Mississippi as far as St. Louis, Mo. Before the Presbyterian church was built at Gleason, services were occasionally conducted in the achoolhouse by a minister making the circuit. Our Sunday School was taught by Peler Smith, who at that time had a farm and sawmill one mile east on Haymesdow.

The country peogressed. The postofice had been moved to Blanchard's Store. A few years later it was sold to Mr. and Mrs. John Hayman of Parrish and Mrs. Hayman became the postnistress. Fallier had started a stage line. carrying the mail shree times a week, leaving at 1 pm. and returning the past (asy at poon.

At present we are enjoying raraldelivery daily from the Gleaser goal-

A large L-shaped frame addition had been added to the log house and it acquired the dignity of the name Dudley Rotel. Duting these years Exarl and Harris were born.

When Brooks and Russ started imbering and the lower of Jeffires derrison and Parrish graw up the moshrooms, father extended his stage line to Parrish. The disister of this fourne, Pay Pallo are added our commenty to its circuit, and there by hangs the fels of the Prairie my

One day he said 'Oudley, I believe there are shook front in the largem and the next are I come i am beinging my rod and fine to find out. This he that I remember heing caught were taken in front of our

That started it and the word soon spread. In a few short years this was known far and wide as the best brook trout stream in the Linked States.

All through father's active years he made the applications and attendact to the replanting of the trout.

Merrill and Wausau residents usually came in parties, dividing the liyery expenses and staying a day or two. There were no automobiles to step into and drive anywhere you swanfed to go to fish.

Whenever we saw a cloud of dust down the road we were always certain that it meant fishermen and a nurry-up meal, which mother always seemed to be able to provide without rodice.

How that ordinary sized cook stove could cook meat, vegetables, fish, cookies, pies and hiscuits in a couple of hours has always been a question, but how she could prepare the way a

Dr. D. B. Reinhart was the first to drive here with an automobile, the first such vehicle in the city of Mer-

Major Daniels from Denver, Colyhad fished in many countries but claimed this to be the hest trout stream he had over seen. He was the first man to introduce the art of studying the hately on the water and

Many other men of note came. Including Messrs. Pitkin and Brooks. Hibbard Spencer, Bartlett Vos Lou Gerke, Antoinne, Dr. Gentless, who still comes to Mrs. Gross' home for the opening season, and many other too numerous to mention. But in my estimation, the greatest of all these men was Major E. E. Critichfield, of Critchfield, Company Advertising

Farmers were beginning to take miterest in stock. Father and a Mr. Young from the creamery section down state, drove about the country getting subscribers and as a result the first creamery was built near School Marm's Rolk on the highway

As time went on, the reacet husiness was griting too much for mother. The boys bought the farm and built, the present house for the folizthinking that would be the end of the tourists. But Sam MacFarland of Hart, Schaffner & Marx refused to take no for an answer and continued to come here with his wife for several years.

Richard, or Dick as he was more familiarly known, and his family occupled the old house until it burned. On that occasion the Merrili fire department made the longest trip away from the city that they had made up

Dick built the bouse that still stands, living there with his family until his death in October, 1938, which is the beginning of the end of my

story.

His daugthers, Edith and Lorraine, hegan teaching and Delmar, after attending one year at Madison, at the State University, joined the Army, Neille, his wife, closed the house and went with her daughters at that time.

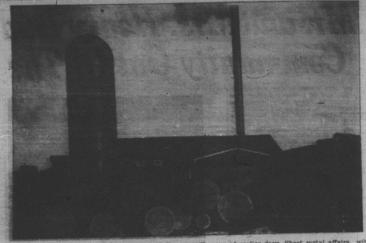
was nearing the age of ninety-two. Olive, Mrs. Ed. Hall, lives in Carter, South Dakota; Walter lives in

St. Johns, Quebec, Canada.

Pearl married Judge Max Van
Hecke, Merrill.

Harris lives in Decatur, III., and I since my father's death, have lived with my mother who is now passinety-three and the first and las

Merrill boasted two pianos in 1875



Slab barners, were a picture-sque part of the sawmill scene of earlier days. Sheet metal affairs with acress tops, they were used to burn the sawdist, edgings, etc. They glowed at night, and day and night snokes and sparks issued from them as they consumed what were then considered waste products

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