing machines were brought to the township by M. Krebsbach. He also owned the first span of horses in the township. J. S. Ingens was the first postmaster in the township. The office was kept at his home in Section 8. The office was established in 1859.

In the summer of 1857 all the crops were destroyed by a hailstorm. Reduced to almost starvation early in the spring of 1858, John S. Ingens started out on foot to find food for his family. After traveling thirty miles into Iowa, he found one man who out of pure friendship gave him a bushel of wheat. Ingens took it back to Stacyville where he had it ground, or rather chopped up, in a feedmill. He carried the sack of flour on his back all the way home where his wife made biscuits at once.

Religion, then as now, played an important part in the days of the early settlers. Among the settlers of Norwegian descent, before the organization of a congregation could be effected, services were held in the private homes of the settlers. The first services of which there is any record were conducted in the home of Stephen Olson and Stephen Christianson on Section 12, in June, 1856. Rev. C. L. Clausen, of St. Ansgar, Iowa, the first pastor who visited this section, conducted the services. He was also present at the meeting on November 26, 1859, in the home of Halge E. Flocu, on which date the Little Cedar congregation was organized.

The first church, a very primitive log church, was built in 1863, on the southeast quarter of section 4. The church was 30 x 40 and 16 feet high. Each voting member donated a certain number of logs.

The church in use today was completed in 1908. A more complete history of the Little Cedar Congregation will be found elsewhere in this brochure.

The first Catholic religious services to be held in Adams township were held in the home of John Fagans in 1858 in Johnsburg, or Johansburg as it was formerly called. The next year, 1859, the inhabitants erected a log church 16 x 20, 10 feet high. In 1860 a 12 x 14 addition was added. The building was used for church purposes until 1868, when it was replaced by a substantial frame structure. The building was provided with steeple and bell which cost \$300.00. The building's complete cost was \$4,000.00. This was the first Catholic Church in the county. The church was incorporated in 1883.

The present structure of the Sacred Heart Church was erected in 1902. The school at that time was a substantial frame building, the rear rooms being used as a convent for the five sisters of the Order of St. Francis, who taught the parochial school and performed the other Christian duties to which their vows called them. A parsonage had also been erected. A more complete history on this church may also be found elsewhere.

As we traverse our modern freeways and hardly give a second thought to the efficiency of snow removal from our county and township roads, it is hard to realize conditions as they existed in 1855.

An interesting and heartbreaking story is told of Stephen Olson and Stephen Christianson spoken of as settlers of July 1855 and who were frozen to death on December 8, 1855. They started on the morning of that day, with ox teams to go to the Norwegian settlement of Six Mile Grove, in Nevada township, to procure provisions, in which the settlers were much in need. What a far cry from our modern supermarkets, many of whom remain open seven days a week. They procured provisions and started home. A severe snow storm set in and they evidently got lost. The team found their way home that night. One of the men's hats was found attached to the yoke. The next morning a party started in search. Their dead bodies were found three days later in Lodi township. Each left a wife and one child. They were buried in Section 11.

Alice, second child of Mathew Rooney, was frozen to death in the winter of 1872, the circumstances of which are as follows. It seems that Frank, a son, and Alice had gone to the village of Adams to trade, as Alice was to commence school at Austin the next Monday. The two left the village for home, with sleigh and horses about dark. It was storming very hard from the northwest. As the team had to face the storm, it was impossible to drive them, and in turning broke the sleigh tongue. They wandered around all night. They were found the next morning just over in Iowa. Alice died, Frank lost his feet.

The village of Adams originated in a cluster of buildings about the center stake of Section 11. The first business building was erected by W. E. Davis & Bros. in the fall of 1867. They put in a general stock of goods. They remained in business there until 1871, when they sold out to M. Krebsbach. A. D. Harris engaged in the mercantile trade here in 1882. The first saloon was opened by one Beacher, who came here in the summer of 1867. The village was platted January 30, 1868, by Selah Chamberlain.

William Madden, one of the earlier pioneers who settled in Adams township in 1856, had the honor of naming the village of Adams after a very good friend of his from the state of New York.

As early as 1873 Adams was a flourishing trading post. There was a good school and railroad station. Mathias Krebsbach was a grain buyer and partner in the firm of Krebsbach and Corbitt, general merchants, in whose store the post office was kept. I. W. Miner dealt in produce and farm machinery, and had three warehouses filled with wheat. Barnhart and O'Brien did general blacksmithing and repairing. John Carr kept the Shamrock House.

The village of Adams was incorporated March 2, 1887. The first officers were President, Mathias Krebsbach; recorder, H. Cary; J. W. Carr, E. A. Knutson and Michael Krebsbach. At present the officers are Mayor, Herb Smith; trustees, Daniel Gilles, John Schissel, Dr. B. E. Monson and David Wiste.

In the summer of 1897 a water works system was put in, with full equipment of well, tower, tank, pumping station, and sufficient mains to practically cover the village. In 1902 a complete sewerage system was installed. In 1958 this system was updated with a modern disposal plant. In 1903 came the gas plant, which kept the streets well lighted and also supplied illumination for residences and business places. The site of the gas plant was where the firm of Osmundson Bros. is now located. In 1906 a new village hall was erected to replace the old one built in 1889. This hall was the pride of the village. Its upper floor contained the council chambers, while the lower floor was given over to the fire apparatus and the jail. The fire apparatus was manned by a volunteer fire department. While the fire fighting equipment has grown more modern it is still housed in the same building and the volunteer fire department still gives the most competent service to the village of Adams and the surrounding community.

In 1911, Adams was described as progressive in every respect, one of the larger villages in Mower County. At this time it had a population of nearly six hundred people. It had a population of three hundred eighty nine in 1890, so it showed a substantial period of growth during these years. It was described as having Catholic and Lutheran Churches, a bank, a school, parochial school, fire department, railroad service and the like.

Among its business activities the following could be mentioned: two elevators, one creamery, two general stores, one hotel, one harness shop, one meat market, four saloons, one livery, one brewing warehouse, one photographer, one physician, one dentist, one garage, two hardware stores, one drug store, two blacksmith shops, and one lumberyard. Among the leading citizens mentioned were: Michael Krebsbach, Wm. W. Dean, John Gilligan, H. Carey, J. H. Carey, P. H. Carr, J. W. Carr, J. W. Heimer, A. Torgerson, E. L. Slindee, W. H. Cavanaugh, Rev. F. B. Reichel, Rev. O. C. Myhre, Paul C. Keith, N. M. Smith, E. V. Smith, and C. E. Bennett.

The first school districts were organized in Adams township in 1858. District 6 had a small school house erected of logs and covered with hay. The building was located in Section 29. The term of school in this house was taught in the winter of 1858-59 by R. M. Rooney. The house burned in a prairie fire the following summer. Another log house was erected on the site of the old one and in this Mr. Rooney was also the first teacher. This building likewise burned and a good substantial frame one was erected one half mile south in Section 32. District 7 was organized in 1858 with the schoolhouse located in Section 8. District 8 is the village school of Adams. It was organized in 1858 and a schoolhouse was erected in Section 11 in 1873. The first schoolhouse was built on the site of the home owned by Mrs. Baldner at the corner of Fourth and School Streets.

In the year 1891, John Griffin was school principal, and even though Adams was only about 24 years old, 102 pupils were answering the bell in the two story four-room wooden structure. This fine, firm, educational foundation has continued down through the years, making available the best educational services to be had anywhere, to past and present scholars of the Adams School System. The Adams Review of December 7, 1900 lists the four teachers as Professor Buggs, whose room had an enrollment of 32, Miss Scanlon, enrollment 40, Miss Slindee, 44, and Miss Andrews, 45. The first high school graduating class in 1918 consisted of only three pupils, Rose Zilz, Mary McCreery and Gertrude Schneider. In the 1919 class there were also three graduates, Frank Heuman, Coralie Schissel and Juletta Knutson.



Mrs. Juell Osmundson is the author of this historical article. Active in civic, church and patriotic organizations, Mrs. Osmundson was the first president of the League of Women Voters. She was district president, state president and national vice president of the American Legion Auxiliary. A great deal of time and effort was spent in doing the research work for this article. Assisting Mrs. Osmundson were Miss Marion Boyum and Joseph Schaefer.

In the year 1891 the village of Adams was described as a very different looking town. It was over populated with taverns, most of its structures were wooden and its streets were either dusty or muddy, depending on the weather.

The Adams Review was established in 1879 by V. W. Sabin and has been published continually since that time. It is one of two remaining weekly newspapers in Mower County. A subscription to the Adams Review in those days cost readers a dollar a year. It is now owned and published by Mr. and Mrs. R. W. McDaniel of Austin, Minnesota.

The month of June 1908 brought to Mower county a series of severe storms. On Thursday, June 18, there were cyclonic conditions. That evening a brilliant electrical storm swept the entire county and several buildings were destroyed by lightning. At 9:30 p.m. a tornado struck the village of Adams, doing damage in the amount of \$2,500.00. The path of the tornado was four rods wide and extended a quarter of a mile. On the next night another electrical storm swept the county, killing much livestock and burning several barns. The next day, Saturday, June 20th, a sultry day, saw the build up of storm clouds and by 3:15 it was so dark that lamps had to be lit. A tornado and hailstorm hit the city of Austin, causing thousands of dollars damage. Electric and telephone wires were down, streets were impassable, buildings were unroofed and most homes and business places were damaged heavily. The storm swept the entire county. In the village of Adams 600 panes of glass were broken by the hail. Adams township suffered severely in loss of crops, windmills and barns. In some parts of the county the hail congealed into jagged chunks of ice as big as a man's fist and hogs and horses were killed in the fields. Trees were stripped of every vestige of bark.

The following organizations were active at the turn of the century: Sacred Heart Court No. 1196, Catholic Order of Foresters, was instituted on March 4, 1901. The chief ranger then was J. H. Krebsbach. Adams Lodge, No. 203, A.O.U.W., was instituted December 12, 1895. Adams Court, No. 9313, Modern Woodmen of America was organized about 1901.

The Adams Co-operative Creamery was organized February 25, 1898. The first officers were: president T. E. Tiegen, vice president, John Gilligan, secretary, A. R. Anderson, treasurer, James Olson, directors, Ole K. Olson, Anton Kramer and T. Madden. The very first creamery in Adams was located at the corner of Fourth and Main streets where the M. and J. Krebsbach building now stands. In 1875 Little Cedar Con-

gregation sold their old log church at an auction sale to A. John Boyum for \$75.00. The building was then torn down, moved and rebuilt in Adams and used for a while as Adam's first creamery operated by Krebsbach and Schneider. In 1881 John H. Krebsbach built a creamery at the east edge of Adams as a sideline. This was located at the end of Main Street and would be approximately north of the Leo Wagner residence. This was the end of the street and patrons could drive completely around the creamery. Mr. Krebsbach operated the creamery for 16 years at which time he turned it over to the farmers of the township who still operate the business. In 1898 a new creamery was built on land purchased from Gullick Olson adjoining Adams on the east. This now houses the business owned by Harry Dubinsky. This building was outgrown and the new creamery was built in 1927. The Adams Creamery Association has always been very successful during the 70 years of serving the farmers of this area. George Johnson is the current manager, coming to Adams in 1960. The present officers are: Selmer Weness, President; Virgil Bergene, Vice President; Karl Kraling, Secretary-Treasurer; Richard Knight, Adrian Gerber, C. R. Kellogg and Peter Schaefer.

The Commercial Club was organized in 1908. In 1911 the officers were President, John Gilligan; Secretary, Wm. W. Dean; Treasurer, J. W. Heimer. At that time the club had a membership of some 60 businessmen. It was then, and is now, an important feature in the progress of the village, in both a business and social way.

The Fire Department was organized on June 7, 1898 and was known as Adams Hose Co. No. 1. The active members were to be, not more than 25 in number, and no member was to be under 18 or over 50 years of age. By-laws stated a member would be fined 25c for not attending a regular meeting and would no longer be a member if he missed two successive meetings. Dances were held regularly in Sabel's Hall to raise money for the department. Practice was held regularly each week. Firemen's suits were purchased for \$97.09 in 1899. A record seldom equaled was that of Mose Karsburg who served as Chief of the Volunteer Fire Department for 32 years. The present fire truck was purchased in 1947 and is still manned by the fine Volunteer Adams Fire Department. The present officers are: Chief, Gilbert Fasbender; 1st Assistant Chief, Sylvester Schaefer; 2nd Assistant Chief, Robert Wigham; Secretary, Kenneth Kramer; Treasurer, Mike Rauen.

The first post office was in the farm house of John Ingen in 1859 when the mail was delivered by stage coach, although Washington, D. C. records the date as July 25, 1861. The post office was located in stores until the first post office was opened in the building on the west side of Fourth street which is now the Welcome Inn. The present post office building owned by Mr. B. J. Huseby was built by him in 1929.

The postmasters who have served the Adams post office and the date of their appointment are as follows: Harold M. F. Ingens, July 25, 1861; W. E. Davis, August 19, 1868; George Corbitt, April 21, 1873; Samuel Sweningson, April 17, 1877; A. Betram, December 3, 1877; A. D. Harris, May 17, 1880; Patrick M. Rooney, April 29, 1886; Mathias Krebsbach, January 10, 1888; Andrew Torgerson, February 2, 1889; Anton King, November 25, 1893; James Slindee, December 7, 1897; Erick L. Slindee, December 30, 1898; Anna Slindee, January 23, 1924; Bennie J. Huseby, April 11, 1929; Joseph A. Heimer, June 12, 1934, and Alphonse G. Krebsbach, January 15, 1939.

A brochure published in 1907 containing pictures of Adams business paces and homes gives an excellent profile of the village enterprises at that time. The Milwaukee-St. Paul railroad had four trains each way every day which carried passengers. Only an occasional freight train uses the tracks nowadays. In 1900 trade in Adams was brisk and one day 175 teams of horses were counted in town.

The Adams Hardware Store, M. Krebsbach, president, carried a picture of Louie Klima as manager. An ad by W. F. St. Clair advertised excursions the first and third Tuesday of every month to "The Land of Perpetual Spring," Indian territory in Texas and Oklahoma, which was selling for \$1.25 to \$3.00 an acre. H. S. Lovold was the druggist with the drug store located where the post office presently is. The telephone office was over this drug store. The first operators were Tillie Krebsbach, Pauline, Martha and Millie Blonigan and Mamie Erie. At the time the dial system was installed, the telephone office was located in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Barkee, with Nellie as chief operator and manager. Say what you will for progress, in those days if you didn't get to the phone to get your call, chances were the operator could tell

you who had called, so you seldom missed a call. Then too, if you received no answer to your call, the operator could probably tell you where the party was and what he was doing.

Noll and Meurer, Math. Karst, S. Schmitt, and Carey and Kleifgen, evidently all had saloons as their ads were for beer and liquor and choice cigars. The Carey-Kleifgen saloon was located where the bakery now is, the building being originally built for this purpose. This building was described as furnished in metropolitan style in oak and cherry.

Mike Schneider's picture appeared with his hardware store ad. This was the location of the present Anderson Hardware store. Mr. Schneider built this building in 1913. The physician and surgeon was Dr. E. F. Chase, whose offices were over the Krebsbach store and his ad stated that he was in his office nights. Dr. C. E. Bennett was the dentist, and his office was also over the Krebsbach store. The second story of this building had been planned and laid out as a hospital with Doctors McBroom and Moses in charge. The Rooney Sisters on the south side of Main street, about where the locker now stands, offered board by the day or week.

The Main Street Fruit Store, Mrs. C. King, owner, offered a choice line of fruits, candies, tobacco, can goods, etc. There was a lunch counter in connection. A. Amble was the contractor and builder whose cabinet work was a specialty. The Pioneer Dray Lines was owned by Fred King. A. O. Sjobakken offered general blacksmithing at the location of the present Freund Garage. Gilchrist and Co. dealt in grain, seeds, coal, hides and salt at the site of the present elevator. The familiar name of Frank Blonigan was over the meat market. O. I. Thon dealt in furniture and undertaking in a small frame building with small panes in the windows, on each side of the center door, located where the drug store is now. Charles Wollweber was a contractor and builder. N. P. Schmitz was a manufacturer and dealer in harness, saddles, collars, whips, robes, flynets, brushes and combs.

Torgerson's Daylight Store established in 1886 looked very much as the building does today. The picture shows the high wooden sidewalks, the new gas light on the corner, and the dirt street. The First National Bank, Mrs. S. Dean, president; Wm. W. Dean, Cashier, and M. Krebsbach, Vice President, showed a balance in resources and liabilities of \$191,928.27. Safety deposit boxes were for rent at \$1.00 per year. N. W. Stiles was the barber, located about where the locker is now.

Jos. Carey advertised the city drayline. John Carey was a farm implement dealer where Meurer Chevrolet now stands, and the Adams Lumber Company with James Carr as manager was located on Market Street where the United Builders is located today. Theodore Sabel advertised general merchandise with the highest price paid for butter and eggs. He was the manager of Sabel's Opera House located on the second floor, featuring dances, medicine shows, stage plays, etc. Fairbanks Bros. were the photographers and the Adams Gallery was open every Monday. It was located in the Sabel Building at the rear.

E. L. Slindee was the stationer and dealer in office and typewriter supplies. He also acted as agent for the Austin Steam Laundry. Baskets were picked up once a week. J. M. Kiefer had the livery, feed and sale stable. First class rigs were to let out with reasonable prices and careful drivers. This is now the east shop building at Omsundson Bros.

The Adams Review, K. L. Niles, editor, was advertised as the only wide-awake newspaper in Mower County. It was in the Sabel block on north fourth street. Price was \$1.00 a year. Other prices at the turn of the century were restaurant meals advertised at 10c, 25c and 35c. A special feature was a cup of coffee with a piece of pie or ham sandwich for 5c. Men's all wool suits were priced from \$4.50 to \$7.50, and then were discounted for cash. Four pounds of coffee were 25c, a gallon of molasses was 15c, fancy calico was 3c a yard and table linen 23c. Hamburger sold for three pounds for 25c, round steak was 10c, sirloin 12½c and three rings of bologna for 25c.

The first bank in Adams was known as The Bank of Adams, with Dean, Schmitz, and Dean bankers. It opened for business on January 4th, 1898. It was located on the west side of Fourth street in the brick building next to Schmitz Electric which is now vacant. This business prospered and built the building on the corner of Main and Fourth Streets which was constructed about 1929. The name was changed to the First National Bank of Adams. This was an outstanding beautiful building for its period and before it had to undergo repair several years ago. This bank had the misfortune of failing during the depression of the 30's and is now owned by the

village of Adams. It houses the Municipal Liquor Store, the Council Rooms, and the basement club rooms which over the years have been used by many organizations for various activities.

In the years 1913 and 1914 the city of Adams enjoyed a building boom. The M. and J. Krebsbach building was erected on the corner of Main and Fourth. It is told that the old store building was moved into the center of the street during the erection of the new one and that traffic drove around it. The Farmers State Bank was built at its present location. John P. Krebsbach built a new furniture and hardware store which is now owned by A. G. Krebsbach who continues in the furniture business. Mike Schneider built a hardware store which for many years now has been known as the Anderson Hardware. Andrew Sjobakken built a blacksmith shop which is now the firm of the Freund Garage. Mr. Earl Erckenbrack built his drug store in 1914 which he operated until his retirement in 1949. At this same time Mr. Steve Klapperich constructed the present blacksmith shop.

One of the early businessmen in Adams was John Heimer, who owned and operated a meat market for several years where the creamery is now located, with the family living in the back.

The Adams Hotel was located on the southeast corner of Main and Fourth streets just east of the Adams Theatre. It was a large two-story white frame building reaching almost to the back of the lot. It is reported they took in boarders and served delicious meals. Dinners were always a part of the dance program and everyone attending the dance enjoyed dinner at the hotel at a price of 25c. In 1900 Mr. Wm. Henderson took charge of the hotel which he completely renovated and refurbished, resulting in increased prosperity and popularity. The rates were moderate and Mr. Henderson gave special attention to the commercial traveler.

The Farmers State Bank which was constructed in 1914 is located on south Fourth street. When the bank opened on April 17, 1915, it was one of the most modern in the country. The teller cages were built of Italian marble and green Vermont marble. After over 50 years the bank interior has changed little, the marble is still in use today along with the safe. Major remodeling was undergone when the basement was remodeled with space for machines, offices and a kitchenette. The Torgersons have been associated with the bank from the start. A. Torgerson, was an early settler in Adams and for years operated a grocery store before going into banking. In 1930 N. V. Torgerson became president and held that position until his death in 1967. Vance Torgerson, who was associated with his father, is now bank president. He has three sons, so there should be a Torgerson on the board of the bank for years to come.

Mr. John Boyum started the first bakery in Adams in the Sabel building, on the fourth of October, 1919. At that time coal was used for the ovens and everything was mixed by hand. A lantern was carried to work at 4 a.m. each morning. White, graham, and rye breads were made as well as buns, and parkerhouse rolls. Sweet rolls were baked in the oven and not fried in lard. Cake donuts were called fry cakes. Raised donuts, floaters (long johns) and bismarks were made daily. Cookies of the day were white sugar, fruit, molasses and oatmeal. Cakes were chocolate, white, and the favorite jelly roll. Mr. Boyum moved his business across the street to what is now the Goergen apartment building. In 1925 this store was completely remodeled and new fixtures were added to carry a full line of staple groceries and bakery supplies. A new building was erected for the baking. The grand opening was on March 7th with free homemade donuts and coffee. When the stores began to handle the bread which was shipped in from Minneapolis and Mason City, Mr. Boyum finally quit baking bread and handled the commercial product too. He still continued, however, to bake the sweet products. Mr. Boyum held several civic and church offices, including village council, public school board and parochial school board. He quit business in 1942.

So that future citizens may know what Adams was like in the year 1968, and to tie up the business places of today with those of the past, let us look at our village as it is today. The population which was nearly six hundred in 1900 has not grown appreciably in nearly 70 years. The 1960 census reports a population of 806. This figure does not, however, give a true picture of the progressive, wide-awake, forward small town that is Adams. Home owners and businessmen have always taken a pride in the physical appearance of their property, and salesmen have often commented that Adams is one



The Sacred Heart Choir was an outstanding musical organization about 70 years ago. It was directed by Jacob Krebsbach and competed in a number of contests, including La Crosse and Winona musical events. The group included Math. Geimer, Anton King, Theo. Sable, Anton Nett, Mike and Tony Schneider, Chas. Mandler, N. P. Schmitz, Peter Meurer, Chris King and Anton Kleifgen.

of the cleanest, well kept, small towns they visit. Many new homes have been built in Adams in the last 20 years.

Let us approach Adams from the east. State Highway 56 runs east and west through the village. A county highway runs north and south on Fourth street. For many years these were the only paved streets in Adams. In recent years a program of street improvement was started, until now, only a very few blocks are without curb and gutter and paved streets.

The first business place to greet our view is the modern eight-laned bowling alley known as Allied Lanes. Built in 1960 by Klapperich and Woodcock, it is now owned by Mr. and Mrs. Marno McDermott who purchased it in 1962.

Next we come to the modern motel constructed and owned by Mr. and Mrs. Urban Heimer. This is located at Main and a new street, known as Schmitz street, at the east edge of Adams. It started with four units in 1961, and three additional units were added in 1966.

On the corner of Third and Main streets, stands the Adams Funeral Home owned by Mr. A. G. Krebsbach, who purchased it in 1955. This was the Michael Krebsbach home, one of the early fine homes in Adams. In recent years we have been without an undertaker in Adams and one from Austin performs this task. Some of the undertakers who served the Adams area were Charles Corrigan who came in 1935; Orville Scheffel, 1941, and Walter Kinder, 1955.

The next business place is the modern creamery, described earlier, which was built in 1927. George Johnson is the buttermaker, coming here in 1960, upon the retirement of Walter Beck, who served in this capacity for 38 years.

Next we have Millers Builder's Supply in the building erected by Ed Millenacker, who used it for farm machinery and the Plymouth and Chrysler agency. This building stood empty for several years before being purchased by Mr. Miller. In 1967, after the Pine Room at the Adams Theatre closed, Mr. Miller felt there was a need for a snack shop, restaurant, and recreational facilities, so he opened the Royal Tribe a year ago, which caters to the youth of the community. Mr. Miller has been in the building contracting business in Adams since 1947. The Adams Review also has space in this building since being purchased by Mr. McDaniel in 1967.

The barber and beauty shop, which was extensively remodeled in 1965, is owned and operated by Norman Hoefft, who purchased it in 1960. This business was established by Adolph (Mose) Karsburg who came to Adams as an apprentice in 1909. In his days as an apprentice, barbershops opened at 7 a.m. and closed at 10 p.m. weekdays and at 1 a.m. on Saturdays. There was a lot of shaving in those days. On Saturday nights the regular customers would be taken care of by

eleven, by which time they would be dog-tired, then the saloons would close and the men would come in all hopped up, and if the barber didn't joke and smile, they'd say, "What's the matter you old grouch?" Mr. Karsburg started barbering in a wood building located where the locker plant now stands. This same building is now Leonard Hardings garage. Mr. Arthur Nagel became a partner of Mr. Karsburg in 1913 and together they manned the chairs for nearly half a century. Mr. Karsburg did reach that goal on March 26, 1959. Mr. Nagel received employment at Hormel's and only worked part time in later years. The present brick building was constructed in 1915. The beauty shop is owned by Eldora Hauffman and is operated by Helen Noble, both of Austin.

Mike and Bill's Bar is owned and operated by Mike and Wm. Rauhen. They started business on December 15, 1941, when they took over the place that was then the K & K Bar. This was located in the M. and J. Krebsbach building on the ground floor on the west side of the building. They moved into the basement of the same building in the fall of 1945 and operated their business there for eight years. They built a new building in the summer of 1953, located just west of the barbershop, where the business is now located.

The village of Adams owns the old First National Bank building located on the corner of Fourth and Main and uses it for the Municipal Liquor store, council rooms and public club rooms. The roof had to be repaired several years ago, resulting in the loss of the beautiful colored base relief which decorated the top of the building. The inside ceiling was lowered and the council chambers were remodeled in 1964. Village elections are held in the council rooms.

The Standard Oil Company is across the street. This filling station was erected by Franz Arvold. It was then owned and operated for a period of years by Mr. Ernest Hanneman until his sudden death. Then it was rented from Mrs. Hanneman for several years by different operators. At present it is owned and operated by Curtis Lewison.

Adams is fortunate to have a dedicated doctor, in the person of Dr. P. J. Schneider. The modern clinic building located on west Main street was built in 1952-53. Dr. Schneider has practiced in Adams since 1932, his office being for years upstairs in the corner Krebsbach building, which he now owns.

On the west edge of town is located Herman's Gardens, owned and operated by Mr. and Mrs. Herman Schmitz, who purchased the business in 1959. Herman had been associated in the electric business with his brother, Joseph, for a period of 10 years before this.

Still further west is the new swimming pool which was started in 1965 by a group of interested citizens who organized the Town and Country Corporation. It was officially opened on June 4 and dedicated August 14, 1966. Next to the swimming pool is the Adams Public School athletic field, the scene of football and baseball games.

The Conservation Club at the west edge of Adams was built about 1947. It is an attractive cement block building set in spacious grounds. As well as being the scene of conservation meetings, it is the site of dances, wedding receptions, large public gatherings, and the like. Almost every Sunday during the summer months it is used for family reunions.

The new Cedar River Country Club located west of Adams on highway 56, is planning on a July 1, 1968 opening. This club was started last year as the result of several Adams golfers who felt the need of such a facility at home. According to all reports this will prove to be one of the very finest golf courses and facilities in the area.

On the corner of Main and Fourth streets, as we come back east, is the Schaefer Department Store, operated by Mrs. Sylvester Schaefer, who opened for business three years ago. She keeps a line of men's, women's and children's clothing as well as general dry goods. This is the business place established by Mr. A. Torgerson in 1886. At that time it was a frame building with living space upstairs. Mr. Torgerson conducted a grocery business here before going into the banking business. The present store was built by him and has changed very little in appearance over the years. Annie Schaefer and Amanda Huseby were clerks in the Torgerson store, known as the Daylight Store until recent years. Oscar and Nordeen Torgerson, Annie Schaefer and Henry Halverson were some of the owners and operators of this department store. Mr. Roy Torgerson operated a grocery and dry goods store here for several years. Later it was a men's clothing store and recently Mr. and Mrs. Glen Thompson operated it for several years as a dry goods store.



These seven men posed with the "tools of their trades"; i. e., painter, carpenter, mason and paper hanger. Left to right, seated: Nels Littleboe, Bill Carr, Jens Epland and Tom Koloen. Standing: Andrew Matteson and Anfin Amble. Photo furnished by Carl Snortum.

Across the street is the M. and J. Krebsbach building built in 1914 as a general department store. It is owned by Dr. P. J. Schneider who purchased it in 1952 from Ben Frazenden, editor of the Adams Review. It is occupied by the Adams Furniture Store Annex, who use it for their Early American furniture. There are several apartments located on the second floor.

The Anderson Hardware store building was erected in 1913 by Mr. Michael Schneider as a hardware store. This same year the Adams Furniture Store was also built, and operated as both a furniture and hardware store, with the hardware being on the west side of the divided store. Several years later Jake Wagner and John Knutson bought the hardware business from Mr. John P. Krebsbach. In 1929 Mr. O. T. Anderson bought the business from them. He continued in the Krebsbach building until 1940, when he purchased the hardware business from the Rumrich Bros., located in the Mike Schneider building. At that time there was a considerable amount of plumbing, heating and harness repair work connected with the hardware business. Many will remember Oscar Benson and Gordon Elliot, who worked for many years in the hardware store. With the coming of R.E.A. to the rural area, Mr. Anderson and Gordon Elliot devoted much time modernizing farm homes with running water and automatic heat. In 1946, Mr. Anderson's brother, Edward, bought an interest in the business and they were partners until January 1, 1965, when O. T. sold out to Edward.

The next building is owned by Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Mullenbach, who purchased it in 1966 from Mr. Edmund Blonigan, and operate a grocery store at this location. This building was originally erected as a saloon, owned by Mr. Peter Meurer, who continued in this business until prohibition. Mr. Theodore Blonigan operated a meat market in Adams for about 2 years, at which time his son Frank took over the business, which he operated for 52 years. Thus, the Blonigan Meat Market was a landmark in Adams for over half a century. Edmund Blonigan entered into business with his father in 1925, and continued the family business after the death of his father, until his retirement in 1966.

The Adams Furniture Store is owned by Mr. A. G. Krebsbach who continues the business established by his father, John P. Krebsbach. The present building was erected in 1914 and at that time was divided, one half housing furniture and the other half contained a hardware store. Mr. Krebsbach became associated with his father in 1924. Mr. John P. Krebsbach retired in 1935. The second story of this building was used for much of the entertainment that occurred in the village. For years dances were held regularly. Silent movies with a single projector were shown on weekends. About 1931 or '32 talkies were a big event. The Christy Obrecht stage company played here regularly as well as the Seven Cairns Bros. Home talent plays were always a highlight. Until the construction of the high school all the basketball games were held here.

Schaefer's Sundries owned by Mr. and Mrs. Sylvester Schaefer is the store building which for over 50 years was the Erckenbrach Drug Store. Earl Erckenbrach built the store in 1914 after working in the Lovold Drug Store, located where

the post office is now. The modern soda fountain was a big attraction for young and old for many years. Mr. Earl Erckenbrack retired in 1949 and was honored by receiving a plaque from the Pharmaceutical Association for 50 years of service as a pharmacist. His son James operated the business for 10 years before moving to Minneapolis.

The Adams Locker was built in 1939 by the Adams Creamery Association and is now owned by Mr. Oscar Bustad, who purchased it in 1959.

The Klapperich Blacksmith Shop has been a land mark in Adams for many years. Mr. Thron S. Bohn, who was born in Norway in 1842, came to America in 1867. He owned and operated a blacksmith shop in Adams from 1890 to 1898. The shop was located where the creamery now stands. Mr. John J. Fardahl was employed for a time by Mr. Bohn. After 1898 the Rogers Brothers operated the shop until 1911, at which time Steve Klapperich bought the tools and stock from them and operated there until 1914, at which time he constructed the present building and moved his business there. The blacksmith shop, located where the creamery now stands, consisted of two stories, with the upper floor used for the woodworking and the lower for the blacksmith shop. For over a half a century Steve has given dependable and friendly service to Adams and community. In 1947 he sold the business to his son, Herman, who presently owns it. Although retired, Steve still fills in at the shop greeting old and new customers with his friendly smile.

Adams is one of the smaller towns fortunate enough to have a theater, in which all of the first run movies are shown. Mr. Vernon Schaefer opened the Adams Theater on April 1, 1949. The Pine Room which occupied the west front of the theatre and served short orders, pop, candy, etc., was a very popular place, especially to the youth of the community, and it was with regret that the public learned it was to be closed. Mr. Schaefer entered the insurance business in 1959, and with the growth of the business, felt the need for larger quarters, and in 1966 remodeled the former Pine Room into insurance offices.

Osmundson Brothers are located on the corner of Main and Third streets, the site of the gas, and later, the electric plants which furnished power in Adams. This business is unique, in that, five brothers (formerly six, until the death of the youngest Sigurd in an accident) own the corporation which operates a business consisting of road construction, agriculture and road rock, farm machinery, etc. Herb and Earl formed a partnership in 1925 and after the war in 1946, the four others brothers, Juell, Arthur, Leleann, and Sigurd, entered the business. They built their modern shop and store in 1947.

The Co-op Oil Company is located at the east edge of town. This cooperative was formed in 1939 and was located until 1963 on Fourth and Market streets. At that time they purchased the present site from Ed Millenacker. In 1965 they entered the fertilizer business and have just completed a large warehouse where they sell feed, fertilizer, and other farm products.

Harry Dubinsky is carrying on the junk business in which he was associated with his father until his death. This business is located in the old Adams Creamery building.

The lumber business in Adams is now owned by United Builders, managed by Mr. Arvid Neus. It is located on Market street near the depot. This has been the site of the lumber company in Adams since pioneer days. Mr. Henry Sass managed the business for 23 years, starting in 1932 and retiring in 1955.

The Schissel Elevator, owned by John and Conrad Schissel, is located on south Main street near the railroad. Adams at one time had two elevators which were reported to have shipped a million bushels of grain in 1899. The Schissel Bros. took over the business in 1934 from their father, John, who purchased the business in 1912 from Mr. M. J. Krebsbach. Before the advent of elevators in Adams, the grain was kept in bins in a plat house owned by Gilchrist and Company.

A new business in Adams is the car wash opened by Mr. John Wagner in the old Co-op Oil station on the corner of Market and Fourth streets.

Mr. Jake Meurer is the owner of the Chevrolet Garage on the west side of south Main street. Mr. Meurer opened the business on April 1, 1923 in partnership with Mr. John Tillman. This partnership continued until Mr. Tillman's death about 1948. Mr. Wilfred Klockner has been associated with his father-in-law in the business since 1960. This was the original site of the John Carey Implement business.

The Adams Bakery is housed in the building built by Carey and Kleifgen as a saloon, reportedly one of the finest and best equipped in the state. For many years this was known as the Green Mill Restaurant and was owned and operated by several owners. It is now owned by Mr. Art Johnson, who has retired to California. Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Dodds manage the bakery business, serving the surrounding community with delicious breads, rolls, etc.

On Fourth street, north of Main, we find Schmitz Electric. Joseph Schmitz took over the business in 1946, after the death of his brother Leonard. His brother Herman was associated with him for 10 years, and at the present time his son, Michael, is an able associate. This business has been in the family for many years. The present building was built by Mr. N. P. Schmitz in 1896. Mr. Schmitz came to Adams in the spring of 1889 and worked for Mr. Anton Nett in his harness shop. In August of 1889 he bought a half interest in the business and in 1892 he purchased the entire business. At that time it was located on what would have been the west half of the M. and J. Krebsbach building, before that building was built. Mr. Schmitz was a harness maker in Adams 48 years until his retirement in 1937. At that time he sold the business to Russell Rumreich, local hardware dealer. Mr. Schmitz was the director and player in the local municipal band which for many years entertained the people of the community. A portable band stand was moved to the town square on Saturday nights when the local band entertained with concerts. John Arses was also a band leader with the Adams band.

The next building which was originally built by the Bank of Adams, is now unoccupied. Next is the original post office, now the Welcome Inn, owned and operated by Alvina Meyer who purchased it in 1964 from Mr. Leonard Harding.

Gene's Cleaners is a new building erected in 1954 on what was then an empty lot, owned and operated by Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Heimer. They make their home on the second floor.

The Super Valu grocery store was built by Mr. John Wagner in 1948. Mr. Wagner was in partnership with Mr. Theodore Wagner in a grocery business located in the corner Krebsbach building from 1938 until 1946. Mr. Wagner leased the business in 1967 to Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Stensby, who operated the supermarket until April 1st when Mr. Wagner took over its operation.

Stephen Freund purchased the Sjobakken garage building in 1953, after it had stood empty for about six months following the death of Mr. John Sjobakken. This business had been in the same family too, for many years. Mr. Andrew Sjobakken erected the present building in 1914 as a blacksmith shop and his son, John, carried on the family business until his death.

Dr. R. L. Bolton has practiced dentistry in Adams 44 years. His office for many years was on the second floor of the corner Krebsbach building. In 1953 he constructed the present dental building just east of his home where he still practices.

The city water department and wells are located just east of Dr. Boltons on School street. Just north of this is the city park in which the Adams Garage has long had an interest.

Dr. Carl Winkels came to Adams in August of 1954 and established his dental practice in the Adams Clinic building. In 1959 he erected his present dental clinic just east of his home on north Fifth street.

Dr. B. Monson serves the Adams community as its veterinarian, coming here in 1954. Dr. Louis Huseby had served in this capacity for many years until his death. Dr. Monson lived in and served his clients from what is now the Ed Winkels home, until he built his present home which contains his office on First street.

K. J. Retterath, building contractor in Adams since 1952 has his business office in his home on Sixth street.

Mr. A. M. Freid worked for the Milwaukee and other railroad companies for a period of 44 years. For several years Mr. Fried worked in many parts of the United States to familiarize himself with all railroads and their policies.

It has been an interesting experience compiling the history of the village of Adams. There is much more detail that might have been included if space had only permitted. Being only human, undoubtedly, I have made some mistakes. Probably there are items of interest that have been omitted, but I was only able to include those that I could find for myself and those that interested citizens were kind enough to furnish me. To those who helped in any way, I say a sincere thank you!



Our Adams Schools

The first public school in the village of Adams was built in 1869 on the lot where the Gay Anderson residence now stands. The school contained two rooms and accommodated 100 pupils.

In 1893, a second two room school was built directly east of the present tennis court. The school opened in October of that year with an enrollment of 120 pupils. John Griffin of Austin was principal and had charge of the upper classes while Miss Loretta Guinney of Austin had charge of the lower classes.

A third room was added to the building in the summer of 1897 and that fall, Professor Thaddeus Thompson of Austin became principal and had charge of the higher classes with 60 pupils enrolled in his room. Miss Susie Rattely of Dexter had charge of the intermediate classes of 70 pupils, while Mary Scanlon Howell had charge of the primary classes of 75 pupils, making a total enrollment of 205 pupils.

More pupils enrolled each year and thus it became necessary to add a fourth room in 1899. Professor Arthub acted as principal and Miss Carrie Slindee had charge of the second intermediate, Mary Scanlon Howell of the first intermediate, and Miss Andrews had charge of the primary grades. There was an average of 52 pupils to each room.

In 1903, the Catholic parochial school was built and the opening of this school took about half of the students away from the public school. This greatly reduced the crowded conditions at the public school.

Up to 1900, the teachers were obliged to do their own janitor work with occasional help from students on "scrub days." In 1900 John and Walter McDonnough were hired by the school committee to sweep the floors, thus greatly relieving the teachers.

Entertainments and socials were given by the teachers and students to raise money to buy books and furniture. Occasionally plays were given for the purpose of obtaining money to redecorate the rooms. Every two weeks a program was given for the benefit of the parents. This was similar to the present P.T.A.

The visits of the County Superintendent were always great events. The students met her at the depot and marched to the school where a program was planned for the day.

In 1902, the first year of high school was added and was taught by the principal, William Masteloor. As the years went by, the need for a full four year high school became more and more apparent. In the spring of 1916, the first step was taken towards this goal when rural districts 7, 105, 65 and 100 voted 94 to 48 to consolidate with the Adams School District. This was one of the earlier consolidations in the state of Minnesota.

On May 2, 1916, the new consolidated school district voted to issue bonds in the amount of \$30,000 to build a new school house. The vote was overwhelmingly in favor, 153 to 7. At this same election, it was voted to change from a common school district to an independent school district.

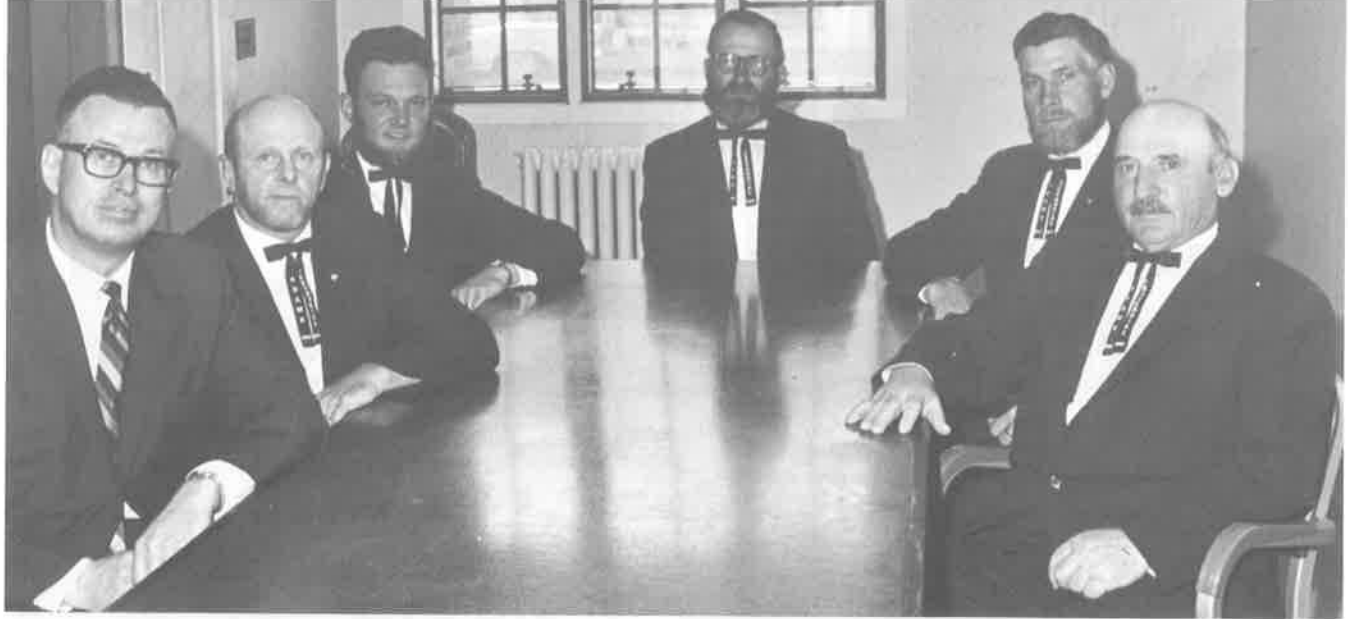
On June 5th, 591 ballots were cast to elect a school board for the new district. Those elected were Ole Bergene, Anfin Amble, J. J. Fardahl, Lewis Lewison, A. Torgerson, and M. Schneider. Mr. Schneider was elected chairman of the board and A. Amble served as the first treasurer and A. Torgerson as the first clerk.

The first order of business of the new board was to let contracts for the new school building and construction was started later in the summer. The new school building was completed so that the students could move in the fall of 1917. With the space now available, it was possible for the first time to have a four year high school. The 10th grade was added during the 1916-1917 school year when the old building was still in use and during the 1917-1918 school year, the 11th and 12th years were added. There were 50 high school students and 190 grade school students during the first year in the new building.

The first senior class of Adams High School graduated in the spring of 1918 and the three members of the first class were Mary McGravey, Gert Schneider, and Rosie Zilz. The class of 1919 also had three members, Frank Hueman, Juleta Knutson, and Coralae Schissel. Including the 51st graduating class, the class of 1968, 1280 individuals have graduated from Adams High School. The largest graduating class was the class of 1966 with 54 members. The smallest classes were the classes of 1918 and 1919.

The 1916 building was one of the most modern in its day and for some years adequately met the needs of the district. But within ten years, due to increased enrollment, crowded conditions again existed at the public school. Not only was the school short of classroom space, but facilities for the physical education and athletic program were inadequate because of the small size of the original gym.

On December 4, 1935, the Adams School District were asked to approve a \$20,000 bond issue for the construction of a new auditorium-gymnasium. Again, as in 1916, the vote was overwhelmingly in favor with 289 "yes" votes and only 33 "no" votes cast. The construction cost of the new addition was \$28,430 with a federal grant through the PWA making up the difference between the cost and the amount of the bond issue. Board members at this time were B. J. Huseby, John Boyum, E. O. Tiegen, A. A. Knutson, Oscar Bergene, and N. V. Torgerson. The new auditorium-gymnasium was first used during the 1936-1937 school year.



Several members of the Adams Board of Education were pictured with their centennial beards in this picture taken May 5, 1968. Seated, from left: Vance Torgerson, clerk; Aaron Huse-

by and Clifford E. Mullenbach, directors; Virgil Bergene, president; Wilfred Bissen, director, and Paul W. Winkels, treasurer.

After World War II, increasing enrollments as well as a demand for more courses of study again created a critical overcrowding at the school. Thus, on April 26th, 1965, the voters of the district were asked to approve a \$370,000 bond issue for an elementary-high school addition. The voters of the Adams School District continued to support bond issues, by casting 352 "yes" votes and 120 "no" votes.

The new addition contained seven elementary classrooms, teacher's lounge, an office area, music room, all purpose room, industrial arts shop and classroom, and agriculture shop and classroom. At the same time, extensive remodeling was done in the 1916 building. The new addition was first used during the 1957-1958 school year. Board members at this time were Herb Osmundson, Vance Torgerson, Nordeen Gilderhus, Martin Prescott, Virgil Bergene, and Paul Winkels.

The voters of the district were again called upon on May 31, 1966 to approve a bond issue for another addition to the school. By a 329 to 77 vote, the voters approved a \$39,000 bond issue which provided for the enlargement of the kindergarten room and the construction of a remedial reading room. Thus, over the years, the voters of the district have four times given large majorities to bond issue elections and this support of the community has made possible the modern facilities that are now available for the students of the district.

Over the past 51 years, many improvements have been made in the high school curriculum. At first, most of the course offerings were of the college preparation type. It was

soon recognized, however, that such an offering did not meet the needs and interests of all the students. In 1926, Adams became one of the first small high schools in the state to add vocational agriculture to the curriculum. Later, in the thirties, basic business education courses were offered for the first time. With the completion of the addition in 1957, it was possible to offer a full program of industrial arts and expand course offerings in other areas. Today, the students at Adams High School have a wide offering of courses and extra-curricular activities available to them and much modern equipment is available for their use.

Full time kindergarten was added and a remedial reading teacher was employed for the first time in 1966.



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1929 school year. Victor Halverson served from 1929 to 1936, a total of seven years.

H. J. Sorkness has the longest term of service, 17 years from 1936 to 1953. John Palm was superintendent for three years, from 1953 to 1956. Gordon Hansen was superintendent for a four-year period that covered the years 1956 to 1960. Robert Mohler became superintendent in 1960 and filled the position until 1964, a total of four years. The present superintendent, Robert Jorstad, came in 1964 and will be starting his fifth year during the 1968-1969 school year.

The present board of education includes Virgil Bergene, chairman; Paul Winkels, treasurer; Vance Torgerson, clerk; and Wilfred Bissen, Aaron Huseby, and Clifford Mullenbach, directors. It is interesting to note that the grandfathers of two of the present board members, Virgil Bergene and Vance Torgerson, served on the first school board of the consolidated district. As their fathers, Oscar Bergene and N. V. Torgerson also served on the board, they are the third generation of their families to be board members. Another board member, Aaron Huseby, is the second generation of his family to serve as his father, B. J. Huseby, was also a long time board member.

Note: Much of the information in this history up to the year 1935 is from an address given at commencement exercises on June 1st, 1935 by Loretta Ann Ewald. Additional information for the period covering 1916 to the present was compiled by the present administrative staff from official school records.



At the turn of the century, this is how the Adams school building looked. It was a two-story structure.

School Day Memories in Adams



Students at Adams High School back in 1920-21 posed for this photograph in front of the school building. It was a period when girls favored middy blouses and wore their long hair tied with wide ribbons. No mini-skirts . . . definitely!



Supt. Lars Kildahl and members of the school faculty posed for this picture in 1917. Mr. Kildahl, who now lives in Kenyon, is able to identify three of the teachers: Miss Anna Kildahl, now Mrs. H. Severin Bly of Kenyon, second from left; Miss Evelyn Logue, third from left, and Miss Ella Johnson, extreme right. The others could not be identified.



Students today accustomed to riding comfortable buses would turn up their noses at this 1925 model. Robert Anderson was the driver in May, 1925. The bus featured plenty of ventilation and a minimum of comfort but it got the students back and forth to school faster than walking.



Girl basketball players wore middy blouses and voluminous bloomers back in 1920. Seated, left to right: Alvina Rogne (Riegen), Orphie Johnson (Longering) and Josephine Hukee (Goergen). Second row: Blanche Lewison (Wolfe), Nora Knutson (Eckhart), and Hattie Lewison (Tuckenhagen). Third row: Myrtle Halverson (Arpen), Ida Nelson (Slindee) and Stella Rebne (Hamilton).



An even earlier picture — probably in 1917 — shows a group of horse-drawn buses and their passengers gathered in front of the recently completed high school building in Adams. Oldtimers probably felt youngsters were being spoiled getting free rides instead of having to walk.



This was the consolidated school at Adams as it looked back in 1917. It bears little resemblance to its present appearance following completion of several additions to the original structure.

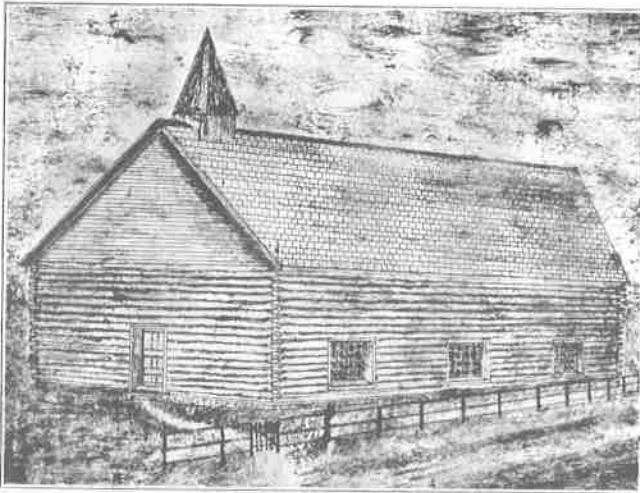
Churches of Adams: "The Backbone"

LITTLE CEDAR LUTHERAN CHURCH

When the first settlers of Norwegian descent came from Dane County, Wis., in 1855, they held religious services in private homes. The first on record were conducted in the home of the widows of Stephen Olson and Stephen Christianson in Section 12 in June, 1856, with Rev. C. L. Clausen of St. Ansgar, Iowa, conducting the services.

On November 26, 1859, the Little Cedar Lutheran congregation (named after the Little Cedar river) was organized at a meeting in the Helge Erickson Floen home. Charter members included Rognald and John Olson Hosltad, Tideman and Eric Knutson Aaberg, John and Harold Irgens, Helge Floen, John Osmundson Hauske, Henrick Benson Hagen, John Olson Hesjedahl and sons, John and Ole; John Olson Quvale, Simon Knutson Vike, Ole Gullickson Tildenn and sons, Gullick and Tollef; Anders Olson Alrick, Ole Johnson Holstad, Rasmus Rasmussen Vignas and Nels Finkelson Prestehogge.

The first church was built in 1863 of logs donated by members. It was 30 by 40 feet in size. During this period the



This pen and ink sketch was drawn by George Hanson after his father had described the original log church which served as the first home of the Little Cedar Lutheran congregation.

Civil War had erupted and several men from the congregation enlisted, with Rev. Clausen also serving as an army chaplain.

On October 12, 1867, several congregations united, forming a single charge. These were Little Cedar, St. Ansgar, Rock Creek, Six Mile Grove and Blooming Prairie. Rev. P. G. Ostby, Rev. Clausen's assistant, became permanent pastor. During his pastorate the old log church was replaced with a new frame building dedicated in 1876.

In 1877 another parish alignment was made with Six Mile Grove, Mona, Lyle and Little Cedar joining and calling Rev. B. B. Gjeldaker as pastor. In 1881 Rev. J. Muller Eggen became pastor, serving until 1900. He was succeeded by Rev. Wm. A. Rasmussen, who accepted the call with the understanding a parsonage would be built. In that same year Little Cedar and West LeRoy became a parish served by Rev. Rasmussen.

Considerable discussion over a period of several years led to a decision to build a church in the village of Adams. The cornerstone was laid September 1, 1907 and the first service held March 22, 1908. Incidentally, this church was free of debt when it was completed. It was dedicated March 28, 1909. Rev. O. C. Myhre was pastor during the building program, serving until 1915 when Rev. C. B. Runsvold was called. During the latter's pastorate, a new system of religious instruction was introduced with the cooperation of Supt. Lars Kildahl.

This is believed to be the first school system to set up a program of released time religious instruction. A country school building was purchased and moved near the public schools. A member of the congregation, Lars Ellingson, set aside a \$10,000 trust fund to assure continuation of the religious instruction. Supt. Kildahl cooperated with Rev. Runsvold in making arrangements with the State of Minnesota to allow Adams school district to receive released time from school periods for religious instruction. The expenses for the operation of this school was assumed by the membership of the congregation through the local budget.

The District 7 school building was purchased at auction with a stove, a desk and chair, and seats and maps being included in the transaction. The Adams Little Cedar Ladies Aid paid \$181 for the building December 4, 1916. During the fall of 1916, the little white school building was moved to its new location near the Adams church. The Little Cedar Religious School started in 1916 with Rev. Runsvold as teacher. However, the school building was not ready for use when September arrived so opening sessions were held in the old sacristy of the Little Cedar Church. In January, 1917, the school house was ready for use and Ivar Morsund began teaching. It also was shared by the public school for its sewing classes.

A parish education building was constructed and dedicated April 5, 1964. This measures 82 x 109 feet with two classrooms, a pastor's office, a secretary's office, library, and a workroom. Rev. Truman P. Mohn spearheaded the campaign to raise funds for this building.

In 1919 another parish consolidation took place with Little Cedar and Marshall congregations uniting. This has continued to the present.

Pastors in recent years have included Rev. O. C. Brenna, Rev. Alfred Breveik, Rev. Luther Berven, M. L. Witte, Rev. Truman P. Mohn and Rev. Wayne Quibell, the present pastor.

John H. Johnson Hesjedal was the first precentor (kirkesanger) or leader of the singing by a congregation. He also gave the opening prayer at services. John Johnson Shaw was the first Sunday School teacher. The first Sunday School was held at the Shaw home in the spring and summer of 1860. He also was the teacher in section 8 northwest of the village.

The first marriage in the log church was held December 27, 1886, when Ole Monson Hesjedal and Hansin Hanson were married. The first marriage in the present church took place April 22, 1808 when Oscar Ellefson and Dena J. O. Stoa were united in marriage. The first funeral service in this church was for Martin Wold September 14, 1908.

In 1883 the congregation consisted of 100 families — 530 in all. In 1905 the statistics showed 155 families and 641 members.



PARISH EDUCATION BUILDING
Dedicated April 5, 1964

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PARISH OF SACRED HEART, ADAMS

The early members of the Sacred Heart congregation were affiliated with St. John's Parish of Johnsburg, which was established in the latter part of the 1850s. The area now comprises the parish of Sacred Heart at Adams.

Under the direction of Father Nicholas Schmitz, pastor of the St. John's Parish, the Catholics of the village of Adams and the vicinity organized the parish of Sacred Heart in 1888. Father Schmitz established his residence at Adams and attended Johnsburg from that location. In 1890 he was transferred to the church of Holy Trinity in Rollingstone.

The succeeding pastor was Father Goergen, who served both parishes for a year. He in turn was followed by Father E. G. Gratz. Father Goergen served the Adams and LeRoy parishes until his death on February 15, 1901.

The next pastor, Father Fred Reichl, supervised the construction of the present handsome brick church in 1902. In 1904 he directed the building of a parish school. The Sisters of Saint Francis were placed in charge of the educational curriculum.

In 1914, Father Reichl was succeeded by Father George Jaegen, who served the parish until 1920. The building of a rectory marked the progress of the parish during his pastorate.

Father Matthias Graeve assumed charge of the parish and remained until 1929. He was followed by Father Herman Boeker (1929-32); Father Joseph Schneider (1932-45) and Father Paul Britz. Father Frisch took charge of the parish in 1947.

Under Father Frisch's pastorate, the church made substantial changes. A new and modern school edifice was constructed in 1951 to meet the needs of a growing congregation. Four more rooms were added to the School at another time during his pastorate. Since the building of the school in 1904, the teaching staff of Sisters had been living in the school. When the new school was built, the old building was removed. The rectory was then remodeled and made into a convent, where the Sisters now reside.

A new rectory was built in 1950. This building now serves as classrooms and library with remedial rooms adjoining. Father Richard Barden followed Father Frisch. During his time at Sacred Heart, all the windows were redone in the church.

During the pastorate of Father Leonard Clasen, the church was completely renovated and brought up to the requirements of Vatican II Council. Still later under Monsignor Snyder's pastorate a new rectory was purchased and remodeled.

Coming with a vast experience in Catholic education, Monsignor Snyder made a number of changes. Remedial reading was introduced and a share time program was established, bringing to the eligible students an opportunity for participation in shop and home economics at the Public School.

The school today is staffed by five Sisters of Saint Francis and four lay teachers. Two hundred and thirty students are under their charge.

Through the years, twenty Sisters have come from Sacred Heart. Three priests: Father Raymond Krebsbach (deceased); Father Bernard Karst, S.J. (Regis College in Denver), and Father Raymond Steichen (San Gabriel, Calif.), have likewise come from this parish.

PARISH OF ST. JOHN'S, JOHNSBURG

Back in 1855, six years before the outbreak of the Civil War, the first contingent of settlers began to arrive in the Johnsburg area. The majority of these trail-blazing families were Catholics. There is no record of the presence of a priest until 1857 when Father George Keller of Faribault visited the colony and conducted services at the John Heimer home. Two years later the first church was built of logs.

Father Keller continued to visit the mission on a monthly basis until 1866 when he was transferred to another parish. His successor, Father P. C. Scheve, remained a year.

In 1867, Father John McDermott was assigned to the little parish and after two years he was succeeded by Father

C. Genis. It was during his pastorate that the second church building was erected in 1871. Father John Pavil became pastor at Austin in 1874 but he served only briefly, being succeeded by Father Bernard Bauman, who became St. John's first resident pastor. A short time later the congregation began construction of a school, which opened in the fall with a lay teacher conducting the classes. Quarters for the pastor were provided in the building.

Father A. Stecher succeeded Father Bauman in 1881 and served until 1884. It was during his pastorate the first rectory was built in 1883.

The parish school built in 1874 was replaced by a new building in 1905. It was enlarged in 1915. From 1874 until 1904 classes were conducted by lay teachers. In 1904 the Sisters of St. Francis of St. Francis, Wis., assumed charge of the school, remaining until 1914. The Sisters of St. Francis of Rochester then took over in the role of teachers.

Father John Dolle built the present rectory in 1909.

St. John's parish had 12 families in 1858. By 1890 this had increased to 160 families. During the following decade, however, parishes were formed at Rose Creek and Adams and a mission church built at LeRoy to reduce the membership at St. John's to 72 families.

Originally the parish was listed in the official directory in 1865 as St. John's Church of Adamstown. In 1877, it was listed as St. John's Church of Adams, although it was not located in the village. In 1888 it appeared in the directory as "St. John's, Germania," and finally in 1893, the directory listed it as St. John's, Johnsburg.

Father Mountain is currently serving as pastor of St. John's.

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MARSHALL LUTHERAN CHURCH

It was in June 1856 when Rev. C. L. Clausen officiated at a worship of divine service, presumably held in the home of one of the early settlers. Pastor A. C. Preus held the second Norwegian service in what is now known as Clayton township. Rev. Wulfsberg came in 1876 and organized Marshall Lutheran congregation with seven families. He was succeeded in 1878 by Rev. Langeland, membership then was 17 families. He served for five years. Rev. Johann Ylvisaker then served for another five years, until 1888. Rev. L. P. Jensen and Rev. H. J. Strand served the congregation from 1888 to 1895. It was during the ministry of Rev. Jensen that the Ladies Aid was organized.

Nils O. Viste, Ole K. Hegge and Erik J. Njos were appointed to complete the articles of incorporation. This was accomplished on May 25, 1888. Pastor Jensen laid the corner stone for the first church building on May 17, 1890. It is believed that Bessie Njos and Ingeborg Kvale were the first two children baptized by Rev. Wulfsberg before the organization of the congregation. Olaus K. Kirkevold and Knut Snorthum were buried in Marshall cemetery in February and August of 1877, perhaps the first burials in this cemetery.

On October 27, 1895, Pastor O. Otterson was installed. He served the congregation until 1907. Rev. Lauritz Larson was installed as pastor on July 5, 1908. During his pastorate the congregation increased to a membership of 150 souls. Rev. K. Eigenbaum succeeded Rev. Larson on March 31, 1913 and served until Rev. H. M. Norman was installed October 14, 1914. It was under his leadership that Marshall was united with Little Cedar congregation in 1919. The above named pastors had all been called from Albert Lea or Cresco. The two congregations have since been served by the following pastors: Rev. O. C. Brenna, Rev. Alfred Breivik, Rev. Luther Berven, Rev. M. L. Witte, Rev. Truman P. Mohn and Rev. Wayne Quibell, the present pastor.

Present baptized membership is 208 as of December 31, 1967.

When Rev. Larson resigned in 1913 he went to Brooklyn, N.Y. and later became president and executive secretary of the National Lutheran Council which later united Lutheranism in the United States in a united program of relief and Lutheran World Action throughout the world.

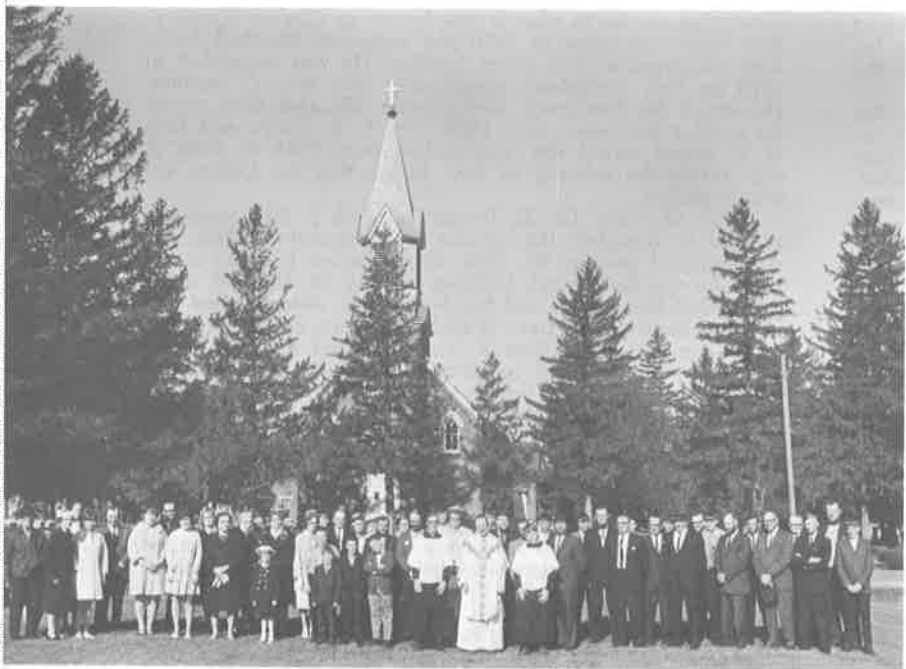
Catholic Settlers at Johnsburg Held First Services in 1857



This brick church of the Sacred Heart parish was completed in 1903, the construction being under the supervision of Father Fred Reichl. In 1904 he directed the building of a parish school. A new and modern school edifice was constructed in 1951, with 230 pupils studying under five Sisters of Saint Francis and four lay teachers. The parish was organized in 1888. These pictures were taken May 5, 1968.



SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH
Adams, Minnesota



On a beautiful spring morning (May 5, 1968) a number of parishioners of St. John's Catholic Church at Johnsburg gathered in front of the church for this picture. The first priest to conduct services in the Johnsburg community was Father George Keller of Faribault, who visited the small colony in 1857. The first church, a log structure was built two years later.



ST. JOHN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
Johnsburg, Minnesota

First Lutheran Services Held In This Area Back in 1856



LITTLE CEDAR LUTHERAN CHURCH
Adams, Minnesota



Completed in 1908, the Little Cedar Lutheran Church is a brick structure now 60 years old. The congregation dates back to November 26, 1859, when an organization meeting was held in the home of Halge E. Flocu. The first church was a log structure measuring 30 x 40 feet. Pictures of the worshippers attending services at Little Cedar and Marshall Lutheran Churches were taken May 5, 1968.



MARSHALL LUTHERAN CHURCH
Marshall Township, Mower County

Vignettes of Little Cedar Lutheran Church - 1910



LITTLE CEDAR VILLAGE CHURCH

ADAMS
LUTHERAN
PASTORATE



PARSONAGE



REV. O.C. MYHRE
AND
FAMILY



LITTLE CEDAR COUNTRY CHURCH

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WEST LE ROY CHURCH

Vignettes of Sacred Heart Church - 1903



The brick church of the Sacred Heart congregation was constructed in 1902 and has become an Adams landmark down through the years. This view of the church appeared in an "Art Supplement" to the Adams Review March 20, 1903. Below is a picture of the frame building which was erected in 1886 and served the parish until the brick church was constructed.



Father Fred Reichl, shown at the left, supervised the construction of the church in 1902. In 1904 he directed the building of a parish school. Below is an interior view of the church, showing the altar. The caption states the picture was taken from the gallery.



THE CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART.



INTERIOR VIEW—SHOWING THE ALTAR.
View Taken from the Gallery.

Early Years on Main Street



Skirts were a modish ankle length and horses still furnished the transportation when this picture was taken on Main Street.



What's your guess of the year when this picture was taken? The two antique cars and truck may help fix the exact year.



A group of men and a dog stood in front of the Charles Lyons store on the board walk. Nick Freund was the watchmaker.



A photographer took this picture after a snowstorm from the bell tower atop the Sacred Heart Church many years ago.



Farmers hauled cans of cream to the Adams Co-operative Creamery in horse-drawn wagons at the turn of the century.



Proud owners of these "fluffers" parked their cars at the side and in front of the Krebsbach store a half century ago.

Long Before the Jet Age



On a chilly November 13, 1910, E. N. Johnson proudly drove his "gas buggy" all the way to St. Ansgar. Since there was no heater and the vehicle did provide a lot of fresh air, the driver and passengers were bundled up for protection against the cold. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson are in the front seat, while the back seat occupants were Hattie and Andrew Wiste and Mabel Johnson Wiste.



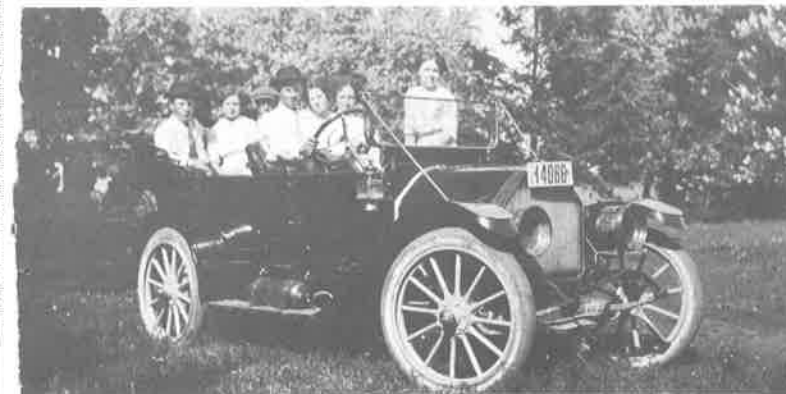
On a fine Sunday afternoon around the turn of the century, a drive around town and out into the country was a fine way to dissel boredom and get a fresh outlook on life. Here Mr. and Mrs. Sever Rogne were photographed in Adams with their fine carriage horse and buggy. There was a conspicuous scarcity of paved streets in those days but nobody seemed to care much because the automobile hadn't made its arrival as yet.



You can talk until you're blue in the face about the pleasures of modern living but if you've never gone for a sleigh ride behind a high-stepping team of horses, you've missed one of life's thrills. You had to bundle up against the cold, of course. Miss Marion Boyum furnished this picture.



For a change of seasons, here's a picture of the family carryall with the horses ready to take the family to church services on a fine Sunday morning. Pa had to get up early in order to get the horses harnessed and hitched to the buggy but he didn't mind. Automobiles were a long ways off in those days.



Dad was almost bursting with pride when he got a chance to invest in this handsome automobile. It had wooden wheels but the tires were rubber. Once it started to get downright cold, you put the car up for the winter on blocks of wood and waited until warm weather returned.



This gentleman was known as "Peddler" Anderson because he carried his entire stock of goods in this two-wheeled cart and patiently went from farm to farm soliciting business. The peddler's gasoline, tire and oil expenses never amounted to very much but he certainly wore out a lot of shoes.

Their Wedding Was a Notable Affair



Described as a "typical wedding — a 3-day affair," the marriage of Miss Clara Hanson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Hanson who lived $4\frac{1}{2}$ miles northwest of Adams, to Peter Finkelson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Nels Finkelson, took place on May 24, 1900, in the presence of a large number of friends and relatives. The Adams Review reported several days later: "A reception was tendered for them today (Friday) at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Hanson, at which time the many admiring friends of the contracting parties made merry the occasion as well as presenting them with numerous presents. The bride is well known in this section, being the charming daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Hanson. The groom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Nels Finkelson and is an industrious young man of more than ordinary ability. The Review extends its heartiest congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Peter Finkelson." The photo shows the wedding party and it is reported the merry-making lasted from Friday until Sunday night, with a large "bowery" on the west side of the house. A large steer was butchered for the occasion and the friends danced until morning. The musicians included Peter Peterson, bass; Mike Christianson, violin, and Hubbard Carey, harp. About 400 persons were in attendance. Rev. J. Muller Eggen performed the ceremony.

Two well-known families were united when Simon Bohn, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Bohn, and Miss Josephine Wiste, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Wiste, were married December 31, 1902. Miss Wiste's mother, the former Hannah Osmundson, was the first white child born in Marshall Township. Her parents were Mr. and Mrs. John Osmundson. This photograph was furnished by Mrs. O. T. Anderson of Adams. What makes this photograph of special interest is that the bridal gown and veil were to be modeled during the Adams Centennial on July 20-21, 1968.





MR. AND MRS. MATH. SCHAEFER

Brides and Grooms of Another Era

Andrew A. Wiste and Hannah Osmundson were married March 26, 1880. Mr. Wiste came to America from Norway in 1868. Hannah Osmundson Wiste was the first white child born in Marshall Township. Mr. and Mrs. Wigness and Mr. and Mrs. Johnson were married at a double wedding on February 15, 1892, and a gold wedding observance was celebrated by the two couples at Marshall church in February, 1942.



MR. AND MRS. JIM JOHNSON



MR. AND MRS. E. A. WIGNESS



MR. AND MRS. ANDREW A. WISTE



MR. AND MRS. MARTIN LOECHER



MR. AND MRS. PHILIP RAUEN



MR. AND MRS. HENRY OSMUNDSON



MR. AND MRS. S. L. ROGNE



MR. AND MRS. NILS ANDERSON



MR. AND MRS. JOHNNY KNUTSON

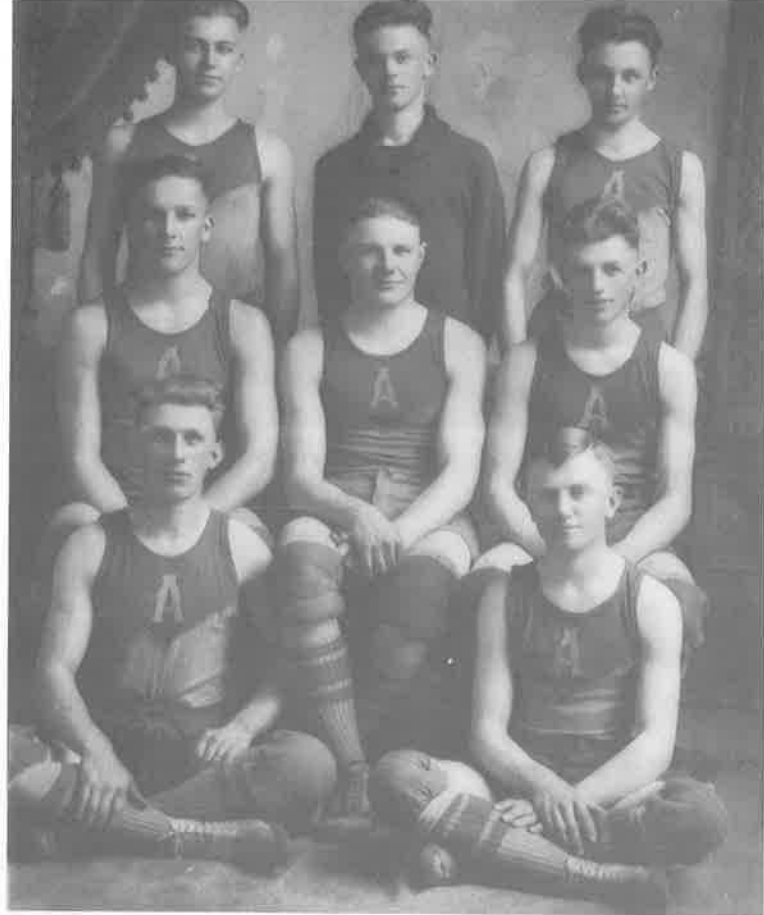
Adams Has Boasted Outstanding Teams

During Adams' early years, there were no such amusements as television, bowling, water skiing, power boating and the like for the entertainment of people. There was baseball, however. By the 1880s professional baseball was a big business attracting during a season hundreds of thousands of spectators of all ages and conditions and of both sexes. The championship series between Detroit and St. Louis in 1887 attracted a paid attendance of over 51,000.

Attendance at the big professional games was small compared to the untold millions of bystanders and rooters who watched amateur and pickup games on sand lots and playgrounds all over the country. And the paid performers were few compared to the tireless enthusiasts of all ranks and ages who played for nothing but their own pleasure.

Following the Civil War, a croquet craze swept the nation in whirlwind fashion. From one end of the land to the other, few lawns were left unmarked by the universally popular game. Sets with candle sockets atop the wickets and posts enabled enthusiasts to play into the dark of night. Croquet parties tested the merits of the players of a town and championship matches were held with teams from other towns.

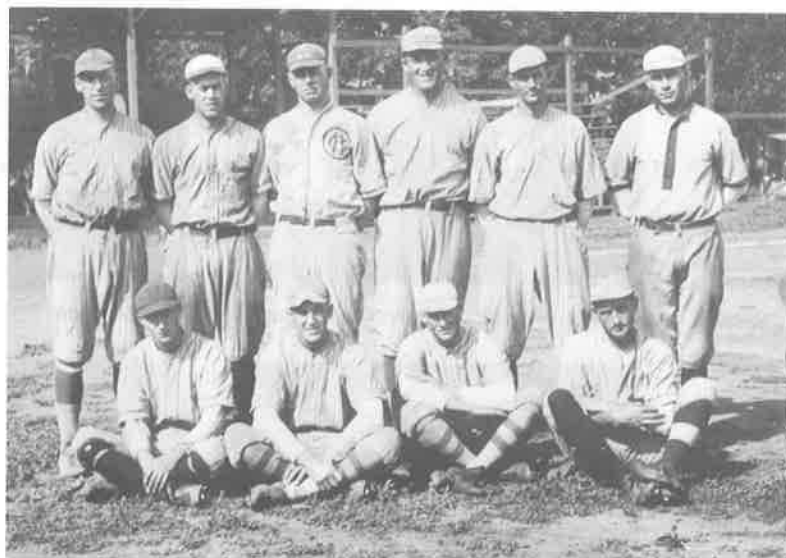
Basketball came into the picture in 1917 when Adams had its first team. In 1918 the Adams team won the championship. The coach was Joe Schneider and Lars Kildahl was school superintendent and principal supporter. He is now retired and lives in Kenyon.



Adams High School basketball team of 1918 was of championship calibre. The lineup consisted of the following players: first row, left to right: O. T. Anderson and Russell Lunde; second row, same order: Arnold Schneider, Ray Schmitz and Irvin Tiegen; third row, same order: Tillman Hawkins, Rudolph Anfinson and John Dahle.



Adams fielded several outstanding baseball teams. This was one of them. The picture was taken at Lyle and is the property of John T. Wagner. Standing, left to right: Theo. Nelson, manager; Frank (Rubber) Scanlon, pitcher; Martin Johnson, centerfield; Joe Mandler, third base; Joe Carey, first base; Ed Bertram, pitcher, and Thomas Mulady. Seated, left to right: Sever Anfinson, shortstop; William T. Krebsbach, second base; Warren Dean, outfielder, and John Meurer, catcher. The exact date is not known but the team probably was playing its games before 1910.



This picture is believed to have been taken in about 1920 and shows the Adams "town" team of that year. Standing, left to right: Joe Schneider, Harry Brown, John Welp, Hans Schneider, Leo Ratchen, and Bob Knight. Bottom row, same order: Piker Meyers, Arnold Schneider, Ray Ulven, Carl Krueger. Baseball interest ran at fever pitch in those years and loyal fans followed their teams to neighboring towns where betting ran high and tempers often flared. An umpire sometimes took his life in his own hands by making unpopular decisions.

The Threshers Are Coming . . .

When the cry went up, "The threshers are coming," it meant a session of hard work for practically everybody on the farm where the grain was to be threshed.

The farm wife had good reason to brace herself for the arrival of the chuffing engine with its wooden separator and entourage of hungry men. She breathed a sign of relief when the whole noisy, dust-laden gang rattled out of the gate and down the road to the next farm.

Hard work though it was, threshing did give a lift to the long summer. It came after weeks of corn cultivation and haying. The worse part of threshing was that it dragged out long after everyone was tired of it. All summer a cloud of dust, coal smoke and chaff hung over the countryside as the threshing crew moved from one farm to another. Often threshing lasted until the frost was on the field. If it had been a rainy season, the shocks of wheat or oats would be rooted fast to the ground before the last was picked up.

To avoid this, some farmers turned to stacking of grain. The conical ricks kept the bundles of wheat and oats dry until the neighborhood thresher made the rounds. Threshing could be delayed until snowfall. Meanwhile the fields were cleared for fall plowing.

The steam threshing "rig" was a three-piece affair — engine, separator and water wagon. In some regions a cook wagon was included — with boiled beans an important item on the menu. Since a threshing outfit represented quite an investment, many were owned cooperatively. Others were owned by partners or individuals — usually the big farmers with the most grain. They threshed their own crops first, naturally.

The separator man's big job was to keep his machine in top running condition. The "uniform" was a pair of denim overalls and jacket, red handkerchief tied tightly around the neck and a straw hat. A week before the run started, he was prowling in the dark innards of his machine, tapping, pounding, cleaning shaker screens, replacing burrs and tightening nuts.

Then a fire was laid in the engine, the first long whistle scared all the horses standing within hearing distance, and the threshing season was in full swing.

Placing the engine and separator in a straight line for the long, heavy belt was no mean test of skill. The belt, with a single twist, was dragged out by several helpers while the engineer backed his mount into position and squinted long and hard. The engine was not easy to maneuver, being steered by a combination of chains and worm gears, which took some rapid winding of the steering wheel. But a good engineer could have his rig lined up after a couple of passes.

The steam engine was doomed to near extinction by the steady march of agricultural progress. The combine, of course, delivered the death blow, so to speak. Case, which was first with the farm steamer in 1869, sold the last one in 1938. Case has gone to gasoline tractors but many of the other proud names of the steam rig days now have disappeared. Remember: Avery's "Yellow Fellow," Advance-Rumley, the Nichols & Shepard "Red River Special," Altman-Taylor and Huber?

If you do, you're an old-timer for sure.

The steam engines has reached the end of the line. Except for a few collectors' items, soon they will exist only in the memories of the old-timers who loved their power, their dignified, old-fashioned lines and their plaintive whistle, which once echoed across the prairies at threshing time.

— Harold Severson, Kenyon, Minn.



Here is a typical threshing crew in the Adams area back in 1908. The picture was taken on the B. P. Haugen farm. Known as the Haugen-Huseby-Asper crew, this outfit included the following men: Arne Huseby, Nick Haugen, Henry Tufte, engineer; Louis Huseby and Louis Asper standing on the separator. The other men in the picture probably were neighbors. It was a busy period for the farm women, too, who had to cook some tremendous meals for the hungry workers.

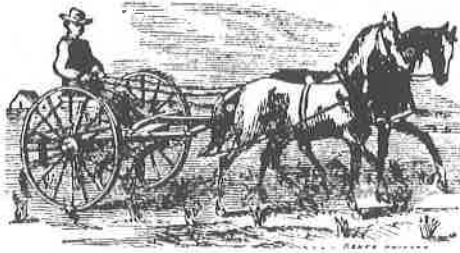


This was the Andrew Anderson threshing outfit and it represented a significant change in the farm harvest picture. The transition is quite apparent when you study the huge iron behemoth which furnished the power for the big job of threshing the grain.



Around the turn of the century, horses furnished the horsepower, of course, and balers hadn't entered the farming picture. Here B. J. Huseby is driving the team while Arnie Huseby is leveling the load. That's Louie Huseby walking beside the hayrack. Under a hot June sun, the sweat really flowed.

Area Farmers at Turn of the Century



Back in 1896, these farmers were well known to Adams merchants and professional people. We have listed some of them to refresh the memories of those of us who knew them "way back when":

John Adams, J. Albrecht, J. P. Anderson, P. A. Anderson, A. P. Anderson, Paul Anderson, Nels Anderson, A. R. Anderson, Ole Anderson, L. G. Anderson, Fred Anderson, Alans Anderson, Chas. Anderson, A. B. Asper, H. Bade, J. Bade, H. J. Bakke, Andrew Benson, Conrad Benson, Alford Blom, August Blom, O. Blum, Chas. Blom, D. C. A. Buhs, Joseph Carey, Mathias Carey, C. P. Clayton, W. M. Corbitt, L. Corbitt, Wm. Cummings, P. Cummings, A. O. Dahle, O. A. Dahle, Timothy Delaney, L. Ellingson, Lars Ellingson, F. O. Eric, K. O. Eric, C. Erickson, J. Erickson, Nels Erickson, J. O. Fardahl.

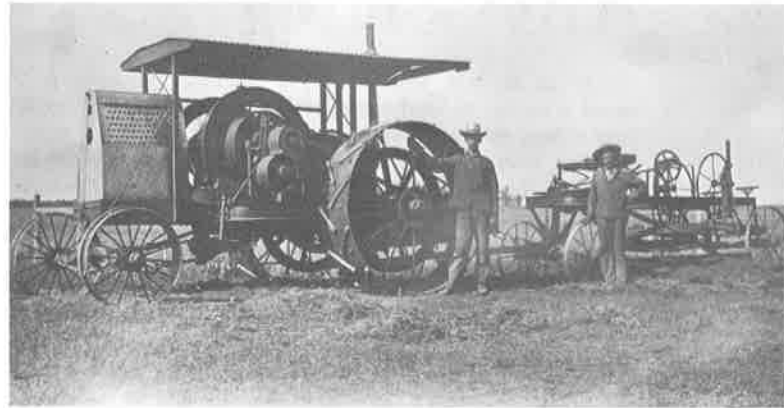
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Frank Miller, A. Mullenbach, C. Mullenbach, John Mullenbach, Andru O. Njos, H. O. Njos, O. H. Njos, Andrew Olson, G. Olson, James Olson, John Olson, Ole Olson, R. Olson, A. J. Qyale, O. A. Quale, Joseph Retterath, George Rooney, John Rooney, T. J. Rooney, Knut Rudlong, Andrew Sahre, James Scanlon, John Scanlon, Peter Schaefer, N. C. Schmidt, H. Severson, A. Severson, M. Severson, S. Severson, Ferdinand Siewart, M. Simon, O. O. Slinde, Sr. and Jr., Adam Small, Fred Small, C. Smith, O. A. Snortum, O. K. Snortum, O. Starkson, N. Stephani, J. Thompson, K. Thompson, I. E. Tiegen, T. Trulson.

ADAMS TOWNSHIP

August Reinarts, Ole Jordander, Dave Wiste, Obert Larson, Martin Peterson, Jacob Eisterhold, Roy Gordon, Paul Theobald, Ida Rudlong, Edward May, Jacob Schmidt, Aaron Huseby, Byron Huseby, Earl Weness, Arvid Neus, Ernest Smith, Lloyd Marlin, Lamont Schumann, C. J. Pfeifer, Paul Knutson, Harvey Sathre, Nils Lunde, Chas. Meister, Donald Underdahl, Adrian Gerber, Merle Young, Arnold Anderson.

Paul Anderson, Earl Tiegen, William Allen, Leonard Hukee, John Frein, Norbert Meyers, Dean Elliot, David An-



Back in 1911, this 20-horsepower gasoline tractor was a conversation piece. It was owned by a friend of B. J. Huseby. In a note to Mr. Huseby, the farmer explained he and his hired man were grading a road when the picture was taken near Windom, Minn. The note included the information the crops in the Windom area were very poor that year — "too dry and too many grasshoppers."

derson, Selmer Weness, Norbert Blaser, Benedict Thome, Claus Julifs, Donald Cornwall, Glenn Allen.

LODI TOWNSHIP

Roman Winkels, Nordeen Lewison, John Wood, Alfons Kirtz, Clarence Viste, Harold Gee, Alfred Gilgenbach, A. G. Landherr, Luvern Steinkamp, Frank J. Rickerl.

Stephen Thuermer, Wm. Schneider, Leo Jax, Peter Schaefer, Joseph Wettstein, Marvin Miller, Francis J. Gilgenbach, Albert J. Gilgenbach, Stephen Thuermer, Vincent Fasbender.

THESE ARE CURRENT FARMERS MARSHALL TOWNSHIP

Henry Himebaugh, Karl Kraling, Warren Matteson, Carl Knutson, Nomer Larson, Orville Knutson, Orville Bergene, James Bergene, Fred Halverson, John Hill, Edwin Bergene, Oscar Bergene, Virgil Bergene, John Haehn, John Noske, Orrin Wiste, Ray Younker, Merton Bros., Joel Johnson, Wilber Johnson, Fardahl Bros., Maurice Severson, Harold Walterman, Bernard Lammers, Vincent Kellner, Paul Loecher.

Charles Ruechel, Lloyd Uglum, Dennis Uglum, Harry Shaw, Merlyn Shaw, Carl Snortum, Snortum Bros., Elmer Schwerin, Joy Nelson, Norman Anderson, James Schroeder, Wm. Wigham, Ward Bergene, Elmer Siewert, Leonard Hanson, Luvern Hanson, Duane Wigham, Clifford Ellness, Lee Hamilton, Curtis Hamilton, Merle Hatle, David Hatle, Richard Knight, Gordon Wolf, Wilbur Voas.

CLAYTON TOWNSHIP

Robert Finbraaten, Earl Schechinger, Melvin Lewison, George Prescott, George Nolte, William Hardecoph, Neal Hardecoph, Margaret Hollerud, N. P. Gilderhus, David Gilderhus, Virgil Fisk, Morton Kellogg, Clifford Weness, David Weness, Olaf Jordanger, Dale Heady, Ralph Voight, C. R. Kellogg, Herman Mortenson, L. Fern Wilson, Jake and Mary Meurer, Myron Sorenson, Roland Keifer, Oscar Bustad, James Bustad.

Adams is a Well Organized Town

ADAMS COMMERCIAL CLUB

The Adams Commercial Club was organized in 1908, according to the Mower County history books. No records of this organization except for the last five years can be found. However, an article in the October 13, 1903 issue of the Adams Review gives this account.

"Monday evening in Carey's hall the representative businessmen of the village had a meeting for the purpose of organizing a Business Men's Association. The object of the association is to get together at least once a month and exchange views in regard to business and trade conditions and for the discussion of matters that will be of benefit to the town and its business interests.

Another object is to provide a plan or agreement whereby book accounts will have to be settled more than once a year, and this rule is to apply to all. This last object of the organization is a move in the right direction and while it is not intended to start a strictly cash business nor deprive anyone from reasonable credit at the stores, it is desired that such accounts be settled either by cash or bankable note at least four times a year. The average merchant or business man is supposed to carry town people, farmers and everybody regardless of whether times are prosperous or money scarce.

"The wholesale houses demand their money and unless they get it refuse to sell additional goods, still the merchant is expected to carry people from one year's end to the next."

The Commercial Club has always been an important feature of the village of Adams in both a business and social way. The present officers are: George Johnson, president; Ronald Dodds, vice president; Daniel Braun, secretary, and Gordon Klaudt, treasurer.

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AMERICAN LEGION POST 146

The temporary organization of Adams Post, American Legion, was held in the office of the Adams Review on the evening of November 3, 1919. The meeting was called to order by J. A. Schneider. The reading of the minutes were dispensed with and the business of the session proceeded to appoint members who were to attend the national meeting of the Legion in Minneapolis on the 11th day of that month. These men were B. T. Johnson, Clarence Ulven and W. S. Krebsbach. The following permanent officers were elected to replace the temporary ones who had functioned until then. J. A. Schneider, Post Commander; Art Nagel, Vice Commander; Joe Heimer, Secretary; Hans Schneider, Treasurer. The charter issued to the post was dated September 8, 1919.

Charter members were A. J. Nagel, L. A. Huseby, J. A. Heimer, J. F. Schneider, Alfred Lewison, Peter Schaefer, B. T. Johnson, Ed Schmitz, Aloyuius Koenigs, Leonard Hukee, Wm. Krebsbach, Leonard Degen, Harry Hanson, Roy Krebsbach, Lawrence Lewison, Frank Wagner, C. O. Ulven, J. R. Haehn, Fred Loecher, Lynn Ulven, Oli Lewison, Walter Hanson, Mathias Heimer, Carl Slindee, Leslie Bell, George A. Hansl, Lawrence Olson, Bernie A. Nelson, Jul Fauske, Harry Hanson, Joseph Knutson, Joseph Klapperich, Lawrence Knutson, E. M. Knutson, George Lewison, Peter Willinger, John Loecher, Edward Winter, Isaac Koloen and Andrew Gudrangon.

Meetings were first held in the council rooms over the fire station, then in the club rooms in the Municipal building and now are held in the American Legion clubrooms in the Schneider building.

Present officers are Vernon Schaefer, commander; Harold Waltermann, first vice commander; Rex Domino, second vice commander; Kermit Quale, adjutant; Arthur Boyum, service officer and Leonard Klassen, chaplain.

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VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Adams Fire Department was organized on June 7, 1898 and was known as Adams Hose Company No. 1.

There were to be no more than 25 active members and no member was to be under 18 years of age or over 50. By-laws stated a member would be fined 25c for not attending a regular meeting and would be considered no longer a member if he missed two successive meetings. Dances were held regularly in Sabel's Hall to raise money. Practice was held every week regardless of the weather.

The fire truck was purchased in 1947 and is still used by the fine Adams Volunteer Fire Department. The present officers are chief, Gilbert Fasbender; first assistant chief, Bud Schaefer; second assistant chief, Robert Wigham; secretary, Kenneth Kramer, and treasurer, Mike Rauen.

ADAMS LIONS CLUB

Adams Lions Club was organized November 30, 1954 and chartered with 28 new members. Meetings are held on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at 6:15 o'clock at Little Cedar Lutheran Church.

Of the 28 charter members, seven have maintained continuous membership in the club. They are B. J. Huseby, Byron Huseby, A. C. Krebsbach, Vincent Miller, Grant Peterson, Dr. P. J. Schneider and Vance Torgerson. Charter members who dropped but who later rejoined the club are Conrad Schissel and John Schissel.

There have been many problems in finding suitable meeting places and many different times and places have been tried, including meeting in homes. With the opening of the Royal Tribe, Lion Vincent Miller, has given the club a permanent meeting place and we meet the third Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m.

The Lions Club is the only service club in Adams. The Lions stand for L-Liberty; I-Intelligence; O-Our; N-Nations; S-Safety. So, the name "Lions" represents Liberty, Intelligence, Our Nations Safety.

As the only service club in Adams, the Lions have been active in promoting and financing many worthwhile projects on the local level. A great many hours and dollars have been donated to the community, the chief benefactor being the swimming pool.

Lions is international and eye care and research represents one of our main projects. Over the years we have contributed hundreds of dollars to this project on our local, district and international level.

Present officers of the club are: Robert Jorstad, president; Dr. P. J. Schneider, vice president; Larry Nerison, secretary; Robert Roy, treasurer, and Mike Schmitz, tail twister.

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ADAMS GRANGE NO. 673

Adams Grange was organized in March, 1934, at Sabel's Hall in the village of Adams by Waldo Johannsen who was the State Grange Deputy of Mower County. There were 48 charter members, of which two are still active. They are Mr. and Mrs. Lee Hamilton.

Other meeting places have been in the community rooms above the Krebsbach Department Store, the village chambers above the jail, and for the past 25 years in the village club rooms.

The largest class of new members was obtained in November, 1934, when a class of 32 was initiated. Two of this class are still active members. They are Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Wohlers.

A number of community projects have been done during the years, among them improving the village park. In 1948 a fireplace and some picnic tables built and trees and flowers planted. Donated towards high school band uniforms, a clock and flags for the school and donated to pool fund. In 1958 they sponsored a centennial window display for the Minnesota State Centennial. There were over 200 items displayed for over three months. They plan to have another display this summer for the village centennial and beautify the entrance to the club rooms.

In 1949, the 15th anniversary was observed, and 1959, the 25th anniversary was celebrated. There were five charter members and many state officers present for the silver anniversary.

In 1950 the National Grange Convention was held in Minneapolis and 12 members were obligated in the Seventh Degree, the highest order in the Grange. In 1966 one member joined the Seventh Degree when the National Grange again met in Minnesota, and one member joined in 1967 at Syracuse, New York.

In the fall of 1967 a Minnesota State Grange caravan was organized to attend the National Grange Centennial Convention at Syracuse, N. Y. Three of our members and five other Adams folks joined the caravan. They also visited Washington, D. C., Gettysburg, Pa., and many other points of interest.

The first Master of Adams Grange was Miles Otto in 1934. The following have served as Masters: Ralph Otto, J. C. Knutson, Delbert Gray, Mrs. Lee Hamilton, Herbert Smith, Lee Hamilton, Mrs. Juel Osmundson, Melvin Meister, Wilmar Brandau, Claude Walker and Dale Hodson. Some of these have served several terms at various times.

Mrs. Lee Hamilton is the present master. The present overseer is Clarence Hamilton; lecturer, Frieda Prescott; secretary, Ruby Meister; treasurer, Karl Kraling; chaplain, Edna Johnson; steward, Douglas Meister; assistant steward, Melvin Meister; lady assistant steward, Mrs. Clarence Hamilton; gate keeper, Wm. Wohlers, and pomona, Alma Wohlers.

ADAMS COMMUNITY STUDY CLUB

The Adams Community Study Club, an outgrowth of a project group, had its beginning in 1926. When Mrs. Elmer Wilson called a meeting to decide the project for the next year, Mrs. Mary Howell made this motion, "I move we have a literary club." There is no record of the number of charter members. Only two charter members, Mrs. A. J. Nagel and Mrs. E. S. Erckenbrack, have remained members all the years. Mrs. Louis Slindee was elected the first president. The name chosen was "The Adams Community Study Club." Members live in Adams and the surrounding territory. Mrs. Mary Howell was the first treasurer.

Nine meetings a year are held, from September through May, and in June a trip is usually planned. At first the dues were 25c annually, but now are \$1.50 a year. For a number of years the club belonged to the Federation of Women's Clubs, but are not at this time.

The club sponsors an Arbor Day program each year and a tree is planted in the school grounds. Money has been donated to various projects, such as band uniforms, pool fund and many others. The club also helps to sponsor the Ambassador Fund.

In 1961, the club celebrated its 35th Anniversary, with a noon luncheon and program. Many charter and former members were present, also some state and county Federated Club officers. In 1966 the 40th Anniversary was observed in the home of Mrs. Erckenbrack, a charter member. This was attended by many former members and an excellent program was staged.

Officers are elected in May and assume office in September. The present officers are: president, Miss Hilda Olson; vice president, Mrs. Earl Osmundson; secretary, Mrs. Martin Prescott, treasurer, Mrs. Lloyd Uglum, and historian, Mrs. E. S. Erckenbrack.

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

Records showing the exact date when the League of Women Voters was formed are not available, but it is believed to be about 1954. Mrs. Helen McMillan organized the group as a part of the Austin League. The Adams group is known as Unit 11. Mrs. Juel Osmundson, who had asked Mrs. McMillan to start the unit, was elected the first president. The League studies programs on the national, state and local levels. The Adams unit has done an outstanding job with the UNICEF program at Halloween.

The present officers are: Mrs. Harvey Sathre, president, and Mrs. Vance Torgerson, secretary-treasurer.

4-H CLUBS

There are two 4-H clubs in the Adams community. The Adams Full O'Pep 4-H Club was organized in 1919 as an experiment. Five school boards, Adams, Rose Creek and Dexter among them, decided to hire a leader and try it for a year. It was most successful and 4-H grew to a full fledged organization, although now not connected to the school system.

There were 39 members, with Miss Jesse Partridge as the leader of this first group. The present officers are: president, Joe Bissen; vice president, Ramona Thome; secretary, Ken Eisterholt; treasurer, Donald Dvorak; reporter, Deloris Garcia; historian, Tom Bissen; song leaders, Linda Schaefer and Mark Gerber; key leaders, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Thome and Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Bissen.

In 1959 the club divided and a new club was formed known as the Lucky Clovers. The organizational meeting was held on August 19, 1959 and the charter was granted on December 8, 1960. The first officers of the new club were president, Allen Huseby; vice president, Dianne Sathre; secretary, Nylene Larson; treasurer, Judy Himebaugh; reporter, Erlin Weness; historian, Connie Nelson; song leader, Diane Prescott. The present officers of the Lucky Clover Club are: president, Carol Huseby; vice president, Julie Bergene; secretary, Barbara Hill; treasurer, Gary Weness; reporter, Kim Anderson; historian, Sue Larson; song leader, Doug Hill; key leaders, Mr. and Mrs. Nomer Larson and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Anderson.

ADAMS CONSERVATION CLUB

Before 1947 the building of an active Conservation club in Adams was merely a topic of conversation. While on a moose hunting trip to Canada in the fall of 1947 Ed Millenacker, Dutch Wagner, Doctor Schneider and Roy Judd of Austin agreed if we were lucky and bagged our game, most of the meat would be used to put on a moose-burger feed when we returned to Adams. This was done in December 1947 and a net profit of \$583 was realized. A game or two of chance helped put the affair over.

The real impetus to the financial aspect of the building program was given by the large street sale and auction held in the late days of March 1948. This entire venture aided by most of the businessmen and sportsmen cleared \$3,800 plus.

Through the years the original records have been lost and it's a bit difficult to recall all of the men who were active in the organization. The club was incorporated sometime in late 1948. The first President was Ed Millenacker and the Secretary-Treasurer, Dr. P. T. Schneider. They held these offices for about three years during the building period. During these first 3 years over \$13,000 was handled

and many hours of labor were donated by faithful workers and interested sportsmen. It is hard to recall all who helped but these men included Ed. Blonigan, Ben Fazendin, O. B. Lewison, Joe Wagner, Conrad Schissel, Hans Schneider, Gordie Elliot, O. T. Anderson, Bob Finbraaten, John Hartley, Henry Sass Peter and Matt Degen plus many others who gave of their time and money to help the project many others who gave of their time and money to help the project.

During the summer of 1949 three semi-automatic traps, cement walk-ways and trap houses were installed and there was much interest in trap shooting at that time before the costs of shells and clay pigeons kept mounting.

The Adams Conservation Club building has served the Community well for 21 years and a re-newed interest by many more of the younger groups is really needed.

The present officers are: Harold Walterman, president; Richard Triplett, secretary, and Harvey Sathre, treasurer.

ST. JOHN'S COUNCIL, KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The first meeting of St. John's Council No. 3812 of the Knights of Columbus was held at Adams May 13, 1954. The officers of the organization at this time were the following:

Chaplain, Rev. Alfred Frisch; grand knight, Gerald Landherr; deputy grand knight, W. J. Minnihan; chancellor, J. J. Cronin; recorder, J. F. Schneider; financial secretary, Vernon Schaefer; treasurer, Bernard May; lecturer, C. J. Pfeifer; advocate, Paul Winkels; warden, Wilmer Michels; inside guard, Jake Meurer, and outside guard, Roman May.

The Adams Council of the Knights of Columbus is made up of members from the seven surrounding parishes in the area which are St. Peter's of Rose Creek, St. Finbarrs of Grand Meadow, St. John's of Johnsburg, Visitation Parish of Stacyville, Iowa; Sacred Heart Parish of Meyer, Iowa, and Sacred Heart Parish of Adams. The present membership of the council is 243. Over the past year 17 new members have been accepted into the organization.

Through the years the following men have been Grand Knight of the organization: Gerald Landherr, 1954 and 1955; Carl J. Winkels, 1956; James McDonald, 1957; Marvin Winkels, 1958; Mike Garrity, 1959; Leonard Weydert, 1960; John Kasel, 1961; Harry Kramer, 1962; F. J. Brown, 1963; Fred May, 1964; C. J. Pfeifer, 1965; Melvin Reding, 1966, and Wilfred Bissen, 1967.

The officers at the present time are: chaplain, Monsignor Raymond Snyder; grand knight, Wilfred Bissen; deputy grand knight, Sylvester Schaefer; chancellor, Joe Schaefer; warden, Leo Reiling; recorder, John J. Koenigs; treasurer, Bernard May; advocate, Robert Pitzen; outside guard, Jerome Koenigs; inside guard, Daniel Kasel, and financial secretary, Jerome Kirtz.

The first Monday of every month is the regular meeting night. The meetings are held in the K.C. Club Rooms at Adams. A council bulletin which is called the "Santa Maria" is printed every month. This gives the members a notice of the coming meeting as well as any other information which they should receive.

The Council participates in several events during the year. Some of these are youth day at the Met, nuns day at the Met, nuns picnic at Austin at which 350 nuns are in attendance, free show passes for all parochial school children in grades 1 through 8, usually two dances a year as well as family card parties and suppers.

THE AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

The American Legion Auxiliary was first organized on January 28, 1924 with 22 members joining. Mrs. A. J. Nagel and Mrs. L. B. Nelson organized the unit without outside help.

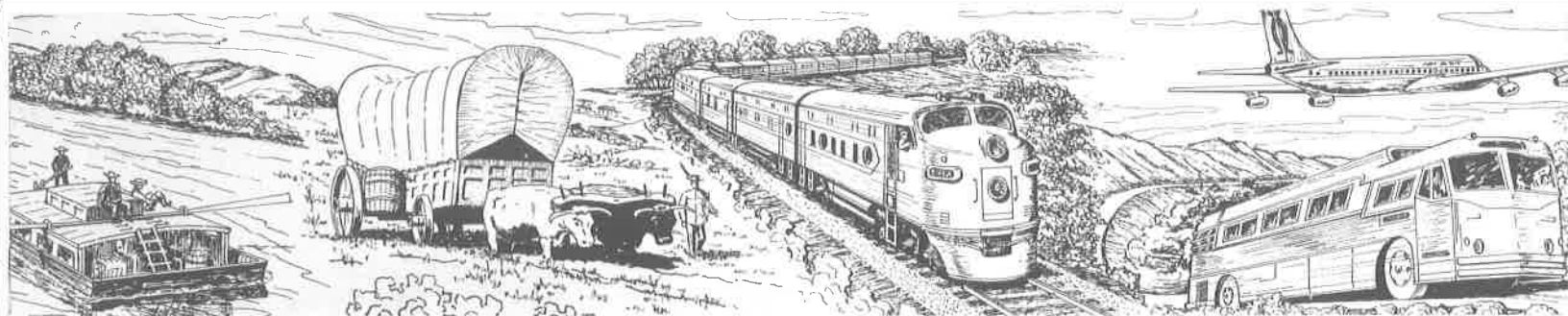
The first meeting was held March 4, 1924 and the following officers were elected: president, Mrs. A. J. Nagel; vice president, Mrs. L. B. Nelson; treasurer, Miss Lizzie Slindee; secretary, Miss Anna Schaefer, and historian, Mrs. C. V. Cassell.

Due to lack of interest the organization only lasted a few years and gave up its charter.

In 1936 the unit was again organized and prospered and grew until after World War II it had a membership of over a hundred members. Mrs. Arthur Lagervall was elected the first president of the new group. During the war years much sewing and knitting was done for the Red Cross. The Adams unit has always carried a very full program of American Legion Auxiliary projects, dedicated to assisting and caring for the veteran and his family of all the wars.

The Adams unit has been honored by having two of its members, Mrs. Juel Osmundson and Mrs. Oscar Bergene, serve as district presidents. Mrs. Osmundson also served as state president and national vice president.

The unit now has a membership of 103. The 1968 officers are: president, Mrs. Wm. Wigham; first vice president, Mrs. Earl Lewison; second vice president, Mrs. Harry Wemette; secretary, Mrs. Gerald Meier; treasurer, Mrs. Walter Beck; chaplain, Mrs. Edward Anderson; historian, Mrs. Clarence Viste; sergeants-at-arms, Mrs. Lamont Schuman and Mrs. Daniel Gilles; executive board, Mrs. Arthur Nagel and Miss Ruth Otto.



DAIRY PRINCESS CONTEST

The first Mower County Dairy Princess contest was held at Adams in 1954. This contest was started by B. J. Huseby of Adams. Mr. Huseby received a certificate from the Minnesota American Dairy Association unit (ADA) for his work and success in starting the Dairy Princess Contest in Mower county. Several other counties in the state patterned their contest after the Mower County contest.

In the early years of the contest it was handled by the Mower County Farm Bureau. The past several years the Mower County A.D.A. has been in charge of the contest.

Over the past 14 years, a total of 311 girls have competed in the Mower County Dairy Princess contest. The highest number of girls we have had in the contest in one year is 25 and the lowest number is 18.

Over the years Mower County has had five regional winners and two of these girls went on to be state winners and one of our girls became the first American Dairy Princess.

Miss Eleanor Maley was our first county princess in 1954. She won the regional contest and also became Princess Kay of the Milky Way the same year. She is married and lives in Rochester, Minn.

In 1955 Ruth Marie Peterson was crowned as the Mower county princess. She later became regional princess, state princess, and also the first American Dairy Princess. She is married and lives in LeMars, Iowa.

In 1956 Kathy Bartlett was our County dairy princess. Kathy is married and lives in Windsor, Wisconsin.

In 1957 Marlys Dammann was our County Princess and was also crowned regional princess later that year. She is married and lives on a farm near Austin, Minn.

In 1958 Jackie Kruger wore the Mower County Dairy princess crown. She is married and lives at Mound, Minn.

In 1959 Betty Jax, an Adams area girl, was crowned Mower county dairy princess. She also won the regional contest and at the Minnesota State Fair was crowned Princess Kay of the Milky Way. She is married and lives in Minneapolis, Minn.

In 1960 Kathy Sheedy was our Mower County dairy princess. She is married and lives in Palisades, N. J.

In 1961 Nancy Weydert was crowned Mower County dairy princess. She is with the U. S. Embassy in Afghanistan.

In 1962 Judy Waters was crowned county winner. She is married and lives at LaCrescent, Minn. She was married during her year as princess so the next runner-up, Lonetta Murphy, was named princess for the rest of the year. She is married and lives at Austin, Minn.

In 1963 Marie Flickinger was our county princess. She is married and lives at Atwood, Kansas.

In 1964 Diane Klassen was named county princess. She is now attending school at Winona, Minn.

In 1965 Karmen Larson was named county princess and also became regional princess. She is now working in St. Paul, Minn.

In 1966 Coral Larson was the girl chosen to wear the princess crown. Coral is now attending the University of Minnesota.

In April of 1967 Patti Anderson was named county dairy princess. She married during her reign and gave up her crown to Shirley Weness. Patti is living in Hopkinsville, Ky. and Shirley is attending school in South Dakota.

The largest attendance at any banquet was in 1963 when 614 people were served. At this banquet 700 half pints of milk, 40 pounds of butter, 40 pounds of sliced cheese, 90 pounds of cottage cheese and 90 quarts of ice cream were consumed. The past few years we have limited the attendance at the banquet to 500 people.

In 1968 the banquet will again be held in Adams. We have 18 girls entered in the contest.

ADAMS BOY SCOUTS

The first charter was granted the Adams Boy Scouts Troop in 1924 and the first scoutmaster was Irvin Tiegen. Records down through the years are not available but it is known that there were periods when there were no troops. Various groups have sponsored the Scouts, among them the American Legion and American Legion Auxiliary, Little Cedar Lutheran Church and the Lions Club which is the current sponsor. There are approximately 40 boys in the two groups. Ronald Dodds is the Cub Scout leader and Curt Lewison is the Boy Scouts leader.

FRIENDLY GARDEN CLUB

The first meeting of the Friendly Garded Club was held August 15, 1944, with 10 women present. Before the year was over, 22 had joined as charter members. Through the years the membership has never dropped below 22. At present there are 29 members.

The first officers Mrs. Leone Lagervall, president; Mrs. Martin Madson, vice president; Mrs. Harold Gee, secretary, and Mrs. Julius Eastvold, treasurer. Other charter members were Mmes. John Mossyge, William Stern, Edmund Bickell, Sam Wilson, Edna Johnson, Reed Nelson, Alma Wood, George Lewis, John Moews, Anna Dean, Harrison Hines, Weldon Minor, Olson Olson, Werner Fisher, Hannah Nelson, Alfred Eastvold, and Chris Peterson and Miss Catherine Degen. Of this group, Mrs. Lagerville, Mrs. Gee, Mrs. Wood, Miss Degen, Mrs. Moews, Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Hines and Mrs. Peterson continue as members.

The first — and very successful — garden show was held in the Taopi school in 1945. Many shows have been held since in Taopi and Adams at the Farmers State Bank and at the public school. The most recent was held in the school August 19, 1966. A show is being planned for the Adams Centennial July 19 and 20 at the Little Cedar Education Building. All shows have been open to all gardeners who wish to exhibit their wares. These have been well supported by the community.

The club has a small library of books on gardening.

The club members have purchased and tested many new varieties of plants and seeds. This year a new celosia and cucumber will be tried.

The club has produced three floats for community celebrations and twice has taken first place in its class. A float is being planned for the Centennial.

The club provided plants for the Taopi cemetery. It installed a sign and maintained a flower bed for several years at the Farmers State Bank. The flowers in front of the swimming pool building have been donated and planted by club members.

For a number of years boxes of holiday food were given the shut-ins of the community. This year flower arrangements were given for the tables at Meadow Manor.

Since its organization, all club members have been members of the Minnesota State Horticultural Society. They have donated funds to the Arboretum at Excelsior and to other projects of the state society. Mrs. Johnson and Mrs. Gee have received its "Award of Merit" for services to horticulture.

The club has been a member of the First District Horticultural Society from its organization in 1950. Mrs. Paul Winkels has served as its president, Mrs. Gee as its secretary, and Mrs. Gerald Meier is now treasurer. The club hosted meetings of the District Society in 1952, 1956 and 1960 in Adams. It has exhibited in, and otherwise supported, the fall flower show, the Panorama, in Rochester and Austin.

The club meets the third Friday of each month. The time is spent in study, of all phases of gardening, with talks given by visiting authorities and by members, by demonstrations, by field trips, and in good fellowship. Membership is open to all gardeners.

The following women have served as presidents: Mrs. Leone Lagervall, Mrs. Harold Gee, Mrs. Chris Peterson, Mrs. John Mossyge, Mrs. John Moews, Mrs. Paul Winkels, Mrs. Claude Walker, Mrs. Herman Jensen, Mrs. Dale Hodson, Mrs. George Nolte, Mrs. Edna Johnson and Mrs. Carl Haug. The latter is current president. Other officers are Mrs. Winkels and Mrs. Moews, vice presidents; Mrs. August Reinartz, treasurer, and Mrs. Emmett McGee, secretary.

PROFESSIONAL MEN IN 1908

Dr. E. F. Chase was a physician and surgeon with an office over Krebsbach's Store who advertised he was "in office nights." He also had Phone No. 1, according to his professional "card" or advertisement printed in 1908. Dr. C. E. Bennett was the dentist with an office in the Krebsbach Store.

Vignettes of Pioneer Families

in Our Area

MATHIAS KREBSBACH. Came to America from Germany in 1855 at age 20. Settled in Mower County in 1857 and conducted the general store in the village of Adams for several years. Married Susan Bondis. Children: Michael, John, Gertrude, Anna, Joseph and Mary.

MICHAEL KREBSBACH. Businessman of Adams. Spent early manhood in father's store, associated with his brother in the dry goods business, and also had a share in managing the Farmers Cooperative Creamery. Married Annie Smith. Children: Isabelle (Mrs. Bernie Johnson); Juletta (Mrs. E. J. Norman); Leona (Mrs. Lyle Roche); William and Roy.

JOHN H. KREBSBACH. Grain elevator man of Adams village. At age 20 with brother Michael received charge of his father's store. Started creamery in 1881 as side line. After 16 years turned it over to the farmers of community who still conduct it. Married Alice Blake. Children: William T.; Arthur; Paul; Edward; Frederick; Raymond, and Alvina (Sister Mary Terese).

ARNE A. HUSEBY. Born in Leikanger Sogn, Norway in 1857. Prominent farmer of Adams community. President of Adams creamery. Married Synneve Hukee. Children: Christine (Mrs. John Anderson); Minnie (Mrs. John Sorflaten); Sophie (Mrs. A. S. Slindee); Annie (Mrs. John Boyum); Bennie and Louis.

JOHN L. HUKKEE. Prominent farmer of Adams community, came from Norway in 1874 and settled in Adams township. Owned 230 acres of land in Section 4. Married Bertha Johnson. Children: Leonard; Bernard; Gertrude; Josephine (Mrs. Paul Goergen); Jarphine, and Mabel (Mrs. Delmar Skogoebo.)

ANTON B. ASPER. Came to America in 1871. Engaged in railroad work, later becoming prominent farmer. Married Julia Johnson in 1876. Children: Louie; Alex; Bennie; Tillie (Mrs. Rhomer); Clara (Mrs. Kraft); Oscar and Alma (Mrs. Kraft).

PATRICK H. CARR. For decade and a half Justice of Peace in Adams village. Learned carpentry in youth, subsequently followed contracting and bridge building, having charge of bridge construction at Missoula, Montana for Northern Pacific. Married Lyda Bodine of Austin. One son: Benjamin J.

JOHN P. KREBSBACH. Prominent real estate man of Adams. Native of Germany, came to America in 1869. Engaged in the furniture business and handled Minnesota and Dakota land. Married 1898 to Annie Krebsbach, daughter of Mathies Krebsbach, pioneer. Children: Francis; Regina (Mrs. Palmer Gurvin); Alphonso and Herbert.

LEWIS LEWISON. Born in Norway 1860. Came to America at age one. Remained on home farm until purchasing 240 acres in section 1. Married Bessie Gordon in 1890. Children: Laura (Mrs. Quale); Lizzie (Mrs. Isaac Kolen); Clara (Mrs. Oscar Torgerson); Blanche (Mrs. S. Wolfe); Olaf, and Juletta (Mrs. Clifford Iverson).

MIKE NEUS. Engaged in farming in Adams area, son of Andrew Neus who came to America in 1866 and took homestead in Mower county. Married Jennie Snow in 1900. Children: Harriet (Mrs. Earl Coggins); Bernie, Fernie; Elmer; Ina (Mrs. Harry Fingel); Vida; Mabel (Mrs. Joseph Zuckey); Andrew and Conrad.

KNUTE RUDLONG. Came to America from Norway in 1884. Worked by the month for four years and at the end of that time purchased 120 acres. Made a specialty of grains. Active in church and township affairs. Married Rachel Olson in 1888. One daughter: Ida.

NICHOLAS M. SMITH. Came to America from Germany in 1854 at age 13 with father and brothers, Thomas and Charles. Farmed in Adams township. Retired to Adams village in 1892, where he served as president of the council. Married Elizabeth Blake. Children: Alice, wife of John H. Krebsbach; Annie, wife of Michael Krebsbach; William and Fred (twins), and Mary, wife of Michael Nockels.

ANDREW S. SLINDEE. Native born son - 1884. Began work for himself at age 16 and bought farm in Marshall township. Married Sophie Huseby, daughter of pioneer Arne Huseby in 1907. Children: Sylvia (Mrs. Frank Jacobsen); Eleanor (Mrs. Harold Williams); Vivian (Mrs. Melvin Weimersalge).

JOHN WAGNER and Barbara Bauer were married in 1880. With baby Mary they came to America in 1883. They lived in McHenry, Ill., until 1886 when they moved to Adams. They had 11 children: Mary (Mrs. Frank Hefter); Joseph; Anna; Jake; Frank; Nickolas; Katherine (Mrs. Eck Freid); Mathew; Theodore and Josephine (Mrs. C. P. Bernard).

B. A. BENSON. Born on the Atlantic ocean June 1, 1867. Father came to Mower county buying land in Clayton township where he farmed the remainder of his life. Mr. Benson bought 80 acres adjoining his father. Served as assessor and schoolboard clerk many years. Married Anna Johnson in 1887. Children: Alfred; Oscar; John; Mabel (Mrs. Knight Conlon); Bertha (Mrs. John Sathre) and Josie (Mrs. Melvin Lewison).

THROND BOHN. Came from Norway in 1867. Settled in Wisconsin, came to Grand Meadow and later farmed in Clayton township. Moved to Adams where he was blacksmith 8 years. Returned to Clayton farm then back to Grand Meadow. Married Anna Skaran. Children: Amelia (Mrs. Theo. Bratrud); Sophia (Mrs. Ed Anderson); Simon; Mattie (Mrs. Arnie Anderson); and Emma (Mrs. Chas. Zabel). Simon married Josephine Wiste in 1902. They had two children: Helen (Mrs. O. T. Anderson) and Theodore.

JOHN LEWISON. Born in Dane County, Wis., in 1862 and came to the Adams vicinity with his parents in 1864, where they settled in Adams township. Married Ragnild Hegge in 1885. Children: Arthur; Lawrence; Orris; Nordeen; Earl; John, Jr.; Edwin; Vernon; Mabel Hanneman; Rachel Johnson; and Hattie Ness.

OLAUS ULVEN. Born in Decorah, Iowa in 1879. Married Rose Belgium in 1897, and to them nine children were born: Clarence; Lynn; Raymond; Norman; Ernest; Carol (Mrs. Frank Lorenzen); Hazel (Mrs. Glen Wilmot); Florence (Mrs. Roy Krebsbach) Iva died in 1933.

BREDE P. HAUGEN was married to Anna Nilson in 1882 and they spent their entire married life on their farm in Marshall township. Mrs. Haugen was born in Norway in 1856 and came to America in 1880. Children: Nickolai; Peter; Clara (Mrs. Ray Willinger); Bessie; Ella and Minnie.

ARNE K. REBNE. Farmed in Clayton township. Born in Norway in 1861. Came to America at age 16. Worked as farmhand for 9 years, later buying farmland. Married Isabelle Wiste in 1886. Children: Clarence; Alma (Mrs. Wm. Wohlers); and Stella (Mrs. Lee Hamilton).

JOHN GILGENBACH. Born in 1875 in Lodi township. Parents immigrated from Germany and settled on farm presently owned by Francis (son of John). Farm has been in family for four generations, since 1874. Married Mary Fabsbender in 1905. Children: Edward, died in infancy; Mathilda; Mildred (Mrs. Thomas Koenigs); Agnes (Mrs. Roman Smith); Betty (Mrs. Richard Badger); Francis and Alfred.

SIMON S. KNUTSON. Born Adams township 1857, son of one of the earliest pioneers. Married Nellie Anderson in 1887. Made home for four years in Marshall township, then moved to Lodi township, where they spent their lives. Children: Martha (Mrs. S. L. Johnson); Sever and Albert.

JOHN SORFLATEN. Native son, born in Grand Meadow in 1868. Worked as carpenter five years then became farmer in Clayton township. Married Minnie Huseby in 1895. Children: Alvin; Julius; Stella (Mrs. Robert Ewing); Orville; Helen (Mrs. John Tischen); Richard and Vernon.

LARS ELLINGSON. Born in Norway in 1849. Came to America after receiving education in Norway. Filed on 80 acres of railroad land at age 18. Owned at one time 640 acres, 240 of which he broke himself. Retired to Adams village in 1910. His mother and father resided with him until their deaths. Willed \$10,000.00 to Little Cedar Church, the interest to be used for expenses of Week-Day School of Religion.

JOHN H. ANDERSON. Born in Adams township in 1872. His parents Hans and Isabella came to America from Norway and farmed in Adams township all their lives. Worked at railroad and carpenter trade then became farmer in Clayton township. Married Christine Huseby. Children: Selma (Mrs. Herman Isaacson); Ella (Mrs. Wilard Worchester); Ida (Mrs. Charles Stoddard); Arnold; Herbert; Adeline (Mrs. Richard Davis); and Joel.

JOHN R. JOHNSON. Born in Norway in 1852. Came to America in 1861 with parents. Became successful farmer in Marshall township. Served as county commissioner for six years. Married Randi Dahle in 1878. Children: Mary (Mrs. Jacob Lunde); Hannah (Mrs. Albert Peterson); Clara (Mrs. Neilson); Ella (Mrs. Ed Knutson); and Joel.

OLE ALFSON QUALE. Born in Norway in 1842. Came to America in 1864. Settled in Winneshiek county, Iowa, later coming to Mower county. Married Karne Anderson. Children: Adolph; Olaus; Clara (Mrs. Robert Anderson); Jennie (Mrs. Wyant Gullickson) and Nels.

JOHN GILLIGAN. Born in Ireland. Came with parents to New York, arriving in 1849 after a journey of four and one-half weeks. They came to Adams township. After growing to manhood engaged in farming. Retired to Adams village. Married Mary Madden. They had three children: John J., Walter and Mary.

PETER CURVIN and wife KATE. Born in Norway. Came to America before Civil War. Lived in Madison doing farming for several years. Started with ox team and prairie schooner across country. Purchased land after reaching Adams township. Farmed here until death. They had three sons: Edward, Nels and Knute; four daughters: Jensina; Christina Epland, Bertina Parrish and Martha Femrite.

JAMES JOHNSON. Born in Sogn, Norway in 1866 and came to America at age 21. Married Josie Anderson in 1892. Lived in Clayton and Marshall townships until 1937 when they moved to Adams. Ten children: Nettie (Mrs. John Boe); Sadie (Mrs. Emil Peterson); Laura (Mrs. John Thorson); Orel; Jennie (Mrs. John Ulven); Jurcene; Alice (Mrs. Earl Woodside); Nordeen; Wallace and Vernon.

ERICK HANSON. Owned a fine farm in Marshall township. Born in Norway in 1871 and came to America at age 2 with parents. At age 20 purchased 75 acres and had added to it until he owned 192. In 1894 married Susie Slindee, daughter of Ole O. Slindee, pioneer of Marshall township. One son: Irving.

B. UNDERDAHL. Born in Norway in 1863. Came to America with parents at age three. Worked out 5 years, then farmed in Clayton township, featuring Shorthorns and Poland China hogs. Married Engre Hegge. They had ten children: Ole, Rachael, Alfred, Leon, Alma, Berdina, John, Stella, Thelma and Melvin.

JOHN J. FARDAHL. Extensive land owner Marshall township. Attended schools in Norway age 8 to 14. Came to America and at age 23 purchased home farm of 80 acres and by hard work had 240 acres in 1911, the larger part being timber land he cleared himself. Married Gonhilde Skarsbo, native of Norway. Children: John, Alfred M., Lewis, Melvin, Nils and Caroline.

HANS J. HANSEN. Born in Norway 1846. At age 14 became apprentice to one of largest machine shops in Bergen four years. Came to America at age 18 with parents, brother and sister. Worked at his trade in Calmar, Decorah and Chicago. In 1867 came to Adams and worked at his trade in partnership with father who built the first shop on the S.W. corner of Main and 4th streets, and was the first blacksmith in Adams in 1867-68. Then went to Austin and hired out as wagonmaker. While working at this trade he ironed the wagon that took first premium at the first county fair held in Mower county. Married Emma Peterson in the Little Cedar log church in 1869. Nine children: Minnie (Mrs. Malstrom), Oscar, Katrinka, Peter, Herman, George, Nellie and Gustov. Later farmed in Adams township. Active in county and town organizations as well as Little Cedar Church. In 1909 wrote a 50 year history of the Little Cedar Settlement and congregation, had it printed and bound in book form out of gratitude to the settlement and the church he loved.

JOHN PETER SCHISSEL. Born in 1871 in Fort Atkinson, Iowa. He came to Adams in October of 1912 and bought the elevator which is now owned by sons, John and Conrad. Married Mary Hegge and to them nine children were born: LaVera (Mrs. Arnold Nett); A. C. (Art); Cora (Mrs. Francis Krebsbach); Madonna (Mrs. George Curtin); Colette; John; Conrad and Monica (Mrs. Allen Hendry).

N. P. SCHMITZ (*Harness Nick*). Born in Fond Du Lac, Wis. in 1866. At age 15 began working on farms and in harness shops in Iowa, Oklahoma and Nebraska. Came to Adams in 1889, working for Anton Nett in his harness shop. Bought half interest in business in 1889 and entire business in 1892. Married Mary Bissen in 1892 and to them ten children were born: Gregory, Edward, Louise (Mrs. Richard Krupp), Rudolph, Raymond, Leonard, Leone (Mrs. Joe Reisinger), Christine (Mrs. August Reimartz), Joseph and Herman.

OTTO HALVERSON. Born in Bergen, Norway in 1863. Came to America at age 19. Farmed north of Adams where he lived 73 years. Married Mattie Boe in 1894. They had 14 children: Stella (Mrs. Arthur Lindquist), Hattie (Mrs. Alfred Wiste), Alice (Mrs. Victor Lindquist), Ruth (Mrs. Henry Johnson), Orville, Henry, Lawrence, Leona (Mrs. Orland Krug), Lillie (Mrs. Clifford Weness), Eddie, Frederic, Myrtle (Mrs. Oscar Asper) and Maurice and Enora.

PHILLIP RAUEN. Born Dexheim, Germany in 1875. At age 11 he came to this country with his parents and settled on a farm near Adams where he grew to manhood. In 1899 he married Catherine Heimer, daughter of Henry and Anastasia Smith Heimer. After Phillip and Katie were married they farmed with his father, later moving to near Johnsburg. In 1913 they bought the farm where they lived 50 years. Children: 14, twelve of whom are still living: Edward and Esther died in infancy; Henry, Mary (Mrs. Wm. Weber), Odellia (Mrs. H. J. Mauel), Elizabeth (Mrs. John Isaac), Fred, William, Rose (Mrs. A. J. Retterath), Michael, Margaret (Mrs. J. B. Severson), Leo, Gertrude (Mrs. Paul Locher) and Joseph.

ANDREW O. SJOBAKKEN and Amelia Kolaas were married June 5, 1888 at Calmar, Iowa where they made their home until 1896 when they moved to Adams. Mr. Sjobakken became engaged in the blacksmith business and continued in the business until his death. His son, John, then carried on the family business, in later years it became a garage. Children: John, Stella (Mrs. Earl Chamberlain), Art and Leland.

FERDINAND STEWERT. Born in 1863 and was married to Augusta Erlitz who was born in 1861. They spent their life in farming in Marshall township. Children: Louise Baldner, Minnie Fahje, Anna Wilman, Paul, Mary Baldner, William, Martha Olson and Dora Cline.

ANDREW R. ANDERSON. Early settler of Marshall township. Came to America at age 13. In 1874 purchased 80 acres of unimproved land, improving and adding to it until he had 240 acres. Married Elizabeth Rasmussen, daughter of a pioneer family. They had three children: Robert A., Andrew O. and Emma. Robert A. spent entire life on family farm. Married Clara Quale in 1903. Five children: Cora (Mrs. McMann), Ruby (Mrs. Wm. Hueman), Lillian (Mrs. Kenneth Sprau), Arnold and Norman.

JOHN BOYUM. Born in 1879 in Sogn, Norway. Immigrated to Sun Prairie, Wis. at age 2. Engaged in bakery business in Wisconsin and Adams. Married Anna Huseby in 1911. Children: Marion, Arthur, Stanley, Lloyd, Eugene and Joyce (Mrs. Orville Hegseth). Gladys died in infancy.

MR. AND MRS. OLE ANDERSON came from Norway to Decorah, Iowa in 1898. By oxcart they emigrated to South Dakota later returning to Adams to the farm now occupied by Joy Nelson. Mr. Ole Anderson had six children, three by a first marriage and three by a second, four of these children settled in the Adams area. John Matteson, Mrs. J. J. Johnson, Mrs. E. A. Wigness and Peter A. Anderson. Peter Anderson had seven children: Jessie (Mrs. H. A. Johnson), Oscar, Ernest, Arthur M., Merrill, Leonard N. and Edward.

STEVE BANTES was born in 1878 and at age 11 came to Iowa with his parents. On June 23, 1903 he married Anna Adams, and to them five children were born, two of whom are deceased. Those living are Catherine, Alphonse and Martha (Mrs. Alfred Mullenbach).

JOHN OSMUNDSON. Pioneer of Marshall township. Native of Norway, followed sea in youth. At 16 learned shoemaker trade. Came to America in 1855, landing at Quebec. Made way to Illinois, then Wisconsin where he married Syrena Hanson in 1857. Came to Marshall township and built log house. Children: Hannah (first white child born in Marshall township) Mrs. Andrew Wiste; Caroline (Mrs. Ole O. Wiste), Ingeborg (Mrs. Ole Ulven), Rachel (Mrs. Chris Johnson), Henriette (Mrs. Andrew Ulven) and Henry.

OLE A. BERGENE. Born in Norway in 1885. Came to America in 1878, coming direct to Grand Meadow, later locating in Marshall township. Engaged in diversified farming. Married Sarah Sorflaten in 1884. Children: Oleanna (Mrs. Ole Lunde Uglum), Edwin, Oscar, Annie (Mrs. George Erickson), Ella (Mrs. Elmer Schwerin), Selma and Orville.

ANDREW TUFTTE. Born Norway in 1853. Came to America in 1875 at age 21, settling near Adams. Married Ragnild Munedal in 1879. Children: Henry, Nettie (Mrs. Harry Haraldson) and Martin. Ragnild died in 1884 and Mr. Tuftte married Anna Severson in 1886. They had seven children: Carol, Rachel (Mrs. Joseph Matteson), Mary (Mrs. Clarence Matteson), Clara (Mrs. Ernest Fett), Ella, Elmer and Nordeen.

HUBBARD CAREY. Son of Mathias and Anna Carey, early settlers in section 20, Adams township, who purchased 160 acres of government land for \$1.25 an acre in 1958. Added another 160 acres later. Mr. Carey was one of the well known men of the country and had an important part in the upbuilding of Adams. First clerk of Adams village, serving in this capacity until 1906. Elected to legislature in 1908 for 2 years. Married Mary Thelen in 1881.

WILLIAM DEAN. Born in St. Paul in 1872. Spent early years in Adams. Married Lena Vega of Louisiana in 1899. Was banker in Adams for many years. Chartered the First National Bank of Adams. Children: Marcelle, Dorothy, William and Douglas. Lena Dean died in 1917 and Mr. Dean married Olive Vega.

ANFEND OLSON. Born in Norway. Came to America in 1882, where he worked as farmer and stone mason. Purchased land and farmed until 1900, then became stone mason for 9 years. Elected Marshall of Adams village in 1910 and superintendent of gas and water works. Married Carrier Munson who only lived one year. Brought mother to America to live with him. Later married Johanna Pederson. Children: Martin, Alfred and Aner.

ANDREW SEVERSON. Born at Adams in 1880. Farmed west of Adams for 41 years, then retired to Adams village. Married Selma Johnson. Children: Arnold, Myrtle (Mrs. Elmer Hillickson), Daisy (Mrs. Edwin W. Johnson), Ruby (Mrs. Leonard Voight), LaVonne (Mrs. Russell Voight), Marcelle (Mrs. Ralph Voight) and Vivian (Mrs. Wm. Stenberg).

MONS SEVERSON. Born at Luster, Norway. Immigrated to America in 1859 and settled at Sun Prairie, Wis. Ragnild, his wife, was born at Sogn, Norway, and came to America in 1861. They claimed a homestead northwest of Adams in 1867. In 1928 this farm was sold to son, Martin, and in 1968 this same farm was purchased by Martin's son, Maurice. This farm has been in the Severson family for 101 years. Mary is the only member of this family still living and is 88 years old.

JOSEPH DEGEN. Son of Nicklaus and Christine Schaefer Degen was born in Weiler, Germany. At age 11, with his parents and three brothers, came to America about 1872. They settled in McHenry county, Ill. Married Mary Bantes, daughter of Leonard and Katherine Bantes, in 1888. In 1897 the Degens came to Minnesota and farmed in the Adams and Lodi townships. They had 10 children, three of whom died in infancy. The others are: Nick, Leonard, Mathias, Catherine, Henry, John and Peter.

LEONARD BANTES. Born in Luzen Kries Mayen, Germany in 1837 and came to this country in 1854 at age 17. Married Catherine Wagner in 1867 and lived in Chicago for a time. Later went to McHenry, Ill., then to Stacyville, and in 1895 moved to Taopi on farm known as old Bantes Farm. After 15 years there they retired to Adams. Children: Mary (Mrs. Joseph Degen), John, Peter, Steven, Christine, Margarth and Joseph.

ANDREW TORGERSON. Born October 15, 1865. His parents, Torgger and Marie Flaten, had come from Norway and settled near Spring Grove. He married Carrie Share in 1886. Her parents had come from Norway in 1862. Mr. Torgerson was one of the early merchants in Adams, building a general store with living quarters above. Later he built the Daylight Store (now Schaefer's) and still later the Farmers State Bank. They had three children: Oscar, Nordeen and Ruth (Mrs. Thune).

JOHN MATTESON. Born in Norway in 1857. Came to America with parents in 1868, settling in Decorah, Iowa, then coming to Adams in 1874. Married Martha Lidahl Olson Restrud in 1883. They bought a farm in Marshall township where they lived until 1917 when they retired to Adams village. They had four sons, one dying in infancy: Joseph, Clarence and Edwin. Clarence Matteson born in 1887 spent his entire life in Adams community. Married Marie Tufe in 1914. They had two daughters, Myrtle (Mrs. Nomer Larson) and Corrine.

OLAF EDWARD PETERSON. Born in Sweden in 1867. In Sweden he married Emma Anderson. They came to America in 1900 with their three daughters. Bought farm in Clayton township where sons Arthur and Carl live. Anna was Mrs. Herman Rolf; Bertha was Mrs. Ouis Peterson, and Hedvig was Mrs. James Larson.

IVER UGLUM. Born in Norway in 1879. Came to America with parents at age 11. Married Anne Anderson, born in Denmark in 1875. Farmed northwest of Adams until retirement. Children: Mabel (Mrs. Harvey Schroeder), Bess (Mrs. S. P. Sandretto), Lloyd, Alice (Mrs. Swickard), Gertrude, Inez (Mrs. C. L. Schissel), Jens, Lorraine (Mrs. Roy Krebsbach).

ERICK S. WENESS. Born in Sogn, Norway in 1865. At age 9 came to America with parents, brothers and sister. Married Martha Gurvin in 1904. Farmed all of their lives on farm now occupied by son Selmer. The other children are: Chester (died in infancy), Daisy (Mrs. Ervin Hanson), Earl, Clifford and Kenneth.

NELS FINKELSON. Born in 1827 in Valdres, Norway. He married his first wife in 1855. Two years later they came to America and located at Decorah, Iowa. Moved to Adams in 1859. First wife died in 1885. They had 10 children, four of whom were living when Nels died in 1912: Gilbert, Peter, Martha (Mrs. T. A. Bagstad) and Julia (Mrs. John Hendricks). In 1887 Mr. Finkelson married Mrs. Anna Gordon.

KNUTE GORDON. Born in 1876 at Valdars, Norway. Came to America in 1882. In 1904 married Emma J. Olson, born in 1882. They farmed in the Adams area. Their children are Alyce, Florence and Roy.

JACOB S. KNUTSON. Born in Norway in 1849. Came to America at age 4 with parents, settling at Spring Prairie, Wis. Later moved to St. Ansgar for 2 years, then to Adams where the family farmed in Marshall township for 45 years. Retired to Adams village where they spent 20 years. Married Carrie Johnson in 1869. Six sons were born to them: Simon, Carl, Jake, Eddie, John and Chris.

KNUTE REBNE. Born in Hallingdal, Norway, in 1804. In the summer of 1877, he, with his son, Arne, immigrated to America. After landing in New York, they came directly to Adams. He bought forty acres in Clayton Township, section 32, about five miles N.E. of Adams, where he lived until his death in July, 1891. His first wife died in Norway, in 1861. Children born to this union were: Mrs. Kari Feglum, Mrs. Ingeborg Wiste and Nels, who all remained in Norway; Mrs. Tom (Anna) Anderson, Elkton, Mrs. Sever (Kari) Severson, Taopi; Mrs. Arne (Guri) Olson, Clear Lake, Iowa; Mrs. Halvor (Agatha) Johnson, Adams, and Arne, Adams. His second wife was Kari Viste, and they had two girls, Mrs. D. D. (Anna) Sandry, Grove City, Minn., and Mrs. James (Mathilda) Butler.

BEN S. KNUTSON. Born near Adams in 1859. Married Nettie Olson. They farmed in Adams and Lodi townships. They had 12 children: Eddie B., Alma (Mrs. Ray Wood), Laura (Mrs. Dale Halvor), Joseph, Evelyn, Juletta (Mrs. Ivan Nelson), Harriet (Mrs. Aug. Kroll), Gladys, Sister Ella N., Hilman B., Ada (Mrs. Lille-graven) and Mamie.

PETER OLSON. Born in Whalen, Minn. in 1871, but spent most of life in Adams community. Married Josephine Johnson of Adams. They had 3 children: Norma (Mrs. George Erie), Jureen and Alvin. His second wife was Isabelle Hagen, born in Norway in 1881. They spent most of their life farming in Clayton township. They had 12 children: Lu ellen Van Frundy, Mamie Engen, Floyd, Richard, Art Floyd, Pearl, Vernon, Alden, Walter, Willis and Edith Guy.

OLE E. ULVEN. Born in Valdres, Norway in 1861. Came to America with parents when 6 years old. Family settled in Adams where they lived all their life. Married Carrie Gullickson, born in 18662. Children: Edward, Emer, George, Fred, Carmie, Alice (Mrs. C. Tucker) and Irene (Mrs. Lloyd Uglum).

OLE A. ULVEN. Born in Valdres, Norway in 1860. Came to America with parents at age 9. Married Ingeborg Osmundson. Farmed on farm just across from where Ingeborg was born (Karl Kraling farm). Retired to Adams village in 1921. Children: Emma, Jeanette (Mrs. H. Drake), Ella (Mrs. Ed Knutson) and Johnnie.

OLE O. WISTE. Born in Valdres, Norway in 1852. Came to America in 1866 at age 14 with parents. Lived at Castle Rock, Wis. for several years. Married Caroline Osmundson in 1883. They farmed near Adams on farm where Orrin Wiste (grandson) now lives. They had three children: Jeanette, Nellie (Mrs. Carl Knutson) and Andrew.

MARTIN KLAPPERICH. Born in Germany in 1850. At age 5 came to America with parents to Wisconsin near Fon du Lac. Married Barbara Bell and they went to farming in Mitchell county, Iowa. They moved to near Adams in 1876. Children: Clara (Mrs. Math Ahr), Math, Anton, Marie (Mrs. Arnold Stephoni), Stephen M., Lena (Mrs. Edward Huelman), Joseph, John, Lizzie (Mrs. Steve Krebsbach) and Margaret (Mrs. Albert Theobald).

MATHIAS SCHAEFER. Born in Germany. Grew to manhood on father's farm. Came to America in 1875. Worked for Mr. Krebsbach for 4 years and in buying grain for Gilchrist and Co. Worked at this profession for 33 years. Married Susanna Schaff in 1881. Children: Peter, Joe, Mary, William, Ann, Gert and Michael.

GUS JACOBSON. Born near Rose Creek in 1874. Married Lillian Withers in 1904. Lived in Clayton township for several years and also Marshall, and did much of their business in Adams. Children: Ruby (Mrs. Grant Lines), Erma (Mrs. John Hawkins), Mae (Mrs. Everett Boe).

JENS P. ANDERSON. Born in Denmark. In 1879 he with wife and four year old daughter, Anna, immigrated to America, and arrived in Taopi and settled on a farm in Clayton township where they lived 20 years. Children are: Mrs. Anna (Iver) Uglum, Adams, Mrs. Lizzie (Simon) Boe, LeRoy, Minn., Mrs. Etta Wells, LeRoy, Minn., and Mary. The mother died and in 1897 he married Sarah Hague. Children are Mrs. Florence (Gordon) Thomas, Mrs. Alice (Henry) Larson and Roy Hague.

CHRISTANT MULLENBACK. Born in Germany. In 1868, he with his wife, Magdalena, and five children immigrated to America and homesteaded on a farm southwest of Adams in Adams township. This farm is still in the family, a grandson, Laurence Mullenback, now owns it. Children: Stephen, Peter, John, Joseph, Katie, Nick, Mrs. Mary (John) Heimer, Mrs. Gertrude (Math) Karst, Mrs. Catherine (John S.) Freund and Mrs. Anna (John) Bissen.

ANDREW A. WISTE. Born in Norway, 1852. Immigrated to America with his parents in 1867. Came to Decorah, Iowa, where he worked as a farmhand for 5 years. Then came to Adams and purchased land in Clayton township and later in Marshall township. In 1880 he married Hannah Osmundson, who was the first white child born in Marshall township. In 1920 they retired and moved into the village of Adams, where he passed away in 1937 and his wife in 1945. In 1930 they celebrated their Golden Wedding. Children are: Sophia (Mrs. L. A. Asper), Josie (Mrs. S. T. Bohn) Alma (died when 2 years old), Alma (Mrs. E. N. Johnson), Hattie (Mrs. J. C. Knutson), and Alfred. They also made a home for Ferdie Viste and Henry Anderson.

NILS ANDERSON. Born in Iowa, 1861, of parents Amond and Carrie Kloster. He attended Luther College and Upper Iowa University of Fayette. In 1883 he came to Adams and married Ingrid Johnson. In 1885 they purchased land in Marshall township, which was their home until 1908, when they moved to the village of Adams. He played a prominent part in the business, political and religious life of the community. He passed away March, 1948. There were 4 daughters, Ida, Adams; Amanda (Mrs. B. J. Huseby), Adams; Jeanette (Mrs. Conrad Soma), deceased, and Coramae (Mrs. E. S. Anderson), Adams.

TOLLEF (TOM) ANDERSON. Born in Norway, at 21 years, immigrated to America. Here he met and married Anna Rebne, also born in Norway, 1852. Married 1875. Lived two years in Adams, then purchased land in Clayton township. He passed away in 1913. Wife continued to live there until 1920, then moved back to Adams. She passed away in 1941, at age 89 years. They were members of L. C. Lutheran church. Children: Mrs. Gustav (Lena) Hanson, Elkton, (deceased); Mrs. Carl (Anna) Willbrecht, Los Angeles, (deceased); Earl (deceased); Andrew (deceased); Mrs. Adolph (Julia) Willbrecht, residing in a rest home, Breckenridge, and Alma, Washington, D. C. (deceased).

HANS P. HANSON. Born in Denmark. In 1884, with his wife and three children, immigrated to America. Came to Taopi and settled on a farm in Clayton township. They resided here until 1912 when they moved to Austin. They were charter members of Marshall Luther Church. Children were Louis, Taopi; Mrs. Jens (Sophie) Jensen; Mrs. Christian (Mary) Christensen.

LOUIS P. HANSON. Born in Denmark, 1867. At 17 years of age, came to America with his parents to Clayton township. In 1892 he married Christine Anderson. They had 4 sons: Martin, Waterloo, Iowa; Carl and Henry, Taopi, and Elmer (deceased). His wife passed away in 1910. In 1914 he married Matie Christensen. They had two children: Howard, a U. S. private killed in the battle of Luxembourg, 1945, and Mrs. Richard (Helen) E. Johnson, Taopi.

JENS JENSON. Married Sophie Hanson, born in Denmark. At 13 years of age she came to America with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hans P. Hanson, and settled near Taopi. Two children were born: Mrs. John (Edna) Johnson, Taopi and Henry M. Jensen, Racine, Wis.

CHRISTIAN CHRISTENSEN. Adams, married Mary Hanson, born in Denmark, parents Mr. and Mrs. Hans P. Hanson. Came to America at 10 years. They had three children: Palmer (deceased); Mrs. Ben (Agnes) Johnson, Owatonna, and Paul, Seattle, Wash.

OLE MONSON. Born in Norway, 1827. As a young man immigrated to America. Came to Adams, bought land in Adams township where Lloyd Marlin now lives. He married Hansina Hanson, 1868, in the old log Little Cedar Church. Three children: Berthina (Mrs. P. John Sathre), Magdalena (Mrs. John Dahle Hegge) and Hans Olai. He died in 1884 and the widow moved to Adams in 1902 and died in 1932.

P. J. (JOHN) SATHRE. Born in Norway, 1861. At age 2 he came to America with his parents and settled in Wisconsin. A few months later they came to Adams and located on farms in Adams and Marshall townships, where he spent most of his life. In 1855 he married Maret Knutson, who died a few years later. They had two sons who died in infancy. In 1891 he married Berthina M. Monson (born in Adams, 1869). Their later years were lived in Adams. He died in 1936 and she in 1942. Children: twins, Edwin and Henry (died young); Karen and Alfred (twins); Hattie (Bowen); Johnny; Elizabeth (Nelson), and Nora.

ANDREW SATHRE. Born in Adams township, 1865. Later moving to Marshall township. In 1888 he married Josephine Knutson, who died in 1903. In 1910 he and his children moved to the old Sathre homestead and a few years later built up the Bert Godfredson farm, one mile north of Adams. Children: Clara Smith, Sarah, Gertie Boe, Alma Hanson, Lizzie Godfredson and Carl. Two died in infancy. In 1919 he married Sena Lovold. They moved to Austin where he died in 1937, his wife in 1948.

STYRIK PEDERSON. Born in Norway, 1840. In 1862 he came to America and to Wisconsin, where he spent a few months, then started with ox team for Mower county, arriving in Adams four weeks later. Here he purchased land and built a log cabin. Later bought land in Marshall township where he died in 1907. He married Elizabeth Runnebakk and had 12 children: John, Steven, Andrew, Jacob, Severt, Elina, Sarah, Carl, Peder, Bertha Rebney, Elisa Rebney. The only surviving member is Carl, who, at 91 years, lives at McGregor, Minnesota.

SEVER SEVERSON. Born in Norway, 1852. At 8 years immigrated to America with his parents. Came in a sail boat and took many weeks. They arrived at Adams. He married Kari Rebne. They bought land in Clayton township and lived there most of their lives. Children: Anna (Mrs. Iver Erickson), Sena (Mrs. Ernest Miles), Caroline (Mrs. Swen Swenson), Samuel, Clara (Mrs. James Crichton), and Nels. He died in 1942 at age 89 years. Wife died in 1926.

BERNT HANSON. Born in Norway, 1852. Immigrated to America in 1864 and three years later came to Adams and settled on a farm in Marshall township where he lived all his life. In 1874 he married Kjersti Olson Eric. They were blessed with 11 children. Three died in infancy; Michael, Mathilda, Benjamin, all deceased; and Christian, West Concord, Minn.; Oscar, Adams; Harry, Austin; Mrs. Peter (Clara) Finkelson, Adams, and Mrs. John (Gena) Ellingson, Ambrose, N. Dak. They observed both their 50 and 65th Wedding Anniversary. He died in 1945 at 93 years of age.

OLE A. RUDLONG. Born in Norway, 1862. At 20 years of age immigrated to America. Arrived in Adams, 1883, where he worked for a number of years. In 1894 he married Lena Melby at Little Cedar Lutheran Church. They lived most of their lives in Clayton and Marshall townships. He died in 1956 and his wife, 1936. Children: Mrs. Ben (Alma) Cady, Selma (deceased), Mrs. Reynold (Agnes) Frank, Spring Valley; Laurence (deceased); Mrs. Amanda Riddle, Spring Valley; Alice (deceased); Mrs. Hilda Haugland; Mrs. George (Ella) Jech, Austin; Melvin, and Mrs. Okel (Marion) Halverson.

KNUTE E. WIDSTE. Born in Norway, 1840. He married Marit Nygaard. In 1866 they and their two small children immigrated to America and for several years lived at Decorah, Iowa. It was here that the mother died. He and his family moved to Adams and about 1875 bought land in Clayton township which remained his home until he passed away in 1929. There were three children: Mrs. Arne (Ingeborg) Rebne, Adams; Mrs. Marit Loiten, who remained in Norway, and Albert, Clear Lake, Iowa, all deceased. His second wife was Siri Rye and they had two sons: Edward K. and Andrew, both deceased. Family faith was Lutheran.

ENGEBRET A. WIGNES. Born in Adams township, 1866. Parents were Rasmus and Anna Wignes. In 1892 he married Otilia Anderson, born in 1870, of parents Ole and Johanna Anderson. They had a double wedding with her sister Josephine Anderson and James Johnson. They all observed their Golden Wedding. They immediately bought land in Clayton township and lived there until 1936 when they retired to the village of Adams. He passed away in 1947 and his wife in 1955. Family faith was Lutheran. Children are: Reuben, Austin; Arthur, Northwood, Ia.; Orville, Long Beach, Calif.; Mrs. Wm. (Evelyn) McFarland, Austin, and Mrs. Stella Donahue, deceased.

HANS J. SHAW. Born in Norway, 1850. Came to America at age seven, 1857, with his parents and stayed a year at Ossian, Iowa. In 1858 the family moved to Adams. In 1866 he bought a farm in Marshall township which is still owned by the Shaw family, a grandson, Harry Shaw. In 1868 Hans married Martha Lokken and two children were born: Emma (Mrs. Hans Sathre) and Jennie (Mrs. Mike Neus). The mother died and in 1879 he married Martha Fardahl and they had one son, John H. who married Tena Johnson. Children of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Shaw are Henry, Mabel and Gladys.

HALVOR (BAKKE) JOHNSON. Born in Norway, 1844. In 1866, at age 22, immigrated to America and settled at Madison, Wis. He married Mary Jerdec. Had two sons, Johan and baby Jens and the mother died at childbirth. Later he came to Adams. Married Agatha Rebne. Bought land in Adams township. He also helped his parents and brothers and sisters to come to America. Children: Martin (he and his half brother died of diphtheria); Tena (Mrs. John Shaw), Adams, deceased; Clara (Mrs. Lars Pederson), Oklahoma; John, Houston, Minn.; Helen (Mrs. Al Maile), Miles City, Mont., and Arthur, deceased.

ETICK E. BOE. Born in Norway, 1847, son of Erick and Mary Boe. In 1869, at age 22, he came to America. He then homesteaded near Grand Meadow. He married Johanna Swenson. In 1878 they purchased a farm in Marshall township two and one-half miles north of Adams on which they lived until 1917, when they moved into Adams. They had nine children: Mattie Halverson, Eddie, Emma Osmundson, Simon, Carl, Johnny, Leonard, Josie Wigness and John.

JOE F. MULLENBACH. Born in Boss, Germany in 1868. Came with parents at age 6 months to America. Located near Johnsbury and grew to manhood there. Married Barbara Foss in 1897. Farmed near Johnsbury until 1924 when they retired to Adams. Children: John, Lorena and Mrs. Edward Merton.

MR. AND MRS. JOHN SCHMITZ. United in marriage July 7, 1892. Mrs. Schmitz was Mary Katherine Jax who was born in Germany and came to America with her parents at age 4. They resided on a farm near Johnsbury. Mr. Schmitz died in 1912 and Mrs. Schmitz remained on the farm until 1932 when she moved to Adams. Children: Anna M. (Mrs. George Kaufman), Barbara (Mrs. John M. Heimer), Elizabeth (Mrs. E. N. Fisch), Peter, Jacob and Mathias.

JOHN HEIMER, JR. Born in 1861 at Germania, now known at Johnsbury, where he grew to manhood. Married Mary Mullenbach in 1891 and went to farm on the quarter section where he was born. This continued to be his home for 75 years. Children: Mrs. Fred Landherr, Mrs. Paul Mullenbach, Hedwig and Gilbert.

J. C. MULLENBACH. Born in Boss, Germany in 1864. Came to the U. S. at the age of 3. Married Mary Ann Weber in 1888 and farmed near Johnsbury. Retired in 1920 and purchased home in Johnsbury. Children: Paul, Joseph, Cordula, Mrs. Albert Smith, Mary, Mrs. John Fink, Mrs. Lawrence Brumm and Mrs. Paul Pitzen.

ALBERT SMITH. Born in Baden, Germany in 1844. Came to U.S. with parents at age 10. In 1871 united in marriage to Elizabeth Kneip. She died in 1872. In 1875 he married Anne Huemann and they lived on th farm 64 years. Children: Mrs. Joe Heimer (Elizabeth), Mrs. Fred Pitzen (Christian), Mrs. Val Brown (Ida), Joe, Henry, Mrs. Math Bissen (Margaret), John, Mrs. Fred Gerber (Julia) and Fred. Albert died in 1936.

MR. AND MRS. JOHN HEIMER. With two sons, Henry and Math, came from Germany in 1855. They built a log house south of Johnsbury. To this union three more children were born: Catherine, John and Nick. Catherine married John Adams in 1881. John came from Johnsbury, Ill. in 1874. Their children were: Anna (Mrs. Steve Bantes), John, Joseph, Mary and Gertie. Mary and Gertie still live on the farm.

MATH MULLENBACH. Born in Johnsbury in 1875 where he grew to manhood. Married Mary Anna Kramer in 1905. Farmed all his life. Children: Mrs. Philip Merten, Chrysanthus, Mrs. Steve Freund, Leander, Armella, Norbert, Gerhard, Marian, Lawrence, Ida and Otto.

FRANK BLONIGAN. Born in 1867 in Johnsbury where he lived until he located in Adams. Was engaged in the meat business for 49 years and was Hormel's oldest customer. Married Gertrude Adams in 1866. Children: Mrs. A. G. Karsburg, Mrs. Jake Wagner, Mrs. John Gerber, Mrs. Albert Hoerter, Mrs. Earl Asa, Mrs. Fred Frein and Edmund.

MR. AND MRS. STEPHEN KLAPPERICH. Made their home on a farm near Johnsbury until 1926 when they retired and moved into Johnsbury. They were married in 1901. Children: Katherine, Isabell, Peter, Mrs. Isidore Freund, Mrs. Henry Huemann and Mrs. Raymond Huemann.

JOHN PETER KING. Born in 1883 in Adams township where he spent his entire life. He married Catherine Winkels in 1906. Children: Alexander, Alfred, Henry, Leonard (Mrs. William Rice), Ardelle and Julie (Mrs. Donald Adair).

MATHIAS JAX. Born in Germany in 1868 and came to this country at the age of two with his parents. Reared in the Johnsbury community and spent most of life on farm until he retired in 1940 to Johnsbury. Married Lena Kramer in 1897 and to them were born six children: Mrs. Leo Emanuel, Leo, Augustine, Sr. M. Julaine and Sophronius. Gregory died at age 4.

MR. AND MRS. FRED KING. United in marriage in 1895. They resided in Adams until 1918 when they moved to a farm near Adams. In 1928 they moved back to Adams to make their home. They had 11 children: Mathilda (Mrs. J. Wynn), Alois, Alfred, Gregory, Edwin, Edmund and Roman. Margaret, Martha and Angela died in infancy. Leo died in 1945.

HENRY C. SMITH. Born near Johnsbury in 1884. Spent entire life in this community. Married Thersia Gerber in 1907 and they farmed on the same place 42 years. Children: Alfred, Leona (Mrs. Gilbert Heimer), Marie (Mrs. Augustine Jax), Amelia (Mrs. E. M. O'Sullivan), Irma (Mrs. Edmund May), Dorothy (Mrs. Fred May), Mildred (Mrs. Eugene Blake) and Ardella (Mrs. Ray Krebsbach).

Adams Crowns Centennial Queen



For 18-year-old Shari Crace, a senior at Adams High School, the greatest thrill was her selection as Centennial Queen Saturday night, May 18, 1968, at the high school auditorium before more than 300 spectators. She is shown here wearing the royal crown and robe presented to her a few minutes earlier. With her are the other contestants. From left: Connie Jean Smith, Carol Kiefer, Elizabeth Retterath, Yvonne Schaefer,

er, Patricia Newkirk, Marna Nelson, Queen Carol, Mary Drees, Mary Lou Heimer, Linda Underdahl, Jeanette Douty, and Sheila Klapperich. Queen Carol is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald L. Crace and plans to take a course in data processing at Austin Vocational School this fall. She was a cheerleader and took part in band and chorus.

— Photo by Harold Severson



Smiling for the photographer shortly after she had been crowned Centennial Queen for Adams' 100-year celebration, Shari Crace wears her crown and royal robe happily. With her are the two attendants: Marna Nelson, 18, left, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Nelson, and Mary Drees, 16, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Drees. The candidates were judged on poise, appearance and personality by a panel of 3 judges.



Adams had something unique in connection with crowning of its Centennial Queen on May 18 when Mrs. Mary Gilgenbach, 88, was named winner of the "Golden Queen" contest. She was presented with a bouquet of roses by B. J. Huseby. The attendants are Mrs. William Kiefer, 82, and Mrs. Katie Rauen, 91. Each was escorted by a grandson as they entered the stage to receive their roses.

Adams Residents of an Earlier Era



Members of the Mons and Ragnild Severson family appear in this family portrait. Standing, left to right: Ole, Mary, (Mrs. Chris Peterson), Erick, Sarah (Mrs. Stephen Starkson), and Sever. Front row, same order: Martin, Mr. and Mrs. Severson, Anna (Mrs. Andrew Tufte). Date not known.



Taken in 1884 or 1885, this shows the Styrk Pederson Sathre family. Back row, from left: Severt, Jacob, Andrew, Steven, and Mohn P. Front row, same order: Elias, Carl, Peder, Berthan, (Mrs. Knut Reberg), Mr. and Mrs. Pederson Sathre, and Elisa (Mrs. Halvor Rebney). Plenty of farm help here.



This smiling group included Alec Asper, John Ellingson, Mike Hanson, Louis Asper, Sever Severson, Nicholas Martinson, Eddie Boe and Ole Severson. Date of picture not given.



The frying pan, the fish and the loaves of bread indicate an outdoor repast. Standing: Sever Anfinson, Bill Brown and John (Blue) Wagner. Seated: John Dahle, George King, Olaus Ulven.



Taken in 1912, this shows Mrs. Clarence Matteson, Miss Emma Johnson, Mrs. Mabel Hanneman, Mrs. Severin Knutson and Miss Minnie Haugen. Miss Johnson conducted a sewing class.



Off to school in 1926 with lunch pails: Mrs. William Smith (Magdalene Goergen), Mrs. John Walsh (Lucille Smith), Ralph and Herman Goergen, Roman Smith, Clemens Goergen.



Mathias Krebsbach, who came to America from Germany in 1865, at the age of 20, is shown here with his family. Back row: Joseph, Anna, John H., Gertrude and Michael. Center: Mary. Seated: Mr. and Mrs. Krebsbach. She was the former Susan Bondis. Mr. Krebsbach conducted a general store in Adams for several years.



The Anton Kramer family. Back row: Julia (Sister Anicita), Mary (Mrs. Matt Mullenback), Catherine, Sacred Heart hospice; Anna (Mrs. John Kloeckner), Rose (Mrs. John Webber); Second row: Lena (Mrs. Matt Jax), Mr. and Mrs. Kramer; First row: Philip, Margret (Mrs. Mike Aiel), and Fred.



The Anton Koenigs family. Back row: John P., Catherine, Johanna (Mrs. Joe Goergen), Paul. Front row: Peter, Anna, (Mrs. Wm. Heimer), Julia (Sister Isidora), and Mr. and Mrs. Koenigs. Date of picture is not reported.



The Andrew Smith family. Back: Joe, Ida (Mrs. Val Brown), Henry, John, Fred, Christina (Mrs. Fred Pitzer). Front: Julie (Mrs. Fred Gerber), Mr. and Mrs. Smith, Albert, Elizabeth (Mrs. Joe Heimer), Margaret (Mrs. Math Bissen).



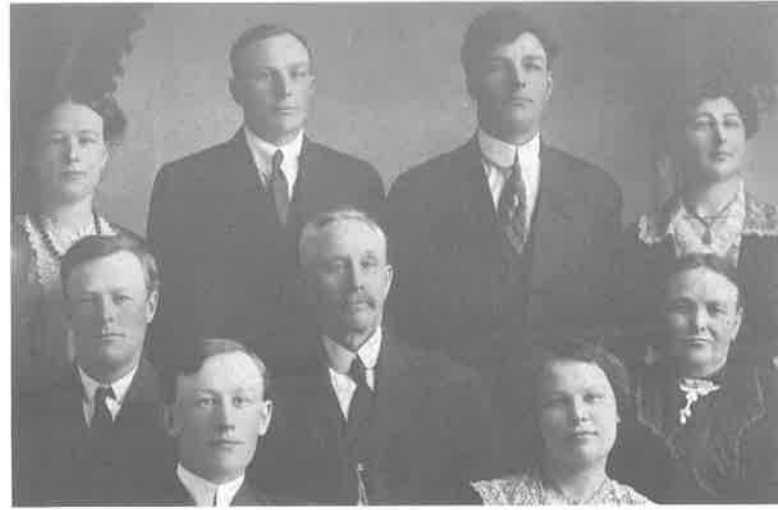
The Michael Gerber family. Back row: John, Theresa (Mrs. Henry Smith), Fred, Anna (Mrs. Frank Falk), Katherine (Mrs. John Smith). Front row: Mr. Gerber, William, Mrs. Smith, Marie (Mrs. John Hueman). Date of picture unknown.



The children of Mr. and Mrs. Nick Smith met in the photographer's gallery for this picture around the turn of the century. Standing were the twins: William and Fred. Seated were Allie, Mary and Anna. Relatives cherished the photo.



The Arne Rebne family. Back row: Clarence Rebne and Alma (Mrs. William Wohlers). Front row: Mr. Rebne, Stella (Mrs. Lee Hamilton) and Mrs. Rebne. Date not given. Large hair ribbons were quite the rage for girls then.



The Anton Asper family. Back row: Tillie (Mrs. Joe Rhomer), Bennie, Aleck, Clara (Mrs. Ben Kraft). Second row: Louie, Mr. and Mrs. Asper. Front row: Oscar and Alma (Mrs. Charles Kraft). Mr. Asper farmed near Adams.



Mr. and Mrs. Thron Bohn and family were well known in Adams and vicinity. He owned and operated a blacksmith shop in Adams from 1887 to 1898, having come here from Norway. The boy in the photo is the late Simon T. Bohn.



The Arne Huseby family. Back row: Bennie, Annie (Mrs. John Boyum), Christine (Mrs. John Anderson), and Minnie (Mrs. John Sorflaten). Front row: Arne Huseby, Dr. Louie A. Huseby, Mrs. Huseby and Sophie (Mrs. Andrew Slindee).



Andrew Tufte family. Back: Mrs. Nettie Haroldson, Martin Tiegen, Carl, Elmer, Rachel (Mrs. Joseph Matteson). Second row: Mr. and Mrs. Tufte, Henry, Mary (Mrs. Clarence Matteson). Front row: Clara (Mrs. Ernest Felt), Nordeen and Ella.



Members of the John Hukee family assembled for this photo when the children were quite young. Back row: Gert, Leonard, and Bernard. Second row: Mr. and Mrs. Hukee. Pictured in the front row: Jeff, Josephine and Mabel Hukee.



Mrs. Earl Weness of Adams submitted this photograph of the Johan Johnson family taken back in the 1880s or thereabouts. Descendants of this pioneer family still reside in the Adams area. Back row, from left: J. C. Johnson, Nels Johnson, Edling Johnson, J. R. Johnson and Axel Johnson. Front, from left:

Ingre (Mrs. Nels Anderson), Mary (Mrs. Nelson Gravidahl), Mr. Johnson, Mrs. (Mary) Johnson, Ida (Mrs. Olson) and Kari (Mrs. Jacob S. Knutson). The family traces its roots back to Norway.



Taken back in 1912, this photograph of the P. J. (John) Sathre family shows the Sathres and their five children. Back row: Alfred, Karen and Hattie (Mrs. Bowen). Seated: Mr. Sathre, Nora, Mrs. Sathre, and John, Jr. The girl in front is Elizabeth (Mrs. Joy Nelson).



Mr. and Mrs. John Matteson and their three sons posed for this portrait approximately a half century ago. The Mattesons are seated in front, while the sons are Clarence, Joseph and Edwin. Mr. Matteson came to the U. S. in 1868.



Nels Finkelson and his children are shown in this picture near the close of this sturdy pioneer's life. He came to this area in 1859. Seated: Mr. Finkelson and Martha (Mrs. T. A. Bagstad). Standing: Peter, Gilbert and Julie (Mrs. John Hendricks).



Mr. and Mrs. Anton Mullenbach, well known Adams area residents who came to this country from Germany, are shown here with their children. From left, standing: Anna, John Peter, John Joe, Mary Schneider, Catherine and Peter (between parents).



Members of the Fred Siewart family gathered at the Fairbanks studio in Austin for this portrait several decades ago. Back row: William, Paul and Mrs. Martha Olson. Front: Minnie, Mrs. Mary Baldner, Mrs. Anna Willman, Mrs. Dora Kline and Mrs. Louise Baldner.



The Martin Kiefer family. Back row: Martin Kiefer and Lizzie (Mrs. Jack White). Front row: William Kiefer, Mr. Kiefer, Ed Kiefer, Mrs. Kiefer (holding Carrie, who became Mrs. Joe Scherfer), Mathilda (Mrs. Tony Mackanic) and Josephine who later became the bride of Bill Carr.



The A. A. Wiste family included four daughters and a son. The back row, from left: Josie (Mrs. S. T. Bohn), Sophia (Mrs. A. A. Asper), and Alma (Mrs. E. N. Johnson). Front row, same order: Mr. Wiste, Alfred, Mrs. Wiste and Hattie (Mrs. J. C. Knutson).



The Olaf E. Peterson family. Seated: Mr. and Mrs. Peterson. Standing: Bertha (Mrs. Louis Peterson), Anna (Mrs. Herman Rolf), Carl, Arthur, and Hedvig (Mrs. James Larson). Like many Adams people, this family traces its heritage back to Scandinavia, in this case, Sweden.



Mr. and Mrs. Ben S. Knutson boasted a family of a dozen children. Back row: Mamie, Ada (Mrs. Olin Lilligraven), Eddie (deceased), Laura (Mrs. Dale Halver), Alma (Mrs. Ray Wood). Second row: Evelyn, Hilman, Mr. Knutson, Ella, Mrs. Knutson. Front row: Julietta (Mrs. Ivan Nelson), Joseph, Harriet (Mrs. August Kroll), and Gladys.



Mr. and Mrs. Ole A. Bergene and their children — three sons and four daughters — assembled in their Sunday finery for this interesting family portrait taken at an Austin studio. Front row: Ella, Mr. Bergene, Orville, Mrs. Bergene and Selma. Back row: Anna, Edwin, Oscar and Ollie. This photo furnished by Adella Bergene.



The Gilbert Finkelson family. Five little Finkelsons posed with their parents in this photograph. Nels Finkelson, Mr. Finkelson, with Alice on his lap, Gertie, Mrs. Finkelson, holding Hattie, and Anna, wearing a plaid dress for the occasion.



The photograph of the Bernard Goergen family, now faded and not too distinct, was furnished by Mrs. Tony Mullenbach. It was taken about 1878. From left: Nick, Mr. Goergen, Lena, Mrs. Goergen, Joseph (on his mother's lap) and John.



The Otto Halverson family. Back row: Alice (Mrs. Victor Lindquist), Nora, Hattie (Mrs. Alfred Wiste), Eddie, Stella (Mrs. Art Lindquist), Ruth (Mrs. Henry Johnson), Lawrence, Myrtle (Mrs. Oscar Asper), Otto, Mattie and Henry. Front row: Orville, Leona (Mrs. Orland Krug), Frederic, Maurice, and Lillie (Mrs. Clifford Weness).



The Ole Rudlong family. Eyes watching the "birdie" on the photographer's camera, the children today prize this photo highly. Back row: Agnes, Lawrence, Selma and Alma. In the front row: Amanda, Melvin (on his father's lap), Mr. Rudlong, Hilda, Mrs. Ole (Lena) Rudlong and Ella. No date on this fine portrait.



The Halvor (Bakke) Johnson family. This photo, believed to have been taken in 1911, shows Mr. Johnson and his five children. Top row: Tena (Mrs. John H. Shaw), Clara (Mrs. Lars Pederson) and Helen (Mrs. Alfred Maile). Seated: John, Mr. Johnson and Arthur.



The six children of Mr. and Mrs. Peter A. Anderson posed for this photograph in the fall of 1907. From left: Jessie Anderson Johnson, O. T. Anderson, Ernest Anderson, Arthur M. Anderson, Merrill E. Anderson and Leonard N. Anderson (deceased). Note the curls.

Mrs. Finkelson's wedding picture is reproduced elsewhere, together with an interesting account of the festivities.



Mr. and Mrs. Peter A. Anderson posed with their three children taken late in 1899. O. T. Anderson is the infant in Mrs. Anderson's lap, while Mr. Anderson holds Jessie Anderson Johnson. The other is Ernest Anderson.

Osmundson, Rachel (Mrs. Chris Johnson), Caroline (Mrs. Ole Wiste), and, seated in front, Ingeborg (Mrs. Ole Ulven).



The Jacob S. Knutson family had a family portrait taken about 1890. Standing: Simon J. Knutson. Second row: Mr. Knutson holding J. C. Knutson, John J. Knutson and Mrs. Knutson holding Eddie. In front: Carl J. (Chris absent at the time).



This photo was taken about 1900 and shows a sewing class. Front row: Sena Severson Miles, Julia Anderson Wilbrecht. Back row: Tena Johnson Shaw (Instructor), Anna Anderson Wilbrecht, Caroline Severson Swenson, Anna Severson Erickson.



Proudly wearing their winter apparel (including buffalo coats) were these men. Front row: Mike Christenson, Henry Helgeson, and Ed Olson. Back row: Mike Neus, Oli Gullickson and Eddie Boe. No date on this photo, unfortunately.



Many Adams residents will remember Antonie Bearfoot, an Indian who lived in Adams. He is shown here standing at right with Art Nagele of LeRoy. The first row includes Jake Nagele, LeRoy; Jens Huntley of LeRoy, whose home is shown in the background, and Frank Nelson of Taopi, a painter who was well known in Adams.



In June, 1955, members of the Friendly Garden Club of Adams had a lot of fun modeling these "garden hats." A great deal of imagination and ingenuity went into fashioning these zany bonnets for display at one of their garden party meetings.



Members of the Adams Village Council and Mrs. Thomas Schissel, village clerk, posed for this picture in May, 1968. From left: John Schissel, councilman; Dave Wiste, councilman; Herbert Smith, mayor; Mrs. Schissel, clerk; Daniel Gilles, councilman, and Dr. Ben Monson, councilman.



The world was a quiet, peaceful one back in 1909 and there was time to go boating on the placid river on a Sunday afternoon. This picture was taken south of Adams near the Gilligan Place. Sorry we don't have the names of the people enjoying the fun.

Interior Views of Stores and Offices A Half Century Ago

Store interiors were a far cry from the present-day methods of displaying merchandise to be found in Adams stores today. Here are a few representative photographs taken back in 1915.



The Krebsbach Hardware Store stocked a big variety of merchandise including the hand-operated cream separator in front.



This is the way a typical rural drugstore looked back in 1910. This was owned by E. A. Erchenbrack, shown at left. Below: The Krebsbach Theatre in 1915. Note the Ford advertisement.



Interior view of the A. Torgerson Store. The group includes, from left: Mrs. A. Torgerson, Ruth Torgerson Thune, Oscar Torgerson, Andrew Torgerson, Anna Schaezer and Nordeen Torgerson. Note the large display of handkerchiefs and dishes.



The south side of the A. Torgerson store had wide aisles and many glass showcases to which feminine eyes were attracted.



J. P. Krebsbach was pictured in his office in May, 1915. Below: Bill Cavanaugh's saloon which was located on the present site of the Municipal Liquor Store in Adams.



Those Dear Old Golden Rule Days



Gathered on the schoolhouse steps back in the "dear old golden rule" days, these pupils posed with their teacher, Laura Johnson. Front row, from left: Ernest Anderson, Henry Halverson, Earl Osmundson, Orville Bergene, Art Anderson, Herbie Osmundson, Carl Sathre, Orel Johnson, Ervin Hanson, Olga Asper, Ella Tufte, Myrtle Asper, Myrtle Boe and Nora Halverson. Second row: John Ulven, Eddie Halverson, O. T. Anderson, unidentified person, Mrs. Lizzie Godfredson, Mrs. Mabel Larson, three unidentified persons, Esther Berentson, Mrs. Stella Hamilton. Third row: Mrs. Hattie Wiste, Mrs. Jesse Johnson, unidentified person, Mrs. Alma Hanson, Miss Selma Bergene, Mrs. Clara Willinger, Miss Inga Pederson and Laura Johnson, teacher. Fourth row: Mrs. Gertie Boe, Mrs. Alma Kraft, Mrs. Clara Fett, Mrs. Ella Schwerin and Mrs. Alma Wohlers.



Pupils in the Adams school eyed photographer as he took their picture many years ago. First row: Ernest Anfinson, Ernest Ulven. Second row: George Nelson, Alfred Sathre, Leneford Lavold, Iva Thon. Third row: Clarence Ulven, Alfred Wiste, Obert Hanson, Earl Tiegen, Arthur Dahle. Fourth row: Unidentified person, Anna Bergene, Karen Sathre, Clara Dumond, Cora Amble Nelson.



Schoolboys wore knickers and a striking variety of caps and hats when they attended the old Adams school about 60 or more years ago. The first school was built in 1869 and in 1893 a two-room schoolhouse was built directly east of the tennis court. The frame school stood for many years but after the school district was consolidated in 1916, it spelled the end of the old building.



Riding in a school bus pulled by two fine horses was a lot of fun back in 1918 before the arrival of motorized school buses with their heaters and the like. How did youngsters keep their feet warm when the temperature dipped to 10 or 15 degrees below zero? Very simple question to answer. Mother heated a soapstone in the oven of her kitchen range and when it was toasty warm, she slipped it into a sack. Fine way to keep feet from freezing into blocks of ice.



Adams Community Band boasted some topnotch musicians back in 1907. Who were some of them? Well, their names came to light not long ago and they are identified as follows. Standing, left to right: Oscar Torgerson, Al Schneider, Arnold Nett, Andrew O. Sjobakken, N. P. Schmitz, Joe King, Ed Schneider, John Sjobakken, N. V. Torgerson and E. I. Thune. Seated: Art Sjobakken, Ben Korst, Fred Krebsbach, Ed McDonough, Bill Krebsbach, Ed Schmitz and J. F. Schneider.

Main Street Has Seen Changes



A light pole made a convenient hitching post for this team of horses and buggy in front of the Torgerson store on an otherwise deserted Main Street at the turn of the century.



This view of Main Street is from a postal card collection owned by William Kiefer showing views of Adams. Incidentally this card was printed in Germany, according to a notation on its back.



The Adams Hotel was a popular stopping place with commercial travelers "way back when." This picture was taken in 1901. Mrs. Erick Weness is seated in the rocking chair.



Sable's Store, now the site of the Wagner Super Valu grocery, was highly popular with farmers and townspeople alike. The Adams Review was published in the office at the far right.

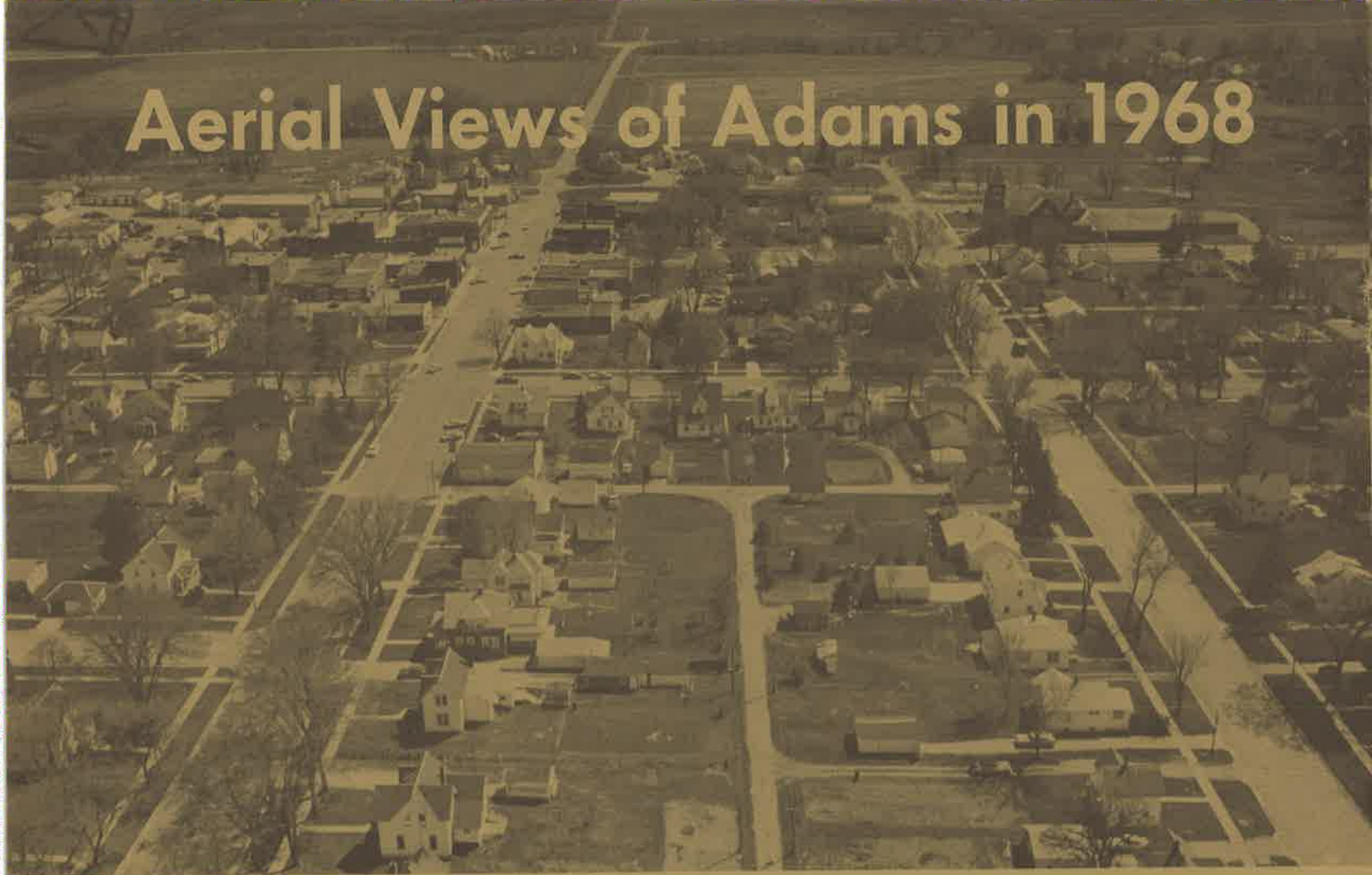


All dressed up for a Sunday outing in his Ford Flivver, Harold Shurson had ample reason for smiling as he posed with one foot on the running board. It was his first car. Antique auto "buffs" can identify the exact year when this car was made.



By 1940, automobiles and trucks had become so commonplace it was difficult to remember the days when horse-drawn wagons and buggies were hitched on the "main drag."

Aerial Views of Adams in 1968



Aerial Photos by Harold Severson, Kenyon, Minn.

