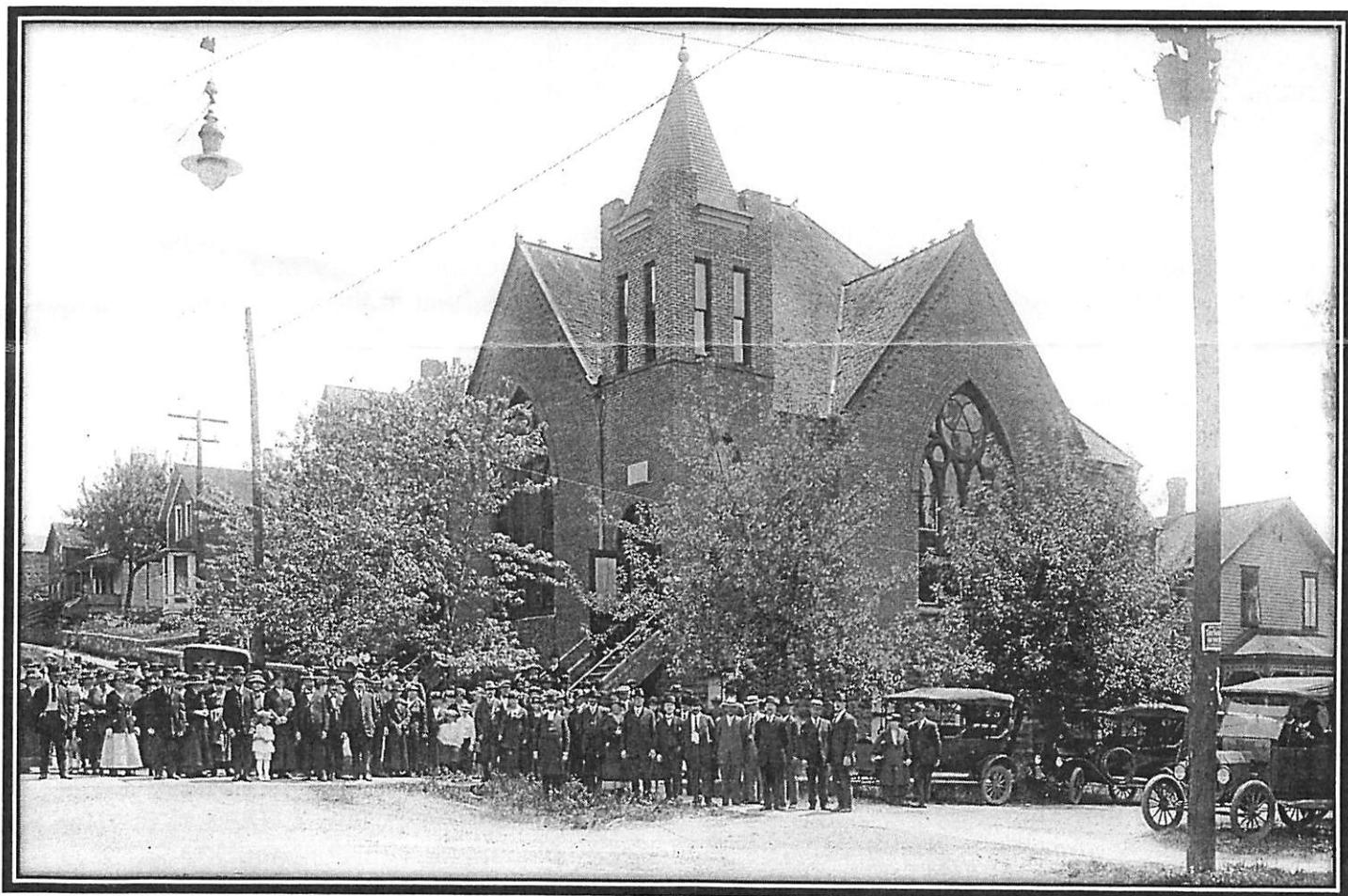


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The Swedish Lutheran congregation was organized August 7, 1881. During the first year of its existence the congregation had no church building of its own, and the services were evidently held in the homes of the members.

The first church was built in 1882 at 320 Fourth Street, at the intersection with Vulcan Street. Initially there were no pews, but the members rejoiced while seated on planks, as they could worship in their own church building.

Mr. "Engineer" Per Larson, one of the founders of the congregation, conducted the first service, serving as the first lay preacher.

A booklet titled *Three-Quarters of A Century of Service to the Kingdom of God, "A Time for Rejoicing – A Time for Appraising – A Time for Cross Bearing," First Lutheran Church, Iron Mountain, Michigan*, was produced to celebrate the church's diamond jubilee on August 4-7, 1956.

The following account has been transcribed from this booklet, divided into "quarter-century" segments.

THE FIRST QUARTER-CENTURY 1881 – 1906

The congregation was organized August 7, 1881, under the name of Swedish Evangelical Lutheran Iron Mountain Congregation in Menominee County, Michigan. J.G.V. Carlson was elected Chairman pro tem and C. Mars, Secretary. The constitution recommended by the Augustana Synod was adopted. William Swanson signed the constitution as secretary.

The first deacons elected were Olof Lundquist, John Olson, and Andrew Lingren. Trustees were William Swanson, John Mars and Otto Johnson.

The monthly dues were to be 50 cents per man and 25 cents per woman.

It was decided to apply to the Mission Board for a pastor to serve this and other nearby congregations.

On December 7, 1881, a special meeting was held to incorporate the congregation. Pastor C.O. Olander was chairman pro tem and John Mars was secretary. In the articles of incorporation the name Saron was inserted in the former name, and thus became the legal designation. At this meeting the trustees were increased to six, with the addition of Olof Lundquist, John Olson and Frederick Kjellgren. (The minutes do not explain why Olof Lundquist was changed from deacon to trustee.) It was further resolved to erect a church building 50 feet by 30 feet.

On January 14, 1882, further action was taken on building plans, and a resolution passed to join with Norway and Florence to call a pastor at a salary of \$800. The first service was held in the new church on July 4, conducted by "Engineer" Per Larson, one of the founders of the congregation.

At the next annual meeting, January 1, 1883, Carl Granath, a divinity student, served as chairman and Axel Ryberg as secretary. A call was issued to Granath to become pastor upon his ordination. The salary was to be \$500 and a free house. (Apparently this was Saron's share of the \$800 total.)

The monthly dues were increased to one dollar for a man and 50 cents for a woman.

Pastor Carl Granath accepted the call and began his work July 1, 1883 as the first resident pastor. On July 15, 1884, it was decided to build a parsonage at a cost not to exceed \$350. Apparently the people were suffering many hardships for the following month a "Sick and Needy Fund" was established for aid to members and each member was to pay 10 cents per month to this fund. Pastor Granath resigned and left that fall, and after calling

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several other pastors, Pastor P.J. Kallstrom came at the end of 1884.

Among other matters, he reported at the meeting January 1, 1885, that the parsonage was ready, the membership had grown to 119 adults and 41 children, and a young people's society had been organized.

Pastor Kallstrom left in April 1886 and the congregation was served by divinity students until John Linner, a divinity student, accepted the call upon ordination in 1887, and began his pastoral services during the summer.

Summer school was started in 1888. Kjersten Eckstrand, a deaconess, worked as assistant to the pastor during 1888 and 1889. Pastor Linner resigned in 1889 and Pastor Carl Almen, still a divinity student, was appointed, and a petition made to Synod that he be ordained at the next Synod meeting. He began work in 1890 and at the annual meeting in January, 1891, Pastor Almen reported a membership of 129 communicants, and a baptized membership of 235, and that a summer school of 3 ½ months, with over 40 children were instructed by Adolf Hult, a divinity student.

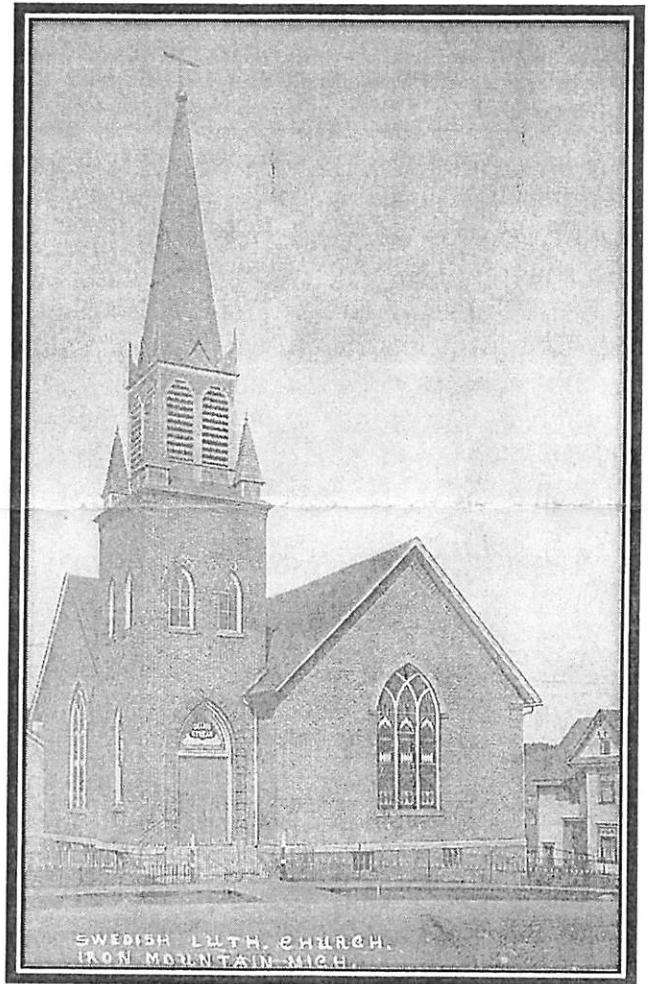
Pastor Almen resigned and left in September, 1895, and Pastor E. Edman succeeded him before the end of the year. At the beginning of 1897 the membership was 154 communicants and 164 children.

Pastor Edman left early in 1898.

Pastor A.T. Fant was called from Warren, Pennsylvania, in April and began work that same summer. At the turn of the century there were 167 confirmed members and 150 children in Sunday School, and a total baptized membership of 355. Electric lights were installed in the parsonage in 1900 and the congregation was debt-free.

In July, 1901, the German Lutherans were given permission to hold meetings in our church twice a month, free of charge. The parsonage was enlarged with an

addition to serve as a kitchen. J.M. Johnson began his 40-year-term of service as organist, succeeding Alfred Johnson, who had served for many years prior to 1900. The 20th Anniversary was observed August 7, 1901, with Pastors J.P. Kallstrom, J.E. Linner, Carl Almen and J.E. Nystrom of Norway participating.



The original Swedish Lutheran Church, built in 1882 at 320 Fourth at the intersection with Vulcan Street, on Iron Mountain's North Side, was replaced by this brick church building, constructed in 1903 at the same location. This postcard view was postmarked July 3, 1913. [William J. Cummings]

By this time the congregation had outgrown its first church and it became necessary to enlarge its quarters. The decision to do this was reached on

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February 22, 1903, at a special meeting and work began on April 13. The building committee members were Pastor Fant, C.A. Lindahl, G.A. Johnson, Alfred Johanson, John Goranson, Alfred Road and Adolph Anderson. Members of the subscription committee to raise funds for the new church were Pastor Fant, C.A. Lindahl, G.A. Johnson, Alfred Johanson and John Goranson with \$4,312.39 subscribed and of this amount \$4,120.89 paid. Pastor Fant gathered and turned over to the treasurer \$3,192.43.

The Young Girls' Society (Flickornas Syforening) gave \$74.56, the Luther League gave \$396.50, the Confirmands' Society gave \$407.91, and the Ladies' Aid gave \$110.40. The church building cost \$5,000. In 1906 the Luther League asked permission to work for and install in the church a pipe organ. This permission was gladly given and the organ was installed that same year at a cost of \$1,800.

THE SECOND QUARTER-CENTURY 1906 - 1931

The congregation observed its 25th anniversary in 1906. At this anniversary the congregation numbered 324 confirmed members and 266 children, a total of 590 souls. In the Sunday school at that same time there were 220 pupils with 35 teachers. The following year the congregation had the largest confirmation class so far in its history, namely 40 children. In 1906 there was a deep spiritual revival and Pastor Fant reported at the 1907 annual meeting that services had continued nightly for many weeks. Early in 1907 Pastor Fant terminated his ministry here and left for Swedesburg, Iowa. He was succeeded by Rev. Carl Almen, who began his second term as pastor on April 14, 1907.

The Ladies' Aid installed a furnace in the church in 1908 at a cost of \$220.

Another important building project was the building of a new parsonage in 1909. This work was completed at a cost of \$4,500. Members of the building committee were Adolf Wallin, Adolph Anderson, Alfred Road, P.A. Johnson, Andrew Johnson, Axel Kline, Israel Anderson, J.M. Johnson and Pastor Almen. The subscription committee consisted of Pastor Almen, Alfred Johnson, Axel Kline, and L.M. Nelson. The old parsonage was moved to a new location and sold for \$555. Pastor Almen resigned in October, 1909.

Pastor Fant accepted a call from the congregation and began his second pastorate here in August, 1910. In the spring of 1910 the congregation took favorable action on the proposal of the Illinois Conference that a new Conference be formed in Upper Michigan and Northeastern Wisconsin and sent August Johnson as its delegate to the organizational meeting of the Superior Conference at Escanaba in April, 1910. Pastor Fant was president of the Superior Conference from 1912 to 1916.

One of the problems that the congregation faced in this period was the continuance of the summer Swedish school, which had been held practically every summer since the founding of the congregation. For some time it was held two months every year and one year as long as ten weeks, with all-day sessions. But it was changed to half-day sessions and the time was gradually shortened to a month. The school was usually taught by a student called from Rock Island and also by local teachers when a student could not be secured. The school was supported by charging "tuition" for the children who attended and by assessing the members of the congregation a certain amount per person or family. In 1916 the use of the English language began on a small scale.

In 1914 while he was Conference President, Pastor Fant was given a six

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months leave of absence to visit the Synod's mission fields in Florida and Cuba. F.G. Granquist, a divinity student, was called to serve the congregation during his absence. Late in 1915 Pastor Fant resigned. At the annual meeting in 1916, which was shortly before he left Iron Mountain, Pastor Fant mentioned he was making his 15th annual report to the congregation, giving him the distinction of having served the congregation longer than any other pastor. He was succeeded by Rev. D. Verner Swanson, who came here as pastor after his ordination in 1916.

The Concordia Society, an organization for the younger women of the church, was organized in 1915 with 25 members. It flourished for several years and did its part in the support of the congregation. The Men's Club was organized late in the previous decade. The Junior Mission Society was organized in 1918. A Young People's Bible Class was organized and taught by Pastor Swanson, as was a Sunday School Teachers' Training Course. In 1918 it was decided to introduce the use of the Duplex Offering Envelope System and at the following annual meeting it was reported that the system had met with success and improved the financial condition of the church. Nine members of the congregation were in the armed forces of the nation in 1917. In 1918 the church was closed down for ten weeks because of the influenza epidemic.

In 1916, when the congregation was 35 years old, it numbered 393 confirmed members and 170 children, or a total of 563 persons. Pastor Swanson resigned in 1919 and left that same year for Lincoln, Nebraska.

The New Constitution recommended by the Synod, the so-called "New Britain" constitution, was adopted by the congregation on January 1, 1920.

Rev. Hilding Myreen began his ministry in the congregation on September 1, 1921,

coming here from Luther Home in Marinette, Wisconsin, to take charge of the work. Dr. Adolf Hult of the theological seminary at Rock Island served as supply pastor in July and August of the same year. On January 7, 1923, the name of the congregation was changed to the First Evangelical Lutheran Church.

The Ford boom began to change the complexion of Iron Mountain at this time and the congregation decided to start Sunday school work on the south side of the city. Pastor Myreen took the leadership in this work of starting a new mission and his efforts culminated in the organization in October of 1923 of our sister congregation, the Our Saviour's Lutheran Church. The Sunday school work was started in the old German Lutheran Church on January 21, 1923.

In the summer of 1923 the congregation had the pleasure of having Pastor A.T. Fant serve as supply pastor in July and August while Pastor Myreen was absent, seeking medical care.

In the summer of 1924 the services of the two congregations were held together until the new chapel for Our Saviour's Church could be completed. The parsonage of First Church was occupied for a year by Rev. Amos Lundquist, pastor of Our Saviour's, and also for a time by Rev. Fred G. Olson, conference Field Secretary.

The Women's Missionary Society was organized on September 19, 1924.

Pastor Myreen resigned in February, 1925, because of poor health, but the congregation prevailed on him to remain as pastor and gave him a leave of absence to seek his health. However in 1926 his resignation became final.

After calling several others, Rev. Martin O. Olson was called, and came August 1, 1927, and remained here until the summer of 1930, when he moved to Grassflat, Pennsylvania. The pastor also served for a time Central Lutheran Church of Breitung

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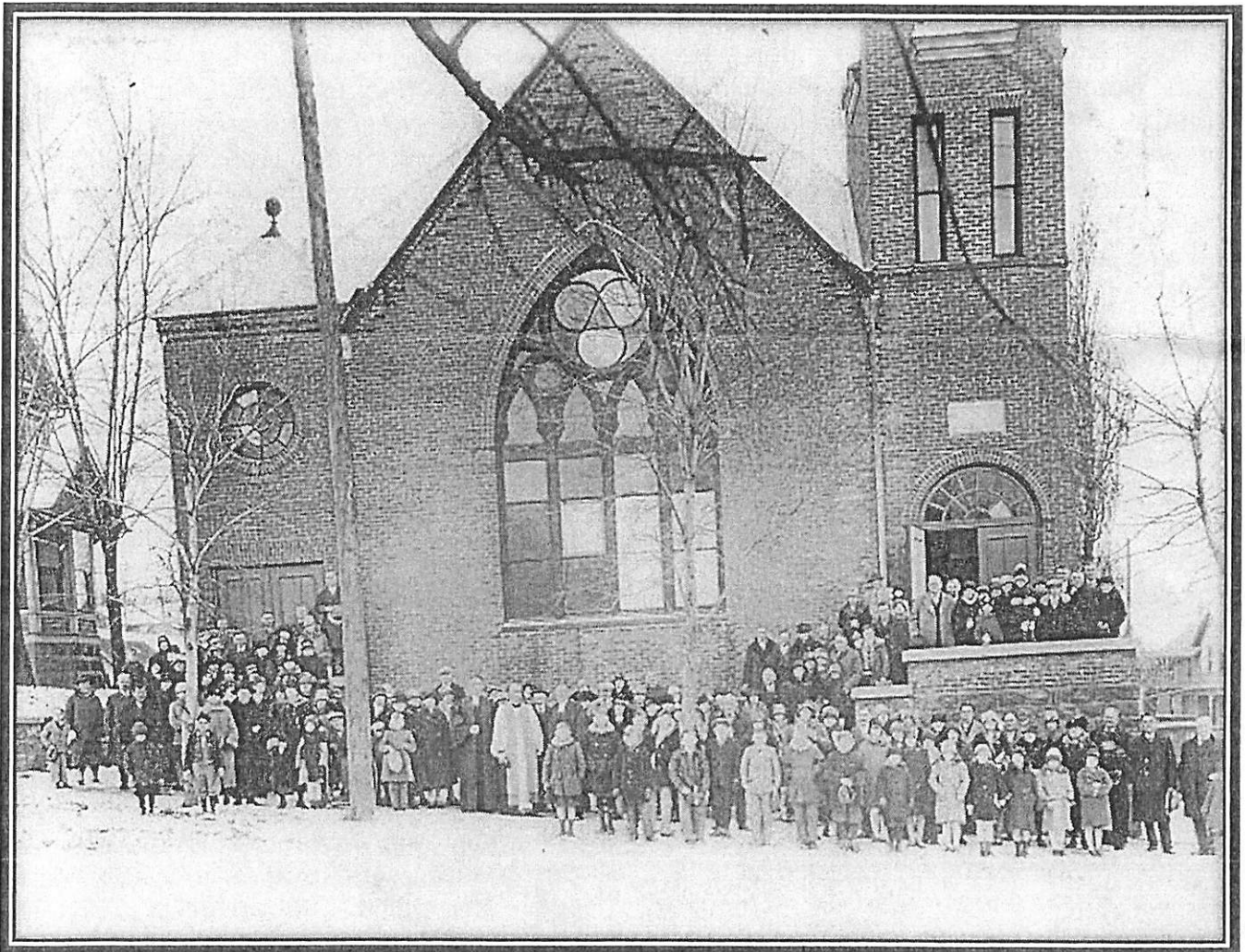
and the Conference recommended in 1930 that First Church form a pastorate with Quinnesec.

THE THIRD QUARTER-CENTURY 1931 - 1956

Rev. John A. Johns came here as pastor on March 1, 1931. In that same year it was decided to introduce still more English into the services and the Sunday services were made alternating Swedish

and English. The Martha Society was organized in September, 1931.

In May of 1932 the merger with Bethel Lutheran Church was completed, bringing the membership of the congregation from 155 confirmed members up to 250. Sunday school work continued to be carried on in both churches the remainder of the year, but, beginning in 1933, the two were merged into one. Both churches were used for services until it was decided on January 4, 1934, to use the downtown church only.



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The church home of the congregation was located on the northeast corner of East Hughitt Street and Iron Mountain Street (now the parking area north of the Dickinson County Library).

The congregation continued to use the parsonage on Vulcan Street as the home for its pastor until it and the Northside church were sold in 1939 to Rev. Fr. Peter Jani. The property was sold for \$3,200 and the residence at 520 East C Street, belonging to Mrs. Mary Unger, was purchased for \$2,500 for a parsonage. Another \$1,000 was spent in renovating the interior of the house. The new parsonage was dedicated at an "Open House," held on Sunday afternoon, October 29, 1939. Pastor and Mrs. Ryding were hosts to the congregation at this festive event and Pastor Carl I. Fant was in charge of the dedication service.

In 1932 two pastors took brides within the congregation and were married in the church. Rev. G. Anton Danielson and Ruth O. Anderson were married on June 24 and Rev. Johns, pastor of the congregation, was married to Tillie A. Anderson on July 13.

The congregation experienced a great sorrow in 1934 in the passing away of Rev. Johns. On June 17th he conducted Confirmation and Communion Services. The following Friday he and Mrs. Johns left for Altona, Illinois, where he was to take part in their anniversary festivities as one of their former pastors. He became ill on the way and was taken to Augustana Hospital in Chicago, where he died on June 27th. Funeral services were held in the Bethel Church of Chicago. He was laid to rest in Oak Hill Cemetery in that city. Rev. Danielson of Our Saviour's Church represented our congregation at the funeral services. Memorial services were held in Iron Mountain on July 5.

Rev. Vernon E. Ryding, of Negaunee, was called as successor to Rev. Johns and

began his services as pastor on May 20, 1935.

The congregation had weathered the depression years very well and responded readily to the pastor's aggressive leadership. An annual Confirmand Reunion was established in 1936, which served to stimulate interest. The Superior Conference met here in convention from April 29 – May 2, 1937, with the Conference Women's Missionary Society meeting simultaneously at Immanuel Baptist Church.

In 1940 the congregation had a confirmed membership of 310 and 75 children, making a total of almost 400 souls.

The Sunday school had a total enrollment of teachers and scholars of 115. Several organizations were busy carrying on the work of the church, including the Ladies' Aid, the Men's Club, Luther League, Martha Society, Women's Missionary Society, Junior Mission Band, the choir, and Augustana Daughters (organized in 1941).

In the late summer of 1940 the congregation was reminded of the 1918 shutdown in the flu epidemic when the church was closed for three weeks because of the epidemic of infantile paralysis.

In 1940 a new and improved choir loft was installed in the church by the choir.

In preparation for the sixtieth anniversary festivities of the congregation in 1941 the church interior was redecorated by the Gaffer Studios of Fort Wayne, Indiana, at a cost of almost \$800 and a large number of memorial gifts were presented by members and friends.

Pastor Ryding resigned May 29, 1941, and left for Chicago in September.

The sixtieth anniversary was observed from August 7-10, 1941, with Pastors D. Verner Swanson, Carl and Alfred Fant, G.A. Herbert, G.P. Williams and Dr. J.W. Johnson participating. J.M. Johnson was guest organist.

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Dr. J.W. Johnson served as supply pastor until Pastor Herman Soderberg came in April, 1942. The parsonage was renovated and partly remodeled the same year.

This was the first year of World War II, which added great burdens to all people, but especially challenging to the church. The pastor reported that 45 men were in service the first year. Pastor Soderberg felt constrained [*sic*] to enter the Navy Chaplaincy, and left in September of 1943. Pastor William Siegel, of Our Saviour's Church, served as vice pastor.

Pastor Oscar Purn, of Paxton, Illinois, accepted the call and began his ministry January 3, 1945. The new constitution was adopted in January, 1946. The 1946 reports radiate with joy and optimism over the cessation of war and the opportunities that lay ahead in peaceful years.

The Board was authorized to negotiate for purchase of the Baptist parsonage next to the church, to reroof the church, renovate the interior and install a new furnace in the parsonage. During the year of 1947 the morning worship service was broadcast over Radio Station WMIQ. Swedish services were definitely terminated at the 1947 annual meeting. At the 1948 meeting, the question of merging the two local Augustana churches was thoroughly considered, but failed to reach the two-thirds majority required.

During the 70th anniversary year of 1951, the membership reached an all-time high of 522 communicants and 230 children. The festivities were held between June 30-July 1, with former pastors D. Verner Swanson, Vernon Ryding and Herman Soderberg participating.

In 1952, the Baptist parsonage next to the church was purchased for use as a Parish House, which greatly relieved the crowded Sunday School conditions. Another attempt was made to merge the two congregations, but again without

success. Having reached retirement age, Pastor Purn resigned and left for Rock Island at the end of September, 1952.

Pastor Frank J. Carlson, of Nyman, Red Oak, Iowa, was called and began his ministry April 15, 1953.

Following the closing of the Ford Plant in 1951, many of our people left town to work elsewhere. For this, and other reasons, many members were transferred to other churches and some, who showed no response, were dropped. By January, 1955, the membership, therefore, dropped to 356 adults and 148 children. However, there is evident a great potential among our people and a great mission in our community, which is only 30% churched. Two clear indications were the response to Advance for Christ in Missions, with gifts totaling over \$4,300, and great stirrings of the Spirit in the Area Evangelism Mission. Stewardship and evangelism, growing out of sincere worship experiences, are the "works that prove the faith."

In order to better serve the needs of our people, two new organizations were effected in 1955: The Nursery Mothers' Class and the Christian Marri-Mates. The former offers instructions and guidance to mothers for the Christian training of their children. The Marri-Mates are the younger couples who feel the need of fellowshiping together as couples and learning ways of strengthening their families in Christian living. Another significant change took place in 1955 when the Ladies' Aid and the Women's Missionary Societies decided to merge and form the Lutheran Women's Christian Service, with its chief emphasis upon missionary education. The Cub Scout-Boy Scout programs are being sponsored jointly by the two local Augustana Brotherhoods.

In preparation for entertaining the Superior Conference convention at our church April 10-13, 1956, and for our anniversary, an ambitious renovation

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program in church, Parish House and parsonage was completed. The Conference elected its first full-time president, who shall also serve as Acting Superintendent of Luther Home, and named Pastor J. Milton Nelson[,] of Iron River[,] to the office.

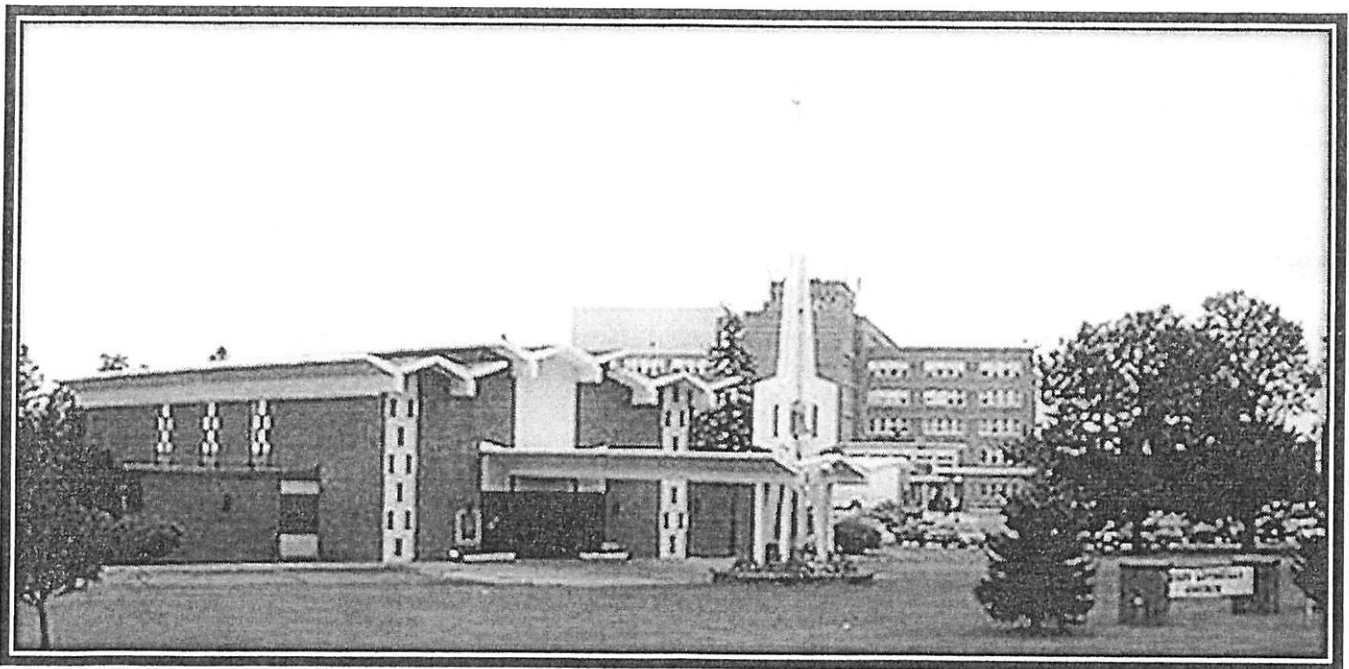
The mid-year membership was 376 communicants and 155 children, with 218 enrolled in Sunday School.

Due to the Ford "boom" in 1923, a Sunday school class of the First Evangelical Lutheran Church was held on the south side of the city. They soon found a need for an English church in this area, which became Our Saviour's Lutheran Church.

On August 1, 1965 the cornerstone for the new church, located at 2010 South Stephenson Avenue, was laid. On April 17, 1966 the final worship service, called "Consecration Sunday" was held in the old sanctuary and the congregation processed to the new building. Every member, whether young or old, participated in the procession to the new church by car or on foot carrying some piece of church property...a Bible, a cross, hymnal, candle.

PASTORS

Rev. Carl Granath.....	1883-1884
Rev. P.J. Kallstrom.....	1884-1886
Rev. J.E. Linner.....	1887-1889
Rev. Carl Almen.....	1890-1895
Rev. Emanuel Edman.....	1895-1898
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Rev. Martin Olson.....	1927-1930
Rev. John A. Johns.....	1931-1934
Rev. Vernon E. Ryding.....	1935-1941
Rev. Herman E. Soderberg.....	1942-1943
Rev. Oscar Purn.....	1945-1952
Rev. Frank J. Carlson.....	1953-1967
Rev. Wilbert G. Ruohomaki.....	1967-1978
Rev. R. Howard Fehr.....	1978-1985
Rev. Lance Roberts.....	1986-1995
Rev. Peter Jonas.....	1996-2005
Rev. James Chinery.....	2006-2011
Rev. James Lindgren.....	2011-Present



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south of us, and it was not considered safe to let the engine go. At Vulcan, one by one the miners' homes were reduced to ashes, until in a short time twenty or more families were homeless. 5,000 cords of wood piled near the engine house was [sic – were] consumed. Fortunately the wind blew the flames away from the engine house, and by hard work it was saved. The loss to the **Penn Iron Company** will reach probably \$20,000, on which there is very little of [sic – if] any insurance. The miners, we understand, were able to save nearly all their household effects, so the loss will fall very lightly on them.

Some excitement was occasioned among the officials of the **M. & N. railroad** last Tuesday when it was learned that a **forest fire was dangerously near the trestle forming the approach to their bridge across the Menominee**. A crew of men was sent down there to fight the fire, and they succeeded in preventing any damage being done to the railroad property.

The evening passenger from **Powers** west was delayed over an hour at **Waucedah** by a large forest fire raging along the line of their road between that point and **Vulcan**.

The residents of Powers, Spalding, and in fact nearly every village along the line between here and Menominee, were out en masse fighting forest fires, and much uneasiness was felt for the safety of Menominee and Marinette.

With the entire country literally ablaze nothing could be more grateful than the heavy showers of rain that commenced falling about four o'clock and continued at intervals all night. It brought relief to thousands of weary, anxious and almost discouraged men, and in a few moments insured safety that nothing else could bring. But for this rain fall dozens of villages would soon have been doomed to destruction, and it is impossible to conjecture the

amount of suffering that would have followed.

A destructive fire also occurred at Spalding, where a large number of houses were burned, and thousands of railroad ties, cedar posts, etc., piled along the line of the C. & N.W. track were consumed. The loss at this point must have been heavy, but we have not had any estimate of the amount.

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Mortgage Sale.

The undersigned will sell at auction in front of the engine house, Iron Mountain, Saturday afternoon, at 2 o'clock, a **pair of heavy brown horses, harness and wagon**. Here is an opportunity to buy a good team for a little money.

WM. O'HARA.
Deputy Sheriff.

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A LIVELY combat took place in a caboose on the M.N. railroad, at a station not far from this city last Tuesday. There was a **crowd of drunken Finlanders on board the train**, and as the conductor and train men were busy handling freight, the Finns amused themselves by knocking each other out of time. Knives were drawn but not brought in use. One of the men received a severe blow on the head with a stove poker, cutting an ugly gash above the ear.

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Personal and Social.

Mr. Flake [sic – Flack], of Appleton, has been employed as clerk in Crocker's new grocery store.

Henry Lilly, we are informed, has decided to locate at Caspar, Wyoming territory, where he will go into the drug business.

Henry La Duke has rented his building next to Tullgren's drug store, and on the first of June will move his family to Menominee.

Ed. Parmelee, who has the contract to build Mike Coragliotti's brick building, is hustling the job through in good shape. Ed. is quite a hustler, anyway.

Miss E.P. Tuten returned to Iron Mountain last Monday and we are happy to say in [sic - is] now convalescent, after her long siege of sickness in Chicago.

Clarence Auld has the contract to repair the old Kallstrom & Anderson building, now owned by Muller, the Milwaukee brewer, that was damaged by fire some time ago.

Landlord S.E. Felch, proprietor of the Kirby house, has set out a row of shade trees in front of his hotel, much to the credit of the house as well as an improvement to the street.

Supt. Larsson, of the Aragon, has purchased a beautiful building site on the shore of Lake Mary, in Frederickton, has fenced it and will soon erect for himself and family a comfortable residence. – Current.

Joe Rayome has been appointed mail agent between Houghton & Mackinaw City, on the D.S.S. & A. and has already

assumed his new duties. Joe has many friends in this city who rejoice in his preferment.

W.C. Kennedy was something less than 100 years old last Tuesday – we didn't learn the exact figures that represent his age. At all events, it was his birthday, and agreeable to a custom of some years standing he had a little celebration in honor of the event. We met him taking home an armful of fireworks about eight o'clock, which were "touched off" during the evening. We hope Mr. Kennedy will live to be a centennarian [sic – centenarian], and that they will be 100 years of health, prosperity and happiness.

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Adventures of Brook Trout Fishermen.

Last Saturday Landlord Wm. Felch, Dr. Mead and Conductor O'Brien, [sic] armed themselves with all the necessary equipment for brook trout fishing and started for the depot with the intention of spending the day fishing. Arriving at Groveland, they proceeded down the stream a short distance, and cast their lines as well as their hopes in the beautiful stream, and waited patiently, for an hour or two. At last the doctor caught a long breath, which was the first catch that had been made by the party, and proposed to try their fortune further down the stream. Climbing over fallen timbers and pushing their way through the dense jungles of cedar swamps and under brush [sic – underbrush] and finding many obstacles which almost caused the shout [sic – stout] hearts of the bold fishermen to sink in

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despair, they struggled along their tedious journey, and after a prolonged march, tired and weary, they halted and for the first time perceived they were going in the wrong direction. A discussion then arose as to what course to pursue but owing to a disagreement in the council the company was then and there disbanded. **Conductor O'Brien** claimed he could smell a hot box in one direction, and **Landlord Felch** claimed he could smell hot coffee in another direction, and as to the doctor, he being a health officer, he did not know whether it would be healthy for him to remain in company with the rest of the boys or not, but came to the conclusion he would act as caboose and follow the rest of the train under the control of Conductor O'Brien. The train started, and had not rounded many curves before Conductor O'Brien made a fly, he taking a side track and the landlord and doctor went down the main track. Hours passed. It was impossible for the train dispatcher to catch Conductor O'Brien. Signals were given but of no avail. At last Mr. O'Brien brought up at the dinner pail station, and taking twenty minutes for refreshments made sad havoc in the delicacies spread before him. Thinking the remainder of the train might come along, he left the pail as a signal that they were behind time and could not be allowed either refreshments or the twenty minutes. After a perilous tramp through the cedar jungle, the doctor and landlord, much to their surprise, came suddenly upon the station they were in quest of, and to their great disgust found Conductor O'Brien quietly side tracked upon the bank of the stream trying to get communications from the bottom of the deep as to whether he should leave the station without brook trout or not. After a while it was concluded to make up the train and start for Iron Mountain, which was done, much to the regret of the company who did not succeed in capturing a fish.

Conductor O'Brien was the most fortunate of the company, he did get a bite (from the dinner pail.)

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It is a Pig Pen.

When Bro. Youngs, of The Florence News, wrote that the C. & N.W. depot in this city was more like a pig pen than a depot, probably he was not aware how absolutely correct that statement was. It is literally and litterally a pig pen. Pigs wallow in the mud under the depot and the stench that arises some days is enough to knock the baggage truck off the platform. We expect some day to see the passenger train knocked into the middle of **Stephenson avenue** by it. The reason why no one falls off the platform in front of the incoming train is because they become so paralyzed by the horrible smell that they stagger up against the side of the depot, and the conductor and brakemen have to rush out and drag the passengers on board the train. Once in a while they get an invigorating whiff from a petroleum tank car standing on the side track that braces them up wonderfully, but no more frightful calamity could ever happen to a mortal than to be found dead around that depot.

We take a good deal of satisfaction in assuring our readers, including our Florence friends, **that there is now no doubt that the company will build a handsome brick depot in this city this summer.** There is a good deal to be done and it cannot be done in a day. The people of this city have no desire to be unreasonable, and will cheerfully wait with patience, so long as they are assured that

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their necessities are commanding the attention of the railroad officials. **A force of men are [sic – is] now at work preparing the ground at Antoine for the water tank, and as soon as a tank is built there, the tank near the depot will be removed.** This will relieve us of the great annoyance of having trains stop at this tank every few minutes, and block two or more streets while the engineer takes water. **The old depot will be moved south one block and used as a freight depot, and the new depot will be erected on the site of the old one.** To make room for the larger structure, however, tracks will have to be moved, some filling done, etc., which will all take time. **It is expected also that two of the old spur tracks running up to the Chapin mine will be removed, thus giving a clear street in front of the new buildings now being erected on the burnt district.** Before snow flies Iron Mountain can boast of the handsomest depot in this part of the state, and then if Brother Youngs dares to say it looks like a pig pen we shall come up to Florence, and shortly after our arrival the undertaker will have a job.

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Have Organized.

Mr. Engberg, who we mentioned last week as being in the city for the purpose of working up a local branch of the **Security Building and Loan Association**, of Minneapolis, has succeeded in interesting enough persons in his project to organize a branch. About 25 persons met in **Dave Bergeron's** office last Tuesday evening, representing 331 shares of stock, when the

following officers were elected: **K.S. Buck**, president; **R. Silverwood**, secretary and treasurer; **J.R. Wood**, **H. McDermott**, **J.T. Jones**, **R.H. Flaherty**, **J.R. Johnston**, **W. Nicholls** and **John Blackney** directors. The above names are such as will inspire confidence in the enterprise, and we have no doubt the association will have a successful career in this city.

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Blazes in Ishpeming and Negaunee.

Smith's art gallery, in **Negaunee**, was **destroyed by fire** last Tuesday. The blaze was discovered a few minutes before noon and a serious conflagration was prevented only by prompt and hard work by the fire department. Mr. Smith was out of the city at the time and his loss could not be ascertained. About four o'clock Tuesday afternoon **Austin's hall**, in **Ishpeming**, was discovered to be on fire. It started in the roof, and was extinguished before doing much damage to any other part of the building. The loss is comparatively light.

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CRYSTAL FALLS.

George Desbien will occupy the **Koepeke building**.

Wm./.] Trathen has resigned the **marshalship of the village**.

A marble monument was placed at the grave of **Mrs. Thouin** Tuesday.

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[Saturday, April 18, 1891], page 1, column 3

Going to England.

Tomorrow, Mr. and Mrs. **James Whitney** and child, will leave to their former home in **Monmouthshire, England**, on a two month visit. Mr. and Mrs. Whitney are **pioneers of Norway** and the whole community wish [*sic – wishes*] them a pleasant voyage and safe return. Mr. and Mrs. **William Williams** will also visit the land of their birth and will accompany Mr. and Mrs. Whitney.

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Special School Meeting.

Adjourned Special School Meeting, held at the town hall, Norway, Mich., Apr. 11, 1891. Minutes of the last meeting read and approved. **An amendment to the motion made at last meeting to raise (\$20,000) twenty thousand dollars to build a school house by inserting the words "by bonding the District" was made and carried unanimously.** A vote by ballot was taken and a poll list made of each person who voted. Number of votes cast was one hundred sixty-four (164), one hundred and twenty-seven (127) of the votes being "Yes" and thirty-seven (37) "No".

The Board then reported that they had secured options on three (3) different sites; one of **George O'Callaghan** for twenty-five hundred dollars, one of **H.J. Colwell** for eleven hundred, and one of **F.A. Janson** for one thousand dollars. **The site of F.A. Janson was unanimously selected.** It

was voted that the lots held by the District in Frederickton be advertised and sold to the highest bidder. Moved and carried that a building committee to consist of the members of the present school board (**Per Larsson, J.H. Gee and H.J. Colwell**) together with **W.M. Ramsdell, James O'Callaghan, R.C. Browning and S.B. Tobey**, be elected to act as **building committee in the erection of the school house.** Voted to adjourn.

H.J. COLWELL,
Director.

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Ramblings.

Three more of **Crystal Falls toughs** are **under arrest for assaulting one William Costello.**

A large crew are [*sic – is*] at work extending the telephone line from Iron Mountain to Norway. Manager Catlin says it will be ready for use early next week. The office at Norway will probably be at **A. Patenaude's drugstore.**

Hart Bro's. & Co.[,] who recently bought out the firm of **Parks & Co., hardware and general merchandise, at Crystal Falls,** sold the business this week to **I.E. Swift[,]** of **Ishpeming.** We understand that the hardware department will be the only one retained. The others will be closed out.

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PERSONAL POINTERS.

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C.D. Boyd, who spent nearly a year hereabout, being in the employ of **A.F. McGillis**, railroad bridge contractor, most of the time, returned to his home in St. Paul, Saturday. Mr. Boyd is a pleasant, intelligent young man and is well posted in railroad work. He has many friends here who wish him well.

A.S. Warren, mining engineer at the **Aragon**, has resigned his position and will leave early next week for his home at Boston. He, we understand, is to take a lucrative position near his home. **Sid** has a host of friends here who wish him well wherever he may go.

Will Rothman, who spent last summer at the dispatchers' office, **Iron Mountain**, will return to the same position as soon as navigation opens. Mr. and Mrs. Rothman are now at Pontiac, Ill., visiting at the home of the latter.

Miss **Iva Smith**, of **Ingalls**, is here visiting her uncle, **Peter Young**, of the **LeRoy House**. She will probably remain here for some time.

Miss **Kate Bucholz**, of **Escanaba**, sister of **Mrs. A. Odill**, has been visiting here during the past week.

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CURRENT NOTES.

–**Richard Oliver** is building an addition to the rear of his Main street business house.

–**Charles Treiber** received some fine new carriages for use in his livery stable, this week.

–The telephone line between here and **Iron Mountain** was completed

yesterday. The office of the company is in the rear of **A. Patenaude's** store.

–The following children were baptised at the Swedish Lutheran church by **Rev. J.A. Axelsson** last Sunday: **Latitia**, daughter of **Thilda** and **E. Fors**, city; **Arthur Edwin**, son of **Mathilda** and **Herman Holm**, Vulcan; **Judit Emilia**, daughter of **Mathilda** and **Charles Norman**, city; **Gustaf Albin**, son of **Johanna** and **Gustaf Ryberg**, city.

–**Mrs. Samuel Rowe** has houses, furniture, etc[.] for sale. To be sold at once.

–Sunday the editor drove down the state road as far as the **K.C. Co's. Pembina farm**, and found all the farmers along the road getting ready for a busy spring's work. Every year witnesses great improvement in the appearance of their farms and also in their actual value. The use of machinery is growing very general and there is not one farm which is not being worked at a profit. All the farmers are enterprising and progressive, and the writer has actual knowledge that they are hospitable and generous. Owing to the fact that the snow had just left the ground, the roads were not as good as usual, but when the summer is with us there is no more pleasant drive in the county. We acknowledge kind treatment at the hands of Mr. and Mrs. **Albert Brandt**, and a cordial invitation to come again. **THE CURRENT** expects to have a regular correspondent on the "State Road," who will furnish items of local interest. **The K.C. Co., have made their Pembina farm a place for raising horses for their logging work**, and the show of one and two-year-old Norman colts is a fine one. **About fifty of the logging teams are also being kept here, to rest and fit them for next winter's work.**

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in the city last Saturday visiting friends. He says he is doing a nice business in the sawdust town.

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Miss **Nora Larson**, of Iron Mountain, is in charge of **A.I. LeVeque's new millinery store** in the **Simon building**. Miss Larson is a sister of the register of deeds of Marinette county. She is boarding with **Mrs. C.S. Hopkins**. -Florence [*Mining*] News.

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Mrs. Griswold of Green Bay, sister of **Sheriff Catlin**, spent a portion of the week in the city.

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August Wahl, who moved from here to **Gladstone** about a year ago and engaged in the bakery business, was in town this week visiting friends.

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Capt. Robert Nankivel has resigned his position with the **Loretto Mining company**.

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John W. Carlson, of Hermansville, and **Nellie Person**, of Norway, were married last Monday, **Mayor Patenaude** performing the ceremony.

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Justice Miller married **Wm. Phelan** and **Maggie Morrison**, of Hermansville, last Monday.

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A license was issued last week to **Charles Tirchel** [*sic - Tirschel*] and **Mary Pavlik**, both of this city.

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Born, on Thursday last, to **Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Parent**, a son.

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J. Russell Jones, of Ontonagon, a former resident of Iron Mountain, has been granted a patent on a dental plug. His brother, **Dr. J.D. Jones**, has been using the plugs for some time and he pronounces the invention a valuable one.

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Mrs. Mary Fisk, of Green Bay, is expected today to visit her niece, **Mrs. John McLean**.

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Thos. Weeks and family have returned from Iron Mountain, Wis., and will make this city their future home.

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Luther H. Beecher, a former well-known resident of **Negaunee**, was murdered by tramps in Detroit last Thursday.

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Arthur Soucier, a young man employed in a lumber camp near **Granite Bluff**, suddenly became insane last Wednesday and was brought to town and confined in the city lockup. Last Thursday evening **Sheriff Catlin** took him to his home in **Menominee**.

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John Alfred Johnson, the insane man who has been under treatment at **St. George's hospital**, was taken to the **Newberry asylum** by **Sheriff Catlin** this week. **Thomas Cartier**, at present confined in the **Menominee jail**, will be removed to the same institution next week.

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A Benefit Ball.

The **Italian Columbian band** will give its first annual ball at the hall of **Joseph Michele [sic - Michela]**, 526 Main street, Chapin location, on Thursday afternoon and evening - Thanksgiving day. The Columbian band is a worthy musical organization and should realize a nice sum from this benefit. The management assures *The Range-Tribune* that no disorderly characters will be permitted in the hall.

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TRIBUTE TO A FRIEND.

Paid to the Memory of the Late Mrs. Hosking by Iron Ore.

The death of **Mrs. William Hosking**, which occurred at Iron Mountain, Mich., on the 10th ultimo, loses to a large circle of friends a noble woman, who was prominent in her long life for the good she exerted for the comfort and enlightenment of others, and who cheerfully surrendered personal convenience that others might be assisted and pleased. Mrs. Hosking was for many

SOCIETY NOTES AND THE EDITOR'S CORNER

Thursday, November 17, 2016

The DCGS met in the local history room of the Dickinson County Library on November 17, 2016 at 1 p.m. with President Bill Cummings presiding. There were 11 members and 2 guests present.

The minutes for the October 27, 2016 meeting were approved as read. Treasurer Miriam Belding reported a beginning balance of \$2,780.68 on October 27, 2016. After deposits and disbursements, the ending balance on November 17, 2016 was \$2,825.68.

Pat Bunt and Sue Knutson reported they have finished putting the current supply of obituaries and marriages into the binders, up to the years 1940 and 1941. Discussion followed regarding how to use the websites for Findagrave and Familysearch.

Pat Bunt brought a photocopied binder of *The Record: Norway High School*, published in 1906 by the students of Norway High School, which will be placed in the Dickinson County Library.

Nominations for vice-president, treasurer and secretary were requested from the membership. Kay Carlson and Miriam Belding were elected secretary and treasurer respectively. There were no nominations or volunteers to fill the office of vice-president.

The November 2016 quarterlies were distributed. The meeting adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

Vice-president Kay Carlson introduced Marcia LeMire who has extensive experience designing quilts and teaching quilting as a member of the Sainly Stitches in Norway. Marcia showed examples of fabrics from years ago, some costing \$1.69/yard and current fabrics at \$12/yard. She described how fabrics and quilting has changed from early whole cloth quilts and appliqued shapes to today's machine quilting using speed piecing, fabric kits and jelly roll strips in many colors. She contrasted the old hand method and the new speed method of cutting and assembling a quilt, showing many examples of different quilt patterns and fabrics.

Kay Carlson, also an avid quilter, discussed quilts in history, particularly those used for signaling the route of the slaves escaping to Canada from the South. She also showed a photo of a woolen quilt which protected a man from harm in the Peshtigo fire of 1871. Examples of fabrics used during the

Depression were shown. Kay said that charity quilts are made from 100% cotton since they do not melt in a fire as polyester would. She displayed a number of her books about quilting.

Miriam Belding, Acting Secretary

Thursday, January 26, 2017

The DCGS met at the Multi-Purpose Room of the Dickinson County Library at 1 p.m. with President Bill Cummings presiding. There were 29 members and guests present.

The minutes of the November 17, 2016 meeting were approved as read. Treasurer Miriam Belding reported a beginning balance of \$2,825.68 on November 17, 2016. After deposits and disbursements the ending balance on January 26, 2017 was \$2,873.41. The 2016 annual financial report showed a balance of \$3,584.89 on January 1 and of \$3,001.41 on December 31.

The office of vice-president remains open. There were no volunteers or nominations.

Following adjournment Bill Cummings presented a Power Point program entitled "A Tour of the Tower of London," consisting of 21 towers and additional buildings dating from the 11th century to the present. Bill and his wife Jan spent two weeks in London this past fall. Photographs illustrated when and how the buildings were constructed, where they were in relation to one another, what defenses were available for protection, and the imprisonment of the aristocracy. Executions occurred on Tower Green for nobility and on Tower Hill for other prisoners. During World War I ten spies were executed by firing squad at the Tower, and the last execution was August 15, 1941, when Josef Jacobs was shot for spying.

The recently refurbished (2013) Line of Kings in the White Tower, the world's longest-running visitor attraction which began over 350 years ago, consists of arms and armor of the Kings of England displayed on life-sized figures and wooden horses.

The Royal Mint was located in the Tower from 1278 to 1810. Coins minted there from Bill's personal collection were displayed. Photographs of the Jewel House and the Crown Jewels, including the Great Star of Africa, the world's largest clear cut diamond, were also discussed.

Kay Carlson, Secretary

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William J. Cummings, Quarterly Editor

Kay Carlson, Secretary/Historian

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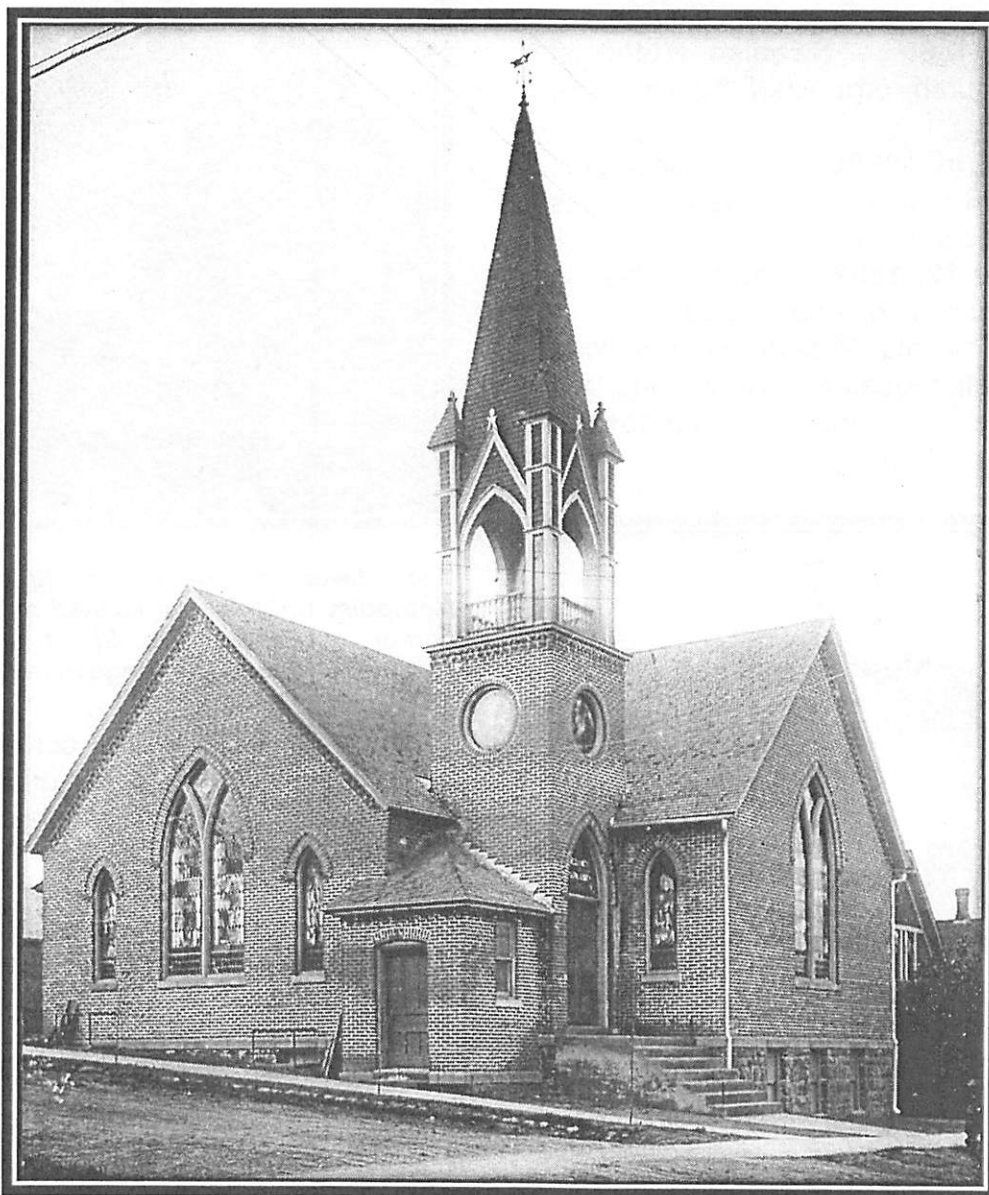
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Swedish Methodist Episcopal Church, Northeast Corner of Carpenter Avenue
and Brown Street, Iron Mountain, ca. 1908-1920

SWEDISH METHODIST EPISCOPAL (WESLEY) CHURCH, NORTHEAST CORNER OF WEST BROWN STREET AND CARPENTER AVENUE, IRON MOUNTAIN

The following history was compiled and edited by Mrs. Reuben E. (Florence) Erickson from histories written by Mrs. Arthur J. Carlson, Miss Beatrice Oliver, Miss Ellen Sundstrom and Mrs. Emma Browning for the dedication of the Trinity Methodist Church, located at 808 Carpenter Avenue, on February 7-14, 1954.

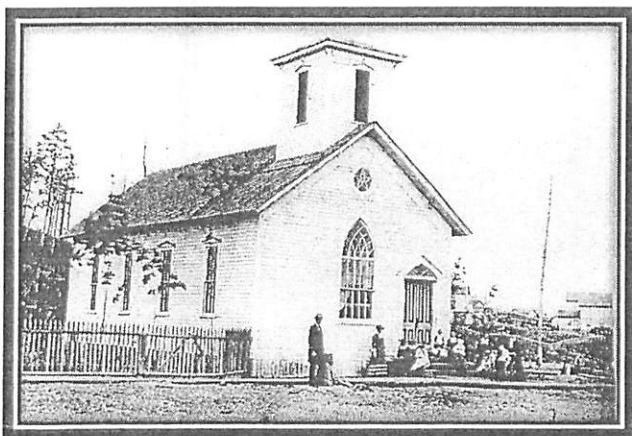
The Trinity Methodist Church, now called the Trinity United Methodist Church, was formed by merging the congregations of the Swedish Methodist Episcopal Church (later the Wesley Methodist Church) and the Central Methodist Episcopal Church.

May 15, 1890 – Swedish Methodist Episcopal Church organized by Dr. C.G. Nelson.

Summer of 1890 – Schoolhouse, located at 108 Fifth Street, where services were held, was purchased.

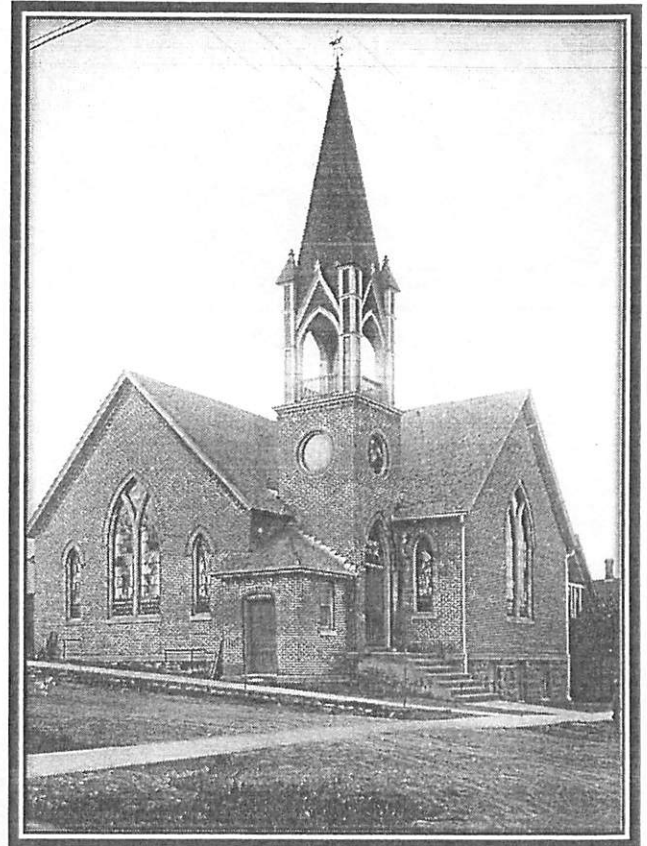
December 12, 1892 – The first class in religious instruction was confirmed.

1892 – The old Mission Church was purchased, being located at Brown and Iron Mountain Streets, and the parsonage adjacent to the Church.



Iron Mountain's Swedish Free Missionary Church, pictured here in about 1885-1890, was located at the southeast corner of East Brown Street and Iron Mountain Street. In 1892, this church was purchased by the Swedish Methodist Episcopal Church which had been organized by Dr. C.G. Nelson on May 15, 1890. In 1909 members of Iron Mountain's Jewish community purchased the church from the Swedish

Methodists and moved it to the corner of Kimberly Avenue and West A Street, where it still stands, serving as their synagogue. [Menominee Range Historical Museum]



The Swedish Methodist Episcopal/Wesley Methodist Church was located at the northeast corner of East Brown Street and Carpenter Avenue. [Menominee Range Historical Museum]

June 3, 1907 – The cornerstone of a new Church, at the corner of Brown Street and Carpenter Avenue, was laid.

June 14, 1908 – The new Church edifice was dedicated. The old Church was sold to the Jewish Congregation and was moved to its present location at the corner of Kimberly Avenue and West A Street.

November 1939 – The name of the church was changed from Swedish Methodist to Wesley Methodist.

May 12-19, 1940 – Golden Jubilee Anniversary Week. Rev. Charles J. Swanson, Pastor.

SWEDISH METHODIST EPISCOPAL (WESLEY) CHURCH, NORTHEAST CORNER OF WEST BROWN STREET AND CARPENTER AVENUE, IRON MOUNTAIN

March 3, 1944 – Wesley and Central Church Boards met to discuss merging both congregations. No action was taken.

SWEDISH METHODIST EPISCOPAL/WESLEY METHODIST CHURCH PASTORS

Rev. F. Soderman.....	1890
Rev. Peter Munson.....	1890-1893
Rev. A.G. Hultgren.....	1893-1894
Rev. Solomon Lundberg.....	1894-1896
Rev. Andrew Anderson.....	1896-1898
Rev. Anthony E. Lind.....	1898-1901
Rev. A.F. Peterson.....	1901-1902
Rev. O.N. Hildeton.....	1902-1904
Rev. Swan Magnuson.....	1904-1912
Rev. Otto A. Johnson.....	1912-1921
Rev. C.E. Schildt.....	1921-1925
Rev. G.A. Schugren.....	1925-1934
Rev. Emil Malmstrom.....	1934-1939
Rev. Charles J. Swanson.....	1939-1943
Rev. Otto H. Steen.....	1943-1944

TRINITY METHODIST CHURCH

June 1944 – Rev. S.D. Kinde and Rev. Robert Vander Hart, associate, were assigned to serve Central, Wesley and First Methodist Churches.

August 11, 1944 – Members of Wesley and Central Churches voted to merge their memberships, properties and finances to form a new congregation. It was voted to name the new church Trinity Methodist.

September 17, 1944 – Bishop Raymond J. Wade confirmed the merger and dated in back to June 1, 1944. Also at this service Rev. Vander Hart was granted a Local Preacher’s License.

1944-1947 – Crusade for Christ. We paid \$1,646.00 to the crusade for War Relief.

March 11, 1945 – Rev. Kinde was authorized to appoint a committee to undertake the raising of \$65,000.00 to build a new church.

April 14, 1945 – Central Church property sold to Abe Jacobs.

Summer of 1945 – Parsonage kitchen remodeled. Wesley parsonage sold for \$2,100.00. \$277.00 was paid toward a new Chapel at Michigamme.

September 20, 1945 – Mr. and Mrs. Club organized.

January 16, 1946 – Bethany Circle organized.

March 26, 1946 – Mary-Martha Circle organized.

October 13, 1946 – Communion set for shut-ins presented to the church by Mrs. C.A. Heckert and Mr. and Mrs. R.E. Erickson in memory of Mr. C.A. Heckert.

December 24, 1947 – Church Sanctuary decorated.

March 1948 – Hammond organ purchased for \$2,200.00

April 1948 – 43 new maroon choir robes purchased for \$520.00.

December 24, 1949 – Baptismal Font presented in memory of the late Dr. E.B. Anderson by his family.

April 2, 1950 – Church board voted to purchase two lots at corner of Carpenter Avenue and West E Street for the sum of \$3,500.00. New church to be erected on this site.

April 4, 1950 – Alfred H. Siewert, architect, met with the Building Committee to discuss plans for the new church.

May 7, 1950 – Mr. Siewert presented preliminary plans to key member of all organizations.

November 5, 1950 – A Recognition Party was given for Mrs. Burnett Pender, who served 20 years as church organist.

January 18, 1951 – Mr. Siewert presented revised plans.

November 3, 1951 – Methodist Men’s Club organized.

January 27, 1952 – Two flags and standards purchased for the Sanctuary.

March 21, 1952 – General bids on new church opened.

SWEDISH METHODIST EPISCOPAL (WESLEY) CHURCH, NORTHEAST CORNER OF WEST BROWN STREET AND CARPENTER AVENUE, IRON MOUNTAIN

May 1952 – A modified plan for re-circling was adopted by four circles of the General W.S.C.S.

June 19, 1952 – Lots on Carpenter and West E were cleaned by members of the Men's Club.

September 1952 – Junior Choir organized. Ages 8-12. 33 children were enrolled.

September 1952 – Congregation voted to start construction of a new church. The vote was 47 in favor and 7 opposed.

October 12, 1952 – Ground breaking ceremony with Primary Department of the Sunday School taking part.

February 2, 1953 – Trustees authorized to sell old Trinity Church and lot at such a time as they deem it advisable.

April 12, 1953 – Bishop Marshall R. Reed laid the cornerstone of the new Trinity Methodist Church.

July 18, 1953 – Trinity Church property on corner of Brown and Carpenter sold to Assembly of God Church.

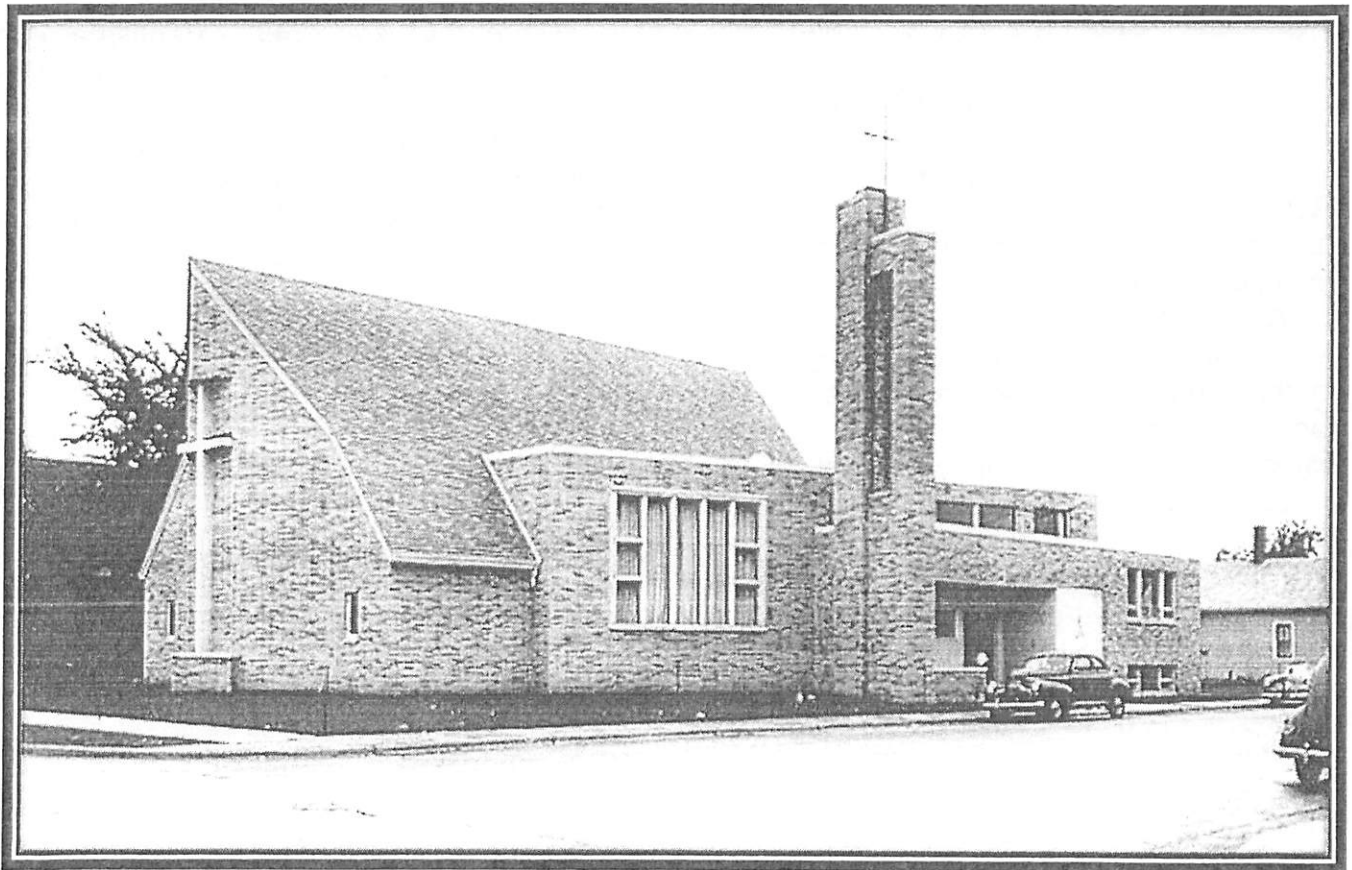
December 21, 1953 – \$4,000.00 was received from the Division of Home Missions and Extension of the Methodist Church to be used toward the new church.

January 31, 1954 – Last service conducted in old Trinity Church.

February 7, 1954 – Opening service in new Trinity Methodist Church.

Pastors who have served this church

Rev. S.D. Kinde.....	1944-1952
Rev. Robert Vander Hart (assistant)	1944-1945
Rev. Eskil Fredrickson.....	1952



Trinity Methodist Church, 808 Carpenter Avenue, Iron Mountain, Michigan

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Little Clyde Henry met with a rather serious accident Tuesday, by having his nose badly cut. The little folks were playing when it happened. He is getting along nicely.

Washington centennial day passed off very nicely here. Some arrangements were made for centennial exercises to be held at the **Methodist church**, which was very elaborately decorated for the evening. The programme [*sic – program*] was as follows: Our Native Land, by all; prayer by **Rev. Brown**; address by **Mr. A.L. Flewelling**; an essay upon Washington's boyhood days, by **Mrs. J.T. Redfield**; a song by **Mrs. Farrand** and **Myrtle Rowley**; the reading of the inaugural address, by **Miss A. Blasedell**; reading "The Rising 76," by **Richard Waters**; reading Dwelling on the Road Way to Mt. Vernon, by **Miss Agustie Meisler**; a recitation, by **Miss Katie Brown**; song by all, America. Benediction was then pronounced, by **Rev. Brown**, which closed the exercises.

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QUINNESEC.

Miss Annie Paterson, of DeLoughery, was here last week visiting her sister, **Mrs. A.H. Mellen**.

Miss Laura Gereau is appointed librarian.

Miss Lilly Aldrich, of Metropolitan, is visiting her brother, **Watson**.

Mrs. John Kerkeet, of Iron Mountain, is visiting her sister, **Mrs. Henry Brooks**.

M.B. McGee, our popular powder agent, is a member of the township board.

Hugh Morrison is getting the **waterworks** in shape; in case of fire we are as well equipped to fight it as any town [*on the*] range.

Thomas Holmes is an applicant for the position of **principal of our schools**.

Buell and **Burlingame** knocked **Tom McKenna's** fence down and did not put it up. Tom says if it happens again there will be some rags and bones flying around.

There is talk of organizing a **base ball** [*sic – baseball*] club at this place, with the following players and their respective positions. 1st base, **Mellen**; 2nd base, **Wildman**; 3rd base, **McCune**; S.S., **Matson**; R.F., **Morrison**; L.F., **Manning**; C.F., **Neudert**; pitcher, **Tom McKenna**; catcher, **Ben Merchand**.

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T. RUNDLE has received a large **consignment of screen doors** and will sell them at cost.

PIECE stuff is sized and all boards dressed. **Wisconsin Land and Lumber Company, Hermansville**.

TRY our polished basswood ceilings and maple floorings. **Wisconsin Land and Lumber Company, Hermansville**.

DRY flooring, siding, ceiling and finishing always kept in stock by the **Wisconsin Land and Lumber Company, Hermansville**.

ANOTHER case of diphtheria was reported at the **Chapin** location last Saturday by **Dr. Cameron**. This is the second case reported so far this season.

THE handsome piano that has been on exhibition in **Kloeckner & Co's** store for 60 days past, was won at the drawing last week by **James Lockett**, one of the pump

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men at the Chapin mine. No. 488 was the ticket that drew the prize.

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ONE of the Bessemer village fathers, named Oleson, was recently given a night in the cooler for being drunk and resisting the village marshal while he was trying to arrest Louis Sandberg, a friend of Oleson's.

THE Menominee furnace property was sold last week by Mr. Dalliba, U.S. chancery commissioner, for \$15,000, E.L. Hedstrom being the purchaser. This property at one time was considered to be worth \$200,000.

TWO drunks sobered up in the cooler last Monday night. One was Sure Thing Maloney, and the other was so modest he declined to give his name to the officers. Sure Thing was sent to Menominee for 20 days Tuesday.

TOM HAYES and Anderson are calsomining and painting Reynolds' building, formerly occupied by Geo. Corning, and when they are through with their work it will be occupied by Jos. Parry, who will open a general merchandise store.

WE notice that several of our exchanges report that the Vulcan mine buildings were destroyed by the recent fire in that village. This is a mistake. The mine buildings were fortunately saved. Had they been destroyed the miners would have lost employment as well as homes.

JOS. FLESHIEM, A. Spies, Peter Van Bergen, Isaac Stephenson, Jr. and S.M. Stephenson have purchased the old fair ground at Menominee, and will form a stock company, improve the grounds and

adapt them to the purposes of the annual fair, horse trotting and ball playing.

THE Iron Mountain Temple of Honor and Temperance celebrated the 8th anniversary of the institution of their order in this city by a parade and banquet at Miners' hall, last Tuesday. Judging from the number in line the society must be in a most prosperous condition in this city.

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Trotting.

The first trotting match for the season at the Quinnesec race course, takes place next Monday between Joe Pascoe's Mink, and a horse owned by McLoide, of Florence, for stakes of \$100 a side. Joe thinks it is time something was done to liven up things a bit.

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A BESSEMER wag soaked a shirt collar in a solution of nitric and sulphuric acid, and then sent it to Sing Lee to be washed. The Celestial found no difficulty in washing it, but when he attempted to iron it, there was an explosion, and the collar was reduced to atoms -- "it blokee allee pieces." Funny fellows up there in Bessemer.

A STRIKE among the dock men at Gladstone last week, for an increase in wages from 25 to 30 cents per hour, was nipped in the bud by the presence of thirteen "Minnesota farmers," who proved to be Pinkerton's detectives as

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soon as the trouble commenced. The men returned to work at the old wages and the "farmers" have left for other parts.

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In Error, a Little.

We erred last week in stating that Mr. Jenkins was negotiating with Mr. Chellew with the view to purchasing [sic – purchase] the Commercial Hotel. It was not Mr. Jenkins' intention to buy the property but to lease it, and Mr. Jenkins took possession under the least [sic – lease] last Monday. What we said in regard to Mr. Jenkins' popularity as a landlord was perfectly correct, however.

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N.B. Parmelee & Son Get the Job.

Messrs. Reynolds & Collins, who were the lowest bidders on the contract to put up the new school house at the Chapin location, found the board of education too exacting in the matter of bonds to suit them, and withdrew their bid at the meeting of the board last Friday evening. The contract was then awarded to N.B. Parmelee & Son, who were the next lowest bidders, their figures being \$8,954. They have since filed an acceptable bond and will begin work at once on the new building.

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An Expression of Thanks to the Artistic Painters, Messrs. Rainey & Goit.

The Ev. Lutheran Church wish [sic – wishes] to express its sincere thanks to Messrs. Rainey & Goit, [sic] for the satisfactory work they have done in painting the church. Messrs. Rainey & Goit are very skillful fresco painters, and honest and pleasant gentlemen to deal with. When they undertake to do a job, they will do satisfactory work. They are worthy to be patronized by the people of this city.

J.E. LINNER,
Pastor.

Iron Mountain, Mich., May 8, 1889.

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300,000 Wall Eyed Pike

H.D. Fisher, of Florence, deposited in Spread Eagle lakes yesterday 300,000 young wall eyed pike from the Wisconsin state hatchery. If these fish thrive and multiply as it is believed they will do there will be plenty of sport, in due time, for fishermen at these beautiful lakes, and we know of no one who will enjoy capturing a good string of wall eyed pike more than H.D. himself. Mr. Fisher is something like the gentleman – a former resident of this city – who said, the best sport in the world for him was to fish and catch a good string of fish and the next best sport was to fish and not get any fish.

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Van Heest and Mack.

The **glove [boxing] contest** between **Van Heest and Mack**, at the **Polka Dot hall**, last Saturday evening, drew a very small audience; receipts at the door \$8.50, we are informed. We hope the printer got his pay. The marshal was there as a dead head, and informed the managers that he should not allow any fighting. **The manager announced to the audience that it was the intention to have a ten round glove fight, but as the marshal would not allow it, there would be a four round sparring match.** The contestants were pretty evenly matched, but the impression seemed to be pretty general that in a fight Van Heest would come off the victor.

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Grand Sprinkling Contest.

For the past week Stephenson avenue has been sprinkled until the dust has been transformed into mud, and the citizens begin to think they're getting a little too much of a good thing. **The business men [sic – businessmen] at their last meeting voted that the street sprinkling should be done by John Rule. Langdon & Eslick, however, who did the sprinkling last year, have friends enough among the business men [sic – businessmen], they think, to justify their insisting on doing it this year.** Consequently both

parties have been industriously wetting down Stephenson avenue and side streets from early morning till sun down. If the squabble does not result in both quitting after awhile [sic – a while,] the merchants think they can stand this unlooked for abundance of water.

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Docked For Lost Time.

About the time Rev. C.H. Tyndall left the city it was stated that there was \$57 balance due him, and unpaid, and that that amount would not be paid the reverend gentleman because of his absence from the pulpit three Sundays. Sunday morning a member of the board of trustees requested the congregation to remain after service, and occupied some time in explaining the matter, saying Mr Tyndal [sic – Tyndall] had not filled the pulpit according to agreement, and consequently the amount mentioned was kept. The young people of the church can't see it that way, and on Friday evening of this week will give an ice cream and strawberry festival, and forward the receipts to Mr. Tyndall. --Calumet.

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Base Ball [sic – Baseball] News.

Sixty four Iron Mountaineers went to Republic last Sunday to witness the game between the Iron Mountain and Republic nines. The score – 11 to 10 in

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PERSONAL POINTERS.

William Peryam[,] who has found it impossible to stand the winters here on account of his eyes, and who spent last winter in New York city, and the winter before in England, returned to Norway, Tuesday.

Ed. Blake, of **Negaunee**[,] was in the city, Saturday, looking over the ground with a view of building a couple of dwelling houses here on some city lots which he owns.

Miss Carrie Roche[,] of **Iron Mountain**, was in the city visiting her parents, Saturday.

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CURRENT NOTES.

–**Dan A. Stewart's** new house is being rapidly built.

–**Jos. McGibbons** has moved into his new quarters.

–A saloon is to be opened May 1st, in the **McElroy** building, by **Frank Winegar**.

–**Ramsdell**, the hardware man, sold nine wagons this week, to farmers in this vicinity.

–**Carl Lindahl** is occupying the house of **William Williams**, during the latter's [sic] absence in England.

–Everywhere may be heard the sound of the saw and the hammer, and Norway is growing rapidly.

–Everyone who has use for a telephone should do his share towards establishing a telephone exchange.

–**D. St. Jean** is to move into the building next to the **Husson** hotel, soon to be vacated by **Mrs. Rickles**.

–The new saloon building near **Ahlich's** shop is enclosed and the other work is being rapidly completed.

–**Mrs. Kennedy, Ingallsdorf**, is to build a two story addition to her house. The work is to be commenced in a few days.

–**Peter Lacroix** of the **State** road drove a fine team of horses into town, Tuesday. They were for some time the carriage team of ex-governor **Ludington**, of **Milwaukee**.

–**Mr. William Bailey**[,] who has been doing business in the **Wilkinson** building on **Cyclops** avenue, for some time, has moved into the **Flanagan** building on the same street.

–There is every prospect of our having a telephone exchange here. Wednesday night about twenty of the twenty-five telephones necessary, have been subscribed for.

–**Snell & Co.**, bakers, now occupy the **Lindquist** building, **Summit** avenue. The interior and exterior of the building is being remodeled. The bakery is in the basement.

–The foot race between **A. Husson** and **Geo. Wright**, to have taken place Monday[,], was declared off. Wright informed us that his opponent's forfeit money was handed him.

–**Anton Odill** has ordered a large mirror for his bar. It will be the largest in the city and will cost in the neighborhood of \$150. The one heretofore used has been sold to **John Soderlund**.

–**John Soderlund**, we understand, is to move into the building now occupied by **Joseph Rowe**, and Mr. Rowe is to move

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into his new building adjoining **Johnason's furniture store**.

–**Jos. McGibbons** has moved his **barber shop to larger quarters**, two doors north of the old stand. The shop is one of the finest on the range. Three chairs and three barbers and all good workmen.

–**Mr. George Lidgley** and son, arrived here on Monday from England and will go to work at the **Curry mine**. Mr. Lidgley was a resident of **Iron Mountain** for some time and has been spending about four months in his native land.

–**Considerable repairing and renovating of houses is going on in Quinnesec** in anticipation of the "good time acoming." Quinnesec is the prettiest town on the range and we hope to see a full measure of its old time prosperity, return.

–The reporter noticed **Joseph McGibbons** moving the furniture of his **barber shop**, yesterday, from the **O'Callaghan building on Main St.** to the one recently fitted up for him on the same street by **A. Phelps**. When "Joe" gets settled he will have a very pleasant place to do business.

–**Miss Emma Breen** received the intelligence, Wednesday, that she had been awarded a prize -- silver five o'clock tea service, valued at \$30 in the competition for **The Canadian Queen Royal quilt** -- (silk crazy quilt) a block of which was made by this lady. This is the third prize awarded to Miss Breen.

–We received, this week, a letter from **Harry Truscott**, who with his brother **Will**, has been spending the Winter at the place of his birth in England. He says he is having and has had, a good time, that he is going to London to spend a few weeks and then will be ready to return to Michigan. He says[,] "I must thank you for sending **THE CURRENT** so regularly. I feel quite at home every week when I get it, for you must know that Norway seems more like

home to me now than my birthplace." Harry will be welcomed by many of his old friends when he concludes to return to Norway.

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Frank Rilston, of Ironwood, arrived in this city Monday for a short visit and on Wednesday departed for his home at St. Agnes, Cornwall, England. **Richard Rilston**[,] a brother of Frank, who lost his sight by an explosion on the **Gogebic range**, accompanied him to the land of his birth. The latter will probably remain in England.

Peter La Croix, **Albert Brandt**, **George Harter** and **Frank Tarr**, all **state road farmers**, were in the city Tuesday. Mr. La Croix is figuring to let the **contract for his hotel building on Nelson street** and the erection will be commenced as soon as **Reber** moves his **blacksmith shop**.

Frank Ficht, who[,] with his father, has a **farm at Summit, near Waucedah**, was in the city Monday. The Messrs. Ficht have lived at **Menominee** for years.

A. Lieberman of the **Milwaukee Cheap Store**, is in Milwaukee under treatment at **Snyder's hospital**. His eyes have troubled him for some weeks.

Mr. Hill, **blacksmith**, at the **Aragon**, was called to **Iron Mountain**, Thursday night on account of the death of a brother-in-law.

John Carlson, who will be remembered as clerking for **C.T. McElroy**, is now employed at the **Milwaukee Cheap Store**.

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CURRENT NOTES.

–All of our city painters and paper hangers are rushed with work.

–A **new time table** went into effect on the **M.R.R. Road**, Sunday.

–**J.H. Bush** is fitting up his small **building on Cyclops avenue** for a **barber's shop**.

–The **new building on Main St.** to be occupied by "**Gardiner, the tailor**," is nearly completed.

–**W.D. Barnes**, of Shiocton, Wis., has been delivering trees and other nursery stock to customers here, this week.

–**Lustfield Bros. of The Leader**, placed a new sign on their store, Wednesday. It's a dandy. In size it is 4 1/2x36 ft.

–**Jos. Preville** and **Isaac Hall** are papering the **Husson House**. The hotel office looks much neater since being papered.

–**Joseph Rowe** has moved into his **new building on the north side of Cyclops avenue**, and will continue to be the same old "Joe."

–We learn that a letter has been received from **John Gray** announcing his safe arrival in England, together with the others who went with him.

–**Mr. F.J. Ashcom**, a brother-in-law of **Gen. Supt. Kelly**, of the **Penn Co.**, has assumed the position of **chemist at the Commonwealth mine**.

–**Mrs. Paul Gates**, of **Waucedah**, wishes to **form a class in instrumental music**, and anyone desiring lessons may leave word at **THE CURRENT** office and **Mrs. Gates** will call on them.

–**Contractor Harper** is moving the **Reber blacksmith shop** to another site, to make room for the **LaCroix hotel**. The new

hotel will be a great addition to the appearance of **Nelson St.**

–**Mrs. Sam Rowe** has sold her household effects and will soon go (if she has not already gone) to her husband in Arizona. We did not learn whether or no [*sic – not*] she sold her **houses on Cyclops hill**.

–The building on **Main St.** formerly occupied by **Mrs. Rickles** as a **dressmaking establishment** is now used as a **barber's shop**, and **Mrs. Rickles** has moved to the **Reber residence on Cyclops avenue**.

–During the past week many shade and ornamental trees have been set out by our citizens and the good work should go on. There is no reason why we should not have as pretty a town as is on the range.

–A very **exciting game of ball** was played here on Saturday between an **Iron Mountain team** and a **team of this city**. The game was one sided, the score being at the finish 60 to 17 in favor of the **Norway boys**. The clubs will meet again soon.

–The transfer of the business of **Ambrose Phelps** to **Hoheisal & Co.** has taken place and hereafter the **grocery and bakery business of the of the [*sic*] former will be conducted by the new firm at the old stand**. **THE CURRENT** wishes the new firm abundant success and congratulates **Mr. Phelps** on being able to retire from business and take a much needed rest.

–The **Iron Port** and the **Calumet of Escanaba** have been consolidated and the **Semi-Weekly Port and Calumet** is the result. **Col. Van Duzer** will be editor-in-chief and **Lew. Cates** will be business manager, and this team ought to draw a big load of shekels. Success to you, gentlemen.

–The **log house** recently owned by **Jos. Legault**, and now the property of **Frank Brachetti**, has been moved to the rear of

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the lot to make room for a store building, the erection of which will be commenced soon. We are informed that the building will be used for a **bakery and confectionery store.**

–Mr. **Absalom Williams**, of the **Aragon mine**[,] who has been suffering from trouble with his lungs and throat for some time, left Tuesday for Milwaukee where he will seek medical aid. Mr. Williams has not been a resident here for a great length of time but he has made none but friends since coming, and all hope for his speedy recovery.

–Tuesday, **fire coming in from the northwest** created a busy time for a few hours at the **M.R. L. Co's. Sturgeon farm.** Many rods of fencing was [sic – were] burned but the admirable water system in use at the farm enabled them to wet everything down and reduce the danger of a conflagration in a very short time. There are on this farm, **fifteen large buildings**, and the starting of a fire would doubtless entail serious loss. **Supt. Jouno** has had a patrol during the nights of this week.

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Trudell Brought It.

A circle of fire extending from Lake Mary almost to the Northwestern depot, closed in on Norway yesterday. Early in the morning the engine was taken out but became disabled soon after it was put to work on the flames and the threatened buildings was [sic – were] left dependent upon the halting defence [sic – defense] of the fire bucket and the shovel. **Meantime the flames spread to the cedar swamp which lays against the railroad on the**

south and Ingallsdorf on the west. Here everything was as dry as tinder and almost instantly the whole forest was a mass of flames sending its heat and cinders on the brisk southwest wind among the buildings in the heart of the town. The city was black with smoke, the heat in the neighborhood of the fire was intense, the fire brand was falling thick and fast, the fire engine was a disabled hulk, and the heart of the citizen fluttered with dread of the possible repetition [sic] of Norway's great fire. **But help came; it came from Iron Mountain, it came with speed; it came in the shape of a powerful engine and Trudell, the mayor, brought it.** The situation was wired to Trudell. He rang his engine out, he loaded it on a car, he procured transportation from the railroad company and he was here long before the most anxious thought of expecting him. **Alderman Hancock** came also and he together with **Mr. Scott**[,] the engineer[,] and **Messrs. Bardwell, Fisher** and other members of **Iron Mountain fire company No. 1**, quickly supplied the awaiting pipemen with a generous supply of water, and the danger was passed.

Trudell's action was like -- well it was like Trudell, and the action of the Iron Mountain citizens was but in keeping with their generous action in Norway's behalf in the past, and some of us would feel easier if the Iron Mountain people could be persuaded that the part Norway took in the "late unpleasantness" was not out of a spirit of ill-will towards a people who on every proper occasion generously and promptly responded to Norway's call for help.

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PERSONAL POINTERS.

John Carroll, Jr., who has been living at **Ironwood** for some years, has returned to Norway with his wife and will probably remain here and engage in rail roading.

Mr. and Mrs. **Aug. Hartman** and daughter were at Milwaukee this week attending a family reunion on the golden wedding of Mrs. Hartman's parents.

Postmaster Sampson, hardwareman **Ramsdell** and **John Lindquist** went afishing [*sic*], Tuesday. They caught in all 192 of the speckled beauties.

Mrs. Thomas Mahon, of **Quinnesec**, spent Wednesday with her sister, **Mrs. A. Patenaude**, this city.

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CURRENT NOTES.

–**Jno. [John] M. Knell** has a new delivery wagon. It's a dandy.

–**Mr. Fors**, of the **Aragon**, is building a very cosy [*sic* – *cozy*] house at **Frederickton**.

–**Dentist DeLong** has been clearing up his lots, preparatory to building a residence.

–**Frank Brachetti** is very sick and at this writing (Friday night,) it is not thought that he can live long.

–The **Reber building** has been moved from the corner of **Cyclops avenue** and **Nelson St.**, and soon the erection of the **Lacroix hotel** will begin.

–**William Bailey** is erecting a building on **Main street** and **Cyclops avenue** and today he expects to open up a fine stock of fruit and confectionery.

–**Contractor Blomgren** has built a very neat dwelling house on the back end of his lot at **Frederickton**. He contemplates erecting a larger one on the front end, soon.

–Our townsman **Odill** is spending much of his time this Spring [*sic* – *spring*] on his farm on **Sec. 7, just west of town**. He has seven or eight acres cleaned up and under cultivation.

–**Geo. Mowat[,]** of **Iron Mountain**, is now working with **Joseph Cootware**, the plasterer. They are good workmen as their work shows in the residence portions of **Jos. Rowe's building**.

–Complaints are made regarding a dead cow which has been lying near the **Briar Hill trestlework** for ten days past. As we have no health officer it is a question whose duty it is to attend to its removal.

–**Forest fires between Vulcan and the Sturgeon farm** have given much trouble during the past few days and at times the highway was impassable and travelers were compelled to go around the **Legault farm**.

–While the repairs are being made on the boiler of the fire steamer **A.C. Brown**, the **Iron Mountain steamer No. 1[,]** will be held here, by the consent of the city council of that city. Messrs. **Scott** and **Fisher** are here in charge of the engine.

–**William Bailey** has erected a small building on **Main St.** which he will use as an ice-cream and confectionary [*sic* – *confectionery*] stand, during the Summer [*sic* – *summer*] months.

–The editor is indebted [*sic*] to **R.C. Henderson**, of **Flannigan's law office**, for a half-dozen brook trout, and promises to give "Bob" the best obit-marriage notice which the season affords when the proper time comes.

–On the southwest corner of **Main St.** and **Cyclops avenue** has been erected a small building which will probably be

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years a resident of Ishpeming, where her kindly, motherly manner attracted all those to here with whom she came in contact. She was prominent in church work, being a member of the M.E. church congregation. Removing from here some years ago together with her husband and family, she resided at **Norway**, and within the last few years took up her residence with her daughter, **Mrs. E.F. Brown**, whose husband is superintendent of the **Pewabic mine** in that city [Iron Mountain]. Here she was surrounded by every comfort and lived most happily, being remarkably active despite her sixty-five years. A severe attack of pneumonia proved too much for her physical strength and death relieved her sufferings on the date above given. - Ishpeming Iron Ore.

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Killed a Large Eagle.

One of the largest eagles ever seen in this section was killed near **Channing** one day last week by **John Russell**. It measured seven feet one inch from tip to tip of wings, and is a beautiful specimen of the American bird. Mr. Russell will have it mounted.

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The Industrial School.

The management of the industrial school, recently organized in this city, earnestly request the assistance of all ladies qualified to teach pupils in **needlework, knitting**, etc. They are much

in need of help of this kind and hope that all ladies who can spare a little time in furthering the commendable work of this enterprise will feel it her duty to do so. They also desire contributions of second hand clothing that can be made serviceable to the needy. The officers of the school are **Mrs. A.J. Rundle**, president; **Mrs. A.C. Cook**, secretary and treasurer; **Mesdames Corning, Evans and Carpenter**, directors.

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Schools Overcrowded.

Some idea of the crowded condition of the schools may be gathered from the statement that at the **Central building** sixty-eight pupils have to roost around on the floor. A fifth school building will have to be erected another year.

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A Woodman Hurt.

Charles Hogblund [sic], an employe [sic - employee] of the **Quinnesec Logging company**, was hit by a skid last Tuesday and was badly injured, although no bones were broken. He was brought to his home in this city for treatment.

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Margaretto Molletto, who conducts a small candy store in the **Chapin location**, was arrested last Wednesday charged with

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selling liquor without a license, but succeeded in establishing her innocence and was discharged.

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Dan Stock, a former resident, has engaged in the restaurant business at **Marinette**.

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The **Iron Mountain public schools** now have an enrollment of over eighteen hundred pupils.

The attendance at the public schools has outgrown the seating capacity of the four large buildings by several hundred, rendering it necessary for the board of education to secure additional accommodations and engage at least two new teachers. The hall in the **Spencer block** has been leased and will be equipped for school purposes.

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Dr. J. Addison Crowell now has a down-town office - rooms formerly occupied by the **Atlantic Dynamite Company**, over **A.I. LeVeque's** store.

Dr. Crowell had a midnight drive to **Hamilton & Merryman's camp** last Monday to treat a woodman thought to be dangerously injured. The doctor found the man's injuries to be of a trifling nature.

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While driving to his home in **Quinnesec** last Thursday evening, **Capt. John St. Denis** was run into by the carelessness of the driver of an Iron Mountain delivery [wagon]. His rig was overturned and he and his daughter were thrown to the ground with great violence. Capt. St. Denis had several large gashes cut in his head, but the young lady escaped uninjured.

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A MILITIA COMPANY.

An Organization Perfected at a Meeting Held Last Evening.

At [a] well attended meeting held in the council chamber last evening the preliminary steps were taken to organize a military company and application will at once be made for enrollment in the state service. Thirty-four signed the muster roll. **Louis Newbauer** was elected Capt., **John O'Connell** 1st lieutenant. and **Wm. J. Cudlip** 2nd lieutenant.

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MRS. BEEN, who has been the guest of her daughter, **Mrs. Arthur Uddenberg**, for the past two months, returned to her home in **Skanee**, Baraga county, last Monday morning.

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Miss **Maggie Steglein**, sister of **Mrs. John J. Doetsch**, concluded a week's visit here last Monday morning and returned to **Marquette**.

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THE marriage of Miss **Susan M.A. Manning**, daughter of **Mr. and Mrs. William W. Manning**, of **Marquette**, to **John Uno Sebenius**, of **Duluth**, was solemnized last Wednesday. The groom has an extended reputation as a mining expert and is quite well known in Iron Mountain.

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Herman W. Fesing, who will be remembered as the **mining engineer at the Hamilton**, was in the city this week visiting friends. We believe he is now located in **Chicago**.

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The marriage of Miss **Josie [Johanna] Touhey** to **Mr. Highland [sic - Harlin]**, an employe [sic - employee] of the **Chicago & North-Western** road, was announced at **St. Mary's church** last Sunday morning.

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Mrs. Richard Thomas left last Monday evening for **Elizabeth, Ill.**, to attend the funeral of her father, who died suddenly the previous day at the advanced age of 76. He was the father of nine children, **Mrs. Thomas** being the eldest. He was a prosperous farmer, and highly esteemed in the community in which he resided. **Mrs. Thomas** will not return home until after the holidays.

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Miss **Josie Touhey** and **John Harlin [sic]** will be married at **St. Mary's church** on Wednesday morning next at nine o'clock.

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Mrs. King, of **Norway**, sister of **Mrs. A.C. Cook**, left this week for **Clellum, Wash.**, where she will join her husband and reside permanently.

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A marriage license was issued this week to **Phillip Johnson** and **Sanna Snoka**, both of **Amberg [Wisconsin]**. **Justice Miller** performed the ceremony and kissed the bride.

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O.B. Waite was called to Berlin, Wis., last evening by a telegram announcing the sudden death of his mother.

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Dr. P.D. MacNaughton will arrive from Calumet the first of the month to accept the position of **assistant physician at the Chapin mine**. He is a brother of **Manager MacNaughton** and has held a similar position at the Oselola.

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A STRANGE LAW SUIT.

A Menominee Woman Seeks Damages from the Fence River Logging Co.

In the United States court at **Marquette** soon will be brought an important legal battle which is the most vital in its results to all the lumber companies doing business on the **Menominee river**.

Mary Pearson, of **Menominee**, has entered suit against the **Fence River Logging company**, of **Marinette**, for \$10,000 damage for the death of her husband. He was killed by a falling tree in one of the said lumber company's camps last December.

The grounds on which the suit is commenced are that the crews of men were working too close together and that the

company set the men to work before daylight, thereby endangering their lives. **Attorney Chas. Line**, of **Menominee**, represents the plaintiff while **E.C. Eastman** will fight for the Fence River company. The case was first started in **Menominee circuit court**, but on the motion of Mr. Eastman was referred to the **United States court at Marquette**.

It is the first case of the kind ever tried in the history of lumbering on the **Menominee river**. If it is successful it may result in many other cases of the kind being started, as many men have been killed in the same manner while working in the woods. **John Pearson**, whose death is concerned in this action, was a common laborer in the pineries. —**Marinette Eagle**.

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After More Power.

It is said that **Ohio** and other eastern capitalists have got their optics fixed on **Menominee river water power**, and that they are already figuring on purchasing property at **Pembine falls**. The **Menominee river** has the greatest water facilities when it comes to power, of any like stream in the northwest, and the day is not far off when it will be utilized in running large **paper mills and factories** in **Menominee** and **Marinette**; also all along the banks. —**Menominee Herald**.

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A DYNAMITE EXPLOSION.

SOCIETY NOTES AND THE EDITOR'S CORNER

Thursday, February 23, 2017

The DCGS met in the local history room of the Dickinson County Library at 1 p.m. with President Bill Cummings presiding.

The minutes for the January 26, 2017 meeting were approved as read by Secretary Kay Carlson. Treasurer Miriam Belding reported a beginning balance of \$2,873.41 on January 26, 2017. After deposits and disbursements, the ending balance on February 23, 2017 was \$2,999.41.

The position of vice-president remains open. Members were asked to consider accepting this office. No nominations were made.

Pat Bunt and Sue Knutson described their continued work on the obituary and marriage files.

Bill Cummings showed a republication of his book *The Colonial Theatre Company's Iron Mountain Venues – The Bijou Theatre, The Colonial Theatre and The Braumart Theatre*.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:13 p.m.

Fay Mannon-Rahoi, representing Friends of the Braumart and assisted by Tom Bugni, shared information on the past, present and future of this local theater. Through Power Point visuals supplemented by her in-depth knowledge of the history and restoration of the building, Rahoi answered many questions from the audience.

Following the purchase of the building three improvements were accomplished prior to an open house held on February 27, 2016. The roof membrane was replaced, an American Disabilities Act accessible restroom was installed on the main level and remodeling of the lobby, concession area and ticket office were completed.

The acoustics in the theatre are exceptional. The Pine Mountain Music Festival of 2016 used this venue for all Dickinson County programs.

Kay S. Carlson, Secretary

Thursday, March 23, 2017

The DCGS met at the Multi-Purpose Room of the Dickinson County Library at 1 p.m.

The formal business meeting was dispensed with. Treasurer Miriam Belding reported a beginning balance of \$2,999.41 on February 23, 2017. After deposits and disbursements the ending balance on March 23, 2017 was \$3,150.41. DCGS Member Larry Zipp of Niagara, presented the program.

His family history research took place without the assistance of using a computer. When he sent out letters of inquiry, he also enclosed a self-addressed, stamped envelope. Not only was it easier for individuals to respond, the enclosed envelope encouraged the individual to respond.

One book he published was about the family farm. Since his own children and grandchildren would not be able to experience an actual visit to this location, he gathered many stories. As he wrote the stories, he illustrated buildings found on the farm. As an example, he drew illustrations of each level of the family home. Thus, as the story was being read, the reader could visually relate to doors, windows and furniture in the home. The key of using detailed illustrations in scale is unique to his method of preserving family history.

Another publication was printing a book of his mother's recipes. This is an excellent way to carry forward family traditions for family and friends.

Kay S. Carlson, Secretary

Thursday, April 27, 2017

The DCGS met in the local history room of the Dickinson County Library at 1 p.m. with Treasurer Miriam Belding presiding. There were ten members present.

Secretary Kay Carlson read the March and April minutes which were approved as read. Miriam reported a beginning balance of \$3,150.41 on March 23, 2017 and the same balance remained on April 27, 2017.

A Certificate of Recognition from the Michigan Genealogical Council dated March 9, 2017 was displayed. The Dickinson County Genealogical Society has been in existence for forty years.

Kay Carlson agreed to start an e-mail membership list to notify members of upcoming meetings online, and passed around a sign-up sheet during the meeting.

Following adjournment, a "Show and Tell" from members and guests was followed with great interest. Illustrations of research finds and "brick walls" were shared by several members. Pat Bunt brought an original picture which she had had restored professionally by Kathy Falls, who had presented a program to the group last year.

Kay S. Carlson, Secretary

DICKINSON COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY 2017

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MEMBERSHIP: Memberships in the DCGS run for the calendar year. Dues are \$12.00 per year for a single membership or \$15.00 per couple. Dues are renewable as of January 1. Membership includes the year's four issues of Dickinson Diggings. Back issues for Volumes I-XXXV are available for \$10.00 postpaid per volume. A limited supply of back issues is available. Please write first to ascertain availability and enclose a S.A.S.E. for a reply. Members desiring a membership card should also write indicating this desire, and enclose a S.A.S.E. for a reply.

RESEARCH POLICY: At this time, the DCGS does not undertake research projects for individuals.

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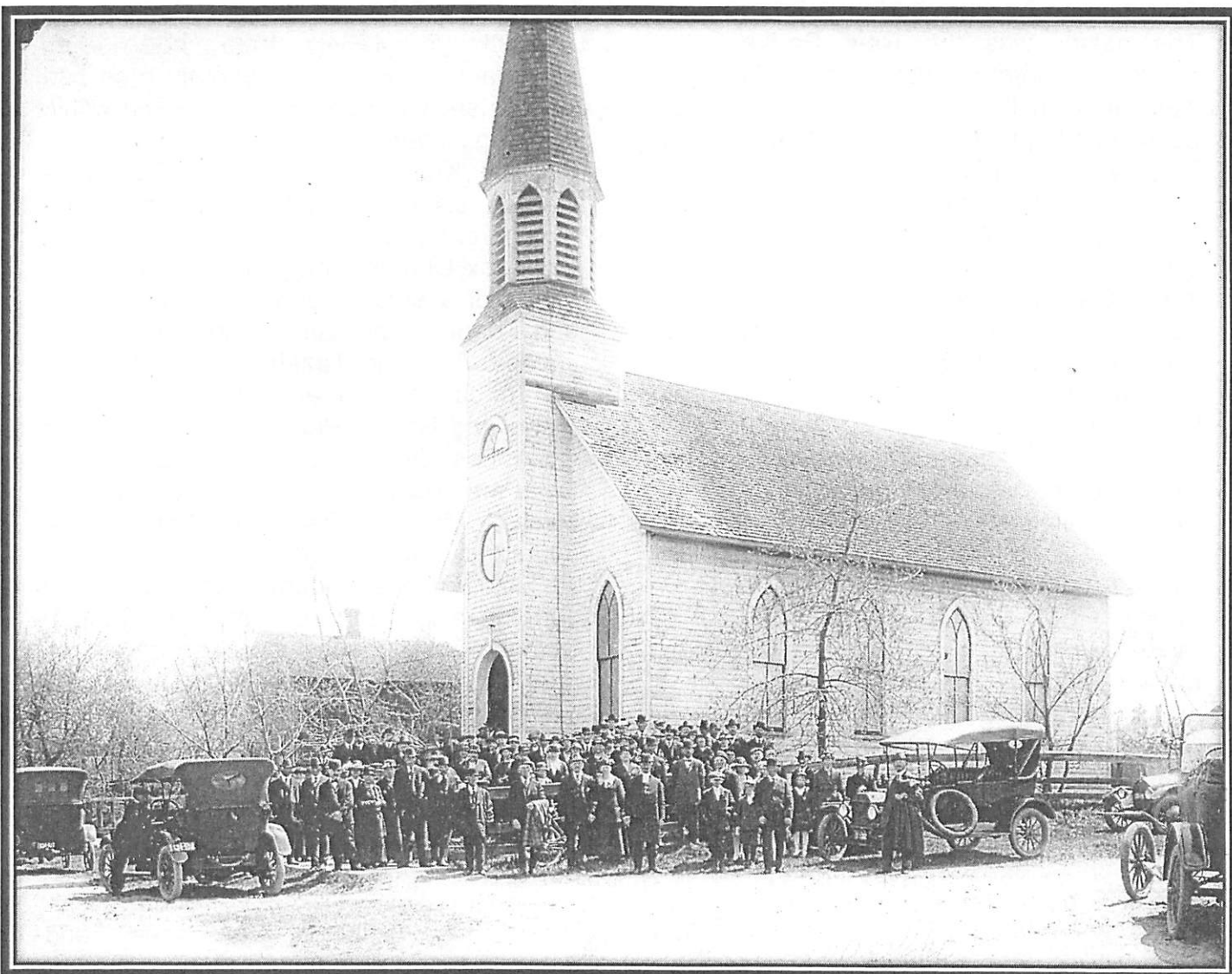
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German Lutheran Church

311 West D Street, Iron Mountain

ca. 1915-1920

GERMAN LUTHERAN CHURCH, 311 WEST D STREET (SOUTHEAST CORNER OF WEST D STREET AND STOCKBRIDGE AVENUE), IRON MOUNTAIN

In A.H. Storms' *Directory of the Cities of Iron Mountain and Norway and Villages of Quinnesec and Vulcan, Mich., with a List of the Residents of Niagara, Wis. 1902-1903* the German Lutheran Church was not yet built – "No church building but will erect or purchase one soon." Rev. Uetzman was the pastor, and he resided in Florence, Wisconsin. Services were the first Sunday of each month with Sunday school at 2 p.m.

In *J.W. Shannon & Co.'s Iron Mountain Directory 1905-1906*, the German Lutheran Church was listed at the corner of Stockbridge Avenue and West D Street. The pastor was the Rev. Partka, who resided in Florence, Wisconsin. Services were held on the first and last Sunday of each month at 10 a.m. and 8 p.m., and Sunday school was held at 2 p.m.

In *The Inter-State Directory Company's Directory of Iron Mountain and Norway and Dickinson County Gazetteer For the Years 1907-1908*, the Swedish Lutheran Church was listed on West D Street. There is no information regarding the German Lutheran Church, and no listing in the street directory for 311 West D Street.

In Douglas Anderson's *Directory of the Cities of Iron Mountain and Norway and Dickinson County with a List of Residents of Homestead, Wisconsin 1913*, the German Lutheran Church is listed at 317 West D Street, and the Swedish Lutheran Church is listed at the corner of Fourth and Vulcan Streets, with Rev. A.T. Fant, pastor.

In *Polk's Iron Mountain and Dickinson County Directory 1925*, the German Evangelical Lutheran Church, located on the southeast corner of West D Street and Stockbridge Avenue, is listed with the Rev. F.W. Schneider, pastor. Sunday school was at 9 a.m. and services were at 9:45 a.m.

In *Polk's Iron Mountain City Directory 1935*, the German Evangelical Lutheran Church was listed on the southeast corner of West D Street and Stockbridge Avenue.

An article in the September 22, 1984 edition of the Iron Mountain News noted "the present church was purchased in 1936 through the help of Miss Sadie George of Iron Mountain. The building itself has remained the same, except for improvements on the interior of the church. An addition was also added onto the basement to create a church hall." Rev. Paul Blankenstein was the source of information.

The church history on the St. Mary's Orthodox Church website was prepared by Peter Massrouha and Helen Corombos.

Back in 1934, 1935 and 1936, immigrants in the Iron Mountain area had no Eastern Orthodox House of God within traveling distance.

"Abe Khoury's wife, Mary, and Sadie George, sister of Fadel George, embarked on a mission to produce their own Eastern Orthodox Church along with the combined forces of a small group of families: Mike and Sadie Abraham, Jake and Nora Jacobs, Abe and Tazeh Jacobs, Abe and Nazira Jacobs, Fadel and Mary George, Steve and Bessie Papas, John and Helen Corombos, George and Marika Corombos, Chris and Mary Anegon, Art and Penelope Mitchell, Mr. and Mrs. Rudy Rapaich, and numerous others.

"By 1936, the amount raised from social gatherings and donations grew to \$387.00. Somehow this money was entrusted to a priest from Spring Valley, Illinois, who was passing through. Perhaps communications were lacking because the priest took the money with him when he returned to Illinois. As some will remember, Fadel George worked for the railroad and obtained a free pass for his sister, Sadie, to journey to Spring Valley, Illinois, where she successfully collected the money and returned home determined more than ever to expedite the founding of an Orthodox Church.

GERMAN LUTHERAN CHURCH, 311 WEST D STREET (SOUTHEAST CORNER OF WEST D STREET AND STOCKBRIDGE AVENUE), IRON MOUNTAIN

Our little church was purchased for \$600.00 from a Lutheran Bishop in Escanaba, Michigan in 1937. Today, 50 years later we are celebrating our Golden Anniversary. Most certainly Our Lord gathered his flock and paved the way so those of Orthodox Faith could worship as our Forefathers had, Proudly, Sincerely, and Faithfully. Therefore, it is with Pride and Love we dedicate this book – firstly, to our Forefathers who have made this history possible, secondly, to those who now follow in their footsteps, and finally to those who will follow in our footsteps and keep the Faith that has been established in our “Miracle Church”.

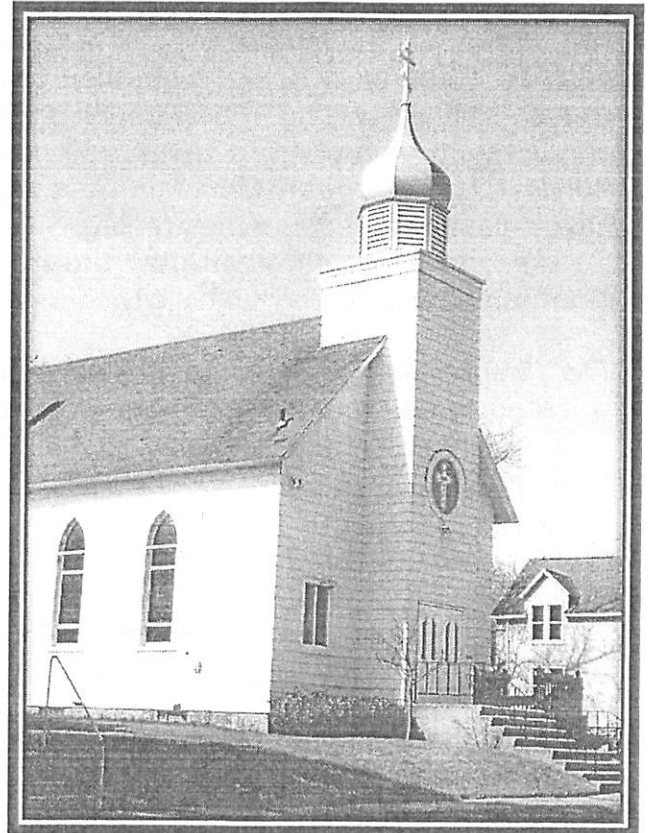
St. Mary's first rectory, situated immediately adjacent to the church, was purchased in the early 1940's for slightly over \$3,000.00. Father Paul Schneirla, our Priest during this time, stimulated the fervor that made the purchase possible by donating \$1,000.00 for the down payment. The balance was raised by the enthusiasm generated by our forefathers in Orthodox. Father Schneirla, our first resident priest, lived in Iron Mountain at the new parish rectory which he helped purchase with his most generous donation. Prior to our new rectory, he and his wife rented a small home across the street from the Mike Abraham residence on Wells Street.

Father Paul was a shared priest with Ironwood. Sunday Church Service in those early days were held every other Sunday at Iron Mountain and Ironwood. Times were tough in those days, but those of Orthodox Faith were tougher.

In 1986, St. Mary's House and Grounds Committee, under the Chairmanship of Dale Frei – also president of the Church Council at that time – purchased a newer home for the Rectory. The new parish home was located at 1313 Stockbridge, Iron Mountain.

In 2002, The Parish sold the rectory and purchased a new rectory on Pine Mountain road.

The Very Reverend Fr. Mark Hagen, Archpriest, currently leads this church.



These exterior and interior views show St. Mary's Orthodox Church, located at 311 West D Street, Iron Mountain.

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favor of the Republics – show that the boys played a pretty good game, and there is not much occasion for crowing on the part of the home club. In fact at least one of the Iron Mountain boys declares that the game was given to the Republics by a rank decision of the umpire, that even their own captain said was wrong. The Republics will play a return game here a week from next Sunday, when the Iron Mountain boys will have a chance to redeem their record.

The Iron River nine will play the Iron Mountains next Sunday in this city.

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We Grow Too Fast.

The council met last evening to consider the question of **appropriations for highway purposes**, but as the **finance committee was not prepared to state what amount was necessary for salaries, fire department, etc.**, no definite action was taken. The fact is, *[sic]* the city council is a good deal perplexed to know what to do first. **Stephenson avenue ought to be macadamized or paved from Cady's corner to C street**, and if this were done there would be nothing left for street extensions that are as badly needed. **Flehiem, Brown and Ludington streets** should be extended to accommodate the people who are building on the **Armstrong addition**; **Carpenter avenue** should be extended to accommodate people building on the **Hamilton addition**; a street should be opened to the **Pewabic location**; **Prospect avenue** should be opened from **Brown to A street**; in fact **nearly every street in the city should be lengthened to accommodate new residences that**

are going up, and to add to this a large amount of repairs should be made to the streets already opened. Iron Mountain is growing so rapidly that it is impossible to keep up with this growth in the matter of street extensions – in fact, this vigorous young city out grows its clothes before they are finished. The council will have to decide what is most urgently needed, and do the best it can with that this year, and leave the balance for next year.

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On the Seventh Level.

Prof. Galey and D.H. Brown, formerly chemist at the Ludington mine, have written a story with the above title, the first installment of which appears in the May number of the **Cosmopolitan**. In the introduction to their story the authors locate their scene on the geographical description of the Ludington mine, but the surroundings are not so closely described that without the mention of section, town and range the locality would be recognized. Dates and incidents do not correspond with actual occurrences but probably this was not considered important. They have written an interesting story, however. We give below a short extract:

On the southwest quarter of the southwest quarter of section twenty-five, township forty, north, range thirty-one, west, stand the **gaunt trestles of the Pennekawba mine**. This, **one of the first mines discovered on the Menominee range**, had been opened in the latter sixties, and had, for several seasons, been one of the most promising ventures in the upper peninsula of Michigan. It had been

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sunk to a depth of five hundred feet, and six levels had been worked out, when the vein suddenly pinched on the seventh in such fashion that only a narrow seam remained in sight between the hanging and foot walls. The company had decided that a good deal of exploration was advisable, and during the year 1872 and the beginning of 1873 had expended a large amount of money in drifting and crosscutting, with the hope of finding either a continuation of the vein or a parallel lens of ore. The indications were considered favorable, when, in the spring of 1873, the walls of the open pit loosened by the melting snow, caved in, taking down B shaft-house, and crushing in the shaft. Several miners, working on the seventh level, were caught by the falling earth, and buried under the debris. Disheartened by this accident and depressed by the gloomy prospect of the iron trade for that year, the company ordered the pumps to be taken out, the machinery moved and the mine abandoned.

Left to the imperceptible caress of nature, the traces of human activity were quickly obliterated. The moosewood and hazel repossessed the ground from which they had been banished; brambles and pine moss covered the litter of timbers; and the arbutus stretched its pink arms over the scars of the hillside. Deer browsed along the old stock-pile grounds; squirrels coquetted on the sagging trestles; and the clank of a vagrant cowbell was the only substitute for the rattle of ore from the pockets, and for the throb of the Cornish pump.

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100 Years Old.

Many of our readers will remember **Mr. James Brenan**, who moved from this place to **Hurley, Wis.**, about three years ago. We clip from the **Hurley Tribune** the following in reference to Mr. Brenan's one hundredth anniversary, which occurred on the 7th inst.:

In the person of Mr. James, [sic] Brenan, who lives with his son on second avenue, Hurley has a citizen who has passed the one hundredth anniversary of his birth and is still in the full enjoyment of most of his faculties and the pression [sic – possession] of remarkable health, considering the years of his pilgrimage. In honor of his one hundredth birthday which came Tuesday, May 7, a number of his friends among our buisness [sic – businessmen] men presented Mr. Bernan with a fine easy arm chair, a genuine meerschaum pipe and other tokens of their regard and respect. The presentation took place at the home about 8 o'clock in the presence of a number of neighbors and friends and was accompanied by a selection of music by the band and a few well chosen [sic – well-chosen] and appropriate words of good will by **Mr. Linton McNeel** as expressing the sentiments of the donors. Mr. Brenan was greatly surprised and delighted at the kindly remembrance and wishes The Tribune to return his warm and heartfelt thanks to all his friends.

Mr. James Brenan was born in County Monglen, Ireland, in 1789 and lived there until a man grown. He finally came to this country and has lived in the United States 59 years and has a clear remembrance of many stirring scenes. He served three years in the war of the rebellion and acquitted himself in an honorable manner. He was at the battle of Gettysburg and other important fights, but passed through the service without serious injury. He has lived in Michigan and Wisconsin for many

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years and will probably remain in Hurley until called to a better home. Mr. Brennan is a **tanner by trade** and followed that vocation for many years. We had a short talk with the old gentleman Wednesday and it was very interesting to hear him tell of the incidents and scenes through which he has passed. He is still able to read coarse print and his prayer book is his constant companion, while at home and when about town he is almost always accompanied by a little granddaughter whom he leads by the hand.

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Personal and Social.

Dr. J.A. Crowell has purchased Mr. Banks' residence.

I.C. Lee left last Tuesday for a two week's visit at his old home in Pottsville, Pa.

M. McPherson is again editing the **Journal**, and the **Journal** is, of course, again a newspaper.

Joe Pascoe is arranging for a wrestling match to take place at his saloon and boarding house soon.

James Kinnifick bought the heavy work team, harnesses and wagon, sold in front of No. 1 engine house at sheriff's sale last Saturday, for \$385.

Mr. Banks has tendered his resignation as book-keeper at the **Ludington mine**, and will soon remove to Minneapolis, where he will engage in the tea and coffee business.

Arthur Stevens is grading the lots at his residence on **Stephenson avenue**, and make [*sic* – *making*] other improvements that add greatly to the

appearance of his pleasant home. Looks like prosperity and we are glad to see it.

Electus, the two year old son of **Mr. and Mrs. A.D. Moore**, met with a **painful accident** last Thursday. The little fellow was playing about the house, when he picked up a button hook, which he put in his mouth. The hook got caught in his tonsils, and he jerked it out, tearing an ugly gash through his palate, and causing a painful wound.

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A Look at the Alleys.

Last Monday the [*sic*] **Marshal Catlin, Street Commissioner Stevens, Aldermen O'Connell and Graham**, and the writer hereof, took a walk through the alley back of **Stephenson avenue**. We saw old broken stoves, cord wood, old wagons and sleighs, tin cans by the million and manure heaps scattered along the alley from one end to the other, and to make it still more uninviting, sloughs of mire had been formed every few feet by the slops that had been thrown out from the houses. In fact the alley is used for the deposit of every conceivable thing that should be carted to the dumping ground, besides being made the storage place for wagons, carts, sleds, and everything else that the owners have no immediate use for. If a horse should run away through that alley, he would be fortunate if he got through alive, it is hardly possible that he would pull a carriage along the alley without leaving it a wreck on some pile of rubbish. In case of a fire where it would be necessary to run through there with a hose cart, its progress would be delayed by the

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obstructions in the way, or it would be mired in some slough hole. As might be expected a look at the back yards along that alley is not a pleasant spectacle. We shall not attempt to describe their appearance, but the street commissioner and health officer, with the aid and support of the city council, will see that there is a different state of affairs there very soon. It cannot be cleaned up too soon nor too thoroughly.

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Old Mudge Full of Budge.

We clip the following from the **Chicago Herald**:

"**Louis C. Mudge**, a Michigan hotel keeper, came to Chicago yesterday, sampled all the different brands of bock beer and then laid in a flask of whisky, which he put in his hip pocket in case of an emergency. For fear he might be accosted by confidence men, Mr. Mudge had provided himself with two huge revolvers, which he cocked and placed in his pockets. After visiting the last saloon, the rural visitor found **Madison street** a hard road to travel, and at the **corner of Clarke** he reeled, slipped, and fell with a crash to the pavement. There were two pistol reports, the screams of passing women and the odor of whisky. Where the bullets went no one seemed to know, but no one was hurt, not even Mr. Mudge, who lay on the sidewalk until **Officer Birmingham** picked him up and **locked him up at the armory, on the charge of carrying concealed weapons.**"

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CRYSTAL FALLS.

The town is full of strangers.

Lots of **stumps** are being blown out with the giant *[giant powder – similar to dynamite]*.

Miss Ida Bartell is visiting her sister, **Mrs. Austrian.**

Mr. A. Austrian has accepted a position at **Negaunee**, and will move there.

The thieves that broke upon the depot some time ago, [sic] had their trial Tuesday.

Forest fires have been raging in the woods all around the town. Good rain fall *[sic – rainfall]* Tuesday night, which put out the forest fires.

The first **ice cream social** was given at the **Lockwood house**, by the **Ladies' Aid Society** Wednesday evening and proved to be a success.

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WE often see **children fall on the Carpenter avenue crossing opposite our office.** The crossing planks, where they join the sidewalk, stick up just enough to trip them.

FREDDIE, the 7-year-old son of **Mr. and Mrs. James McConell [sic – McConnell]**, while playing about some cars *[railroad cars]* near **Ironwood**, a few days ago, got a **foot so badly crushed that it had to be amputated.**

THE Iron Mountain and Florence base ball [sic - baseball] nines played a game in the latter city last Sunday – or rather four innings, when they were stopped by the

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rain – which resulted in a score of 9 to 4 in favor of the **Polka Dots**.

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Guilty of Adultery.

“**Charley Ross**” and **Jessie Nominili**, who have just been tried for the crime of adultery, in **Houghton county**, have been declared guilty. Sentence will be passed upon them at the close of the term of court.

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SEIBERT’S drug store, which has been a scene of confusion for several weeks past incident to the improvements that have been going on, is in order again, and greatly beautified in appearance, and in its new coat of paint and varnish looks as clean and bright as possible.

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Drunk and Disorderly.

Tom Peterson was gathered in last Friday, and Saturday morning was fined \$1 and costs, making a total of \$5, for his over indulgence. **Mike Hewse** was taken down to Menominee last Saturday and given 20 days to sober up.

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Crushed to Death.

Another bit of ill luck fell to our jolly street commissioner, **Arthur Stevens**, last Thursday forenoon, it being the **loss of a valuable horse at the Indiana mine**. The horse fell while with his mate, he was hauling a heavy load of logs down a steep grade at the place mentioned, when the logs rolled on to him and crushed him to death.

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THE Norway Current says they have diphtheria, measles, typhoid fever, and various other contagious diseases in that city, and wonders how much of it is attributable to the peddlers that travel about their streets. Whatever may be the facts in that regard, it behooves our health officer to be on the alert to see that some one or more of these forms of contagion are not brought to this city.

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Negaunee Post Office Robbed.

Burglars entered the **Negaunee post office** last Sunday night, broke open the safe and **stole \$600 worth of postage stamps and some valuable papers**. They also robbed **Trudell’s candy store**, which is situated in the same room, and took \$2 in cash and some fine cigars. The work is

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believed to have been done by local cracksmen. No arrests have been made.

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ELSEWHERE we publish an article descriptive of the promising town of **Pike**, located 22 miles down the **M. & N.** We doubt if all our readers fully comprehend the importance of this rapidly growing town, and a careful perusal of the article mentioned will be found interesting. At present **Marinette**, though three times as far away as **Iron Mountain**, gets pretty much all the trade that goes out of the town. Why this should be it is hard to explain, and we believe much of the trade could be diverted to this city if the proper effort was made.

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The Salaries.

The city council, last Monday evening, fixed the **salaries of the various city officers** at the following figures: City marshal, \$65 per month; city clerk, \$250 a year, with \$150 additional if he spreads the tax roll; city treasurer and collector, \$500; engineer of fire department, \$75 per month; street commissioner, \$2.50 per day when employed; labor on streets, \$1.60 per day; team, \$4.50 per day; fire warden, \$50 a year; health officer, \$300 a year; night watchmen, \$65 a month.

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THE council voted at its last meeting to spend \$2000 in improving the condition of **Stephenson avenue**, and **Street Commissioner Stevens** is now busy seeing how much good he can do with that amount of money. He will get as much out of it as possible. Gravel from the excavations for cellars to the new brick buildings being built by **Sundstrom** and **Freeman**, on **Fleshiem street**, is being put on the street at 10 cents a load and rock from the **Hamilton** waste pile, and also from the old **Iron Mountain mine** waste pile, can be had for the handling.

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AN **Italian woman**, who was on her return from the west, where her husband had recently died[,] to her home at **Vulcan** last Friday, imbibed [*sic – imbibed*] a little too much on the way, and when the train reached this city was **crazy drunk**. She **attempted to jump out the car window, screamed, howled, and made herself otherwise conspicuous to such an extent that Marshal Catlin took her from the train and placed her in the care of friends here.** She resumed her journey after recovering from the effects of her potations.

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A Heartless Father.

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used as a tool house for the workmen engaged in erecting the brick bank building which the owner of the lots proposes to build.

—A meeting of citizens of French extraction was held at the office of A. Patenaude on Saturday night, for the purpose of organizing a society of St. Jean Baptiste. There were present an [sic – one] hundred and ten persons who were all enthusiastic in the work and an organization was soon effected. This society has done much good in other portions of the upper peninsula, being a benevolent one, and we are pleased to see our Canadian friends taking an active part in instituting it here. Below we give the names of the officers elected:

President honoraire et Chapelain – **Rev. J.H. Reynard.**

President – **Alexis Patenaude.**

Vice-Presidents – **Joseph E. Bergeron**
and **Joseph Lafreniere.**

Secretaire Archiviste – **Isadore Massie.**

“ Financier – **Joseph Laforge.**

“ Correspondent – **Omer Mousseau[.]**

Assistant Secretaire Correspondent –
Francis Verineau.

Tresorier – **Fred. Lavoie.**

Sergent d'Arms – **Mederic Laverdure.**

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Runaway Accident.

Last Saturday while a company of young people were enjoying themselves on the bank of the Menominee river near Quinnesec, they concluded to drive to another point on the river and Miss Jennie, daughter of Thomas McKenna, of

Quinnesec[,] got into the roadcart of Mr. Sol. Scott because the other conveyances were somewhat crowded. Before starting, Mr. Scott stepped to the horse's head to fix the check rein which had become unfastened, and just as he was returning to take his place in the cart, the horse became frightened, (presumably at the fluttering of the light dress of the young lady,) and started to run. Mr. Scott reached his head and caught the bridle but the bit broke and came out of his mouth and Mr. Scott hung to the shafts until he broke off the end of the side nearest him and then the horse started for the woods, but did not go far before he struck a tree and stopped. The young lady was found upon the ground with a badly fractured skull and was at once taken home and the best surgical aid procured. At this writing Thursday morning, she remains in a comatose condition, having spoke [sic – spoken] but once or twice since the accident, and the question of recovery is a very uncertain one. The accident is a lamentable one even at its best, but the many friends of the young lady and of the entire family hope that the worst may be averted, and that she will be soon restored to health and strength.

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M.A. Aldrich of New Richmond, Wis., arrived here early in the week and is now prescription clerk at High's drug store. He is a gentleman of considerable experience as a druggist and socially is pleasant to meet.

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Patrick Mulvey, for some time a resident of this place, departed for Rock River, Alger Co., this week. He is to run a drilling machine there for the Rock River Brownstone Co.

S.J. Belrose, who for some time run [*sic* – *ran*] a barber shop in the Masonic block, has again taken a chair in Jos. McGibbon's shop. L.C. Green has gone to Iron Mountain.

Mrs. Joseph Benton has been here this week looking after her property, and preparing to move her family from Watersmeet to Escanaba.

Thomas Rowell[,] for some time employed at the Norway mine, went to Ironwood, Monday, where he intends to remain.

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CURRENT NOTES.

–A. Phelps' building, Main street, is completed.

–A. Kallstrom & Co. have a new delivery wagon.

–A. Patenaude has a bran [*sic* – *brand*] new phaeton and harness.

–Capt. Colwell will build a small dwelling house upon one of his Summit avenue lots.

–Fred. Kinney has the contract for the erection of Capt. Skewes' new residence and is rushing the work.

–John Collins will remain in the saloon business, he having been unable to lease his building and fixtures.

–Many horses are sick in the city, and some have died from what is called an influenza. The livery stables seem to be the heaviest sufferers.

–John Stanchina's saloon was opened for business, Saturday, the formal opening being that night. Mr. Stanchina has a nicely furnished sample room.

–Miss Jennie McKenna, of Quinnesec, who was so seriously injured by a runaway horse last week, is thought to be improving slowly, and it is hoped that she will fully recover.

–Will Rosendale has opened a restaurant in the basement of M. Anderson's building. Everything in and about the room is neat and Will will undoubtedly do a good business.

–Some miscreant has made two attempts during the present week to burn the Central school house at Iron Mountain. Prompt action on the part of the fire department saved the property.

–R.C. Oliver is having the interior of his saloon repapered, painted and renovated. An addition of several feet has been made to the room [*and*] an archway [*has*] been cut in the wall leading to the rear room.

–It isn't hot yet but A. Patenaude has begun to sell ice cream. It can be bought by the dish or quart, and is first-class.

–H.T. Gardiner, the tailor, has moved into his new quarters, next to McGibbin's barber shop. He has the neatest shop on the range.

–Monday, little Miss Edna Gee was quite severely injured about the head, being struck with a ball bat in the hands of a pupil of the parochial school. Several stitches [*sic*] were taken to close the cut.

–Work on the new building commenced by Frank Brachetti at Ingallsdorf and to be used as a bakery and store, has been suspended. The baker who was to have charge of the place and who, it is thought, is now on his way here from Italy, may complete the building.

–A lawn tennis court has been arranged near the Penn Co's Norway

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store and many of the young people in that vicinity are getting to be adepts [sic] in handling the racquet. The playing of the game is a pleasant passtime [sic – pastime] and is certainly healthful.

–A change is to take place in the office of the Chapin mine, about June 1st. Mr. Wheeler, the present chief accountant[,] is to be succeeded by a Mr. Lonergan[,] of Chicago. Mr. Wheeler will go to Chicago where he has a profitable business opening. He has many friends in Iron Mountain.

–The Mutual Accident Association of the Northwest and Home Protection Aid Association, on May 14 paid Chas. Lustfield, who carries a policy with the company, \$189.28. Mr. Lustfield had a leg broken about two months ago and the above amount was given him for being laid up seven weeks and three days.

–Mr. Absalom Williams[,] who went to Milwaukee last week to seek medical advice for a serious lung and throat trouble has returned. He did not receive very encouraging advice but is following out a course of treatment under the care of one of our local physicians and his many friends hope for his speedy recovery.

–Supt. Jouno of the M.R.L. Co's. Sturgeon farm, was in town Saturday. He informs us that he had twenty-three men employed, and that sowing and planting was going on very satisfactorily. He has put in about 120 acres of grain and will plant about 15 acres of potatoes. The recent forest fires destroyed considerable fencing but this will soon be replaced.

–On Sunday last, being the 79th anniversary of Norway's independence, a few Norwegians of this city went to Quinnesec falls, where they were joined by others from up-road towns, and celebrated the day by picnicing near Gustaf Toleen's home. The day was a beautiful one and the outing was hugely

enjoyed by the party. The names of those who were at the picnic are as follows: Mr. and Mrs. R. Bordewich, Mr. and Mrs. A.T. Sethney, Mr. and Mrs. James Igeland, Martin Olson, B.S. Foss, Jacob Jacobson, Dr. O.M. Sattre and Jno. [John] M. Hews, Norway; Mr. and Mrs. J.J. Eskil, Mr. and Mrs. John Johnson and a Mr. Johnson, Florence; Martin Oien and Peter Solberg, Commonwealth.

–The meetings of the city council will hereafter be held in a new room fitted up in the engine house, two rooms having been made into one in order that space enough might be obtained.

–Capt. J.U. Curnow[,] of East Vulcan, is the fortunate owner of several of the finest horses in the state. He is a lover of good horses and drives one of the finest turnouts in the county. Among his possessions is the fine stallion Commander, the pedigree of which may be found in another column. Those interested in first-class horseflesh will find a visit to the jolly captain's residence well worth the time.

–By the resignation of two officers in the A.O.U.W. lodge, a special election was necessary and was held Friday evening of last week and the officers elected are as follows. Master Workman, William Nisen and Inside Guard, Wilmer M. Ramsdell. The election of W. Nisen to M.W. left the Foreman's chair vacant and John Quarnstrom was elected to that office. The installation of those officers was held last night.

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Emil Nystrom, who for about two years has been employed in meat markets in this city, left Thursday for central Wisconsin where he hopes to be given employment in a first-class market and finish the trade. Emil is a steady young man and will certainly suit anyone who may employ him.

Russel Jones, for some months [telegraph] operator at the depot, has returned to Iron Mountain, there to take the position of cashier at the C. & N.W. depot made vacant by the death of E.N. Girard. Mr. Jones is a pleasant young gentleman and we are sorry to lose his society.

Geo. Roche went to Escanaba this week, being called there by the master mechanic of C. & N.W. and hopes this time to be given a position on the road. He "fired" on the Negaunee switch last season.

James B. Lyons, Jr. left Thursday morning for Marquette where he hopes to remain for a time. He will play with the orchestra of that city and will hold down some other position not yet known to him.

F.J. King left for Chicago last Saturday where he has entered the law office of Weigley, Bulkey & Gray. Frank has a host of friends here who wish him success in his new position.

Marshal Brooks[.] of Bessemer, came down from there, Monday to visit his parents, his wife having been here for a week previous.

Mrs. W.H. Nichols, who has been visiting her parents at Jackson, Ill., for three months, returned here Wednesday.

Paddy Cox left Monday for his home near Ottawa, Canada. He will be away two or more months.

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CURRENT NOTES.

–Peter Young is doing some farming in the Pine creek district.

–A.T. Sethney has moved into his new residence at South Norway.

–Anton Odill's new mirror has arrived and is in place. It is a fine one and cost in position, about \$200.00.

–Thomas Williams has moved from his former residence in the King building, to what was formerly known as the Briar Hill office.

–The health officer Dr. O.M. Sattre has posted notices in four languages notifying householders to "clean up" their premises, and those who neglect will hear from him in more emphatic terms.

–The name of the Menominee Range newspaper has been changed to the "Iron Range," and the Iron Mountain Journal has also been renamed, its present title being the "Dickinson County Journal.[?]"

–Undertaker Springer has moved from his residence over his, [sic] store to South Norway, where he will occupy one of Kinney's new houses.

–Capt. Colwell's new house on Summit avenue is up and enclosed. Dr. Delong's new house at South Norway is well under way, Mrs. Kennedy's house at Ingallsdorf is about ready for the plasterers and dozens of other houses in various parts of the city are nearing completion.

–The Iron Mountain fire engine was returned to that city, yesterday afternoon. We are sorry to lose the society of Messrs. Scott and Fisher although there has been a lurking suspicion among some of our citizens that their presence accounts in a measure for the disappearance of certain "roosters."

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Causes Two Deaths at the Chapin Mine Last Tuesday.

Carelessness in the handling of dynamite caused the death of two miners at the **Chapin** at an early hour last Tuesday morning.

Joseph Bronci and **Ambrosio Civanni**, contract miners, had prepared three holes for blasting in the room in which they were at work. The fuse [*sic - fuses*] were lighted and the men retired to another part of the mine to await developments. Two of the sticks of dynamite promptly exploded, but the third hung fire.

It seems, according to the story which Civanni told before expiring, the men were of the opinion that the three charges had exploded and concluded to return to work. Civanni was the first to enter the room and he called out to his partner: "Come on; everything is all right."

Bronci had no sooner entered the room than the third stick of dynamite exploded with terrific effect. His head was blown from his shoulders and he was otherwise mutilated. Civanni was still alive when found, but horribly mangled. One eye had been blown from the socket and both hands were missing. He was removed to the **Chapin hospital**, where he lingered in great agony until Wednesday when death relieved him from his sufferings. He was conscious nearly all the time and was able to give an intelligent account of the accident.

Coroner Cudlip's jury was in session yesterday and returned a verdict in accordance with the above facts.

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RESULTED FATALLY.

Fred Loons the Victim of a Logging Railroad Accident.

Fred Loons, an unmarried man employed by the **Quinnesec Logging company**, was the victim of a fatal accident last Monday. He was assisting in the work of loading cars with a crane. A log struck him in the back of the neck as it swung around and he was thrown with great violence into a hole some distance away. Loons was struck on his head and shoulders in such a manner as to injure his spinal chord [*sic - cord*], and was paralyzed, unable to move hands and feet. He was brought to this city, and taken to the **Marinette hospital** on Tuesday. Medical skill was unable to do anything for his relief however, and he died on Wednesday in great agony.

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Has Bright Prospects.

Iron Mountain people are much elated over the consolidation of the **Chapin, Ludington and Hamilton Ore companies' properties**, as well they may be. The three properties can be operated much more economically under one management, and the consolidation given assurance that all three will be strongly wrought hereafter. Iron Mountain now has very bright prospects for the future and its people are generally encouraged over the outlook for business there. —[*Marquette*] Mining Journal.

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Jefferson Day Very Ill.

Jefferson D. Day, superintendent of the **Metropolitan Iron and Land company**, owners of the Norrie mine, is dangerously ill at **Lake Linden**, Mich. He has been afflicted with Bright's disease for many years. Mr. Day was one of the best known mining men in the Lake Superior country. He has been associated with prominent iron companies for twenty-five years. He was a former resident of this range.

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Fatally Wounded.

While out hunting near **Pembin**e a few days ago, **Edward Crane** stumbled over a log and dropped his gun. The weapon was discharged, the contents entering his right side. The wound is considered fatal.

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New P.M. at Channing.

E.W. Preston has been appointed **postmaster at Channing**, this county. **T.E. Timlin**, who has held the position since the office was established, has resigned.

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The News of the Mines.

IT IS not probable that the Chapin company's big pump will be utilized in unwatering the Ludington and Hamilton mines, as surmised by numerous exchanges. The work can be done cheaper and much quicker with the bailing system originated by John T. Jones, and once the water is out, it will not need pumps of extraordinary capacity to keep the properties dry. It is expected that several of the Ludington shafts will be found in bad condition and it may be necessary to abandon them permanently.

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The News of the Mines.

CAPT. H.G. ROTHWELL, who has been performing the duties of mining engineer and chemist at the Loretto and Appleton mines for a number of years back, has tendered his resignation, the same to take effect the first of the month, and will accept the more lucrative position of mineral expert for the Breitung estate, with headquarters in Marquette. If, as reported, it is the intention of the managers of the estate to thoroughly explore their mineral lands in this peninsula, they have made a wise choice in selecting Capt. Rothwell to superintend the work. He is a thorough mineralist and has had years of practical experience in mining.

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WE are unable to state just which Iron Mountain mining company originated the

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custom of presenting married employes [*sic* – *employees*] with fat and luscious turkeys on Thanksgiving day, but it is certainly a very pretty one and we hope it will endure forever! At the **Chapin** the men assemble at 7 a.m. at the office to receive their turkeys and the distribution is the occasion of much good feeling and not a little fun. Thursday morning 600 Thanksgiving birds were given out. The **Pewabic** company present [*sic* – *presents*] the benedicts [*married men*] with orders on some city market for a bird, and the men general proceed in a body after them. **Hoose & Co.** supplied the turkeys this season and handed out 500. Married employes [*sic* – *employees*] of the **Dessau Mining company** also received turkeys, it taking fifty to go round.

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The News of the Mines.

THE earnings of miners at the Chapin continue to show improvement. The average for last August was \$1.91. In September it was \$1.93 and in October \$1.97. This month the average promises to be still higher. Laborers are paid \$1.40 per day.

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The News of the Mines.

THE work of moving the machinery at the Loretto mine is well under way. This will permit of the mining of the large block of ore under the building. Some exploratory work is being done, but without results.

The mine has sent to the docks this season 50,000 tons of ore. Last year the output was 55,983 tons.

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The News of the Mines.

CAPT. ROTHWELL is of the opinion that the owners of the Appleton will decide to unwater that property and resume mining operations, and that a start will be made early in the new year. This property has never had a fair chance to prove its worth, and mining men consider it a much better mine than the Loretto.

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The News of the Mines.

MR.KIMBERLY was in Cleveland this week closing up the sale of the Hamilton and Ludington mine to the Chapin Mining company.

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An Organization Perfected.

Thirty-six delegates, representing half a dozen unions, held a three days' convention here this week and organized a **General Mine Workers' Union of America** with the following officers: President, **Robert Askew**, Ishpeming; vice-president, **John T. Roberts**, Ironwood; secretary, **William Mudge**, Negaunee.

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Murder at Bessemer.

Matt Palandor, a Bessemer Finlander, was stabbed in the bowels and instantly killed during a quarrel last Monday evening. **Joe Bogo**, **Anto Velette**, **Joe Forment** and **Anton Keatto** have been arrested and are in jail. It is alleged that the stabbing was done by Boge [*sic* – *Bogo*].

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Greatest in the West.

"The **Menominee river** is the greatest water power stream in the west and two only, the Merrimac and Connecticut, surpass it in the United States," says **Supt. McLaughlin** of the **Menominee and Marinette Paper company**.

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Rev. S. Polkinghorne married **Rev. J.C. McClain**, of Abrams [*Wisconsin*], and **Miss Minnie M. Nancarrow**, of Florence, on the 20th.

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County Clerk Browning has retired from the firm of **Browning, Lindahl & Co.**, general merchants, **Norway**.

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Charles Mattson and Miss **Tilda Sandberg**, both of **Iron Mountain**, were united in marriage by **County Judge John O'Hara** at the residence of **Mrs. Mary Hersell**, Central avenue, at 9 o'clock last Sunday morning. **Mrs. Hulda Jackson**, of this city, acted as bridesmaid and **Oscar Lundin**, of Iron Mountain, as best man. – Florence Mining News.

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The engagement of **Joseph Merchant**, of this city, to Miss **Rosie Terrien**, of Crystal Falls, has been announced.

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Dr. Peter MacNaughton has accepted the position of **assistant physician at the Chapin mine**, and will commence his duties there on the 1st of the coming month. **Dr. MacNaughton's** many friends here wish him the success they believe he will deserve in his new field of labor. The doctor was working up quite a nice practice here before he decided to go to **Iron Mountain**. – Calumet News.

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The marriage of **John Harlan** and Miss **Josie Touhey** was solemnized at St. Mary's church last Wednesday at 9 a.m., **Rev. Father Kunes** performing the ceremony in the presence of a large number of relatives and friends. The bride was becomingly attired in a cream silk costume and was attended by Miss **Kate Lahan**, of Green Bay. **Tom Touhey** was the best man. Mr. and Mrs. Harlan left on the evening train for a brief wedding tour.

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The **ball** given by the **Bachelors** at the **opera house** Wednesday even'g was all that *The Range-Tribune* predicted it would be – the event of the season. Over one hundred couples were in attendance, many being present from neighboring towns, and the assembly hall presented a brilliant appearance. The music, however, was not up to standard, being much better adapted to concert purposes than dancing. The young gentlemen incurred a very heavy bill of expense in securing the **Appleton orchestra** under the impression that it was superior to the **Oshkosh**, and its efficiency even in a small degree is to be regretted. This paper also regrets to hear that the ball was not a financial success and that an assessment of goodly proportions will have to be made on the members of the organization. The refreshments were abundant and of a goodly quality, and the several committees performed wonders in making all feel at home. It is to be hoped that the club will entertain many times during the winter.

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W.C. Mason has arrived from Cleveland to accept the position of **chemist with the Antoine Ore company**, succeeding **E.B. Hull**, who will leave next Tuesday for Pennsylvania to take his old position with a furnace company.

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Thomas Mahon is now night operator at the **North-Western depot**.

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THE Florence Mining News learns that **William Judge**, of that place, has contracted to put in 40,000,000 feet of timber in 38-16, **town of Commonwealth**, for the **Girard Lumber company**, and that he will cut 10,000,000 feet this winter.

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THE **new road from Norway to the Lower Quinnesec Falls** is finished. It is several miles shorter than the old one. Evidently Iron Mountain business men [*sic* – *businessmen*] are willing that **Norway merchants** should have the trade of the **paper mill operatives**. This paper has repeatedly endeavored to enlist the business men [*sic* – *businessmen*] in a

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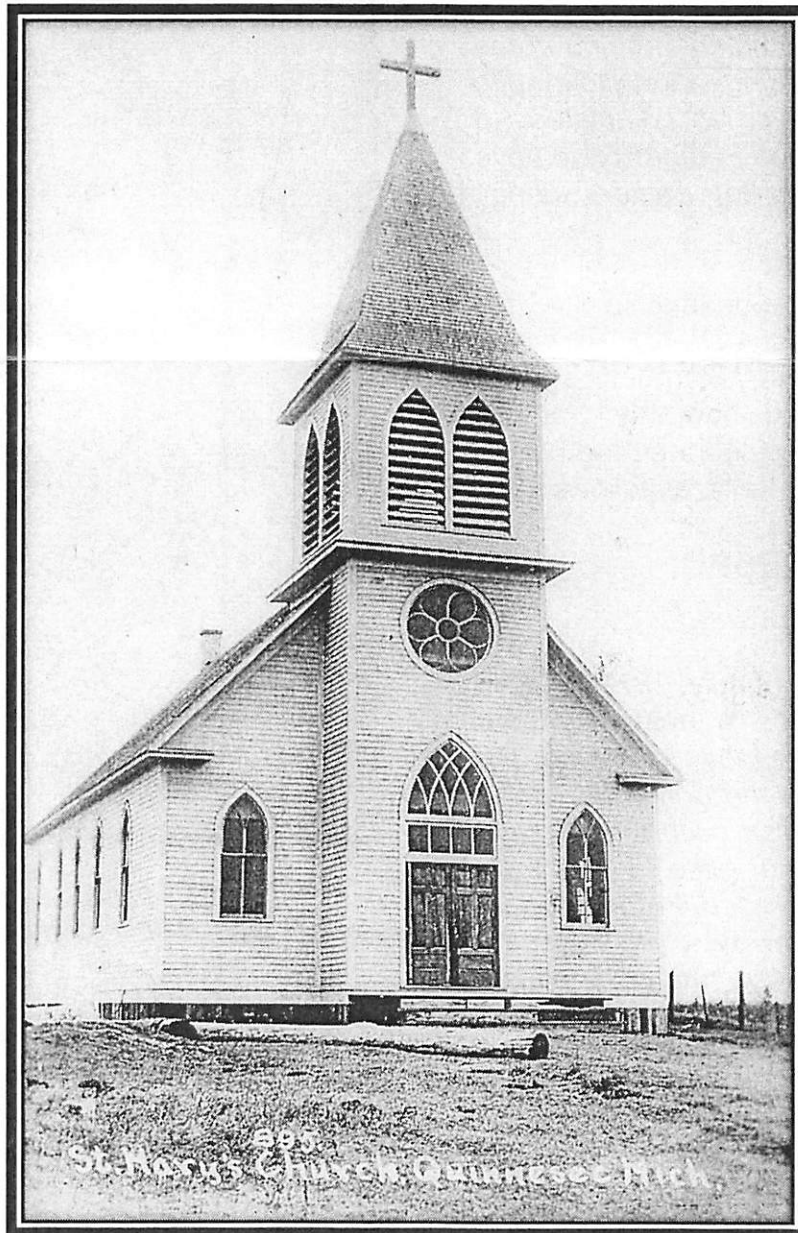
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St. Mary's Catholic Church, Quinnesec, Michigan – 1916

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The Church of the Immaculate Conception was the first Catholic church in Quinnesec and the first Catholic church on the Menominee Iron Range.

The first recorded mention of the construction of the Church of the Immaculate Conception in Quinnesec was published in *The Menominee Ranger*, a newspaper within a newspaper, published in Marquette, Michigan's *The Mining Journal* on March 29, 1879, as follows:

QUINNESEC.

The new Catholic church is going up as lively as a worldly building, and will be quite an imposing structure when completed. It is proposed by our good Father Fox to have the church completed for Easter Sunday services.

Another account, appearing in the July 12, 1879 edition of *The Menominee Ranger*, published in Marquette's *The Mining Journal*, noted how the Catholic Society of Quinnesec celebrated the Fourth of July at Little Fumee Falls, as follows:

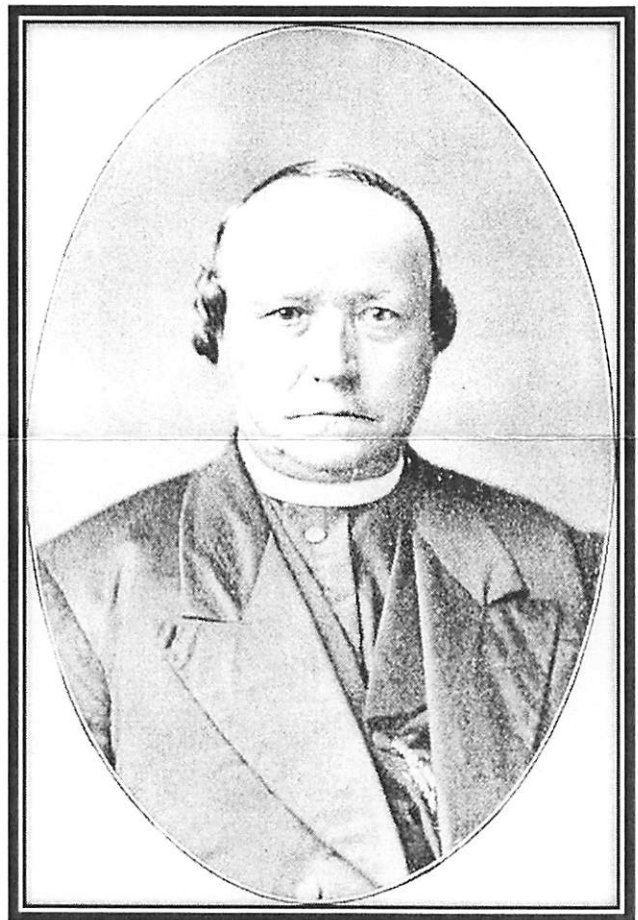
QUINNESEC.

The fourth [Fourth of July, 1879] passed off very quietly here. A number of our people went to Escanaba to attend the celebration there, and the only thing in the way of celebration which occurred at home was two picnics, one at Little Fumee Falls by the Catholic society, and the other south of the railroad track by a few of the villagers. Both were very enjoyable affairs, the one by the Catholic society netting them something over \$75.00 clear of expense. But little drunkenness was visible, though of course some of it had to be indulged in, as well as a little fighting, both of which are very necessary adjuncts of the fourth of July.

The following account of the development of St. Mary's Catholic Church appeared on pages 192-195 in the *Quinnesec, Michigan, Centennial Book, 1876-1976* by John Alquist.

History of St. Mary's – Quinnesec "The Mother Church of Dickinson and Iron Counties"

by John Alquist



*Rev. Father Martin Fox,
Catholic Missionary*

The Rev. Martin Fox, a long time missionary in the Diocese of Marquette, was the first priest to visit the town site of Quinnesec. The zealous priest, although in the declining years of his life, had spent too many years on the frontier to take a permanent pastorate. Previous to visiting

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the Menominee Range, Father Fox had spent his time and energy visiting the missions of the Bay de Nocquet region.

When the Prussian priest arrived in the little settlement of Quinnesec in 1877, it seemed to have a bright future. As was his custom, Father Fox organized the Catholics he could find to build a church. Whether the church built was artistic or not, the priest felt it served as a base of operations for the better organization of a parish. In response to his call, land was donated by John Buell and construction was begun.

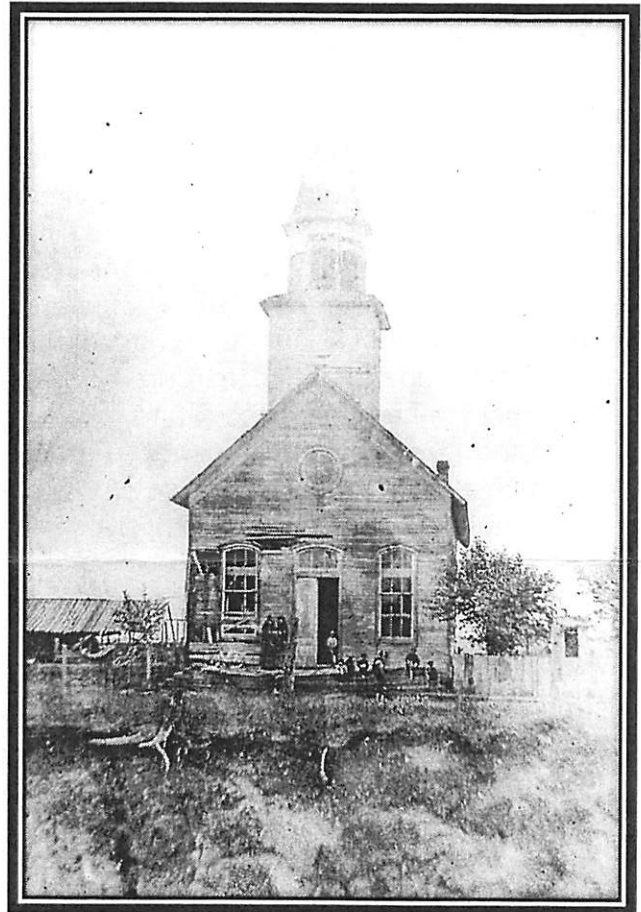
The future looked bright. Among the new homes of the miners and tradesmen rose also a frame church – a mere shell, unplastered, unfinished. But such as it was, it gave him room for services and a corner for his own abode whenever he happened to stay in town. If the rough boards could talk they would tell of the sacrifices of this pioneer-missionary, how often he prepared coffee for his breakfast in an oyster can!

After the first church was built, Father Fox felt his work was finished. In his place the Bishop of Marquette sent the Rev. H.J. Rousseau, who was apparently skilled in the organization of new parishes. Father Rousseau did not stay long in Quinnesec, however, for the nearby community of Norway was beginning to boom. Much to the sorrow of Quinnesec's Catholics, the priest moved to Norway.

Father Rousseau and his successors retained Quinnesec as a mission until the end of 1882. Although Mass was celebrated every Sunday, the people would not be satisfied until they had their own priest.

To lay a better claim to one, they built quite a stately residence for a priest. Yielding to such pressure and earnest petitions, Bishop Vertin sent them the Rev. John G. Kenny, whose stay, however, was very short. Beginning in January 1883 Rev. John Brown was sent to succeed him. Seeing their hopes realized the people

liberally contributed towards what was still necessary for the equipment of the church and the house. Previous to this the pastor had lived in the quarters added to the church for that purpose by Father Fox. On the sixth of May 1883 Bishop Vertin blessed their church in honor of the Immaculate Conception.



This photograph of the Church of the Immaculate Conception, located in Quinnesec was taken in about 1880 after it was struck by lightning and severely damaged. The cross on the top of the steeple was destroyed and some of the louvers were blown out of the bell tower. The front of the church, including the steps, was also damaged. The church was repaired, serving the parish until it was destroyed in the Quinnesec fire on May 18, 1906.

Father Brown's administration was a good one, but the hard and scattered missions proved too much for his enfeebled health. During September, one month

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before leaving the diocese, he lived in Norway looking after two parishes until the appointment of new pastors. On October 1, 1883, the Rev. M. Faust came to Quinnesec.

At this time when Quinnesec was made an independent parish, all the settlements due west were included as missions, so that the priest had to visit periodically Indiana Mine, Iron Mountain, Crystal Falls, Iron River and wherever people made a home throughout the trackless territory of the range.

Father Faust entered his new pastorate with enthusiasm but unfortunately it looked as though Quinnesec had lost its future. Its ore now proved inaccessible, while nearby settlements, especially Iron Mountain, were booming. The priest soon found most of his parishioners going off to the larger settlement. He had no choice but to follow.

With the approval of the Bishop, Father Faust secured lots in the new town site and upon completion of the church moved to Iron Mountain in the summer of 1884.

Thus, once again the resident priest was moved from Quinnesec. The pioneer parish became a mission of old St. Joseph's Parish in Iron Mountain. On Christmas day in 1890 St. Joseph's burned to the ground. This church was rebuilt, but in the meantime in 1893, St. Mary's Church in Iron Mountain was built and then Quinnesec became a mission to them.

While Quinnesec's parish organization suffered in this way, the church building, too, had its misfortunes. At one time lightning struck the steeple and split the front of the church. Finally on May 18, 1906, a fire started on the rear of Main Street. Soon adjacent buildings were afire. Before long the air was filled with flying burning shingles and the fire burned through half of Quinnesec. The last building to go up in flames was the Immaculate Conception Church. All that was left were a few sacred furnishings; the vestments, chalice, and a few statues and

pictures were saved. The house was damaged, but was repaired and one part of it was used as a chapel. The old bell, which was blessed by Bishop Vertin, on May 30, 1884, was rendered useless.

With their church gone, the same group of the town's Catholics attended Mass at the rectory. Quinnesec would not have a Catholic church of its own for the next decade. In the meantime the parish membership continued to dwindle. At one time only fourteen families were left in the once thriving parish. Though they were few in number, the people clung to the idea of building again the focal point of their lives - the church. Perhaps to stand as a constant reminder of this goal, the parishioners purchased a bell which they erected on the lawn of the rectory. All the while they struggled for funds. The women of the parish visited the mines for contributions. Donations were asked of various companies and a fine gold watch was once given to be raffled off. Many pieces of fancy goods were made in the Catholic homes of the village to be sold for the building fund.

Miss Luella St. Denis was one who helped much in obtaining funds for the church. Her home on the corner of Lake Avenue and Menominee Street was also the abode of the priest who would come to Quinnesec, stay overnight, and say Mass in the morning. She wrote in 1957, "I do not think I merit any reward for the little I did to help, as there was so much pleasure in the ventures we made in the beautiful forests, the mines, etc. in the search of funds. One day when the driver could not control the spirited horses and they ran away, Ann McKenna Rowe (my companion) and I landed in a huge snowdrift. We walked to the camp unharmed, and really were thrilled with this adventure. The ladies of the Quinnesec Mission were the ones who worked very hard with the dinners, pantry or food sales, in which I could take no part as I was not skilled in the culinary art."

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The old church faced north, close to the railroad tracks, and prior to rebuilding a vote was taken on which way to face the church. There were 34 votes cast for West, 3 for North, and 2 for South. Thus, the new church faces West.

Finally a great bazaar held in November of 1914, plus the donations received, brought their dream to its realization. Largest donations received were \$25.00

from Father Nosbisch, Mr. Stack and Mr. Longyear. Practically all of the sacred furnishings were donated by the parishioners. The new pews were given by John L. Buell and his wife who at that time were converted to the faith. The priest who directed the building program and helped much in the actual building was the late Father James Corcoran, then pastor of old St. Mary's in Iron Mountain.



This postcard, posted September 18, 1913, shows the confirmation class on the rectory lawn with the bell purchased for the new church. Front row (left to right): Clement Sullivan, Fred LaPoint, Myrle McKenna, Freddie Belleville, Earl Grenfell, Milton Brooks, unidentified, Tommy Ducharme, unidentified, Ed Grenfell; middle row (left to right): Phillip McKenna, Marguerite Sullivan, unidentified, ----- Ducharme, Barbara Christnagel, George Sullivan; back row (left to right): Violet Kenney, unidentified, Nadine LaPoint, Carrie Snyder, Ardis McKenna, Josephine Christnagel, Margaret Kenney, Irene McKenna, Priscilla Massie, Verna Kenney, Luella Brooks, Rose Christnagel, Germaine LaPoint. [William J. Cummings Photo]

The church is very substantially built. It has a high grade varnished hardwood floor and stained glass windows purchased from the Marquette Stained Glass Works. Among the most prized is the window donated by the late Rev. Monsignor Faust.

A window donated by Father Corcoran had to be replaced in 1957. The heating plant at that time was considered to be a good one. An altar was given to the church by Mr. Joseph A. Reau of Butte, Montana, who spent his boyhood days in Quinnesec.

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On Sunday, October 1, 1916, the Rt. Rev. Bishop Eis blessed the new church. He was assisted at the throne during the celebration of the Solemn High Mass, which was sung by the Pastor, Rev. James Corcoran, with the Rev. Joseph Beauchene of Iron Mountain, as the Deacon, and the Rev. Joseph Hommer, of Niagara, Wisconsin, as the sub-deacon. Rev. Joseph Hollinger of Norway officiated as master of ceremonies, while the Rev. Anthony Molinski of Vulcan acted as chaplain to the Rt. Rev. Bishop. The presence in the sanctuary of the altar boys from St. Mary's and St. Joseph's Churches in Iron Mountain added to the beauty and the solemnity of the occasion. The music furnished by the Iron Mountain choir was very elevating, and received compliments from all sides. The important fact was that the church was dedicated without a cent of debt, a high tribute to the hard working souls of that time.

Because of the growth of old St. Mary's Parish in Iron Mountain, it was difficult for the parish to retain the care of the Quinnesec Church. Thus in 1922, the parish came under the charge of the Rev. George Stuntebeck of St. Barbara's Church in Loretto. During his years in the area, Father Stuntebeck did much in material improvement and in spiritual building.

St. Martha's Altar Society, which was formed in 1924, is still in existence today, holding regular meetings once a month. In April of 1934 the present bell, donated by Isadore Pancheri, was dedicated. In December of 1935 a new organ was blessed. The program included a sacred concert. The church choir, with Mrs. Walter Alquist as organist, St. Stephen's choir of Loretto with Miss Gertrude Massa as organist, Mrs. Victoria Negro, organist of the Immaculate Conception Church, Iron Mountain, N. Gendron, vocalist, and Mrs. R.G. Gayan, organist at St. Mary's in Iron Mountain, took part in the program. This organ took the place of one which had

belonged to Mrs. Ben Marchand and had been donated to the church.

In 1938 the church was painted and the present pews were purchased. In 1940 the Stations of the Cross now in the church were purchased to replace the old ones dedicated in 1916.

When Father Gherna was succeeded by the Rev. Lester Bougeois, in 1943, the priest remodeled the side altars. In 1945, the Rev. Edward J. Lulewicz assumed the pastorate of St. Stephen's parish and missions. At Quinnesec the pastor formed a building committee with the late Parnell McKenna and A.J. Massie to raise \$5,000 for a parish center in the church basement. By this time the foundation of the second church in Quinnesec had given way and the church was almost ready to be condemned. In his plans for its renovation, Father Lulewicz also included a complete kitchen and an oil heating unit. The old wood and coal burning furnace, which was placed in the sand dug out under the church had one large register, about 4 feet in diameter, up near the front of the church. In the last days of its life huge clouds of smoke used to pour out periodically and the ceiling was blackened. One Sunday after Mass the cold air ducts, which were of wood, caught fire. Luckily it was noticed right away and extinguished.

Rev. Frederick Hoffman then succeeded Father Lulewicz on June 27, 1950. His immediate task was to finish the basement. The basement, used also as a parish center, is constructed of blocks taken from the old Hulst School in Iron Mountain.

Shortly after Father McLaughlin arrived in 1951 renovation of the church began. A sacristy was constructed, replacing tiny ones behind the side altars. Exterior work included a new roof, chimney, tower, and painting.

The old rectory, which was the scene of so many memories, was sold and torn down for funds. The Altar Society held its meetings in the rooms. Catechism classes

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taught by visiting Sisters in the summer were held there and later a CYO [*Catholic Youth Organization*] was organized and furnished the building with a pool table and jukebox for a "teen center." When it was torn down the curious watched in amazement as the outer layer of siding was removed and they found underneath clear pine boards 20 to 30 inches wide running the length of the building. It would be a fortune in today's market.

For the renovation a nine and a half foot cross displayed on the main altar dominated the interior. The cross is presently located in the basement parish center. Canopies were constructed for the main and side altars. Tiling was installed in the sanctuary, and new sanctuary furniture and altar appointments were purchased. New wiring was installed and the church interior was repainted.

During the renovation the entire ceiling was removed and a new one installed. This is divided into three sections by two ornamental natural birch beams covering the width of the church.

The old Rose Window, donated by Father Corcoran, in the tower was rotted beyond repair and required replacement. Father McLaughlin donated a new window of the Immaculate Conception with two adoring angels. The window was lowered from its former place above the interior ceiling to below it so that it now lights the choir loft, and can be seen from the front of the church. Since the church originally was dedicated and called the Immaculate Conception, the window is especially fitting.

In 1966 the 44-year-old affiliation with Loretto came to an end and St. Mary's came under the charge of the American Martyrs Church in Kingsford.

With the advent of the new church liturgy in the mid-1960's, a renovation of the sanctuary again took place. Father Wisneseke removed the old altar and altar railing and installed a table and a new altar also using the former tabernacle. Father

Hughes removed the canopies and the large cross and in its place a large drapery was hung with a smaller cross above the altar. The statues of St. Mary, St. Ann and St. Joseph, which had stood since the church was built, were removed and replaced with a single one of St. Mary.

The church presently is quite active with the Christmas program of 1975 being on television. The "Passion of Christ the Savior" was presented by the young people this April with four performances filled to capacity.

In May of 1975, a surprise recognition was given to Mrs. Walter Alquist who had been so active as a church member for over 50 years and as the church organist for the past 48 years.

On August 4, 1970, St. Mary's of Norway was given charge of the Quinnesec parish. The present pastors are Father Elmer Bares and his assistant Father Peter Carli, who reside in Norway, Michigan.

The following pastors have served St. Mary's Catholic congregation:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Pastor</u>	<u>Charge</u>
1877-78	Rev. Martin Fox	Missionary
1878	Rev. H.J. Rousseau	Quinnesec
1878-81	Rev. H.J. Rousseau	Quinnesec
1881-82	Rev. Luke Mosina	Norway
1882	Rev. Mathias Orth	Norway
1882	Rev. John Kenny	Quinnesec
1883	Rev. John Brown	Quinnesec
1883-84	Rev. Melchior Faust	Quinnesec
1884-86	Rev. Melchior Faust	Iron Mtn.
1886-87	Rev. A.F. Schuttelhoffer	Iron Mtn.
1887-88	Rev. J.H. Reynaert	Iron Mtn.
1888-90	Rev. A.J. Keul	Iron Mtn.
1890-93	Rev. Honoratus Bourion	Iron Mtn.
1893	Rev. F.X. Becker	Iron Mtn.
1893	Rev. John Cebul	Iron Mtn.
1893	Rev. Joseph Kunes	Iron Mtn.
1893-97	Rev. Anthony Hodnik	Iron Mtn.
1897-98	Rev. Adam Doser	Iron Mtn.
1898-01	Rev. N.H. Nosbisch	Iron Mtn.
1901-04	Rev. John Kraker	Iron Mtn.

ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH, QUINNESEC, MICHIGAN

1904-10	Rev. N.H. Nosbisch	Iron Mtn.
1910-19	Rev. James Corcoran	Iron Mtn.
1919-22	Rev. John Mockler	Iron Mtn.
1922-38	Rev. Geo. Stuntebeck	Loretto
1938-43	Rev. Raphael Gherna	Loretto
1943-45	Rev. Lester Bourgeois	Loretto
1945-50	Rev. Edward Lulewicz	Loretto
1950-51	Rev. Frederick Hoffman	Loretto
1951-57	Rev. John McLaughlin	Loretto
1957-59	Rev. Thomas Andary	Loretto
1959-63	Rev. August Franzcek	Loretto
1963-66	Rev. Patrick Wisneske	Loretto
1966-70	Rev. John Hughes	Kingsford
1970-95	Rev. Elmer Bares	Norway
1996-96	Rev. Daniel S. Zaloga	Iron Mtn.

In June of 1995, the Marquette Catholic Diocese closed two churches: St. Edward's Church in Alpha and St. Mary's Church in Quinnesec. At the end of January, 1996, St. Edward's Church of Alpha was sold to the Alpha-Mastodon Senior Citizens Site Council. The last Mass was held in June, 1995 and the church closed. A one-year period was given to decide the fate of St. Mary's.

Because of its rich history, the Most Reverend James H. Garland, Bishop of the Diocese of Marquette, granted permission to petitioners of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Quinnesec to sell their church and grounds to the Menominee Range Historical Foundation for the token payment of one dollar in March, 1996.

The Foundation's long range plan was to renovate the building as a museum representing all mainline religions of the Menominee Iron Range and adjoining regions. However, the museum never materialized.

In October, 1998, the Foundation announced St. Mary's Catholic Church would be sold, and in early 1999 many religious articles from the church were removed to the Menominee Range Historical Museum in Iron Mountain for possible use in a religion display.

St. Mary's Catholic Church was sold to the Christ Temple of the Church, Pentecostal Assemblies of the World, based in Lansing, on February 2, 1999. Items remaining in the church were the old organ and bench, all pews, the candle holder on the wall of the sacristy, the piano in the basement, the cabinet for storing music books which was in the choir loft, and the original cabinet and drawers which were used for the priest's vestments.

The Foundation salvaged and preserved three historic stained glass windows prior to the sale which were later transferred to Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Adoration Association for preservation and installation in their chapel which was established in the convent of the Dominican Sisters located next to the Bishop Baraga School.

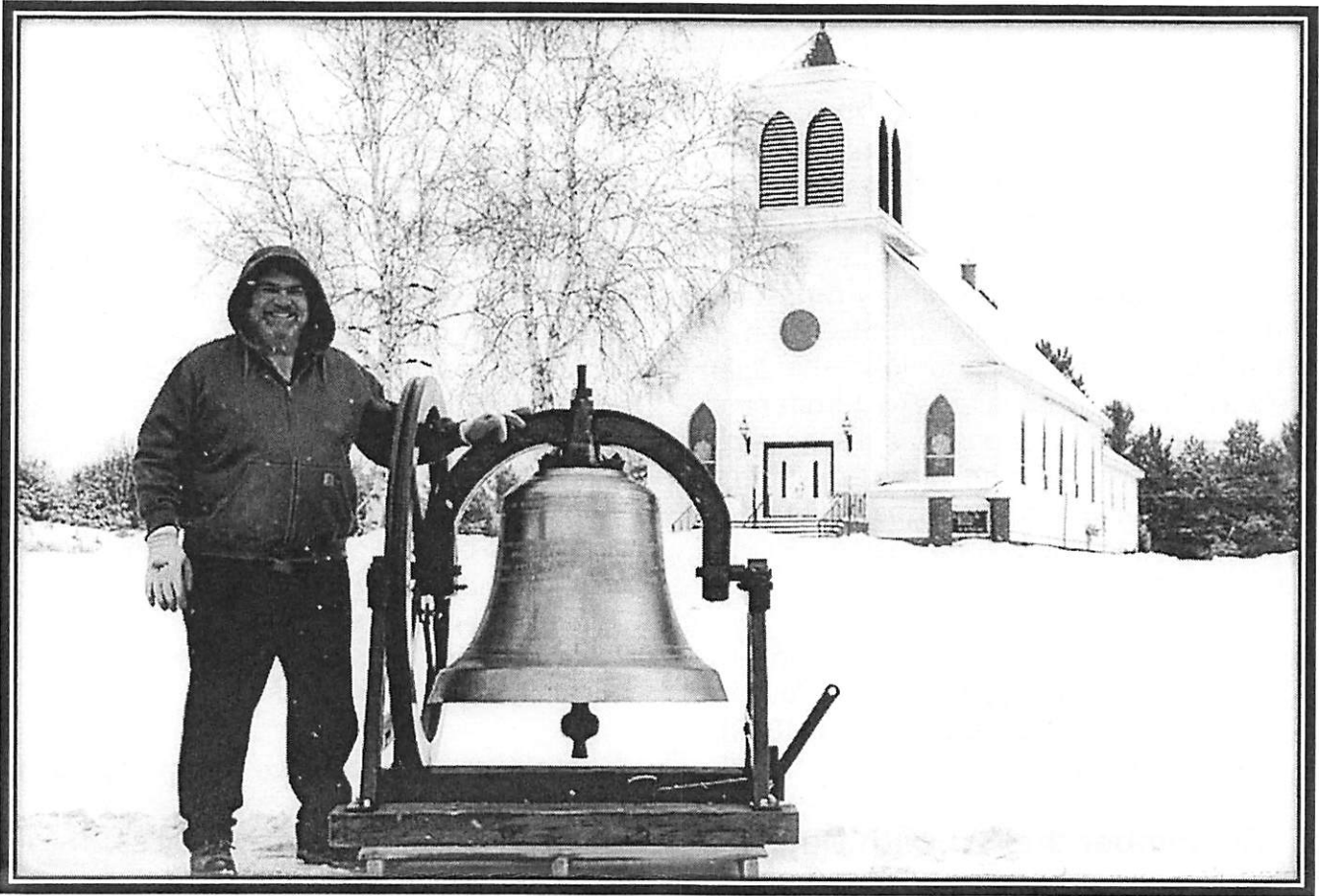
In 2000, the current Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Eucharistic Adoration Chapel was constructed on the corner of "B" Street and Stockbridge Avenue. The Sisters were no longer living in the convent and the building was demolished.

When the Foundation sold St. Mary's Church, the 800-pound bell was removed and kept in storage in the dry building near the Cornish Pumping Engine & Mining Museum for almost 20 years.

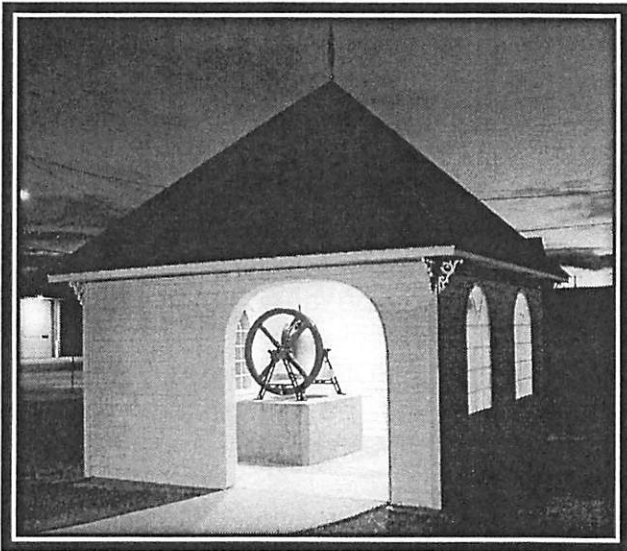
In December, 2015, the Foundation Board unanimously voted to offer the bell to Breitung Township, as there was interest in moving the bell back to Quinnesec and building a small structure on the east side of the Breitung Township Hall for permanent display. From that vantage point, visitors can look east down Menominee Street and see the former St. Mary's Catholic Church, now the Christ Temple Church of the Apostolic Faith, where the bell used to hang.

During the winter of 2015-2016, Guy Forstrom, superintendent of Breitung Township's Department of Public Works, and his crew were able to clean the bell and paint its cast iron frame.

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Guy Forstrom, superintendent of Breitung Township's Department of Public Works, displayed the restored 800-pound bronze St. Mary's Catholic Church bell donated by Isadore Pancheri in 1934 on January 26, 1916.



The 14' x 14' Bell House, funded through private donations and built with in-kind labor by the Breitung Township Public Works Department, stands on the east side of the township hall.

The inscription cast on the bronze bell reads as follows:

Pange Deo lauden, Mariae, tum Sanctis
Isidoro sancto, praecipue ei;
Vivos voca; requiem plange defunctis;
Jubet Isidorus largitor Pancheri.
April 1st, 1934

The translation of the Latin inscription reads:

Sound praise to God, to Mary, to His
Hallowed
To Isidore, His sant especially;
The living call; toll peace to the deceased
Bids Isidore, the donor, Pancheri.

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A Finlander named Mat. Anderson, living at Crystal Falls, attempted to murder his little baby girl last Friday, because she was in distress and cried all the night before. He was thwarted in his murderous design by Mrs. Engstrom, who rushed at him and seized the revolver with which he intended to take the little one's life and attempted to take it from him. In the struggle the weapon was discharged, the ball passing through Mrs. Engstrom's right hand. Anderson then escaped, and at last reports had not been arrested. Killing is too good for the brute.

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Remember the Sabbath Day.

Bordeau's merry-go-round, when filled with a lot of screaming boys and girls, with Bordeau himself at the crank, grinding out the distressing sounds produced by his ancient hand organ, are a good deal of a nuisance on a bright sunny Sunday, particularly as the outfit is located almost at the door of the **St. Joseph Catholic church**. Consequently, Mr. Bordeau has been very properly notified by the city authorities that he will have to suspend the operations of his popular amusement on the day when others more devout desire to worship undisturbed in the Lord's house.

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He Returns Thanks.

John H. Blossingham, who was tried for murder at the last term of the circuit court at Crystal Falls, and acquitted, publishes a card of thanks in the **Diamond Drill** to his attorneys – **Messrs. Flanningan, Power and Flewelling**, for their able defense of his case, to the officials and citizens of Iron County, and especially to the ladies for their kindness. THE RANGE has heard it remarked that **Dick Flanningan's** plea before the jury was one of the most powerful and eloquent ever delivered by any attorney practicing before **Junge [sic – Judge] Grant**, and no doubt Blossingham owes his liberty in a large measure to Dick's faithful representation of his side of the case.

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The New Paper Pulp Mill.

Quite an important industry is about to be established at **Quinnesec Falls**, that will be contributory [sic – contributory] to this city. It is the **new paper mill** that is being built at that point, and will be **in operation about the first of July**. The mill will contain three grinders of the most improved make, which are double the capacity of the older patterns. The number of men employed will not be large, but in the event of a mill being constructed to make the finished product instead of the pulp merely, the number will be necessarily largely increased. Its greatest importance, however, lies in the fact of its being the **pioneer in this industry in this section of the country**, and its success will undoubtedly attract other like establishments. The **Menominee river**, all along its course, furnishes an immense

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water power, capable of running almost any amount of machinery, and the time will come some day when it will be put to use.

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BASE-BALL is not only rightly enjoyable, but in moderation contributes to bodily health. Yet there is **danger in the game for those players who overexert themselves**, as many very often do. Almost every school boy after the age of ten years is reached "belongs to a club;" and when school is not in session, he takes part in contests, in which ambition and excitement lead him to go beyond his strength. The **strain is felt most on the heart**, and not infrequently the injury is permanent, for in but comparatively few cases is the trouble recognized and the proper measures applied before it is too late to effect a perfect cure. Parents should remember this fact and put a wholesome restraint upon those children who need it.

Tennis is a game which is well suited for both sexes, and is **comparatively safe from doing harm**. Still players can over exert themselves and bring on excessive action of the heart as in base-ball. **Croquet** is a **very gentle game**, and as has been said, is quite innocent of bringing on heart disease, unless in the sentimental sense. – [Menominee] Herald.

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[NOTE: *Pike is an early name for Amberg, Wisconsin.*]

Pike.

The thriving village of **Pike**, a few miles south on the **M. & N. road**, is thus described by the **Marinette Eagle** of last Saturday:

A hasty visit to the village of **Pike** this week disclosed the fact that that hamlet is growing rapidly and that new buildings are going up in all directions. The way station in the woods which was a mere "jumping off" place a few years ago, is rapidly becoming a thriving village.

In winter **Pike** is a kind of headquarters for the basis of lumbermen's supplies which have to be sent from there to the north and south branches of the **Pike river**. But the principal industry which gives **Pike** its vitality is the **granite quarrying**. For miles around the country is full of granite which crops out in many places. The best outcroppings fell several years ago, into the hands of **Cameron, Amberg & Co.**, of Chicago, who have developed them and organized a stock company under the name of the **American Granite Company**. The company is now operating these quarries – the **Aberdeen**, situated a third of a mile south of the village on the **M. & N. railroad track**, and the **Argyle** and **Martindale** nearly two miles in the opposite direction. In and about these quarries and the large stone cutting house of the company are employed at present about 225 men, which force will be maintained through the summer season and probably increased. The building in which the cutting and finishing of the granite takes place is situated near the depot and is one of the largest of the kind in the world, being 400 feet long by 100, and through part of the length, 150 feet wide. Through the middle runs an elevated double track 50 feet wide on which runs a machine back and forth and from side to side, capable of handling

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–Burr Catlin was here yesterday, accompanied by the **Gen. Mgr. of the Telephone Construction Co.**, looking over the field to **determine whether or not an exchange will be put in.** Eighteen contracts for telephones have been signed and sent in, but whether or not that number will be sufficient to insure an exchange remains to be seen. At the price per year charged and the probability of additional subscribers, we can see no argument against it.

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Quinnesec.

A few minutes sojourn in this pretty town, Tuesday, disclosed the fact that it is more lively this year than for some time. The prospect of the opening up of a good deposit of ore has made the old-timers feel good and they have gone into a systematic course of repairs of buildings, streets and sidewalks.

John St. Denis has moved into the building adjoining his former place of business, which he recently purchased and fitted up in a very neat and attractive manner for his grocery business. Later, he will renovate the upper story and rent it for office rooms etc.

Miss **Jennie McKenna**, who was so severely injured three weeks ago by a runaway horse, is convalescent and on the road to speedy recovery, and her many friends are pleased thereat.

John L. Buell offers his Quinnesec hotel property for sale and some one is going to acquire for a reasonable price, one of the most valuable hotel stands on the range.

Quinnesec has one of the most complete public libraries in the upper peninsula.

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Board of Education.

The board of education met Tuesday evening, and organized, by the election of **R.C. Flannigan** as president and **R.C. Browning** as secretary. The president presented a number of suggestions and recommendations which had been made by **Prof. Tobey**, principal of the high school, and on being severally considered by the board some of them were adopted and others passed by for future consideration. It was decided to appoint a local board of examiners, and also that the teachers who are now teaching under county certificates will not be required to be reexamined while the present certificates hold good. It was decided to employ nine teachers. **James O'Callaghan** then nominated **Prof. S.B. Tobey** as Supt. of Schools for the next school year and the vote was unanimous. **Per Larsson** then nominated **Miss Moon** of Iron Mountain as principal of the high school and considerable discussion followed, the chairman asserted that he understood from **Miss Keating** that she was a candidate for the position and that if there was no question as to her competency that **Miss Keating** was in his judgment entitled by reason of long service to the preference. **Prof. Tobey** then arose and assured the chairman and the board, that **Miss Keating** felt herself more competent to fill the position of assistant principal and would prefer that

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to the principalship. On this assurance Miss Moon was voted for and elected at a salary of \$700 per year. Miss Keating was then elected assistant principal at \$600 per year. Six other teachers were then voted for and declared elected to positions in the different departments. Prof. Tobey's salary was fixed for the coming year at \$1,300. The salary of the secretary of the board was fixed at \$50.00 per year, the secretary was instructed to correspond with the State Normal school with a view to securing a teacher for the first primary grade, and then the question of the proposed new school house was reached. On the proposition of Mr. Larsson, it was decided to adjourn until Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock, it being probable that **architect Clancey** to whom the old building committee delegated the drawing of plans for a school house, would be in the city and would be in readiness to answer questions as to **probable cost of the buildings for which he is now drawing plans**. A committee was then appointed to check up with the treasurer of the old boards, and the meeting adjourned.

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PERSONAL POINTERS.

Tony King [,]who has been for some years **employed in the hardware store of W.M. Ramsdell**, left Thursday, for Chicago, where he will enter the service of the great hardware house of **Hibbard, Spencer, Bartlett & Co.** Tony has many well-wishes [*sic*] here and there is no doubt as to his future success.

Jos. Storm, [*sic*] is clerking at **The Leader**. He is holding down **Rich. Waters'**

position for a time while Dick is doing the same for Joe at **Crystal Falls**.

Peter Lacroix was in the city Monday night, **closing up the preliminary arrangements for the building of his new hotel**.

William Hudson went to Williamsburg, N.Y., Sunday, called thither by the illness of his father.

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CURRENT NOTES.

–**Anton Odill's tenement house, next to the Oliver building**[,] is being moved from the rear to the front of the lot.

–**Morgan**, of **Calumet**, carried off **first prize in the Cornish wrestling at Ishpeming**, Saturday. He weighed 139 pounds.

–**The roof of Anton Odill's farm house caught on fire** Saturday night but was extinguished before much damage was done.

–A little daughter of **Ferd. Nowack**, fell down the basement stairs at **Patenaude's** last night, and it is said that one of her arms is broken.

–**Henry**, son of **Anton Odill**, on Saturday evening, fell down the street stairway to the cellar in front of the **Odill building**, and luckily was but little injured.

–**Thomas Goldsworthy**, who has been on a two-month's visit to England, the land of his birth, returned, yesterday, after having spent a very pleasant time.

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–Paul Gates, of Waucedah[,] has opened up a shoeshop on Cyclops Ave. Paul is known to all the boys as the builder of first-class footwear, and will doubtless have lots of work.

–Joseph Rowe has this week filled in the street in front of his **new saloon and residence on Cyclops avenue**. It is a great improvement and Joseph has shown his enterprise thereby.

–Frank Jouno[,] of the **M.R.L. Co.'s Menominee River Lumber Company's] farm**, informed us Monday morning that during that day they would commence **shearing sheep**. The flock numbers about 75 sheep and 25 lambs.

–Excavating was commenced late last week for a **store building on Main street, next to the Phelps store**, to be erected by **Jas. H. Gee**. We are informed that the building is to be occupied by Mr. Finnigan of Escanaba, as a **drug store**.

–James Wills, better known as "**Nipper**," was awarded **third prize in the Cornish wrestling contest at Ishpeming** last Saturday. He is training for the wrestling to come off in the above city on the 20th, the time of the celebration of the Red Men of the u.p.

–John Soderlund has at last become **settled in his new place of business on Cyclops avenue**, having received and placed his new furniture, and now has as well fitted up and comfortable a **sample room** as the best of 'em. He uses the second story of the building for a residence.

–The **Erickson saloon** at the foot of Main St., has been fitted up by the agent of Mr, [sic] Erickson, **Peter Mollignoni**, and has been rented to **Frank Forsberg**, who will hereafter keep the place in a firstclass [sic – first-class] manner. The sample room has a new hardwood floor, new paper and paint, and everyting is as bright as a new dollar. Call and see Frank.

–The attention of the health officer should be called to the manner of **handling dressed meats at the railway station here**. From time to time meat which should be properly covered and shipped in a refrigerator car is received in an ordinary box car with no covering on it and accompanied by a host of flies and a smell of decomposition which is sickening. The meat is dumped on the platform, dragged into the warehouse and then allowed to lie until the owner or owners call for it. Nearly every day a consignment of calves are received by express and oft times the only designation which can be applied to their condition is, that, they smell rotten. This meat is taken to our shops and sold, and we do not wish to particularize, but would advise all the dealers to refuse to accept the dirty stuff and insist that shippers shall ship fresh meats properly covered, and that public carriers should handle the consignments properly. This is not a stab at anybody's business, but a just and necessary objection by a number of our citizens to the manner of doing things in the past. There will be a "tab" kept on future receipts at this station and if there is no change we shall have reason to do some more effective kicking. Give us fresh meat or give us none.

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Broke Jail.

The daughter of Abel London of the **Pine Creek settlement** was awakened Tuesday night about midnight by **someone holding something saturated with chloroform, to her nose**. She called her father who occupied an adjoining bedroom,

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but the intruder ran through the house, down into the cellar and escaped through the outside door of the cellar. A man named **And. Becraft** had been chopping wood for Mr. London, and Miss London claimed that the man in her room was Becraft. Wednesday, Mr. London came to town, got out a warrant, and Becraft was found locked into a room at **Peter Young's hotel**. He was placed in the city lock-up to await the coming of **Pros. Atty. Trudell**. Thursday night another man was placed in the lock-up for some trivial offense, and Friday morning both men were found wanting. **The mode of escape was by taking off one leg of the stove and using it as a wrench with which to unscrew the nuts on the inside of the door.** The bolts were then forced out and the straps allowed to drop, thus leaving the door free to open.

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Ramblings.

Capt. James Rowe, late of the **Monitor mine**, is now holding down a position at the **Paint River**. He has just returned from a visit to Illinois, has **purchased three city lots at Crystal Falls** and will erect a residence.

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School Meeting.

The **Board of Education** met in the council chamber, Tuesday evening, June 2, the following members answering at roll

call: **R.C. Flannigan**, chairman; **Per Larsson**, **Gustaf Hellberg**, **Dan A. Stewart**, **James O'Callaghan**, **Andrew Reinwand** and **R.C. Browning**.

Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

R.C. Browning, chairman of committee on treasurer's accounts, reported \$5,400 in school fund. The board fixed bond of treasurer at \$30,000.

A communication was read from Miss Keating to the effect that she had applied for the position of principal and asking that the action of the board at its last session whereby it gave her a subordinate position be reconsidered.

A motion to lay the communication on the table was lost, after which further consideration of the communication was deferred until the next meeting. Other business of a secondary nature was disposed of and the school house question was reached.

The necessity for a new school building costing twenty thousand dollars was discussed at length and with considerable warmth. The promoters of the enterprise stating the reasons in its favor to be the lack of sufficient seating capacity for the primary grade[,] poor ventilation in the old building[,] leaking of its roof in several places. The opposition admitted the insufficiency of seating room to relieve which they **proposed to erect a building on the Ingallsdorf site** at a cost not to exceed \$5000, but objected to taxing the people beyond that sum until it was ascertained whether the ventilation of the present building could be made sufficient and the roof repaired and the building in other respects be made comfortable and sufficient. The advocates of the measure admitted that no attempt was made to ascertain whether the present building could or could not be put in repair.

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movement to build a new and shorter route to the paper mills, but without success.

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A new telephone line will girdle Menominee county, wires radiating from Stephenson to Wallace, Ingalls, Daggett, Talbot, Bagley, Carney and Nadeau. Iron Mountain should have telephone connection with those villages. It would increase the trade of our merchants very materially.

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TWO MORE TEACHERS.

An Increased School Attendance Necessitates Their Engagement.

With a total enrollment in the public schools of 1,800, with a promise of a still further increase after the holidays, the problem of securing accommodations for them all is causing the board of education much worry and unexpected expense. When the two-room addition to the **Chapin school** was built it was thought that ample accommodations had been secured, but the influx has been so great that another building is a necessity and will have to [be] erected next summer. In the meantime the board of education has decided to utilize the office, library and one of the basement play-rooms in the **Hulst building** for school purposes. The library and play-room will be seated for class purposes and the office will be used as a recitation room, and the work of equipping them is now in progress. It is

expected that the first room will be in readiness for the reception of pupils next Monday. Miss **Daisy Hammond** has been engaged to take charge of it, having resigned her position at Waupaca. Miss Hammond is a teacher of known merit and the board was fortunate in securing her services. The second room will not be ready for occupancy, probably, until after the holiday vacation. Miss **Florence Webb**, of Iowa, will have charge of it. She comes highly recommended and is at present teaching in Southern Michigan. The engagement of Miss Hammond and Miss Webb gives Supt. Paton a corps of thirty-five assistants.

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OPTION EXTENDED.

Kimberly, Clark & Co. Still Dickering for the Lower Falls.

Kimberly, Clark & Co., the extensive manufacturers of paper, have not yet closed the deal for the water power on the Michigan side of the **Lower Quinnesec Falls**, but it is considered certain that they will do so before the close of the present month. Their first option on the property expired some time ago, but from a Marinette gentleman it is learned that the firm has secured a fifteen days' extension. It is understood that the delay in closing is chargeable to the **Menominee River Boom company**, Kimberly, Clark & Co. considering it highly important that they secure certain concessions in the matter of handling pulp timber put into the river from that corporation before purchasing. It is known that **Messrs. Kimberly and Shattuck** consider the power one of the

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finest in the west, but they are not disposed to sanction the investment of several hundred thousand dollars until they find out "where they are at." As **Mr. Stephenson** and other owners of the power are large stockholders in the Boom company, it is thought that matters will be arranged to the satisfaction of all concerned. We hope so.

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WENDEL IS HELD.

Coroner Jury Verdict in the Lafreniere Murder Case at Ishpeming.

The coroner's jury in the case of **Eva Lafreniere**, whose body was found six weeks ago in the garret of **Mrs. Wendel's** house at **Ishpeming**, has finally returned a verdict. It is to the effect that the child was murdered. The evidence against **Carl Wendel**, who is charged with the crime, during the last few days the jury was in session, is very strong. Some of Wendel's companions testified that the lad confessed to them that he had killed the girl with an axe. Wendel is in the county jail awaiting trial, but he has shown no signs of weakening. He positively refused to talk to anyone about the affair.

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NEARLY ASPHYXIATED.

Whole Family Narrowly Escapes Death at Ellis Junction.

Mrs. George Schlick, proprietress of the **Exchange hotel** at **Ellis Junction** [**Crivitz**]; **Mrs. Andrew Hancock**, of Green Bay, who was visiting her, and **Miss Clara Johnson**, Mrs. Schlick's niece, of Milwaukee, narrowly escaped being asphyxiated last Sunday night. In some way gas escaped from a coal stove and only for the little girl's cries, which awakened the sleepers, they would have been found dead in bed. Mrs. Schlick was only able to crawl to the door and give the alarm. Prompt medical aid saved their lives. All are convalescent and will be able to be out again in a few days.

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J.J. Schroder, the expert electrician from Milwaukee, who has been inspecting the lines and instruments of the **Menominee Range Telephone company**, has returned home.

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D. Wittenberg and wife returned home last Monday from Cedarburg, Wis., where they have [*sic - had*] been attending the wedding of **Miss Johanna Wittenberg** to **L.E. Jochem**. None but relatives were present. After the ceremony the couple left for a trip to Minnesota.

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Miss Ida M. Kaufman, who will be remembered as a teacher in the **Central**

SOCIETY NOTES AND THE EDITOR'S CORNER

Thursday, May 25, 2017

The DCGS met in the local history room of the Dickinson County Library at 1 p.m. with President Bill Cummings presiding.

The minutes of the April 27, 2017 meeting were approved as read by Secretary Kay Carlson.

Treasurer's report of May 25, 2017 as prepared by Miriam Belding listed a beginning balance of \$3,150.41 on April 27, 2017. After deposits and disbursements, the ending balance on May 25, 2017 was \$3,162.41.

Sue Knutson and Pat Bunt are beginning their third year of filing newspaper articles submitted by Karlene Hall. Obituaries filed alphabetically, as well as weddings and military service, span dozens of notebooks in the history room.

Kay Carlson volunteered to work on updating membership data including telephone numbers, addresses, and families being researched.

Mary Ann Koerschner presented a program on nine families who had emigrated from Italy and finally settled in an area near Merrill, Wisconsin, where they established farms. Personal stories relating to clearing land for farming were shared. Other stories illustrated how difficult it was for families to join the person who had first come to the United States.

Kay S. Carlson, Secretary

September 28, 2017

Twenty-four DCGS members and guests met in the Dickinson County Library multi-purpose room in Iron Mountain. President Bill Cummings called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

Treasurer Miriam Belding read the financial statement for May 25, 2017 through September 28. The beginning balance was \$3,162.41 on May 25, 2017. Following deposits and disbursements the balance September 28, 2017 is \$2,552.14 on hand for general purposes.

Following adjournment of the business meeting, Bill Cummings presented a Power Point program titled "Who Do You Think You Are? Presenting Genealogical Research Through Ancestor Charts, Family Biographical Sketches, Photographs, Maps and Historical Background for the Times and Places in Which You Ancestor Lived" which is available on the Dickinson County Library's website (dcl-lib.org)

under the Power Point section of the Local History and Genealogy Tab.

Cummings presented his oldest granddaughter with his grandmother's 1911 graduation watch, as well as two 2 ½" binders filled with family information in the formats mentioned above as a part of her high school graduation gift. The Power Point documents how such information might be compiled for family members.

Kay S. Carlson, Secretary

October 26, 2017

Eighteen members and guests met in the Dickinson County Library multi-purpose room in Iron Mountain. President Bill Cummings called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

Complete minutes of the May 25 and September 28 meetings were read by Secretary Kay Carlson. Cummings read the financial report prepared by Treasurer Miriam Belding. The beginning balance was \$2, 612.14 on September 28, 2017. Following deposits the balance on October 26, 2017 was \$2,636.14. There were no disbursements.

Pat Bunt and Sue Knutson reviewed the progress of filing obituaries, wedding announcements and military service articles in the Local History Room. Articles copied by Karlene Hall, who is active in the Find A Grave project, are stored individually in protective plastic sheets in 3-ring binders.

Cummings gave an extensive report on the Menominee Range Historical Foundation's new archives room and manager's office now located in the "C" Ludington Shaft of the Chapin Mine dry building located near the Cornish Pumping Engine & Mining Museum. Bound volumes of newspapers, files and historic photographs have been moved from the upstairs office area of the Carnegie Building to the archives portion of the dry. The new fireproof archives section offers much needed humidity and temperature control, plus adequate heavy-duty steel shelving allowing easy access to materials.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

Karen Klenke, president of the Niagara Area Historical Society, presented information on the formation and goals of the society and illustrated several activities conducted within the past two years.

Kay S. Carlson, Secretary

DICKINSON COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY 2017

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