



This building is the one now occupied by Graund's Bar. This picture was taken in the 1880's and at that time the first floor was occupied by a clothing store and a paint store. The upstairs was occupied by Hellman Bros., tailors. The one-story building next door was the jewelry store of C. E. Searl. The reflection can be seen in the window of the old Merrill House, originally the Jenny House, which stood on the site now occupied by the Wisconsin Telephone Co. office.

plans for the building of a new church. Rev. Alexander M. Dodds is the present pastor.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

The First Baptist church was organized in Merrill on December 21, 1890 by Rev. D. E. Halteman of Delavan. The first services were held in the store building on the corner of Genesee street and Grand Avenue that is Weitor's Meat Market today. The Baptist congregation purchased this building in 1893 and used it as a chapel until their new church was built in 1899.

On July 9, 1901 the cornerstone of the present church was laid. The church is located at the corner of Parkway and Grand Avenue.

The first work of the Baptist church in Merrill was the formation of a Sunday school, located in the old Sukow building, west of the present church, in September 1890.

Rev. W. H. Barker was the first pastor. The present pastor is Rev. Asa Hoskins.

EMMANUEL COVENANT

The first meetings of the Emmanuel Covenant church were held in 1890 in homes in the Sixth ward. Mr. Lenz, then a lay preacher, conducted the services.

In 1897 the congregation moved into its present church on North Genesee street. The church was dedicated on January 26 and 27. Rev. Anton Larson was the first preacher in the new church.

The present pastor is Rev. Arthur E. Gustafson.

OUR SAVIOUR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Our Saviour's Lutheran church is the outgrowth of the pioneer work of Rev. A. Mikkelsen, who conducted the first services in Merrill in 1879. The services were held in homes throughout the city.

The congregation was organized in 1885 and Rev. Paul Koren was called as the first pastor. The first church was built in 1887, being located on Fourth street, between Logan and Blaine streets. Later this church was moved to the spot where the present

parsonage now stands, the corner of Logan and Fourth streets.

The present church edifice was built in 1904 on the corner of Second and Logan streets.

The present pastor is Rev. M. H. Quail.

Dedicated To The Memory of City's Sturdy Pioneers

This edition of the Merrill Daily Herald is published in commemoration of the Hundredth Birthday of the community and we take great pride and pleasure in dedicating it to the memory of the sturdy pioneers who came here those many years ago and carved out a clearing which has grown in a century to a city that we all cherish and love.

The pages of this edition are filled with stories of Merrill's history and progress written by fellow citizens—people who have lived here for fifty, sixty or more years.

This anniversary edition was not gotten up to compete for journalistic laurels—we wanted it to be a true "down to earth" story of Merrill's life, told by the people who knew it best and who told it in their own manner.

We wanted this edition to include as much of the "human interest" side as possible. Besides dates, etc., we wanted stories about the pioneers—we wanted to record the everyday happenings in the lives of these people—we wanted a family picture of Merrill over the years—one that will live as a reference when our successors publish the One Hundred and Fiftieth and the Two Hundredth anniversary editions.

Many of the contributors in this edition watched Merrill's progress for two-thirds of its lifetime and some of them knew those who laid its theoretical corner stone.

War Stamps

Charley Quinn was the agent for the U. S. Express Company, located in the building back of the (Kingsley) bank, during the Spanish-American War in 1898. Quite a few Merrill folks could not understand why they had to have war stamps placed on express bills of lading.

In the early days the Bosworths had as neighbors, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Grundy. Mr. Grundy logged for himself and had the reputation of being one of the best river men on the Wisconsin. Their daughter married Joe Getchell, father of Harold J. Getchell of this city.

Up to 1875, there were but two general stores, in addition to a drug store, harness shop and shoe store.

Bernard's Opera House was opened in 1886.

FIRST WHITE MAN TO SET FOOT ON SOIL OF COUNTY

The earliest Catholic activity in Lincoln county was that of the Jesuit missions as early as 1861. There is a record of Father Rene Menard, S.J., who penetrated into Wisconsin in his work of converting the Indians, dating back to August 10 of that year. From various historical sources, such as "The Jesuit Relations," "Shea's History of the Catholic

Church in the United States," "Richemontieux Les Jésuites et la Nouvelle France," and similar sources, we gather that Father Menard was probably the first white man to set foot on what is now the soil of Lincoln county, Wisconsin. According to later historians, Father Menard is said to have lost his life near the "Big Jim Cross" rapids of the Wisconsin river, about nine miles from Merrill. At this point, some of the clothing and other belongings of Father Menard were found.

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