

Allgeyer was a grandson of the township pioneer Timothy Meeker. His mother was Amanda Meeker, daughter of Timothy.

Active Groups

In 1925 The Floral Club was started with Dr. Lewis, the local physician, as president and Mrs. Arthur Shaver as secretary and treasurer. Its purpose as stated at the time was to beautify the town. After the Odd Fellows order was discontinued in the town, the Floral Club purchased the I.O.O.F. Hall, and it became known as Floral Hall.

It is used for meetings of the Floral Club and Lions Club and is often rented by other groups for gatherings. Voters in the township look forward to the lunches and dinners served by the ladies of the Floral Club in their hall on election days. Lions Club dinners are also served by the club on a fairly regular basis. The Floral Club continues its service to the town and community with Mrs. Paul Setterdahl the president at this time.

The North Henderson chapter of the Lions Club was chartered February 6, 1952. It cooperates in local activities for the benefit of the town. Some of the other good work of the organization is helping the handicapped, especially the blind. The Lions Club revived the North Henderson Fairs for a time and cooperated in producing the horse shows which brought many people to the village. Richard Johnson is now the president of the local chapter.

Weekly Newspaper

A weekly newspaper was published for several years in North Henderson. It was named the North Henderson Review or Mercer County Democrat and claimed in its caption to be the only Democratic paper in Mercer County. A copy of this paper, dated June 30, 1922, indicates that Karl R. Haggengjos was the publisher, and Mrs. Mary Allen was the local editor.

Mrs. Alice Armstrong, an employee in the local post office at that time, reports that it was thought to be a very busy day in the village the day that the paper came out. Mrs. Armstrong served 35 years as assistant in the post office retiring in 1957. She is the oldest living resident of North Henderson.

John Goff as we have mentioned was the first postmaster. Viola Swanson is the present postmaster, and she will be retiring this year after thirty years of faithful service. Mr. Frank Bruner is remembered for his long service as a mail carrier on the rural route. He received his appointment in 1909 and held the position until his retirement on March 31, 1954. His service spanned the era of horse drawn buggy to the automobile. The new post office was opened for use in October, 1961, and was dedicated at ceremonies on June 10, 1962. Mr. Owen Nall is the present rural carrier.

A charter to incorporate the village was granted in 1957. George Johnson, Jr. was the first mayor, and Virgil Farm is the present mayor. The first goal of the board was to insure a better water supply as only individual shallow wells and the "town pump" had provided water in the village. A bond issue in the amount of \$15,000 was unanimously accepted on June 28, 1957. The bid by the Peerless Service Company for a well and distributing system was accepted on July 5, 1957 at the village board meeting. A good supply of water was reached at a depth of 760 feet; and clear, pure water was made available to the residents after the system was installed.

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