THOMAS I. MORGENSON, JR. IMPLEMENT COMPANY . . . Left to right, Edwin Runge, Gene Mann, Raymond Paap, Karl Ramig, Thomas I. Morgenson, Jr. and Mrs. Morgenson. This building was previously occupied by Ed Klena who was engaged in several businesses including lumber and automobiles. Mr. Morgenson sold the business to Nelson and Ruud. Later it became a warehouse for imported autos and still later it was used for manufacturing by the Wrapping Machinery Company. The entire building was torn down in the late 1960's and today is used as a parking lot.

The Franksville Athletic Club

If necessity is the mother of invention, then the same theory can be applied to the Franksville Athletic Club and the Mt. Pleasant-Memorial Park. The FAC was a very active organization from 1933 to the late 1940's. For many years their members labored in their efforts to support not only good ball teams but an adequate park in which to play their games. The first games were played in Gutknecht's pasture just west of the village, however, without lights all games were limited to Sunday afternoon affairs.

In the late 30's attempts in obtaining a piece of property near the corner of Roberts Street and Kraut Road were successful and for the first time in their history, the FAC had a lighted field of their own. At one time the club sponsored two softball teams, one hardball team and a girls team. The support of these teams and facilities were done in a variety of ways including dances, card parties, plays and membership dues.

However, with the start of World War II and many of the members departing for the service, both interest and activities started to decline and before the war ended, the lighted field for which the members had worked so hard, had all but been abandoned.

The FAC made a comeback during the mid 40's but it's post war activities resulted in it's demise in favor of the Memorial Park Association. It, as an organization, is now only a memory, however, it can truly be said that many of the same people will be remembered as the source of the park, the moving of the Woodmen Hall and the annual picnics that were the forerunners of the post war Harvest Festivals and of the present Kraut Festival.
One of the last pictures to be taken of students at the old Franksville School when it was located at the present site of the Caledonia Mt-Pleasant Memorial Park. The above students were transferred to the new Franksville School shortly after it was built in 1915. The original caretaker of the Memorial Park, Jens Anderson, is the last person on the right in the front row.

The Royal Neighbors

The Alpha Camp No. 1706 Royal Neighbors of America is one of the oldest fraternal organizations in the Franksville area. Organized in about 1890 with 12 charter members, it has remained active and today boast 110 members. Early R. N. of A. met in the Woodmen Hall and worked with the Modern Woodman. Some of the familiar names that were charter members were the Jacobs, Bentsons, Naus, Sorenson, Rohners, McGregor and Hesses. Many of these were also members of the Royal Aid.