

Storehouse of knowledge

It probably wasn't too many years after Gaylord decided to really become a permanent village that someone must have said, "we need a library." Herb Hutchins remembers that the first one came along about 1880, and was in his parents home. This stood on the corner of Elm and Huron and will perhaps be best remembered as the "the Libke house."

Herb's mother, Mrs. Hutchins was the first librarian, and books could be checked out every Saturday afternoon.

In 1895 the library was moved to the corner of Mitchell and North Otsego which was the Livingston Township Hall. Mrs. Hutchins continued to walk in from her farm to be the librarian, and she was paid about \$1.50 a week, as Herb recalls.

About 1905 Mrs. Kinney was the librarian in the Bagley Township Hall, which was located on the present site of the city parking lot sometime

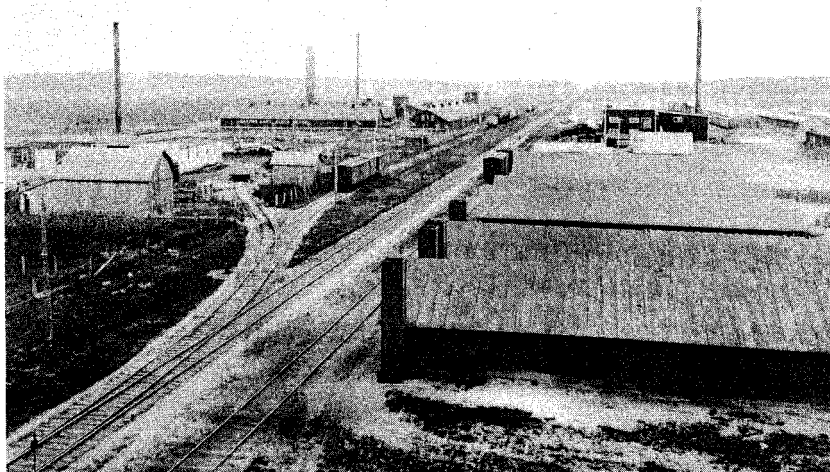
between 1912 and 1920, the two libraries merged and moved into the second floor of the Old City Hall on South Court Street.

Upon the completion of our new County Building and library, in 1969, books and magazines and files and 'so-forth' were once again moved to its present location.

As far as Herb Hutchins and Ione Hazard know, these are the only library facilities which we have had in Gaylord.

The late Mrs. Edward (Edna) Anthony served as the county librarian when there were small library branches in Elmira, Vanderbilt, Johannesburg and Otsego Lake. Separate libraries still exist in Johannesburg, with Mrs. Tom Milbocker as librarian, and in Vanderbilt, where Mrs. Ray Loshaw serves in that capacity.

City Librarians in more recent years have included Miss Ora Thumm, now a Florida resident; Mrs. Paul Kammeyer, who was



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assisted by Mrs. William Granlund, both still of Gaylord, and Mrs. Jack Strappazon and Mrs. Tom and Jenny Lackler are assisted by Mrs. Leo Johnson, Shirley Affhalter and "library helpers."



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