

Her Prayers Were Answered When Smallpox Struck

When the small-pox epidemic hit Jenny, nearly half the population died; the only doctor was at Wausau, and he was busy there. When he did come to Jenny he had to make the trip horse-back, over what is now County "W". Mrs. White, with a family of her own, spent all her time nursing the sick. She and her husband, would read a chapter from the Bible; have a prayer, asking protection for her family; and then leave to spend the day, and many times all night nursing the victims. Her prayers were answered, as neither she nor her family had the disease. Mr. White died years later, and she married Mr. Russell. Where the Court House now stands was a family by the name of Cigepusa, consisting of Mr. and Mrs. Cigepusa and five children. The entire family died of the dreaded smallpox. At that time the cemetery was located at the west end of East Main street in the poplar brush. When the R. R. was built thru to Tomahawk, the river bank was cut for the road-way, and it was necessary to move all bodies in the old Cemetery. A mass funeral was carried; a great many people were afraid this would bring on another epidemic of the small pox, but nothing happened, and all bodies buried there were placed in the present cemetery.



Here is a crew of log drivers ready for a tough d logs moving down the river to the mills. In the hund issue, this was the only picture of the old time log

ay's work on the river breaking jams and getting rods of old photos submitted for publication in this drivers.

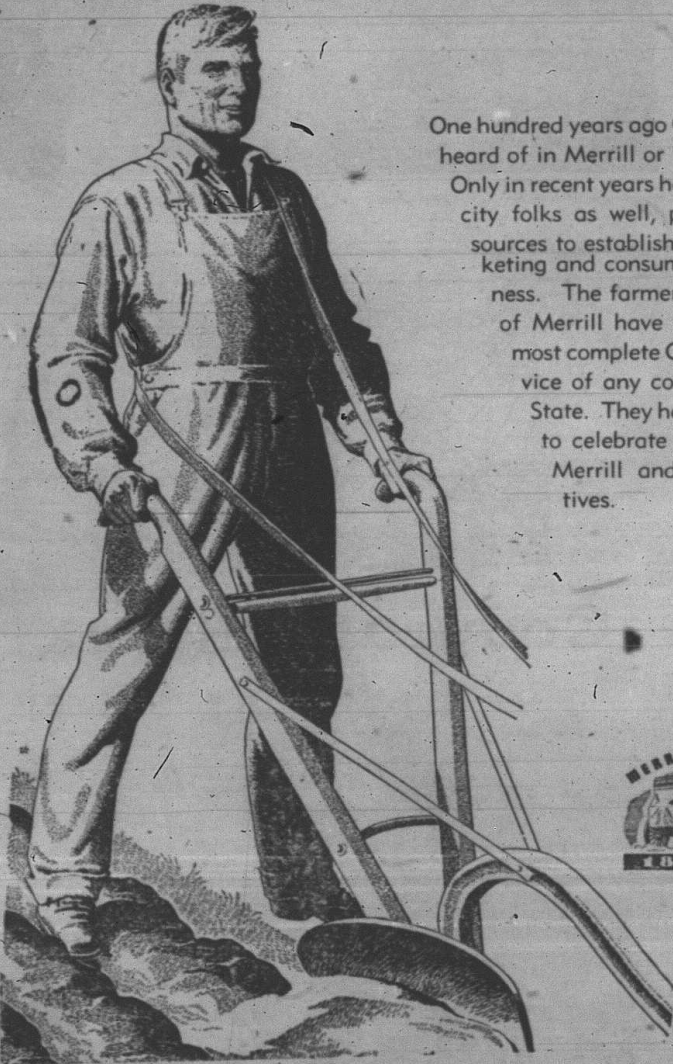
The first professional actors to visit Merrill were the players of the Simonds Comedy Co. They came in 1880 and played four nights.

The first parochial school, that of St. Stephen's, was opened in 1884.

The first county fair held in Lin-

coln County was in 1885, on the grounds of the Lincoln County Agricultural, Mechanical and Driving Association of the City of Merrill.

CO-OPS ARE COMMUNITY BUILDERS



One hundred years ago Co-ops were unheard of in Merrill or Lincoln County. Only in recent years have farmers and city folks as well, pooled their resources to establish their own marketing and consumer supply business. The farmers in the vicinity of Merrill have the largest and most complete Co-operative service of any community in the State. They have every reason to celebrate the progress of Merrill and the Co-operatives.



Consumer's Co-op Exchange