

# Seymour History Bulletin



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## A Message from the Board of Directors

The Seymour Community Historical Society is experiencing a challenging 2020. We are all volunteers and our common interest in preserving local history brings us together. One of the most rewarding experiences as board member's is planning and promoting a variety of programs for our members and other interested parties. We are also proud of our beautiful museum and enjoy the opportunity to make it available to visitors. Unfortunately, because of COVID-19 the board had to cancel all our programs and keep the museum closed. To better understand the situation it is important to realize that the majority of our board members are senior citizens as are many of our volunteers who supervise the museum.

For the first time in almost fifteen years the gazebo was quiet on Wednesday evenings. Several pages in this publication will remind you of the good times at Music in the Park. Your society planned to host a Model A club accompanied by a jazz band and ice cream social. The museum was all set to feature a German exhibit on loan from the University of Wisconsin. All of us were excited about highly acclaimed sports anchor, author and speaker Joe Schmit returning to his roots for a presentation. An agreement was reached with Mary Pat VanSchyndl, a gifted quilter, to display her creations at the annual museum art show. Prudence and concern for the health of everyone dictates the popular Kids' Christmas has to be postponed. These programs and more will be back in 2021. Thanks to generous donors, numerous volunteers and the support of the Seymour City Council your historical society remains financially sound.

This edition of the Seymour History Bulletin highlights a look back at enjoyable times at Music in the Park, recent additions to the museum, the early years of the city and basketball at St. John's Grade School.

## Sundial and Museum Flowers

Steve Vandeneng, pictured with Kurt Boettcher from the Seymour Community Museum, recently built, installed and donated a sundial to the museum garden. Steve dedicated the sundial to all essential workers during the COVID-19 Pandemic. Boettcher has been rehabilitating the museum perennial garden adjacent to the old general store. Kurt has plans to continue to upgrade the garden.

Barry and Sandy Kailhofer donated the geraniums that beautified the front of the general store. Boettcher and Mike and Sue Keyzers did the watering keeping the flowers colorful all summer.



## Recent Objects Donated to the Museum Collection

Museum visitors are impressed with the items on display in the museum and the fact that everything has been donated by area residents or people with connections to Seymour. The museum collection committee is appreciative of the willingness of people to part with objects of considerable value and significance to the history of the area. Because of limited storage space and duplication of items in our collection, it is impossible to accept everything. It is wise before you discard any object, please check with a member of the museum staff to determine if it is suitable for the museum collection or display. Of greatest interest are artifacts that relate to local history.

### Edison Phonograph



Years ago Dale "Corky" Dethardt obtained an Edison Diamond Disc model BC-34 phonograph that was originally purchased new by his grandparents August and Anna Dethardt. The popular "Baby Console" was introduced by the Edison Company in 1922 with a price tag of \$175.00, the equivalent of **\$2,599.00** in purchasing power today. It continued to be advertised in the catalogues until August 1927 and was one of Edison's best selling models in its day. It was valued for its sound quality and compact structure. This cabinet stores 38 records.

The "Baby Console" is in perfect working condition and is a great addition to the museum collection. It is short enough for children to see how it works. Thank you "Corky Dethardt."

When the museum first opened in the old railroad depot in 1977 Gladys Stern donated an Edison Diamond Disc upright phonograph. It sold for \$295.00 when it was introduced in 1919, a substantial sum for that time and the equivalent of **\$3,840.00** in purchasing power today. The C19 model had just been introduced that year and was known as "the Official Laboratory Model." This phonograph, quite deluxe for its time, featured in addition to the diamond stylus, a variable speed turntable, a double spring motor, a 15" internal horn, and a cabinet to hold 72 records.



With the acquisition of the "Baby Console" the museum now has on display two of the finest examples of Edison's entertainment devices from the 1920s. Since many area homes did not have electricity until the late 1930s and early 40s, the phonographs brought joy to many households.

Both players came with a substantial number of records with one song per side. The 10" disc weighs ten ounces, heavier than most, partially due to the 1/4" thickness of the record. Some of the better known titles are "Barney Google," "Shine On, Harvest Moon," "It Ain't Gonna Rain No More," "Lucky Lindy" and "O Come All Ye Faithful."

### Seymour Advertising

In the process of cleaning Mike Sigl discovered a number of items with Seymour advertising.



These objects are cherished by the historical society since they provide evidence of past area businesses. An area in the museum is dedicated to the display of the things dating back to the early 1900s featuring the name of the city. Thank you to Mike for bringing in the advertising items along with several tools and everyday objects.

The advertising items include a cap from Mielke Pontiac, pocket ledgers promoting Lotter Brothers Machinery Company and Miller's Department Store. All three were longtime Seymour businesses with the



Lotter Brothers dating back to the late 1800s.

## 1929 Check Protector and Printer



The First National Bank donated a number of items ranging from Christmas decorations to a vintage check protector and printer. The addition of the check protector and printer to museum collection supplements a number of early financial machines previously donated. Of particular interest is an early 1900s vintage adding machine used by Doctor James Hittner. Thank you to Mary Court and the staff at Bank First for thinking of the museum.

## Pedestal from St. John's Church

Carol Hackl Stoegbauer contacted board member Gail Dean about a pedestal in her possession that was made out of a beam taken from St. John's Church that was demolished in the early 1970s. The item has been added to the museum collection and will come in handy for display purposes. Thank you Carol for thinking of the historical society and museum.



# ROSE LAWN NEWS

## AND TRADE BOOMER

DEVOTED TO STORE AND LOCAL NEWS IN, AND AROUND ROSE LAWN.

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Vol. I. ROSE LAWN, WIS., JUNE 14, 1902 No 1.

**Kind Friends:-**  
I intend to publish this little sheet as often as I can get time to set the type during the spare moments of business hours.  
It's not the object of this little sheet to display education, for I never had even a good common school education, therefore erities, please excuse errors; But the object is to keep you posted on what we are doing, and what we have to sell, in the simplest manner I know how, and hope thereby to gain more of your trade, and patronage.  
Thanking one and all for past favors, I am  
Yours with kindest Regards,  
E. F. SPAULDING.



**PUMP!**  
DID YOU SAY YOU needed a PUMP? well we have outfit for fitting out deep well on, wood, or any kind of a pump

Geo. Ryder has carpenters working on his new house.  
Are you looking for the latest style in young mens hats? If so, call on us.  
Ed Kuehanmeister has returned home from Minneapolis, where he has been night operator for some time.  
You will find that we carry 5 different styles of Plows of two different manufacturers. ask to see them.  
Geo. Hallam has masons laying the foundation for his new barn.  
A number of people from Laney, Galesberg, and Pittsfield, did shopping here this week.  
Why go to Seymour or elsewhere for photographs, when you can get just as good, if not better work right here at Rose Lawn. Gallery open every day when not away, except sundays.  
Harry Hallam of England is the guest of his brother John, and his sisters, Mrses. Baldwin and Andrew. It has been 30 years since the two brothers last met before.  
The 4th. of July will soon be here and perhaps you'll want a new suit. Come in and look over ours, for they are bargains.  
I ordered a suply of fine weather for June but the way it looks they are out of fine weather, being way behind on orders.  
Our egg receipts for the month of may, was the largest month we ever had; 14 cents is the price to day. Fetch us your eggs, please f.  
Joonie O'Horon and Doll M... were the happy recipients of diplomas as common school graduates at the close of our summer term of school.  
Why pay \$45.00 for a Mower when you can get a better one from us for \$38.00  
It will pay you to come to us for a bicycle. \$17.50 is what others charge you for the same wheel that we will give you for \$15.50 spot cash; Therefore why pay \$17.50  
**PARIS GREEN**  
Of the purest quality always to

**THIS IS A CUT OF OUR CELEBRATED Camelskin SHOE.**



It's as staple as granulated sugar.

**THE LITTLE TRAVLER FENCE MACHINE.**  
Is the BEST and CHEAPEST fence machine on the market to day. ASK FOR PARTICULARS.



**DON'T** pay \$75. for a \$65. Buggy when you can get a \$65. Buggy or its that is a \$65. Buggy for ONLY \$62. for cash, or time on good approved notes.

**PAINT**  
Are you going to paint your house or barn, this summer? If you are, it will pay you to investigate our paint and prices, for after investigating, you will not only find ours the cheapest, but the best paint on the market to day. We carry nearly all kinds of painting material.  
GIVE US A PLEASANT CALL.

## Newspapers and Ads

The museum archives contain a vast collection of old local newspapers and ads such as the Rose Lawn News dating from 1902. Since a fire at the Seymour Press office destroyed all papers prior to 1947, vintage papers in decent shape are highly valued by the historical society.

E.F. Spaulding one of the owners of Spaulding and King General Store of Rose Lawn printed a flyer encouraging people to shop locally instead of going all the way to Seymour.

- Don't pay \$75.00 for a \$65.00 buggy when you can get it for \$62.00 in Rose Lawn.
- PUMP! did you say you needed a pump? We have them.
- Are you going to paint your house this summer? It will pay you to investigate our paint and prices.
- Why go to Seymour for photos when you can get better work done in Rose Lawn.
- Are you looking for the latest style in young men's hats? If so, call on us.
- The 4th of July will soon be here. If you need a new suit, we have them.
- Why pay \$45.00 for a mower, you can get a one from us for \$38.00?

## History of St. John's Basketball

*This article was first printed in the 1976 newspaper commemorating the centennial of St. John's Parish. It is based on interviews with several people associated with St. John's Basketball.*

"To discuss the history of St John's basketball at Seymour, requires a recollection over many years of devoted attention by numerous people. It began in the late 1940s under the organization of Tony Lubinski. Tony acted as athletic director and coach at St. John's School for several years, teaching the students basketball, coaching the teams in games and tournaments, and otherwise creating a general interest in the St. John's students in athletic competition. Tony spent a great deal of his own time and money in the promotion of athletics at St. John's and in transporting teams, including travel expenses, to the various tournaments and games they played in northeastern Wisconsin.



**Tony Lubinski**



**St. John's Basketball 1961 Front Row: Jeff Reed, Dick Lubinski, Steve Spaude, Travis Lubinski, Dave Truymen, Coaches: Dave Hallada and Vernon Lubinski. Back Row: Gary Bunkleman Roger Haas, Fran Coonen, Larry Reed and Joe Reed.**

In the early 1950's Vernon Lubinski assisted Tony in the program. Marvin Biese took over the coaching of the St. John's team for a short time in the middle 1950's. After his tenure, Vernon Lubinski again took over. Vernon was assisted over the years by David Hallada, Robert Ciesielcyk, Dr. George Cisler and Joe Tremi. Between them, they had developed a program of basketball starting with the 5<sup>th</sup> grade thru the 8<sup>th</sup> grade. They also developed an intramural program in addition to outside competition.

Until 1968, the school participated in two separate leagues and played teams from all over the area including Wrightstown, Immaculate Conception, Darboy Angels, Hollandtown Raiders, Freedom Grade School and Assumption of Pulaski. As part of the basketball program, there was the cheerleading team. Primarily under the direction and help of Mrs. Wayne Jensen, the cheerleading program



developed and was an important part of the athletic program. For many years St. John's had the most extensive and best grade school cheerleading team in the area.



***Cheerleading Team 1968 Back Row: BB Coaches George Cisler, Vernon Lubinski and Chick Ciesielczyk, Sister DeSales and Sister Mary Joan. Middle row: Kathy Nicodem, Yvonne Ambrosius, Ann Lubinski, Katie Huettl, and Cathy Johannes. Front row: Nancy Niespodzany, Lauri Wenninger, Jill Dahlman and Barb Kielar.***

We are sure many people remember the practices in the St. John's gymnasium. For many years, it was necessary to remove the tables and chairs from the gymnasium prior to practice and replace them after practice so they would be available for the hot lunch program the following day.

The program originally started with one basketball and a tire pump and no locker room space, but merely a little storage space behind the school stage. We are sure you can recall the popcorn which



***St. John's Basketball Team 1968 Back row: Coach Vernon Lubinski, Mike Blohm, Jim Schmit, Mark Metcalf Coach George Cisler, Joe Letter, Johnny Schmit, Coach Chick Ciesielczyk, Randall Johnson, Greg Marnocha, Jeff Gustman, Sister DeSales and Sister Mary Joan. Front row: Ronald Leisgang, Richard Johnson, Bernie Huettl. Terrance Coonen. Thomas Schmit. Steven Hill and Gene Reed.***

was made by parents and sold to raise funds for facilities and for the equipment that was needed. St. John's teams wore black and white and gold and were known as the Jets for a number of years. Then the name was changed to the Hawks. Subsequently, a beautiful black, gray and gold uniform was purchased from funds provided by admissions at the games and the sale of popcorn. The St. John's team was certainly one of the best equipped and dressed in the area.



***St. John Hawks - 1966 - Back row, left to right: Dave Hallada, Bob Ciesielczyk, Mark Truymen, Joe Klarner, Bill Runnoe, Tim Wendt, Andy Huettl, Mark Peotter, Tom Doepker, Mark Doepker, Dave Klarner and Vernon Lubinski. Front row: Tony Kraft, Bob Lubinski, Steve Metcalf, Jim Farley and Mike Huettl.***

Many parents supported the program during the course of the years in providing transportation to out of town games. They also provided moral support for the boys and girls who participated in the program. For many years a horn and the small stopwatch was used until eventually a scoreboard was erected.



***St. John's Jets Cheerleaders 1960-1961 - Back row, left to right: Rosemary Ver Voort, Sharon Fischer, Kathy Cumicek, Connie Bunkelman and Patricia Trembl. Front row: Mary Anne Miller, Sarah Huettl, Sandra Cropsey, Betty Debruin and Sandra Matuszak.***

With the acquisition of the scoreboard, the facilities for the St. John's basketball program were complete.

The games drew great support and the St. John's gymnasium was overcrowded on many occasions on a Sunday afternoon or evening. People would be standing in the halls and trying to get into the building. Excitement would run extremely high at these games. The program concluded in 1968 with the termination of 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades at St. John's."

## Comments about St. John's Basketball

**Travis Lubinski** - *Travis is the son of Tony Lubinski who started the program in the late 1940s.*

"I remember dribbling through folding chairs about eight feet apart as fast as we could. The scoreboard was on the stage. It had big dials to show the score. The loud air horn sounded at the end of the quarters. We wore flashy satin gold and blue uniforms with a belt. If anyone has one I'd like to buy it. The chairs for spectators were along the sidelines right up to the out of bounds line. Who can forget that lockerroom downstairs and the shower. How about that Seymour pop machine for only a nickel. You had to slide your bottle down to the end to get it out! We shot free throws under hand, raised our hand if we committed a foul and the coaches had to explain the new three second rule for the paint inside the free throw lane.

It seemed Pulaski Public Grade School and Gillett always had tall centers. The referee was Mr. Wassenberg who ran a bakery in town. We moved to Shawano in 1962 when I was in the seventh grade and Pulaski had a two weekend tournament. I played for St. Johns the first weekend and Pulaski Sacred Heart the second weekend of that tourney. We had a number of old basketballs and I remember the blue cloth draw string bag we had to carry them. We wore black high top basketball shoes. There were no summer basketball camps. We played baseball in the summer, football in the fall and basketball in the winter...and marbles in between. I'm glad the gym is still in use. I still get a special feeling going into that gym today."

**Jeff Reed** - "The seventh and eighth grade was the varsity or "A" team and the 5th and 6th grade was the "B" team. Steve Spaude was our top scorer. He also led the team in high school and was one of the leading scorers in the conference. I believe Smiley Nicodem often was the referee. We had a lot of fun. The gym was usually packed for the games with standing room only. Of course there was only one or two rows of chairs. Our team competed in the Tri-County conference. Pulaski had two teams, one public and one private, Oconto Falls had two teams and Gillette also had a team. We traveled to away games with parents or the coaches."

**Dick Lubinski** - "My dad, Vernon, took over the team after Tony Lubinski moved to Shawano. He continued coaching until St. John's discontinued 7th and 8th grade education in 1968. He was assisted by Dave Hallada, Bob Ciesielczyk, and for a few years George Cisler. We usually won more games than we lost. We had a number of set plays and would even change defenses. If we missed a shot we would drop back in a zone. When we made the shot we played man to man. At the end of the season the team was recognized at a breakfast sponsored by the Holy Name organization. After my eighth grade year Bart Starr was the keynote speaker. Another year we had Torchy Clark the legendary coach at Xavier. I think that is when our name was changed from the Jets to the Hawks. It kept us busy and out of trouble.. Many of the players also played in high school."

**Kathy Cumicek Smits** - "Those were fun times. The cheerleaders also traveled to the away games. Our coach was Mrs. Wayne Jensen, who I believe was a Latin teacher at the high school. We had a number of cheers, but all I remember are some of the basic ones like, 'Stand up, Sit down, Fight team Fight.' I remember the Holy Name father-daughter breakfast at the end of the year when Bart Starr was the guest speaker. The basketball team was recognized along with the cheerleaders."

## Music In The Park

Without the music concerts Wednesday evenings just weren't the same this year. The weekly programs not only entertained us with a variety of music but also provided opportunities to renew acquaintances with old friends. The following several pages remind us of past good times and more to look forward to in the summer of 2020.

























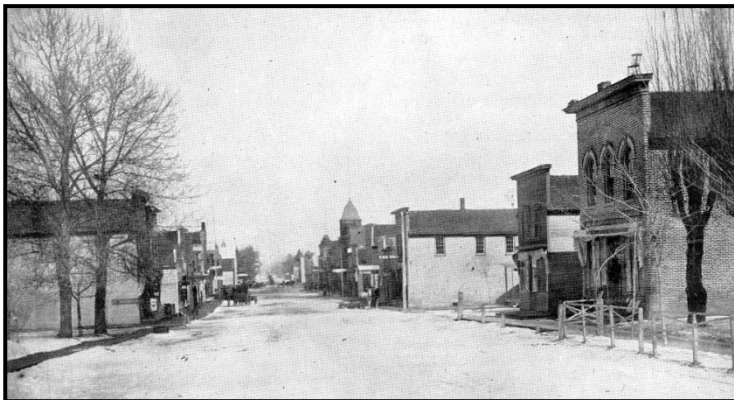


## Industrial Review

***In 1900 the city fathers of Seymour, WI decided to have a 39 page booklet printed to promote immigration, business and industrial development. At this time the young city, incorporated in 1879, had a population of 1,100 people. The timber resources that stabilized the economy of the city were depleted and the city was transitioning to an agriculture based economy. Fertile farmland was a steady draw to immigrants and the booklet praised current businesses and elaborated on the need for more. Following is the introduction to the "Industrial Review" from 120 years ago.***

The growth and development of that portion of the United States, geographically termed the Northwest, has been of such phenomenal character as to arouse astonishment in every civilized community of the world, and each bit of new information concerning its wonderful progress is absorbed with the keenest relish by the public at large, thereby serving to augment the interest and call forth renewed inquires for further knowledge upon the subject. No particular section of the Northwest has created more intense interest abroad, in the past few years than the State of Wisconsin.

Its' enterprising spirit and advances from a state of primitiveness, but a few years ago to the front rank of nineteenth century progression, is a source for enduring pride, not alone among those who constitute its population, but to the entire country, and is a theme for delightful discussion at thousands of trans-Atlantic firesides. The position attained by the state is due to the combined thrift and energy centered



***Seymour Main Street looking north. Notice the Muehl Furniture Store, with the chair on the roof and the new Falck Hotel completed in 1898.***

upon its broad domain, though it is none the less true that some particular localities have, through

the possession of some special advantages, been enabled to contribute more generously to the general fund of prosperity and fame than others.

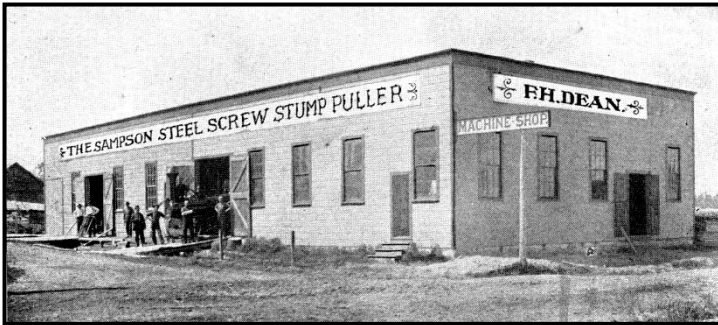
The city of Seymour belongs to the class endowed with strength and ability for reflecting the true greatness of the state. The chief characteristics of the city lie in the superior advantages for the prosecution of the industrial branches of business, which, as a natural consequence, tends greatly to the advancement of commercial pursuits and the development of a higher order of prosperity in the community living directly or indirectly within the radius of such influence.

To disseminate a more thorough knowledge among the public abroad of these advantages possessed by Seymour and the opportunity it presents especially to the manufacturers, we have undertaken this work, trusting that in the outcome it will prove beneficial in no small measure to the general public and also largely promote the material interest of the city. Of course, in the space we have confined ourselves, we have not attempted to discuss each interest in extensor. We have only attempted to present a skigram, so to speak, of the city, upon which the intelligence of the reader will enable him to form fairly accurate picture.

We have every reason to think and believe that the work will not prove valueless to the thrifty city. It will be found by a careful perusal, that Seymour has interest of much greater importance than a casual observer or even her own residents would believe possible. The mercantile circles are made up of good solid business houses, of such a character and extent



that she need not blush in claiming herself one of the greatest business cities in the state of its size. Of her farming lands tributary she has reason to boast, and as a part and parcel of the prosperity of Seymour, we will first consider the farm sources.



*F.H. Dean Machine Shop located on the west side of Main Street adjacent to the railroad tracks.*

**AGRICULTURAL RESOURCES.** Man is said to be an epitome of the universe and as his intellectual, moral, and spiritual life with the wide range of diversity are dependent for their unity of action upon the material structure of the physical body, so are all cities with their edifices of worship, structures of learning, business blocks and manufacturing industries. In order for man to perpetuate commercial prosperity in a city, he must have some foundation upon which to base operations, agriculture, mining, manufacturing, or something else. When a city is surrounded and abundantly provided with all the elements necessary to endow it with a vigorous growth and enduring constitution so much the better.

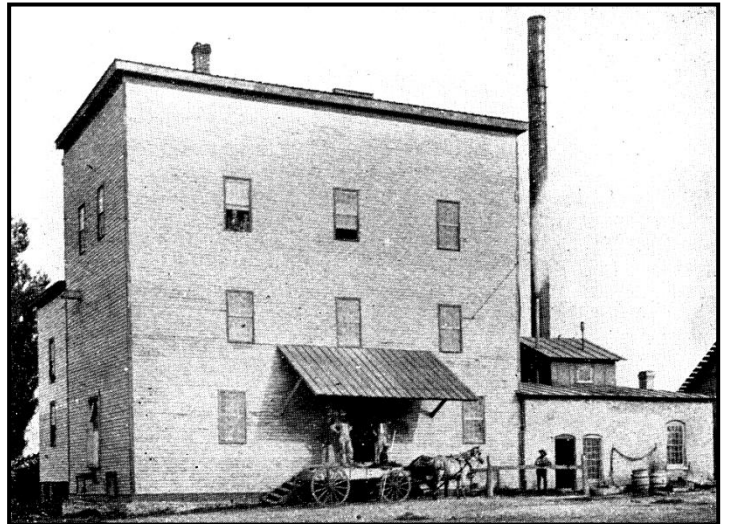
This section ranks among the finest agricultural counties in the entire state, and all the cereal products known to this climate flourish in abundance, and what is more important, there is never a total failure of crops. Almost all the land here is under high state of cultivation and productive of good return to the owners. The farmers are about all out of debt and possess well furnished homes, substantial and well filled barns, and many of them have money at interest. This class of independent farmers is constantly and rapidly increasing.

The topography of the county well adapts it to almost anything the farmer might wish to turn his hand. It is alternating hills and valleys which

abound in springs, brooks, creeks and streams of living waters. While not what we term a timber country, yet well distributed over the county are beautiful groves of valuable and useful nature. Lime, sand and building stone abound here.

Dairying of late years has afforded a prolific field of operation for farmers, and the county today ranks high in the state in dairy products. During the season a carload of cheese is shipped from here each week. This is of a superior quality and in good demand. The raising of livestock also proves very remunerative to the farming community, which has made this one of the largest markets in the state. Over 200 cars of stock are shipped each year. Vegetables grow in abundance. This is one of the great centers for growing potatoes. Peas and beans are also prolific. This would be an excellent location for a canning factory, and would be one of the safest and surest investments we could suggest.

**MANUFACTURING RESOURCES.** This resume of the city will, we think, convince a careful reader that Seymour possesses many advantages as a point for commerce and trade, and the question naturally arises. "What are her facilities for manufacturing?" A city may attain a highly exalted and dignified position in the world



*Seymour Roller Mills owned by the Stewart Bros. producing fine flour. Located on E. Wisconsin St.*

solely through its merits as a center for trade, commerce and manufacturing, or even because of some superior adaptation to the arts or science, yet it must be admitted that the more



qualifications a city possesses for insuring success in all pursuits of life, the more promising its chances for greatness.

If a city commands a superior location and facilities for creating demand and supply, and the ability to control both, it must attract in the course of time capital and labor. The advantages the city possesses as a manufacturing point are excellent. The city is in close proximity to raw materials. Of the raw stuff, wood and iron may justly be called the principal features, closely allied to which are lead, copper and other mineral products, wool, hides and the several articles of farm produce. The forest resources are known the world over. From Wisconsin comes the main supply of cut lumber of every description of hard and soft woods, principally used in manufacturing staves, headings, shingles laths, round and hewn posts and lumber of every kind and size, also tan barks. In fact, every species of material which enters into composition of manufacture is within easy reach.



***Northwestern Manufacturing Co. located on West Wisconsin Street produces wagon wheels and hubs.***

The state mines iron, zinc, copper, lead and various other minerals in abundance. Labor is at all times available in the city at wages moderate and which the margin on any investment will justify the capitalist in paying. The manufacturer must consider that there is not

only a large market for goods in all lines at the present time, but that the field of demand is increasing in direct proportion to the wonderful development of the Northwest. The chief merit of selection does not exist in securing an unoccupied field, with a certainty of fair immediate returns, but is due to the opportunity to develop capacity and production in the line



***Monthly Stock Fair on Morrow Street.***

operated, in proportion as the country tributary to the city becomes populous. The empire of the Northwest, aggregating the most fertile agricultural lands, great cattle ranges, the mineral region and the most valuable and extensive forest of the entire country, is equal in area to more than one quarter of the United States, and it is developing more rapidly at this time than any other region on this continent has developed in the past. The manufacture who locates here is not dependent upon present trade conditions, favorable as they may seem, but is merely starting a plant that cannot but expand year by year, as the country tributary grows in wealth, populations and requirements.

Seymour is a prosperous agricultural city of about 1,100 inhabitants. It is on the G.B.&W.R.R. which gives a direct east and west route. The city was settled in 1871 and incorporated in 1879. It is an example of a town which has changed from purely lumbering to agriculture for its support. It occupies a unique reputation in one particular. The street fairs, which are held every month, are the largest in the state. Such, in brief, is Seymour.

**PLACE OF RESIDENCE.** Every intelligent reader will readily admit that in point of grandeur



as exhibited in proudly massive public, and regal, palatial private buildings, adorned by nature's own beautiful surroundings made still more enchanting by man's cunning artifice, the style of ancient times have never been surpassed by those of modern ages. There are many things to be taken into consideration as essential in forming the basis upon which to erect the sub-structure of sound fabric ambitions to be chronicled in history for its inherent good qualities and well deserved merit. Schools, churches, the moral and social influence and much else go toward formulating one's idea of desirable residence. Viewed from this standpoint, there are but few small cities possessing more desirable advantages than Seymour.



***Home of Dr. James Hittner on South Main Street.***

The city's make up is most attractive and wisely arranged. The streets are wide and the blocks are all laid out with regularity. The residences are a majority neat in design and finish and are furnished in accordance with modern taste and comfort. The business blocks are about all good, substantial structures and fully in keeping with the progressive character of the city.

The health of the city is also worthy of favorable mention. It is considered one of the most healthy cities in the state and its death rate which of course furnishes the basis for calculation, places it below most cities of equal size in the state, in number per year. This happy

state of affairs must be mainly due to the pure air and water.

The population is of a mixed character, with the German blood predominating. They as a nation now furnish the best examples of good citizenship to the public. They are devoted supporters of the law and its demands, and all cities largely inhabited by them will always be found prosperous, safe and sound. The people as a whole are generous and hospitable, and never fail to extend the right hand of good fellowship to anyone deserving it.



***Home of W.B.Comee on South Main Street. He is the superintendent of the Northwestern Mfg. Co.***

The ratio of house owners to the population is very high. The prices are such that opportunities have been afforded to the thrifty to acquire homes and become identified with the city and interested in her welfare. People, as a rule, own their own homes and are interested in the preservation of order and property rights. Persons so situated are seldom lead away by theories which deny the right of ownership and are not prone to precipitate unnecessary disturbances.

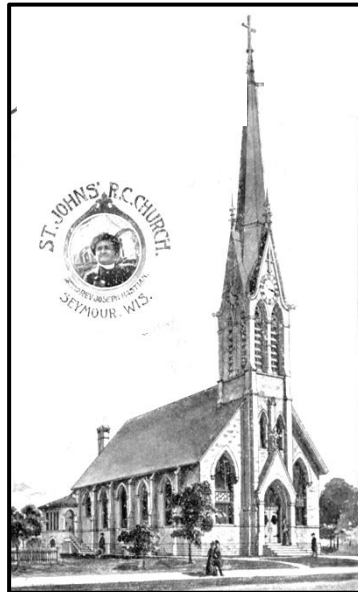
The advantages offered for education is a source of pride to our citizens. They have never allowed the practical results of the refined influence of education to escape their vigilant eyes. The school buildings will compare favorably with any of those in the cities of this size, in point of internal adornment and personal comfort. The public schools are open to all from the most humble to the fastidious scions of the



most select families. Experience has led the citizens, without sectarian or class distinction, to send their children to the public schools of the city, and perhaps this commingling of the various elements that form the community has done much to produce that fellowship which binds the different classes with each other. When a boy has passed through the various established grades, the primary department and the high school, he has received a thorough and comprehensive education, which fully equips him to begin the battle of life.

The school system embraces one building, a directory of three citizens, and a staff of six teachers. The school is on the accredited list. There is also one parochial school of the Lutheran denomination.

**CHURCHES** The churches are the visible monuments of reverence for God and belief in an afterlife. They have kept back many of the tides of vice; they have been moral defenders of incalculable benefit; they have been schools of enlightenment to young and old, and resorts of highest culture and enjoyment. They have been the meeting place for the Maker and His creatures. The number and character of the



**Artist's drawing of the new St. John's Church on South Main Street.**

churches indicate the highest and best part of nature has kept pace with the secular thrift that has been so marked.

Though the city is not exempt from the nameless evils incident to all localities where human beings dwell together immorality does not rear its brazen front with impunity. Nor does the law by its inaction encourage vice or embolden its votaries. The people are eminently church-going. There are five churches divided among the different denominations, as follows: Catholic, Lutheran, Evangelical, Methodist and Congregational.

***The year 2020 has been a challenging one for everybody. Out of concern for our volunteers and visitors to the museum it has been necessary to keep the museum closed and to cancel all activities. The historical society is responsible for the upkeep of the museum and maintenance of the exhibits. As we approach the end of the year and the holiday season please consider a donation to the SCHS sustainability fund.***



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## Fall Art Show and Annual Kids' Christmas

We regret that it was necessary to postpone the fall art show and annual Kids' Christmas program. Both activities will be back next year bigger and better than ever.



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