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Depression

1929 Bigelow Co. went out of business

WPA did local projects

On WPA people worked 3 days a week or for two weeks a month so that jobs could be spread around.

Folks did a lot of gardening and hunting

White got a job as District Fire Warden and after the fire season was assigned to job of Conservation officer. People did a lot of illegal hunting to feed families. Conservation officers tended to ignore these violations.

WPA

Community Center and Gaylord sewer lines were built as WPA projects.

Farming

Although some of best farm land was in Crooked Lake (Manuka Lake) area little farming was done there. Reason was that this area had hardwoods and since it had not burned over like the pine forests had in other areas there was no pasture land for animals. Farmers wanted pasture land in addition to tillable land.

More pasture land could be found in the Five Lakes area.

Hallock

Bigelow ran lumber company there. Fred White's dad ran the lumber company at Hallock. When company moved out many of the people left.

Logan

Located by overpass north of Gaylord on east side—Whitmarsh Rd. It was larger than Vanderbilt at one time. Because it was surrounded by swampland it was a poor location for a town.

Berryville

Platted on 40 acres with belief that the railroad was coming through that area. Railroad decided to go through Vanderbilt because there was more timber in Vanderbilt area. Railroad got every other section from the government.

Indians

No permanent Indian settlements in county. There are some Indian burial mounds in Otsego Lake area.

Louis Jensen

Jensen had a saw mill at Sallings. It was located near what is now Standard Products Co. His home was located where K-Mart is. His large home was turned into the Gaylord Country Club after he moved. What happened to home? Was it moved or torn down? When? The carriage house was moved to area of Pat Mankowski's residence.

Johannesburg Manufacturing Co.

Terry Dowker found journals and books from the Johannesburg Manufacturing Co. in a granary. It was a complete set of record, Board of Director Meetings, etc. from 1904-1929. He gave them to the library.