

RAVN CLINIC ENTERS 35th YEAR OF SERVICE TO MERRILL PUBLIC

Long strides have been taken in the field of medicine since the old country doctor harnessed up his old grey horse and travelled over rough and muddy roads through all kinds of weather to a suffering family in the country. Changes have also been made in medicine which have taken the romance out of it, but which have added better health, and more scientific methods. Progress has forged ahead since the days when a doctor could receive his practicing certificate after six months of study.

"Always have the people responded to the change. Always have the people accepted appreciatively the contributions of modern medicine. Although the old time doctor served his purpose in his day, he has been superseded by new and rising men and methods in the field of medicine.

So it has been with the clinic. People today may enter the clinic with the assurance that they will be treated for any ailment. Out of the chaos of the old medical practice, has come the modernized clinic. It is the new institution; it has the support of the people; it is the last word in the preparatory method of medical treatment.

The Ravn clinic, 708 Second street, has gone through these periods of development and all during its history has served the people with the best that medicine and experience has to offer. Starting out over 33 years ago in Merrill, the Ravn clinic has kept pace with the progress of modern medicine.

And all this time, with Dr. Michael Ravn at its head for most of the time, the clinic has added modern medicine and treatment methods thus maintaining popular favor with the people of Merrill and surrounding communities.

In 1900, Dr. Michael Ravn came to Merrill from Waupaca county, and purchased the building which now houses the clinic. Here he established a hospital, which he operated until 1922. Dr. Ravn brought with him his 25 years of successful experience.

And from that time to the present day, the history of the Ravn Clinic has been the history of the progress of modern medicine. Today with a modern laboratory and surgical instruments for the treatment of every possible ailment and surgical necessity, the clinic stands ready, backed by its years of practical experience, to serve the people of Merrill and Lincoln county.

Meeting the demands of modern medicine after the World war, Dr. Michael Ravn in 1930 formed a partnership with his son, Dr. Erling Ravn, who was an overseas veteran; they continued until 1932, when they opened a clinic and discontinued the hospital.

This latter step was again in keeping with the trend of medicine and the giving of the best services to the people of the community. To give their clinic stronger per-

sonnel, Dr. Bjarne Ravn discontinued his practice in Minneapolis in 1924, and joined his father and brother and organized the present clinic.

Then a little later in the same year the clinic obtained the services of Dr. Chester Schofield as dentist, to allow their institution to give more extended full-fledged service.

In 1925, the clinic was still further advanced, through engaging Miss Sigurd Mattson as X-ray and laboratory technician. From this time on the clinic was able to depend upon its own expert diagnosis. Now everything in the way of medical treatment may be obtained at the Ravn Clinic, the laboratory having every modern appliance.

In 1931 Dr. Schofield left the clinic owing to ill health. He disposed of his office equipment to Dr. Francis Ryan, who has gained continued dental recognition up to the present time.

In 1930, again adding to the facilities of the clinic, Raymond Anderson registered druggist, was placed in charge of the prescription department.

Dr. Michael Ravn, senior of the founders of the clinic, and who has practiced medicine in Merrill for over a quarter of a century, retired from active practice in 1926. He is now 82 years of age.

All except minor surgery is performed at the Holy Cross hospital, with some, since the new ruling for individual doctors for people on poor relief, also at the Lincoln County hospital.

Equipment at the clinic includes an up-to-date laboratory for diagnostic work, a large X-ray machine, various electrical appliances, diathermy for injuries to various parts of the body and treatment of diseases, a water-cooled ultra-violet ray, an air-cooled ultra violet ray, and a radiant light and heat machine.

As a basis for their accredited medical treatment and surgical work, the doctors have diplomas from leading medical schools. Dr. Michael Ravn received his degree from Oslo University, Norway, in 1878. Dr. Ryan was graduated from the Marquette school of dentistry in 1931; Dr. Bjarne Ravn from Northwestern University in 1918; Dr. Erling Ravn from Northwestern in 1915. Raymond Anderson received his registered pharmacy papers in 1923.

The clinic is composed of a drug room, store room for drugs, an X-ray room, two treatment rooms, two dressing rooms, business office, waiting room, a dentist office, offices for the three doctors, a nose and throat treatment room and a laboratory room.

The Ravn clinic has a large practice and is very popular with the people of Lincoln county. For many years the community has liberally engaged their able services during times of illness.

PAQUIN AND THE SCOTT BROS. WERE HORSE LOVERS

Sixty years ago a Frenchman by the name of Isador Paquin operated a shingle mill, about a mile down the Wausau river road, after crossing Pine River bridge. Mr. Paquin was a lover of fast

horses, and after James W. Scott came to this county, Paquin and Scott would race horses down by Paquin's mill, on the ice, on the Wisconsin river.

After the fair grounds were built they continued their racing there.

James Scott and his brother,

Dan, operated a stage line between Jenny and Wausau.

"Jim" Scott, as he was familiarly called, had driven stage on the Santa Fe Trail, where stage robbers were common. Mr. Scott went fully armed and being a "dead shot," he did not care how many stage robbers lurked about.

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Any well organized community should be served by its own daily newspaper and we are pleased with the record that the Merrill Daily Herald has been busy building during the last twenty-five years and are happy of the occasion to wish for them that they may have many more years and prosperous ones in this service that they are rendering our city.

RAVN CLINIC

Merrill's Post Office Building



Erected in 1915 by the Government for exclusive use of "Uncle Sam's" business, which has grown astonishingly since that time.