

church is now the United Methodist Church since the Evangelical United Brethren Churches and the Methodist churches were united in 1968. Rev. Paul Paskewitz serves the churches in Alexis and North Henderson and resides in Alexis where a new parsonage was purchased in 1970.

The Zion Lutheran Church had its beginning as the Swedish Evangelical Lutheran Church. It was organized in 1877 by Rev. Alfred Nelson who was then pastor in Henderson Grove. The present building is the original church and the site the same as when purchased from the Methodists at the time of its organization. The church was served by non-resident pastors until 1914. In 1912 a parsonage was built and through the years additions have been made to the original church building. Some of these have been the Dorcas Hall, a basement dining room and a modern kitchen.

In 1957 the congregation voted to sell the parsonage and construct a new one. This modern brick home is approximately a block from the church. The Swedish language was used entirely in the beginning of the church but through the years was gradually discontinued. Rev. Kenneth Knudsen is now serving as the pastor.

#### **Veterans' Graves**

Besides the Mann Cemetery which we have mentioned as the earliest in the township, another was laid out in 1850, named the Mount Vernon Cemetery, and is used to this present day being well kept and preserved. In this cemetery are 36 veterans of all wars of which two are from the War of 1812, 16 from the Civil War, four from the Spanish American War, 12 from World War I, and two from World War II. In 1878, two acres were purchased on the east side of the Mount Vernon Cemetery for a Lutheran Cemetery.

In 1905 The United Brethren Church had its beginning in a building moved into the village from the country. There were four ministers who officiated there during its existence. It is related that members of the other churches also attended this church on Sundays when there were no services in their own churches and that many of the young people of the area were attracted by its meetings and youth activities. This church was located west of the present Oscar Miller residence and the parsonage was where the Miller home now stands. As the church was discontinued, the building was purchased and moved by R. A. Newcomer who used it at another location in town for seed storage.

An account of North Henderson history would not be complete without mentioning Arthur P. Shaver. Mr. Shaver had been an undertaker in the early days of his career and sold out to McKnights in Alexis. He will be remembered by many local citizens as the manager of the North Henderson Telephone Exchange.

He was also owner, lineman, night operator, and secretary continuing in this work until he was 90 years of age or past. A cubicle built over the sidewalk in the area of what is now The Anderson Oil Company afforded the operator a view of everything that was going on in Main Street. Although this arrangement was highly criticized by some at the time, Mr. Shaver was later commended for his foresight as the operator could locate almost anyone if a call came in from home to pick up forgotten items or transact other business.

#### **News And Markets**

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