

## DANA CLUB HALL

ONE of the historic meeting places of early Neenah was the Dana Club Hall. John S. Tolversen here tells its history:

The Dana Club was the old Trinity Lutheran Church, located on the corner of Washington and Walnut Streets, next to their school building, which is still standing there, though now a house. I attended that school for about half a year.

The Dana Club bought the church and rebuilt it for a hall, later selling it to J. P. Jasperson, who moved it to its present location on West Doty Avenue. The Dana Club met there, though that club has long since passed from existence. The Danish Brotherhood, which is still a going concern, then met there for a time.

I remember very well, as a little kid, attending parties there when the folks drove in from the farm, which was a ten mile drive. The building had a stage and was the scene of many entertainments, and I remember one debate, though I do not remember the participants, except that J. P. Jasperson was one, and the subject of the debate was, "The theater is an unchristian institution and should not be patronized by Christian people."

Louis Sorenson bought the building from Jasperson, and later sold it to Sadie Edgarton. Subsequently it became the property of Wm. Krueger Co. At present it belongs to The Jandrey Co., who use it for storage.

George Elwers appends this relative to Michelson's Hall:

A similar hall with a stage was Michelson's Hall, on the site of the present post office. High School dances, with George Gardner, pianist, were held here. It was on the steps of this building that the boys were sitting one evening with nothing to do, when Dr. Chapin came along and talked to them. Result: The Boys' Brigade

