

JENNY LODGE NO. 32, I. O. O. F.

Jenny Lodge No. 32 was organized in October, 1881, and the charter was issued by the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin on June 7th, 1882. The following were the charter members of the lodge: Edward Patser, Edward Kluzeta, T. P. Mathews, Daniel Gustin, Herman Rusch, H. T. Klime, M. D. Morris, David Justice, Andrew

- Ed. H. Kluzeta
- V. R. Willard
- W. L. Marshall
- Ha. A. Isbell
- H. W. Boyer
- J. W. Mathews
- James A. Arnold
- A. D. Gorham
- Benjamin Pope
- C. J. Byrnie
- W. D. Vandecar
- C. J. Braze
- F. H. Mason
- N. Spiegelberg
- David McClure
- Wm. Hughes
- H. E. Bean
- John Schieh
- Wm. H. Kaiser
- James Clifton
- Patrick Love
- A. G. Martin
- David Phinney
- Fred Dunn
- R. C. Wilson

Millsaugh, Sr., and Wm. J. Marshall. The first meeting was held in the King building, and after meeting in rented lodge rooms for a period of thirteen years they erected the Odd Fellows building in 1895, where they have conducted their meetings for almost forty years. Herman Rusch was the first Noble Grand of the lodge with the other Noble Grands coming in the following order:

- Austin Benedict
- C. H. Badeau
- Chas. Seidel
- Chas. Weatherly
- August Oppert
- F. Ellsworth
- George Patterson
- J. Harris
- John Sheesly
- Perry Foster
- C. E. Searl
- James Peterson
- Chas. Martinson
- Henry Rush
- Frank Lager
- Thomas Calder
- James Shepherd
- Herman Zastraw
- Otto Lipke
- Frank Taylor
- James Gospi
- Herman Neumann
- August Zahn
- Guy C. Tibbetts
- Gustav Reedich
- Clark Bublitz
- Ed. A. Green
- Martin Anderson
- Sager Everson
- R. Binsky
- F. P. Muschinske
- Frank Waush
- Harry C. Green
- Grover Heath
- J. B. Lagerbloom
- Carl Mathies
- Paul F. Wendt
- Gerald E. Curphy
- Henry A. Cook
- Wm. Barden
- Charles Neumann
- S. D. Rulau
- R. W. Tregua
- Russ Heuson
- Fred La More
- F. W. Fleishfresser
- Alex. A. Anderson
- Orin Summers
- Henry Balow

LEGION MEMORIAL HALL

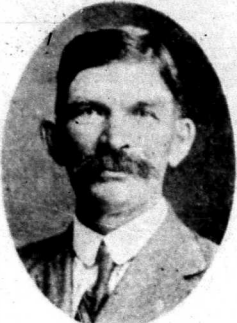


Erected by the local post of the American Legion after a series of entertainments and a final campaign for contributions, this building is being made the nucleus of a property which will in time be beautified into a worthy eastward extension of the Rectory portion of Stange's Park.

SCANDINAVIAN AMERICAN FRATERNITY
Lillian Branch No. 24

The local branch of this organization was formed September 23, 1889, with the following charter members:

- Gust Peterson
- Harry Ziegler
- John These
- Charles Bjorklund
- Wm. G. Ceaglske
- Henry Ottensman
- Herman C. Krause
- Louise Waush
- H. L. Beck
- F. W. Langendorf
- L. S. Dotson
- L. G. Gaylor
- L. S. Wood
- W. F. Austria
- J. P. Meurer



JULIUS KIEPKKE, now residing on North Genesee street, is a retired business man who is "resting up" while he operates his farm a short distance from the city, in the town of Merrill. Mr. Kiepkke conducted a livery stable on Genesee street long before automobiles made their appearance, and met with the same success that he is meeting today in farming. Mr. Kiepkke believes in doing all things well.

- Frank Millander
- Elias Erickson
- John Olson
- Sever Olson
- Ole Erickson
- Knud Dahl
- Sever Solum
- Christ Nelson
- Chas. A. Anderson
- Peter Strumme
- Hellick Gundersgore
- Ole P. Dahl
- Peter W. Peterson
- Gust Hermanson
- Adolph Olson
- Charles Engstrom
- Arne Olson
- Iver Hjelvick
- Chris Solum
- I. J. C. Solberg
- Nels Knutson

At the first meeting, the following were elected officers:
 Pres.—Chris Solum
 Vice-Pres.—Elias Erickson
 Secretary—Chas. A. Anderson
 Fin. Secretary—Lars K. Nelson
 Treasurer—I. J. C. Solberg
 The present officers are:
 President—Oscar Jackson
 Vice-Pres.—Sever Olson
 Secretary—Harry K. Johnson
 Fin. Secretary—Dan Ormson
 Treasurer—H. P. Larson
 Corresponding Secretary—W. B. Chilsen.

FRATERNAL RESERVE

The Fraternal Reserve Association was organized in this city in 1904.
 Dr. W. S. Van Nostrand was the first president.
 Mrs. Mary B. Allen, first secretary, served for 14 years; she also served as state treasurer two terms—the limit at that time.

Herman Zipp was the first treasurer.



GEORGE ROTHLSBERG, pioneer merchant of Merrill, who began his merchandising career in the Sixth ward, as predecessor to the Emerich Mercantile Co., and at present in business in connection with his son John, on Grand Avenue. Mr. Rothlisberg is also a semi-farmer, in that he operates a small farm near the city limits. He has been chosen to represent his ward in an aldermanic capacity in previous years, and as a citizen is worthy any honor or commendation bestowed.

West Merrill Lodge No. 49, I. O. O. F. was organized on June 17, 1893, with the following Charter members: H. R. Allen, Sr., W. M. Allen, C. J. Braze, L. S. Barber, E. T. Brown, E. A. Chase,

- W. H. Willis, Jr.
- E. T. Brown
- A. H. Barr
- L. S. Barber
- M. J. Cook
- L. B. Wisner
- Wm. J. Singleman
- F. C. Zemiska
- Wm. F. Neverman
- Robert Johnson
- F. W. Canfield
- A. D. Leavitt
- O. J. Gagnon

Warren Call, H. C. Grout, G. B. Hathaway, F. H. Hillyer, H. C. Zygier, C. B. Lawrence, H. W. Willis, Jr., C. E. Lawrence was the first Noble Grand of this lodge and the following served subsequently:

- J. H. McCarthy
- F. A. Bunde
- Herman Zipp
- Gus O. Solum
- Axel Seger
- E. A. Scriver
- Louis La Brie
- H. L. Beck
- F. W. Langendorf
- L. S. Dotson
- L. G. Gaylor
- L. S. Wood
- W. F. Austria
- J. P. Meurer

Jenny Lodge No. 32 and West Merrill Lodge No. 49 were consolidated in March, 1919. The present officers of Jenny Lodge No. 32 are Henry C. Woiler, Noble Grand; Andrew Danielson, Vice Grand; Martin Anderson, Secretary and Herman Zipp, treasurer.

LIONS CLUB

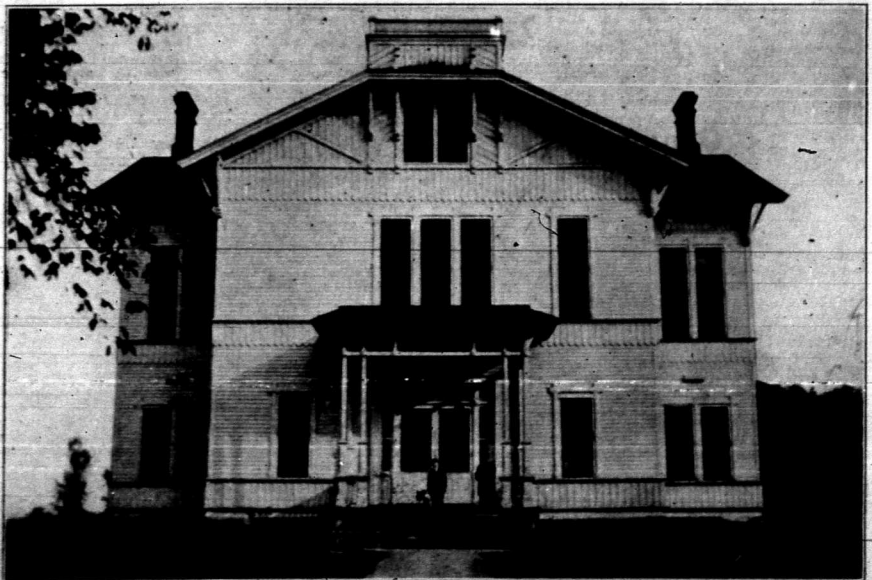
The Merrill branch of the Lions club is the youngest service organization in the city. It meets weekly during the winter and recesses during the summer.
 The particular work of all Lions clubs is to help the blind, and the Merrill club has contributed its share toward the work. In addition it has sponsored a series of winter carnivals here, has contributed to Boy Scout work, and has sponsored juvenile baseball teams.
 Besides the work for the blind, the Lions clubs set themselves the following objects:

- Lions Clubs Objects**
- To create and foster a spirit of "generous consideration" among the peoples of the world through a study of the problems of international relationships from the standpoint of business and professional ethics.
- To promote the theory and practice of the principles of good government and good citizenship.
- To take an active interest in the civic, commercial, social and moral welfare of the community.
- To unite the members in the bonds of friendship, good fellowship and mutual understanding.
- To provide a forum for the full and free discussion of all matters of public interest, partisan politics and sectarian religion alone excepted.
- To encourage efficiency and promote high ethical standards in business and professions; provided that no club shall hold out as one of its objects financial benefits to its members.

THE MONDAY CLUB

The Monday Club is a women's study organization that has been in existence in Merrill since 1900. It is one of the most prominent women's social groups.
 Officers:
 President, Mrs. J. H. Sullivan
 1st Vice-President, Mrs. R. E. Page
 2nd Vice-President, Mrs. J. M. Finucan
 Secretary, Mrs. Francis Golden
 Treasurer, Mrs. F. C. H. Doepke.
 Past Presidents:
 Mrs. W. D. Martin, 1900-'02
 Mrs. W. H. Cannon, 1902-'04

COUNTY NORMAL SCHOOL BUILDING



This building was erected in 1877 to serve as the county's first courthouse. It was built by Dave Finn under sub-contract from M. H. McCarty. When the present courthouse building was built in 1902 this frame building was abandoned until 1907, when the county normal school took it over.