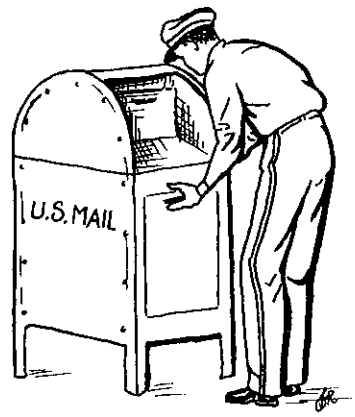
Community Services



Among the community services in Wheaton are the fire department, library, the senior center, the clothing center, and the museum, which all have an important part in meeting the needs and interests of the citizens.

WHEATON COMMUNITY LIBRARY

A public library was first established in 1905, when the Evander and Rydell Drug Store set aside a small area for books. When the community building was added to the school in 1916, a citizens group was selected to establish a library to be housed in the new building. With the advent of World War I, the library was discontinued, the furniture sold, and the books moved into the school library. The school library was open to the public two evenings a week in the 1930's.

In 1947 the Parent-Teachers Association, Wheaton Library Club and Woman's Study Club all joined in an effort to once again have a library in Wheaton. Under the leadership of Alice (Johnson) Rydeen, books were bought and donated and the Gazette office offered shelves and space. The library was run on an honor system. In 1950 the Gazette building burned down and the books were destroyed. With the construction of the new Gazette building, the library was started all over again and soon a thousand books graced the new shelving.

During 1971 the former Hope Lutheran Church was sold to the village for $1.00 with the stipulation that it be used for a public library. The village council called a special meeting to adopt an ordinance establishing the library and named the first library board: Gordon Donnelly, Viola Fleischer, Florence Fridgen, Judie Larson and Don Luckstein. Before the new library could be opened, the high school burned April 1, 1972, and it was necessary to utilize the space for school activities until 1974. The Wheaton Community Library held its open house

Wheaton City Library

The first Wheaton City Library Board of Directors was appointed by Mayor Ed Barlage in 1971. Named to that board were, left to right: Gordon Donnelly, Judie Larson, Mrs. Vern Fleischer, Mrs. Mike Fridgen, and Don Luckstein.

November 9, 1975, and officially declared the Library open.

Wheaton joined other communities to form a regional library system in January, 1976, now called the Viking Library System. A prime purpose was to assist in obtaining state and federal funds to improve local library service and provide a wider selection of books. Traverse County joined the Viking System in 1983. Now the residents of the entire county can use all the services offered.

The City received a grant from the Minnesota Historical Society in 1979 in the amount of $17,525.00 to restore the building and preserve the beautiful stained glass windows. This sum had to be matched by local funds in completing the project.

Today the library is more than just books. It furnishes a computer, copier, video cassette system, video machine and discs, slide projector, 16mm film projector and films, art prints, bookmobile service, mail-a-book service, magazines, interloan service, and current Minnesota statutes with all Minnesota laws and updates. A summer reading program and storytime is conducted for all interested children.

The Wheaton Community Library is funded by the city and county as well as state and federal funds administered thru the Viking Library System. Memorials, donations and gifts are used to buy books and reference material. The circulation is around 18,000 with Laura Schild the librarian and Viola Fleischer the library director.

WHEATON SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB, INC.

In the fall of 1964 the Wheaton area citizens first formed a voluntary organization through the promotional work of Rev. Knox Seaton of the First Presbyterian Church of Wheaton and Fred Kranstover of the Traverse County Family Service Department, assisted by Gerald Bloedow of the Governor's Council on Aging. The organization was incorporated on April 20, 1970, as the Wheaton Senior Citizens Club, Inc. and in 1972 opened a center in the Traverse Veterans Club. The first board of directors were Sam Deal, president; Ebba Odenborg, secretary; Clarence Johanson, treasurer; and Henry Swanson, Clifton Atherton, John Dorgeloos, and Winifred Opgrande, directors.

The nutrition program was implemented in the center October 10, 1976, funded in part by the federal government through the Older Americans Act and managed by Lutheran Social Services. A nutritional meal and fellowship is provided for anyone over sixty years of age. Home-delivered meals for shut-ins are also available from the center.

Today the club owns its own building on Broadway and has a membership of 150. The board consists of Sam Deal, president; Viola Fleischer, vice chairman; Ethel Schneider, secretary; Christine Bergstrom, treasurer; and Julia Wirtz, John Walz, and Victor Hammarsten, directors.

TRAVERSE COUNTY CLOTHING CENTER

The Traverse County Clothing Center is a "spin-off" of West Central Minnesota Communities Action, Inc. It was started in September, 1970, for the purpose of providing used clothing for families at a nominal charge. The center has been in several locations since its beginning and is now located at 1109 Broadway. Since moving to this location many more people have taken advantage of the good used clothing to be found there.

The manager is a Green Thumb worker, which is part of a national program to employ older workers. The program is maintained through sales of clothing donated by people in the community and a rent supplement from Traverse County.

Among the items of equipment available for community use are a food dehydrator, pressure cookers, a seal-a-meal, and a flour mill. Each spring garden seeds can

The Senior Center in downtown Wheaton has served senior citizens in a variety of ways since that organization formed in the fall of 1964. Regular dinners have been held at the Center. The scene above is a Senior Volunteers recognizition dinner held in May, 1978.

be purchased at a very reasonable price and a seeder is available.

In times of disaster blankets have been given to the families involved. Donations have been made to provide "goodies" at Christmas and Thanksgiving. The directors have made quilts from salvaged clothing. Clothing items that have not sold have been donated to churches for quilt-making for church relief projects.

The directors thank the community for their continued help and support which keeps the center operating.

Wheaton firemen have been called on since the beginning of the town to battle fires, carry out rescue operations or assist in calamities in all kinds of weather, at any time of the day or night. In August of 1983 they spent the entire night battling a blaze that leveled the Wells building in downtown Wheaton and threatened to spread over an entire block.

WHEATON FIRE DEPARTMENT

As early as 1891 the Village of Wheaton acquired fire fighting equipment and proceeded to erect a 24 by 42 foot structure to house it. When the Wheaton Fire Department was formally organized the next year, the equipment they used consisted of a hand hose and hose cart. That same year a 500-pound fire bell was installed in the engine house at a cost of $56.17. This bell can still be seen on the water tower lot just south of Broadway.

In 1900 the firemen were outfitted with new dark blue, double-breasted uniforms with brass buttons, and their equipment had now grown to include a Waterous fire engine, two hose carts, hooks, ladders, and 2,000 feet of hose with which they could reach any building in town. Four large cisterns placed at convenient points supplied an ample amount of water.

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MONDAY, JULY 28th

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:- SHOWS -:

HIGH CLASS REFINED STRICTLY MORAL

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This firemen's ad appeared in an issue of the Gazette shortly after the turn of the century. Firemen have conducted a variety of events over the years to raise money for the purchase of new equipment. For many years running in the most recent past they have held an annual spring smelt fry.

Two buildings have served the City of Wheaton as both city hall and fire hall since 1922. The structure above filled that role following its construction in 1922. Entry to the city clerk's office was though the side door visible at the back of the building. In 1975 an expanding city fire department and city clerk's office were located in a newly constructed building, pictured below.

In 1908 the department incorporated the "Fire Department Relief Association" to avail themselves of benefits, and the uniforms were replaced.

A new fire bell was put into use in 1909, and a fire whistle was installed to warn of fire and other disasters eight years later. A custom that is still in use today was started in 1929 when the department requested that the fire siren be blown at twelve noon and six o'clock in the evening daily.

Dreams for a new fire hall went up in smoke in 1920, when a bond issue for that purpose failed. However, the very next year a new fire hall was built on the site of the original one and was completed by mid-November. This building was used until a combination City Hall-Fire House was constructed in 1975.

Efforts continued to upgrade fire-fighting equipment. In 1926 a new Graham Dodge fire truck with hose, two 250-gallon tanks, ladders, chemical tanks, and other accessories were purchased. More fire hydrants and smoke masks were obtained in 1928, a new truck and chassis in 1936, a new ladder and hose truck in 1946, a pumper in 1952, a rescue van and GMC pumper in 1973, the Ford pumper in 1978, and in 1984 the Ford tanker with a 2,000 gallon capacity.

The 1926 truck had been sold to the Norcross Fire Department when no longer needed, but it was repurchased for $300.00 in 1966 and has been used in parades since then. It is housed in the Traverse County Museum in Wheaton.

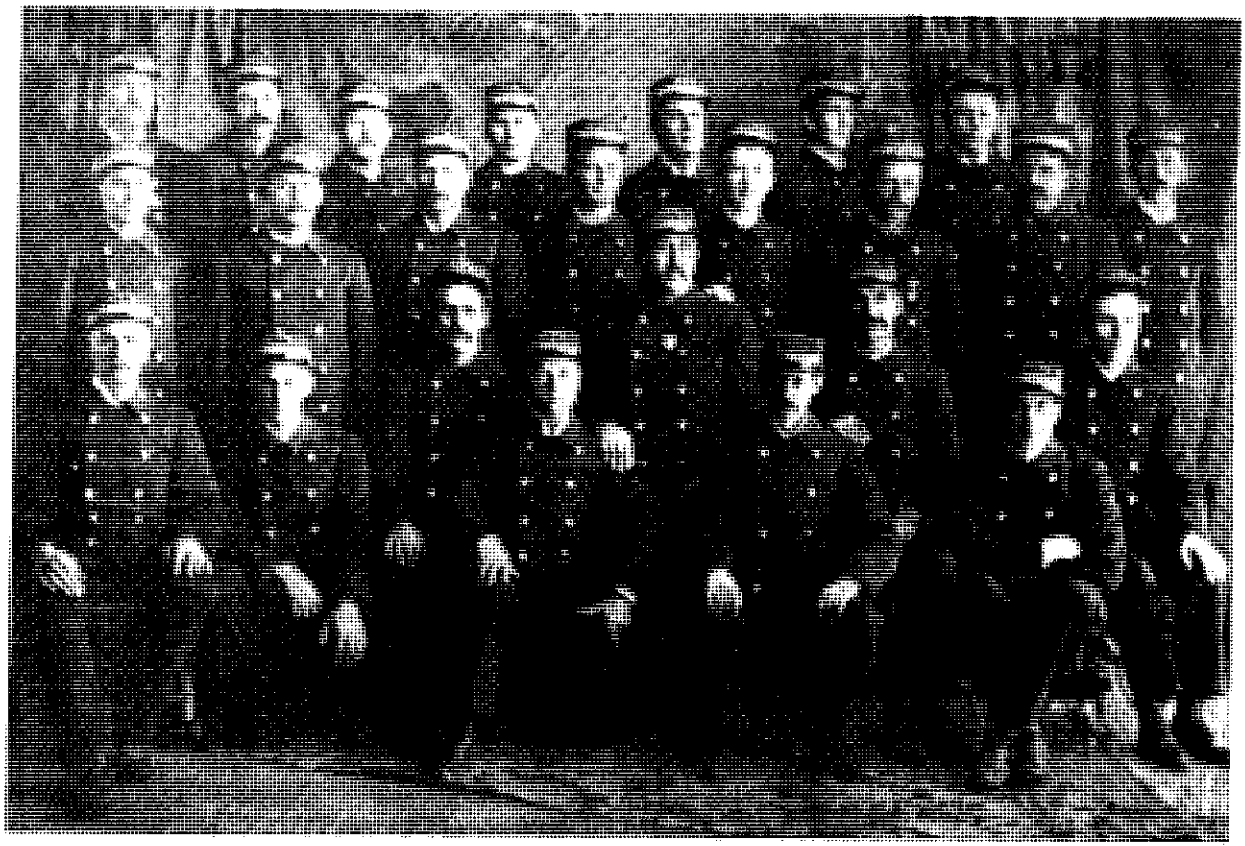
The Wheaton Fire Department was instrumental in registering farm sites in 1950, making it easier to locate fires. In 1966 "Operation Edith", a statewide program for emergency fire exit practice in the home, was begun. The department was the first in the state to introduce into the school a "Learn Not To Burn" program. Originating in 1979, it is now being used in every elementary school in the state of Minnesota. A community project of serving smelt feeds has been an annual event since 1959.

Throughout the years the Wheaton Fire Department has been called out for fires, accidents, and other emergencies. Members attend schools, regional meetings, and local monthly meetings of the organization. One practice is held monthly. Membership is limited to 25 active members, who must be 18 years old or more and who must live within the city limits. To be eligible for full retirement benefits, each retiree must be at least fifty years old and must have had twenty years of service.

The following have served as Fire Chiefs:

Fred Nordquist	1892
+Unavailable	1893-1903
F F. Thill	1904-07
Sam Setterberg	1908-12
George Allanson	1913-14
John Hart	1915
William Donnan	1916-17
Henry Bitters	1918
J. Theodore Anderson	1919-21
C. O. Saterbak	1922
E. E. Howard	1923
C. J. Swanson	1924
Henry Frederick	1925
H. P. Bly	1926-28
J. Theodore Anderson	1929
H. P. Bly	1930
S. O. Winge	1931-32
John Schneider	1933-34
William Hunder	1935-40
Ernie Lundstrom	1941
J. W. Nelson	1942-43
Al Muellenbach	1944-47
Glen Renner	1948
Herman Goltz	1949
William Carlson	1950-51
Everett Moede	1952
Leo Muellenbach	1953
Walter Drinkwitz	1954
Howard Bender	1955
Irving Tonning	1956
Harry Bihrle	1957
Robert Wieser	1958
Alvin Lindig	1959
Carl J. Rinke	1960
Lester E. Worner	1961
D. L. Potter	1962
Lloyd Jarrells	1963-66
Alton Lundquist	1967-70
Milton Larson	1971-72
Fred F. Thill	1973-75
Ivan Neumann	1976-77
Louis Sellden	1978-79
Lynel Larson	1980-81
Darrel Johnson	1982-83
Eugene Barlage	1984
James Montonye	1985-86

+Early records of the Fire Department were destroyed in the "Footprints" fire in February 1904.



One of the first fire fighting organizations in Wheaton was this group, all decked out in the finest firemen's garb of the 1890s. Pictured front row left to right: Sam Setterberg, Adolph Nordquist, Fred Nordquist, Albert Setterlund, Fred Klawon, R. H. Sigford, C. H. Colyer, Mike Dempsey, Alfred Fitzgerald; second row from left: Ed Ellofson, John Heldt, John Hart, Alfred Rustad, Otto Neumann, L. J. Bakke, Frank Thill, J. T. Anderson; third row from left: Martin Jacobson, Louis Bender, Axel Carlson, Ed Nordrum, George Allanson, O. J. Davidson and E. W. Boley.

TRAVERSE COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

When the Milwaukee Railroad discontinued having a local agent in Wheaton in 1977, people in the community became interested in obtaining the building for a museum. In October, 1977, about thirty-five enthusiastic area residents met at the depot to consider what could be done to convert it to a museum. They were impressed with its potential in spite of its definite signs of deterioration, and plans moved forward to organize and establish a museum in Wheaton. The Traverse County Historical Society was incorporated on December 13, 1977, with Donald Neuman named its first president; Helen Johnson, secretary; and Margaret Grohn, treasurer. Other members of the board of directors were William Winter, Albin Peterson, Clarence Skifstrom, Dolores Petterson, Clarence Juelich, and Lester Worner.

The railroad property was purchased for $1500 with a grant from the Minnesota Historical Society, and an additional grant of $1500 provided funds for starting the renovation program for the building. In addition there were many donations of cash, material, and volunteer labor from individuals and organizations. The first efforts were centered on development of the interior of the building, with the much needed exterior paint job scheduled for warmer weather.

In mid-June the museum started accepting articles for display. The response was tremendous. The museum opened for

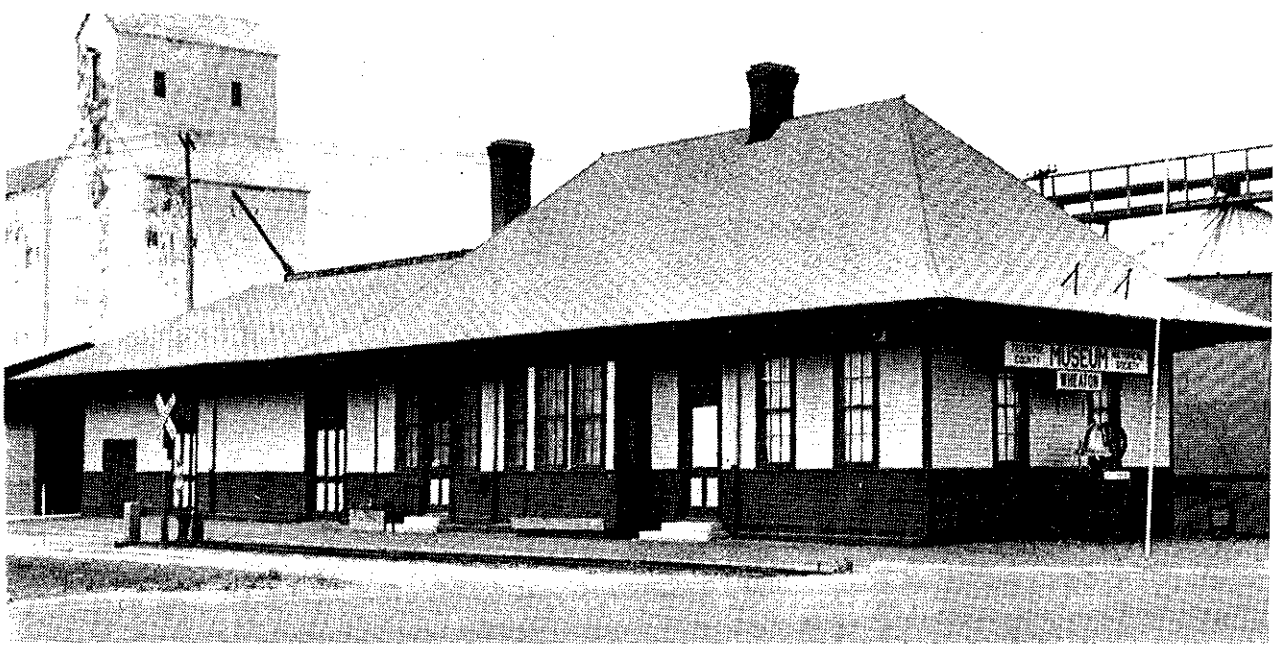
one day only on July 4, 1978, when Wheaton was having a 4th of July celebration. Over 600 people signed the guest book, and viewers were amazed at the progress made in such a short time. In the following weeks, work continued on the building and the exterior was painted. The building was divided into areas, each with its own unique offerings, including a bedroom, living room, kitchen, school room, and general store. Additional exhibits have been added, including a meat market displaying a wide variety of tools once used in Lindig's Meat Market and a dental office showing equipment of bygone days used by Dr. H. N. Weickert. The Charlie Roberg bell stands on a pedestal in front of the museum. It came from the old 1899 school building and is dedicated to the memory of Roberg, a janitor at the school for many, many years. An additional recent acquisition is a windmill erected in front of the museum in September 1984 with an antique wooden water tank added in 1985.

In 1984 it became very evident that additional space was needed, and a new 40 by 48 foot steel building was constructed at the north end of the museum to house agricultural equipment, Wheaton's first fire truck, and many other items of interest.

Winnifred Opgrande, a most active Senior Citizen until her death in 1985.

This allowed space in the original building, and a new school exhibit was constructed, show cases installed, and other improvements made.

The museum has been open to the public each summer from Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend commencing in 1979. The community support given to the museum has been gratifying. Artifacts are still being added annually, and the exhibits are very well developed considering the relatively short time the museum has been in existence.



The former Milwaukee Road railroad depot in Wheaton, now the Traverse County Historical Society museum. The facility was obtained from the Milwaukee Road in 1977 and the first day of operation by the museum for public viewing of articles came on July 4, 1978.

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No. 1.

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In working for our first named object we shall always hold ourselves in readiness to do all in our power, both personally and through the columns of the paper, to further the ends any project by which our town may be benefited, and shall use all honorable means to start such projects. In our second object we shall always keep our eyes open, and our readers informed as to the running of county affairs and the news in general. The columns of the GAZETTE will be open to the discussion of any question which may arise so long as the participants do not stoop to personal defamation or vulgarity. In striving for our last named object, we, of course, must have the good will and cooperation of the people, therefore, if, on receiving this, the first issue of the GAZETTE, which is sent to you gratis for inspection, you conclude it is established for the good of the community, [illegible] known your conclusions by enclosing [illegible] small sum of $1.50 and your name [illegible] postoffice address in an envelope [illegible] mailing it to the proprietors, and thereby [illegible] have the GAZETTE visit you weekly [illegible] have a large credit mark placed [illegible] your name in the good book [illegible] cause of the fact that you [illegible] helped the poor printer.

In national politics the [illegible] be Republican, but [illegible] reserve the right to support [illegible] irrespective of his politics [illegible] ing as we do, that politics [illegible] aing of county affairs should b[illegible] far apart as possible.

Finally, we would say th[illegible] among you as we do, co[illegible] strangers, it will be a somew[illegible] task to furnish all the news [illegible] better acquainted, therefo[illegible] one and all, when in town [illegible] see us, and, if you have not [illegible] so, subscribe for the GAZET[illegible] part with the comforting [illegible] you have made happy the [illegible]art

Yours truly,
JOUBERT & F[illegible]

The country is now under Democratic rule. The change may be for the better and it may be for the worse. If it is for the better, God bless Cleveland! If it is for the worse, God help us.

A great many of the farmers of this section seem to be laboring under the mistaken idea that the pre-emption and tree-claim laws have been repealed. This is a mistake. The laws have not been repealed and probably will not be, at least for some time to come. The bill passed the house and was sent to the senate, and there passed with a number of amendments attached to it and then returned to the house for action upon the amendments. The matter rests here, and the probabilities are that the bill will be entirely lost when again brought up for action.

It seems to be generally understood with the newspapers throughout this section and it is also believed by people throughout the county, to a certain extent, that S. W. Frasier is interested in, and was the instigator of the GAZETTE. With due deference to the editor of the [illegible], we would state that he is in no way interested in and in no way controls the movements of that paper. The [illegible] to the fact that W. G. Frasier (not S. W. Frasier) is one of the proprietors, and our neighboring contemporary very [illegible]

WHEATON.

The country that surrounds it and its Productiveness.

Its natural advantages, present condition and future prospects.

LAKE VALLEY AND THE SURROUNDING COUNTRY.

Wheaton is located in the township of Lake Valley, in the very centre of the county, four miles from Lake Traverse and on the banks of the Mustinka river. The scarcely perceptible decent in the land between here and the lake is just enough to carry off the surplus water, and yet leave all that is necessary to make the soil productive. The soil in and around Wheaton for twelve miles in any direction is composed of a thick, black loam, of considerable depth, which is especially adapted to grain raising, as some of the crops raised in and around here this last year will testify, some places where it was properly worked and cared for going [illegible] as thirty-five and forty bushels [illegible]. After getting beyond this twelve mile limit and especially to the [illegible] the land grows more sandy and less productive.

The county is not limited exclusively to grain raising. The creeks and small lakes, which are quite numerous throughout this whole section, and the luxurious growth of grass makes it especially desirable for the rearing of stock. [illegible] could make no better investment [illegible] come here, take a piece of land [illegible] of the various vacant sections and [illegible] himself in the stock-raising business with a creamery in connection. [illegible] and grasses are excellent for production of milk, which fact, [illegible] in connection with the ease with [illegible] all dairy products and beef stock [illegible] be transported to the city markets, [illegible] evidence that stock farming will [illegible] small factor in the future of this Traverse county.

[illegible] deposits of coal have [illegible] vered in different localities, [illegible] no effort has been made to dis[illegible] whether they exist in paying quantities or not. Old coal miners claim that [illegible] presents every indication of deposits, but time will tell.

[illegible] amount of this land around [illegible] still remains vacant, for the [illegible] that every odd section, for miles [illegible] is in dispute between the railroad and the govern[illegible] question [illegible] will undoubtedly be settled before another year passes. Every day we [illegible] of parties coming in and settling on [illegible] land, and taking their chances of its going to the government, very wisely concluding that if Uncle Sam had not very good grounds for doing so, he would not for a moment lay claim to the land. But even for a moment admitting that the land will go to the railroad, it would certainly be a much better investment for a man to purchase a good farm at the reduced price at which it will certainly be sold, and make a good living off from it, than to go further west and take a homestead or pre-emption in the sandy country so common out there, mortgage it in order to prove up, and finally lose the land, for the reason that he can't raise enough off of it to pay up the mortgage. The chances are, however, all in favor of this land going to the government, and it will probably be pretty well taken up before the matter is finally settled.

The Fargo & Southern railroad, one of the best equipped and smoothest running roads in the state, runs directly through the heart of this country, and has a very fine depot in the village of Wheaton. This road makes direct connection with, and makes this country tributary to, three separate and distinct lines of road, viz: The Northern Pacific, the Minneapolis & Manitoba and the Chicago Milwaukee & St. Paul. We are now already supplied with the competition which so many other towns in the state are loudly clamoring after. The theory which has so long been advanced that the only railroad crossing between the foot of Traverse and the [illegible] lakes, has no foundation, as the lake in a direct line from here, a distance of only four miles, can be bridged with dirt at comparatively very little expense. This leads to the supposition that in the near future another road, running east and west will be built and make a crossing at this point.

The class of citizens that go to make up the farming portion of this country are about equally divided as to nationality. No one class predominates, which fact is a great thing in favor of any country. The classes represented here are Norwegians, Swedes, Irish, Germans and Americans, and to see the houses, graneries, etc, erected on the different farms is to be convinced that they are industrious and prosperous.

THE VILLAGE OF WHEATON.

The village of Wheaton, although never heard of until last October, can now boast of one general merchandise store, Wells, Schroeder & Co., proprietors, where you can get anything in the general merchandise line at prices that cannot be equaled in this part of the country; a hardware store, Lee & Erickson proprietors, where a large stock of general hardware is always kept on hand and prices marked way down; a drug store, Stickles & Brynildsen proprietors, where the best of drugs are always kept and prescriptions promptly filled; a first class two story and a half hotel, O. F. Hallberg proprietor, where the best of rooms and fare is accorded to all; a flour and feed store, T. Rain proprietor, where all grades of flour and all kinds of feed are sold at the lowest living rates; three saloons, kept by H. Frase, P. Johnson and O. F. Hallberg, respectively; a wood and coal yard, kept by James Walsh, where you can buy wood at one dollar per cord and coal at one dollar per ton cheaper than any other place in the county; a large lumber yard, Lee & Erickson proprietors; a meat market, T. Rain proprietor; a large elevator; a fine depot; a blacksmith shop, Thomas Brothers proprietor; a newspaper office, and a commodious public hall.

As soon as the weather will permit a number of other gentlemen will erect buildings and commence business at once, and the prospects are that there will be a great deal of building done here this summer. The Mustinka river which runs about a quarter of a mile from the town furnishes ample power for a mill, and this power will not be allowed to remain idle for any great length of time. The Fargo & and Southern railway running through the town gives us a direct outlet over three lines, and the coming fall will probably see as many different elevators here and wheat will bring a good price.

It is acknowledged by all to be the place for the county seat, being in the very centre of the county and having splendid railroad facilities. The next general election will probably change it from its present location at Browns Valley to this place, as it is rather imposing on the citizens of the north end of the county to compel them to travel forty or fifty miles to do county business, when a place so convenient for all has been established.

The water is found at a depth of about thirty feet, is of a very superior quality being very pleasant to the taste and yet soft enough for all clensing purposes. The supply seems to be inexhaustible.

The nearest town of any importance, to Wheaton is Herman, which lies fifteen miles to the east; Campbell lies twenty miles to the north, Graceville eighteen miles to the southeast and Browns Valley twenty-five miles to the southwest. Thus Wheaton has on an average about twelve miles from every direction from which to draw trade, and any towns or villages springing up between would surely be of minor importance, as the other towns have too much the start.

Trade has been quite brisk here all winter in spite of the close times, and is increasing every day as spring draws nigh. With what we are sure is coming and others we know of who are contemplating coming to locate here, we can with all assurance say that Wheaton will be the booming town of this part of the country for some time to come.

Taking it all in all, few towns can compare with Wheaton. Situated in the very centre of the county it cannot help but have a great advantage over all its competitors, and being surrounded by a country as fine as any it has pleased God in his providence to place on the face of the earth, it cannot help but make [illegible]

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