

Wausaukee Bank Organized In 1901

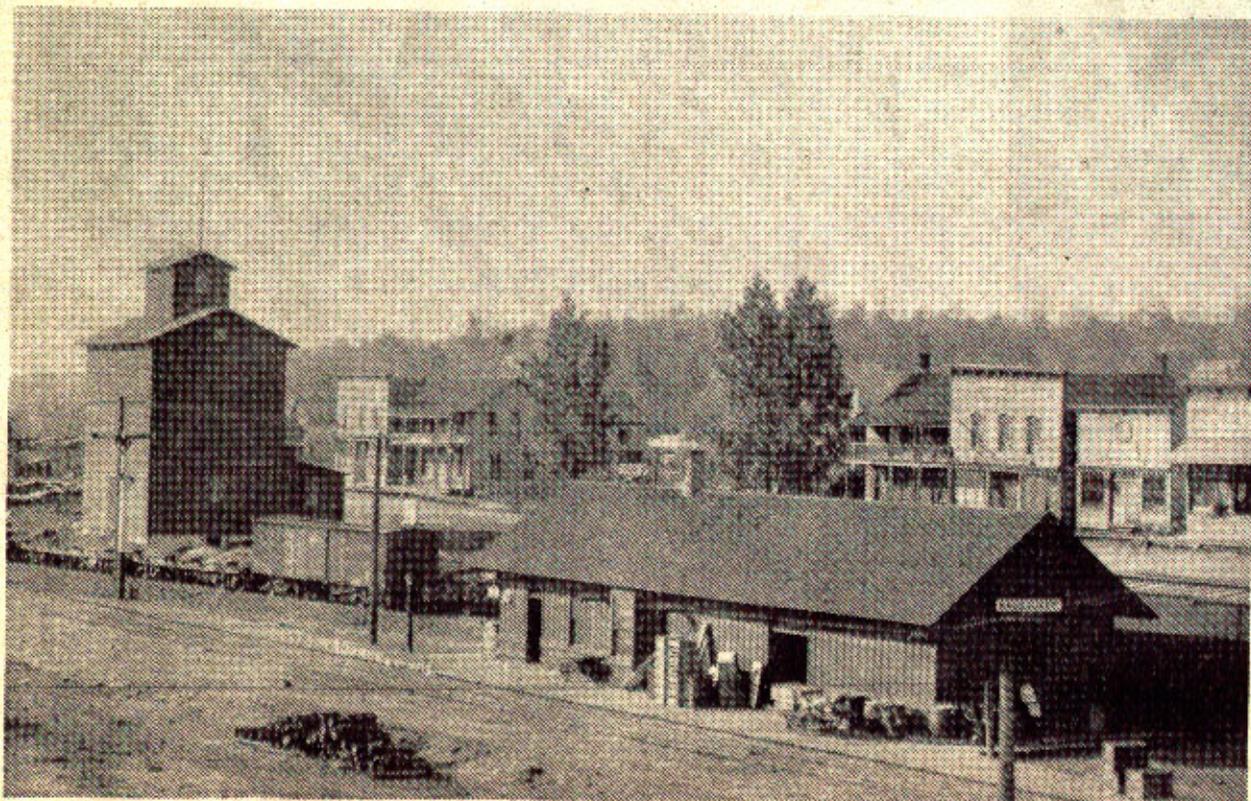
The Wausaukee State Bank was organized in 1901 and began operations in 1903. In 1933, the Pembine-Wausaukee Bank evolved When Wausaukee State Bank consolidated with Pembine State Bank, which was organized in 1921. In 1943, a branch of the bank was opened in Crivitz.

One of the most exciting incidents in the bank's long history was the robbery of 1922. Thieves using an acetylene torch cut a hole in the vault door to gain entrance and made off with about \$25,000 in cash and negotiable bonds taken from safety deposit boxes. They did not succeed in entering the bank safe.

The loot was never recovered, and bonds were discovered cashed in many parts of the U.S. Depositors, however, faced no loss, as the bank made good on each loss. The bank moved to new quarters, next door to the original brick building. The old bank was torn down in 1978 to make room for a 30 x 60 foot addition to house the loan department.



SUMMER COOLER-- The pond was the best place to cool off on a hot summer day.



Feed Mill Gone But Not Forgotten

The Wausaukee Feed Mill and Elevator, which towered over the railroad tracks since the early 1900's, was torn down in 1978. The elevator, built by H. P. Christ, was equipped for grinding flour and storage of grain, which was later shipped out in railroad cars.

Every 4th of July, American flag waved proudly over the village on a 40-foot pole. This tradition continued into the 1920's, until the pulley atop the pole became inoperative. The late George B. Smith, who was in business with Amos Christ and operated under the name Christ and Smith in the 1920's, climbed the pole to untangle the ropes, and it is reported this was the last time Old Glory was seen flying on top of this building.

Harvey Bartels of Green Bay remodeled the building with grinding and mixing equipment and opened up a feed mill operation in the 1940's. Norm Smith bought out the business in the late 1950's and operated it for 17 years before selling it to Mitchell Wengiel and son. The last operator of the mill was Wiengren of Stephenson, Mich., who closed the operation in 1974.