

A PICTORIAL HISTORY
OF
THE BOYNE VALLEY AREA



THE HORSE AND BUGGY BRIDGE
OVER THE BOYNE RIVER IN BOYNE FALLS.

Friends, this pictorial history book is presented to you, not to give a detailed history of the Boyne Valley Area, but instead, to refresh old memories and to enlighten present generations to the life and livelihood of our ancestors.

We invite you to join us now, in our journey into the past, to share the happenings and events of the past century. We sincerely hope you enjoy the book as much as we have enjoyed putting it together.

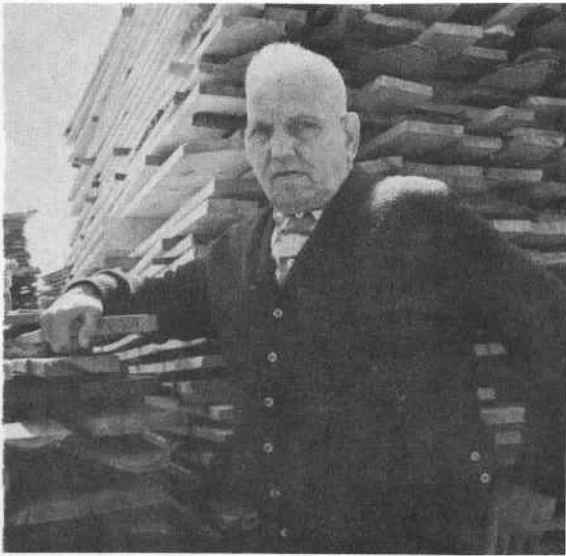
We wish to take this opportunity to thank Mr. Jim Everest and his history class for their articles and pictures, Mr. William Upton for taking pictures of Boyne Falls, and the many people who provided pictures, articles, information, letters and encouragement in the making of this book.

The Centennial Book Committee



Boyne Valley Centennial Queen, Judy Matelski and Court: Debbie Wierzbinski (left), second runner-up, and Mary Jo Kowalski (right), first runner-up.

CENTENNIAL SENIOR CITIZEN



George, pictured just after his 88th birthday. May, 1975.



George Matelski and Gertrude Kozminski on their wedding day, November 7, 1922, with their attendants Ben and Martha Grobaski.

We take this opportunity to honor Mr. George Matelski as our Centennial Senior Citizen. George's parents, Andrew and Lena Matelski were some of the early settlers, arriving in the Boyne Falls area in 1870. George, fondly known as "Grandpa George", was born on May 12, 1887. On November 7, 1922, he married Gertrude Kozminski, and they had five children: Walter, Theresa, Irene, Edward and Louis. They now have 23 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

George began working in the woods at a very early age. He worked for William Pearson and later purchased the mill from him in 1942. His sons and grandsons operate the family business now, while George enjoys attending area auctions.



Son Eddie and grandson Randy making pallets.

VILLAGE HISTORY

Boyne Falls derived its name from the Boyne River with its falls or rapids at the location. The name was given by "Uncle" John Miller, the first settler near the mouth of the stream that empties into the head of Pine Lake. The town of Boyne Valley was organized in 1873, and in the spring of 1874 the Grand Rapids and Indiana Railroad began operation. Boyne Falls was incorporated as a village in 1893. William Nelson was the first postmaster of Boyne Falls.

With the coming of the railroad the village began to grow, which marked the beginning of the logging era. Other industries included a lath mill, a shingle mill and grist mill. The town also boasted three hotels: Galster's, Marsh's, and MaGee's (The Brookdale). In addition, there were a number of general stores operated by L. A. Moon, the Davoll's, Fannings, Jaffee's, and the Grobaski's who also had the hardware store. Other businessmen were Mr. Olsen who had the pharmacy, Mr. Quinn was the barber, Mr. Burke owned the livery stable, Mr. Wakeman ran the telephone office and John Porter was the banker. Of course, we can't forget to mention the village also had at least five saloons.

Among the early settlers was David Thompson from West Virginia, a lumberman who lived in the Deer Lake area. His son, Ethan W. Thompson, was president of Macabee's Life Insurance Company and served in the Spanish-American

War. Ethan was also responsible for beautifying the cemeteries in Boyne Falls.

In 1870 Oscar Marsh came to Boyne Falls as an employee of the G.R. & I. Railroad. He was a telegraph operator whose office was in a box car, as there was no depot. His daughter, Luella (Marsh) Wilson, resided in Boyne Falls summers until her death in 1973.

Enon Wilson came in the 1880's and cleared the land to build a home at 2451 Center Street which still stands today.

John and Sarah Cramer came here in 1885 from Indiana by covered wagon and homesteaded three miles east of town.

Dan Judd, a Boyne Falls postmaster, owned the first automobile in town - a red run-a-bout. (Tin lizzy.)

The John Sudman's arrived in 1870 and settled on the shores of Deer Lake.

L. A. Moon came to Boyne Falls about 1900 and lived in rooms above his general store with his family.

Other settlers were John Paszkiewicz, Marshall MaGee, Emerald MaGee, Frank Szczepaniak, W. J. Mears, Mike Sevenski and Albert Kroll.

As of 1900, the township officers were: William Mears - Supervisor, William R. Vliet - Clerk, C. H. Johnson - Treasurer, James Sudman - Highway Commissioner.

Village officers were: Frank L. Pierce - President, Merritt L. MaGee - Clerk, L. Meaker - Marshall and St.

Commissioner, James Thompson - Treasurer, John Galster - Assessor. Councilmen were: Alfred Sudman, M. W. Soule, O. H. Marsh, William L. Ellison and Patrick Doyle.

The Boyne Falls area and Boyne River have long been noted as a favorite fishing resort. The River is navigable for small boats for several miles and the anglers sat in boats propelled up or guided down the stream by skillful boatmen. Sportsmen come from all over the country to fish and hunt in the Boyne area, and immense quantities of game are taken every year.

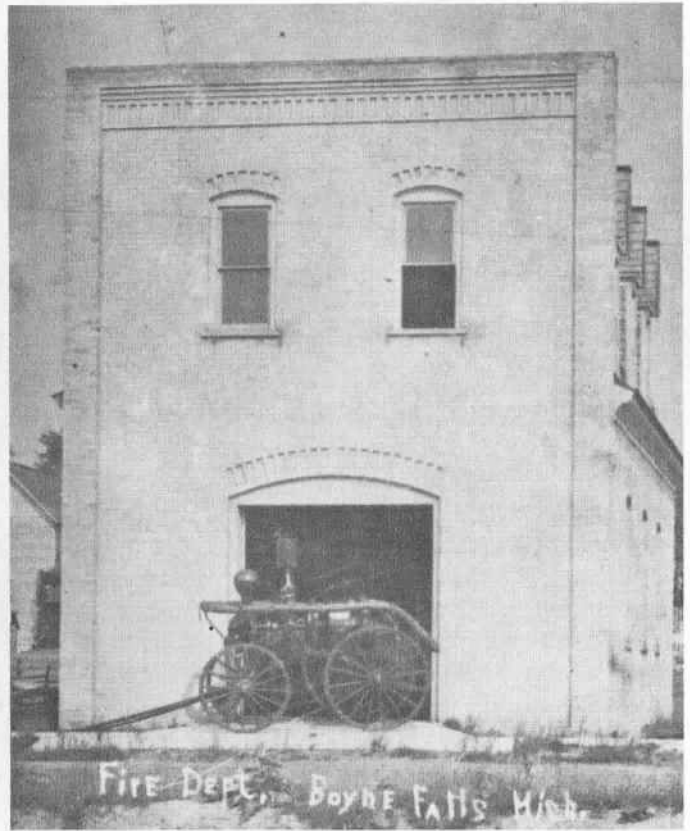




ABOVE: This early town hall was located on the corner of Main Street and Railroad Street.

RIGHT: The fire department was located on Railroad Street next to the town hall. The year: 1905.

BELOW: These handsome gents were members of one of the early volunteer fire departments.



HARD TIMES —AND— CASH PRICES

CORN, per bushel.....	\$	56
No. 2 WHITE OATS		45
FEED.....		1 05
STREET CAR FEED.....		1 20
No. 1 TIMOTHY HAY, (in bales.)		17 00
CLOVER HAY.....		15 00

⚠ The above prices are subject to market fluctuations.

O. H. MARSH,
BOYNE FALLS, - MICH.

RIGHT: Center Street (left to right) Home of Mr. Ed Eddy, Burdo's Store, First Bank, Pearson's Store, Davoll's Grocery, Dr. Howe's office, Ollson's Pharmacy, Moon's General Store and a school.

BELOW: Interior of Ollson's Pharmacy in the early 1900's.



**BOYNE FALLS
NEW CASH STORE.**

**DRY GOODS,
BOOTS & SHOES,
STAPLE AND FANCY GROCERIES.**

DON'T ASK CREDIT.
But I will give you more for your Money than any store in
Northern Michigan.

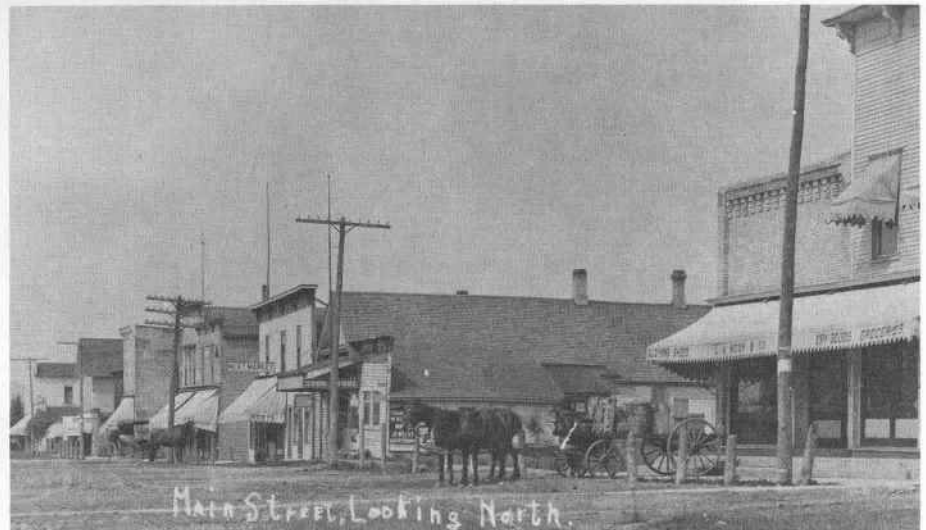
WM. MEARS.



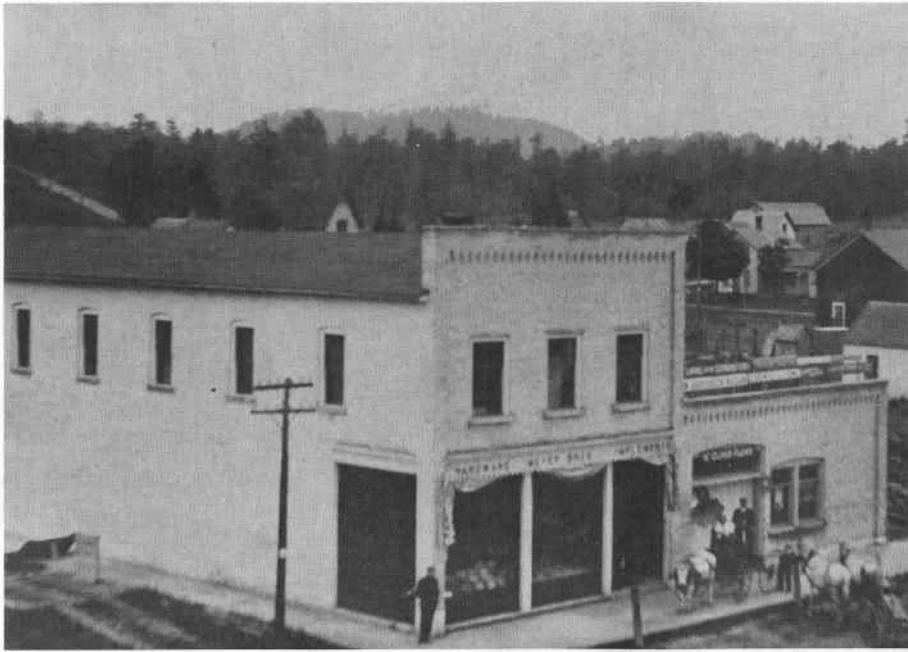
Will buy enough beautiful Wall Paper
ONE DOLLAR: TO COVER
Quite a large Room
Call at the

BOYNE FALLS DRUG STORE

And see about 100 samples.



Sponsored in memory of MR. AND MRS. THOMAS SPARKS



ABOVE: H. C. Meyer owned this general store on the corner of Mill Street and Center Street. The upstairs housed the village funeral parlor.

AGENTS WANTED!!
 IN EVERY COUNTY IN
MICHIGAN.
 FOR THE
Ontario Accident Association
 —OF—
NEW YORK.
Liberal terms.
Money to be made.

For particulars apply to
M. L. MAGEE,
 Gen. Agt. for Michigan,
Boyne Falls. Mich.

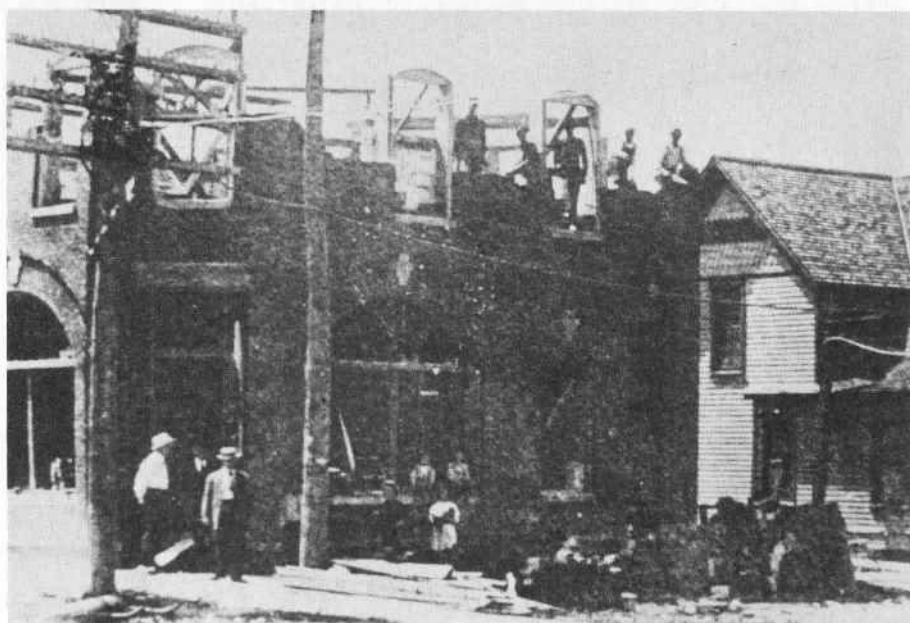
BELOW: The interior of the H. C. Meyer store.



Sponsored in memory of HERMAN C. MEYER



Pictured here are Paul Snyder, owner, Lottie Jarema, clerk, and Pat (Snyder) Carson at the grand opening of Snyder's Store in 1937.



Construction of the bank, located on the corner of Center Street and Main Street, around 1909.

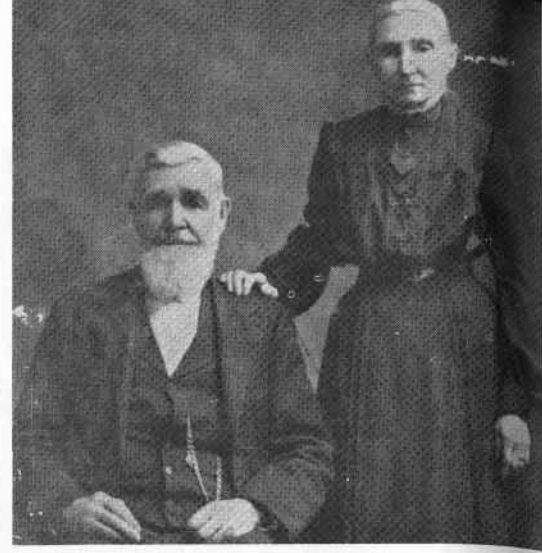


Mr. J. H. Porter and Eleanor in front of the Porter home on the corner of Center Street and Church Street. Mr. Porter was the banker.

Sponsored in memory of PAUL E. SNYDER AND GEORGE AND DAISY SNYDER

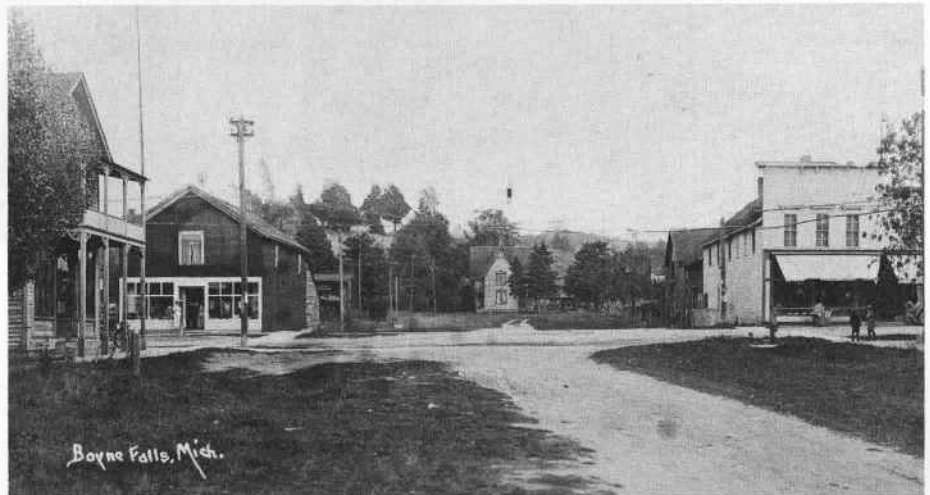


The Galster Hotel, located on Railroad Street, burned on March 16, 1922.



Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Davoll owned a general store on the corner of Center Street and Main Street. It was later owned by Fanning's, then Wojciechowski's.

RIGHT: Main Street looking east shows (left to right) Judd's Store, Cherry's Store, Davoll's store and the Bank.



The Marsh Hotel, on State Street, was owned by Oscar H. Marsh, who came to Boyne Falls in 1870. He was a telegraph operator for the G.R. and I., retiring in 1898 to operate the hotel. It burned around 1923.



ABOVE: The interior of Salisz's Grocery on the corner of State Street and Center Street, shows (left to right) Bill Lake, one of our early settlers, Steve Salisz, owner, and Henry Salisz.

RIGHT: Exterior of store pictured above when owned by Crates'.



LEFT: Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Fike are pictured here on their 63rd Wedding Anniversary with their daughters, Rosa and Christina. Mr. Fike owned and operated a livery stable next to the Marsh Hotel.



Mr. John Hausler, Sr., was a postmaster from 1935-1962. He is pictured here in the post office adjoining Snyder's Store.



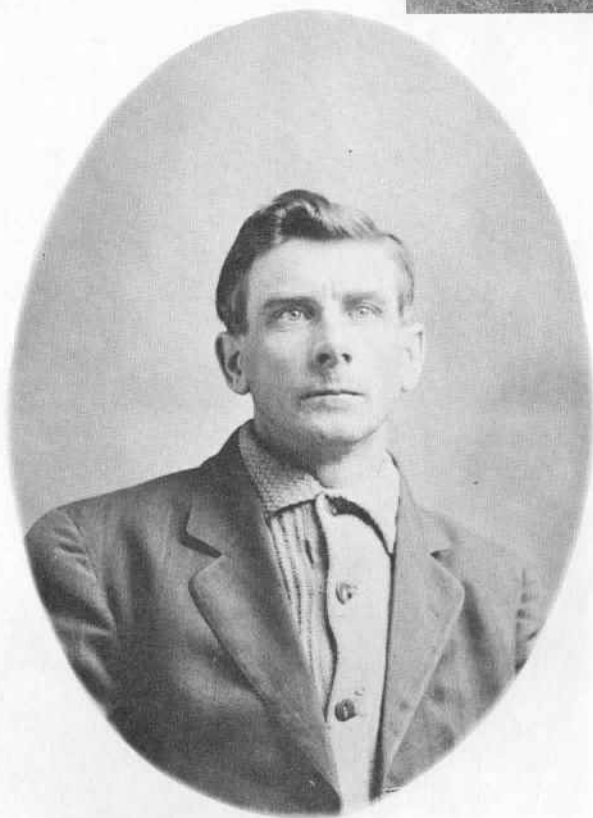
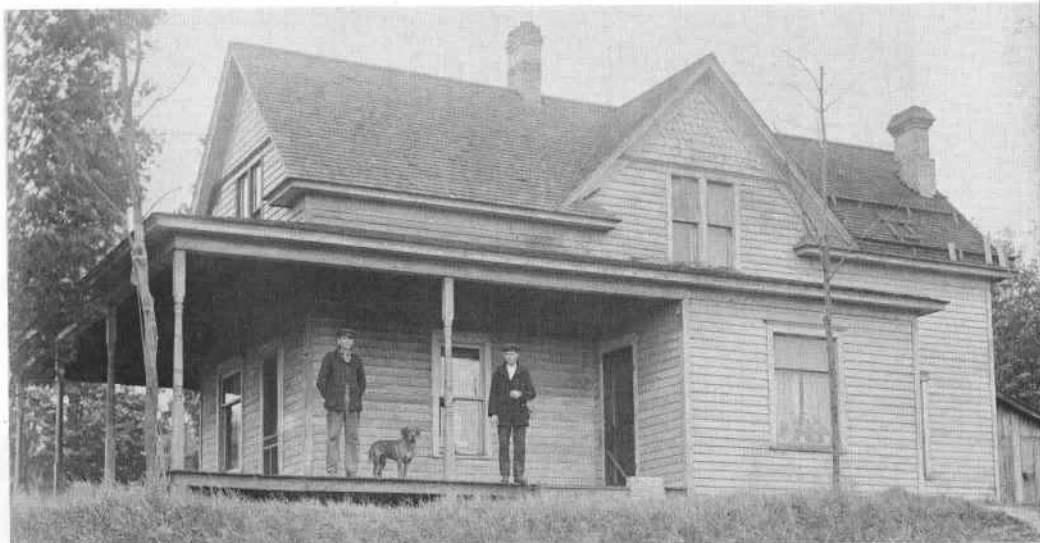
Mrs. William (Effie M.) Fanning was an early postmistress and lifelong resident of Boyne Falls.



Oliver MaGee and son Perry delivering mail in the summer of 1920.

Sponsored in memory of TEKLA AND SIMON COLUMBUS YAREMA

Mr. Otto Hausler was the township and village clerk for many years. Upon his death, his wife Bertha assumed his duties. The family home, located on the corner of Railroad Street and Lynn Street, is pictured on the right. Otto and his son, John, are on the porch.



Mr. Otto Hausler



Mrs. John (Helena Hineman) Hausler and her daughter Lena Reinhardt. Mrs. Hausler came to Boyne Falls in 1879 and was the mother of Otto.

PERFECTION IN BUTTER MAKING.
The O. K. OUTFIT EXCELS THEM ALL,
THE O.K. CREAMERY
 Has the largest cooling surface; takes less cooling material; less labor, and gives Best Results. All cream raised between milkings. Skimming Glass whole depth of can, showing condition of milk without touching Creamery. Send for O. K. Catalogue.
JOHN S. CARTER, Sole Manuf'r, SYRACUSE, N. Y.



BELOW: Dr. and Mrs. Guy Conkle and son Guy, Jr. Dr. Conkle came to Boyne Falls around 1904 and set up a practice in the office pictured on the left.

SICK HEADACHE

CARTER'S
LITTLE
LIVER
PILLS.

Positively cured by these Little Pills. They also relieve Distress from Dyspepsia, Indigestion and Too Hearty Eating. A perfect remedy for Dizziness, Nausea, Drowsiness, Bad Taste in the Mouth, Coated Tongue, Pain in the Side. TORPID LIVER. They regulate the Bowels. Purely Vegetable.
Price 25 Cents.

CARTER MEDICINE CO., NEW YORK.

Small Pill. Small Dose. Small Price.



LEFT: Sam and Lorie Carson and son Harvey were early settlers. Harvey, totally blind by the age of 20, owned and operated a garage on Center Street for many years.

Sponsored in memory of VIOLET AND HARVEY CARSON



Henry and Christina Moyer



William and Emma Giem and Sons



Mr. and Mrs. Dave Moyer and children Gert, Clarence, May, Harold and Ida-Bell.



Kit and Kate



Andrew and Lena Matelski and sons George, Tom and Andrew, Jr., are pictured here in 1906. The Matelski's came to Boyne Falls in the late 1800's.

Sponsored by NORTHWESTERN STATE BANK - BOYNE FALLS



TOP: Tom and Jennie Matelski.

CENTER: The Matelski family home, west of town on M-75, was previously owned by Senator William J. Pearson.

BOTTOM: (Left to right) Steve Kondrat, Jennie Matelski, Tom Matelski, and Grace Matelski. Front: Grace McCray and Tom Bowes.



William Pearson was an early resident of Boyne Falls and spent most of his life farming, lumbering and dealing in potatoes. He served four years as sheriff and four years as Register of Deeds of Charlevoix County, and also served two terms in the House and two in the State Senate.



Sponsored in memory of TOM AND JENNIE MATELSKI



George Hetrick



Jake Baker



Andrew and Frances Prawdzik with son Leo, and Frank Jaglowski.



LEFT: Mr. and Mrs. Frank L. Pierce came to Boyne Falls in 1895. Mr. Pierce was village president for 25 years.



Anastasia Konopaski



Metro Skop and Joseph Aldachim



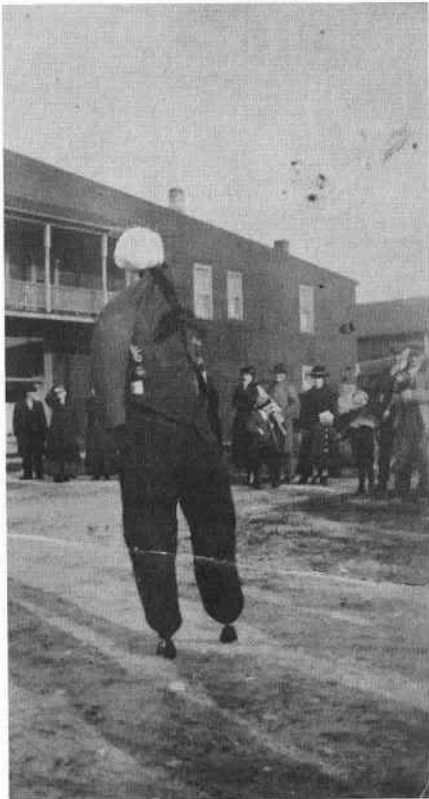
Andrew Klekotka



Mary Klekotka and grandchildren

Sponsored in memory of JOSEPH AND ANNA* ALDACHIM

NOVEMBER 11, 1918 PEACE: THE WAR IS OVER!



Boyne Falls celebrated the end of the war by hanging the Kaiser in effigy in front of Jaffey's Store on Center Street. Roy Hubbard (as Uncle Sam) and Mrs. Ollson led the funeral procession down Center Street.

\$1.00

FOR THE

DETROIT TRIBUNE

AND THE

Boyne Falls News
ONE YEAR.

DON'T MISS THIS

SPLENDID OFFER.





LEFT: An early Boyne Falls Band.





ABOVE: The Boyne Falls Band in East Jordan on September 23, 1908. Members included: Joe, Melvin and Marshall Stephenson, Melcolm (Pope) Eddy, Bill Cody, Joe Cooper, John Houston, Bill Kindy and Dan Grobaski.



LEFT: Willard Warden arrived in the area in 1872. He was a well-known musician and violin maker.

Sponsored by SENATOR AND MRS. JOSEPH STASZAK



Mr. and Mrs. John Baker and children: Lil, Louisa, Gar, Polly, Kan, Margaret, Lorie and John, pictured in the late 1800's.



Lucina Nowland Groff



Matthew and Sarah Hardy



Alfred, Perry and Rachel Sudman.



Mr. and Mrs. Mike Kondrat



St. Augustine Church Picnic: Mr. and Mrs. Frank Romanik, Louie and Alex Jarema, Mrs. Mike Kondrat, John Baczkowski, John Skop, and Stanley Romanik.



Mr. and Mrs. Wasyl Tymoc and Mr. and Mrs. Mike Kondrat



LEFT TO RIGHT: Walter Kondrat, Father Kupinski and Walter Konopotski.



ABOVE : Andrew Prawdzik, Stanley Romanik, Alex Jarema, Father Narlock, John Skop, Leon Florenski holding Leon Jr., and Mrs. Mike Kondrat with baby.

Fashions of the Day



Sylvia Sudman



Polly Thompson



GUSTAFF SOMMER,
MERCHANT TAILOR
Boyne Falls, - Michigan.

Sponsored in memory of MR. AND MRS. CASIMIR CZERKIS



Roland and Lena Sudman





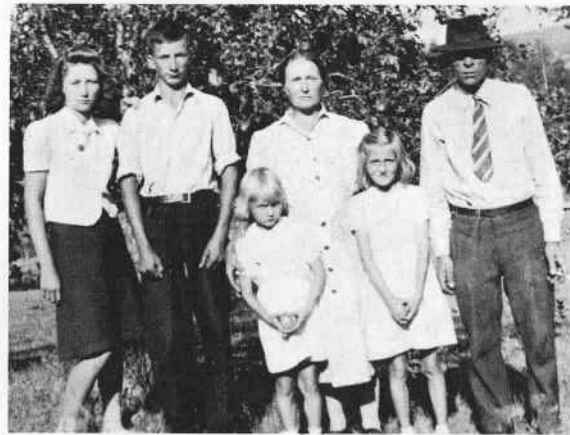
The building of the Grange Hall on Thumb Lake Road, east of Boyne Falls.



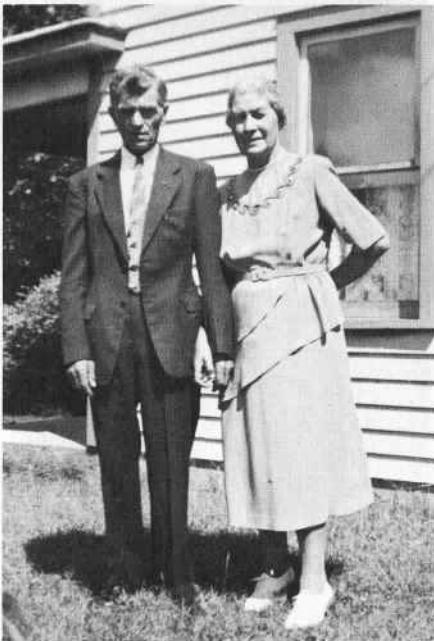
The children of Emerald MaGee: Blanche, Josie, Louis, Emma, Charlie, Earl and Minnie.



Alfred and Eva Gillespie



The Theodore Romanik Family



Mr. and Mrs. Peter Szepelak

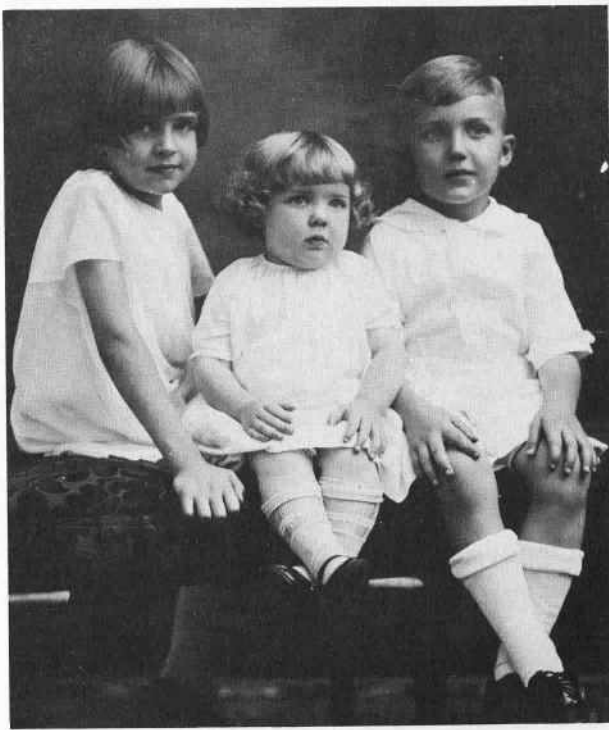


Frank and Stella (Burdo) Polus on their wedding. September 3, 1903.

Sponsored in memory of ALDRED GILLESPIE, SR., ALFRED GILLESPIE, JR., AND SHIRLEY GILLESPIE BLACK.



The Stewart family, Herman and Elizabeth Kunert, Charles and Sena Thompson



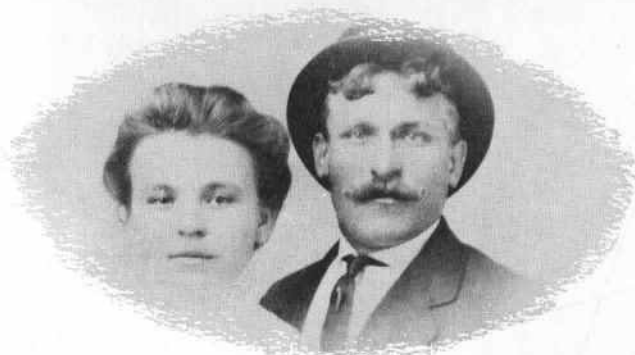
LEFT TO RIGHT: Lucille, Bernadette and Sylvester Wojciechowski in 1927.



Mr. and Mrs. Dymitro Dobiniak



Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Wojciechowski - 55th Wedding Anniversary - August 25, 1974.



Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Salisz at the time of their marriage in 1913.

Sponsored in memory of MIKE AND DOUGLAS JENKINS



Mr. and Mrs. Steve Kondrat Wedding - 1921.



LEFT: Filling net with trout to be placed in the pond.

RIGHT: The capture! The fish weighed 1 to 2 pounds.

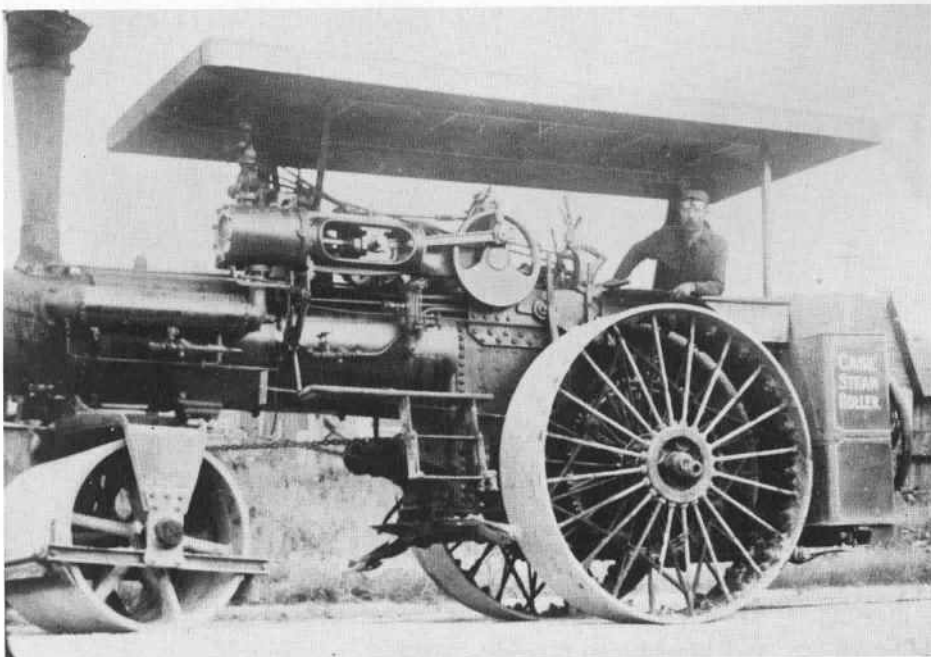
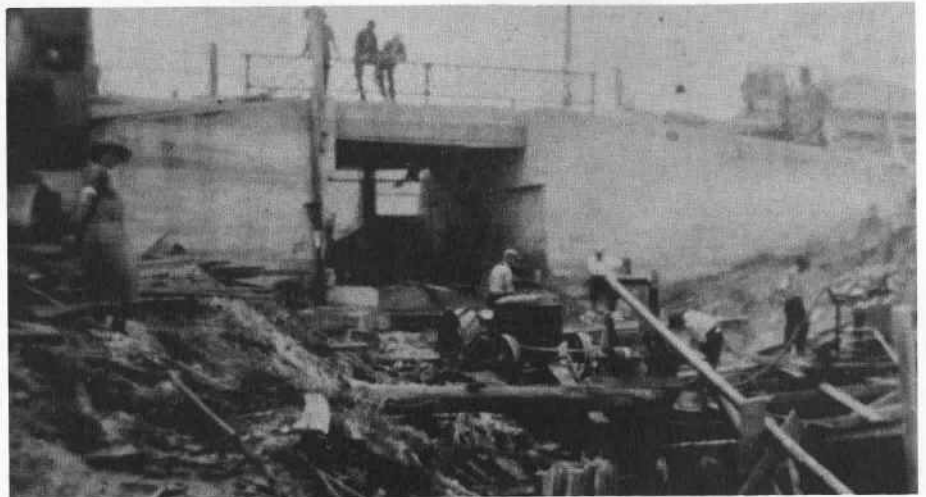


LEFT: Netting trout to be placed above the dam for spawning.



LEFT: Construction of an early bridge over M-75. Some of the workers were: Mr. Meeker, Mr. Dixon, Mr. Nelson, John Baker, Mr. Knudson, Leo Grobaski, Jake Fike, George Smith, Rupert Porter, Mr. Moyer, Albert Worthing and Harry Walker.

RIGHT: Construction of a later bridge over M-75.



LEFT: This Case Steam Roller was used to make the road between Boyne Falls and Boyne City.

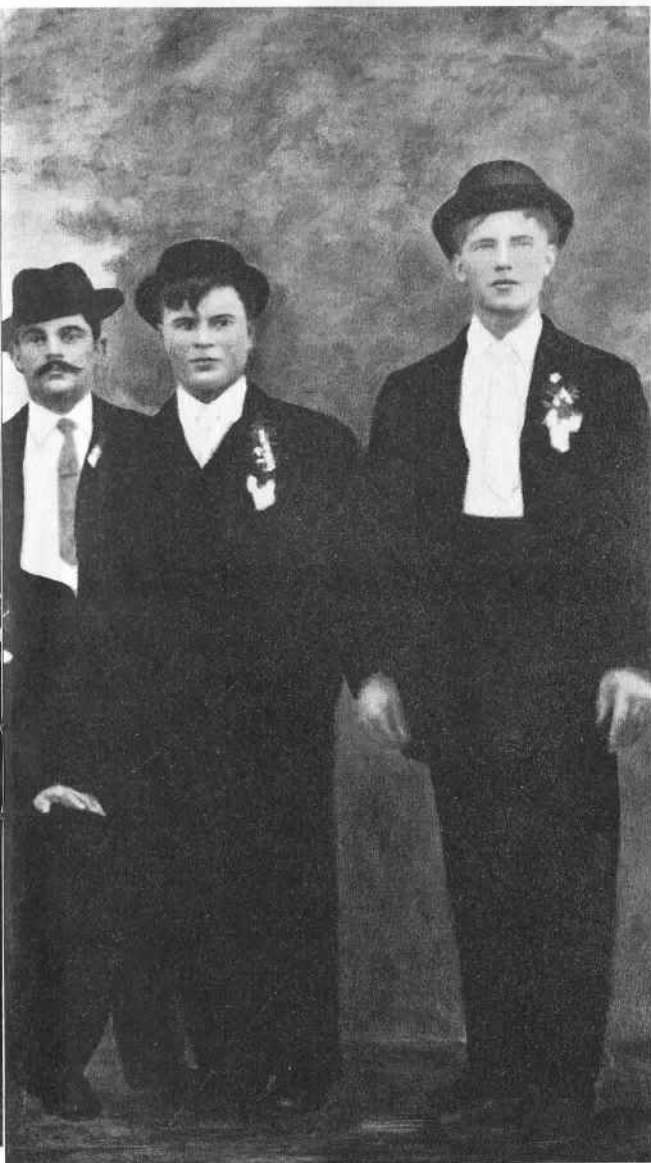


Friends and neighbors gather for the wedding of Victoria Jarema and Wasyl Kosc - May 4, 1925.



Wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Czerkis - 1909

Sponsored in memory of IDA BELLE (MOYER) COLE



Mr. and Mrs. Frank Szczepaniak and family.

LOGGING AND RAILROADS

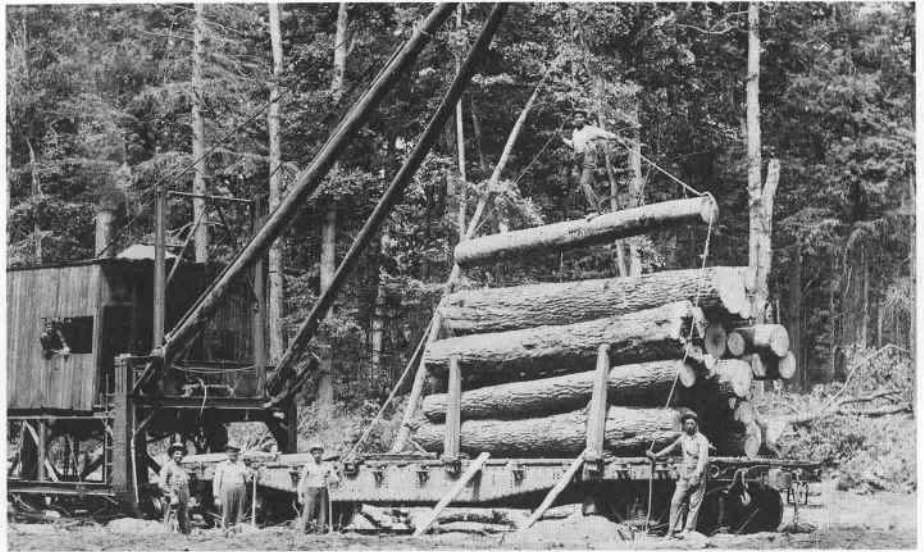
The coming of the railroad and the logging industry started the growth of the Boyne Falls area.

The Grand Rapids and Indiana Railroad was constructed and began operation in the spring of 1874. A round house for engine turn-around was located north of Boyne Falls on the corner of Thumb Lake Road and U.S. 131. Mr. Ed (Pope) Eddy was the section boss of the men who worked on the railroad and repairing the railroad gave work to several men in the village.

The railroad brought many people to the area, but was used mainly for transporting logs. Several lumber camps came into existence with Cobb and Mitchell being the main company. Cobb and Mitchell's main office building and machine shop was located next to the round house.

The life of the lumberjacks was long and hard. Huge trees were cut by hand, loaded on the big wheels and pulled by horses to the railroad tracks in the camp. The logs were loaded on railroad cars by means of steam-powered loaders and taken by rail to Boyne City where they were cut into lumber and loaded on the White Lumber Company ships.

In the winter time of the early 1900's, lumberjacks can be remembered coming to town on Saturday nights in hugh sleighs. Many of them would go to local restaurants for hot oyster stew, and a second helping would be needed before the return trip. Sunday afternoons in the summer were spent playing baseball in Springvale. Andrew Knudsen was a fireman and engineer on the run from Boyne Falls to Springvale and transported the men to the ball games on flat cars.

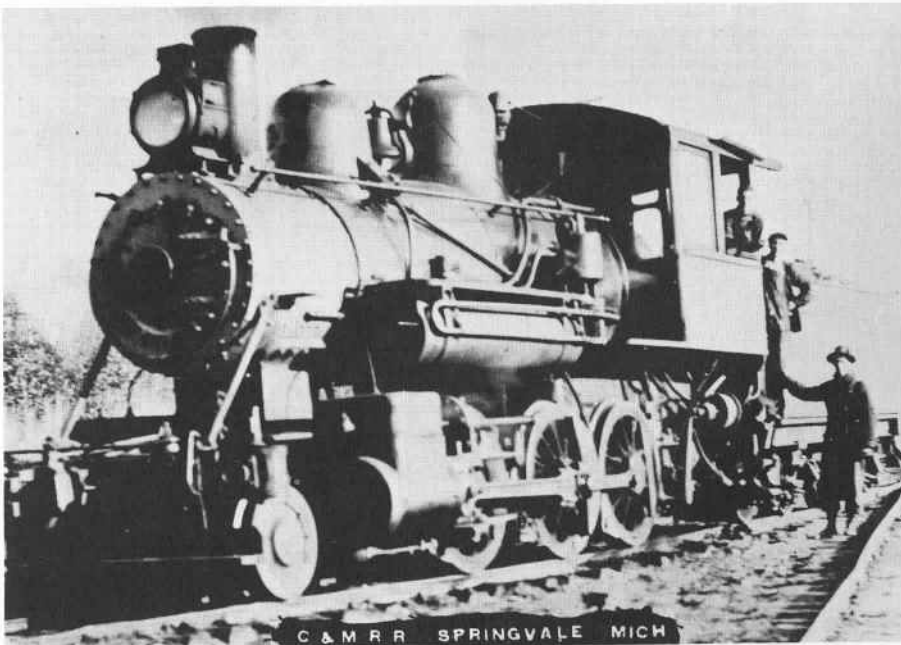


1908 - Alexander and Gus Organek





This winter scene of the Cobb and Mitchell Camp demonstrates the loading of logs for transporting to mills by railroad.



C & M RR locomotive, used in transporting lumber. Pictured in the center is Wasyl Skop.



Wasyl Kozlowski was a lumberjack, barn builder and a jack-of-all-trades.

Sponsored in memory of THEODORE ROMANIK AND EDWARD ROMANIK



ABOVE: Typical camp dining room. Superintendent: Joe Locke; Cook: Mr. Robinson; 2nd Cook: Louie Harmon.



LEFT: Loggers sit down to dinner after a long hard day in the woods.



LEFT: Big Wheels!

WOOD

Delivered on Short Notice.

DRAYING

Done at all hours and on Shortest Notice, by

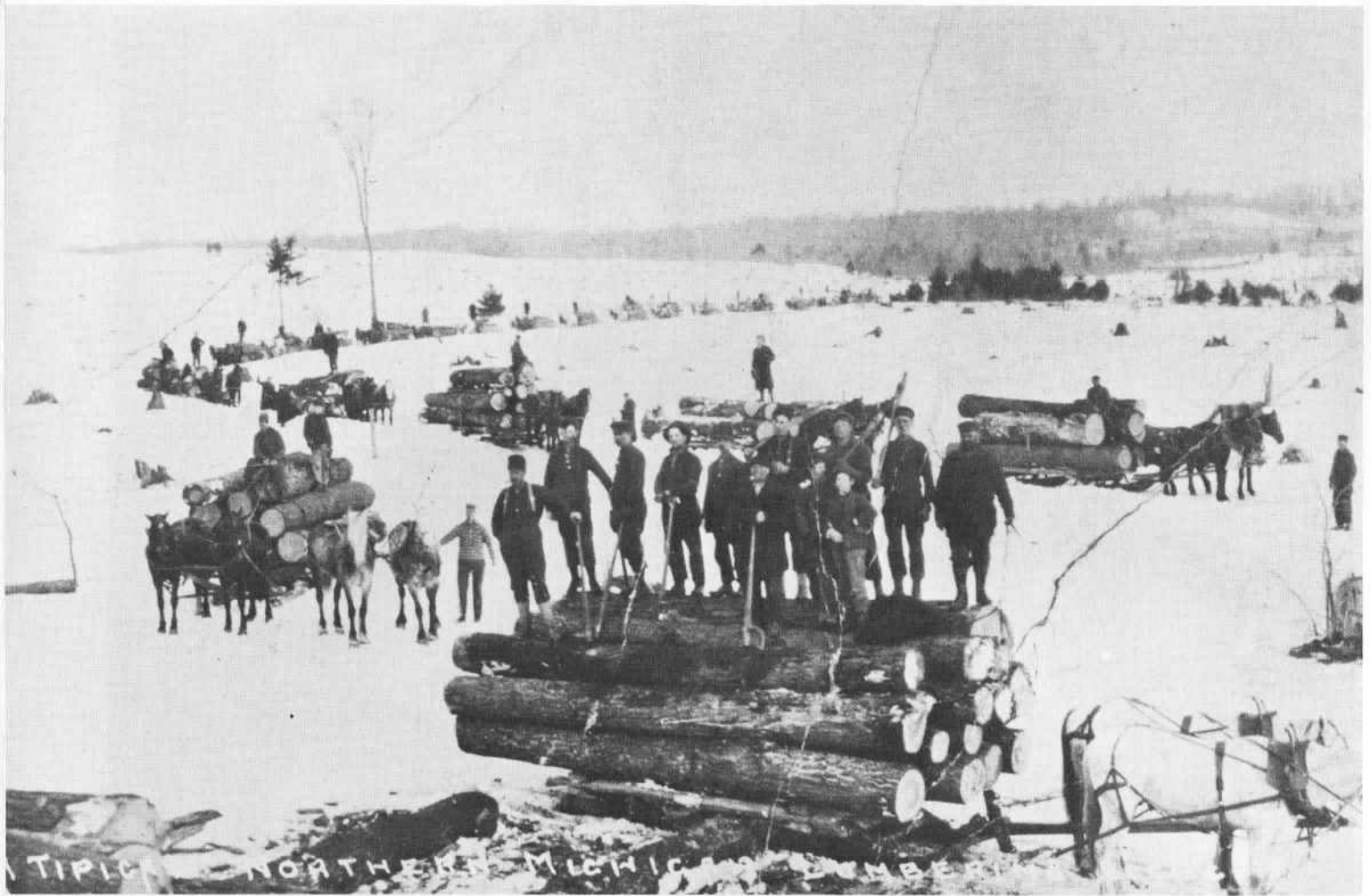
A. A. NOWLAND,
BOYNE FALLS, MICH.



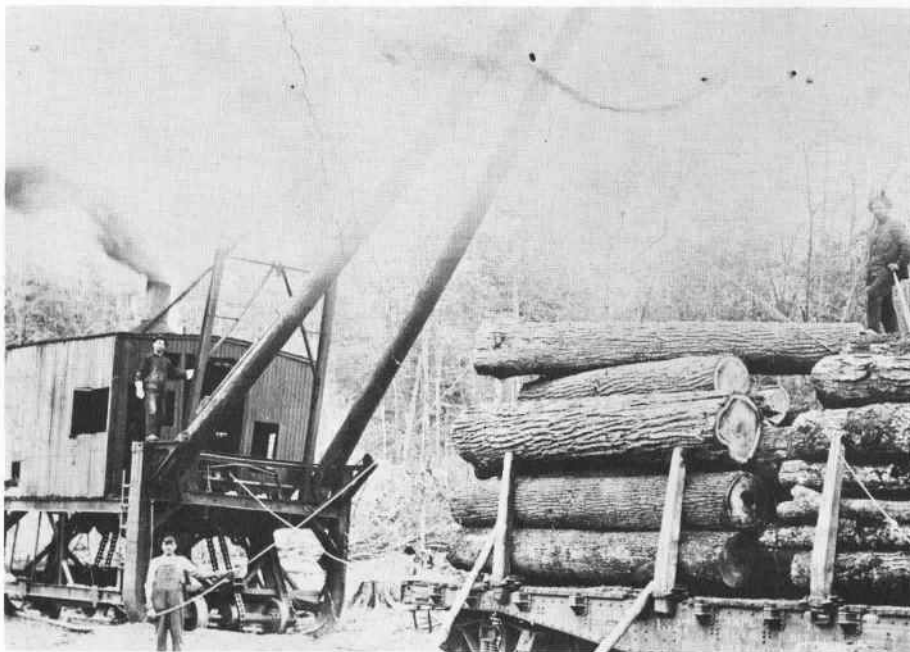
ABOVE: Wasyl and Matwej Skop by Deer Lake in 1912.



LEFT: Logging in December, 1913.



In the winter, horses pulling sleighs were used to transport the logs to railroad cars.



Logs were loaded on railroad cars by means of a steam loader.



**WHAT'S THE
MATTER?
FARM
COVERED
WITH STUMPS.**

THE OLD WAY



THE NEW WAY



HAWKEYE GRUB & STUMP MACHINE
 Works on either Standing Timber or Stumps. Pulls an ordinary Grub in one and a half minutes. Makes a clean sweep of 1/2 to 3/4 acres at a sitting. A man, a boy and a horse can operate it. No heavy chains or rods to handle. The crop on a few acres the first year will pay for the Machine. You can not longer afford to pay taxes on unproductive timber land. Clear it, raise a bountiful crop with less labor and recuperate your old worn out land by pasturing. It will only cost you a postal card to send for an illustrated Catalogue, giving terms and testimonials. Address the Manufacturers, **JAMES MILNE & SON, SCOTCH GROVE, ILL.**

Sponsored in memory of **DYMETRO AND MARYA DOBINIAK**

34

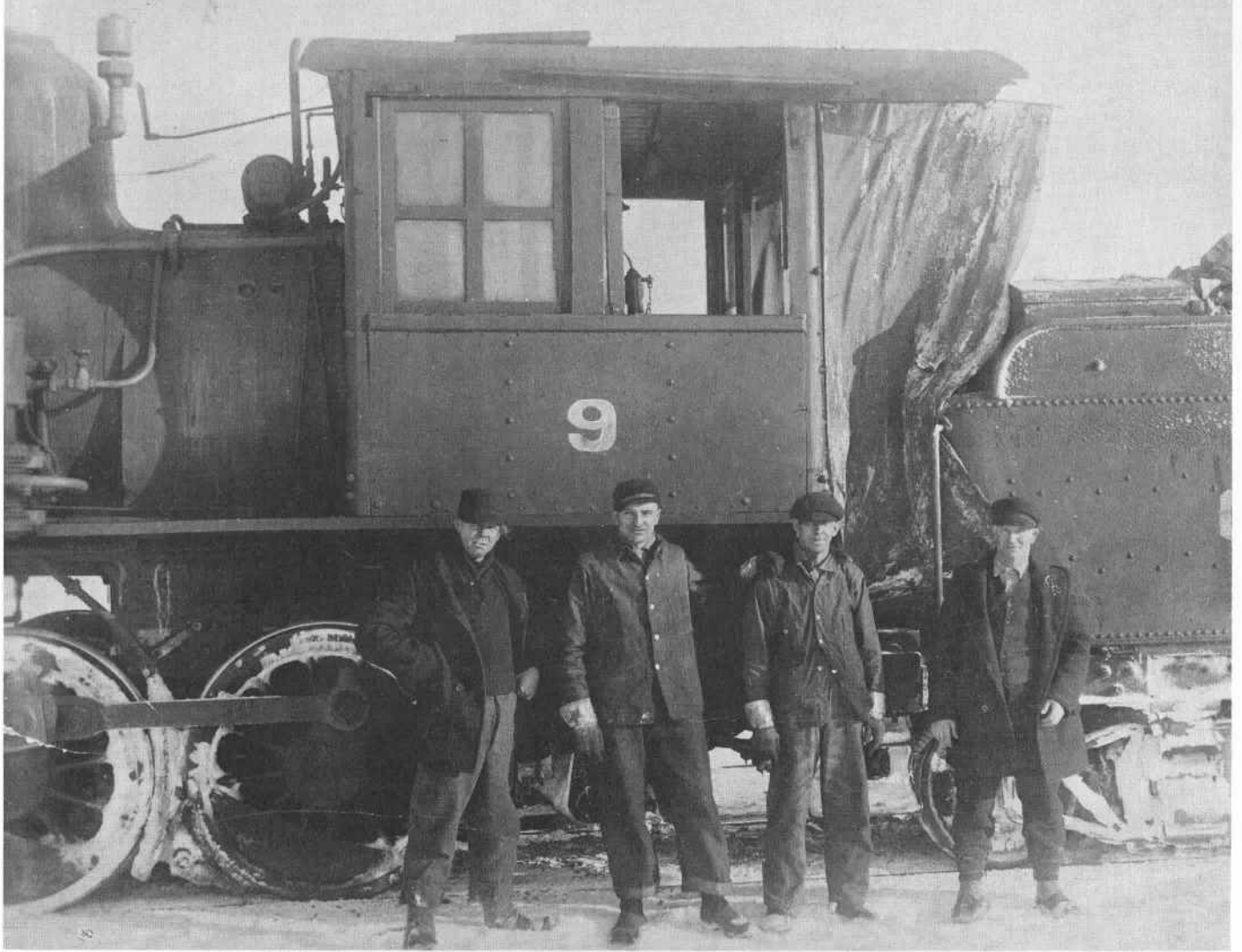
Camp Ten was located east of Boyne Falls. February 10, 1906.



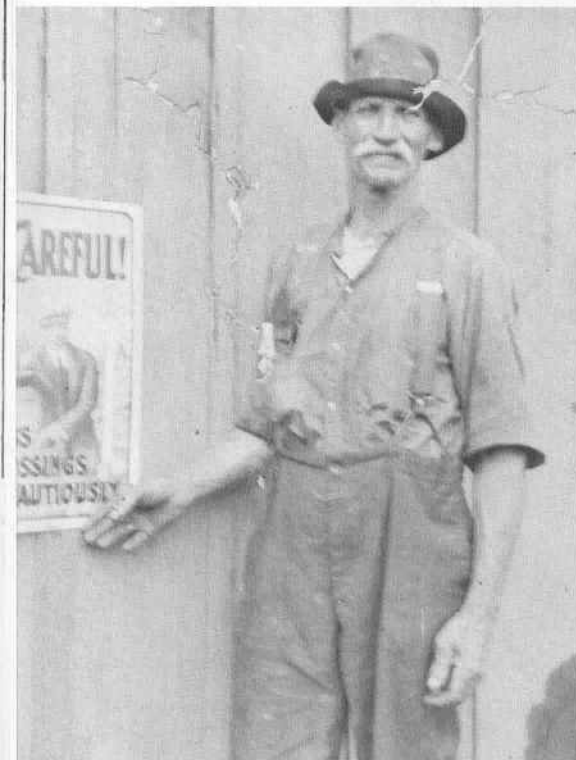
Wood Chopping Contest

Logger, Steve Kondrat in 1913.



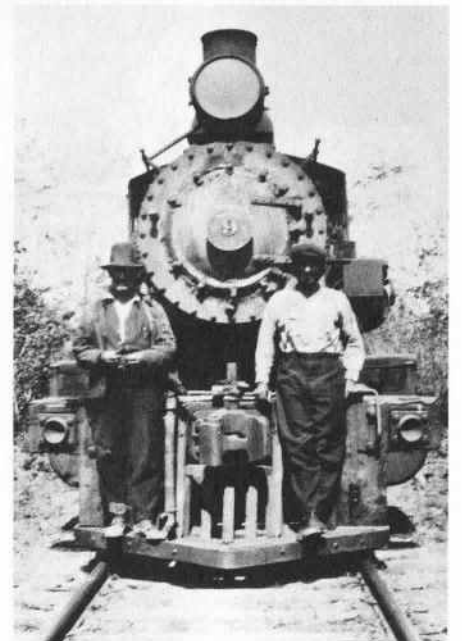


LEFT TO RIGHT: George White, engineer, Wasyl Skop, John Houston and Charlie Tison in Boyne Falls.



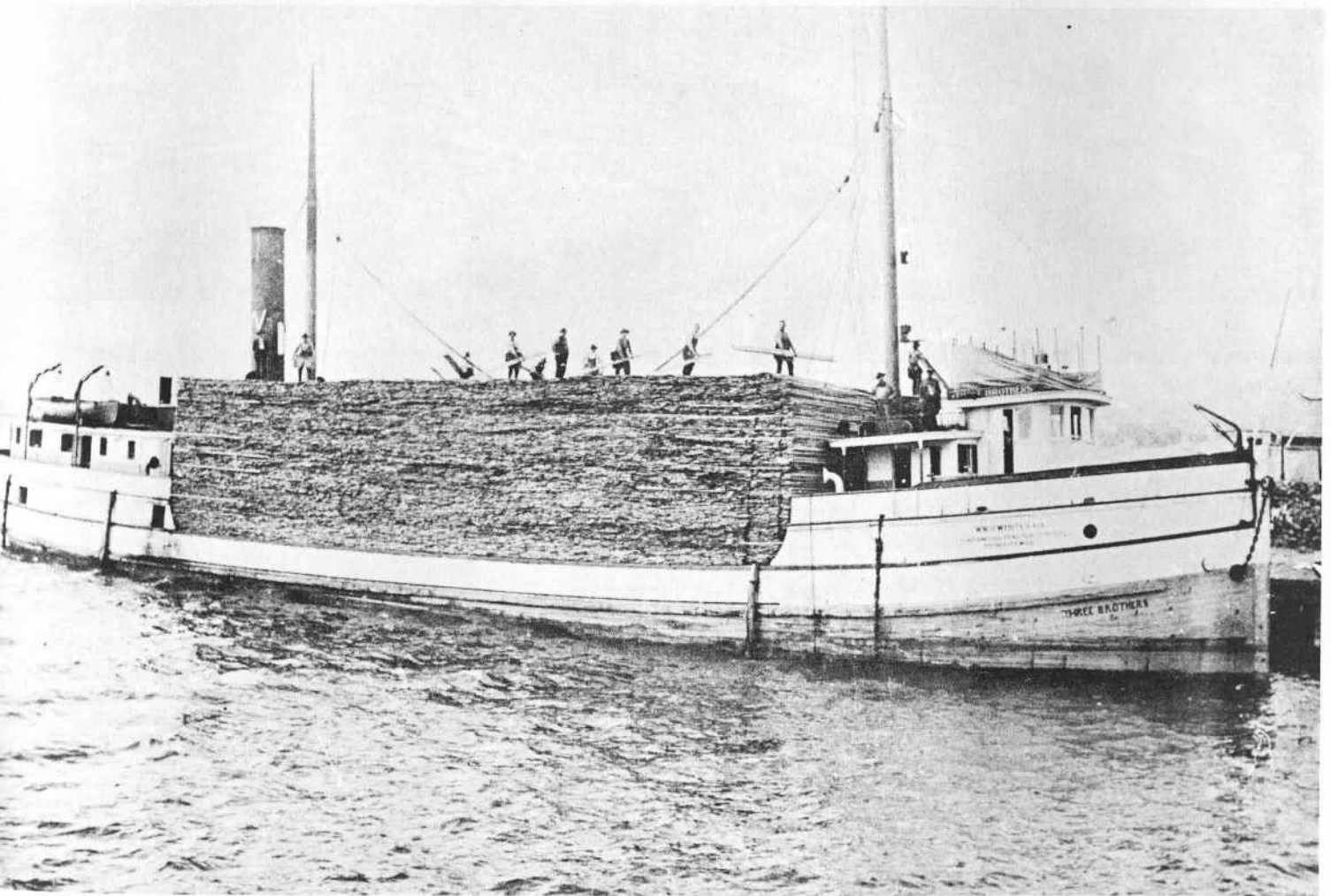
LEFT: Edmund Eddy was the section boss of the men who worked on the railroad. He lived where the present day post office is located.

RIGHT: Standing in front of Engine #9 in Boyne Falls is Charlie Tison and George White.



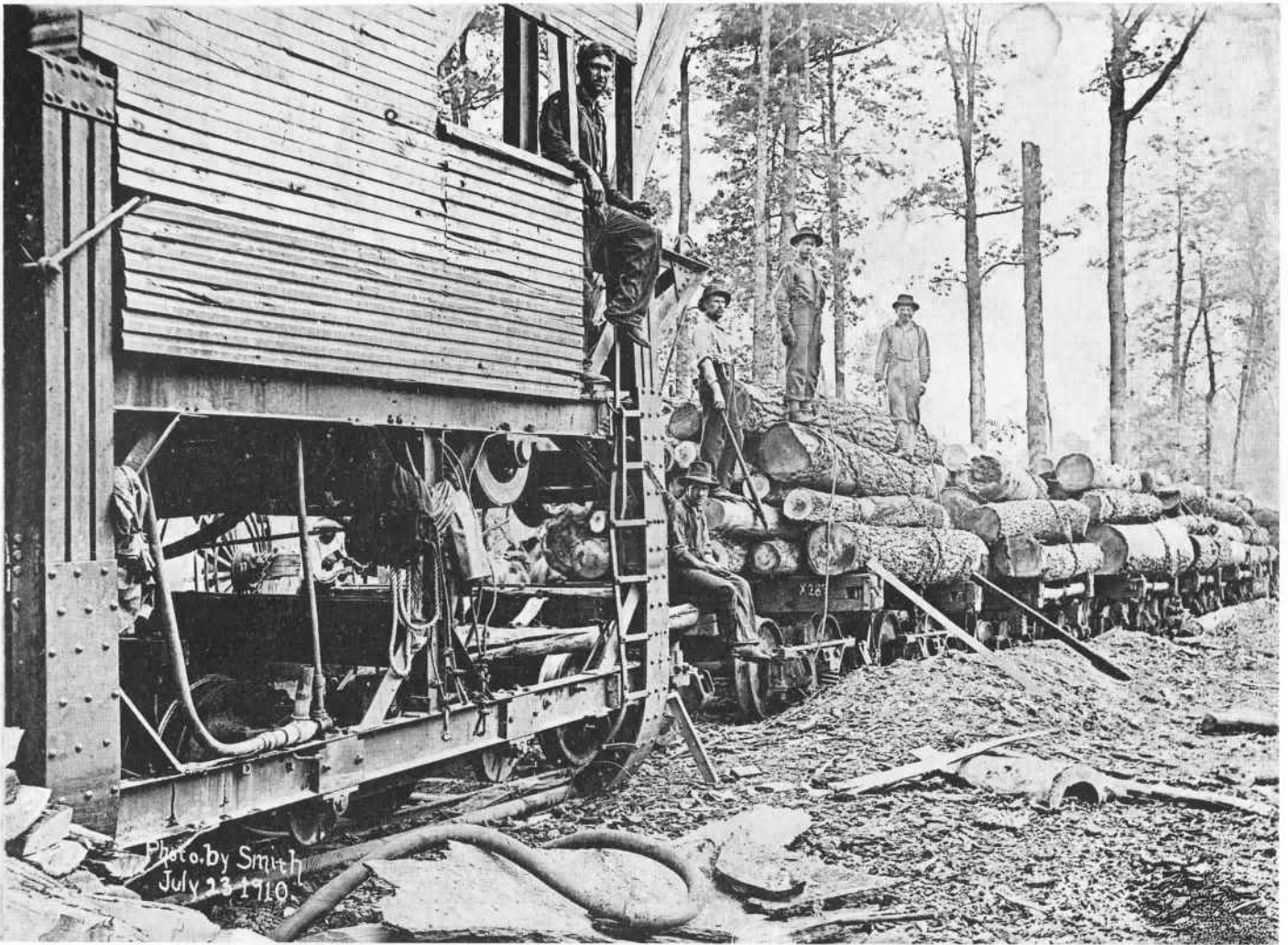


LEFT: Loggers of all ages pause from loading logs on railroad cars to have their picture taken.



Lumber from the camps in Boyne Falls was transported by railroad to the White Lumber Mill in Boyne City where it was cut, loaded and shipped.

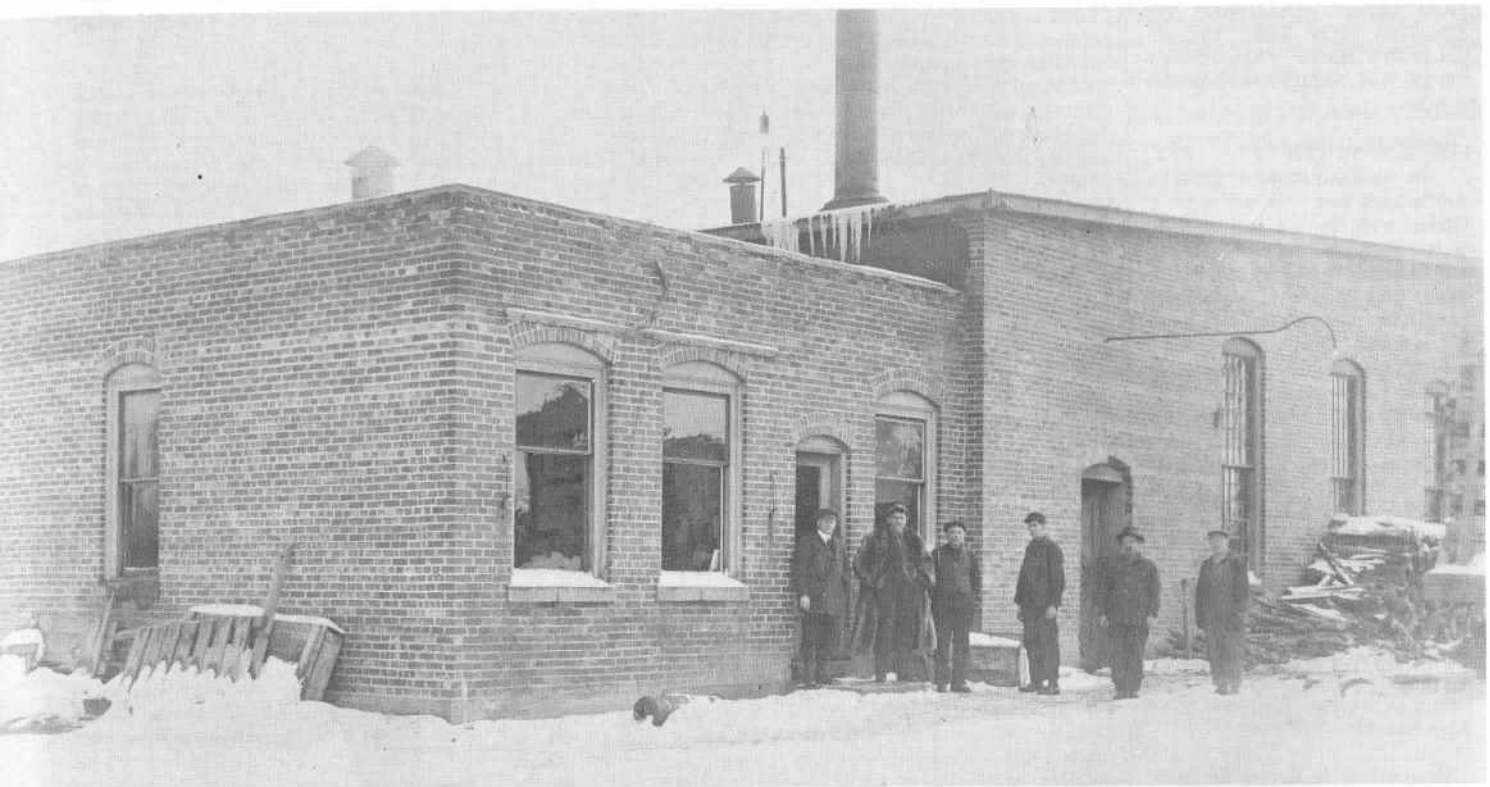
Sponsored in memory of MR. STEVE JAREMA



Logs were loaded on railroad cars by steam loaders. Pictured sitting in cab is Ed Simons and standing in center is Tony Wojciechowski (age 17). July 23, 1910.



This record load of 7672 feet came out of Camp 4.



This is the main office and machine shop of the Cobb & Mitchell Lumber Company. It was located on the corner of U.S. 131 and Thumb Lake Road.



Citizens survey the wreckage of a train south of Boyne Falls. The grist mill can be seen in the background.

Sponsored in memory of MR. FRANK ROMANIK **

BITS AND PIECES

MOST OF THE FOLLOWING ARE EXCERPTS FROM THE "ARENA", AN EARLY BOYNE FALLS NEWS-PAPER, PUBLISHED BY H. H. EATON & SON.

FEBRUARY 15, 1900

The other day in the drugstore a middle-aged man was trying to fit himself with his first pair of spectacles. Many pair had been tried on and he began to fear he couldn't be fitted, when a pair of bows were handed him without glasses in them. He adjusted them carefully and remarked at once that they were just what he had been looking for, took out his purse and offered to pay for them, when the news was gently broken to him that there were no lenses in them. It took him several minutes to comprehend that his eyes were better than all the glasses yet, and he bought the cigars.

APRIL 5, 1900

The Cramer school, two miles east of Boyne Falls commenced Monday with Miss Mary Rogers of East Jordan as teacher. The term is for three months.

Our school is having its usual spring vacation during the season of mud and water that makes it difficult for the scholars to attend. It will only be for one week, however.

A car on the Thumb Lake branch of the B.C. & S.E. Railroad got loose at Wigle's camp, five miles east of this place, and after running the five miles, was derailed by the interlochen at Cobbs and Mitchells crossing, tearing up both tracks and scattering the logs.

APRIL 12, 1900

Shaffer and York have received a handsome new refrigerator for their market.

Pat Doyle has commenced an addition to his livery barn which will give him a place to store his buggies.

The Board of Supervisors met at Charlevoix Tuesday. The object was to familiarize them with the new tax law and to have something like uniform action.

Everybody and his brother should hear the great impersonator at the Town Hall Saturday evening.

Remember the school library entertainment Saturday evening at the Town Hall. Mr. Conary, as a member of the regular lecture course, gets fifty dollars a night and ought to be worth hearing. Everybody turn out.

The Boyne Falls & Northeastern Railroad received last Friday a handsome new accommodation car, quite equal in appointment to those of the G.R. & I. Their track up to the depot here will be laid in presently, enabling them to run into town.

MAY 17, 1900

Boyne Falls needs a bank. The volume of business transacted here is more than sufficient for the healthy maintenance of a thrifty bank. Parties have been looking for ground over, and if all goes well, we may have one during this summer.

MAY 24, 1900

H.H. Eaton & Sons are shipping this week another gross of boxes of their Headache Powders to Illinois. This is the third gross to that state in eighteen months.

Cobb and Mitchell are putting in a steam skidder somewhere up in the B.F. & N.F. Railroad. We have no idea what this is, but imagine it to be a gigantic iron man, something like the Colossus of Rhodes, that eats wood or coal and stalks about the woods under intelligent guidance, grabbing up handfuls of maple logs wherever they happen to be cut and piling them on cars or along the track as directed by the driver, who sits astride the giant's fleck with a pikestaff precisely as a Hindoo manages an elephant.

JULY 19, 1900

The month thus far has been remarkable for its almost incessant electric storms. Nothing like it can be remembered by the oldest settlers. Farmers have found it impossible to make hay.

JULY 26, 1900

L. H. Conklin has vacated the old barber shop next to the drug store. He claimed the rent of \$5.00 per month on the old dingy room 14 x 16 was too much. What's the matter with rents in Boyne Falls anyway.

All that is required to establish the fact in your mind that the ARENA is equal to any paper published in northern Michigan is to lay it down beside the best of them, count up the lines and compare the matter. Then to top it off, see how cleanly it is.

AUGUST 2, 1900

Lambert's Compound Extract of Celery is the king of the nerve tonics. For sale by H.H. Eaton, Boyne Falls.

The Marsh Hotel has been opened this week for business, and from the writers inspection, we are

prepared to say that for taste, convenience and pleasant furnishings, it is not excelled by any hotel in northern Michigan, we will not except the great hotels of Petoskey.

The post office building is receiving a fresh coat of paint.

OCTOBER 11, 1900

The baseball boys were up to Elmira last Saturday to play ball with the team of that place, and from their report they received rather cold comfort.

Cobbs & Mitchell will commence their new engine house and machine shop here this week. The building will be quite a large one, 40 x 90 feet and will be entirely heated by steam.

OCTOBER 25, 1900

The pan pounding, dinner horn braying and bass drum beating. Well, they couldn't help it. You know how it is yourself when a chum leaves you and goes off and gets married. You feel like scolding him, then you feel like cheering him, and altogether you are so glad he is happy you just don't know what to do, and the result is you do the most outlandish thing you can think of—give him a good horning and keep it up until you are tired. And this is what the noise was all about last night.*

Miss Ella Marsh and John L. A. Galster were married at eight o'clock by the Rev. Mr. Redpath of Petoskey at the Hotel Marsh. The ARENA joins the "hollar" and sincerely wishes them never to have any worse racket than was administered last night.

There are rumors afloat of a threatened uprising among the Indians in this locality. This may be averted by placing a curtain at the window in the central office of the local telephone exchange.

Mr. W. J. Coldon of Clarion, nominee on the Democratic ticket for County Register of Deeds, was in town Tuesday. Mr. Coldon is a gentleman and thoroughly competent for the position, and a worse calamity might befall this county than his election.

Those boilers are moved! Mell Soule did it, and the heavens are still standing. There are people who when every scheme for notoriety fails, go to having trouble, which they will endure for the sake of being noticed.

Three good second-hand stoves for sale, formerly used in the school

house. H.H. Eaton, Director, School Dist. No. 2.

"Uncle" Jakey Dietz, while shacking into town one evening recently with his little pony and road cart, was stopped by a stranger who grabbed one wheel of the cart and held it, while the pony was willing enough to stop. Sticking his face over the wheel, the stranger said in an insinuating tone: "Got any money?" "Not for you" said Mr. Dietz, as he gave the man a tremendous shove that keeled him over in the road, while he drove along.

NOVEMBER 8, 1900

The family of L. A. Moon arrived last week and are now comfortably settled in rooms over Mr. Moon's store.

If you have friends or relatives visiting you from out of town, if any member of your family is ill or convalescent, if your mother-in-law is dying, if you contemplate a visit to another locality, tell the editor. He'll do the rest. If you are a subscriber to the ARENA, and the loss of your neighbor's chickens is not chronicled therein; you would feel offended. So would your neighbor. Tell us and we will try to give you what you want for your money, an up-to-date local paper.

Wm. Ellison J. P. Austin

Ellison & Austin,

General Blacksmithing
Wagon Making and
Repair Shop.

Horse Shoeing

DONE

In a Scientific Manner.

INDUSTRIES

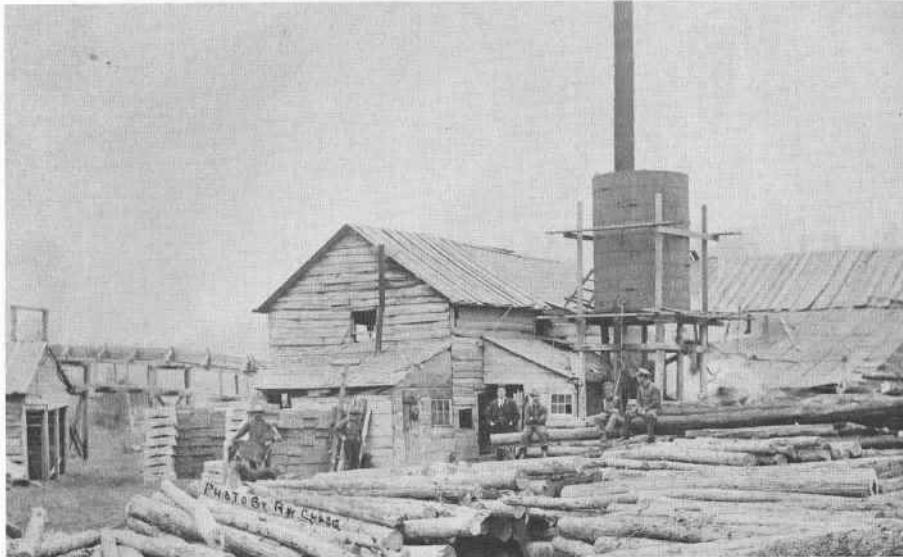
Various industries played an important part in the growth of the Boyne Falls area.

Pictured here are scenes from the shingle mill which was located 3 miles north of Boyne Falls.

TOP: Foreman, J. F. Newson and crew.

MIDDLE: Exterior of the shingle mill showing various steps of the operation.

BOTTOM: Workers relax on bundles of shingles that are ready to be shipped. J. F. Newson, Sylvester Baker, Bob Baker, and Sam McDonald are pictured here.



BUY YOUR

**LUMBER
AND SHINGLES
OF**

Plank and Newson.

We keep the best. Mill 2½ miles north of
BOYNE FALLS, MICH.

If You Wish To

**BUY,
SELL Or
EXCHANGE**

Real Estate

Put it in the Hands of,

I. B. McLean & Co

Real Estate Agents,

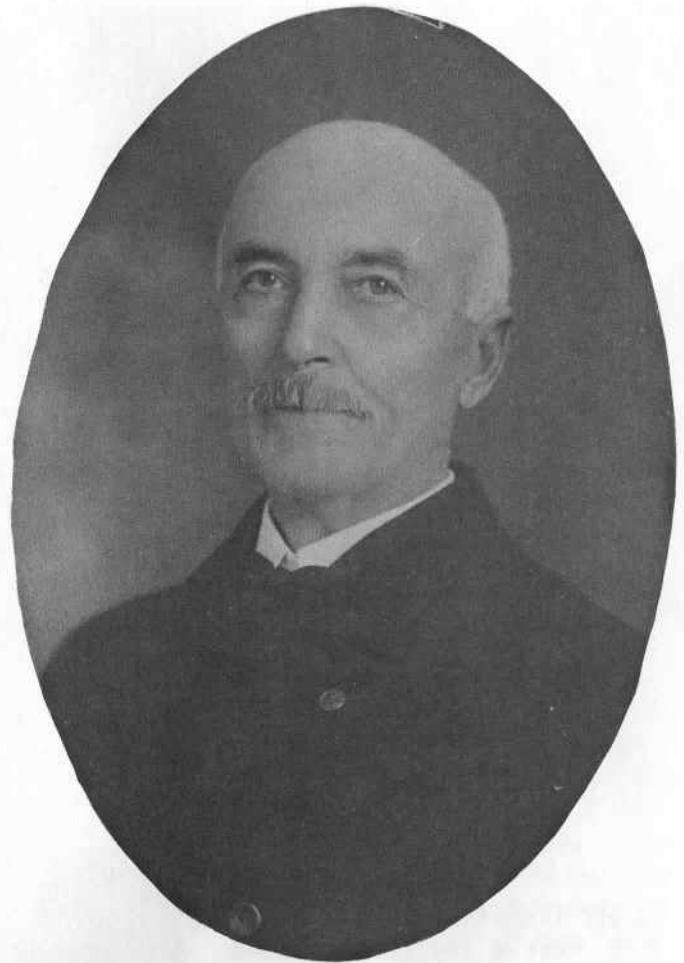
BOYNE - - - MICH



Charles O. Horn built the grist mill on the Boyne River at the south end of town in 1879. He also built a brick home which still stands as the Firehouse Inn. He operated the grist mill for six years until his death in 1885. The mill was later owned by the Hankey Milling Company of Petoskey. Officers were: C. F. Hankey, president, L. C. Hankey, Vice President, and Guy R. Hankey, Secretary and Treasurer. For several years, Frank Pierce managed the mill. It burned in 1932.



Home built by C. O. Horn in 1879.



Mr. C. F. Hankey

THE BOYNE FALLS FLOURING MILL!

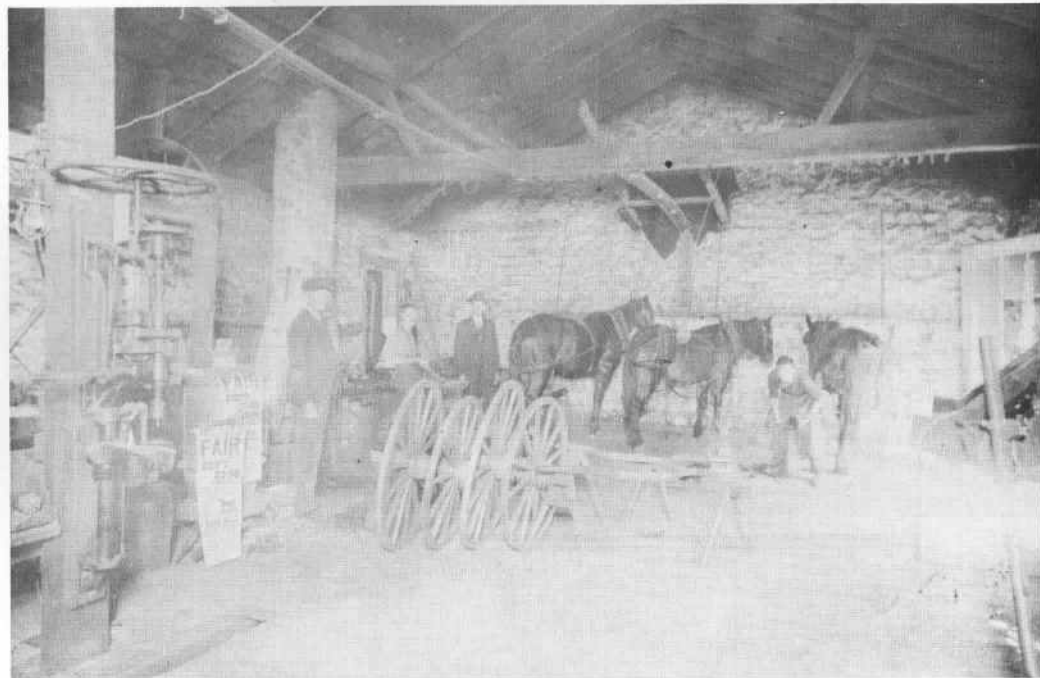
Although your demand is large for

Flour, Feed & Hay,

We are able to supply
you and are bound to
meet your demand with
the very lowest possi-
ble prices. - - -

Call And be Convinced.

C. O. HORN,
MANAGER.

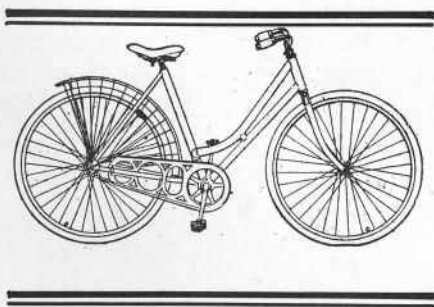


The village blacksmith shop owned by James D. Mitchell.



LEFT: The lath mill was located on the north end of Railroad Street. This scene shows the full crew with Mr. Falk as the foreman.

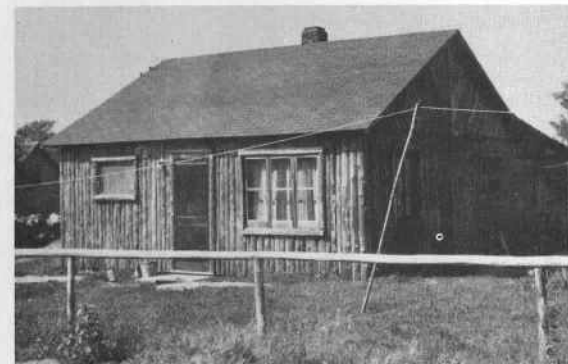
RIGHT: This is the interior of the lath mill. Some of the crew included: Alfred Wager, Joe Wager, Harold Moyer, Harry Dean, George Smith and Mr. Leo.





Two Boyne Falls natives, Bernie Kondrat and Ben Organek started Boyne Falls Log Homes in 1946. The picture above shows them at their first mill which was located at the foot of Pollock Hill. As the company grew, they relocated their office on U.S. 131 and added a retail lumber yard and hardware store as seen on the left.

Pictured below is the first log home constructed by Ben and Bernie on Church Street.





Boyne Mountain Lodge was started in 1946 and brought skiing to Northern Michigan. The above picture shows the first lodge at the foot of the slope known as Victor.

BELOW: Senator Pearson (on right) signs over Boyne Mountain property to present owner Everett Kircher.

RIGHT: Irene (Matelski) Hausler, Boyne Mountain's first Snow Queen. 1949.



AGRICULTURE

At the end of the logging era, many loggers turned to farming to earn their living; clearing the land with what few tools they had to build their homes and raise their crops.

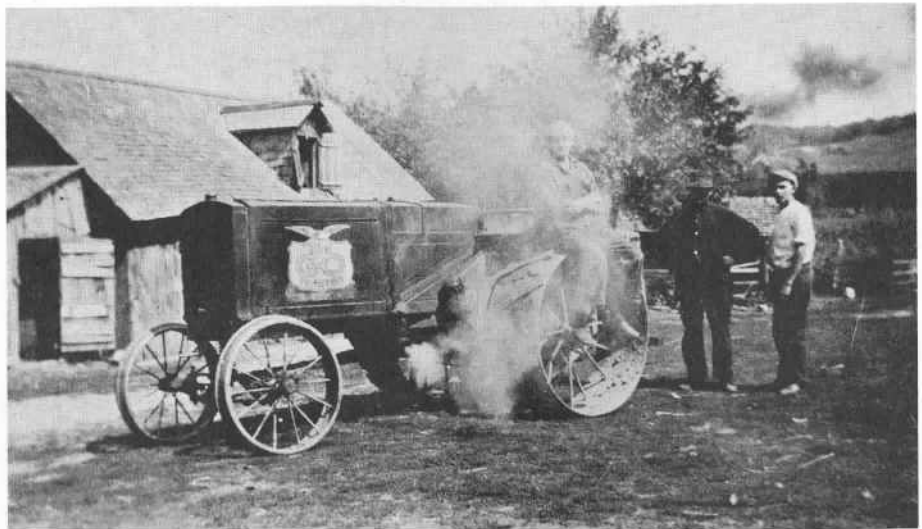
Cattle supplied meat and milk. Pigs were raised for meat to be smoked, and the lard was rendered to be used in cooking, baking and soap making. Geese had to be raised to supply down for making pillows and quilts, and chickens were kept for their eggs and meat.

Clothes were handmade from home-woven material, and flax was grown to be made into cord and twine.

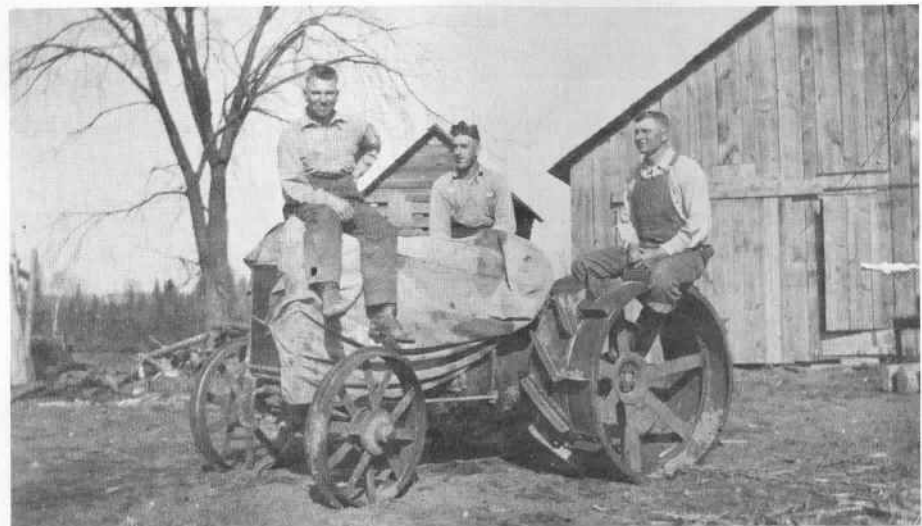
Wild fruits were gathered and preserved with wild honey, which was left after the bees were smoked from their hives, and herbs and mint were dried to be used for tea and medicine. Winters were spent making fish nets.

Doctors were few and far between and were only called for if you broke your leg or neck.

These early farmers managed to survive many things we younger generations may never understand.



Standing to the right of this vintage tractor in 1928 is Stanley Klekotka.



Surrounding this early model tractor were George Matelski, Carl Sudman and Tom Matelski.



This picture portrays an early method of sawing logs.

CRAZY!

Not a Bit Of It

When we say we can save
You Money We mean it!
Our store is jam full of

*Everything used in the
Household.*

Frank Kaden.

BOYNE FALLS, MICH



ABOVE: Corn grew tall on the Reidel farm in Deer Lake. Left to right: Ervin Sudman, unknown, Carl Grutsch and Grace Grutch.

BELOW LEFT: Dan Moyer proudly displays celery grown south of Boyne Falls.

BELOW RIGHT: Arthur Smith.



HAVE YOU A HORSE?

DOES HE SHOW SYMPTOMS OF SPEED? WHY NOT ENCOURAGE HIM?

HITCH HIM TO THE GREAT **SUNOL CART.**

MADE ESPECIALLY FOR EXERCISING AND SPEEDING.

PRONOUNCED BY ALL HORSEMEN TO BE THE MOST PERFECT SULKY CART IN USE

WHALEBONE STOCK. WEIGHT 75 lbs. AGENT'S WANTED.

OUR BEAUTIFUL ILLUSTRATED FREE. **CORTLAND WAGON CO.** CORTLAND, N.Y.

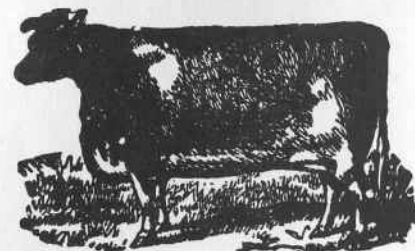
Sponsored in memory of ANNA VOTRUBA



Fred Massey is pictured second from the left.



FRESH & SALT MEATS



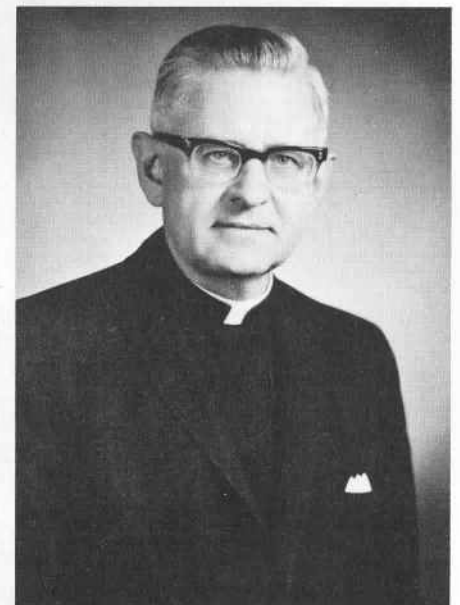
At Lowest Living Prices at
P. J. KINSELLA'S.

CHURCHES



Rev. Ray Grienke

The Boyne Falls Methodist Church was built in the fall of 1892 by Sidney Jones, George Stephenson and others. Early members were Mrs. Lydia Pearson, O. H. Marsh, Frank Pierce, W. J. Mears, Luella Wilson and Mrs. Edith Hubbard. In 1930 Aunt Molly Judd donated Ollson's Drug Store and Post Office to be used as the Methodist Church hall for fund raising purposes. Over the years various projects were undertaken to raise money for remodeling and redecorating. Long time members, Gladys and Lewis Upton can be remembered for their popcorn selling in 1953-54 to raise money for exterior painting of the church. On August 20, 1967, the church celebrated their 75th anniversary. The first regular minister was Rev. J. W. Lent. The present pastor is Rev. Ray Grienke.



Rev. Jerome A. Szydowski

St. Augustine's Catholic Church was built around 1900 by Father Bruno Torcka who built many other churches in the area. The land for the church was donated by August Muszynski. A school was built beside the church in 1914 under the direction of Father William. The Catholic school was used for a time by the public school system when their school burned. On September 22, 1945, the Catholic school burned. In the early 1960's the church was enlarged to its present size. The present pastor, Rev. Jerome Szydowski joined St. Augustine's in 1956.

Sponsored in memory of JOSEPH AND AGNES BAUMAN AND STANLEY AND FRANCES JAREMA



Methodist Summer Bible School. 1974.



This church was the Presbyterian Church located on State Street. In 1920 it was moved to the country on the corner of Skop Road and Hetrick Road and became the Ukrainian Church.



St. Augustine's first Holy Communion class of September 29, 1940. Pastor: Father Francis Kupinski. Upper inset shows St. Augustine before the additions were made in the early 1960's.

Sponsored in memory of my Godmother, MRS. REINKIEWICZ AND HER HUSBAND FRANK by Francis Leonczyk

SCHOOLS

No matter how small the community, the school is one of the first public facilities to be established, and Boyne Falls was no exception. As far back as 1884, Boyne Valley contained five school districts, 156 school children and five frame school buildings.

On March 5, 1919, the town school burned. A special meeting was called for a proposition of bonding the district for \$15,000 for erection of a new school and also for the authority to confer with outlying districts regarding consolidation. On March 17, 1919, another special meeting was called, and the bonding proposition lost to a tie. A new proposal for \$14,000 was made and passed. A. E. Munger, architect of Bay City, was hired to erect a new school building. The 1919-1920 school session was continued at the Town Hall and other public places with 3 teachers. On May 4, 1920, the new building was completed. Now it was time to undertake the proposal of consolidation.

The proposal of consolidation was passed, and arrangements were made to transport the rural children to the central school. The bus drivers' day started at 5:00 a.m., using logging sleighs and lumber wagons. The busses were built with single board floors and heated with a round oil stove - the smoke from which often made the children sick.

On January 23, 1946, Boyne Valley's first consolidated school burned, and it was time to start again. With much deliberation, the amount of \$85,000 was decided on, and a new school was planned for at its present location. The gymnasium was built first, and school was held there for nine months, with the main building started in the spring of 1947. The 1948-49 year found the school with 9 teachers, a janitor, 247 students, a 17-piece band, driver's training, a hot lunch program and a basketball team. In 1967 an addition was built onto the school to accommodate the growing enrollment of elementary students.

Sponsored in memory of JACOB SALISZ



Cramer School, District #1, was the first rural school to consolidate. It was east of town and built in 1887.



Sudman School, District #3, was located in East Deer Lake. The teacher pictured here is Bertha McComan.

Giem School, District #6, was located south of Boyne Falls. This picture was taken in 1912.





The lady on the right is Mrs. Fike, a teacher at the Glem School.

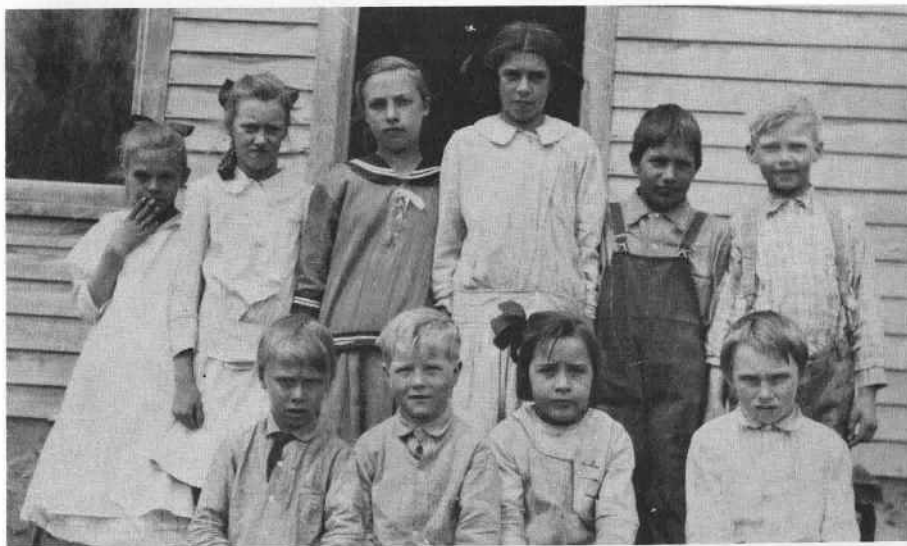


Stella (Szepelak) Jarema, a teacher at the Hetrick School in 1932.



The Howard School, later known as the Hetrick School was located northeast of Boyne Falls on Springbrook Road.

BELOW: Students at the Sudman School. Standing: Edna Reinhardt, Inez Boles Emma Reinhardt, Erma Sudman, Donald Sudman, Oney Virta. Sitting: Carl Reinhardt, Leo Virta, Beatrice Sudman and Earl Reinhardt.



1915 teachers' magazine listed the following rules of conduct for teachers of that day:

1. You will not marry during the term of your contract.
2. You are not to keep company with men.
3. You must be home between the hours of 8 p.m. and 6 a.m. unless attending a school function.
4. You may not loiter downtown in ice cream stores.
5. You may not travel beyond the city limits unless you have the permission of the chairman of the board.
6. You may not ride in a carriage or automobile with any man unless he is your father or brother.
7. You may not smoke cigarets.
8. You may not dress in bright colors.
9. You may under no circumstances dye your hair.
10. You must wear at least two petticoats.
11. Your dresses must not be any shorter than two inches above the ankle.
12. To keep the school room neat and clean, you must: sweep the floor at least once daily; scrub the floor at least once a week with hot, soapy water; clean the blackboards at least once a day; and start the fire at 7 a.m. so the room will be warm by 8 a.m."



This early school was located on the hill on South Center Street. The year was 1899.

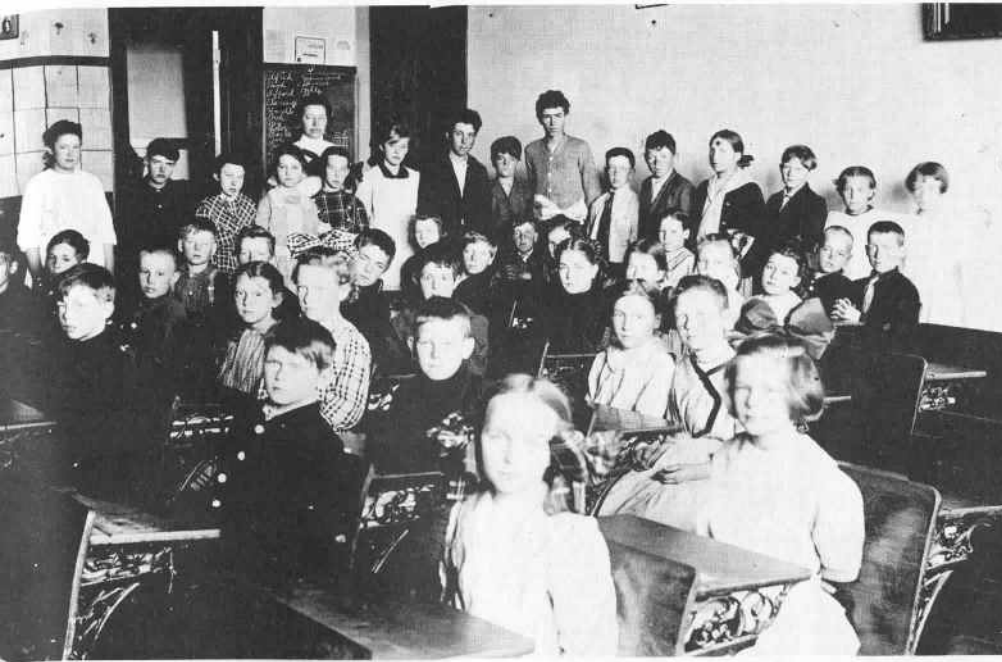


The second school, was built down the hill from the school pictured above. It burned on March 5, 1919.

A special meeting of District #2 was held on April 17, 1919, for the purpose of bonding for a new building and possible consolidation of outlying districts.

The 1919-1920 school session was held in the Town Hall and other places.

The new school was completed on May 4, 1920.



I TEACH \$3000 A YEAR



YOU LEARN



Have you written me yet? If you haven't, wisdom and intelligent ambition suggest you write to-day. I promise you my special, personal attention. I undertake to briefly teach any fairly intelligent person of either sex, who can read and write, and who after instruction, will work industriously, how to earn Three Thousand Dollars a year in their own localities, wherever they live. I will also furnish the situation or employment, at which you can earn that amount. I charge nothing and receive nothing unless successful, as above. Nothing difficult to learn, or that requires much time. I desire but one person from each district or county. I have already taught and provided with employment a large number who are making over Three Thousand Dollars a Year, each. All is new, solid, sure. Full particulars free. After you know all, if you conclude to go no further, why, no harm is done. Address, **E. C. ALLEN, Box 420, Augusta, Maine.**

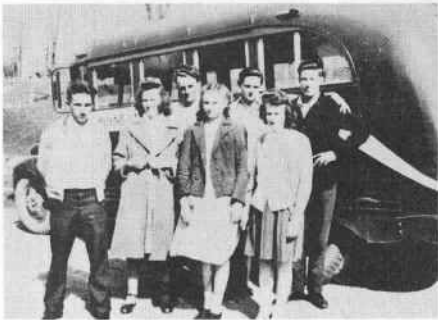
The classes shown here attended the Boyne Falls Intermediate School. The teacher in the photo above was Mary Ford, and the teacher in the photo on the right was Isabelle M. Campbell.



LEFT: The 1915 Boyne Falls Basketball Team.
 Standing (left to right): Oliver Cody, Coach Gracey, Bill White
 Kneeling: Stanley Cherry, Paul Grobaski, Abe Jaffe
 Sitting: Leo MaGee, Ernest Quinn



Boyne Falls Public School 1937



Safety Patrol: Ed Salisz, Kathern Jenkins, Mary Bradfield, Helen Pike, Gus Organek, Floyd Hausler and Paul Carson.

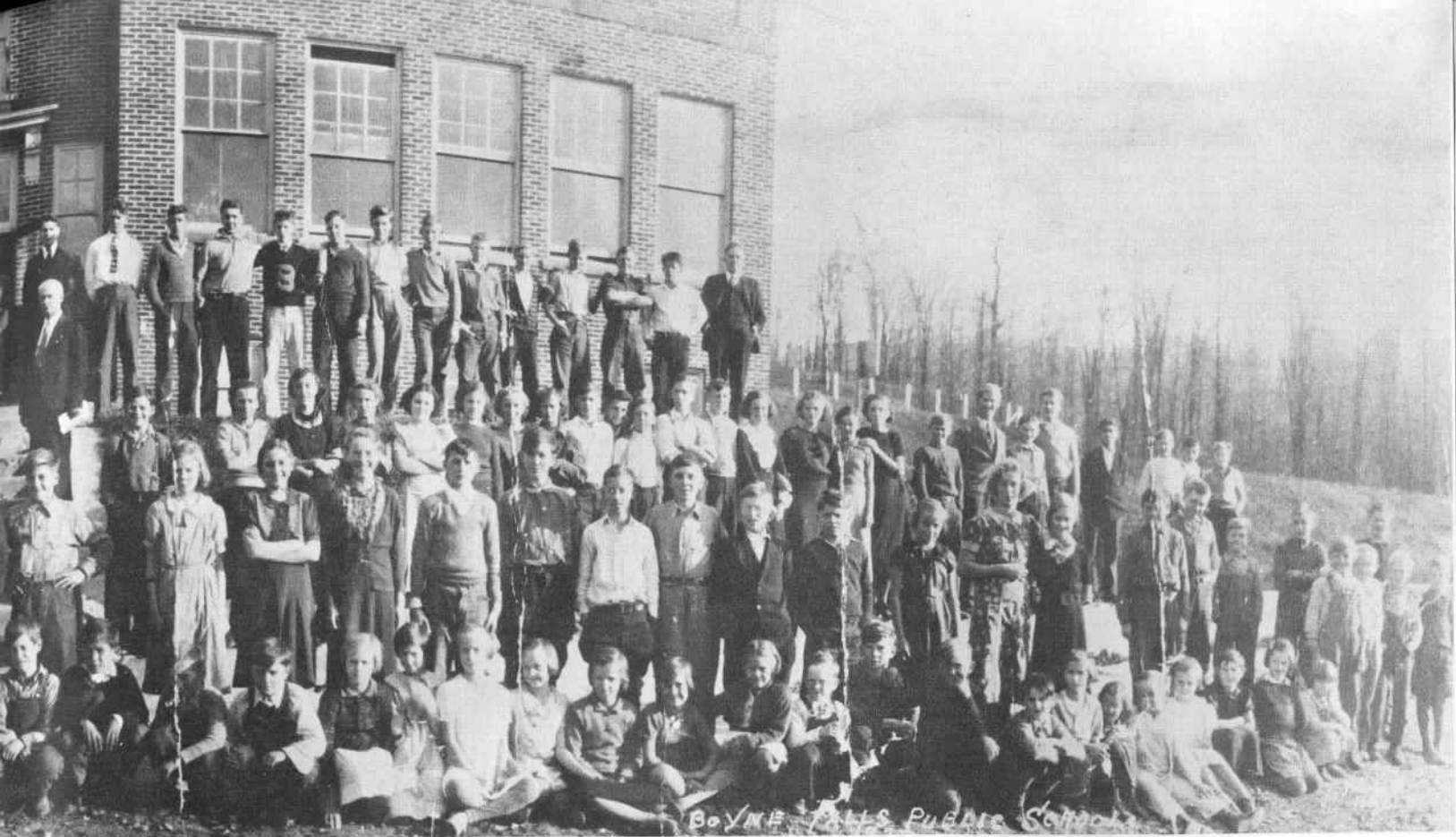


St. Augustine's Catholic School, located next to the church on Grove Street, was built in 1914 and burned in 1945.



4-H Potato Club: Anna Tymoc, Ed Salisz, Ralph Harmon, Anna Kondrat 1943-1944.

Sponsored in memory of WASYL AND MARTHA TYMOC



The 6th Grade - 1941



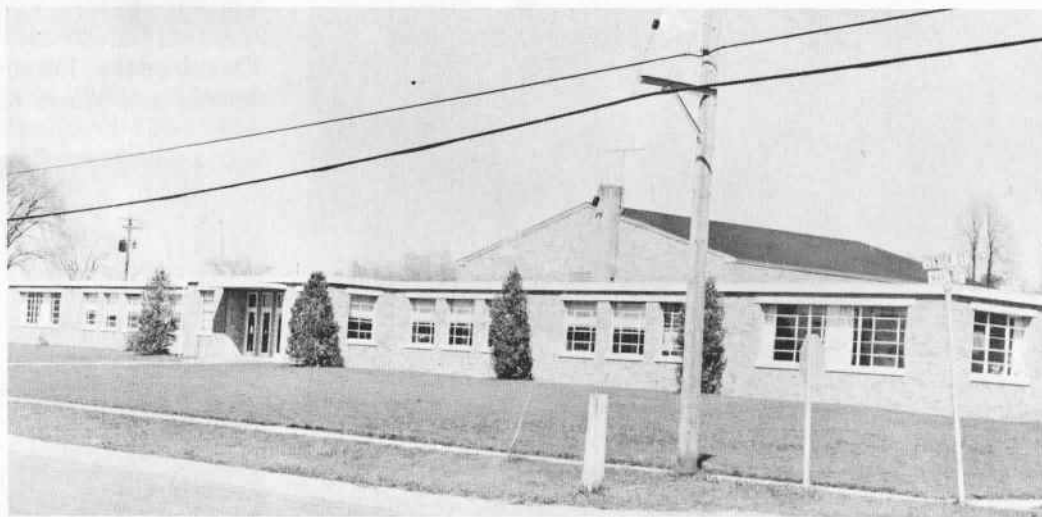
Cheerleaders: Bernadette Wojciechowski and Verna Klekotka.



1943-44 Team Members: Bernie Wojciechowski, Walter Kipisz, Leo Massey, Felix Wasylewski and Walter Kucharich with Superintendent Dwight Fisher.

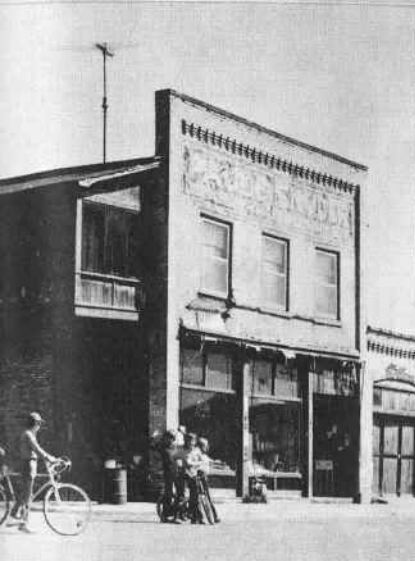
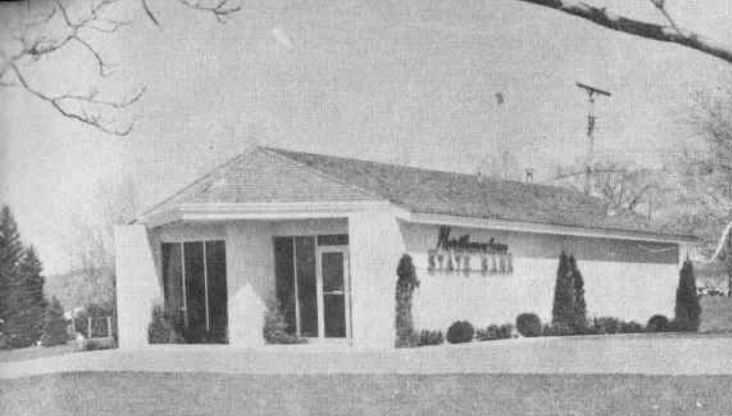


1949 - The first Class D District Champions of Boyne Falls School.
Back row, left to right: Joe Skop, Ed Mumich, Bill Carson, Howard Carson and Tom Prawdzik.
Front row, left to right: Tom Kondrat, Dick Webber, Coach Arvilla, Harley Lawrence and Ed Bielec.



The present Boyne Falls School was built in 1947.

*Sponsored in memory of my mother MRS. IDA DETCHER AND SISTER MRS. AMARYLLIS DETCHER HOWARD
by Laura Towns*



BOYNE FALLS 1954



