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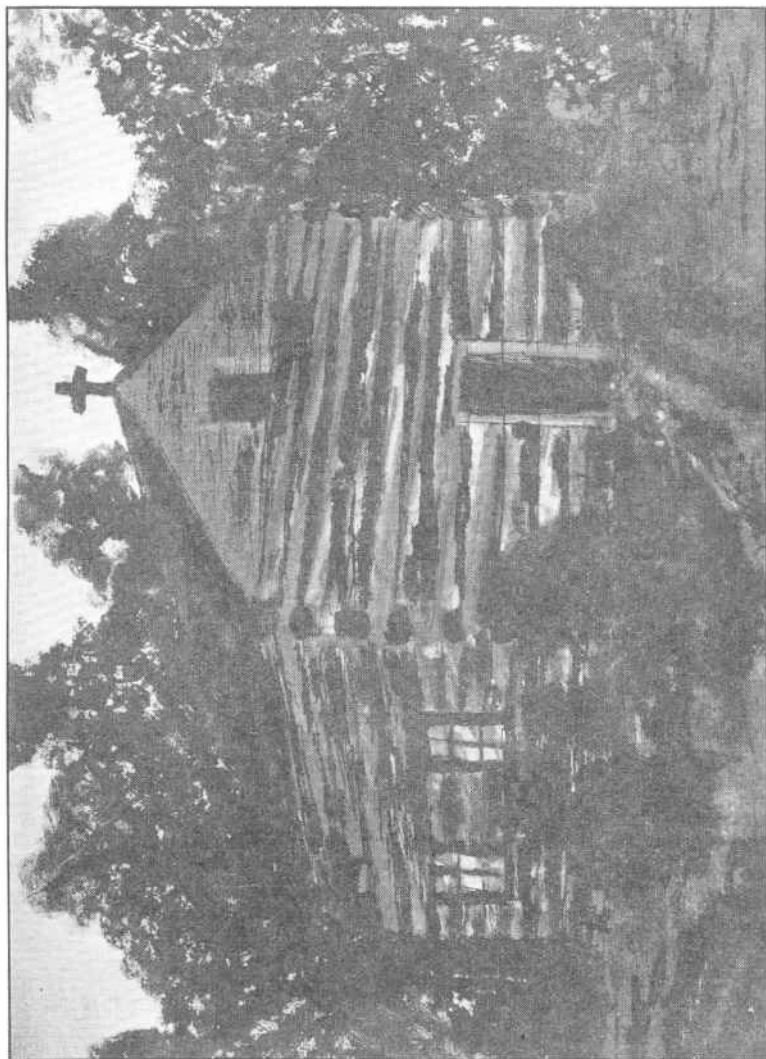
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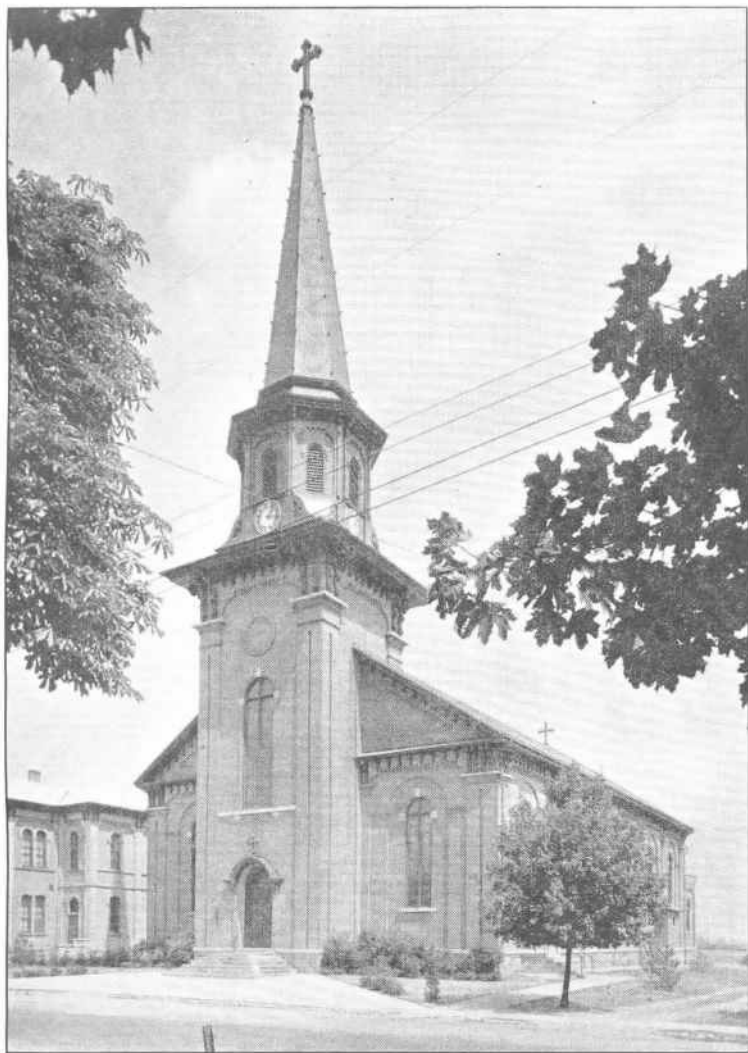
The diocese of "Michigan and the Northwest" was established in 1833. While the boundaries of the newly established diocese were rather indefinite at the time, historians agree that it extended from the Ohio and Indiana lines to Canada, west from Lake Huron to the far flung and little known wilderness of Wisconsin, Minnesota and the Dakotas. In fact, some records indicate that Iowa was included in this ecclesiastical jurisdiction.

And yet in this enormous territory, there were only 14 priests laboring with the pioneers and the Indians, when Bishop Fredrick Rese, formerly vicar general of the Cincinnati diocese, of which Detroit had been a part, assumed his office as the first ordinary of the Detroit or "Michigan and Northwest" diocese. There were about 15 established chapels or churches in the new diocese.

From a beginning, most uncompromising and beset with the greatest of difficulties, this diocese has developed until today it stands third among the dioceses of the United States in the number of priests and Catholic population.



ST. MARY'S CHURCH, 1836



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MOST REV. BISHOP RESE, D.D.
First Bishop of Detroit 1833

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FIRST BISHOP OF DETROIT

The diocese of "Michigan and the Northwest" was established March 8, 1833, and Bishop Rese was consecrated Oct. 6 of the same year. The consecration took place in Cincinnati and Bishop Rosati of St. Louis was the consecrating prelate. Bishop Rese, a native of Germany, was 36 years old at the time of his consecration.



MOST REV. MICHAEL J. GALLAGHER, D. D.
Bishop of Detroit 1936

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BISHOP OF DETROIT

Bishop Gallagher was born in Auburn, Michigan, Nov. 18, 1866. Having completed his theology in Innsbruck, Austria, he was ordained March 19, 1893. He was chancellor of the Grand Rapids diocese from 1898 to 1912 and vicar general from 1912 to 1916. On Sept. 8, 1915, he was consecrated titular bishop of Tipasa and coadjutor to Bishop Henry Richter of Grand Rapids. On Dec. 26, 1916, he became Bishop of Grand Rapids and on July 18, 1918, Pope Benedict XV announced his transfer to the Detroit see. His installation took place on Nov. 18, 1918.



REV. ANTON KOPP

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Rev. Father Kopp was a native of Ruthen Westphalia, Germany, and was an immigrant to America with the first settlers in 1836. Upon their arrival in Detroit he aided his countrymen in acquiring property for their future homes.

He was appointed pastor of the parish in the Westphalia settlement Nov. 1836 by Bishop Rese, the first Bishop of the newly created diocese of Detroit.

In 1837 he came to Westphalia, but remained in Lyons for a time until the first log church was built in the settlement. During this time he read Mass in the homes of the pioneers.

In Dec. 1837 the first log church was begun and was finished in the spring of 1838. It was at this time that Fr. Kopp took up residence in Westphalia. He also occasionally visited an Irish settlement that had been made at Belleview Road, Ionia county.

In 1840 through the efforts of Fr. Kopp the first church property was acquired. The entire cost of the first log church was \$90.36.

Fr. Kopp officiated not only as priest but was also of great assistance to the pioneers in their secular affairs. He was elected first supervisor of Westphalia township in 1839. In 1840 he taught school for several months.

In 1842 the parish bought 10 acres of land on the southeast part of the settlement for \$32.00.

Fr. Kopp remained in Westphalia until 1843 and after remaining some years in Detroit went to Chicago where he organized St. Michael's parish.

St. Michael's afterwards became the largest German parish in the United States with a membership of over 35,000 souls.



REV. GEORGE GODEZ

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Rev. George Godez, a native of Austria, came to Detroit to labor in the mission fields of the diocese. He came to Westphalia and continued the work begun by his predecessor, Fr. Kopp. Soon after his arrival he built the second log or timber church. When this second church, which was located near the priest's garage, was completed, the first log church together with its small burial ground was abandoned.

Fr. Godez later constructed a pastoral residence made of logs on a site about 100 feet south of the southwest corner of the present rectory.

In 1847 he built the third church about 60 feet south of the present pastoral residence. This third church was a frame building and thought to be large enough for all time. It soon became crowded, however, and in 1867 Fr. Godez started the building of the present brick church. At nearly the same time he also built the east part of the present rectory.

In 1873 Fr. Godez started to build the east side school just north of the church, but he was transferred to Greenfield before the school was completed. He also introduced the beautiful religious custom of the Corpus Christi Procession in Westphalia.

In addition to his own parish, Fr. Godez also cared for Catholic families in Ionia, Gratiot, Isabella, Shiawassee and Ingham Counties. He often started out on horseback on Mondays and returned on Friday or Saturday, doing missionary work in a field nearly 100 miles square, or 10,000 square miles.

Fr. Godez organized the first mission and built the first church in Shiawassee county at Woodhull in 1847 and attended that mission for several years. He also organized the first parish and built the first church in Ionia county, at Hubbardston in 1855. All English speaking Catholic families in Portland, Eagle, Lyons and Fowler were also members of our parish. There were also a few Catholic Indians and Fr. Godez could speak their language fluently.

Rev. Fr. Godez left Westphalia in 1873 and became pastor of the German parish at Greenfield.



REV. ANDREW S. LEITNER

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Rev. Leitner came to Westphalia in 1872 as assistant to Rev. Godez and when he was transferred in 1873, Fr. Leitner became pastor of St. Mary's parish.

Fr. Leitner was a brilliant pulpit orator in the German language, as many older people will remember. He had been educated in Europe and came to America to work in the large mission fields that needed help at that time. He served as resident pastor of Freedom before coming to Westphalia, and also had charge of Manchester where a church was built in 1860.

After leaving Westphalia, Fr. Leitner went to Wisconsin and during his stay here he furnished many articles for German Catholic newspapers. These articles were written in classic language and widely read. He stayed in the Milwaukee diocese for about ten years.

Fr. Leitner left Westphalia early in 1874.

"O Jesus, Eternal Priest, keep these Thy servants
 within the shelter of Thy sacred Heart, where none
 may harm them.
 "Keep unstained their anointed hands, which
 daily touch Thy sacred Body.
 "Keep unsullied the lips purpled with Thy
 precious blood.
 "Keep pure and unearthly hearts sealed with the
 sublime marks of Thy glorious priesthood.
 "Let Thy holy love surround them and shield them
 from the world's contagion.
 "Bless their labors with abundant fruit, and may
 the souls to whom they minister be here below their
 joy and consolation and in heaven their beautiful
 and everlasting crown. Amen."

Prayer for Priests

REV. J. REIFERT

Rev. J. Reifert, who succeeded Rev. Leitner, came to Westphalia in January 1874 and remained until 1879. During his five years' stay Fr. Reifert had the church decorated for the first time, at a cost of \$1200. The name of the decorator was William Hofsted, foster father of Rev. Hofsted who later became the pastor of Westphalia.

Father Reifert completed the east school which had not been finished by Fr. Godez. He installed the first pipe organ at a cost of about \$2500; he installed the pulpit now in use, which was attached to the front column on the left side of the church. In 1920 it was transferred from the pillar into the sanctuary by Fr. Hofsted. Fr. Reifert left Westphalia in the summer of 1879.

It was during Fr. Reifert's administration that the Sisters of Christian Charity came to Westphalia to take charge of our schools.



REV. WM. HERWIG

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REV. WM. HERWIG

Rev. Wm. Herwig was born in Geismar, Province of Saxony, Jan. 8, 1873. He was educated at Heiligenstadt College, Saxony, finishing at the American College in Louvain, Belgium.

He was ordained for the priesthood in that city Dec. 24, 1865, by Cardinal Sterx. Soon after this he came to this country, locating at North Dorr near Grand Rapids in 1866. Four years later he went to Battle Creek, then to Stoney Creek near Monroe. His next move was to Westphalia in November, 1879, and remained as irremovable dean of the parish until his death April 6, 1902.

Rev. Fr. Herwig was a forceful orator of the old school and was very strict in all matters concerning church affairs and religion. He possessed much knowledge and great strength of character, which impressed all those with whom he came in contact. He spent the best years of his life in Westphalia, working for the betterment of human souls.

The first material improvement made by Fr. Herwig was the installation of two giant coal stoves in the rear of the church, which, since its completion in 1870 to 1879 had not been heated in any way. These stoves were replaced a few years later by hot air heaters.

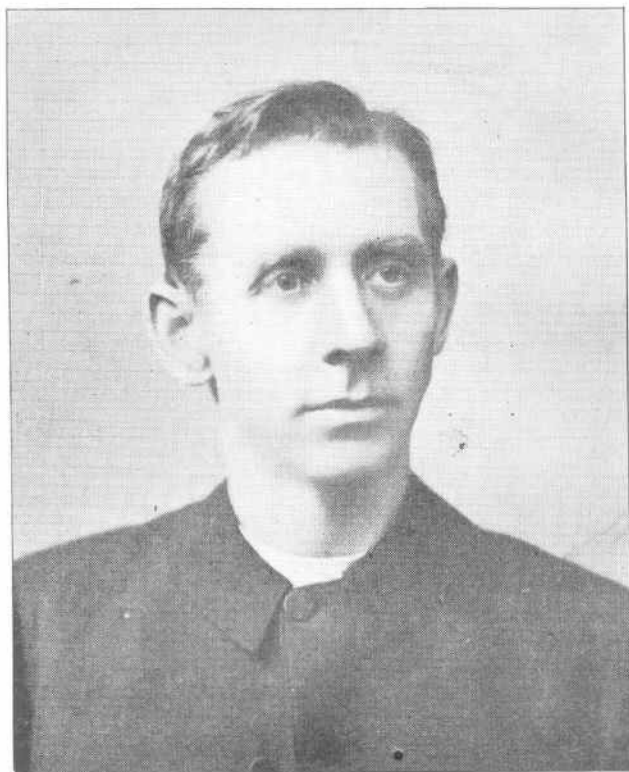
It was during Fr. Herwig's time that the east half of the present parish hall was built. One thousand dollars had been willed to the parish by Mrs. Lorenz Huhn, and this money bought the brick for the building. The contractor was a Mr. Dietrich of Detroit, and the contract price was \$4500 in addition to the brick furnished by Mrs. Huhn's donation.

Fr. Herwig also had stained glass windows installed in 1885. He personally donated one of them. These windows remain in the church at the present time. One was placed in the sanctuary in memory of Fr. Godez. Others were donated by the members of the parish, the cost of each window amounting to seventy-five dollars. The church bells and tower clock were also installed in 1895.

During his administration the last indebtedness incurred by the building of the church was paid. It amounted to about \$8,000.

Rev. Fr. Herwig died April 6, 1902, and was buried in St. Mary's Cemetery, April 10, 1902. He was the first priest to be buried in Westphalia.

Fr. Herwig left an estate of about \$22,000. His will provided that a Monstrance be given to St. Mary's parish, Westphalia, and also one to his native village in Germany. He bequeathed \$1,000 to his sister in Germany and the balance of about \$20,000 went to the Orphan Asylums of the Detroit Diocese.



REV. F. BROEGGER

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Rev. Broegger succeeded Fr. Herwig and arrived in May 1902 and at once started many activities in the parish. Fr. Broegger believed in organizations and through his efforts a Men's Business organization was formed, as well as a farmers' organization, called "The Society of Equity." He also assisted in the organization of a Young Men's Society, Young Ladies' Society, Christian Mother's Confraternity, and later the C. M. B. A.

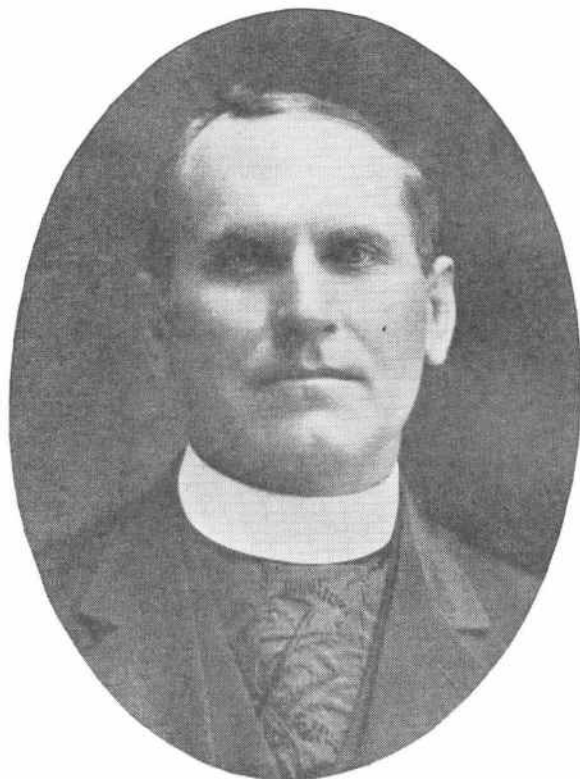
In 1903 Fr. Broegger had the first metal roof put on the church. In this year he began the construction of an addition to the hall, the old hall being inadequate for parish purposes. At the same time the building of the present Sisters' convent was started and both buildings were completed in 1904. The cost of the Sisters' convent was about \$9,000, and the addition to the hall cost about \$5,000.

Fr. Broegger had visioned this hall, the present auditorium, as a community center to be used for educational purposes and public or parish entertainments. His wish was at least partly realized.

It was through the efforts of Fr. Broegger that an orchestra was started which became quite famous a few years later and drew many outsiders to their concerts and entertainments.

A parish library of several hundred volumes was established and the standard of our parish school brought to a higher level.

Overwork finally broke his health. He resigned in 1910 and after assisting in several parishes and in St. Mary's Hospital in Detroit, he was appointed pastor at Harbor Beach. He later went to Comstock, four miles east of Kalamazoo, where, at present, he is chaplain in a children's home.



REV. PETER H. ESPER

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Rev. Peter H. Esper was born at Springwells (now Dearborn) in 1865. He attended Parochial school at St. Alphonsus, and college at St. Francis, Milwaukee, and Monroe, Mich. He studied theology at Baltimore and Cincinnati and was ordained July 1st, 1904.

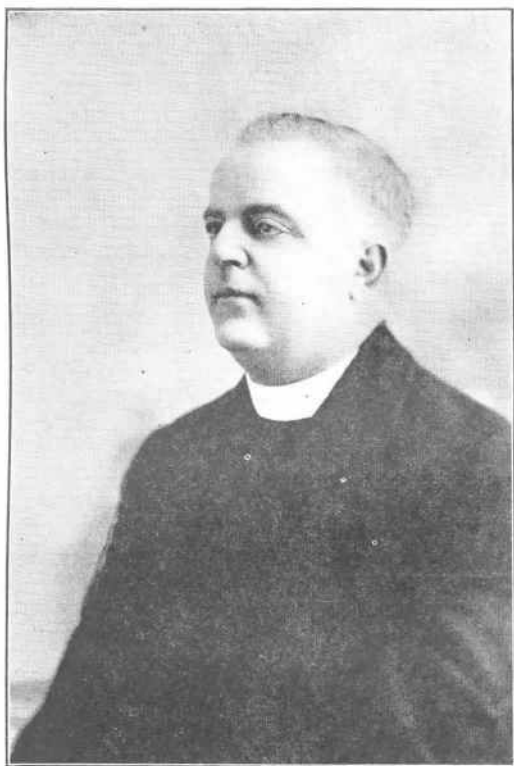
He was appointed assistant at North Dorr for two years, and was pastor at Burnside, Brown City, North Branch and Clifford for fourteen years. He came to Westphalia in July, 1910.

During his administration the interior of the church was decorated the second time, costing over \$3,000. Beautiful new stations were placed in the church at a cost of \$1,200. The second metal roof was put on the church in 1913. A new cross was erected on the church spire, as the old cross had been splintered by lightning.

Fr. Esper also had charge of the "Diamond Jubilee" of the parish, which was celebrated in Sept., 1911. Upon this same occasion, the annual meeting of the Michigan Central Verein was held here.

In 1914 Fr. Esper was transferred to Detroit where he organized St. Gabriel's parish on the west side. He died in March, 1936, while still pastor of St. Gabriels.

In his will he remembered the parish of St. Mary's, with a substantial check, showing the esteem in which he held his former parishioners in Westphalia.



REV. CHARLES F. HOFSTED

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Rev. Charles F. Hofsted was born at Detroit, Michigan, Dec. 29, 1874. After graduating from the parish school he entered the Jesuit College. From there he went to the Baltimore Seminary and, after graduating, was ordained a priest at the age of 22 years and 11 months. His first work was as Assistant Pastor at St. Boniface parish, Detroit. He remained there 18 months and was then appointed pastor of Three Oaks. Three and one-half years later he went to Sebewaing, where he not only built up the membership but also made many improvements. Pigeon, a mission located 16 miles distant, was also placed under Fr. Hofsted's care. He was in charge of the parish at Sebewaing for 11 years before coming to Westphalia in 1914.

At Westphalia Fr. Hofsted's kind and friendly nature soon won the confidence and esteem of the entire parish. He was a kind and prudent advisor upon all occasions. He gave freely of his time to assist the drafted boys during the World War and all during those anxious years was regarded by everybody as friend and counselor.

Fr. Hofsted built the two confessionals in use at the present time. He also remodeled the front porch of the rectory, extending it to the sidewalk. He had a new roof put on the east side school and did considerable work in improving the landscape surrounding the rectory. He also purchased the gates which are at the cemetery at the present time.

Plans were made for further improvement of the cemetery but were never carried out due to the death of Fr. Hofsted Feb. 23, 1923.

Rev. Fr. Hofsted was buried in St. Mary's Cemetery, Westphalia, March 1, 1923, and is the second priest to find his resting place there.



REV. ANTON KRAMS

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Rev. Anton Krams was born in September 1871 at Kiedrich in Rheingau, Germany. He came to Detroit, Mich., about November 1889. He attended Assumption college, Sandwich, Ontario, and the seminary in Baltimore. He completed his studies at the American college in Louvain, Belgium, and was ordained there June 29, 1897. He celebrated his first mass in the Blessed Virgin Shrine, Marienthal, Germany, July 4, 1897.

On his return to Detroit he was named assistant at St. Joseph's Parish. He was later appointed pastor of St. Joseph's church at St. Johns, and while in St. Johns, he also had charge of the mission in Laingsburg. He designed and built the church at Laingsburg. Later he became pastor in Wyandotte, then transferred to Ida, near Monroe.

Because of ill health, Rev. Fr. Krams made an extended trip to Europe after which he was appointed pastor of St. Mary's parish, Westphalia.

He came to Westphalia in 1923 and remained until 1932.

During his stay in Westphalia he had two beautiful new side altars placed in the church. These altars were imported from Europe. A new ceiling was also put in the church, the auditorium renovated, and new roofs put on the hall and the rectory.

In 1924 Fr. Krams began improving the cemetery which until then had been in a deplorable condition. Much of the labor was done by members of the parish and in addition to this, there were many cash donations.

At the present time there exists an endowment fund of approximately \$12,000.00, the income of which is used solely for the upkeep of the cemetery. A beautiful crucifixion group was erected in 1931 at a cost of over \$950, which sum was donated by the Christian Mothers' Confraternity.

Fr. Krams possessed a most scholarly mind. He had a keen sense of beauty and art, and excellent judgment regarding the more worthwhile things in life. He was especially well versed in all things regarding religion and church affairs. He worked untiringly for the spiritual advancement of souls entrusted to his care.



REV. EDWARD GUTHA

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Rev. Father Gutha, son of John and Anna Gutha, was born July 16, 1896, in Detroit. He attended the parish school of St. John the Evangelist and later the University of Detroit and St. Francis seminary, Milwaukee. He was ordained Sept. 10, 1922, at Detroit and celebrated his first Solemn High Mass at the church of St. John the Evangelist, Sept. 17, 1922.

For two years and three months he was assistant at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish at River Rouge, when he was appointed pastor of Sebawaing with the adjoining mission of Pigeon. This comprised a territory of 400 square miles. During his stay in the Thumb district he built the new church of St. Francis at Pigeon. He came to Westphalia Feb. 1, 1932.

Since his arrival in the parish his activities have been many and varied. He immediately reorganized the parish orchestra and dramatic club and also organized a basket ball team and baseball team.

In 1932 a 400 foot well was driven in the rear of the east side school, and later a water pressure system with drinking fountains was installed in the schools and on all church property. A 200 foot well and water pressure system were also put in at the cemetery. In 1934 the entire church spire was covered with copper at a cost of \$4,000. In the following year the roof of the church proper was also covered with copper, costing \$6,100. An organ was installed at a cost of \$2,800. Storm glass windows were put in the church.

Fr. Gutha also continued the work on the cemetery. New drives were built and hundreds of trees and shrubs planted. In 1935 a beautiful Grotto was begun and completed the following year. A new gravel pit was discovered on church property adjoining the cemetery, while removing ground to fill in a new section.

The cemetery is now a beauty spot and adds much to the credit of St. Mary's parish.

Some time ago a Grand Rapids editor, after a visit to the cemetery, made the following statement as printed in the "Michigan Tradesman", "St. Mary's cemetery, just west of town, is one of the most beautifully kept places for the repose of the dead I have ever seen anywhere."

The major improvements in 1936 were the redecoration of the church and the erection of a community center on the site of the old Sisters' home. Minor improvements have also been made, such as landscaping the area around the church and schools and other parish buildings. The church steps have been repaired and other concrete work done. All buildings on the church property have been repainted.

Since Fr. Gutha came to Westphalia, he has worked untiringly for the betterment of the parish spiritually as well as materially.

He introduced the recitation of the rosary in the church each evening as well as the Holy Hour each Friday evening.

The spiritual advancement of the parish is shown by the number of communions, which have nearly doubled since his arrival four years ago.

The Four Churches of St. Mary's Parish

FIRST LOG CHURCH

The first church in Westphalia was begun in 1837. It was located about one-half mile west of the present rectory. The location may seem peculiar at the present time, but it must be remembered that there were no roads at that time, and the site upon which our village now stands was dotted with swampy places. The first settlers therefore chose higher ground upon which to build the first church.

This church was constructed of logs and contained two rooms. One of these rooms was used as a chapel. The other was used as a living room by the pioneer priest of Westphalia.

SECOND LOG CHURCH

A few years later another timber church was built and was located a short distance west of the present parish garage. It seems that part of this church is now the janitor's home and was moved to its present location after the third church was completed.

THIRD OR (FRAME) CHURCH

The third church was a frame building which stood about 50 feet south of the present rectory. It was surrounded on one side and in the rear by the parish cemetery. This church seated about 400, and at times was so crowded that the people had to kneel in the sanctuary or on the steps of the side altars.

This building was used until the present brick church was completed in 1870. A few years later it was sold to Joseph Bohr, and moved to its present location on Main Street. It has been used as a tin shop for nearly 50 years by Wm. H. Bohr.

PRESENT BRICK CHURCH

The present church which is one of the largest in the state (outside of Detroit), was started in 1867 by Rev. Fr. Godez, and was dedicated in 1870. Its total cost was about \$70,000. Mr. Joseph Bohr was the contractor. The brick for the church were made in Westphalia's own brickyard. The clay for these bricks was taken from ground southeast of Dr. Cook's residence, where, later, the Jos. Arens fish pond was located.

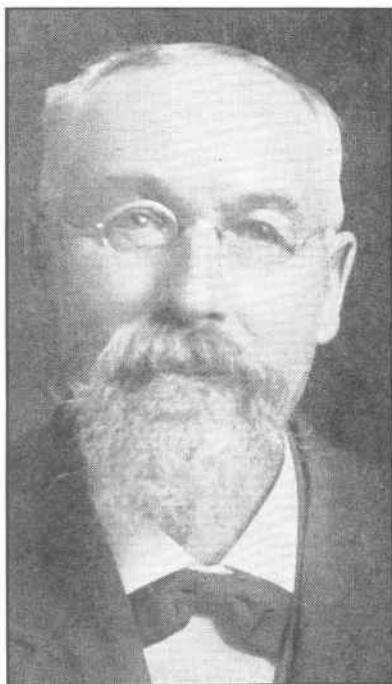
The interior finish of the church and also the pews were made of black walnut taken from trees in the forests of Westphalia. Home grown black walnut lumber was taken by a Detroit concern as pay for making the seats.

The main altar was made in New York. It is 30 feet high and cost around \$3,000. While not strictly Roman or Gothic in its architecture, it is one of the most beautiful altars in the state.

The bells (three in number), were placed in the belfry by Rev. Herwig in 1895, at which time the tower clock also was installed. The heaviest bell weighs over one ton, and in favorable weather these bells can be heard as far away as Pewamo, Fowler and Portland.

The communion rail extends the full width of the church and is hand carved.

The interior of the church was decorated for the first time in 1878, by Wm. Hofsted of Detroit and again in 1911, by Mr. Gutheil, also of Detroit. It was decorated for the third time in the summer of 1936, by the Barnett Phillips Maglia Co. of Detroit.



BERNARD HANSES

Oldest living member of St. Mary's Parish



PICTURE OF THE FOURTEEN HOLY HELPERS IN VESTIBULE OF ST. MARY'S CHURCH

"THE FOURTEEN HOLY HELPERS"

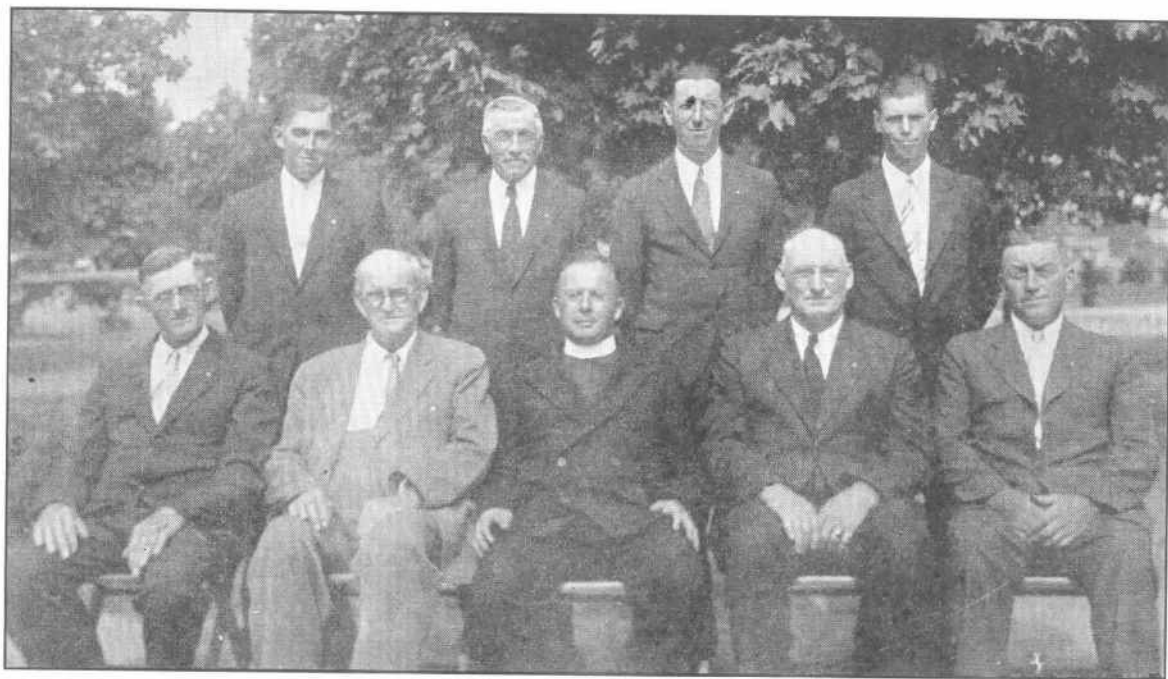
An historic picture full of meaning for the members of St. Mary's parish hangs in the vestibule of our church. It is a valuable oil painting representing the Fourteen Holy Helpers. A story is connected with this picture somewhat similar to that of St. Anne's Shrine near Quebec, which was built in fulfillment of a vow made by sailors on a storm-tossed ocean.

They promised Almighty God that if their lives were spared they would build this shrine wherever they made a safe landing. Their prayers were answered and they kept their promise, building the shrine of St. Anne de Beaupre near the city of Quebec.

In a similar manner in the year 1836 some immigrants from Europe were in danger of losing their lives on the stormy seas. They left Germany in sailboats and on their way over a terrific storm arose and raged for three days. The boat had been closed and even the captain gave up hope and said the people were lost. All passengers were panic stricken and they also prayed to the Almighty for help.

George Friedrich Heinlein and family were among the immigrants on the boat. His wife, Barbara Heinlein, made a special promise that if they were spared, she would donate a picture of the FOURTEEN HOLY HELPERS to the parish of which she would become a member. Their lives were spared and this special promise also was faithfully kept. When they finally landed, they came by horse-drawn canal boat to Buffalo, and then on to Detroit. The Heinlein family later became members of St. Mary's parish, Westphalia, and donated to our church this beautiful oil painting with its hand carved frame.

On the occasion of the centennial another picture of like size was placed in the vestibule opposite the picture of the Fourteen Holy Helpers. The new picture is of an historical nature, depicting the founding of the parish by the first pioneers with the first log church and the present church in vision.



1936

TOP ROW—Louis Fink, Cemetery Sexton; John Pung, Church Committee; Herbert Stump, Janitor; Joseph Martin, Organist. BOTTOM ROW—Edward Hengesbach, Church Committee; John Miller, Church Committee; Rev. Edward Gutha, Pastor; Robert Kolp, Church Committee; William Schmitt, Church Committee.

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MOST REV. BISHOP RADEMACHER, D. D.

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Bishop Rademacher was born in Westphalia Dec. 3, 1840. He studied at St. Vincent College in Pa. Then he entered St. Michael's Seminary at Pittsburgh. He was ordained priest on Aug. 2 in 1864 by Bishop Luers of the Diocese of Fort Wayne.

His first parish was Attica, Ind. Then for eight years pastor at Columbia City, Ind. His next parish was St. Mary's at Fort Wayne. During this time Rev. Rademacher was also chancellor of the Diocese and later took charge of St. Mary's Church at Lafayette which was the second largest parish in the Diocese.

On April 21, 1883, he was appointed Bishop of Nashville, Tenn. Later he was Bishop of Fort Wayne.

He died in 1900 and was buried in the Cathedral at Fort Wayne.



REV. I. A. BERGRATH

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Rev. I. A. Bergrath was born in Honningen in Kreise Adenau, Germany, Nov. 25, 1836. He was a son of Theodore Bergrath and Maria Heinrichs and emigrated to America with his parents when still a child. He studied for the priesthood at St. Vincent's College, Pittsburgh, Pa., and was ordained at Scranton, Pa., April 2, 1860. He celebrated his first High Mass in Westphalia, Michigan. He was pastor of St. Michaels Mission, Pensacola, Florida, at the time of his death. He died Sept. 25, 1881, and was buried at Pensacola, Florida.



REV. MICHAEL BERGRATH

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Rev. Michael Bergrath, son of Theodore Bergrath and Maria Heinrichs, was born April 4, 1851, at Westphalia, Michigan. He attended the parish school at Westphalia and completed his studies at St. Vincent's College, Pittsburgh, Pa. He was ordained July 30, 1874, at Scranton, Pa.

He read his first solemn High Mass at St. Mary's church, Westphalia. He was appointed pastor of St. Patrick's parish, White Haven, Pa., which was his first and only charge. He was also synodal examiner in the Scranton diocese.

In 1899 he returned to Westphalia to celebrate his silver jubilee.

He died in March 1909 and was buried at White Haven, Pa.



REV. FRANCIS BERTRAM

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Rev. Fr. Bertram was born April 2, 1896. He is the son of John P. and Theresia Bertram. He attended the Parish school at Westphalia, and entered Assumption College at Sandwich, Ont., in 1912. In 1917 he attended St. Francis Seminary near Milwaukee. He was ordained Sept. 10, 1922, and was appointed assistant pastor of St. John the Evangelist parish, in Detroit. On Dec. 17, 1927, he was appointed pastor of St. Joseph's parish at Maybee.

Fr. Bertram is one of the first of our more recent priests to study for Holy Orders. Since his ordination and that of Fr. Loehner in September, 1922, a number of young men from Westphalia have begun studying for the priesthood.



REV. BERNARD C. LOEHER

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Rev. Bernard Loehner, a son of Prof. Frank Loehner, was born in Westphalia July 9, 1895. He attended the parish school at Westphalia and continued his studies at Assumption College, Sandwich, Ont., St. Francis Seminary, Milwaukee, Wis., and Mt. St. Mary's Seminary, Cincinnati, Ohio. He was ordained Sept. 10, 1922, at Detroit and celebrated his first Solemn High Mass at Westphalia Sept. 12, 1922. He was appointed pastor of St. Elizabeth's parish, Detroit. Later he became a member of the faculty of Sacred Heart Seminary. For a time he also served as chaplain of St. Joseph's Mercy Hospital, Ann Arbor.

At present he is a professor at Sacred Heart Seminary.

Fr. Loehner is a scholar and a writer of no mean ability. His book, "FOLLOWING CHRIST THROUGH THE MASS," met with world wide approval and the first edition of 2,000 copies was exhausted a few months after leaving the press. It is one of the newest books on the MASS. Among the many approbations received by Fr. Loehner are those from: The Most Rev. Michael James Gallagher, Bishop of Detroit; Most Rev. Francis J. Beckman, Archbishop of Dubuque; The Cardinal Hayes Literature Committee; The Michigan Catholic; Northwest Review, Winnipeg, Canada; London Universe, London, England, and The Catholic Advocate, Brisbane, Australia.



REV. JOSEPH J. BOHR

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Rev. Bohr is a son of William Bohr of Westphalia. He was born in Grand Rapids Nov. 24, 1907, and received his grade school education at St. Mary's School, Westphalia. His high school and college work was completed at Sacred Heart Seminary, Detroit, where he received the Artium Baccalaureus (Bachelor of Arts) degree.

Following his graduation at Detroit Rev. Bohr entered the seminary at Norwood, Ohio, where he completed his seminary course.

Ordained June 9, 1935, and sang his First Solemn High Mass at St. Mary's Church, Westphalia, on June 13, 1935.

Fr. Bohr is at present assistant pastor of St. Mary's parish, Adrian, Mich.



REV. ARNOLD F. SCHNEIDER

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Rev. Arnold F. Schneider, son of Joseph E. Schneider and Theresa Burmann, was born July 25, 1893, on the Michael Schneider farm northeast of Westphalia. He attended the grade schools at St. Mary's, Westphalia, and for several seasons also the village public school. He served in the army during the world war for eighteen months. He began his studies for the priesthood at Assumption College Sept. 8, 1922. After spending six years at Assumption he completed his theology at Innsbruck, Austria. He was ordained there on March 13, 1932.

He read his first mass at Elpe, Westphalen (im Sauerland), the home of his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Burmann. He is now stationed at St. Elizabeth's Parish, Detroit.



REV. PHILIP COOK



REV. ISIDORE BOHR



REV. STANLEY FEDEWA



REV. EUGENE FEDEWA

Besides the foregoing priests who have entered the priesthood and have celebrated their First Masses at Westphalia, St. Mary's Parish also claims as her sons the following, who were born in the parish and attended the parish school, but moved to other parishes before their ordination:

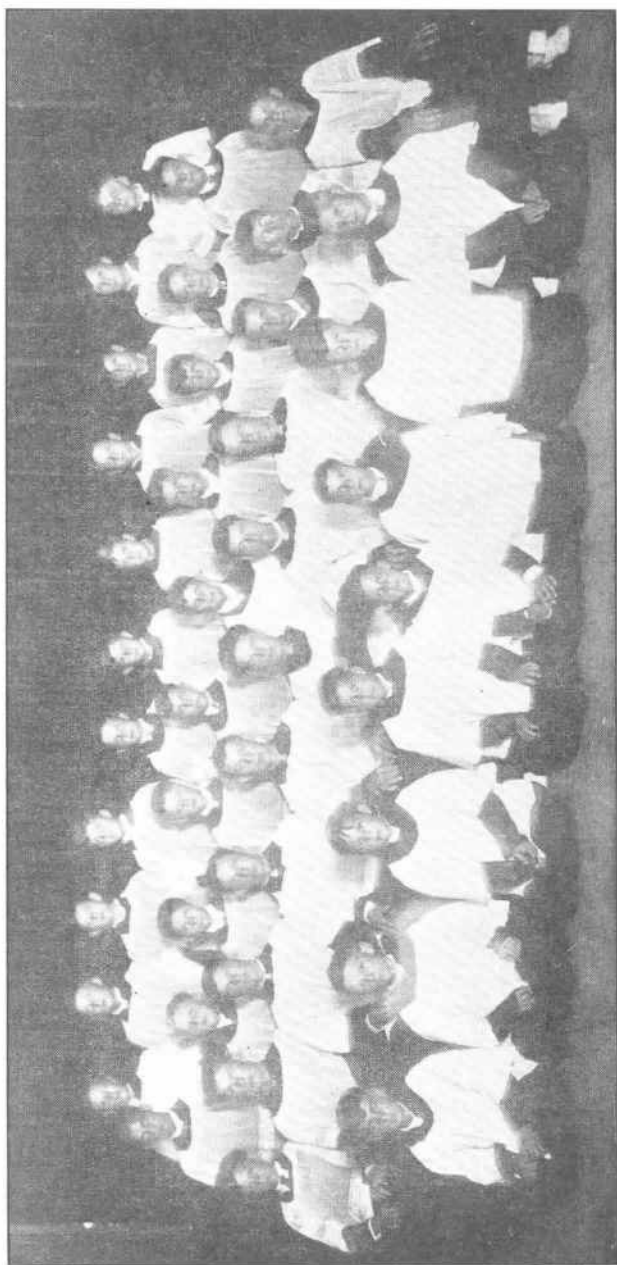
Father Philip Cook, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mathias Cook, was born Sept. 9, 1906, and was baptized at Westphalia. He attended the parish school at Westphalia and later St. Joseph's School, Pewamo. He studied at Assumption College, Sandwich, Ontario, Sacred Heart Seminary, and completed his Theology at Mt. St. Mary's Seminary, Norwood, Ohio. He was ordained May 27, 1934, and was appointed assistant pastor of St. Joseph's Church, Howell.

Father Isidore Bohr, assistant pastor of St. Margaret Mary Parish, Detroit, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Bohr. He was born Oct. 22, 1906, and was baptized in St. Mary's Church, Westphalia. He attended the Parish School and later St. Patrick's School, Portland. He studied at Sacred Heart Seminary, Detroit, and at Mt. St. Mary's Seminary, Norwood, Ohio. He was ordained in the year 1933.

Father Stanley Fedewa, son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Fedewa, was born Feb. 1, 1907. He was baptized in St. Mary's Church and attended the Parish school and later St. Patrick's school, Portland. He studied at Sacred Heart Seminary, Detroit, and at Mt. St. Mary's Seminary, Norwood, Ohio. He was ordained in the year 1933. He is assistant pastor of Sacred Heart Church, Dearborn.

Father Eugene Fedewa, a brother of Father Stanley, and of Sister Annarita of the Sisters of Christian Charity, was born May 9, 1910. He was baptized in the Parish Church at Westphalia. He attended the parish school and also St. Patrick's School, Portland. He studied at Sacred Heart Seminary, Detroit, and also at the Theological Seminary at Innsbruck, Austria. He was ordained March 29, 1936, and is at present assistant pastor of the Church of the Epiphany at Detroit.

At the present time St. Mary's Parish has preparing for the priesthood the following: Albert Schmitt, Robert Keilen at Mt. St. Mary's Seminary, Norwood, Ohio; Ernest Keilen, Robert Bengel, Robert Pung, Erwin Lennemann at St. Mary's Mission House, Techny, Illinois.



ST. MARY'S ALTAR BOYS 1936

DIE ERSTEN PIONIERE

Ein Hundert Jahre sin es her
Seit dem sie kamen uebers meer
Hier zu suchen hier zu finden
Eine Heimath sich zu gruenden.

Nahmen abschied von den Lieben
Die im Vaterlande blieben
Und sie liesen sich hier nieder
Es erschallten deutsche Lieder.

In der wildniss in der dichten
Begann der urwald sich zu lichten
Und nach Hoffen und nach bangen
Erreichten sie ihr heisz' verlangen.

Und nach vielen vielen Jahren
Wollen sich zusammen schaaren
Alle jene die so koennen
Um ihr Loblied anzustimmen.

Nun der urwald is gelichtet
Und des Liedes Vers gedichtet
Gebt ihnen ihr Gebuehren.
Dreimal Hoch den Pionieren!

BRIEF HISTORY OF ST. MARY'S PARISH

It was in the year 1836 that the Rev. Anton Kopp, accompanied by a number of his country men, left Westphalia, Germany, for America. They sailed from Bremen Aug. 26, crossing the ocean and landing in New York Oct. 3. They started for Detroit several days later, via the Erie Canal and arrived there Oct. 25.

Upon their arrival they immediately took counsel with a priest of Detroit as to where they would be best suited for a location for their future homes. This was a very important meeting for it was to decide their future location in the New World.

They were advised by this clergyman to take up newly surveyed government land in the Grand River Valley. They were likewise urged by a Mr. Cordes to locate somewhere in this vicinity. Mr. Cordes had previously worked with the surveyors and acquired considerable knowledge about the land in the Grand River Valley.

Accordingly, three days after their arrival in Detroit, Rev. Fr. Kopp and Eberhard Platte left for the land office at Ionia. They arrived in Ionia Nov. 4, after seven hard days of travel. Here they experienced considerable difficulty not being familiar with the English language. They finally succeeded, however, in buying land Nov. 10.

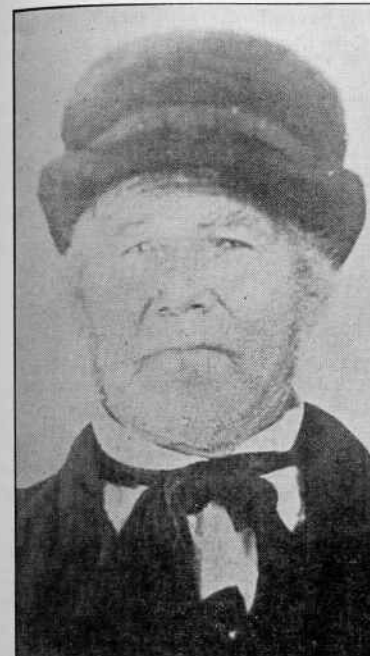
Fr. Kopp immediately returned to Detroit alone, Eberhard Platte remaining in Lyons. He arrived there Nov. 18, after a long tiresome trip. On Nov. 19 he was kindly received by Rt. Rev. Bishop Rese who appointed him for the German Mission.

In the meantime a group of five men, namely Anton Cordes, Joseph Platte, John Hanses, William Tillman, and John Salter, started out from Detroit on foot to explore the wilderness. Imagine the courage of these early immigrants guided by the Rev. Fr. Kopp in striking out as they did in a strange wild country to find future homes for themselves. Like so many other immigrants from Europe they had crossed the ocean in sailboats, a long tedious journey in itself. After that the slow journey across country to the frontier city of Detroit. They very likely had suffered the pangs of homesickness, privation and poverty long before they reached Detroit. They were not even acquainted with the language of their adopted country and it can be imagined how utterly lost they must have felt in this strange land.

However, as strangers in a strange land they found immeasurable comfort in their faith. They found those to whom they could go for advice, those whom they trusted implicitly, namely the Rev. Clergy of Detroit.

There were no railroads at that time and in fact not many good roads of any kind, but these five men finally reached Lyons by way of the Dexter trail. Lyons was at that time a small pioneer settlement in Ionia County. Here they engaged a Mr. Hunt to guide them to the government lands that had been taken up at Ionia Nov. 10.

The United States Government owned this entire township, as speculators did not consider any land in this vicinity worth their attention. These first settlers paid about one dollar an acre for their land. They located on Section 5, Town 6 North, Range 4 West, in November, 1836.



NICHOLAS MARTIN

Parents of the first girl married in Westphalia

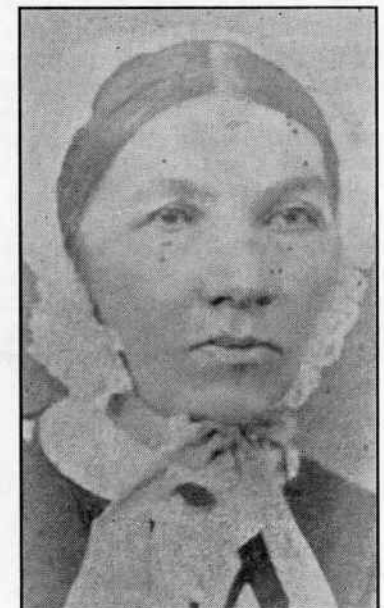


MRS. NICHOLAS MARTIN



EBERHARD PLATTE

Parents of the first child baptized in Westphalia



THERESIA PLATTE

They took possession of the entire section, except one eighty-acre tract. In memory of the province they had left in the fatherland they named the new township "Westphalia".

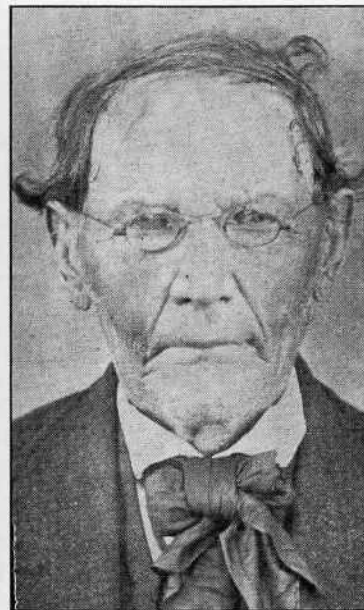
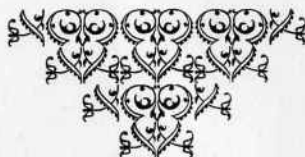
Mr. Hanses, Mr. Cordes, Mr. Platte and Mr. Tillman remained on the ground and began at once to clear the land. But Mr. Salter, declining to become a practical pioneer just then, returned to Detroit. He soon afterwards sold his land, thereby ending his connection with Westphalia. Mr. Tillman remained for two months, then absented himself for a time. Upon his return he settled on section 9.

HARDSHIPS OF THE FIRST SETTLERS

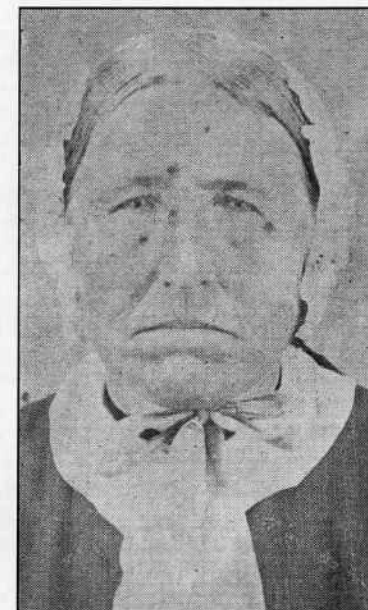
These first settlers were very poor and after paying for their lands had but little left. Such luxuries as doors or windows were not to be had and they had to depend upon blankets and sheets for their cabin openings. The hearts of the women folks often quaked with terror when they heard the howling of wolves at night. At times they expected to see the beasts dash through the ill protected openings.

Many a story has been told about the struggles and privations these first settlers had to endure. They were hardly able to supply themselves with the common necessities of life, while waiting for the earth to yield them of its fruits. Poor as they were, they had to pay dearly for what they needed. As an instance, it cost Anton Cordes fifty dollars, about all the money he had in the world, for bringing a load of household goods from Detroit to his Westphalia clearing.

The preceding summer had been very dry, so prices were high and food scarce. The settlement felt the depression all the more, because they had had no chance to plant anything and roads were very poor to get food from outside. Flour was held at eighteen dollars per barrel, potatoes, two dollars per bushel, and pork, twenty-five cents per pound. In the summer of 1837, flour was held at twenty-one dollars a barrel at Lyons and even at that was hard to get. Mr. Hanses is reported later as saying, that the timber about them was often so thick that when they wanted to see the sky they had to chop down a tree. It was some time before a team of oxen was brought to Westphalia and the back of the pioneer was sorely tried in the work of clearing and tilling the land. They used primitive tools, somewhat on the order of the wooden plow, as well as the hoe, shovel and spade. They found the soil good, however, and hoped for a brighter future.



JOHN HANSES
One of the first five pioneers who
founded Westphalia



ELIZABETH HANSES
His Wife

THE PIONEER WEDDING

John Hanses was the only one of the pioneer company who was not married, and was therefore the pioneer bachelor of Westphalia. However, he put up a cabin on his place and kept bachelor's hall. His companions brought their families out from Detroit toward the beginning of February, 1837.

Mr. Hanses spent the first eighteen months of his sojourn between clearing his place and working at Lyons for others. Upon his return to his bachelor's hall for a permanent stay, he was stricken down with fever and ague and lay helpless for six months. He was taken in hand and cared for by the family of Nicholas Martin, his neighbor. Later he was united in marriage with Mr. Martin's daughter, Elizabeth, Rev. Fr. Kopp performed the ceremony. This wedding or marriage took place February 1, 1840, and was the pioneer wedding of Westphalia. There was a humble wedding feast and then the bride and groom took for their wedding trip a walk from Mr. Martin's house to the groom's cabin. Both bride and groom lived to a hearty old age as respected citizens of the community.

Bernard Hanses, a son, aged 92, still lives on the Hanses homestead and is the oldest resident of Westphalia at the present time.

EARLY PIONEERS

In 1837 and 1838 the following joined the first settlers in Westphalia: Eberhard Platte, Michael Thome, Peter Arens, Mathias Ott, Gottfried Adelman, August Thome, Anton Platte, Michael Thomen, and Nicholas Martin. They came from the same neighborhood in Germany as the "pioneer advance guard", and were in many cases friends of long standing. They naturally looked for homes in the New World where they would meet their old companions. They settled as much as possible, along the creek now known as Fuller Creek, since it was a fresh water stream and much larger than it is today. This stream was known for many years as Platte Bach for the reason that several families of Plattes owned land in this vicinity. One great advantage they had over the first five settlers, was namely this: They knew, when they left Germany, just where they were going, and at the end of the long tiresome journey they received an enthusiastic welcome from their friends. They were all very poor, however, when they finally reached Westphalia, and with the others they lived the hard life of the pioneer. At the end of the year 1837, the settlement had only two cows. Prices dropped somewhat in the year 1838.

Among those who came in 1839 were: Franz Rademacher, Conrad Martin, Lorenz Huhn, Lorenz Nasemann, Bernard Rademacher, Peter Platte, Ludwig Wieber, Martin Paul, Joseph Platte, Anton Belke, Wilhelm Tillman. The little German colony in the wilds of Michigan became somewhat famous. Its members, communicating with friends in the fatherland, pointed the way to those who chose to join the early settlers.

Franz Rademacher and his family were brought from Detroit to Westphalia with an ox team and wagon. It took ten days to make the trip. The household goods of the Rademachers were piled upon the wagon and their one cow was tied in back of it. Thus they made the trip to Westphalia in true pioneer style. Darkness again overtook them before they located their homestead and they spent the last night in a shack that had been abandoned by some settler a few miles to the north. Mr. Rademacher had bought the land in Detroit of a Mr. Cordes who had lived upon it one year and raised a few potatoes, putting them into a pit. The trip to Westphalia cost Mr. Rademacher ten dollars and when he finally arrived at his homestead, he had left 25 cents in cash, a few sacks of flour and the potatoes that had been bought with the land.

This farm is about one and one-half miles east of Westphalia, and is now occupied by Bernard Rademacher, great grandson of Franz Rademacher, who bought the land.

EARLY PIONEER LIFE

When the early settlers were ready to harvest their wheat they cut it by hand with a sickle or scythe or later with a cradle. It was also gathered up by hand and tied in bundles. Each farmer threshed his own wheat with a hand flail. It was sometimes pounded out on ice, on barn floors or on any other hard surface. This method of flailing wheat was not new to the settlers for this custom also prevailed in

Germany at that time. Cattle were scarce then and the usual custom was to pack a two bushel bag of wheat upon the back, carry it on foot through the woods to Lyons or Portland to be milled and bring back the flour in the same manner. John Hanses also recollected later, how he used to drag barrels of flour from Portland on a hand sled, and halt every few minutes to lift the flour over fallen trees which were in the way.

It was about this same time that August Thome carried a bed sheet full of wool on his back from Westphalia to Detroit. He started out on a Thursday and reached Detroit Sunday morning in time for early mass. After selling the wool he followed the same trail back to his Westphalia clearing.

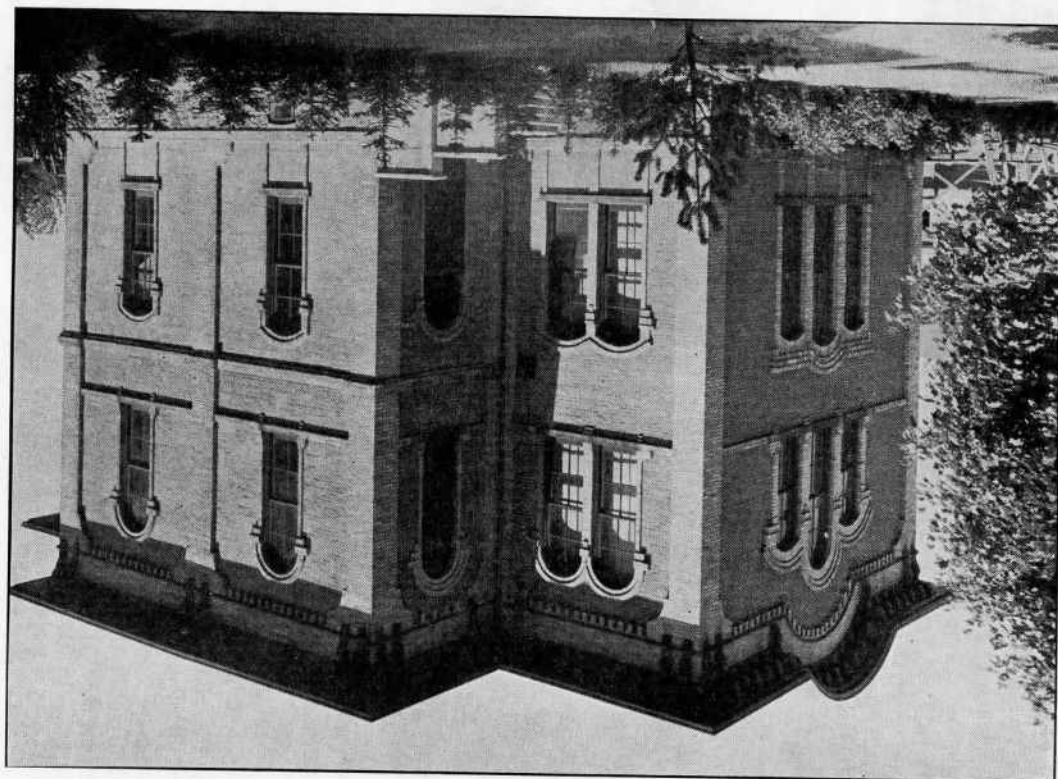
Michael Thome brought the first pair of oxen to the Westphalia settlement in 1838. They were in constant demand and probably did not enjoy being the only ox team in the community. Mr. Thome, their owner, was looked upon as a man especially favored by fortune. The scarcity of ox teams was a seriously felt want especially in such work as carrying fence rails and other similar tugging labor. The back of the pioneer was often tired and weary, and he hoped for the time when ox teams would become common.

The settlers had to buy all needed supplies while awaiting the growth of their first crops. Since money was so scarce, they could not always gratify their wants and actually suffered hunger on many occasions. As an example, Michael Thomen when he sowed his first crop of wheat, could not afford a drag and actually dragged his wheat field with bundles of thorn bushes. In fact the custom of dragging with thorn bushes seemed quite common in the early days of the settlement. Of course it must be remembered that in the beginning the pioneer settlers had not many acres to cultivate. Their real work at first consisted in chopping down the trees about them and burning up the brush. Stumps were burned out as much as possible.

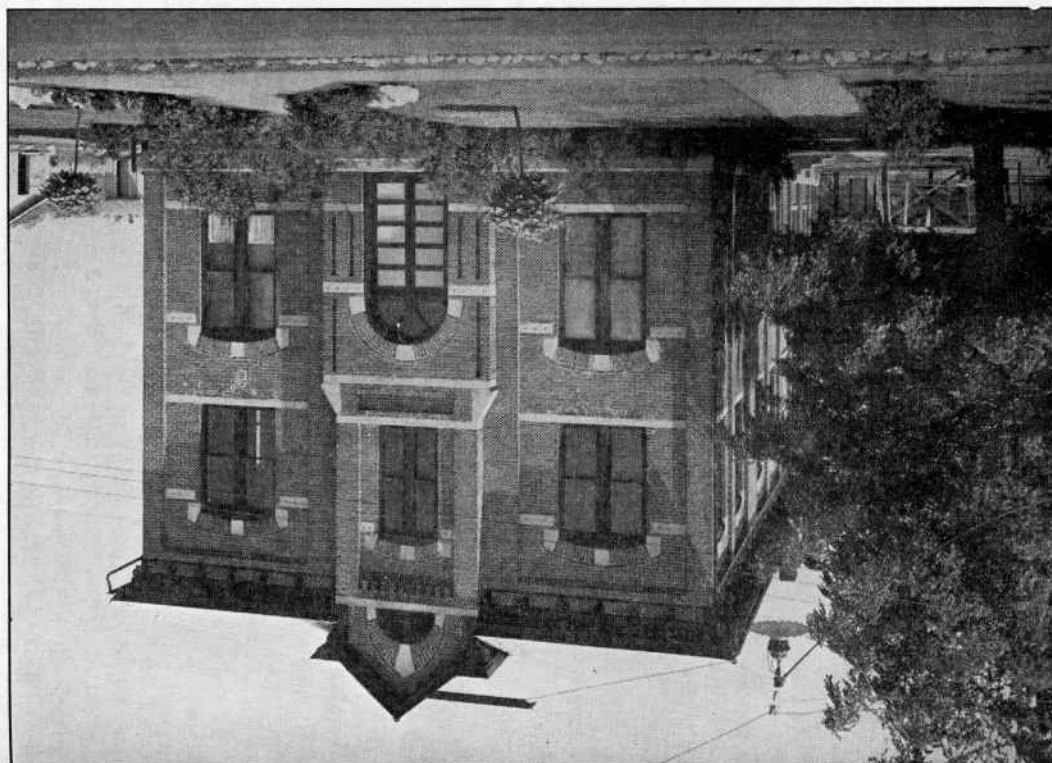
LOG CABINS

Log houses were used almost exclusively for many years in Westphalia and a few log cabins still dot the landscape here and there.

These buildings were raised by a bee or community gathering of friends and neighbors. The logs were cut to proper lengths, trimmed and fitted at the corners and laid one upon the other to form the walls. The space between was filled with a mixture of clay. Logs also supported the ceiling of boards and were often white washed to form a neat appearance. At first there were no stairways and only a ladder led up into the loft. An open fire-place was often built at one end of the cabin with a large wide chimney built of clay. The roof of the cabin was usually made of hand split shingles. The cost of hinges, nails, windows, etc., for one of these cabins averaged about \$2.50. The furniture in the cabin such as chairs, tables, beds, cradles, cabinets, etc., were of wood and mostly made by hand. Much artistic talent was displayed by some of the pioneers in the making of some of these simple household furnishings.



EAST SIDE SCHOOL 1936



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The early settlers usually chopped down the trees in such manner as to make them fall in a heap as much as possible. When burned up, this left quite a cleared space. After they had made a clearing in this manner they tilled and cultivated it as well as possible with the tools at hand.

Much good timber as well as brush was burned in those pioneer days. Logging "bees" were common. Trees were felled, trimmed, rolled upon a heap and sent up in smoke. It makes one shudder to think of all the fine timber destroyed in this manner. This fact is especially significant at the present time when our government is engaged in reforestation projects, CCC camps, etc. However, in those early days, the clearing of the land was a vital necessity. The early settlers had to have enough cleared land upon which to grow their crops, in order that they might eat.

This constant burning of brush and clearing of the land seemed to be the cause of many a tragic death among the children of the community. No doubt, so much fire and smoke at all times was the cause of many of these tragedies. Also the fact, that in those days whole families went into the woods to help burn the brush and make the clearing.

In 1841 Lorenz Huhn's two children were burned to death in the house of their parents. The parents had gone into the woods nearby for a short time. They had hardly gone before the house took fire, and burned and with it the children. The supposition was, that the children played with fire.

It was also around this time, that Mrs. John Hanses, the pioneer bride of Westphalia, had her thrilling experience with a bear. On her way back to the Hanses cabin one evening after visiting her parents, the Martins, she encountered a bear in the woods. She was of course frightened almost to death. However she kept her presence of mind enough to climb a tree, hurriedly you may be sure. She dared not climb too large a tree either, else the bear could climb up after her. So she quickly chose a smaller tree and had to remain in it the whole night. She dared not come down lest Mr. Bruin be keeping watch near by. The reason a search party was not sent out sooner was, because her parents thought she had gone home and her home folks thought she had stayed with her parents. Such was the wild and exciting life in the early days of Westphalia.

Wildlife abounded. It was often dangerous as well as plentiful. Some snakes were dangerous, especially rattlesnakes and the word *schlangen-gebissen* is frequently used in the early burial records.

The early settlers often saw deer roaming through the forests around Westphalia. At times these graceful animals ventured near their cabin homes. Mrs. Theodore Droste, who lived on section 5 often related her novel experience of seeing a deer come up to the cabin window as she sat near by with her sewing. The startled animal made a most beautiful picture as it gazed at her through the cabin window.

There were also Indians in this vicinity in the pioneer days and even later, but they proved to be quite friendly and liked to barter with the white man. Now and then, with many signs and gestures they would ask for a loaf of bread just freshly baked in an out door oven. The housewife could hardly afford to give away loaves of bread when flour was so hard to obtain, but she usually did so in order not to

incite the anger of the Red Man. At one time an encampment of Indians pitched their tents on the banks of Stoney Creek, north and east of Westphalia, about one and one-half miles east of the bridge, the home where Jacob Schneider now resides. Here they lived their simple out door life; hunted and fished. They also made woven baskets and tried to sell them or barter with them whenever they had the opportunity.

This Indian Colony was a permanent one and they remained in this vicinity until about 1878 or 1879.

FR. KOPP RETURNS TO THE SETTLEMENT

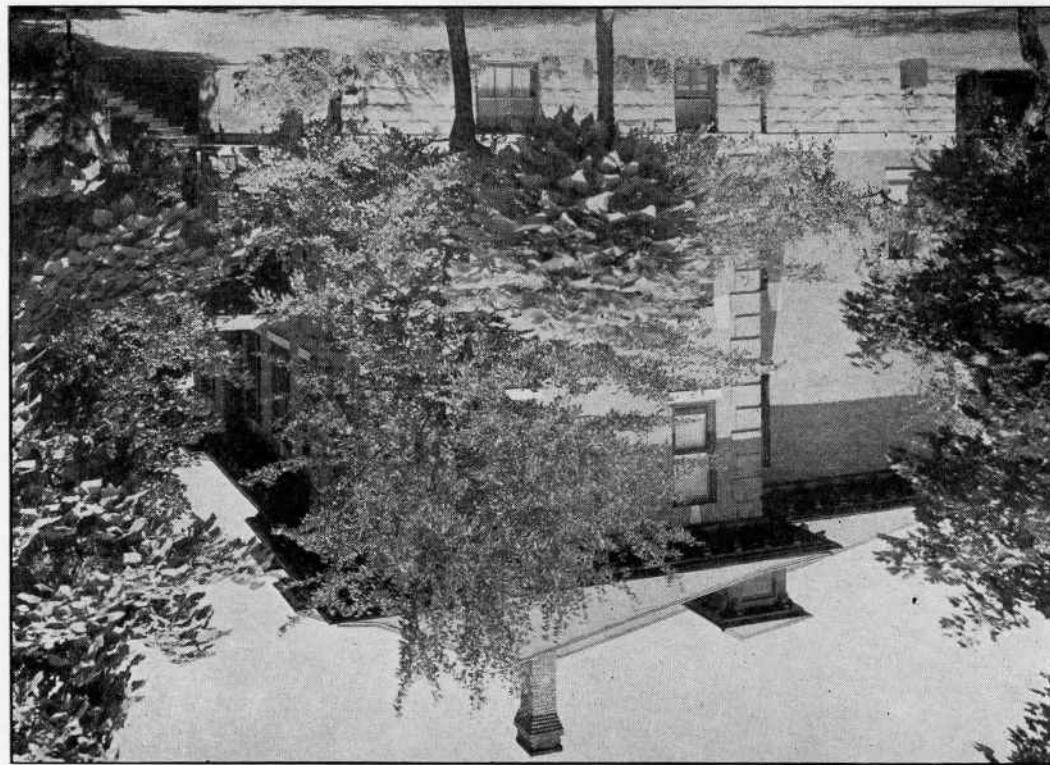
In September, 1837, Rev. Fr. Kopp at the earnest solicitation of the settlers, returned to them. He bought a horse and buggy to make the trip to the settlement. On account of poor, muddy roads, and lack of bridges the trip was both difficult and dangerous. A mile from DeWitt his wagon broke down, and in the effort of fixing it Fr. Kopp lost his pocketbook with forty dollars. He finally reached Lyons October 3rd. He remained here for a time as the number of Catholics was greater than in the settlement, but occasionally he had Mass in the settlement. The first Masses were read in the homes of the pioneers. While in Lyons he stayed with Joseph Platte in a poor clapboard house.

In 1837 it was decided to erect a log house of two rooms in the settlement, one for Divine Services, the other for the priest's living quarters. This log church was begun, but due to bad weather and lack of settlers it was finished only the following year. This church was located west and north of the present church or about one-half mile west of the present rectory. (Long after the church was removed, the square plat of ground upon which it stood as well as the cemetery around it was never plowed by Anthony Platte who owned the land. This was out of respect for his relatives and friends who were buried in the small cemetery.) The church was built upon a knoll or hill. (At that time the land was so swampy in this township that the people were forced to look for the high places when they thought of building.)

Rev. Fr. Kopp had again gone back to Detroit but in March, 1838, he returned to Lyons. Again he remained for a short time with Joseph Platte at Lyons. From here he went to the settlement where he remained for two weeks with Anton Cordes. He then moved into the poorly equipped house, and, buying the necessary provisions began keeping house for himself. The first year the settlers were able to donate little else but pork and potatoes for the support of the pastor.

Fr. Kopp held religious services in his log cabin and also gave instructions in his living quarters. He was a man of splendid education, with much energy and force of character. He was ever an important factor during his brief stay in Westphalia in the conduct of religious and secular affairs.

Certainly much credit is due this remarkable man for the spirit of self sacrifice he exhibited. He remained here in the wilderness, living a life of hardship and poverty in order to be of service to his people and administer to their spiritual needs. Because of his superior education and leadership he was called upon to attend to their temporal and political affairs as well.



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During the winter of 1838, he occasionally visited an Irish settlement that had been made at Belleview Road, Ionia County. His visits were deeply appreciated, for there were not many priests in the out missions in those days. It was also during this winter, 1838, that Fr. Kopp was sick for six weeks with cold and fever. However, in the spring he was able to take up his work again, even planting his own garden.

SCARCITY OF MONEY

In March, 1839, the settlers subscribed the sum of \$58 for the support of their pastor. The following year however they were able to raise only about \$6 of this amount. In the beginning of 1840 Fr. Kopp taught school for several months and was paid \$8 and several cents by the state. A severe winter followed in which he had the added misfortune of losing his horse.

PARISH ACQUIRES CHURCH PROPERTY

In 1840 in order to make the first church parish property, the settlers agreed to pay the following sums:

A. To Michael Thomen for building	\$50.00
B. To Joseph Platte for 1200 ft. lumber	28.00
C. To Fr. Kopp for various expenses	11.56½

The entire debt of the parish

\$90.36½

Fr. Kopp offered to pay Michael Thomen and Joseph Platte with his own money and he gave the parish eight years time in which to pay him back without interest. This amounted to \$11.29½ per year.

By this contract the parish acquired the house and the land owners were taxed in order to raise the yearly quota.

The trustees elected in 1841 were, Conrad Martin, Louis Wieber and Anton Cordes. This year proved to be more depressive than the foregoing one. They had little rain and the crops failed.

Rev. Fr. Kopp went on a mission tour passing through Grand Rapids, Milwaukee, St. Joseph, Niles, Bertram, Kalamazoo, Marshall, Jacksonbury, Ann Arbor and Detroit. He returned to Westphalia the beginning of August. His salary fee for the year was \$32. The summer was dry, crops poor, prices were low and many farmers labored for their board.

In spite of all these hardships however, the settlement continued to grow. In 1841 and 1842 a large number of families emigrated to Westphalia from the Rhine country in Germany as shown in Fr. Kopp's records.

"THE FIRST TOWNSHIP MEETING"

In 1839, the number of settlers was so large that, with the permission of the government they separated from Watertown and formed the township of Westphalia. Officers were elected for the first time.

The first township meeting was held at the house of Anton Cordes, April 29, 1839. Anton Cordes was appointed moderator. Joseph Cordes, clerk, and Philip Henry Martz, James S. McRoberts, Peter Arens and Anthony Kopp inspectors of election.

The officials chosen on that occasion were:

Supervisor—Anthony Kopp

Clerk—Philip Henry Martz

Treasurer—Nicholas Martin

Justices of the Peace—Gottfried Adleman (four years), Anton Cordes (three years), Peter Arens

Assessors—Anton Platte, Philip Henry Martz, James S. McRoberts

Highway Commissioners—Conrad Martin, Nicholas Martin, John Hanses

School Inspectors—Peter Arens, Michael Thome

Collector—Mathias Ott

Constable—Mathias Ott

Directors of the Poor—Bernard Rademacher, Anton Cordes

Overseers of Highways—Francis Rademacher in District No. 1, Anthony Kopp in District No. 2

The book containing the records of the first elections in Westphalia is nearly ninety-eight years old. It is entirely written in script and still readable. The meetings and elections were held in accordance with the law of the land and written into the records with great exactitude.

Unfortunately the written record of the first meeting has been lost but we herewith present a (photostatic) copy of the second township election, held in Westphalia in 1840. It is in Fr. Kopp's own handwriting.

THE TREASURER'S REPORT IN 1840

At a meeting of the township board, held March 24, 1840, for the purpose of settling with the town treasurer, it appeared that there had been received by the treasurer from residents twenty-six dollars and forty cents and from non-residents twenty dollars and seventy cents, or a total of forty-seven dollars and ten cents; that the collector's fees were two dollars and fifty-one cents; that there had been paid in town orders twenty-six dollars and twenty-five and a half cents, and that there remained due to the town twenty-one dollars and thirty-six and a half cents.

Record of the second annual meeting of the town of Westphalia, Clinton County, Michigan, held on the first day of April 1899 on the house of Anthony Gaudet. After having duly notified according to law, Anthony Goppert was appointed Moderator, Samuel Boughton, Clerk & Joseph P. Pette one of the inspectors. After the meeting being organized the following named persons were duly elected Town officers for the ensuing year, viz:

1. John Dinsdale with twelve votes (12) (by lot) Supervisor.
- Anthony Goppert received twelve votes (12)
- William Edmund one vote (1)
2. Samuel Boughton with eighteen votes (18) Justice of the peace for four years
- Simon Macy received nine votes (9)
3. Anthony Goppert with twenty six votes (26) Town Clerk (Samuel Boughton, Secy)
4. Lewis Thibault with eighteen votes (18) Treasurer
- Anthony Pette received nine (9)
5. Nicholas Martin with twenty three (23) stylos
- Simon Macy twenty one (21)
- Local Martin ten (10)
- Michael Thomas received seven votes (7)
- Michael Thome six (6)
- William Patten two (2)
- Anthony Pette one (1)
- Samuel Boughton one (1)
- Samuel Rademaker one (1)
6. Joseph Pette with nineteen votes (19) Collector
- Local Martin received seven (7)
7. Samuel Boughton with sixteen votes (16) School Inspectors.
- Peter Thoms fourteen (14) (Chairman)
- Anthony Pette ten (10)
- Dominick Kippert received five (5)
- John Dinsdale five (5)
- William Patten two (2)
- Ed. Thoms one (1)
- Michael Thome one (1)

8. Anthony Gaudet with fourteen votes (14) } District of the peace.
- William Edmund twelve (12) }
- Samuel Rademaker received ten (10)
- Peter Thoms six (6)
- Laurence Thibault seven (7)
- Michael Thome three (3)
- Barnard Rademaker one (1)
9. Joseph Gaudet with fifteen votes (15) } Commissioners of Highways.
- Samuel Boughton fourteen (14) }
- Dominick Kippert twelve (12) }
- Michael Thome received seven (7)
- Local Martin nine (9)
- Lewis Thibault four (4)
- William Patten seven (7)
- Michael Thome three (3)
- Nicholas Martin one (1)
- Joseph Pette one (1)
- Samuel Macy one (1)
10. Joseph Pette with twenty two votes (22) Constables.
- James L. McRoberts eighteen (18) }
- Joseph Gaudet received three (3)
- John Dinsdale three (3)
- Local Martin one (1)
- For overseer of Highways Sam. Gaudet was chosen.
11. William Patten District M.E.
- Michael Thome No H.
- Paul Thome No H.
- Anthony Macy Inspector
- Arthur Goppert Secy
- Dominick Kippert
- Joseph Pette

I do certify the above to be a true statement. Samuel Boughton Town Clerk

PIONEER BUSINESS PLACES

Lorenz Naseman was the first shoemaker the settlement had and Peter Servatius who came in 1841, the second.

Joseph Platte started a small store at Lyons directly after his arrival in Westphalia. When the settlement had grown somewhat in number, he opened a similar place on section 5 upon the road now passing east and west through the village. It was located on the first regularly constructed highway in the settlement.

The pioneer marriage has already been noted.

The first baptism recorded by Fr. Kopp was that of Theresia, daughter of Joseph and Maria Platte of Lyons.

The first boy baptized was Anthony Platte, son of Eberhard and Theresia Platte of Lyons.

The first child born and baptized in Westphalia was Elizabeth, daughter of Conrad and Catherina Martin. She was born in 1840 and later became the wife of Peter Petsch.

The first boy born and baptized in Westphalia was William Rademacher, son of Franz Rademacher and Elizabeth Bayer.

The first death recorded by Fr. Kopp was a seven-year-old daughter of Eberhard and Theresia Platte of Lyons, Anna Katherine by name. Her burial took place June 4, 1838.

Following is a list of the first marriages, the first baptisms, and the first burials that are written into the records of St. Mary's parish.

Marriages:

1. John Hanses and Elizabeth Martin, married Feb. 1, 1840.
2. Lorenz Naseman and Mary Elizabeth Martin, married July 21, 1842.
3. August Thome and Eva Doll, married Sept. 15, 1842.
4. Philip Hauck and Anna M. Pohl, married Sept. 17, 1842.
5. William Tillman and Helena Koenig, married Sept. 17, 1842.
6. Gottfried Adelman and Christine Lopis, married Jan. 17, 1843.
7. John Dunnebacke and Anna M. Heinlein, married Jan. 9, 1844.
8. Franz Martin and Gertrude Vidua, married June 18, 1844.
9. Emerich Neuman and Maria Koch, married Feb. 4, 1845.
10. Henry Burritt and Bridget Halpin of Owen Oaks, married Feb. 17, 1845.

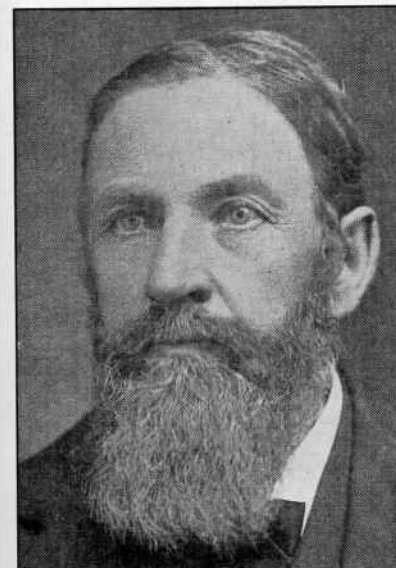
Baptisms:

1. Theresia, daughter of Joseph Platte and Maria Belke of Lyons, baptized March 23, 1838.
2. Maria, daughter of Patrick Lawless and Catherine Toan of Ionia, baptized July 16, 1838.
3. Antonius, son of Eberhard Platte and Theresia Saltar of Lyons, baptized July 22, 1838.
4. Apollonia, daughter of Paul Remeo and Barbara Graes of Lyons, baptized Feb. 23, 1839.
5. Mary, daughter of Peter Heckert and Mary Ann Loughlan of Ionia, baptized April 7, 1839.
6. Elizabeth, daughter of Conrad Martin and Catherina Martin of Westphalia, baptized August 25, 1840.

7. Maria Elizabeth, daughter of Peter Arens and Anna Katherina Plute of Westphalia, baptized October 1, 1840.
8. Carl, son of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Keerow of Lookinglass, born April 30, baptized Nov. 29.
9. Helena, daughter of William Neals, born June 16, baptized Dec. 22.
10. Maria, daughter of Michael Welsh and Ann Brown, born Feb. 28, baptized Feb. 29.
11. William, son of Franz Rademacher and Elizabeth Bayer, born May 16, baptized May 17, 1840.



WILLIAM RADEMACHER
First boy born and baptized
in Westphalia



ANTHONY PLATTE
First boy baptized in Westphalia



ELIZABETH MARTIN (PETSCH)
First girl born and baptized in Westphalia

Burials:

1. Anna Catherine, age 7 years, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eberhard Platte of Lyons, buried June 4, 1838.
2. Maria, age 2½ years, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lorenz Huhn of Westphalia, buried March 19, 1841.
3. Theresia, age 8 months, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lorenz Huhn of Westphalia, buried April 15, 1841.
4. Anna, nearly 2 years, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Schafer of Westphalia, buried Sept. 18, 1841.
5. Perry March, age 29 years, buried Sept. 30, 1841.
6. Joseph, age 2 years, son of Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Pohl of Westphalia, buried Nov. 10, 1841.
7. Anton, age 11 years, son of Mr. and Mrs. Anton Cordes of Westphalia, buried May 23, 1842.
8. 1842—Baby, one day old, buried. (Name unreadable.)
9. 1842—(Name unreadable.)
10. 1842—A child named Esch was buried.

From these records it can be seen what a large scattered "congregation" was administered to by Father Kopp in his capacity of priest and spiritual advisor. In addition to this he went on extensive mission tours, this being a real mission country at the time.

Soon the log church was too small for Divine Services so they removed part of the temporary wall. On July 3rd, 1842, a move was made to buy ten acres of land for \$40 upon which to erect a new chapel. On Dec. 18, 1842, another election of officers took place. The new trustees chosen were John Dunnebacke and John Hanses, (the latter being appointed teacher for one year).

The parish finally bought ten acres of land on the southeast end of the settlement for \$32, the very ten acres upon which the present parish buildings are located. The money was raised by taxing the settlers.

During the winter of 1842 and 1843, Fr. Kopp took leave of Westphalia leaving behind him a noble record as well as many an aching heart. He was for a short time in charge of St. Mary's parish in Detroit. Later he organized St. Michael's parish in Chicago.

Although he came no more to Westphalia, he watched its progress with anxious solicitude and to the day of his death was in friendly communication with the people who remembered him and spoke of him reverently and gratefully.

FR. KOPP'S STATISTICS

Following is a list of the first settlers in Westphalia as recorded by Rev. Father Kopp.

Names of the Settlers	Date 1836-37	Children	Total Number	Location
1. Anton Cordes and Elizabeth Platte, Helden, Westphalia, Prussia.....		8	10	Section 5, 115½ Acres
2. John Hanses, Elspe, Westphalia.....		1	1	Section 5, 136 Acres
3. Anton Platte aus Helden.....		1	1	Section 5, 7½ Acres
4. Michael Thomen.....		1	3	Section 4, 40 Acres

Names of the Settlers	Date 1836-37	Children	Total Number	Location
1838				
1. Michael Thomee.....	May 8	5	7	Section 9, 80 Acres
2. Nicolaus Martin.....	Sept. 13	6	8	Section 5, 73 Acres
3. Peter Arens & Maria Catharina Pulte.....	Oct. 16	.....	2	Section 9, 40 Acres
4. Mathias Ott.....	Oct. 22	2	4	Section 4, 38.46 Acres
5. Gottfried Adelmann.....	October	.....	1	Section 4, 38.46 Acres
6. Anton Kopp von Ruthen, Westphalia.....	April 19	.....	1	Section 5, 75 Acres
7. Augustin Thomee Sohn von No. 1.....	Dec.	.....	1	Section 4, 40 Acres
1839				
1. Lorenz Huhn.....	Jan. 5	1	3	Section 10, 40 Acres
2. Lorenz Naseman.....	Jan. 5	.....	1	Section 9, 40 Acres
3. Bernard Rademacher.....	Feb.	3	5	Section 5, 24 Acres
4. Peter Platte von Helden, Westphalia.....	Feb.	.....	1	.....
5. Franz Rademacher.....	Feb.	5	7	Section 3, 80 Acres
6. Conrad Martin.....	Feb. 20	6	8	Section 6, 80 Acres
7. Ludwig Wieber.....	Aug. 16	1	3	Section 4, 40 Acres
8. Martin Paul.....	Aug. 31	2	4	Section 4, 40 Acres
9. Joseph Platte and Anna Maria Belke von Helden.....	Oct. 31	2	4	Section 4, 37½ Acres
10. Anton and Eva Belke.....	Oct. 31	.....	2	.....
11. Wilhelm Tillman, 2 te ankunfit.	Dec. 3	.....	1	Section 9, 40 Acres
1840				
1. Dominick Kopfert.....	Jan. 20	.....	1	Section 6, 76.60 Acres
2. Johann Dunnebacke.....	Mar. 6	1	3	Section 9, 80 Acres
3. Anton Pulte von Mecklinghausen, Westphalia.....	July	.....	1	Section 9, 80 Acres
4. Maria Heinlein.....	Aug. 5	.....	1	.....
5. Anton Martin.....	Aug. 5	.....	1	Section 4, 77 Acres
1841				
1. Nicholas Pohl and Anna Catharina Mauren von Musch Reg. bezirk Coblenz.....	May 29	4	6	Section 5, 29 Acres
2. Johann Fuchs and Anna Maria Schuller.....	May 29	5	7	Section 5, 29 Acres
3. Anton Fuchs Sohn des Vorigen, Wittman.....	May 29	.....	1	.....
4. Johann Lehman and Anna Katharina Buechel.....	May 29	3	5	Section 5, 29 Acres
5. Johann Buechel.....	.....	.....	1	.....
6. Anton Schaefer.....	Sept. 11	8	10	Section 3 & 10, 80 Acres
7. Adam Vidua.....	Sept. 11	5	7	Section 4, 40 Acres
8. Johann Pung.....	Sept. 11	6	8	Section 4, 40 Acres
9. Peter Gross.....	Sept. 11	6	8	.....
10. Anton Fuchs.....	Sept. 12	4	6	Section 2, 80 Acres
11. Jacob Konig.....	Sept. 12	5	7	Section 9, 40 Acres
12. Johann Peter Pohl.....	Sept. 12	4	6	Section 9, 26.30 Acres
13. Hubertus Klein.....	Sept. 12	5	7	Section 9, 53.70 Acres
14. Mathias Romus.....	Sept. 12	.....	1	.....
15. Anton Servatius.....	Sept. 14	.....	1	.....
16. John Peter Servatius.....	Sept. 14	1	3	Section 5, 34.5 Acres
17. Anton Buechel.....	Sept. 14	2	4	Section 3, 40 Acres
18. Lehrer Joseph Gronus.....	Sept. 14	.....	1	.....
19. Peter Schafer.....	Sept. 15	3	5	40 Acres
20. Wittwe Katharina Doll geb. Muller.....	Sept. 15	3	5	.....
21. Muller.....	Oct. 9	.....	1	.....
22. Mathias Simon.....	Sept. 14	5	7	Section 2, 80 Acres
23. Jacob Horn.....	Nov. 17	.....	1	Section 4, 40 Acres
1842				
1. Wilhelm Hengesbach.....	July 8	1	3	Section 8, 40 Acres
2. Joseph Wieber.....	July 26	.....	2	Section 4, 40 Acres
3. Augustin Thome.....	.....	.....	1	Section 2, 71.91 Acres
4. Anton, Sohn von Conrad Martin.....	.....	.....	.....	Section 3, 40 Acres
5. Jacob Neuman kaufte von Anton Pulte.....	July 29	2	4	Section 9, 40 Acres
6. N. Knieps.....	July 29	1	3	Section 2, 80 Acres

Names of the Settlers	Date 1836-37	Children	Total Number	Location
7. Peter Simon and Anna Maria kaufte von A. Cordes.....	Aug. 13	.....	.....	Section 5, 77.14 Acres
8. Christian Esch.....	Sept. 1	1	1	Section 17, 40 Acres
9. Engelbert Esch.....	Sept. 1	4	6	Section 14, 40 Acres
10. Conrad Zimmer.....	Sept. 1	1	3	Section 6, 38.30 Acres
11. Schafer.....	Sept. 4	6	8	Section 14, 40 Acres
12. Wittwe Elizabeth Schwab.....	Sept. 4	3	4	Section 7, 80 Acres
13. Mathias Muller and Veronica Schwab.....	Sept. 4	2	4	Section 5, 45 Acres
14. Hubert Muller.....	Aug. 1	.....	1	Section 5, 38.30 Acres
15. Johan Schneider.....	Sept. 10	8	10	
16. Johan Muller.....	Sept. 4	.....	2	
17. Vidua.....	.....	2	4	
18. Frederick Heinlein.....	Oct.	3	5	
19. Mathias Talen and Maria Anna Fuchs.....	.....	5	7	
20. A. Kloeckner.....	.....	1	3	
1843				
1. Eberhard Platte.....	Jan. 14	3	5	
2. Theodore Droste.....	Feb. 8	1	3	

REV. GEORGE GODEZ BECOMES PASTOR AT WESTPHALIA

The Rev. George Godez succeeded Fr. Kopp and became pastor of the Westphalia parish in 1843.

Westphalia continued to progress rapidly and settlers came in ever increasing numbers. The second log church was built and soon it became too small. It was built upon the site of the present rectory.

DEVELOPMENT OF THE SCHOOLS

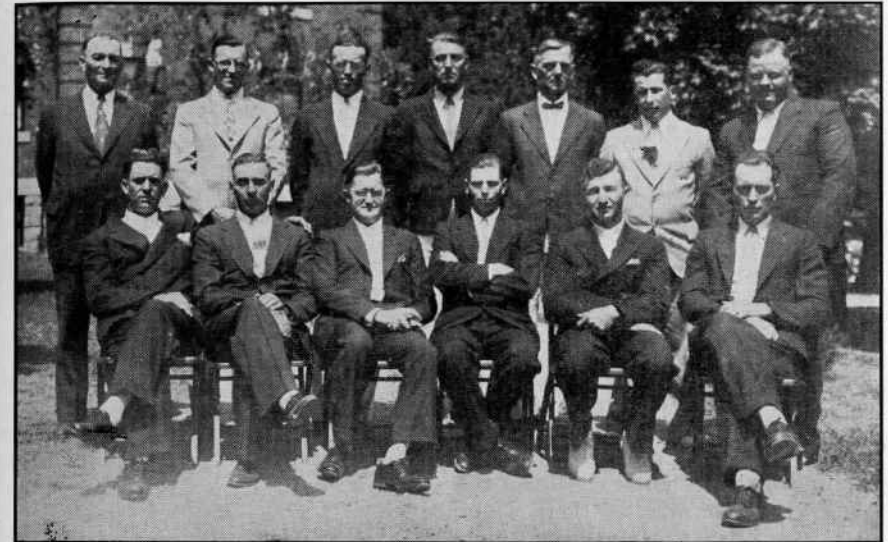
After the erection of the second log church the first log building was used for a school. Rev. Fr. Godez gave instructions in this building. In 1843 the sum of \$30 was raised for the support of schools.

In 1846, Moses Bartow, a resident of Westphalia township from Niagara Co., N. Y., taught school in one part of the old log church while in the other part of the same building a German school was taught by Rev. Fr. Godez, both schools drawing from the primary school fund for their support. Anton Fuchs was appointed as teacher in April 1850.

POST OFFICE ESTABLISHED

The Westphalia postoffice was probably established in 1850 or before. Rev. George Godez was the first postmaster. As he could write English, and as a large majority of the townspeople could not, he was ordinarily kept pretty busy superscribing letters for his German fellow citizens and patrons of the office.

Mail came once a week over the route from DeWitt northward. (A daily mail has been received at Westphalia since 1863.)



ST. MARY'S MALE CHOIR 1936



ST. MARY'S MIXED CHOIR OF 1936

THE MAKING OF CHARCOAL

The early settlers made charcoal by cutting and splitting oak timber in about three or four foot lengths and piling them up slanting against a central vertical post, two or three layers in height, covering a space about 12 feet in diameter at the bottom. This was then covered with clay and a small opening left at the top and bottom for a draft. After it was slowly burned to the stage of coals the fire was put out by means of closing the drafts. If not watched closely it would burn to ashes. Some of the settlers became very skillful in the manufacture of charcoal. They sold this product at Lyons and whenever possible in Detroit or Jackson. It was largely used as fuel in blacksmith shops.

SELLING ASHES

Selling ashes was another means of obtaining a little cash in the early days of the settlement. With so much wood being burned continually, a good supply of ashes was always at hand. The pioneer often took a sack of ashes upon his back and carried it to Lyons where he received from 3 to 8 cents a bushel for his product. Later when ox teams became more common the settlers could take twenty or more bushels to market on their wagons.

The sale of these products, together with black salts, coon furs and deerskins probably brought in more ready cash in some years, than was realized from their crops.

Anton Fuchs, one of the early school teachers in the settlement kept book for many of the pioneers who engaged in the business of selling ashes. The book in which these accounts are written was brought from Germany and is over 100 years old. It is still quite readable despite its age. Other information contained in this book follows:

In the early forties land was worth about \$1.25 per acre around Westphalia. It was sometimes bought and improved, that is, cleared, and then sold at a profit. Wood being so plentiful, houses were made entirely of wood and usually built in about 14 days.

The cost of a two-horse lumber wagon in the early forties was \$75. A man's coat cost about \$5.00, a spinning wheel \$3.50.

Beautiful forest flowers grew in the woods the same as in Germany and wild grapes were also quite plentiful. Pigeons, quail, wild geese, wild turkeys, rabbits, etc., were also numerous as well as bears, wolves, and deer. Every one was allowed to hunt without restriction. The weather was comparatively mild until Christmas after which some cold weather was experienced.

FRAME CHURCH ERECTED

In the year 1847 a third (frame) church was erected. This frame church was known by the name of St. Peter's church. It was built upon land adjoining the site of the present rectory and was capable of holding three or four hundred people. This church was thought to be large enough for all time but with the continual arrival of immigrants and steady growth of the parish it became crowded in a short time.

The clearing of the land began in real earnest and on a larger scale than heretofore. The cleared land was planted mostly to wheat, corn and potatoes and later barley, beans, cloverseed and timothy were also grown. In more recent years, oats, alfalfa, sugar beets and peppermint, might be added as well as truck gardening.

A letter written by Mathias Simon to his relatives in the year 1847 gives a good description of life in Westphalia at about this time.

This letter was but recently brought to light by the Institute of Historical Research at the University of Bohn, Germany. It was published along with other "Westphalia" news in a special edition of the "Adenauer Zeitung" in an effort to trace the whereabouts of all German emigrants from that locality. Owing to its age and the ravages of time it is not entirely readable.

Following is the letter in part—

Westphalia, den 21 April, 1847

(Mr. Simon conveys the news that he and his wife have been sick.)
Aber mit zeiten sind wir jetzt wieder gesund. Die Arbeit ist doch noch gut vorangegangen, den ich habe die Kinder, die arbeiten bald gut. . .

Ich musz Euch benachrichtigen, dasz hier die Kartoffeln ziemlich gefault sind, sogar dasz wir nicht wohl mehr zu pflanzen haben, Aber es ist noch keine Teurung von Lebensmitteln hier.

Ich musz Euch benachrichtigen, dasz wir dieses Jahr eine neue Kirche bauen, und auch wie viele Familien hier sind. 75 sind jetzt hier und es gibt noch jedes Jahr mehr. Das dauert nicht manches Jahr, dann sind es über hundert, welch alle Katholisch sind.

Wie es heiszt, soll in zeit von zwei Jahren die Eisenbahn hier vorbei kommen, was uns groszen Nutzen machen würde.

Wir hörten doch noch einmal gerne etwas aus unserem Vaterlande, denn wir haben gehört, dasz es bei Euch jetzt eine teure Zeit wäre.

Ich musz euch sagen dasz es hier eine andere Lebensart ist als wie zu Hause. Aber mit den Montierungs stücken ist es nicht so gut wie bei euch. Es dauert aber nicht lange, dann wird es auch immer noch besser.

Es gibt hier schönen Flachs, aber nicht so stark als wie bei euch. Ich musz euch benachrichtigen, dasz wir jetzt am Zucker machen sind. Ich denke, wenn es gut geht, dann werde ich bald 2 bis 300 Pfund machen.

Wir sind hier recht gut zufrieden und haben schon 30 Acker klar. Und dieses Jahr sind 8 bis 9 Acker abzulären. Es ist eine harte Arbeit; aber man bleibe immer dabei.

Ich musz euch auch benachrichtigen dasz der Nikolaus Schäfer von Arft auch hier ist, welcher euch alle grüezen lässt.

Mathias Simon

Westphalia, Deutsch Settlement

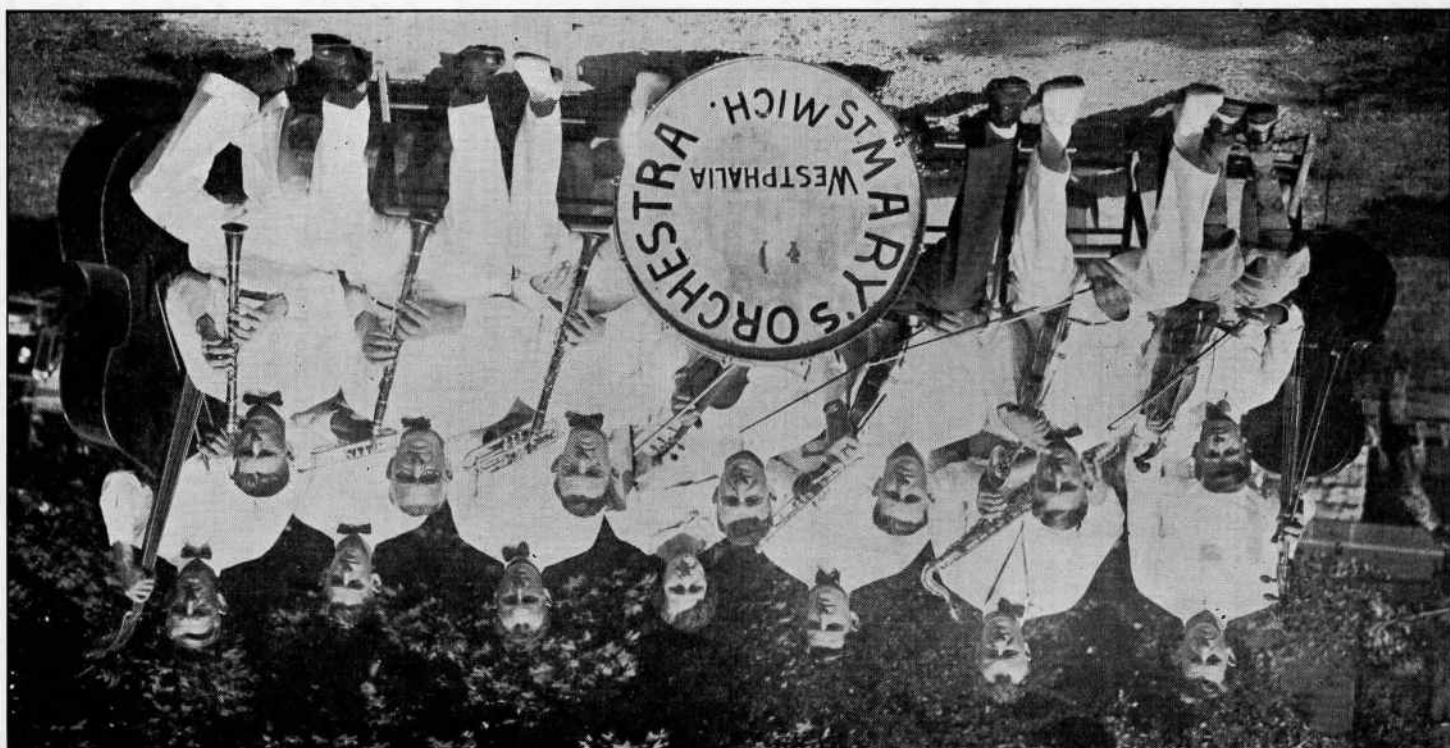
per Lyons, State Michigan,
Nord America.

Brief translation,—

(Mr. Simon conveys the news that he and his wife have been sick.)

But we are well at the present time. The work progressed, nevertheless, for I have the children who work well. . . .

ST. MARY'S ORCHESTRA 1936



ST. MARY'S PLAYERS 1936



I must inform you that the potatoes here spoiled to such an extent that we have no more to plant. But there is still no scarcity of food-stuffs here.

I must inform you that we are building a new church here this year. And also how many families are here. Seventy-five are here now and there will be more every year. It will not be many years before there will be over one hundred families, all Catholics.

We hear that the railroad is supposed to come through here in two years time and this would be a great help to us. . . . We would like, again, to hear something from our Fatherland, for we have heard that you are having hard times there now.

I must tell you that the manner of living here, is different than it is at home. But, regarding boughten clothing, (store clothes) it is not so good as over there. However, it will be better soon.

We have nice flax here but it is not so strong as it is there.

I must relate that we are making sugar now. I think if all goes well, that I will make two or three hundred pounds.

We are well satisfied here and have already thirty acres clear. And this year there are eight or nine acres to be cleared. It is hard work but we stay at it.

I must inform you that Nicholas Schafer from Arft is also here and sends greetings to you all.

Mathias Simon, German Settlement
per Lyons, State of Michigan
North America.

(At the time this letter was written, Mr. Simon resided two miles east of Westphalia, upon the farm now owned by George Thelen.)

FIRST RESIDENT PHYSICIAN

In the early days of the settlement, medical care was obtained from Ionia, Lyons and Portland. It was in 1848 that Dr. Seinholtz settled in Westphalia as a resident physician and remained until 1857. Some of his immediate successors were: Dr. Fisher, Dr. Stokes, Dr. Seurer and Dr. Shattuck.

PROGRESS IN THE SETTLEMENT

Another letter written by Mr. Simon in 1858 shows how wonderfully the settlement progressed during these years.

Mr. Simon himself, for instance, had acquired a good team of horses, five cows, twenty-one sheep, etc.

Following is the letter in part,—

"Ich habe schon mit meinem Volk über 230 Acker geklärt im ganzen jetzt kläre ich aber nicht mehr, denn ich brauche es nicht mehr. Ich habe mehr Arbeit, als mein Volk schaffen kann. Ich bin nicht mehr auf meinem ersten Lande. Ich hatte dieses verkauft für 1200 Taler.

Ich habe 8 Lotten Land. Jede Lot ist 80 Acker. Das Land ist jetzt in einem schlechten Preise. Wenn die Arbeit angeht, dann musz man fleiszig arbeiten; denn die Arbeit treibt sich mehr als wie bei

Euch. . . . Das Frühjahr ist später ehe es warm wird, als wie bei Euch. Aber wenn es ankommt, dann treiben die Früchte, dasz man sich verwundern musz.

Den wir haben vielfältig den Fall, dasz wir halben Juli Ernte haben.

Wir sind an einem guten Flekken, wir brauchen nicht zu klagen; denn wir sind nicht mehr als 4 meilen von der railroad.

Was ich Euch noch mitteilen musz; Unser Settlement besteht aus nicht weniger Bürgern als 200. Wir sind nicht weiter als eine Meile von der Kirche und Pfarrschule. Die englische Schule steht auf minem Land.

Brief translation,—

"I have already cleared more than 230 acres with the help of my family. But I'll not clear any more as I do not need more. I have more work than my folks can do. I am no longer on my first farm. I sold it for 1200 dollars.

I have 8 lots of land. Each lot is 80 acres. Land has a poor price at present When work begins we must work hard for the seasons seem to rush themselves more than over there. It is later in Spring before it warms up but when warm weather does come it is followed so quickly by the harvest that one is filled with wonder. It often happens that we have wheat harvest in the middle of July.

We are in a good section and need not complain. We are not more than 4 miles from the railroad.

I must also inform you that our settlement consists of no less than 200 citizens. We are not more than one mile from the church and parish school. The English (district) school is on my land.

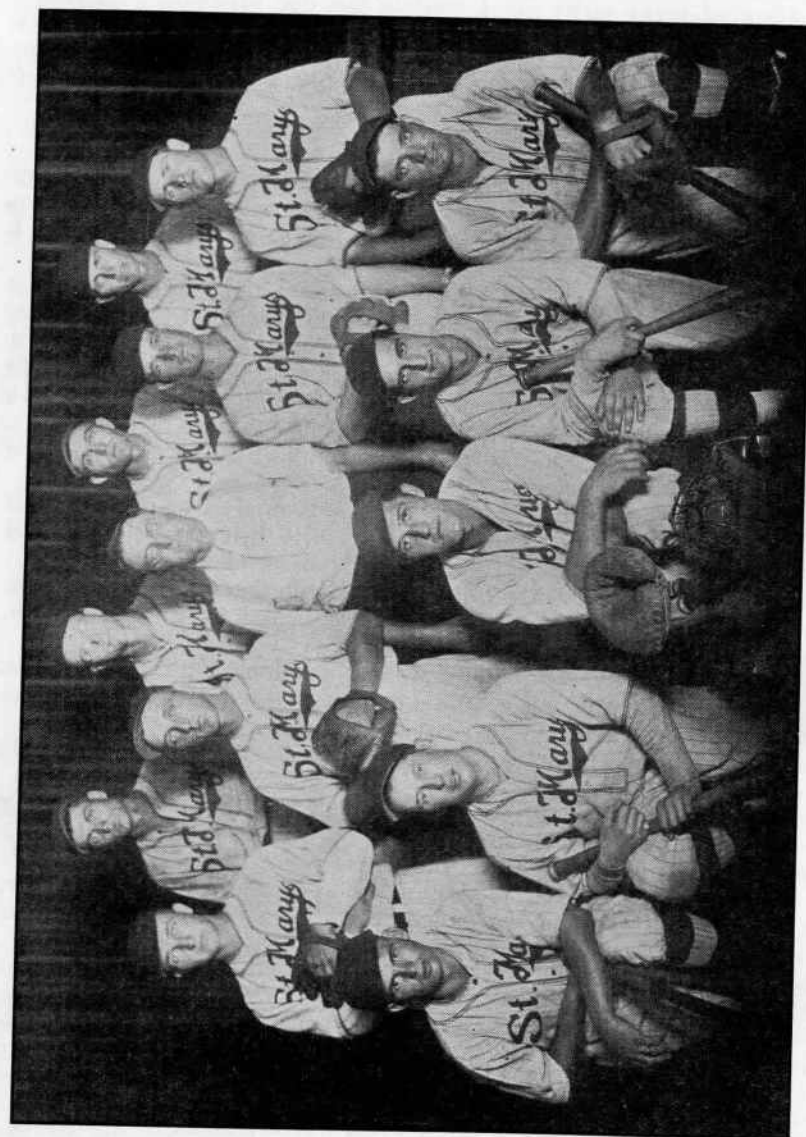
(This letter was written after Mr. Simon had moved to the farm one mile north of Westphalia. It is now owned by Joseph Simon, grandson of Mathias Simon.)

Westphalia steadily grew more prosperous during all these years. These thrifty, hard working people not only wrested a living from the soil but engaged in many other activities as well.

Roads were built and improved and better homes were being built continually.

Hard work was of course still the order of the day, for the country was still young and much hard labor yet to be done. Westphalia passed through the usual panics and depressions as well as the troublesome times during the Civil War, and suffered accordingly. However, their common Faith bound them together in joy and in sorrow and for this reason they seemed better able to weather the hardships of life.

The faith of these early settlers is noteworthy. Many sacrifices were made in getting to and from their place of worship. As an example, John Peter Schneider who lived in Lyons for a time before locating in Westphalia, walked the entire distance of 9 miles every Sunday to attend Mass. He remained for Vespers in the afternoon and then started back again on foot, following a narrow trail through the woods. Much of this distance was covered after dark, especially during the winter months. These trips were dangerous as wolves were roaming the forests at that time and their howling could often be heard in the distance. However, Mr. Schneider attended Church Services in this manner for many years and his faith was typical of that of the many early settlers.



ST. MARY'S BASEBALL TEAM 1936

IMMIGRANTS TO WESTPHALIA

The following came with their families from the Rhineland in Germany in the forties:

Mathias Doll
Joseph Bohr
John Smith
Mathias Bohr
Maurice Fedewa
John Schaefer
Theodore Schaefer
Jacob Abfalter
Querin Smith
John Smith
J. P. Smith
Peter Wirth
Mathias Schaefer
Jacob Spitzley
Michael Smith

Maurice Fedewa
John Peter Baker
Paul Martin
Franz Martin
Philip Hauck
Emerick Neuman
Joseph Dunnebacke
Maurice Schneider
Ferdinand Geller
Conrad Wieber
Henry Rademacher
John Adam Schmidt
Michael Schaefer
John Thelen

Immigrants to Westphalia in the forties and fifties were:

Peter Fuchs
Joseph Fuchs
Quirin Freund
Michael Pung
Paul Pung
Franc Lenneman
John Fedewa
George Fedewa
John Joseph Schaefer
Leon Schaefer
Nicholas Schaefer
Mathias Bohr
Joseph Bohr
Frank Jos. Schneider
J. P. Schneider
Carl Freiderich Seinholtz
Adam Wirth
John Smith
Servatius Schwab
Wendel Armbruster
Theodore Bergrath
Frederick Adleman
Jacob Koch
Philip Koch
Anton Koch
Andrew Schueller
Michael Schueller
John Pfeifer
John Witgen

Adam Herr
Math Weber
Michael Mueller
Michael Christ
Thomas Bengel
John George
Anthony George
John Schreck
Lawrence Keusch
John Kramer
Mathias Kramer
Hubert Hauser
Joseph Bauer
Peter Fink
Joseph Martin
Quirin Klein
Franz Feldpausch
Bartholemew Seikinger
Karl Thies
Peter Abfalter
Mathias Minwegan
John Peter Sturm
Peter Jos. Neuman
Lorenz Phillips
Anthony Wehr
Michael Hayes
Adam Goss
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Hiron Diebold

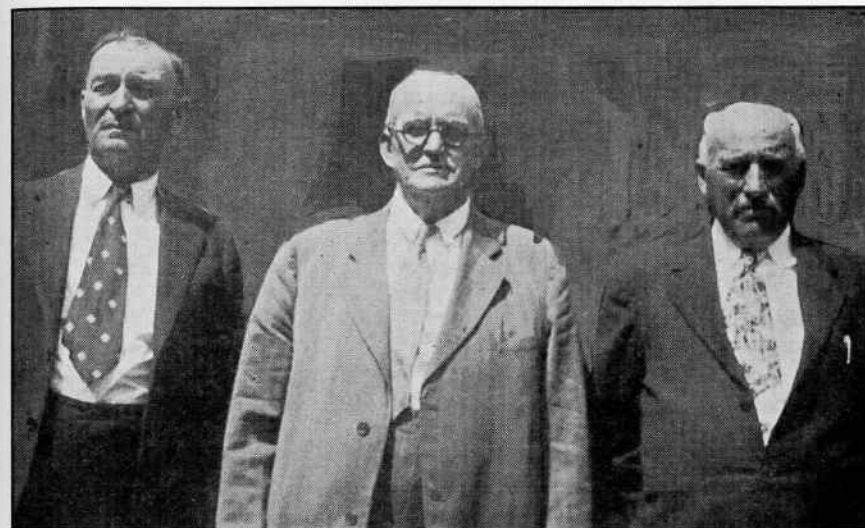
Mathias Petsch
 Peter Halfman
 Joseph Halfman
 Peter Jos. Seurer
 Joseph Haefner
 Theodore Gerlach
 Bartholomew Herr

John P. Maurer
 Anton Gensterblum
 Sempert Hehl
 John Trierweiler
 Joseph Wohlfert
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 Nickolas Pline

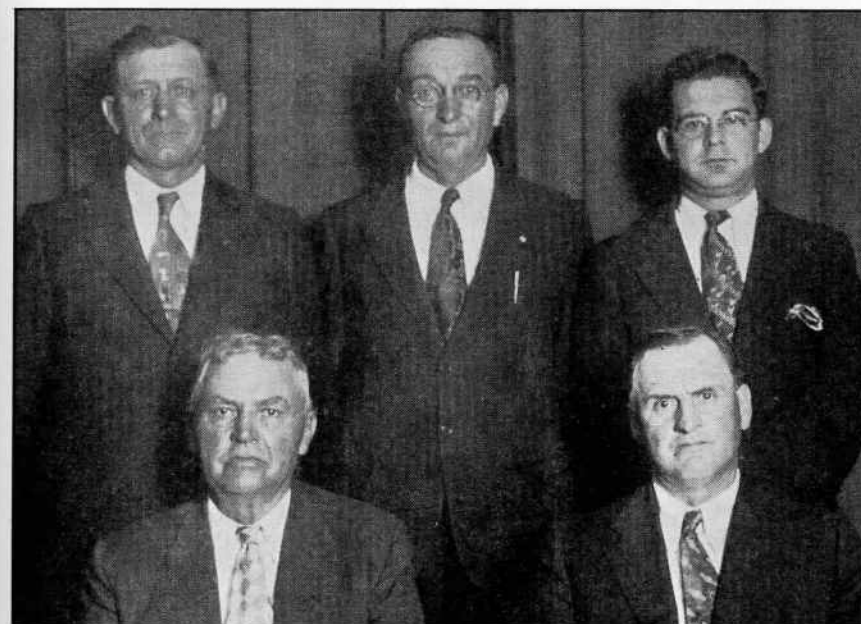
Following is a list of most of the immigrants to Westphalia during the fifties, sixties and seventies:

Peter Petsch
 Frank Martin
 John Peter Schliet
 John Rademacher
 John Brucker
 Michael Bechtold
 Frank Kosel
 John Pfeifer
 Fidel Sekinger
 Felix Saier
 Michael Thelen
 Fred Biergan
 Nicholas Wohlscheid
 Peter Penz
 Mathias Stebel
 Nicholas Thome
 William Fink
 Peter Schmitt
 John Schueller
 Joseph Nuerenberg
 Joseph Ramstein
 Frank Fernholz
 Nicholas Pung
 John Joseph Kratz
 Daniel Haas
 John Andrew Mueller
 Nicholas Schmidt
 Frank Wieber
 Leonard Schafer
 Mathias Fedewa
 Mathias Schafer
 Joseph Hafner
 John Koch
 John Adam Fedewa
 John P. Fuchs
 Michael Fedewa
 John Joseph Schueller
 Adolph Hundt
 John P. Pohl
 Thomas Maissen
 John Tilman
 Frank Roll

John Gallagher
 Anthony Mueller
 Peter Sturm
 Ulrich Thoma
 William Wieber
 Michael Gross
 John Joseph Mueller
 John George Fedewa
 Jeremiah Moriarty
 Christopher Thiel
 John Thiel
 Jacob Mueller
 Mathias Hoppes
 Peter Schmidt
 John Mathias Thelen
 Nicholas Schoemish
 Peter Wieber
 William Sontag
 John Pohl
 John Joseph Geller
 John Schulte
 Adam Schmidt
 John Egan
 Michael Bertram
 John Bertram
 Mathias Gross
 John William Stump
 Anthony Hufnagel
 Frank H. Roll
 Peter Murtha
 Jacob Edson
 Kaspar Welte
 Philip Koch
 Peter Fuchs
 Andrew Weber
 Nicholas Kolp
 John Abfalter
 Ludwig Feldpausch
 Joseph Thelen
 Anthony Spitzley
 Jacob Armbruster
 Michael Fineis



OFFICERS OF HOLY NAME SOCIETY
 Arthur Wirth, John Miller, Peter Trierweiler



OFFICERS OF ST. JOSEPHS SOCIETY
 George P. Thelen, Arthur Wirth, Robert Bohr
 Joseph Platte, Nicholas Pohl

Peter Zimetz
 Felix Saier
 Michael Heidinger
 William Schueller
 Jacob Junkers
 John Rockol
 Peter Casper
 Peter Wohlscheid
 Jacob Theut
 Jacob Steppig
 Frank X. Irrer
 August Heier
 Stephen Hundt
 Anthony Nuerenberg
 John Domitio
 Adam Kunkelman
 John Peter Gross
 Carl Keifenheim
 Anton Andres
 William Hoberg
 Fred Classic
 Peter John Trierweiler
 Joseph A. Bishop
 Bernard Gast
 Joseph Meyers
 Fred Beachnau
 Adolph Damske

John Koster
 Joseph Huhn
 Constantine Nau
 Conrad Koch
 Frank Wacker
 Henry Leik
 Anthony Krekeler
 John Vogelsang
 John Becker
 John Finley
 John Schumacher
 Jacob Weizel
 Christopher Belen
 John Boltz
 John Linden
 Peter Bast
 John Kemper
 Nicodemus Weiland
 Daniel Manning
 Christopher Keilen
 Nicholas Pasche
 John Brechting
 Lawrence Frechen
 Joseph Burman
 Ludwig Neff
 Joseph Kramer
 Michael Mangerich
 Frank Loher

"CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSIONS"

A beautiful religious custom was introduced by Father Godez while pastor at Westphalia. This was none other than the awe inspiring Corpus Christi Procession held in Westphalia for many years.

Great preparations were made for these processions. Four altars were erected about one quarter mile north, east, south and west of Westphalia. They were stationed in the center of the road and were decorated with beautiful lace and draperies and literally covered with beautiful bouquets of flowers.

The men of the parish planted evergreen trees to form a semi-circle around the back of the altar. They also placed trees about ten feet apart along each side of the road toward the village and leading up to the church.

The Blessed Sacrament was carried in Procession from the church to each one of these altars. The congregation followed, singing hymns and reciting various prayers. At each altar the Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament was given. At the solemn moment of the Elevation signals were received at the village, and anvils that had been prepared with powder were set off, adding to the solemnity of the occasion. It was a beautiful Old World custom, held for many years in Westphalia but finally discontinued under Rev. Fr. Herwig.



OFFICERS OF CHRISTIAN MOTHERS AND ROSARY CONFRATERNITY

Mrs. John Fink, Mrs. William Arens, Mrs. Edward Martin, Mrs. Joseph Platte, Mrs. Peter Simon



OFFICERS OF YOUNG LADIES SODALITY

Eleanore Smith, Dorothy Arens, Olivia Simon

BRICK CHURCH BUILT

The membership of the parish increased to such an extent in the sixties that the frame church known as St. Peter's was crowded to capacity. Under the leadership of Rev. Fr. Godez, a new brick church was planned and built. It was begun in 1867 and completed in 1869. After considerable discussion the name of St. Mary's was selected for the new church.

The building of the new church and a number of other large brick buildings necessitated the opening of a brick yard in Westphalia. This, and other numerous enterprises gave employment to a large number of people and Westphalia was a lively place indeed.

It was also in the sixties that the first Westphalia band was organized.

BUSINESS PLACES

Apart from the church building, the first improvement made upon the present site of the village of Westphalia was a house put up in 1849 by Anton Dunnebacke, a shoemaker. It was later included in the building known as the village tavern. Mr. Dunnebacke sold his place to Joseph Platte, who transferred his store from section 5 and became the pioneer trader of the village of Westphalia.

Mr. Platte owned considerable land thereabout and his object in removing his store was to found a village. His lead was followed by others and in due time the town took on shape and population. He opened his "new" store in 1852.

In 1856 a very important impetus was given to the growth of the village in the erection of a sawmill by Joseph Platte, John Smith and Joseph Bohr. Timber being so plentiful at the time, made this a most enterprising business.

In 1858 these same men built a grist mill. In 1854 Joseph Platte sold his store business to his son Joseph Jr. and Casper Rademacher, who materially enlarged the premises.

In 1862 Platte and Rademacher erected on the corner opposite their place the store later owned by Thome and Co. Their old store was sold to Bernard Rademacher who converted it into a tavern and it was used as such for many many years.

Platte and Rademacher kept the only store in the village for a time. In 1868 they dissolved partnership when Rademacher retired and built the brick store later occupied by Jos. Arens and Co. Each continued in business on his own account but, ultimately, the business of both passed to the control of Thome, Arens and Co.

From 1857 to 1875 Joseph Snitgen engaged in the blacksmith business in Westphalia. In 1869 he also erected the brick building later known as the Anthony Snitgen general store building. He conducted a hardware store in this building until 1875 when he put in a general merchandise stock. This store is now occupied by the Snitgen Bros.

SISTERS OF CHRISTIAN CHARITY

With the arrival of the Sisters of Christian Charity, the graded school system was again adopted. Under the direction of the Sisters, St. Mary's School had developed into a high class graded school.

The Sisters not only give the children excellent instruction in all the required branches, but also give them a thorough training in Religion, a Moral and Christian training as well. Neatness and orderliness have ever been stressed in the classroom and wholesome habits inculcated into the lives of the children. The work of the Sisters in the parish with its far reaching results cannot be overestimated.

In addition to their work in the school room the Sisters also maintain a department of music giving private instructions to those wishing to take music lessons. Instructions have been given on the violin as well as the piano.

Music and art have also held an important place in the school, and some excellent programs, drills and choruses have been given by the children of St. Mary's School, under the guidance of the Sisters.

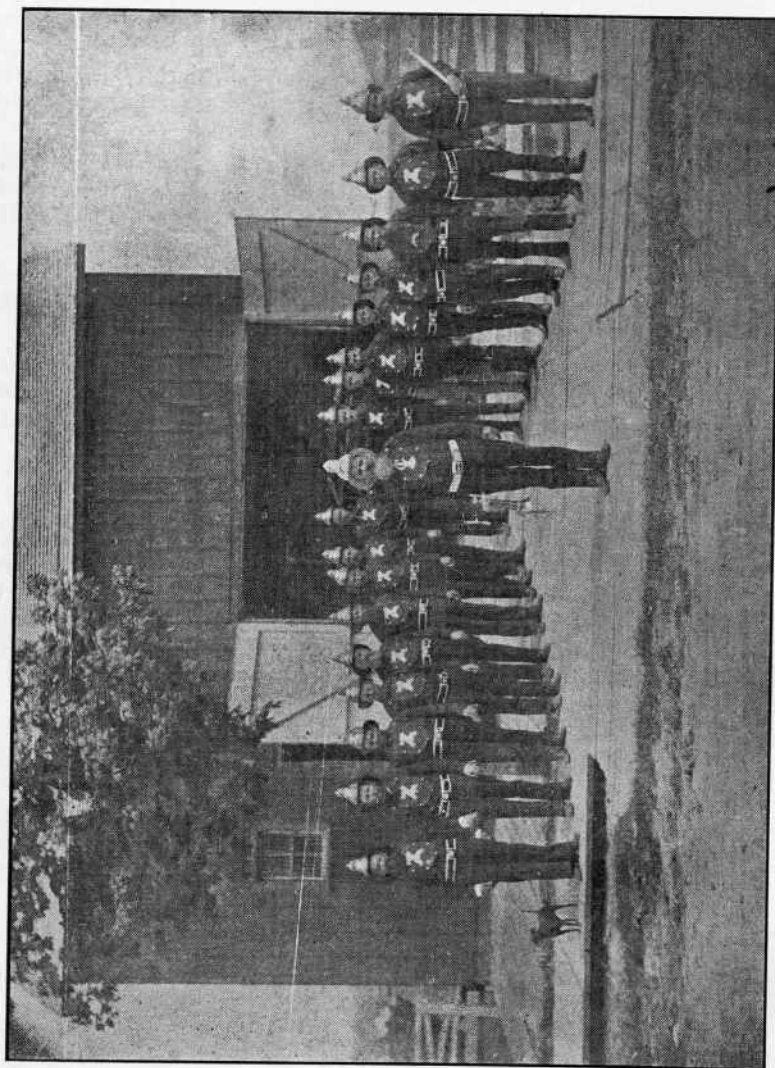
In the village school of Westphalia, three years of High School have been taught for many years, as well as a business course including book-keeping and typing.

VILLAGE INCORPORATED IN 1882

Mr. Frank Noeker had been supervisor of our township and in the early seventies was Clinton County's representative in the State Legislature in Lansing. Mr. Noeker was the leader in the movement to have Westphalia incorporated as a village in 1882 and it is mostly due to his efforts that about two miles of wooden sidewalks were constructed in 1883. During this period street lights were erected and a fire department organized.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

After Westphalia was incorporated in 1882, Mr. August Heyer became Marshal and for many years was chief of the local Fire Department. This last statement may cause our younger generation to smile, but in all fairness it should be stated, that the firemen, about 15 in number, in their neat uniforms, together with their chief made a creditable showing whenever they made their appearance on the streets in fire drills. They usually drilled on Saturday evenings during the summer months.



FIRE DEPARTMENT OF 1886

BAND OF 1884

A band was started under the able leadership of Mr. Louis Fink. This band played at the annual meetings of the St. Joseph and St. Boniface societies, and also at other church festivals. Many people will remember when the whole band, minus the drums, accompanied the organ and choir in the song "Grosser Gott", on several special occasions during the latter eighties.

WESTPHALIA NEWSPAPER

During the middle eighties Westphalia owned a German weekly newspaper, the "Westphalia Zeitung", published by Henry Benner. It was, of course, all set by hand and was printed on the second floor of the present hardware store. Mr. Benner discontinued the paper after a few years to publish the "Staats Anzeiger" at Lansing, which was not in existence very long.

GROWTH AND ADVANCEMENT

Westphalia grew apace with the times. In fact we might say its growth took place during the inventive age. New inventions were made and old ones perfected. Westphalia took advantage of all these new inventions. Homes were improved and log houses were gradually replaced by frame and brick houses. The village of Westphalia and many surrounding homes also enjoy all the conveniences of electricity. Road building, ever of great importance in the township, was carried on diligently all through the years until at present Westphalia can boast of some of the finest roads in the county. Many other improvements, too numerous to mention, have taken place in and around Westphalia.

In this, the One Hundredth Anniversary of our town, we pause to sum up the many changes that have taken place since the first five settlers started out on foot from Detroit just one hundred years ago to build homes for themselves here in the wilderness. Or, to go back one more step in history, since the time these sturdy God-fearing people left their native land to cast their lot in the New World. This severing of home ties required much faith and courage and hardly less courage was required when, after a long perilous journey they finally located in the wilds of Michigan and began their struggles for existence. However, the example of Rev. Fr. Kopp with his solicitous care for their welfare was ever before their eyes. He was an inspiration to them. Their common faith and trust in the Almighty helped them in their struggle and perseverance against odds. All through the years, from 1836 to 1936, Westphalia has kept the Faith. All through the years they have banded together, socially, politically and religiously.

It would be interesting to know just how large and enterprising the town of Westphalia would be if all former Westphalians and their children's children were still living here.

The surrounding parishes of Fowler, Pewamo and Portland are largely composed of former Westphalia people and their descendants. Other

parishes well represented by former Westphalians are St. Joseph's of St. Johns, St. Michael's of Grand Ledge and S. S. Peter and Paul of Ionia. St. Philomena's parish at Beal City is almost entirely composed of former Westphalia people and every parish in Lansing as well as a goodly number of parishes in Detroit are well represented by former Westphalians and their descendants.

Not a few of these have attained prominence of one kind or another. But generally speaking, we like to think that the great majority of Westphalia people and their descendants, both here and elsewhere, have lived creditable lives, and are therefore deserving of the respect and esteem of their fellow citizens.

Westphalia probably will never grow into a very large town or city, due to the fact that it is an inland town without a factory, river or railroad. It is a progressive rural community. Its people are energetic, resourceful and ambitious as is witnessed by the well kept farms and homes as well as the neat appearing and well kept business section of the town.

(At the present time Westphalia is making extensive preparations for the celebration of the one hundredth anniversary of St. Mary's parish. This, the centennial year of 1936, will be an outstanding year in the history of our parish. Large crowds of former Westphalians and friends and relatives are expected to attend this homecoming. The year of 1936 will long be remembered by all the members of St. Mary's parish, Westphalia.)

"MUSIC IN WESTPHALIA"

The history of Westphalia would not be complete without making mention of the German's talent for music. Almost without exception they possess this God-given gift.

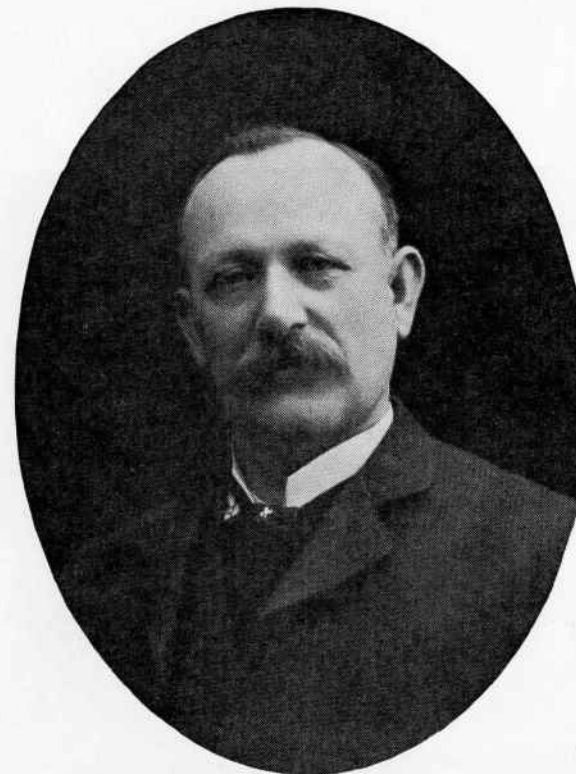
The best expression of this talent in Westphalia was exemplified in the person of Prof. Frank Loehner. Prof. Loehner, a graduate of Leipsic, and also a native of Westphalia, Germany, arrived in Westphalia, Michigan, in 1876. He took charge of the organ and for three years edified the congregation with his wonderful church music.

In 1879 he left Westphalia for a time to take up a position in Scranton, Pa. However, his heart still seemed to be in Westphalia and he returned here in 1883. He started a small store in the town and in 1886 was appointed postmaster. He held this position for over thirty years.

In 1892 he again took charge of the organ and continued playing until the time of his death in 1932, a period of 40 years.

Our Westphalia people probably never fully realized what an unusual privilege they possessed in having an organist such as Mr. Loehner in their midst. Not only was he a master of church music but he was a leader of all other musical activities in the parish as well.

He trained both choirs, the male and the mixed choir, while he had charge of the organ. He organized a "Gesang Verein" (chorus choir) and trained them not only to sing church music but other beautiful choruses as well.



PROF. FRANK LOEHER

In 1904 he organized an orchestra, unusual indeed for such a small community. This male orchestra often elicited favorable comment from people outside Westphalia who expressed surprise at the talent displayed therein. He gave private instructions to those who wished to take music lessons.

He did his work nobly and well and was mourned by the entire community when taken by death a few years ago.

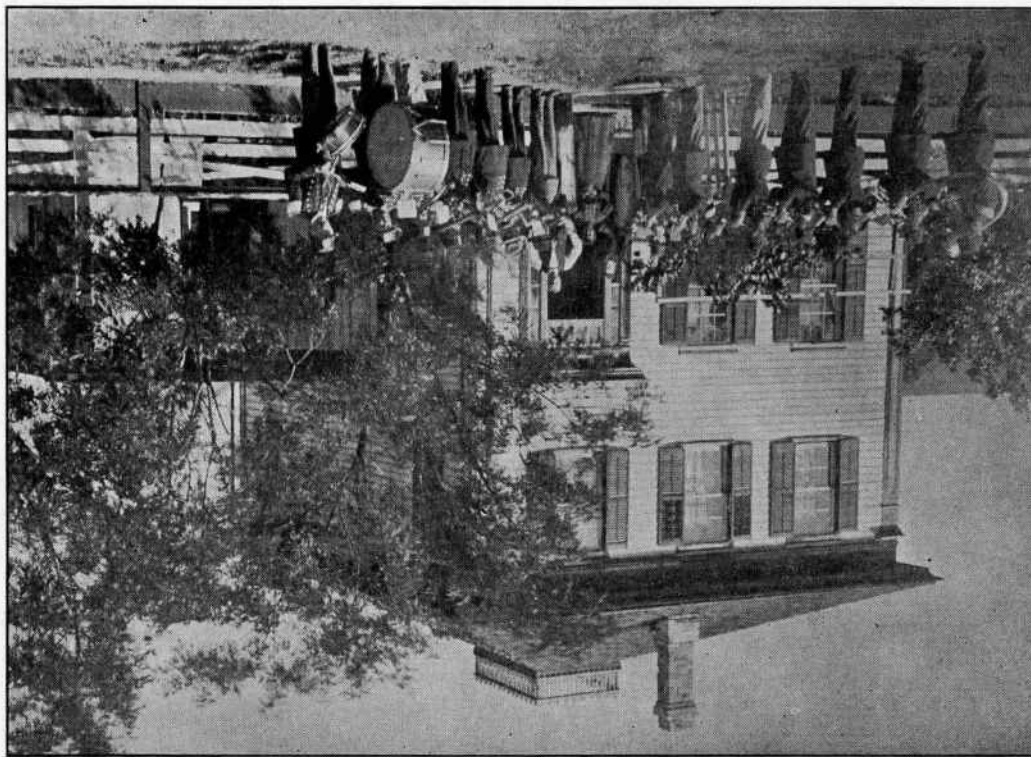
CHURCH CHOIRS AND CHURCH MUSIC

Congregational singing often took place when the first few settlers attended services, the congregation consisting of a few dozen people. They usually sang the hymns and responses together.

It is not known exactly when the first choirs were organized but very likely choirs existed from the beginning of the parish. The present mixed choir had its beginning in the seventies and exists to the present day. Some of the early members of this choir were: Joseph Pulte, Anna Fedewa, Mary Bauer, Helena Fox, Elizabeth Feneis, Katherine Welte, Louis Fink, Joseph Platte, Peter Bauer, Peter Bast, Fritz Schueller, Theodore Rademacher, Joseph Pohl, Peter Liersch.



BAND OF 1872



BAND OF 1880

A male choir was organized in 1891.

Some of its first members were: Peter Bauer, Nicholas Pung, Joseph Noeker, Joseph Platte, Ferdinand Platte, Peter Trierweiler, Theodore Snitgen, Julius Fink, John Rademacher, Michael Schneider, Jacob Schneider, Joseph Thome, Charles Heyer.

Both choirs sang at church services for many years. The male choir disbanded after a time but was re-organized in 1932 by Rev. Fr. Gutha. Both choirs have served the parish on all occasions to the best of their ability.

The first organ used for church services in Westphalia was probably the one in the frame church. It was later moved to the present brick church.

Mr. Welte, who taught school in the sixties, was also one of the first organists. Other organists who played in Westphalia were: Mr. Damske, Mr. Gallen, Mr. Blum, Mr. Bohr, Mr. Loeher, Mr. Horstman, Mr. Beck, Mr. Andres, Mr. Kenning and again Mr. Loeher. Mr. Joseph Martin, the present organist, has had charge of the organ since 1932.

PARISH ORCHESTRAS

An orchestra was organized in St. Mary's parish in 1904 by Prof. Frank Loeher. It was an unusual orchestra displaying much talent and under the able leadership of Prof. Loeher became well known in circles around Westphalia.

Another very fine orchestra was organized some time later by Leo F. Snitgen, an able violinist who, until recently, lived in Westphalia.

The present St. Mary's orchestra was organized by Rev. Fr. Gutha immediately upon his arrival in 1932. Fr. Gutha, himself a musician, takes an especial interest in the musical organizations of St. Mary's Parish.

DRAMATIC CLUBS

In 1903, Rev. Fr. Broegger organized the first dramatic club, and under his able directorship some very fine plays were given. He had previously enlarged and remodeled the hall and built the stage for this purpose. Beautiful costumes and scenery were used in these entertainments which were always well presented and enjoyed by the entire parish.

These first plays were all given in the German language.

They were continued by Fr. Esper, and later by Fr. Hofsted. These latter plays were given in both the English and German language, and were always well received by large audiences.

The present dramatic club was organized by Fr. Gutha. About six plays a season have been presented since its organization. New scenery, new front curtains and a new colored lighting system have added much to their effectiveness. These plays have been well attended and have not only furnished entertainment for the people but have also helped the parish financially.

FIRST BAND IN WESTPHALIA

The first band in Westphalia was organized in the seventies. Following are the names of the first band members as recollected by members of the parish:

Anthony Cook	Anthony Bohr	Theodore Platte
William Rademacher	Joseph Bohr	Anton Platte
Fritz Schueller	John Hundt	Lawrence Martin
Louis Fink	Nicholas Lehman	John Joe Lehman
	William Lehman	

These men, musically inclined, bought a number of instruments and practiced and played even before they hired an instructor. After they were organized they took in new members, bought more instruments and hired a Mr. Shickel for their instructor. Anthony Cook, better known as Lawyer Cook, also acted as leader. They had regular weekly practices for a time and advanced rapidly under their instructor.

This band became an important factor in the community life of Westphalia. They turned out for all special occasions and festivities. They added to the solemnity of the Corpus Christi Processions. They played at town picnics when they were held one mile north of Westphalia. They took part in political rallies, and torch light processions. In fact, wherever occasion demanded, they did their bit to help the cause along. After a time, however, when some of the members moved away, they disbanded. But they will always be remembered as the "Old Band", the first band in Westphalia.

SECOND BAND OF WESTPHALIA

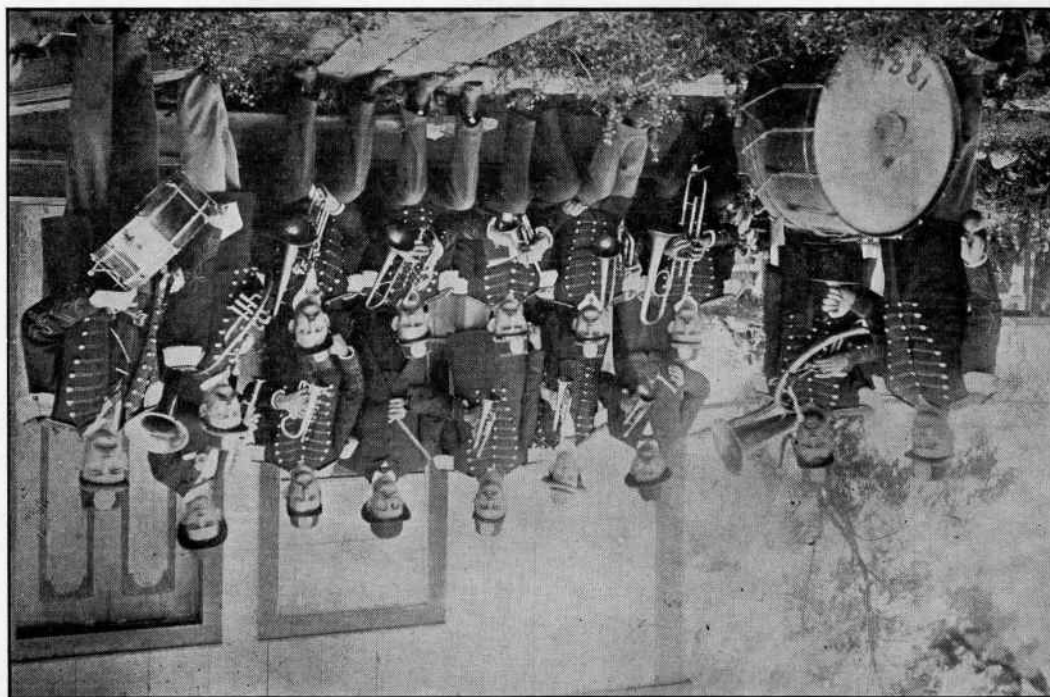
The second band of Westphalia (often thought of as the first band) was organized in 1884, by Louis Fink who also acted as band leader. This band also took part in all local celebrations, special meetings, elections and many other affairs of the town.

They bought neat, well made uniforms and were an imposing sight indeed as they played on the square or on parade as the case might be. Their caps were made with a small holder above the visor wherein a small oil lamp could be placed when playing at night. This enabled the band members to read their notes.

This second band progressed so rapidly and well that they were called upon to play at various times in other towns such as Ionia, Ovid, St. Johns and Grand Rapids. They were a real credit to Westphalia, in talent and also in appearance.

THIRD BAND OF WESTPHALIA

The Westphalia band was reorganized about the year 1910 and called the Westphalia Cornet Band. New members were taken in and Ferdinand Platte elected band leader. New dark serge uniforms were bought with emblems on cap and sleeve. New music was bought and practiced diligently.



BAND OF 1884



BAND OF 1910

An outstanding member of this band was Frank J. Loehr, Jr., considered to be one of the best trombone players in this part of the state.

This band, like the preceding ones played at all hometown celebrations and at all civic affairs of the town. In addition to this they were often engaged to play at various functions in other towns, such as Decoration day exercises, political rallies, patriotic exercises and homecomings.

They played in Grand Ledge, St. Johns, Wacousta, Pewamo, Fowler, Portland and Ionia on various occasions. This band existed until about 1920 at which time a number of its members had moved away from Westphalia.

THE WESTPHALIA BAND OF TODAY

The Westphalia band was reorganized in 1922 by John Fink who is the present band leader.

New members were taken in again. New white uniforms were bought to replace the heavier dark ones. New music was also bought. The present band like the others plays an important part in the community life of Westphalia. At parish affairs, at town picnics and at celebrations of every kind the band always lends life to the occasion. They have also been engaged to play upon certain occasions in other towns, such as Fowler, Pewamo, Portland, Hastings, Hubbardston, Carson City and Beal City.

SCHOOLS OF ST. MARY'S PARISH, WESTPHALIA

Schools were maintained in Westphalia almost from the beginning of the settlement.

Rev. Fr. Kopp began giving instructions in the log church in 1838. In 1840 he taught school for several months, receiving eight dollars and several cents from the state as salary. In 1841, Joseph Gronus, a young German from Detroit, taught school in the settlement. In 1842 John Hanses was appointed teacher for one year.

In 1843 Rev. Fr. Godez became pastor at Westphalia and also gave instructions in the log church. The second log church was soon built and the first log church used as a school. The dates of the organization of school district No. 1 and district No. 2 are not recorded. However, in 1845 school money was apportioned as follows:

To district No. 1, the sum of \$8.41.

To district No. 2, the sum of \$26.59.

In 1846 as follows:

To district No. 1, the sum of \$9.11

To district No. 2, the sum of \$31.89

In 1846 Moses Bartow taught school in one part of the old log church, while in the other part of the same building a German school was taught, both schools drawing from the primary school fund for their support. In April 1850, Anton Fuchs was appointed to teach the school. A Mr. Joseph Voosen is also mentioned as one of the early teachers. Anton Fuchs was again appointed in 1855 and Peter Wirth in November 1860.

Kaspar Welte, who also had charge of the organ, taught school for a number of years in the sixties. Another early teacher and organist in Westphalia was Adolph Damske.

The Monroe Sisters also had charge of the school for several years during the sixties. Other early teachers were: Mr. Gallen, Mr. Blum, Mr. Arens, Mr. Biergans, Mr. Juenker, Mr. Horstman, Mr. Beck, Mr. Andres and Mr. Kenning. These last four teachers, who were also organists, taught only the larger boys, the Sisters of Christian Charity assuming charge of the rest of the school in 1874.

In 1870, after the new brick church had been completed, the frame church building was used exclusively for a school. The parish had been growing rapidly and the number of school children had increased to about 150 in 1870. The old frame church became overcrowded and Fr. Godez made plans for the present east side school. This school was completed in the early winter of 1873. The old church was then abandoned as a school.

Early in 1874 school was taught in the west upstairs room of this east side building by Mr. John Juenker. All the school children in the parish were crowded into that one room. This condition did not last very long, however, for the Sisters of Christian Charity arrived the following September.

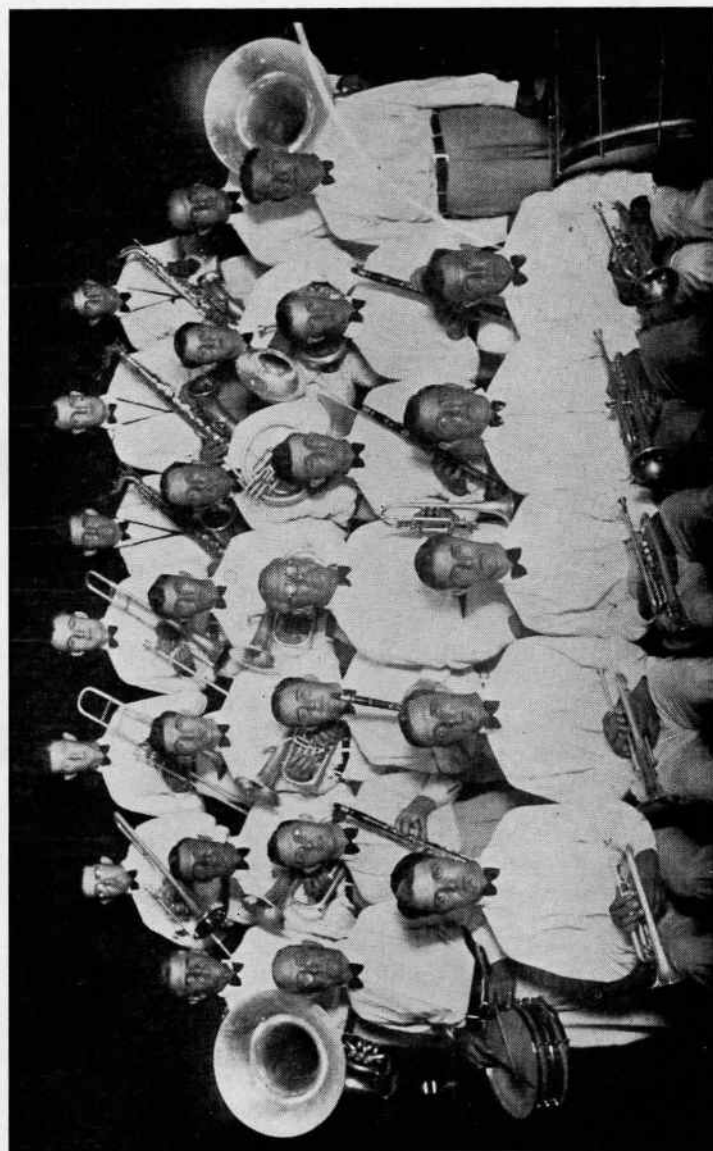
The Sisters of Christian Charity, who still have charge of our parochial schools, arrived in Westphalia Sept. 7, 1874. They were: Sister Theophila, Superior; Sister Eulalia, Sister Olga, and Sister Protasia. They were received in Fowler by representatives of the parish, and six girls in white welcomed them to their new field of labor. Some distance north of the church they were again met by Fr. Reifert, who with a large number of parishioners bade them a hearty welcome and escorted them to the church where the beautiful hymn, "Grosser Gott", was sung.

The Sisters occupied their newly erected house which had been modestly equipped with the necessary furniture. This building served as a Sisters' home until the present convent was built in 1904. It was then used as a boarding and lodging house for school children.

The first Sisters found the school in a chaotic condition. Hardly a child knew in what class it really belonged. Previous to this time a large number of children had not attended school at all because of lack of room. Many boys and girls were from 14 to 16 years old and taller than the Sisters.

On the first day of school, the Sisters had each child read out of one of three books. If a child could read quite fluently in a third reader it would go into the third grade, which was the highest grade at that time. If a child could not read at all it would go into the first or A. B. C. class and all the scholars between these extremes went into the second class or grade. No other qualifications were required.

St. Mary's School has improved in a wonderful manner since the arrival of the Sisters. Today our parish school is attended by approximately 300 children. They not only obtain instructions in all secular branches up to and including the eighth grade, but in addition are also given a true moral and christian training by teachers who consider their work a life's vocation. Beginning with Sept. 1936, the ninth and tenth grade will be added to the Parish School. The present



BAND OF 1936

sisters are: Sister Rosalina, Sr. Donnavita, Sr. Anelda, Sr. Gilda, Sr. Fredina, Sr. Edmond, Sr. Geralda, Sr. Notburga and Sr. Friedberta.

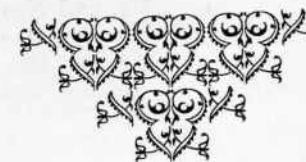
Since 1874 or for a period of 62 years, the Sisters of Christian Charity have conducted the parish schools. There have been, of course, many changes in teachers during this long time, but it is only just and proper that special mention be made of one particular Sister who taught here for many years, namely Sister Bonafacia. She came to Westphalia as Superior in 1876 and taught in one of the higher classes for many years. Practically every member of the parish above middle age will remember the kind and friendly sister.

Rev. Mother Paulina von Malinckrodt, Germany, Foundress and first general Superior of the order of Christian Charity visited Westphalia for five days in June 1880.



DAS ORDENSKLEID

Aus Liebe-nur, von Keiner Macht gezwungen
 Hab ich, o teures Kleid, dich ausersehen
 Von eitlen Prunk hab ich mich losgerungen
 Und will in dir den weg zum Himmel gehn;
 In dir will ich von heilger Lust durch drungen
 Als Braut des Heilands am Altare stehen.
 O hehres Brautkleid, das ich mir erkohren
 Dich lass ich nicht, ich hab es Gott geschworen.
 Und du Maria auf dem Sternenthron
 In der ich frueh die beste mutter fand,
 O flehe Du zum Heiland, deinem Sohne,
 Das ich in diesem heiligen Gewand
 Mir treu erringe Seine Himmels Krone,
 Die mir entgegen winkt in seiner Hand
 Heil bringt das Kleid, das ich mir auserkorenen
 Ich lass es nicht: ich hab es Ihm geschworen
 Ich lass es nicht.



LIST OF GIRLS WHO ENTERED THE VARIOUS CONVENTS

SISTERS OF CHRISTIAN CHARITY WILMETTE

Sister's Name	Family Name	Parents' Name
Mother Hyacinth	Martin	Mr. and Mrs. Conrad Martin
Sister Theonilla	Thome	Mr. and Mrs. August Thome
Sister Cassilda	Ulrich	Mr. and Mrs. Peter Ulrich
Sister Deodata	Hayes	Mr. and Mrs. Michael Hayes
Sister Amadea	Simon	Mr. and Mrs. Peter Simon
Sister Corona	Rademacher	Mr. and Mrs. Theo. Rademacher
Sister Secunda	Thelen	Mr. and Mrs. John Thelen, North
Sister Regis	Dunnebacke	Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Dunnebacke
Sister Vedasta	Herr	Mr. and Mrs. Michael Herr
Sister Philonilla	Thome	Mr. and Mrs. Nick. Thome
Sister Gerburgis	Thome	Mr. and Mrs. Peter Thome
Sister Fidelia	Kemper	Mr. and Mrs. John Kemper
Sister Alexia	Bertram	Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Bertram
Sister Augusta	Thome	Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Thome
Sister Frances	Loeher	Mr. and Mrs. Frank Loeher
Sister Edelinda	Keilen	Mr. and Mrs. Christ. Keilen
Sister Caritina	Keilen	Mr. and Mrs. Christ. Keilen
Sister Theolinda	Keilen	Mr. and Mrs. Christ. Keilen
Sister Alphons	Fohner	Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Fohner
Sister Theophila	Cook	Mr. and Mrs. Peter Cook
Sister Bonifacia	Snitgen	Mr. and Mrs. John Snitgen
Sister Blanda	Volmer	Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Volmer
Sister Antonio	Bohr	Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Bohr
Sister Protasia	Cook	Mr. and Mrs. Peter Cook
Sister Marianella	Bohr	Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Bohr
Sister Annarita	Fedewa	Mr. and Mrs. Albert B. Fedewa
Sister Annella	Simon	Mr. and Mrs. Peter Simon
Sister Oliva	Simon	Mr. and Mrs. Peter Simon
Sister Myrona	Schafer	Mr. and Mrs. Henry Schafer
Sister Rosarita	Pung	Mr. and Mrs. John Pung
Sister Francis	Keilen	Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Keilen
Sister Marina	Bengel	Mr. and Mrs. Theo. Bengel
Sister Joanna	Platte	Mr. and Mrs. John E. Platte
Sister Beatrice	Thelen	Mr. and Mrs. Michael Thelen
Sister Henrilda	Rademacher	Mr. and Mrs. Henry Rademacher
Sister Francella	Lennamann	Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lennamann
Sister Anselm	Mueller	Mr. and Mrs. John Mueller
Sister Agnette	Bengel	Mr. and Mrs. Theo. Bengel
Sister Stella Marie	Spitzley	Mr. and Mrs. Jos. A. Spitzley

POOR HAND MAIDS OF JESUS CHRIST

Sister's Name	Family Name	Parents' Name
Sister Martha	Bohr	Mr. and Mrs. Math. Bohr
Sister Hilda	Schneider	Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Schneider
Sister Gervasia	Herres	Mr. and Mrs. Mathias Herres
Sister Blasia	Schneider	Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Schneider
Sister Elmira	Schneider	Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Schneider
Sister Aquilina	Simon	Mr. and Mrs. John P. Simon
Sister Baromea	Martin	Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Martin
Sister Josephine	Hengesbach	Mr. and Mrs. John Hengesbach
Sister Balduina	Hengesbach	Mr. and Mrs. John Hengesbach
Sister Virgilie	Rademacher	Mr. and Mrs. John W. Rademacher
Sister Oswina	Thelen	Mr. and Mrs. John H. Thelen
Sister Dorothea	Bengel	Mr. and Mrs. Theo. Bengel
Sister Bernard	Bengel	Mr. and Mrs. Theo. Bengel

DOMINICAN SISTERS, RACINE, WISCONSIN

Sister's Name	Family Name	Parents' Name
Sister Paula	Fuchs	Mr. and Mrs. John P. Fox
Sister Gabriella	Fedewa	Mr. and Mrs. Ferd. Fedewa
Sister Mary	Bast	Mr. and Mrs. Peter Bast

SISTERS OF THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

Sister's Name	Family Name	Parents' Name
Sister Alexia	Thome	Mr. and Mrs. August Thome

FRANCISCAN SISTERS OF PERPETUAL ADORATION

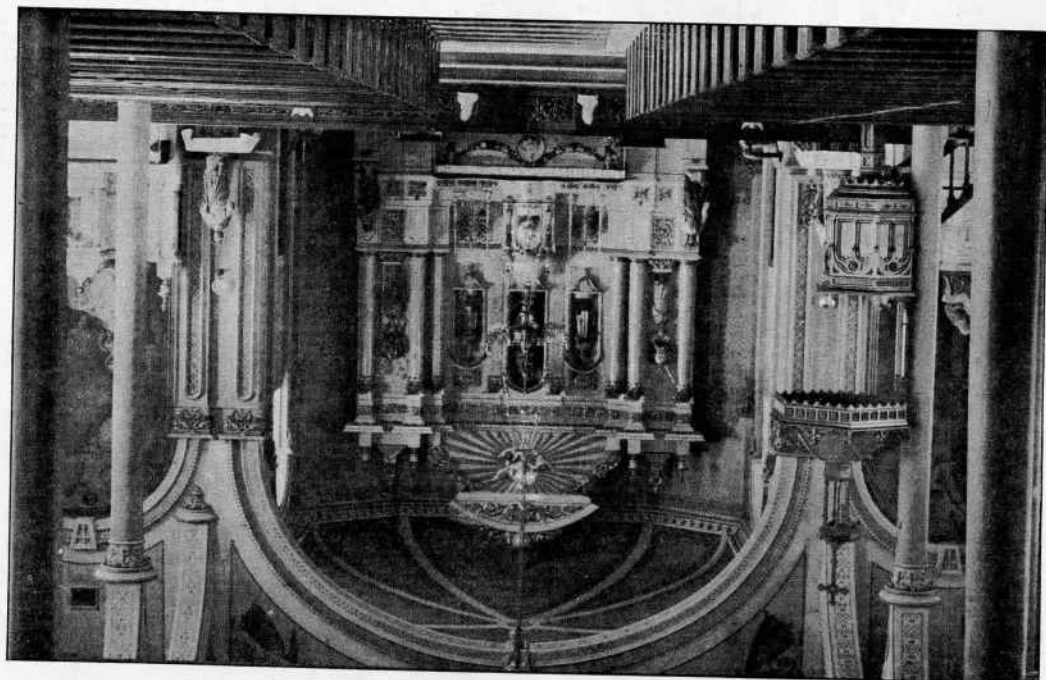
Sister's Name	Family Name	Parents' Name
Sister Otmar	Rademacher	Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Rademacher
Sister Rosella	Simon	Mr. and Mrs. John Jos. Simon

DOMINICAN SISTERS OF PERPETUAL ADORATION

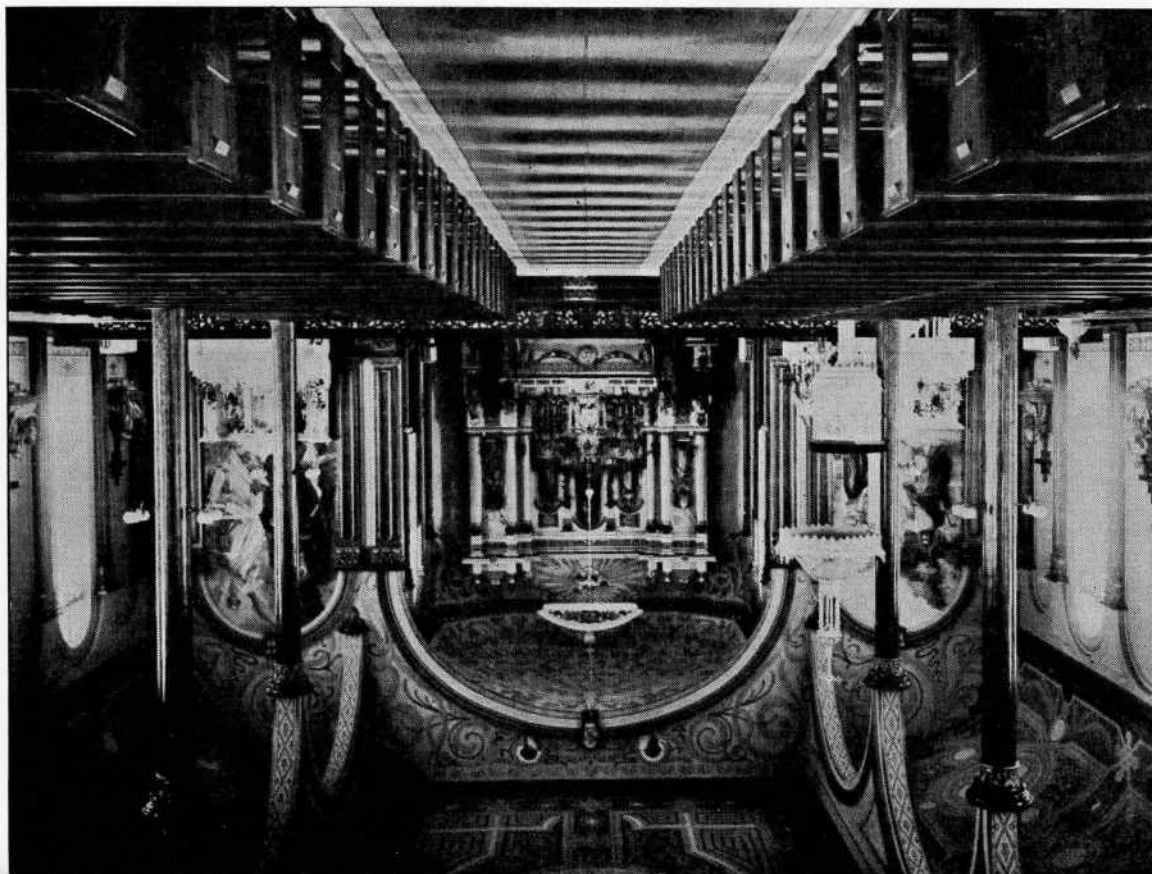
Sister's Name	Family Name	Parents' Name
Sister Marcelline	Pohl	Mr. and Mrs. Michael Pohl

SISTERS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

Sister's Name	Family Name	Parents' Name
Sister Mary	Miller	Mr. and Mrs. John Miller



INTERIOR OF ST. MARY'S CHURCH 1878



INTERIOR OF ST. MARY'S CHURCH 1911

SISTERS OF ST. JOSEPH

Sister's Name	Family Name	Parents' Name
Sister Eleanor	Trierweiler	Mr. and Mrs. Peter Trierweiler
Sister Analeta	Smith	Mr. and Mrs. Edward Smith
Sister Mary Louis	Manning	Mr. and Mrs. Edward Manning

SISTERS OF CHARITY (CINCINNATI)

Sister's Name	Family Name	Parents' Name
Sr. Mary Ferdinand	Fedewa	Mr. and Mrs. Ferdinand Fedewa

VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

Following is a list of the citizens of Westphalia who served in the Union Army during the Civil War:

Anthony Arens	Joseph Nurenberg
Henry Amerhein	Ferdinand Platte
John Baker	Peter Pung
Francis Blundy	Henry Rochol
Anthony Bergrath	Nicholas Schomisch
Jacob Cook	George Schwab
Michael Cook	William Schueller
Franklin Fish	Andrew Seckenger
Zuriel Fish	Peter Sontag
Peter Fox	Ulrich Thoma
Sempert Hehl	Anthony Wehr
John Koster	Anthony Wirth
Anthony Martin	Mathias Weber
Mathias Miller	Robert McVeigh
Servas Miller	

VETERANS OF THE SPANISH AMERICAN WAR

Charles Smith	Henry Pohl
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VETERANS OF THE WORLD WAR

Following is a list of the young men of St. Mary's Parish, Westphalia, who served their country during the World War.

Joseph Bierstetel	William Rademacher
Charles Bengel	Leo F. Snitgen
Peter Belen	Herbert Snitgen
Joseph Belen	Michael Smith
Louis Belen	Peter Smith
William Bertram	Mathias Smith
Victor Cook	Edward Smith
Louis Droste	Alfred Schaefer
Robert Droste	Arnold Spitzley
Frank Droste	Louis Spitzley
Theodore Droste	Louis Schaefer

Arnold Droste
Frank Fandel
Louis Fedewa
Frank Fernholz
Otto Fedewa
Bernard Goodman
Edward Goodman
Edward Gruber
John Gruber
Jacob Harr
Isidore Heyer
John Hoppes
Nicholas Lehman
Norman Lay
Oscar Martin
Louis Martin
Robert Martin
Louis Pohl
Arnold Platte

Mathias Schueller
Adam Schaefer
Joseph Stump
Leo Theis
John Trierweiler
Louis Trierweiler
Joseph Tillman
Andrew Thelen
John Trierweiler
Herman Wieber
Louis Wohlfert
Casper Wahl
Herman Wahl

NAVY

Frank Thoma
Herbert Martin
Christopher Schrauben

Leo Theis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Theis, was the only soldier from St. Mary's parish who died in France. His body was later brought back to the United States. Upon reaching Westphalia he was given a military funeral which was attended by his sorrowing parents and relatives as well as most of the congregation.

Although nearly all the other soldiers from St. Mary's parish were in action, many of them going "over the top", they all lived through the war with this one exception.

Another soldier from Westphalia township who died in France was Edward Gruber, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Gruber.

Mrs. John Spitzley, formerly Miss Rose Willems, also served across seas during the World War. In Dec. 1917, she was sent by the government to Camp Beauregard, Alexandria, La., as a Red Cross nurse. Then to New York for mobilization. Left New York Oct. 1, and landed at Brest, France, Oct. 13. Sent to the American Hospital at Le Mans, France. Cared for wounded soldiers. Left France July 13, 1919. Landed in New York July 19, 1919. Cared for shell shocked boys in Little Rock, Ark., and for T. B. soldiers in Tuscon, Arizona. Mrs. Spitzley is still a member of the Red Cross Nurse Association.

EARLY BUSINESS PLACES IN WESTPHALIA

The period from 1867 to 1875 was quite important in the history of our parish. Buildings that were put up with brick from the Westphalia brick yard were the east side school, the Joseph Arens store, Snitgen's store, the former Jos. Stump house and the present home of Jos. Keilen. In addition to this the first Sister's house or convent was erected. This building program gave employment to a large number of laborers, many of them from other places.

GENERAL STORES

The village had three general stores during this period. One of the buildings erected by Joseph Platte and Casper Rademacher is still in existence, and owned by the Westphalia Hardware Co. Another brick building was erected by Joseph Snitgen in 1869, who had since 1857 conducted a blacksmith shop near his home. He conducted a hardware store in this building, continuing at his trade and also running the hardware until 1875, when he put in general merchandise. This building, now a general store, is occupied by the Snitgen Bros.

The next brick building was built by Casper and William Rademacher. This was later known under the name of Jos. Arens and Co. Casper conducted a general store in the east part, and William a shoemaker's shop in the west part.

DRUG STORE

Westphalia has had a Drug Store since about 1870. Mr. J. P. Bertram, for many years conducted a drug and medicine business and finally erected the building in which Louis Bertram is now located.

FURNITURE STORES

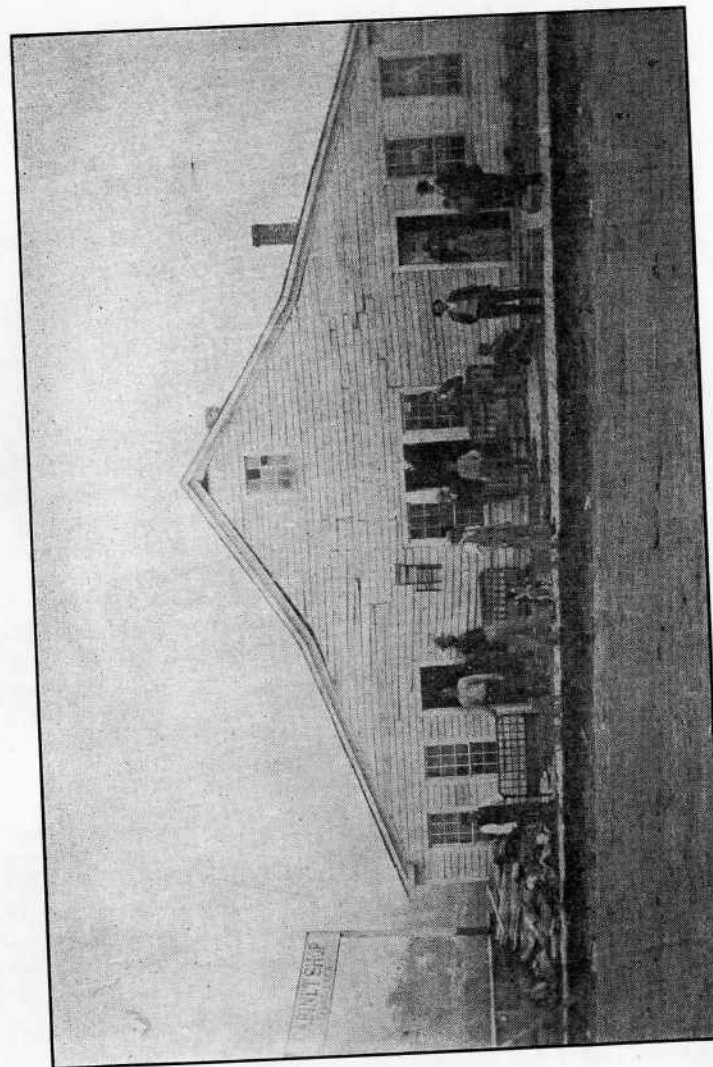
Westphalia also has had furniture stores for many years. These establishments were called cabinet shops for the reason that practically all furniture was hand made. Caskets for funerals, wardrobes, tables, etc., were made by hand, mostly from cherry or oak timber. These articles were very durable and many of them are still in use in the parish. Mr. John Gross, who lived to the ripe old age of 90 and whose death occurred not so long ago, was one of the first to engage in the cabinet business and operated his establishment in the building where Herman Geller is located at present.

Jacob Kloeckner also was engaged in the furniture business during the early days of our parish, and conducted the business in what was probably the first store built in Westphalia. It was built by Joseph Platte. The building stood practically on the same place where Jos. Wieber's furniture store is located. Mr. Wieber succeeded Mr. Kloeckner in this business.

SHOE SHOPS

During the sixties and seventies there were from four to six shoe shops in operation. They were owned by such pioneers as M. Minwegen, Theodore Hengesbach, Henry Roll, Wm. Rademacher, Peter Petsch and Peter Miller. These shops were not only repair shops as they are today, but places where measurement was taken and complete boots and shoes were made entirely by hand.

During the fifties and sixties women were wearing shoes as they do today, but high heels were of course unknown. Boots cost from five to eight dollars, and shoes about three dollars per pair. The cost of boots may seem comparatively high, but if the reader considers that these boots always lasted from one to three years, and that many



KLOECKNER CABINET SHOP 1865

grown up men had only one pair for both Sunday and week day wear, the suspicion that these people were extravagant, vanishes. Men also wore blue denim pants or trousers, (blue overalls) to church.

CLOTHING

Ladies Easter dresses were made out of flax, home grown, home spun and home woven. Later, wool was used which was also made up into garments entirely by hand.

About 1858, yard goods, called calico, could be obtained at the stores. This material preceded our present day prints, but was much better and heavier than gingham is today. The cost of this goods was about ten cents per yard which was quite reasonable, but at the time of the Civil War the price was raised to seventy-five cents and even one dollar per yard. Garments made out of such material had to serve for all occasions and do service for years.

TIN SHOPS

One of the many trades operated in Westphalia in early times was the tin shop run by Jos. Bishop, just east of Dr. Cook's office. Older people will remember the three large chandeliers made and donated to the church by Mr. Bishop. They were suspended from the ceiling above the middle aisle. They were made out of nickle plated tin, and scarlet velvet, and were very attractive. Each chandelier was about three and one half feet wide and at least nine feet high. At that time candles were almost exclusively used for illumination since the electric light had not yet been discovered and even kerosene lamps were just coming into use.

Wm. H. Bohr still operates a tin shop in what was formerly the frame church. Mr. Bohr has occupied this building for fifty years.

COOPER SHOPS

Peter Liersch and August Heyer, operated Cooper shops in which barrels, tubs, churns, etc., were manufactured. One of them was on the lot now occupied by J. Bengel's garage, and the other just south of the present Fink and Bohr store building. All products made in these stores were considered first class.

The best oak timber could be had for little or nothing. The timber was so plentiful that the farmers would get into disputes when building line fences, each party insisting that all the required oak trees be taken from his woods instead of only one half. Such arguments do not occur at the present time.

ASHERY

Bernard Gast and John Kemper operated an Ashery just east of the Chas. Bengel residence and traces of ashes can still be found where it was located.

BLACKSMITH SHOPS

The village generally had three or four blacksmith and wagon shops during the latter sixties, and up to the arrival of the automobile.

It seems that the first smith shop was operated by Mathias Doll. This shop was located on the north side of the road, and about 100 rods west of the Joseph P. Simon House, one mile north of our present church. The second oldest shop was operated by Joseph Wieber. This shop was located just across the street from the frame church or about 80 feet south of the present church, on the Loehrer lot.

One of the largest blacksmith and wagon shops, was operated by Joseph Snitgen, who made, entirely by hand, a very large number of wagons and sleighs for the farmers of the parish. Some of these sleighs are still in use.

The painting of these vehicles was mostly done by a German painter, H. Malenbrey who also painted most of the houses in the parish. His paint shop in which he ground and mixed his own paint was in the second story of the present Snitgen Bros. warehouse. The Snitgen wagon and smith shop was located in the south part of the present store. There was an opening on the east side of the building for the entrance. The outlines of the arch are still visible.

Other blacksmith shops and wagon shops were operated by Peter Doll and Henry Cook on the site of the present F. Baker shop. Peter Bauer succeeded Peter Doll and being somewhat of an inventive mind, spent much time in trying to build a perpetual motion machine. He did all this work by hand and mostly after business hours and sometimes far into the night. Like many others since his day he was not successful in this impossible task. Nevertheless it represented much deep thinking and perseverance on the part of the builder.

Joseph Hafner and Conrad Cook also operated a smith shop in the building east of the Village Hall.

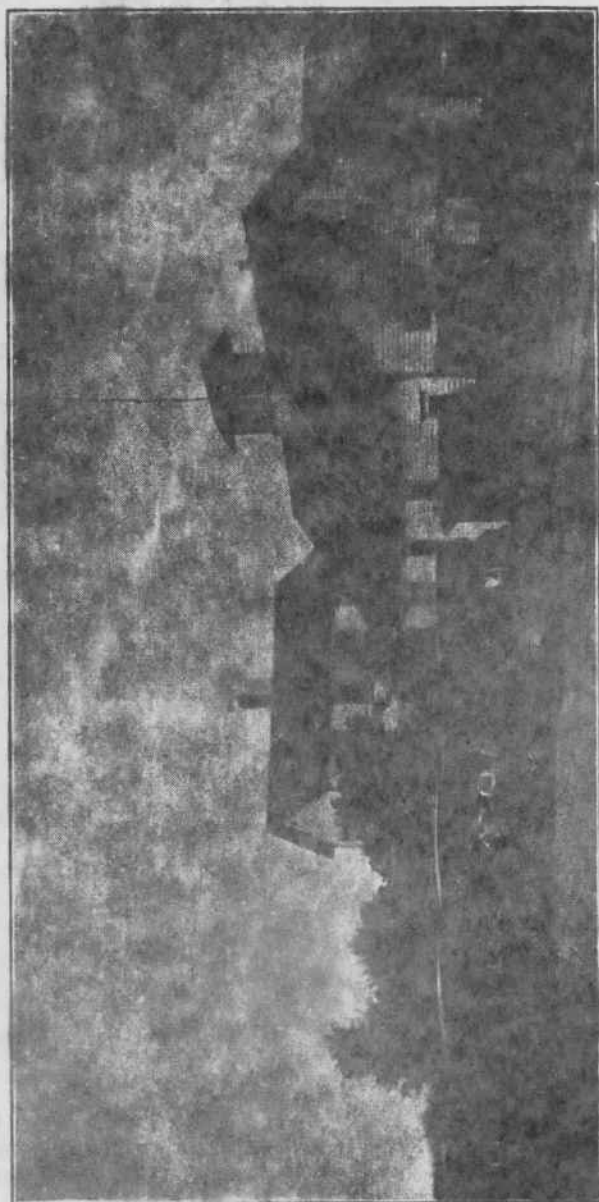
GRIST MILL

Westphalia had a grist mill as early as 1862. This mill was about 70 feet west of the present mill. There was also a saw mill about 30 feet away. Between these two buildings was the boiler or engine room from which power for the mill was furnished. In June 1868, the boiler exploded and practically wrecked both buildings, killing Mr. Smith, the owner of the mill.

In 1872 Frank Noeker put up another structure containing three run of stones. Mr. Noeker did considerable custom and merchant work, manufacturing about two hundred barrels of flour per month for shipment to Detroit. This mill is still in existence. It has been remodeled and improved and is now operated by Wm. J. Arens and Peter H. Smith.

CREAMERIES

The first creamery was established during the early eighties by Joseph Arens. At first this was located in the basement of Mr. Aren's store. Later the building just south was constructed and used as a creamery for many years by John P. Arens and Anthony P. Arens. Anthony P. Arens was succeeded by A. A. Bauer in this location. Mr. Arens established the present creamery east of town. This latter business was eventually taken over by the Farmers Cooperative Cream-



HORSES AND WAGONS OF OLD CREAMERY PLANT

ery Co. in 1914, and has been in successful operation since that date.

In the early sixties Platte and Rademacher sold their old store to Bernard Rademacher, who converted it into a tavern. This building was subsequently owned by many different parties. It was finally torn down and on its site the present oil station was erected by John B. Spitzley.

In 1892 Mr. Weitzel and Wm. Wieber, erected what was probably the finest wooden building in the village. It stood on the site of the present Frank Martin building. It was two stories high with a very large cupola on the top and a large veranda on the east side; also a spacious balcony above. The building was used as a hotel but was destroyed by fire in 1875.

The building which is occupied by the Fink and Bohr store was built by Mr. C. Nau in 1878. It was built for Mr. Ferd Simon who maintained a bar for several years and then sold out to John H. Schafer. Mr. Schafer was succeeded by Hengesbach and Arens.

During the seventies, Mr. Wohlscheid, a tailor, operated his shop in the west part of the present telephone building. Later Mr. Loehrer purchased the property and it was used as a dwelling and as a Post Office. About ten years ago it was taken over by the Westphalia Telephone Co. Across the street is the Baker building which was owned and operated by John Baker from 1870 to 1896. The building is at present occupied by Julius Pohl.

The first brewery in Westphalia, that of Schmuck and Thiel was located on the site of the Fink and Bohr store.

Mr. Peter Arens and Peter Thome also operated a brewery north of town, across the road from the old Andrew Simon home. The brewery changed owners several times and was closed when prohibition became effective in Clinton County.

BUSINESS PLACES IN OPERATION IN WESTPHALIA IN 1936

1. Jos. Arens & Co.	General Store
2. Snitgen Bros.	General Store
3. Wm. H. Bohr	Tin Shop and Hardware
4. Louis Bertram	Drugs and Medicines
5. John Bengel	Ford Sales and Garage
6. George Arens	Lunches and Refreshments
7. Mathias Belen	Meat Market
8. Frank Baker	Blacksmith Shop
9. Joseph Fox	Fox's Tavern
10. Davern Bros.	Farmers Elevator
11. Herman Geller	Undertaker
12. Michael Pohl	Groceries and Meat
13. Julius Pohl	Lunches and Refreshments
14. John Platte	Baked Goods, Notions, Candy
15. Augusta Martin	Post Office, Notions
16. Adam Schaefer	Restaurant and Refreshments
17. Joseph Wieber	Furniture
18. Anthony Platte	Auto Repairing

19. Westphalia State Bank
20. Wahl Barber Shop
21. Westphalia Hardware Co.
22. Westphalia Telephone Co.
23. Westphalia Milling Co.
24. Westphalia Co-operative Creamery Co.
25. Westphalia Oil Co.

VILLAGE OFFICERS IN 1936

President	William Bohr
Clerk	Leo Hengesbach
Treasurer	Alfred Snitgen

COUNCILMEN

Louis J. Wieber	Aloysius Droste
John Pung	John H. Thelen
Anthony Fineis	

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Chairman	Louis J. Wieber
Secretary	Herman Geller
Treasurer	Hilary Snitgen

TOWNSHIP OFFICERS

Supervisor	George P. Thelen
Clerk	William Bohr
Treasurer	John Bohr

Highway Commissioner	Herman Hengesbach
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JUSTICES OF THE PEACE

Joseph Thelen	Hilary Snitgen
John A. Thelen	Theodore Bengel

MEMBERS OF TOWNSHIP BOARD

Joseph Thelen	John A. Thelen
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BOARD OF REVIEW

Arnold Weiland	Anthony Feneis
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ROADS, THEN AND NOW

In 1837 the only road over which a wagon could drive, was the road from DeWitt to Lyons. This road crosses the one running east out of Westphalia at a point about 5 miles east of the church, and then angles north and west to Lyons. This is the road on which Henry Schafer, Mrs. Goodman, Frank Hufnagel and John Feldspausch are living at present. Over this road which was originally an Indian trail the mail was delivered to Lyons and other points, long before Lansing existed and before the first pioneers reached Westphalia.

During the earliest period of our history, when there were no oxen or horses and practically no roads, people were compelled to carry their wheat to Lyons and nearby towns for flour. It is a fact that a certain Math. Miller, who lived 2 miles east and 1 mile south of the church, often took a sack of wheat, weighing 120 pounds, on his back and carried it to Lyons, returning the following day. He sometimes started back on the same day and was compelled to rest beside some log or tree during the night. Travel through the woods in the dark was impossible. During such lodgings in the woods Mr. Miller and other pioneers were quite often molested by bears and other wild beasts. They had to be on guard and dared not sleep much, but only rested until daylight.

Later in the history of Westphalia township, there were a number of winding roads or trails built around the swampiest places, angling their way to the village. Still later, log roads were built through these swamps. Logs were cut the width of the road and laid side by side through the entire swamp. These logs were then covered with dirt and later with gravel forming good straight roads that divided the land into square sections. Since that time practically all section roads have been opened and at present the township has about 70 miles of highways including over 25 miles of good gravel roads.

Road building always of great importance in the township was carried on continually year after year until at present Westphalia can boast of some of the finest roads in the county. The majority of our school children are transported to and from school daily by auto.

SUPERVISORS OF WESTPHALIA TOWNSHIP FROM 1839 TO 1936

Anthony Kopp	1839-1840	Moses Bartow	1875-1876
J. Dunnebacke	1840-1841	J. H. Fedewa	1877-1878
Joseph Platte	1841-1842	William Smith	1879-1880
Anthony Kopp	1842-1843	Frank Noeker	1881-1882
M. McVeigh	1843-1844	Peter Petsch	1883-1889
Moses Bartow	1844-1845	Jos. R. Bohr	1890-1891
Wm. F. Dutton	1845-1846	Peter Petsch	1892-1894
Moses Bartow Jr.	1846-1852	Jos. R. Bohr	1895-1897
W. T. Plowman	1852-1854	Theo. Bengel	1898-1904
Moses Bartow Jr.	1854-1860	Fred Belen	1904-1905
Joseph Bohr	1860-1861	Wm. Smith	1905-1911
Moses Bartow	1862-1863	Theo. Bengel	1911-1912
Joseph Bohr	1864-1865	Wm. Smith	1912-1914
Moses Bartow	1865-1868	Peter Trierweiler ...	1914-1928
J. P. Junker	1869-1872	Eberhard Miller	1928-1935
J. H. Fedewa	1873-1874	George P. Thelen	1935-

COUNTY OFFICIALS FROM WESTPHALIA

Westphalia has furnished the county prosecuting attorneys for ten years,—Anthony Cook, six years, and John H. Fedewa, four years;

Circuit Court Commissioners, four years,—Anthony Cook and Moses Bartow; William T. Plowman as sheriff; Moses T. Bartow as representative, four years; and David Goss, coroner, four years. In 1879, Frank Noeker was elected to the State Legislature and served as representative of his district for two years. At the present time, John B. Spitzley is a member of the Clinton County Road Commission.

POSTMASTERS OF WESTPHALIA

In about 1850 a postoffice was established in Westphalia. The Rev. Fr. Godez was appointed the first postmaster.

The early mail carriers carried the weekly mail from DeWitt to Lyons and Ionia. It seems logical that the mail of the early settlers was delivered from Lyons to Westphalia to the pioneer priest's home, and handed out to the parishioners.

There were no daily papers in those days and even letters were few as postage rates were very high. A dollar was required to send a letter to Germany or even to California, and, thirty to fifty cents required to send one to Detroit.

The postmasters of Westphalia were:

Rev. Fr. Godez	Joseph Bohr
Joseph Platte	Frank Loeher, Sr.
Joseph Snitgen	Frank J. Loeher, Jr.
Fred McConnell	Mrs. Augusta Martin

DOCTORS IN WESTPHALIA

In 1848, Dr. Karl Frederick Seinholtz settled in Westphalia and became its first resident physician. His successors have been,—

Dr. Fisher	Dr. Gierman
Dr. Stokes	Dr. Schoenith
Dr. Saurer	Dr. Schaller
Dr. Shattuck	Dr. Banta
Dr. Dellenbaugh	Dr. Watley
Dr. Herres	Dr. Alton
Dr. Spencer	Dr. Christian
Dr. Strahan	Dr. McCauley
Dr. Martin	Dr. Gerend

Dr. Bruno Cook

Dr. Cook is now the resident physician of Westphalia.

STATISTICS CONCERNING ST. MARY'S PARISH BAPTISMS

The first baptism was written into the nearly one hundred year old book of records on March 23, 1838.

Four children were baptized in 1838, five in 1839 and six in 1840.

There is probably no better proof of the rapid growth of the parish during these first twenty-five years, than the birth records here given.

Year	No. Baptized	Year	No. Baptized	Year	No. Baptized
1838	4	1860	91	1882	94
1839	5	1861	115	1883	96

Year	No. Baptized	Year	No. Baptized	Year	No. Baptized
1840	6	1862	114	1884	78
1841	13	1863	68	1885	93
1842	21	1864	70	1886	85
1843	24	1865	58	1887	85
1844	26	1866	67	1888	72
1845	35	1867	62	1889	82
1846	36	1868	84	1890	76
1847	24	1869	78	1891	88
1848	31	1870	108	1892	81
1849	29	1871	94	1893	72
1850	48	1872	100	1894	64
1851	21	1873	86	1895	81
1852	44	1874	109	1896	72
1853	56	1875	93	1897	84
1854	52	1876	101	1898	67
1855	80	1877	96	1899	75
1856	102	1878	111	1900	76
1857	108	1879	95	1901	72
1858	124	1880	100	1902	81
1859	104	1881	81	1903	69
1904	65	1915	56	1926	50
1905	60	1916	54	1927	51
1906	70	1917	55	1928	50
1907	63	1918	56	1929	42
1908	54	1919	52	1930	50
1909	62	1920	53	1931	44
1910	60	1921	40	1932	59
1911	58	1922	49	1933	47
1912	61	1923	47	1934	53
1913	56	1924	38	1935	42
1914	61	1925	54		

It is interesting to observe that the highest number of baptisms during the entire history of the parish was reached in 1858 with 124 baptisms.

The parish continued to grow until about 1877 or 1878 when Portland took over a number of families in the southwest section.

Our parish again lost many families when the Fowler parish was organized and a church erected at Fowler during the early eighties.

When Pewamo built its own church some thirty years ago our parish lost a number of families living in the northwest section. So it is evident that our parish had reached its zenith during the middle seventies when even the present large church was often overcrowded on Holy days and many other occasions.

The total number of baptisms in the parish from 1838 to January 1, 1936, is 6491.

EPIDEMICS IN WESTPHALIA CHOLERA

The dreaded Asiatic Cholera which was brought to Detroit by emigrants on passing boats also reached Westphalia in the early fifties.

These were dark days indeed for the settlers out here in the wilderness. Terror spread throughout the community and the burial records of this time show what havoc was wrought by this dreaded disease.

When the first pioneers arrived in Westphalia in 1836, this entire district was covered with heavy forests, with the exception of some low places that contained stagnant water the year round. There were many such swamps as these low places were called, especially in the southern part of the parish. Some were designated by names such as the Klockner swamp, two miles south of town, the Rochol swamp, two miles east and one half mile north, Weiland swamp one mile east and one and one-half miles south, Thome swamp east of the church and extending across the present highway east of the Noeker residence. Another large swamp existed north and south of the bridge near the cemetery. Then there were swamps in the southern part such as the Kramer swamp, the Wohlfert, the Pitchford and Lehmann swamps and many others scattered over the parish.

MALARIA FEVER

This stagnant water, (a breeding place for mosquitoes) is thought to be the cause of much of the Malaria fever so prevalent in Westphalia in the fifties and sixties. Mr. Joseph Voosen, a teacher of the parish school, fell victim to this disease July 26, 1854. The burial records from 1858 to 1868, show that deaths caused by fever ranged from four to eleven each year. Gradually, as the swamps were drained, conditions improved and only a few cases of death by fever were recorded after 1868.

DIPHTHERIA

About 1863, an epidemic of diphtheria reached the parish. In four months this disease caused the death of ten young persons and the total may have been much larger, since, for some time afterward, "Halsweh" (sore throat) and "Braune" (tonsilitis) are given as the cause of death in the burial records. No doubt these were diphtheria cases also.

In 1878 Westphalia suffered another epidemic of diphtheria. Just how many deaths occurred cannot be determined, but it seems to have been around thirty or forty, since the number of burials increased from 19 in 1877 to 60 in 1878, and then fell again to 23 in 1879.

Still another diphtheria epidemic reached Westphalia in 1881, claiming about fifteen more lives. The theory of germs and infection was not so well known then as now, and this, very likely, is the reason the disease spread so rapidly.

FIRE HAZARDS IN THE SETTLEMENT

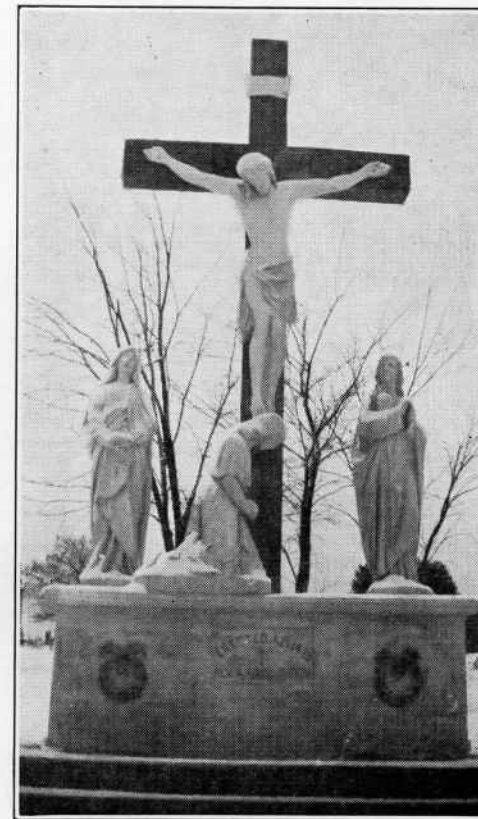
All the higher ground of the parish was covered by heavy virgin forests when our first settlers arrived and it was necessary to clear some land so the people could make a living.

The pioneers generally cut down trees to make room for a log house, and then extended the clearing farther and farther from the cabin. There was much cutting and burning of trees during the first twenty years of our history. This explains why fire claimed the lives of about twenty children from 1841 to 1858.

CEMETERIES OF ST. MARY'S PARISH

The first cemetery was located near the first log church $\frac{1}{2}$ mile west of the parish hall. The first interment was that of a child of Eberhard Platte in 1838, and it seems that there were about 10 burials in all in this cemetery.

One of the deceased was 24 years old. The other adult burial was Perry March 29 years old. All others were children. This cemetery



CRUCIFIXION GROUP WESTPHALIA CEMETERY

was abandoned in about the year 1843, when Rev. Fr. Godez erected the second log church near the site of the present rectory.

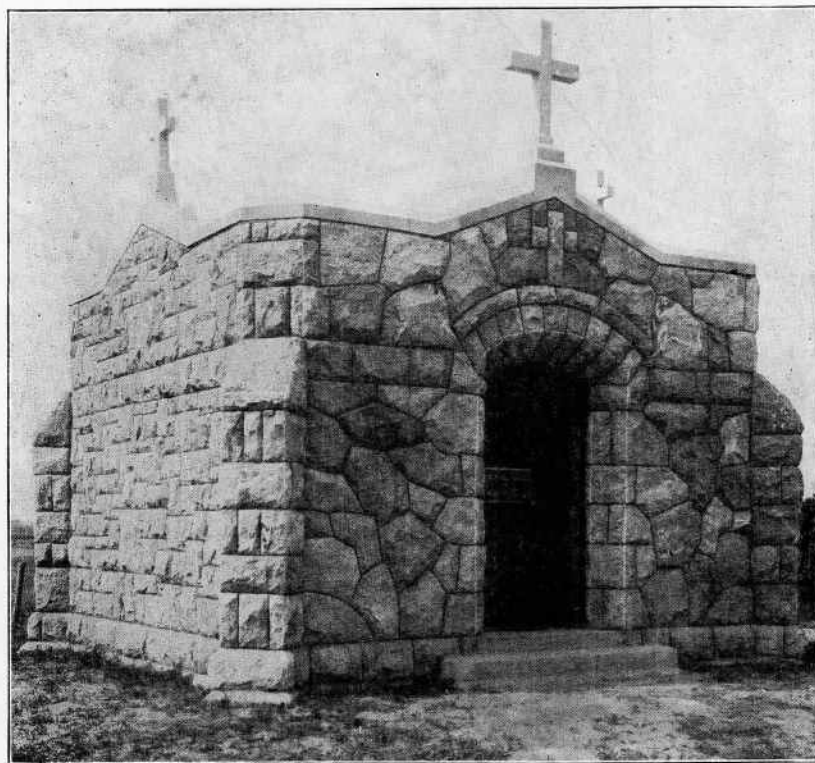
The dead were then buried to the west and south of the church. This cemetery was in use until 1870.

At this time a cemetery was opened on the farm now occupied by Joseph P. Simon, about one mile north of the present church. This burial ground was abandoned in the spring of 1872 when the present cemetery was started.

All bodies were removed from this northern cemetery and interred in the new burial ground, as well as a large number from the cemetery near the present rectory.

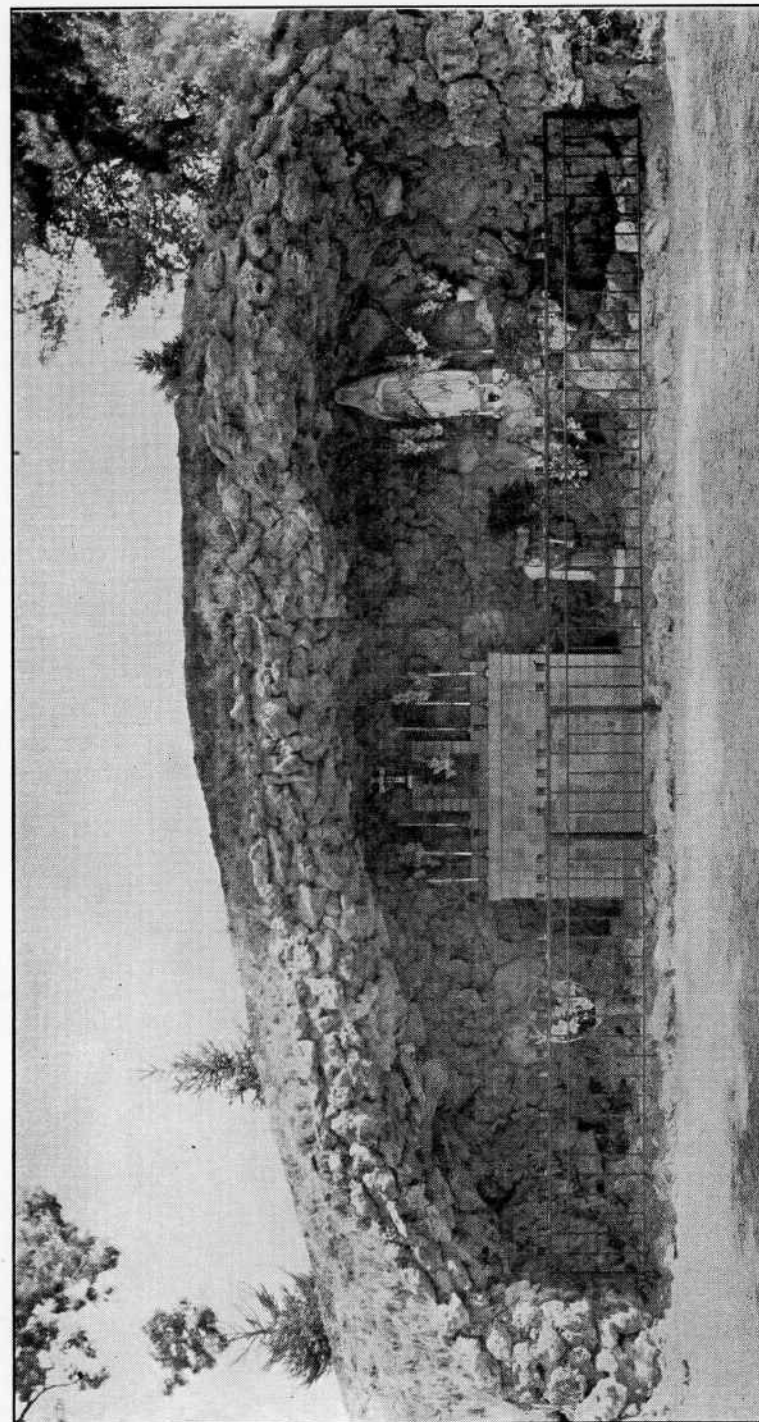
The first burial in this new cemetery was that of John Peter Pohl, April 22, 1872. This present burial ground of St. Mary's parish has been in use from the year 1872 down to the present time.

In 1924 Fr. Krams started improving this cemetery which had been



VAULT IN ST. MARY'S CEMETERY IN WESTPHALIA

in a deplorable condition. A part of the old ground was sold and two acres of land lying between the cemetery and highway were purchased. This made it possible to construct a beautiful double drive from the highway to the cemetery proper. The entire cemetery was leveled, then covered with black soil and seeded to grass. It required over 2500 yards of black soil and over 3000 days of labor to accomplish this work, all of which was done by the members of the parish. Most of the work at this time was supervised by Theodore Bengel who also assisted in planning and laying out the drives and landscaping the



GROTTO IN ST. MARY'S CEMETERY

area about the cemetery. He was later appointed sexton for a number of years. He was succeeded by Louis Fink who is the present sexton.

A beautiful crucifixion group was erected in 1931. New drives were built and hundreds of trees and shrubs planted.

In 1935 a beautiful Grotto was begun, a replica of the Grotto of Lourdes, France. This Grotto in France with its spring of healing water became famous in 1858 after the appearance of the Blessed Virgin to St. Bernadette, then a child of about fourteen years. While walking along the shore of the river one day, gathering up driftwood, she suddenly beheld Our Blessed Lady, who appeared eighteen times during the period between February 11 and July 16, 1858. On one of these occasions the Blessed Mother spoke these words: "I am the Immaculate Conception." Later an altar was built in the cave and a church built on the precipice above. Many miracles have been wrought at this Grotto which has become known all over the world.

The Grotto in our parish cemetery is patterned after the one in Lourdes. The statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary and the St. Bernadette statue were donated by the Young Ladies Sodality, the altar and the tile floor by the Christian Mothers Confraternity.

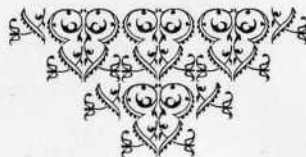
The men of the parish worked faithfully to complete the Grotto for the Blessing which took place on the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Aug. 15, 1936. Mass was celebrated in this Grotto Aug. 28, 1936, by Rt. Rev. Msgr. John Mies, D. D., Pastor of Our Lady of the Rosary Church, Detroit, the first occasion upon which the Holy Sacrifice was offered in our parish cemetery.

Two priests have found their last resting place in St. Mary's cemetery.

Father Herwig who died April 16, 1902 and Father Hofsted who died February 23, 1923.

Four Nuns or Sisters also are buried here, three of them Sisters of Christian Charity. One of these three is Sr. Bonafacia, the beloved Mother Superior who taught school here 60 years ago. The other was Sr. Oswina of the Poor Handmaids of Christ, daughter of Mr. John H. Thelen.

The total number of burials in the first three cemeteries over a period of 36 years was 572. The total number of burials in the present cemetery since 1872 is 1,566. This makes a total of 2,138 interments from the beginning of the parish up to January 1, 1936.



CHURCH ORGANIZATION IN 1936

I.

Church Committee—John Pung, John Miller, Wm. Schmitt, Robert Kolp, Edward Hengesbach.

II. HOLY NAME SOCIETY

President	Peter Trierweiler
Secretary	John Miller
Treasurer	John Miller
Trustee	Arthur Wirth

III. CHRISTIAN MOTHER'S SOCIETY

President	Mrs. William Arens
Vice President	Mrs. Edward Martin
Secretary	Mrs. Peter Simon
Treasurer	Mrs. John Fink

IV. YOUNG LADIES SODALITY

President	Genevieve Belen
Vice President	Olivia Simon
Secretary	Eleanor Smith
Treasurer	Dorothy Arens

V. ST. JOSEPH'S SOCIETY

President	Joseph Platte
Vice President	Nicholas Pohl
Secretary	George Thelen
Treasurer	Robert Bohr

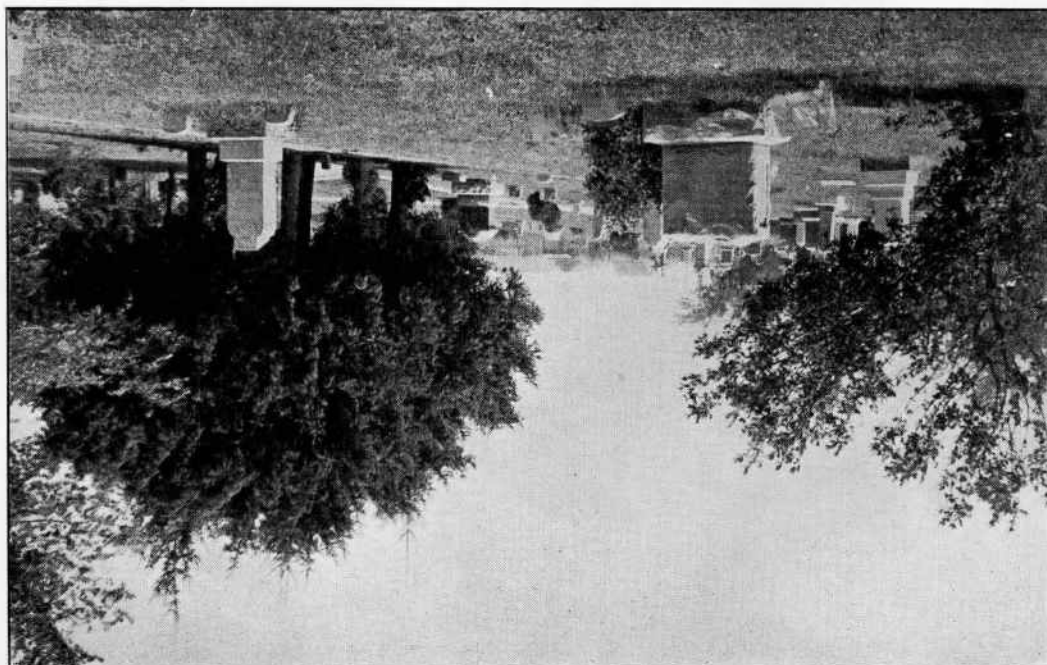
VI. CATHOLIC ORDER OF FORESTERS

Spiritual Director	Rev. Edward Gutha
Chief Ranger	Arthur Wirth
Vice Chief Ranger	Louis Pung
Past Chief Ranger	Hilary Snitgen
Recording Secretary	Aloysius Droste
Financial Secretary	Albert Noeker
Treasurer	Adam Schaefer
Speaker	Anthony Trierweiler
Trustees	Alfred Snitgen, Louis Fink, Herman Wirth
Senior Conductor	Edwin Thelen
Junior Conductor	Joseph Martin
Inside Sentinel	Robert Wirth
Outside Sentinel	John Theis

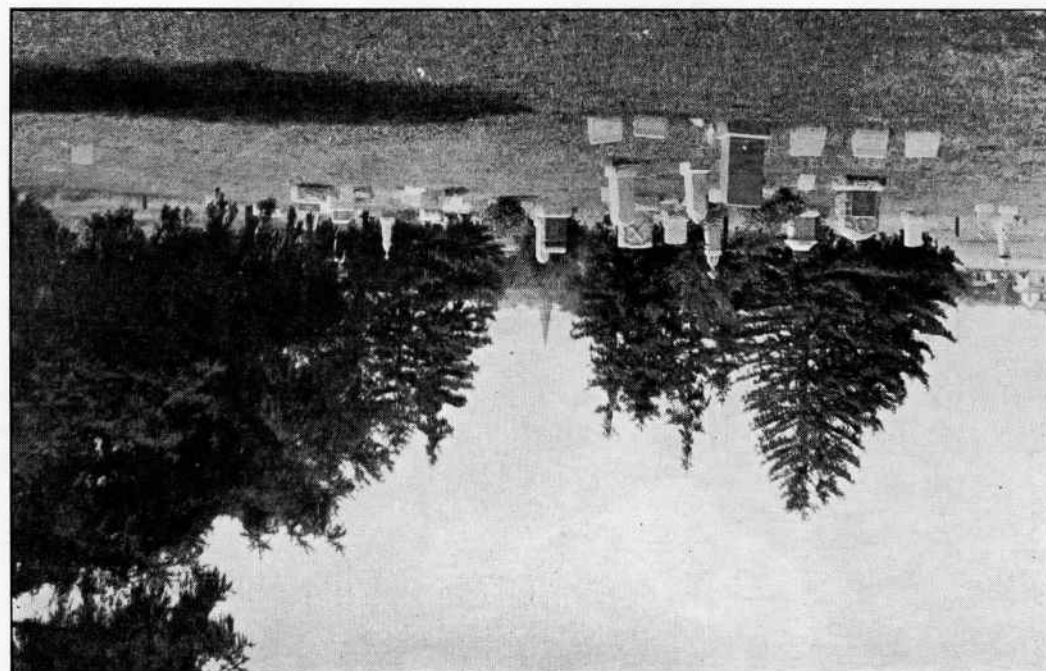
LIST OF FAMILIES OF ST. MARY'S PARISH

Arens, Albert, Philomena—Leona, Antonette, Paulina, Alvina, Theodore, Casilda, Joseph, Dorothy, Donald
 Arens, Edwin, Verena—Francis, Bernice, Arlene, Richard, Harold, Mildred
 Arens, George
 Arens, Jos. A.*, Anna—Linus, Ludwina, Norman, Mary E., Edwin

*Deceased.



VIEW IN ST. MARY'S CEMETERY



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Arens, Joseph*, Anna Maria*—Rosa, Anna
 Arens, Theodore, Hildegard—Alban, Ronald
 Arens, Wm. H.*, Mary Pohl—Roman, Armella*, Odelia, Valerian
 Arens, Wm. J., Verona—Marie, Rita, Joseph, Gerald

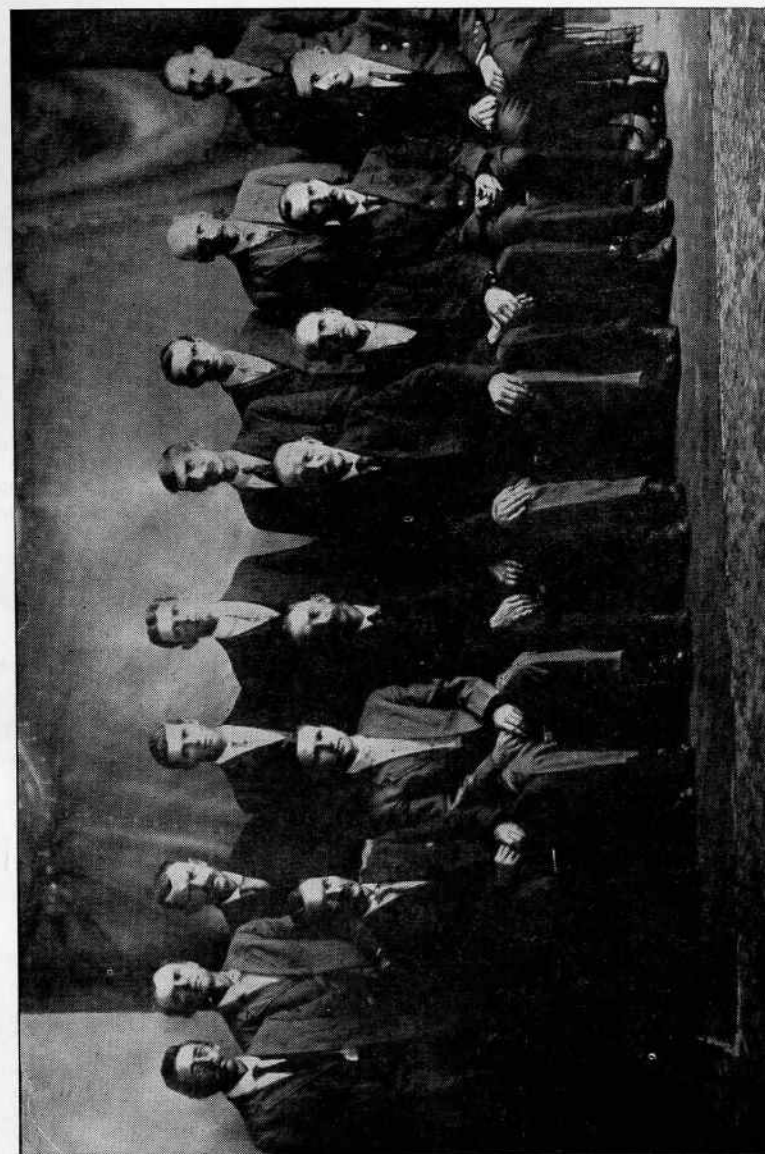
Baker, Frank, Catherine—Hattie, Walter, Dorothy*, Helen, Lucille, Rita
 Baker, Walter, Irene
 Bauer, John, Rosa*—Leo J., Florence, Agnes*
 Bauer, Leo A., Rose—Gerald L., Rosemary, Alice L., Jerome T., James A., Constance M.
 Beierstetel, Frank*, Mary*—Joseph, Anna, Charles, Veronica, August, Eleonora
 Beierstetel, Joseph, Mary—Herman, Albin, Frances
 Belen, Albert W., Ida—Richard A., Walter F., Albert F. Jr., Leo C., Charles P., Alice C.
 Belen, Fred, Theresia—Frank, Christ, Albert, Peter, Jos., Pauline, Geo., Louis, Carolina*
 Belen, Mathias*, Mary—Verena*, Marcellinus, Norbert, Anastasia*, Rita, Genevieve
 Belen, Norbert, Marian—Thomas
 Belen, Robert, Anna—Loretta M., John M., Cornelia, Irene, Rose, Robert Jr., Julius, Diana A.
 Bengel, Bernard, Viola*—Helen, Julius, Bernard, Jr.
 Bengel, Charles J., Clara A.—Clarabelle, Clifford, Edward, Mary Magdalene, Thomas C.—Schmidt, Chas. J.
 Bengel, Edward, Rosanna—Elaine Ann
 Bengel, Robert*, Emma—John, Mary, Catherine, Charles, Caroline, Theodore, Rose
 Bengel, Theodore, Margaret—Bernard, Carrie, Anna, Theresia, Joseph, Mary (Sr. Dorothea), Nettie (Sr. Bernard), Mathilda, Edward, Margaret (Sr. Marina), Regina (Sr. Agnette), Robert, Dorothy
 Bertram, John P.*, Theresa, Mary K., Joseph, Louis W., Anthony A., Louise M., William, (Fr.) Frank W., Catherine V.
 Biedenbender, John, Aurelia—Esther, Raymond, Louis
 Biedenbender, Raymond J., Eleanor—Joyce
 Bohr, John, Martha—Romilda, Rosella, Mary Ann, Dorothy, Adelaide, Joanne
 Bohr, Joseph R., Anna M.
 Bohr, Robert F., Beatrice A.
 Bohr, William, Eleonore*—Rev. Joseph, Mrs. Rosella Becker, Adeline Platte, Robert F., Edwin, Caspar, Gertrude, Delbert, Ronald
 Bohr, W. H.
 Bozung, Alex, Anna—Katherine, Joseph, Helene, Rose, Carl, Dorothy

Cook, Dr. Bruno, Marie—Margo Mary, Maureen Ann
 Cook, Casper*, Theresia—Victor, Philomena, Herbert*

Droste, Aloysius, Elizabeth—Georgianna, Alice, Wilma, Thomas, Patricia
 Droste, Anthony*, Anna S., Louis, Arnold, Robert, Esther, Carl, Urban, Helen, Henrietta
 Droste, Anthony F., Anna K.—Bernadine, John F., Helen E., James R., Florence
 Droste, John*, Theresia—Minnie, Anthony, Frank, Louise, Theodor, Anna*, Aloysius, Alfred
 Droste, Louis, Clara*—George, Shirley, Olive Ann
 Droste, Theodore J., Anna—Louis A., William B., Theresa M., Mary Magdalen

Fandel, Herman, Hildegard—Genevieve, Ernestine, Edgar, Denis
 Fedewa, Albert, Lizzie—Irma, Roman, Martha, Virginia
 Fedewa, Albert S., Helen—Laura, Marcella, Harold, Helen, Norman, Dora, Marie, Charles
 Fedewa, Arthur A., Dorothy—Helen, Marie
 Fedewa, Anthony*, Margeret
 Fedewa, Anthony, Theresia—Joseph, Mary, Frank, Hilda, Roselyn, Lorena, Aloysius

*Deceased.



ST. MARY'S MALE CHOIR 1905

Fedewa, John, Peter
 Fedewa, Carl, Helena—Adam A., Roman J., John W., Edmund H., Harold C., Urban J.
 Fedewa, Edward G., Eleanor—Beatrice, Florence, Harold, Isadore, Arthur, Leon, Catherine
 Fedewa, John P., Elisabeth*—Eleanor
 Fedewa, Henry E., Rosa S.—Gerald P., Rosamary A., Germaine P.
 Fedewa, Herbert L., Martha—Paul, Florence, Richard, Donald, James.
 Fedewa, Isidore*, Anna—Loretta, Herman, Roman, Anthony, Isidore
 Fedewa, Julius, Gertrude—Francis, Gerald, Marvin, Monica
 Fedewa, Jos. M., Kathrina—Antonetta, Walter, Bertha, Marian
 Fedewa, Jos. M., Martha—Lillian
 Fedewa, John J., Mary—George, Sophie*, Theodore, Elisabeth, Benno, Arnold, Frank, Otto, Julius, Paulina
 Fedewa, Otto J., Margeret—Hilary J., Marcella M., Estella M., Viola E., Isabelle C., Mary Jane, Stanley A.
 Fedewa, Robert E., Theresa—William A., Donald J., Richard P., Stanley A., Robert Jr.
 Fedewa, Stephen, Rosalia*—Clara, Leo, Martha, Pius, Charles, Dora
 Fedewa, Charles E., Theresa—Mary Rose, Gertrude Ann
 Fedewa, Joseph, Anna*—Simon, Pauline, Rosa, Frank, Laura*
 Fedewa, Jos. P., Elisabeth—Bernita, Mary, Odelia, Margaret, Leo, Catherine, Sylvester, Joan, Mathew, James
 Fedewa, William, Otilia*—Rosella, Celester, Eleanor, Geneva, Francis
 Feldspausch, Anthony, Laura—Robert M., Leon F., Evelyn C., Veronica R., Monica H., Jane Frances
 Feldspausch, Frederick, Dorothy—Elmer, Marvin, Dolores, Jerome, Hilary, Francis
 Feneis, Anthony, Rosina*—Clarence, Gilbert, Florence, Lucille, Hilary, Norman
 Feneis, Clarence*, Esther—Clare
 Fink, John, Catherine—Julius*, Harold, Eleanor, Alfred, Louis, Francis
 Freund, Clarence, Milberg—Kenneth
 Freund, Joseph, Julia—Clarence, Erwin, Joseph Jr., John, Mary Margaret, Catherine, Clifford, Evelyn
 Freund, Joseph Jr., Rita—Constance
 Fox, Frank*, Magalena*—Catherina, Frances, Herman, Mary, Joseph A., Dora, Julius
 Fox, Henry*, Theresa—Walter J., Harold A., Norbert W.
 Fox, Joseph L., Ida—William S., Stanley J., Carl H., Celester S., Elizabeth M., Dolores M.
 Fox, Joseph A., Bertha—Roger J.

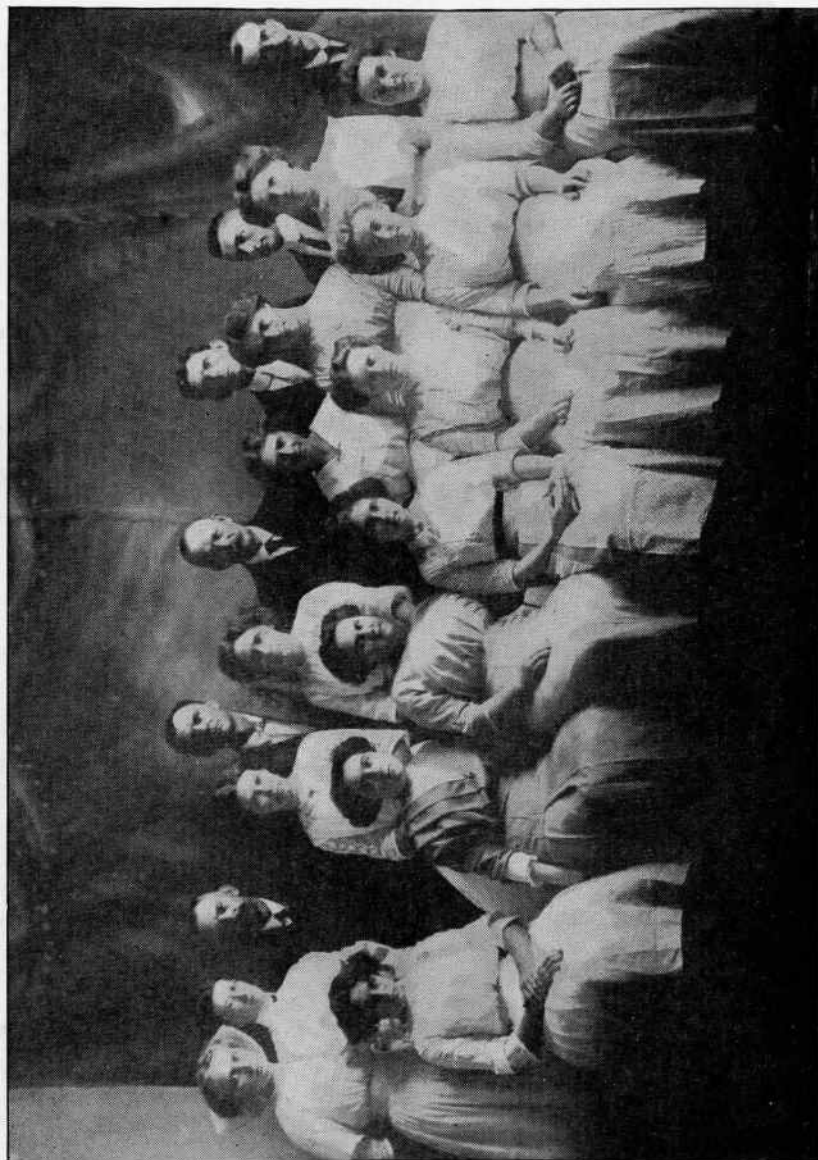
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 Geller, John
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 Goodman, Peter*, Mary—Harold, Laurina, Rosaline, Rita, Esther
 Gross, John Jr., Mary
 Gross, John P., Catherina—Caroline*, Peter*, Elizabeth, Mary*, William, Sylvester
 Gross, John, Mary*—Katherine, Joseph, Gertrude, Mary, John, William
 Gross, Sylvester M., Carrie—Mary K., Lillian T., William J.

Haeck, Gerald, Rita*—Gerald, Jr., Bernadette
 Hafner, John, Catherine*
 Hafner, Myron, Rosa—Joseph, Roman, Norman, Aloysius
 Halfmann, Anthony, Gertrude—Leon, Joseph, Joan, Allen, Marie
 Halfmann, Martin, Florence—Marylyn
 Halfmann, Mathias, Anna E.—Margareth, Anthony, Dora, Frances, Clara, Johan, Marten, Marty
 Hanses, Bernard, Mrs. Bernard*—Anthony, Katherine, Peter, Joseph, William, Anna*

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Hanses, Joseph J., Laurina—Reynold, Revella, Kathleen, Dorothy Ann, David
 Hanses, William, Frances—Elisabeth, Robert, Bernard, William, Jr., Paul, Mary-Margeret
 Harr, Edwin J., Bernita—Gladys
 Hayes, James
 Hengesbach, Aloysius, Regina—Eugene
 Hengesbach, Anthony, Marcella—Charles
 Heyer, Charles, Mary—Isidor, Oscar, Philomena, Carl, Antoinette*, Raymond, Anna, Dorothy, Johanna*, Joseph
 Hengesbach, Edward, Eleonora—Francis, Rita, Joseph, Norbert, Marie
 Hengesbach, Herman
 Hengesbach, Jerome, Clothilda—Doris Ann
 Hengesbach, Joseph, Anna—Vincent
 Hengesbach, Leo, Elizabeth—Lillian, Adeline, Hilary
 Hengesbach, Lawrence, Theresa—Stanley, Alice, Reynold, Linus, Albert
 Hengesbach, Louis, Elizabeth—Ruth M., Louis R., Robert J.
 Hengesbach, Math, Anna—Jerome, Alvin, Gilbert, Rita, Rosemary, Helen
 Hengesbach, Sylvester, Odelia—Alfred
 Hengesbach, Urban, Laura
 Hengesbach, William, Margaret—Antoinette, Julius, Loretta, Lawrence, Sylvester, Urban, Anthony
 Hoppes, John L., Anna M.—Geraldine, Donald, Rosaline, Raymond
 Hoppes, Michael, Mary—Elizabeth, Edward*
 Hufnagel, John, Clara—Roman A., Walter P., Helen, Elda
 Hufnagel, Peter, Theresa—Joseph, Arnold, Rose
 Jegla, Cyril, Rose—Theresa M., Robert M., Mary L., John J., Charles, Thomas
 Jegla, John, Mrs. John—Ann, Frank*, Frances, Cecilia, Louise
 Keilen, Joseph, Mary—Walter, Dorothy, Verena, Lauretta, Robert, Mildred, Ernest, Vincent, Herbert, Anita, Francis
 Keilen, Walter, Odelia—Leon, James, Donald, Elisabeth, Jane M.
 Klein, George, Dora—Phillip R.
 Klein, Louis, Dora—Louis Jr., Anthony, Richard, Herman, Rose, Leo
 Kloeckner, Mathias, Helen*—Verena, Alma, Pauline, Harold, Arthur
 Kloeckner, Mathias, Mary M.—Mary Margeret, Laurina, Hilary, Richard, Winnefred, Germaine, Joan, Patricia Ann, Donald
 Knopp, Albert, Clara—Ferd, Anna, Adeline, Marie
 Knopp, Henry*, Josephine—Elisabeth, Clara A., Frank J., Theresia, Ferdinand H., Anna R., Albert F.
 Kolp, Robert, Theresia—Mary, Katherine, Louis, Theodor, Josephine, Rita, Eleanor, Hilary—Doris Smith, grandchild
 Kolp, Theodore, Marian—Anthony R.
 Koster, Anthony*, Gertrude—Louis, Eleanor, Irma
 Koster, Louis J., Olivia—Paul, James, Constance, Monica, William
 Kramer, Peter, Anna*—Mary, John, William, Elisabeth
 Lehman, Bernard, Grace
 Lehman, Edward, Anna—Esther, Caroline, Harold, Sylvester, Lillian, Raymond, Margaret
 Leik, Paul, Louisa*—Peter, Anna, Lena, George, Margaret
 Leik, Paul, Mary
 Lenneman, Anthony, Maglyn—Leona M., Florence E.
 Lenneman, Edward, Elizabeth—Gerald, Lillian, Esther, Ronald, Elizabeth, Joan, Edward, Eugene
 Lenneman, Joseph, Catherine M.—Alma*, Viola*, Leonard, Norman, Victor, Raymond*, Erwin, Mary, Josetta, Catherine, Bertha, Joseph Jr.
 Lenneman, John*, Catherine—William*, Frank, Joseph, Elisabeth, Bernard, Anna, Anthony, Catherine, Edward
 Lenneman, Frank, Mary*—John, Matilda (Sr. Francella), Leo, Martha, Herman, Rosaline, Regina (Sr. Roselina), Odelia, Mary, Louis, Anna, Frances*
 Loeher, Frank, Elizabeth*—Augusta, Anthony*, Joseph, Eugenia (Sr. Frances)*, Ernie, Frank, Cecelia, Bernard, Rev.
 Loeher, Frank, Anna*—Lillian, Margaret, Anna

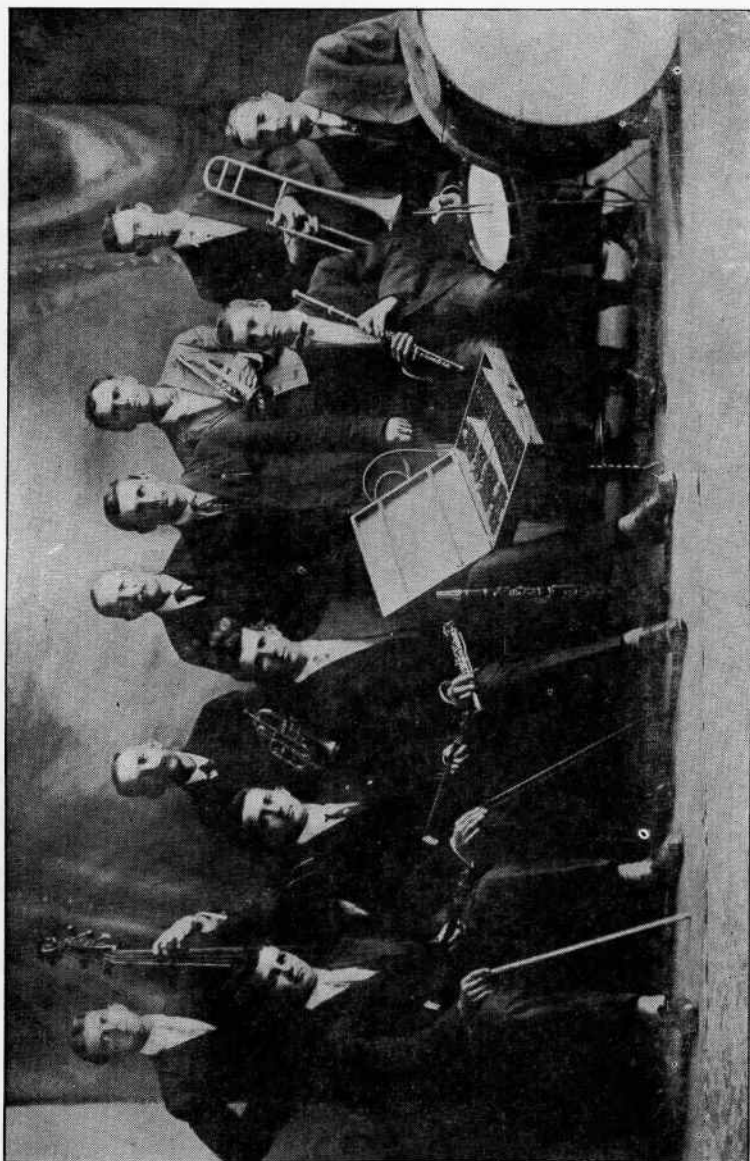
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ST. MARY'S MIXED CHOIR 1905

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- Martin, Adam, Margaret*—John J., Catherina, Louisa*, Frank, Oscar*, Edward, Louis, Robert, Dora
- Martin, Albert, Elisabeth—Walter, Wilfred, Ernest, Verena, Adelaide
- Martin, Anthony B., Augusta
- Martin, Edward, Catherine—Marian, Ambrose, Joseph
- Martin, Ernest, Gertrude—Denis
- Martin, Ferdinand, Catherine—Clara, John M., Nick, Regina, Joseph P.
- Martin, Frank, Margereth—Margeret, Adam, Eva*, Elisabeth
- Martin, Ferd P., Pauline—Vernon, Norma, Anthony, Mildred, Mary Ann, Phyllis
- Martin, J. George, Mary—Raynold, Hilary, Irene, Bernadine
- Martin, John J., Mary—Pauline
- Martin, John M., Alevina—Robert, Genevieve, Clifford, Elleen, Paulina, Alice
- Martin, Joseph P., Paulina
- Martin, Norman J.,* Gertrude—Donald, Harold, Betty
- Martin, Peter*, Elisabeth—Charles J., Frank, Mary*, Clara, William
- Meyers, Bernard, Olivia M.—John J., Rosaline M., Estella M., Bernard, Mary Margeret, Stephan, Jeanette B., Germaine
- Miller, Anthony*, Catherine—Helen*, Anna*, Barbara, Joseph*, Catherine*, John, Frank, Mary, Cecelia
- Miller, Eberhard*, Mary—Beatrice, Loretta, Wilmer, Josetta, Verena, Robert, Estella, Gerald, Mary Theresa
- Miller, Elmer, Dorothy—Jerry, Kathleen
- Miller, Englebert, Catherine—Clotilda, Alwina, Erwin*, Lillian, Elmer
- Miller, Isador, Anna
- Miller, John, Mary*—Elisabeth M., Isador J., Julia J., Theodore H.
- Miller, John W., Gertrude—Richard, Donald
- Miller, Joseph F., Martha—Aurelia, Romilda, Herbert, Erwin, Mary Ann
- Miller, Peter*, Clara—Martha, Simon, Frances, Mary, Irene
- Miller, Peter, Clara—Martha, Simon, Frances, Mary, Irene
- Miller, Wm. J.,* Rosalia—Bernita Thelen, Edwin, Walter, Arthur, Lucile
- Mueller, Elisabeth
- Mueller, John H., Clara E.—Henry, Frances, Norbert, Urban, Cecelia (Sr. Anselm)
- Naseman, Edmund, Lucille—Rosemary
- Naseman, Elisabeth
- Noeker, Jos. S., Elisabeth—Seraphine, Theodor A., Albert F.
- Nurenberg, Alfred, Alvina—Colleen, Robert
- Nurenberg, Arnold, Dorothy—Germaine M., Mary K.
- Nurenberg, Edward, Susanna—Herman, Mildred, Dorothy, Elmer, Edwin, Martin, Elda, Irene, Adeline
- Nurenberg, John, Mrs. John—John Jr., William G.
- Nurenberg, Joseph, Catherine—Mathilda G., Oscar J., Alfred F., Arnold E., Laurine S., Harold W., Esther M.
- Pasche, Nicholas, Mary—Marcus, Margaret, Edna
- Platte, Alfred J., Mathilda*,—Viola, Adeline, Roman, Arthur*, Herbert*, Loretta*
- Platte, Aloysius, Louise—Marie, Grace, Therese
- Platte, Anthony, Emma—Eileen Marie, Rosemary
- Platte, Ferdinand, Antoinette—Dolores, Gene, Marvin, Carol, Kenneth
- Platte, Ferdinand J., Gertrude
- Platte, Frank E., Catherine—Alma Marie, Laurina, Leonard, Alphonse, Marian, Francis, Joseph, Gertrude
- Platte, Fred J., Katherine*—Anthony, Bernard, Aloysius, Norman, Mary, Regina
- Platte, Harold, Viola—Kathleen, Joan, Jerry, Bernice, Edward
- Platte, John E., Mary A.—Hildegard, Harold, Herman, Odella, Bertha (Sr. Joanna), Esther, Carl
- Platte, John, Jr., Dorothy—Mary Jane
- Platte, Joseph, Martha—Ferdinand, Caroline, Robert, Julius*, Leona, William
- Platte, Robert, Adeline—Arlene, Paul, Evelyn, Mary Ellen

*Deceased.



ST. MARY'S ORCHESTRA 1904

- Pline, Anthony, Theresia—Hermann, William, Alvena, Rita
 Pline, Ferd. W., Marion—Richard
 Pline, Herman, Lillian—Arlene, Erwin, Louis, Germaine
 Pline, Hubert, Anna—Mary, Gustave, Elisabeth, Tillie, Robert, Lorenzo, Hubert, Derna, Carolyne, Wilma
 Pline, Mathias, Rosina*—Aurelia, Alfred, Edward*, Bernard, Louis*, Joseph J.
 Pline, Robert, Eleonor—Robert Joseph
 Pline, William, Marian—Rosemary, Jane
 Pohl, Anthony A., Dorothy—Elgin*, Jeanette, Anthony H. Jr., Robert, Alvin
 Pohl, Bernard, Lena H.—Carl
 Pohl, Herman P., Nina A.—Bernard J., Helen Theresa, Mary Jeane, Joseph H., Richard J., Cecelia S.
 Pohl, John*, Catherine—Nick, Mike, Frank, Louis, Julius, John, Rose, Mary, Elizabeth, Theresa
 Pohl, John A., Theresa—Arnold, Joseph
 Pohl, John J., Regina
 Pohl, Julius M., Mary A.—Caroline, Harold
 Pohl, Michael E., Anna C.*—Louise E., Leonard M., Francis N., Genevieve T.
 Pohl, Nicholas J., Anna—Alfred J., Herman J., Roman M., Leo P., Julia C., Edna R., Joseph W.
 Pung, Albert C., Anna—Evelyn
 Pung, Edward A., Martha E.
 Pung, Frank, Lena—Esther, Louis, Virginia, Gladys, Genevieve, Lucille, Martin, Patricia, Helen
 Pung, John*, Mary—Elizabeth, Frank, Nora, Clare, Louise, Anna, Joseph, Bernita
 Pung, John, Mary Magdelin*—Louis, Frank, Catherine, Hilda, Regina
 Pung, John Jr., Julia—Edward A., Dora, Rosa, Sylvester, Leo J., Oscar, Rosella (Sr. Rosarita), Robert
 Pung, Joseph, Irene—Robert*, Mary Louise, James
 Pung, Leo J., Bernita—Bertha, Leonora, Alex, Monica
 Pung, Michael*, Christina*—Elisabeth, Catherine, John W., Rosalia, Joseph
 Pung, Norman J., Laurina—Richard P., Stanley F., Donald G.
 Pung, Norman, Martha—Clare J., Mark, Jerome W.
 Pung, Peter, Anna—Norman J.
 Pung, William, Theresia—Albert C., Leo P., Arnold, John J., Nora, Catherine, Mathilda, Joseph, Cyril
 Rademacher, Bernard W., Mary E.—Joan W.
 Rademacher, Frank*, Caroline—Marcella, Sylvester, Lillian, Edwina, Wilfrid, Elmer, Leander
 Rademacher, Henry, Amelia*—Arnold F., Mary E., Verena M., Louisa*, Adelia, Leonard, Rosa, Cornelia (Sr. Henrilda), Vedasta, Dorothy
 Rademacher, John A., Margereth*—Louis, Wm. A., Leonard
 Rademacher, John M.*, Mary—Catherine*, Simon, Dorothy, Alma, Robert
 Rademacher, John W.*, Carolina—John W., Margareth, Theresa, Joseph, Mary (Sr. Virgilie), Anthony, Nettie, Tillie, William, Herman
 Rademacher, Leonard, Rose—Adelaide
 Rademacher, Louis F., Mary—Mary Margeret, Jerry, Edward, Clarita, Charles
 Rademacher, Simon, Rose—Catherine, Dorothy, Esther, Bernadine, Virginia, Theodore, Joan, Donald, Roger
 Rademacher, Walter J., Anna M.—Esther M., Urban J., Marie E., William J., Julia A., Doris M., Raymond M.
 Rademacher, William A., Frances M.—Antoinette A., Eldred M., Agatha M., Denis E., Roderick J., Margaret J., Daria M., Harold M., Eugenia M.
 Rademacher, William, Bertha—Lillian, Martin, Martha, Germaine, Monica
 Rademacher, William, Catherine—Bernard, Arnold, Wilhelma*
 Schaefer, Anthony, Martha—Marie Antoinette
 Schaefer, Henry, Theresia—Mary, Rose, Mathilda, Anna, William, Aurelia, Louise, George, Otto, Edward, Martha, Lewis
 Schaefer, Michael, Anna—Martha, Dorothy, Amelia, Laura, Oscar, William, Leone, Philomena, Adeline, Romilda

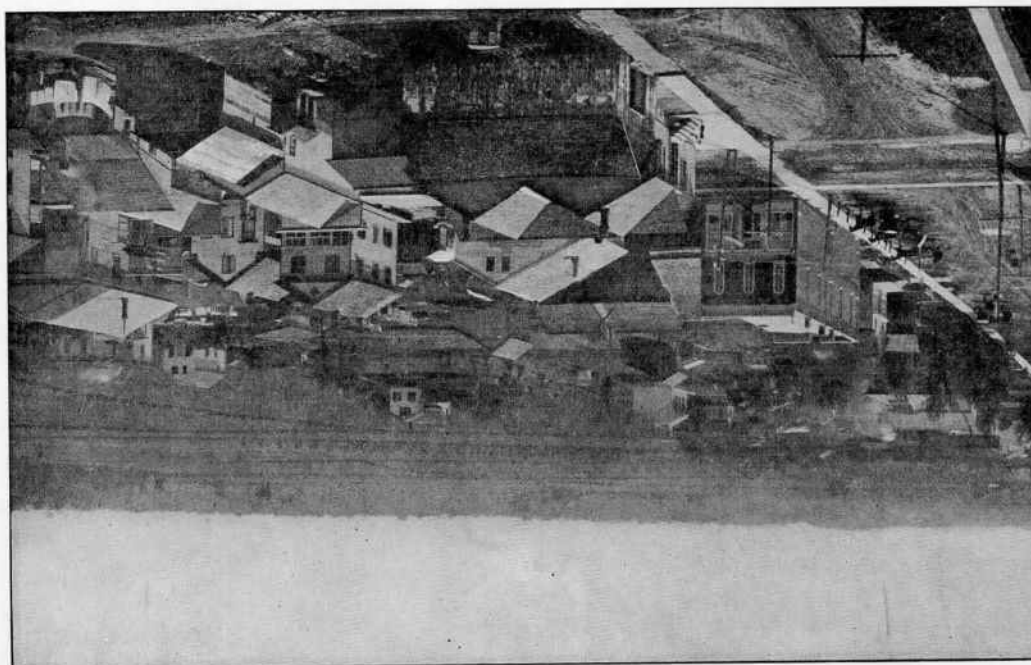
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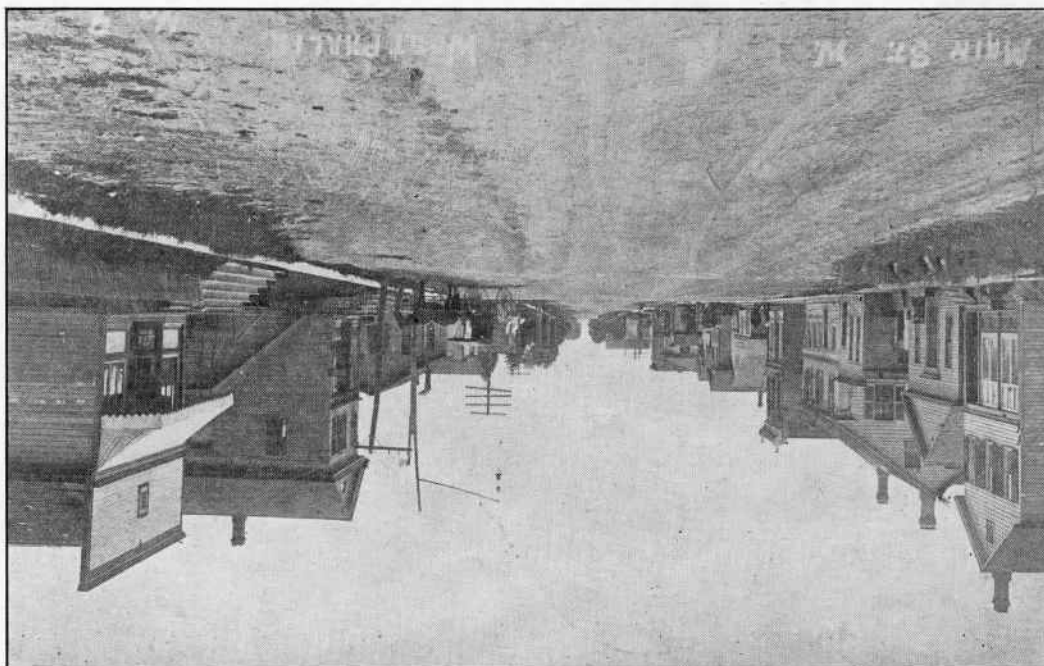
MIXED CHOIR 1900

Schaefer, Nick A., Anna Mary—Anthony, Mary, Ferdinand, Albert, Herman
 Schaefer, William, Esther—Cornelia, Juliana, Julia, Alice
 Schafer, Adam, Paulina—Donald, Stanley, Marie, Gladys
 Schafer, Aloys, Philomena—John, Ruth
 Schafer, Louis, Matilda—Pauline, Caroline, Louis, Irene
 Schafer, Oscar, Louisa—Stanley M., Jerome J., Marie Dorothy, Germaine
 Schafer, William J., Hildegard—Bernard, Henry, Patricia, Louisa, Elisabeth Ann
 Schmitt 5th, John*, Elisabeth*—Quirin*, John P.*, Anna, Quirin, Stephen*, Mary
 A.*, Albert A.*, Katie, William M., Theresa, Frank*
 Schmitt, John P.*, Regina—Louis, George, Julius, Martin, Albert, Isidor, Clara,
 Mary, Anthony
 Schmitt, William M., Anna—Dorothy E., John H., Mary T., Harold J.
 Schmitz, John, Mary*—John, Helen, Mary, Joseph
 Schmitz, Michael, Regina—Marjorie, Jeanette, Frederick, Aloysius, Raymond,
 Wilma, Alice, Gertrude
 Schneider, Andrew, Mary—Alfred, Melvin, Adeline, Donald, Gerald, Leonard,
 Germaine
 Schneider, Jacob H., Elizabeth—Stanley
 Schrauben, Charles, Regina—Dorothy, Irene, Roman, Mark, Magdalen, Ronald,
 Margaret, Charles, Robert, Evelyn, Roseline, Harold
 Schrauben, Herman, Bertha—Herman, Bernice, Gerald
 Schrauben, John*, Amelia—Martha, Herman, Agnes, Isadore, Raymond, Clarence,
 Mildred, Edwin, Helen, Alice, Johnnie, Richard
 Schrauben, Joseph, Ida—Anna, Joseph Jr.
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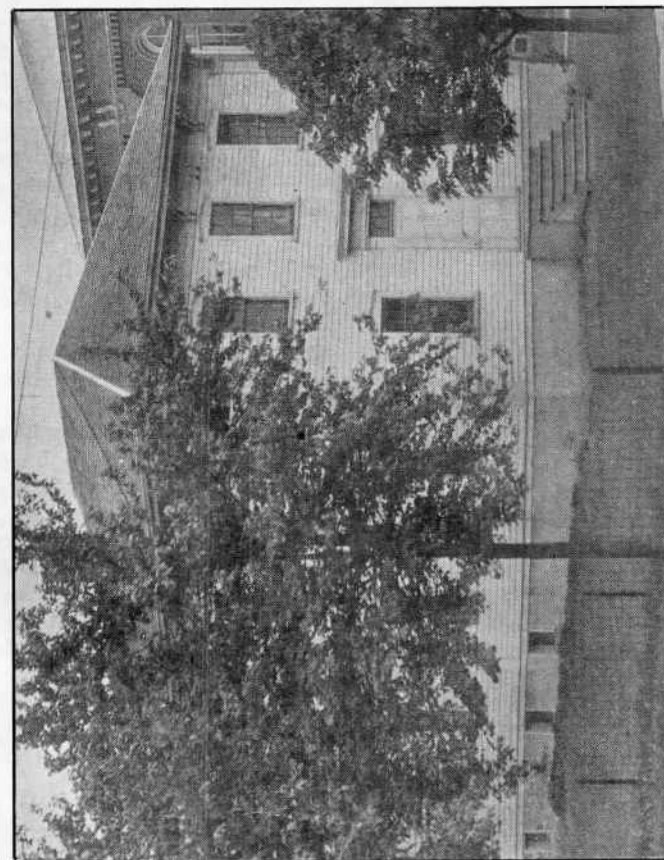
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When the housewife did the family baking in out door ovens, made at first of clay and later of brick? The foundation was of stone and clay about one foot above ground and measuring about 5 by 8 feet.

An arch was made in the form of a vault, with one end closed, the other open. The door in front was usually made of a sheet of tin. Later, these ovens were made with iron frames. This oven space was filled with wood which was then burned. When the brick or clay had attained the proper amount of heat the wood, cinders and ashes were taken out, and the bread put in to bake. We are told that bread baked in this manner had a wonderful flavor.

When there were no regular fences on farms as we have them today? Some of the stock such as cattle and sheep had bells tied around their necks. This helped to locate them when they roamed too far or went astray. Later rails were split from logs and used to make rail fences. The owner of a farm usually split his own rails with which he made his fences.

When one of the first chores to be done in the spring by the busy housewife was that of making soap? Lye was made with barrels of ashes and then converted into soap with grease fat, or any odd meat scraps available.

When there were iron hitching posts and hitching bars along the main streets of Westphalia? They were neat looking and added to the appearance of the town as long as they were in common use. Old Dobbin was driven up to the post, fastened securely with a line or a strap, and waited patiently until we had our "trading" done. In cold weather the horse had to be blanketed also.

When roads became so muddy after the spring thaw that it was almost impossible to travel them at times with a horse and buggy. In some particularly soft spots the mud would be almost up to the hub of the wheels.

When the old hotel occupied one of the main corners of the town? This frame building served the community for many years under different proprietors and always played an important part in the life of the community.

When a board side walk extended one-half mile north, east, south and west of the four corners of Westphalia? Besides this a high graded grassy walk along the side of the road extended to the two-mile corners south and east of town. A fine thing for school children in days when children walked two, three, four and even five miles or more to school daily.

When a row of sheds stood upon the parish property north of the auditorium? They were all numbered and rented year after year by families living in that direction. A fine place to keep the horse and

buggy or team as the case might be, while attending church services or other festivities in the parish. Since the automobile became so common, they lost their usefulness and were torn down.

When lard was used as fuel for lights? Later on tallow candles were used; nearly every family making their own with candle forms.

When the Indians used to demonstrate their skill with the bow and arrow by shooting mark at nickels from across the road a distance of a few rods? If they hit the nickel it was theirs. You may be sure they very seldom missed their mark.

When the first tableau put on in Westphalia in 1877 caused a near panic among the audience? People thought the building had caught on fire when the tableau began.

When Dr. Christian escorted by "Doc" Martin and his trusty steeds, called on the sick of this community?

When farmers used to take their sheep to the nearest stream or river to wash them? An inclosure was built at a convenient place along the stream, the sheep driven inside and then led one by one into the water to be washed.

When farmers had to "ford" rivers and streams at convenient places with their teams and wagons? There were not many bridges, and it was sometimes a long way 'round to get to town if they had to cross a stream.

When the band used to hold their practices in the assembly room of the old jail building now owned by Peter Smith?

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When Frannie Fink started to play with the band. He was only nine years old and no bigger than your hat, but he handled his instrument like an old master.

WESTPHALIA OF TODAY

St. Mary's parish covers nearly the entire Township of Westphalia and also parts of Riley, Dallas, Lyons and Portland Townships, or a total area of approximately 46 square miles.

The main occupation of its members is of course agriculture, and a great diversity of crops is produced on the fertile farms in the community.

The main crops are wheat, oats, corn, barley, rye, beans, hay, sugar beets and peppermint. On some occasions in the past this Township has reached second highest place in the state, in the production of clover seed. There is also considerable live stock kept on the 275 farms of the parish.

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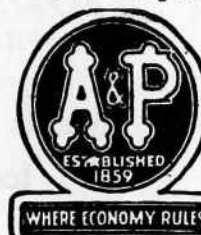
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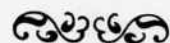
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