METHODIST CHURCH

In the summer of 1952 a group of interested persons, Vern Soltau, Richard Defries, Vern Fredin, Fred Hesser and Clair Bryant met with families in and around Cosmos to find if it were possible to establish a Methodist Church in the Cosmos Village. Rev. Russell Carr of Hutchinson helped a great deal with this.



COSMOS METHODIST CHURCH 1961

The first service was held in the drug store basement on September 14, 1952. On December 21, 1952, the articles of organization for the Cosmos Church were signed. Temporary pastors filled the pulpit for the first year.

In March 1953, the Methodist Church of Cosmos bought six lots from Mrs. Alice Broderius on Pegasus Avenue.

Charter families of the church were: Mr. and Mrs. Clair Bryant, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Bryant, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Defries, Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Grussendorf, Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Bishop, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hesser, Mr. and Mrs. George Mueller, Mr. and Mrs. Vern Fredin, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Grussendorf, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Herrly, Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Olson, Mr. and Mrs. Don Koch and Mr. and Mrs. Vern Soltau.

In December, 1953, the dedication and the first service in the Cosmos Methodist Church was held with Rev. A. R. McCorkel as Pastor.

Since that time, the church has seen improvements. In November 1975, a beautifully stained glass faceted cross placed above the front door entrance was dedicated; and a full basement with kitchen facilities, dining room and Sunday School rooms was opened up. Rev. Terry Tilton has recently served the

congregation until June, 1976.

The Mortenson Construction started in business in 1953 with Lloyd Mortenson, owner.

The year 1954 saw the building of a dry cleaning building just north of the K. F. Service Garage.

"COSMOS NEWS"

For about two years a committee of Cosmos Commercial Club members worked to get a newspaper editor interested in coming to Cosmos. The members working on this were: Mayor Vern Soltau, Harry Swanson, Cashier of First State Bank; Eilert Flemming, Manager of the Cosmos Insurance Agency and Rev. A. L. Oelschlager, Pastor of Peace Lutheran Church.

The efforts of these men were realized on March 24, 1955 when Cosmos got its weekly newspaper with Richard Higgin, formerly of Minneapolis, as Editor and Publisher assisted by his father, Albert Higgin. The office and commercial printing plant was maintained in the municipally owned building on Main Street.

News at that time was "Fire threatens Business Block in Siefert's Market."

Mrs. Alfred Olsen was Society editor for the paper.

In the business ads, there were twenty-six ads: Grussendorf Furniture advertising Norge Automatic Dream Kitchen Range priced from $109.95; Norge Automatic Washer, Push Button Washer, Convention Washers priced from $99.95; Larson and Peterson Store: Sugar 10#-95¢, Lettuce-10¢, Grapefruit-10 for 39¢; Red Owl Agency: Perch fillets-1# pkg.-39¢, Brown or powdered sugar-2#-29¢, Red Owl salad dressing-quart-45¢.

Other ads appearing were: Flemming Pure Oil, Cosmos Elevator, Daylight Tavern, K. F. Service Garage, H. O. Flemming Produce, First State Bank of Cosmos, Stearns Lumber Co., Soltau's Barber Shop, Remick Drug, Cosmos Elevator, Hackbarth Implement, Gambles, Hub Theatre, Lietzau Lumber & Hardware, Cosmos Blacksmith Shop, Marces' Cleaners, Hesser Hardware, The Diner, Johnson Hardware, Cosmos Transfer, Cosmos Insurance Agency, Wm. Holmquist & Son Realtors.

The Cosmos News was later changed to Cosmos "Sun".

In August 1972, Dennis Baker became Editor-Publisher of the Cosmos Sun. The office later was moved and located in what was formerly the Schiro Shoe Shop.

Cosmos still was growing in the 1950's with new business people and business places.

Attorney Cedric Williams came to Cosmos in 1955 and his office was in the old bank building. Now, Williams is Judge for Meeker County.

The Main Street Business District got a new Phillips "66" Station on intersections Highway 7 and 4 with Harold Minnick,

Sr. as owner and operator, built in 1956. Since 1958 Harold Minnick, Jr. has been operating the station and Harold Minnick, Sr. has the bulk truck.

Vern Haagenson became the new druggist in 1956 replacing Dan Remick.

The residential district was also enlarged with two new homes built in 1956.

Cosmos also took part in the Meeker County Centennial by taking part in the "Brothers of the Brush" with Elmer Holmquist, Glenn Dahlquist and Stanley Peterson as Committeemen; and also took part in the "Sisters of the Swish."

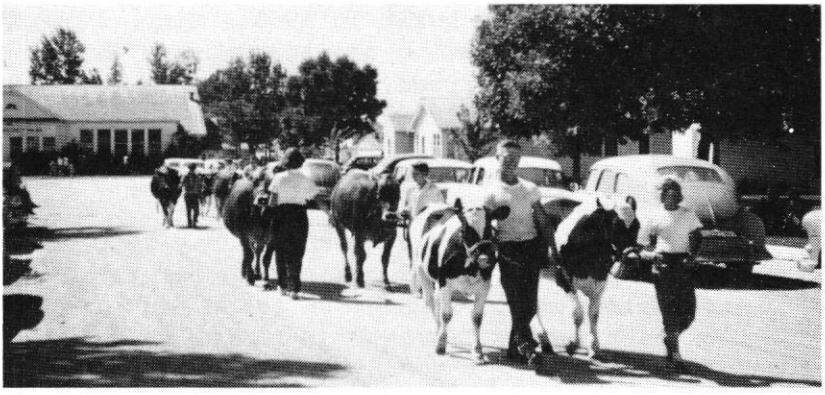
Cosmos, in 1956 hosted the Meeker County Fair in Cosmos and this was held down by the old Cosmos Elementary School.



"Brother of the Brush" for the Meeker County Centennial in 1956. Harry L. Swanson and Eilert Flemming.



Cosmos gals as "Sisters of the Swish" in 1956 as part of Meeker County Centennial. A coffee party was enjoyed one afternoon a week at various places.

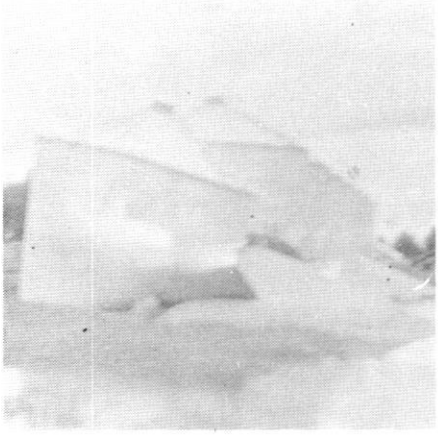


Meeker County Fair held in Cosmos, 1956. Old Cosmos elementary school in the background left.

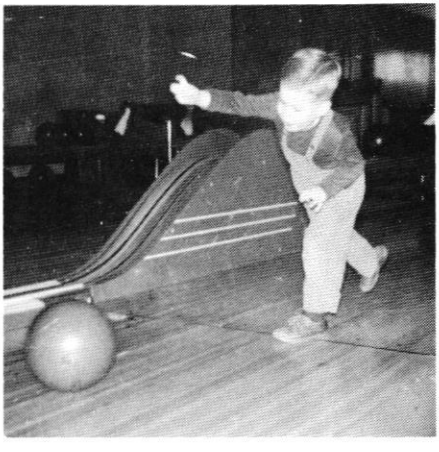
The following year, 1957, saw June floods split grain tanks, wash out railroads, and flood basements.

This same year, J.M. Lietzau was named President of the Rural Electric Association.

Otto Wilner and Charles Porath were given permission by the council in September, 1957 to go into business and build a Drive-In on the northwest corner of Highways 4 and 7.



1957 - June floods split grain bins, taken by the Cosmos elevator.



The perfect throw - David Eastman, four years old, in bowling alley in Cosmos. Taken 1961.

The bowling alley was a new attraction in Cosmos for both young and old, built in 1958 and owned and operated by the Victor Eastmans. This was a four alley lane with AMF pin spotters. This was a popular entertainment for many years.

Stanley Koch bought the building in 1971 and the Animal Fair Manufacturing plant opened in 1973 in the building. Here they made stuffed animals and employed a number of people. The plant continued to operate until December, 1975.

August 1, 1958 saw the beginning of a new business, Cosmos

Fertilizer Co., with ammonia tanks operated by James and Robert Miller. In 1962 the dry bulk fertilizer plant was built. The year 1965 saw Robert buying out James' interest and in April 1968, Robert sold out to Gulf and continued to work for Gulf until January 1970. Polar Chemical took over January 1970 and Mr. Miller continued with Polar until 1972. June of 1971, Leo Ainslie started with Polar Chemical and replaced Mr. Miller. Sales during the year of 1971 reached a quarter of a million. In 1973 Merle Olsen became manager of Polar Chemical.



STONY MOTEL in 1959

The Stony Motel was a welcome addition to Cosmos, built on the east side of town, when it was completed in 1959. The Motel, operated by the Delano Lietzaus' was a six room motel. The Motel has been remodeled since and made into apartments.

Wm. Holmquist was elected President of the State Realtors in October, 1958.

The Cosmos Liquor Store was robbed of about $1,500 in October, 1958.

The Raske Building Systems, Inc., Butler dealer for six county area, went into business in Cosmos in 1959 in the basement of the drug store.

The next decade of the 1960's saw much activity in Cosmos.

Marvin Koerschen opened up Cosmos first 20$ wash Automatic Coin Laundry in the basement of the Cosmos Chapel in 1960.

Elizabeth Degner opened a Beauty Salon in the basement of the Cosmos Chapel in September of 1960 and in January of 1963 the Salon was moved to a shop adjacent to her home. In 1971 Libby's Beauty Salon and Boutique relocated in what used to be the Hub Theatre on Main Street.

In 1960, the Cosmos Comets 4-H Club, with Mrs. Edward Olson and Mrs. Edwin Thomas as leaders, built a fireplace in the Cosmos Park.

The following year of 1961, Cosmos got their new Post

Office Building on Main Street, built where the Phillips 66 Station was originally built. Adjacent to the new Post Office Building was the new office building that Wm. Holmquist and Son, Realtors moved into in 1961.

Acting Postmasters since Dorin Anderson was Postmaster were Mrs. Elsie Katzenmeyer, Dennis Flemming, Edwin Thomas, and Mrs. Edythe Olson. The present Postmaster is Francis Wall and Mrs. Carol Lang is assistant.

January, 1961, Cosmos started being aired over KDUZ with Eilert Flemming as M.C. Forty business places sponsored this news cast. This was on the air for a short time.

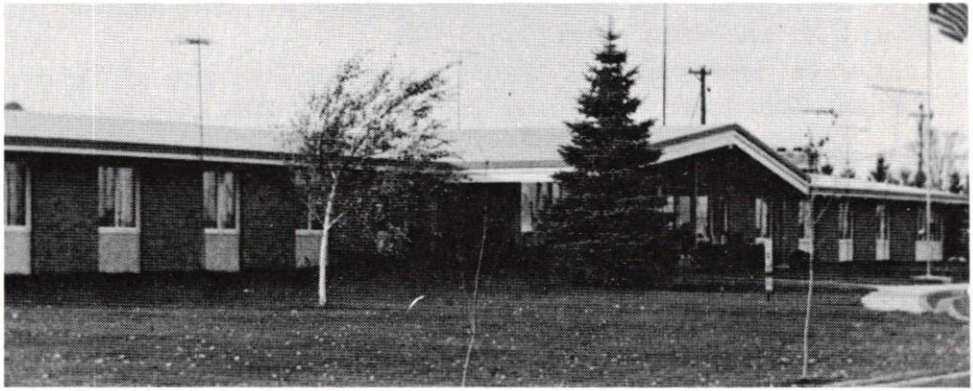
During the summer months free movies were shown in the Hub Theatre and these were sponsored by American Legion and business men.

The July of 1962, Harold Minnick, Sr. started a very interesting business raising Chinchillas. Starting with 8 chinchillas, the number increased to 300. Around 170 to 225 chinchillas were raised a year. The price of the pelts ranged from $10 to $50. Mr. Minnick continued in the business until April of 1975. During these years, the chinchillas were exhibited at many shows and the Minnicks received many awards for these beautiful animals.

The Cosmos Bakery moved into their newly constructed building in 1962, built just South of the First State Bank. Maynard Rennecke and Tom Rennecke are partners in the bakery.

COSMOS NURSING HOME

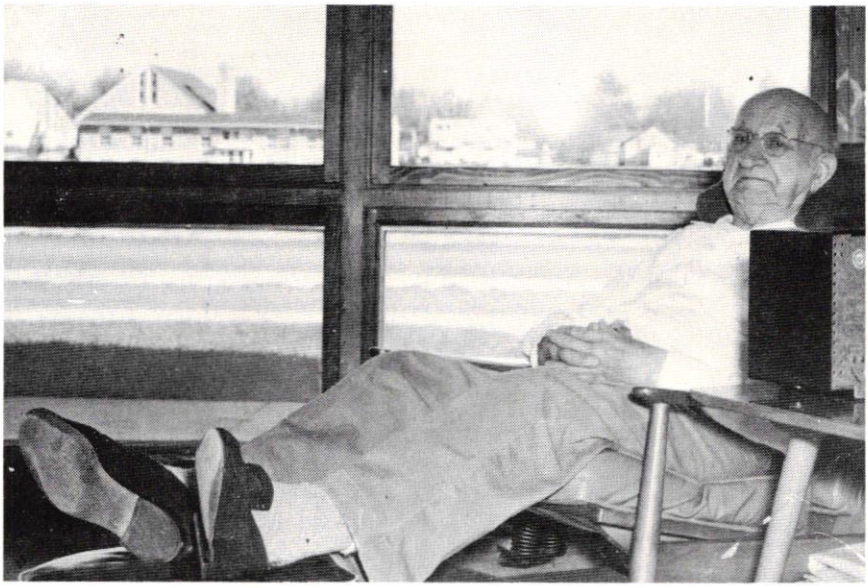
September of 1962 saw the beginning of the construction of a Nursing Home in Cosmos, which opened for occupancy in October, 1963. This is a modern 58 bed nursing home offering services ranging from minimum care to intensive nursing care. Services are under the direction of a registered nurse.



COSMOS COMMUNITY NURSING HOME

The home has been furnished and equipped with the needs of the residents in mind with wide hallways, hand rails and no steps, a cozy fireplace guest lounge and a large spacious dining room to serve the residents.

Board of Directors at the time the Nursing Home was built were: Glen Bemis, Sr., Emanuel Jensen, Stephen Spreiter, Harry Swanson, Marvin Hackbarth, Jay Beytien, Marvin Rodvik, and Janice Rodvik.



Mr. Henry Koch, Sr., 87, in the Cosmos Nursing Home. Mr. Koch was the second guest to enter the home. This picture was taken in 1963. Peace Lutheran Church seen through the window.

In April of 1972, fire threatened the Cosmos Nursing Home and fifty two patients sought refuge in the Cosmos School. An emergency field hospital was set up in the school. Fire Departments from Hector, Lake Lillian, Hutchinson, Litchfield and Cosmos were in attendance. Fortunately, the damage was minor and the residents were able to go back to their residence later in the day.

This home has been a home for many residents in their reclining years. Mr. Marvin S. Rodvik is administrator of the Nursing Home, Mrs. Muriel Nelson is the supervising nurse.

NEW BUSINESSES

Two young Cosmos men, Delano and Charles Lietzau started a new profession in Cosmos, the Lietzau Taxidermy, in 1962. This unique business is in the Lietzau Lumber and Hardware Building and is a great attraction to the Cosmos Community. Animals from all over the world are prepared and mounted at this place.

An Airport Committee started working on an airport in 1963. January, 1964 with Eilert Flemming on the committee, there was a possibility of a landing strip in the north part of town. This did not materialize.

Cosmos was very happy to have a manufacturing plant, the Poly Lite Plant open up in town in the old Cosmos Elementary School. Polyethelyne plastic packing material was manufactured here and this was in operation only a short time when it burned to the ground in 1963.

BROWNIE & JUNIOR GIRL SCOUTS ORGANIZED

The Brownie and Junior Girl Scouts were organized November 23, 1964. The first meeting was held December 4, 1964 with 12 Brownies and Mrs. Lou Ella Benson as leader and Mrs. LaRae Thomas as assistant.

Mrs. Stanza Haagenson was leader and Mrs. Arlene Mortenson the assistant of the Junior Scouts with 18 members. They met once a week in the Legion Auxiliary Rooms. Mrs. Marlys Ryti was Neighborhood Chairman and helped organize the groups.

The present leaders are Mrs. Reyna Sharpe-leader and Mrs. Karen Carlson-assistant for the Brownies with 9 members.

Mrs. Elaine Ainslee is leader and Mrs. Ethel Olson is the assistant for the Junior Girl Scouts with 14 members.

LIONS CLUB

The Cosmos Lions Club was chartered June 6, 1964 with the following officers and members: President-Gale Lennon; First Vice President-George Lehmkuhl; Second Vice President-Wyman Lundstrom; Third Vice President-Martin Kutzke; Secretary-Charles Porath; Treasurer-Stephen Spreiter; Donavon Bluhm, Victor Eastman, Virgil Olson, Russell Nordine, C. L. Haagenson, Marvin Hackbarth, Charles Lietzau, R. C. Matthews, Harold Minnick, Jr., Eilert Flemming, Paul Peterson, Kenneth Raiber, Rev. Thomas Smrcka, H. L. Swanson, Cedric Williams, Jr.

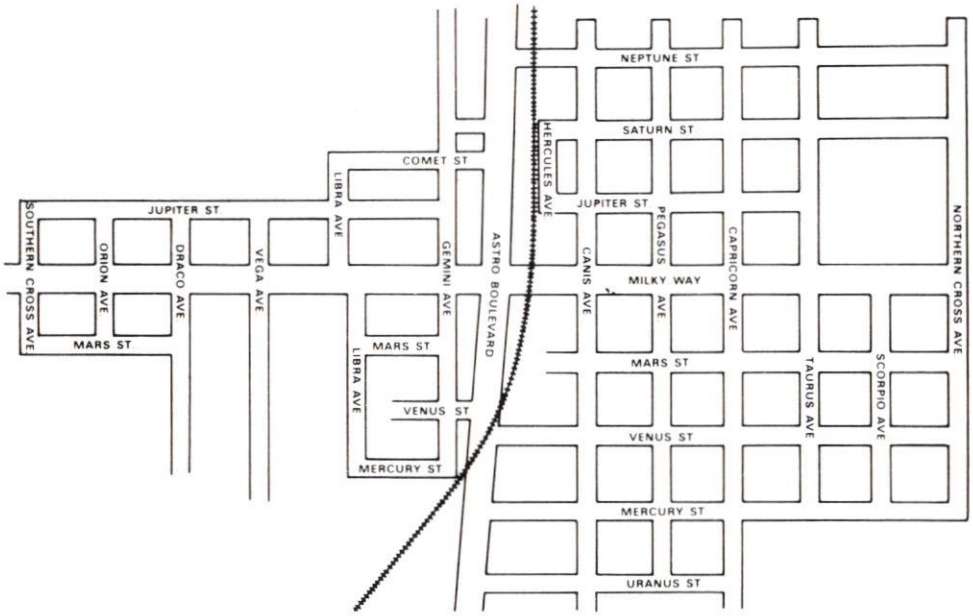
Present officers are: President-Larry Carlson; Secretary-Donavon Bluhm; Treasurer-Eilert Flemming; First Vice President -Wm. Sathre; Second Vice President-Arnold Blum; Third Vice President-Norman Johnson and Tail Twister-Bob Arndt. At the present time there are 33 members with 6 of these being charter members.

The Cosmos Lions Club have had many major projects that have been a great improvement to our Cosmos Community. Some of the projects were: construction of a shelter in the Cosmos City Park at a cost of $1,000.00, a Concession stand and tiling at the softball park at a cost of about $2,000 to the Lions and the same amount paid by the Softball Association; raised

$3,500 for the purchase of a new ambulance; cash contribution to help in erection of necessary buildings at the County Park at Lake Thompson; playground equipment in the City Park; trophies for Rocket Club at the Space Festival each year; 2 guns for children's gun training classes; pitching machine for the school at a cost of $1,030 and also giving financial support to the Minnesota Lions Eye Clinic and Hospital at the U of Minnesota for research and treatment; placed Spanish print magazines in the Cosmos School and put magazines in the Cosmos Library.

The year 1966 saw the Senior Citizens organized in Cosmos. The Golden Age had their first meeting March 21, held at the Cosmos Nursing Home with 15 present. The second meeting May 2, the following officers were elected: President-Vern Soltau; Vice President-Pearl Tiedji; Secretary-Marie Maag; Treasurer-Mrs. Walter Homan. Rev. Dominaski helped to organize the Golden Age. Present officers are: President-Mrs. Wm. Radtke; Vice President-Mrs. Martha Anderson; Secretary-Mrs. Merrill Meyer; Treasurer-Mrs. Harold Dorn. Members meet once a month in the Senior Citizens Center. Board members are Vern Fredin, Rev. Terry Tilton, Rev. R. Freimark, Mrs. Cora Anderson, Glenn Dahlquist and Wm. Radtke.

NAMING OF STREETS AND AVENUES



With the naming of Cosmos, representing the universality of created things and its synonym harmony, Rev. Thomas Smrcka, Pastor of Peace Lutheran Church suggested the town

should follow the stars and suggested calling Cosmos the center of the universe. Entering Cosmos on highways 7 or 4 you may think you are seeing a rocket blasting off, but this homemade rocket was placed on top of the water tower in 1967 which adds to the name of Cosmos. Cosmos, the center of the universe (which officially has not been proven the center), has the north and south streets named after planets and the east and west avenues after constellations. At the junction of highways 4 and 7, Milky Way and Mars, you may go down these roads and see Vega, Libra, Comet, Gemini or Pegasus in this south central city of Cosmos, which came into existence in 1870.

The Cosmos Redi Mix and Drain Tile Mfg. Co., which has been in operation for several years was taken over by Mr. Robert Berry, Sr. and Sons in 1968. During the peak seasons around fourteen men are employed at this plant.

The Cosmos Land and Development Company was organized in 1968 by a group of Cosmos men. There are eleven mobile homes in the court and the court is located where the Cosmos first Elementary School was built.

During the early years of the 1960's the special event of the summer was Corn Days held in August. The Commercial Club members served Hot Dish and Sweet Corn and the day was followed with ball games, water fights and the Saddle Club Show.

COSMOS SPACE FESTIVAL DAYS

July 20-21, 1969 marks the date of the first Cosmos Space Festival, and that coincided with the first moon walk. Each year this is an annual event and it is held to as near the original date in July of the moon walk as possible.

This is the celebration of the year in Cosmos with its parade, circus, ball games, golf tourney, outdoor Ecumenical Church Service and all the activities that go with a festival. Each year there is the crowning of "Man in the Moon" and "Little Miss Universe."

At a special meeting held in July, 1969 at the Cosmos School Cafeteria, an open hearing of the Cosmos Sewer Project was held. The estimated cost of the project was $462,000. After many meetings and much controversy the city decided to put in a sewer system. The fall of 1973 saw the completion of a new Cosmos lagoon type system at a cost of $391,355.00.

The year 1971 brought us a real Minnesota blizzard with many school children and travelers stranded in town.

Through the years, Cosmos has had its ups and downs and

has had substantial growth and 1975 has been a year of many changes.

After much work on the part of some of our local citizens, Cosmos got their first public library, which opened in February, 1975. A contest was held for naming the library and the name selected was "Cosmos Starlight Library - Satelite to Learning."

After being without a Drug Store for several years, Cosmos Pharmacy with Jim Christopherson as druggist was a welcome business on Milky Way.

Pals Discount Mark-It Warehouse opened in July to add to a new type grocery store.

The Milky Way Restaurant with the Raske Building Systems, Inc. and Real Estate in connection was built at the intersection of Milky Way and Mars.

Jerrel D. Sharpe opened an accounting and auditing office in the former Raske Building Systems, Inc. and Real Estate office on Milky Way.

B & V Equipment, a used farm equipment business was started by Keith Blod and Don VanderVoort.

Delano and Donald Lietzau started the father-son Lietzau Construction.

The R & E Construction started with new owners and operators, Earl Roulet, Marcellus Egge and Ronald Egge.

"The Hair Affair", a new beauty salon, was opened by Kim Wurscher.

The Professional Builders Inc. with Larry Sharpe as President was also a business that came to our Cosmos community.

Cosmos is always on the move in the building of new homes and two new homes were built in 1975; also an eight apartment building was started with Marlyn Danielson and Sheldon Larson as owners. This was ready for occupancy the first part of 1976.

Cosmos was made a Bicentennial City in December 1975 at a flag presentation program held at the Cosmos School when Lt. Governor Rudy Perpich gave the address and presented the certificate to Harold and Jeanne Hesser and the Bicentennial flag to Mayor Eilert Flemming. Mr. and Mrs. James Spille are Co-Chairpersons for the Cosmos Bicentennial.

To the many wonderful organizations in our community we added the Cosmos Jaycees when they formed a new chapter on March 27, 1976. Newly elected officers were: President-Tom Dege; Internal Vice President-Terry Anderson; Ext. Vice President-Jim Christopherson; State Director-Jim Raske; Secretary-Treasurer-Don Martin; Director-Dave Peterson and Director-Ken Schmalz.



Cosmos became a bicentennial city in December 1975 with a flag presentation made by Lt. Governor, Rudy Perpich, extreme left, with Rich Jamison, program announcer, Mrs. Mary Kay Spille, Cosmos Bicentennial Chairperson, Dorin Anderson, legionaire and Eilert Flemming, mayor of Cosmos, receiving the flag.



Representative Adolph Kvam of Litchfield, second from the left, and Lt. Governor Rudy Perpich, extreme right, visiting two of the Cosmos Seniors, Emil Hackbarth, extreme left, and Walter Mortenson, seated, at the Cosmos Nursing Home, the day Cosmos was made a Bicentennial City.

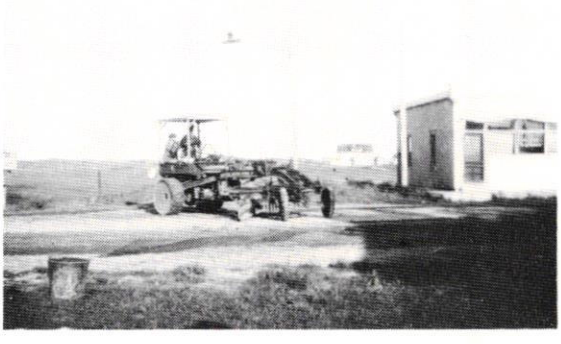


Bicentennial sign as you enter Cosmos on highway 7 from the east.
Signs were purchased by Cosmos Lions Club, Cosmos Commercial Club, Cosmos American Legion Post and Cosmos Rod and Gun Club.

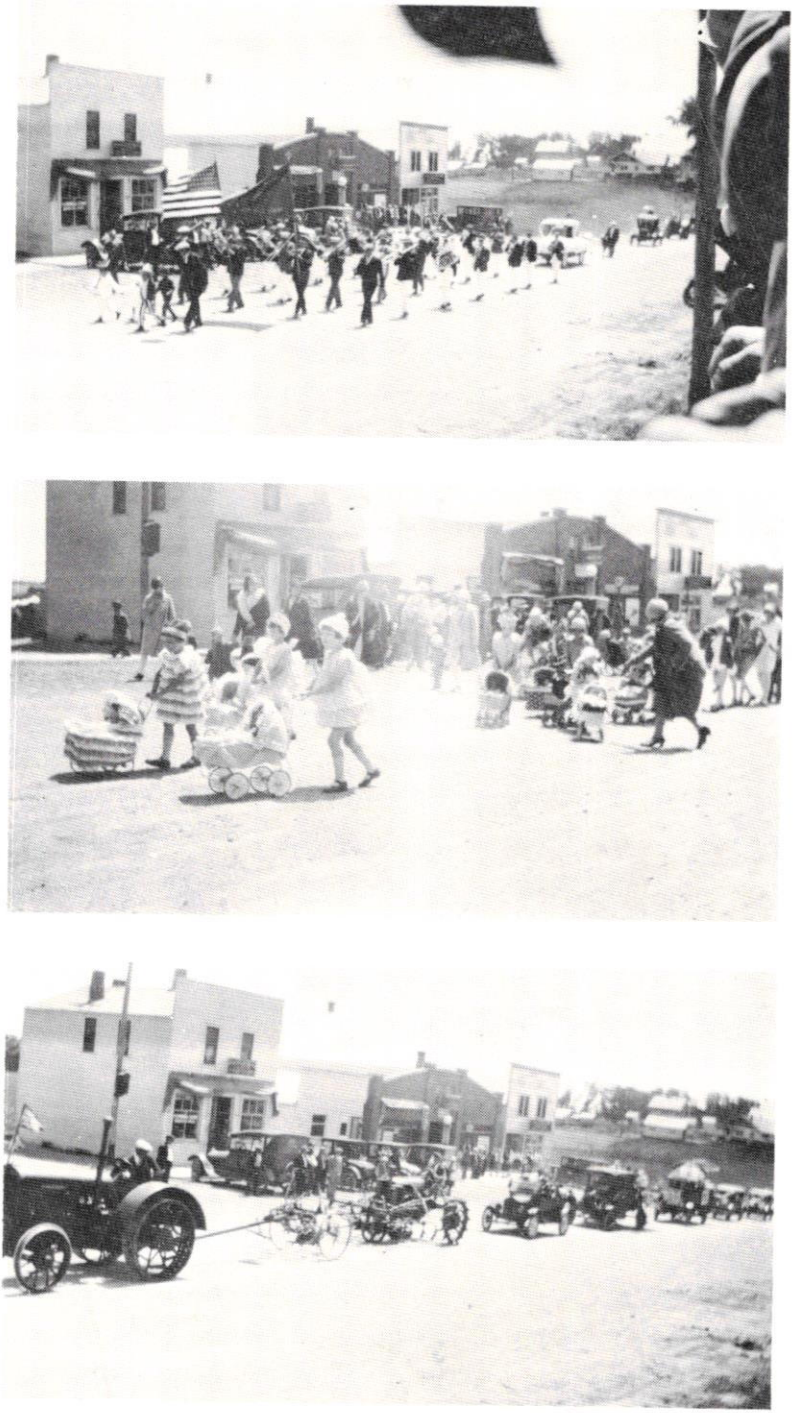
Through these past years Cosmos has grown from a small hamlet to a busy city with forty businesses in the business directory. The city, in the heart of a rich farming community, is proud to be a part of this great nation which is now celebrating its Bicentennial.



Cosmos Store Truck (C.J. Larsons) advertising the Big Community Picnic, June 2. The picnics started in about 1925.



Cosmos' first grader. Cosmos park in the background, back in the corner.

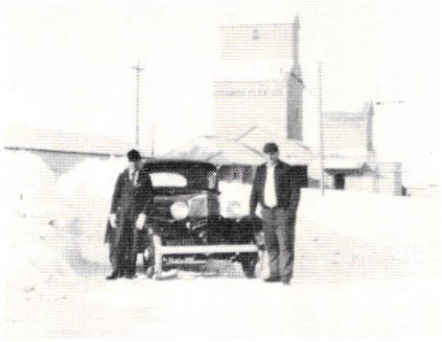


First parade in Cosmos. This was at the Cosmos Creamery Picnic, 1922.



AN EARLY PIONEER FAMILY

The Ernest Lietzau family taken about 67 years ago. Part of this house still standing on Leo Schultz farm in the south part of town in the city limits.



Stanley Peterson on the left having just picked up coal at the coal shed, the back left. Notice the 1933 Chevrolet. Fred Zrust on the right. Elevator in the background. Taken in Dec. 1936.



City Meat Market in 1925. Now it is the Cosmos Pharmacy. Herbert Maag's oil truck in front.



Clean up day in Ernest Grussendorf's Daylight Tavern, around 1940. Jackie Carhill, Bill Albrecht, DeLores Anderson, Gladyce Geier, Mervin Swigart, and Russell Carhill.



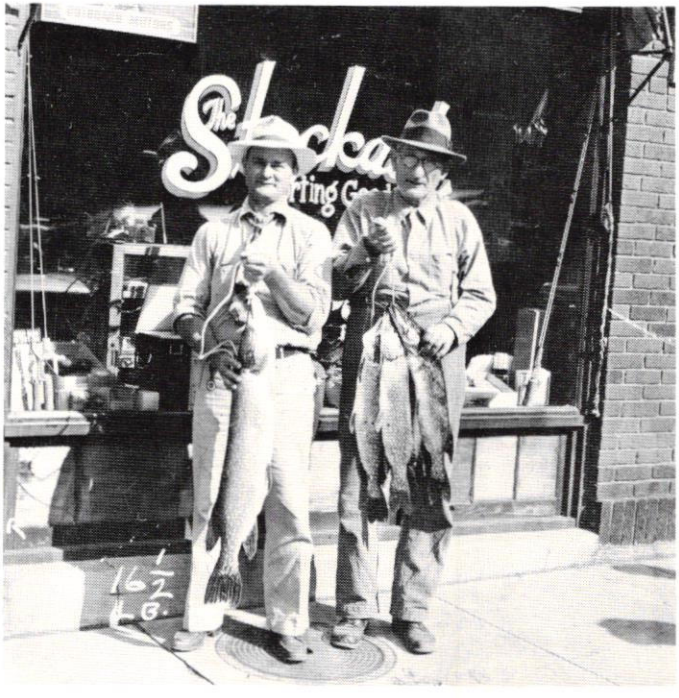
Cosmos Mainstreet, East side, 1927. Notice the hitching posts.



Abel Oman and Elmer Holmquist in front of their restaurant in 1938. This is now the Cosmos Hardware and Supply.



Cosmos Girls Kitten Ball Team 1934. *Back row, left to right;* Lucille Wooley, Ethel Larson Sparks, LaVerne Olson Klawitter, Sally Klawitter Knapp, Evelyn Wooley. *Front row;* Edythe Larson Olson, Ardis Nelson, catcher, Phyllis Nelson Anderson, Lauretta Geier Halverson, pitcher, William Holmquist, manager.



Fishing was very good for Bernard Arnold and Henry Klawitter in 1948. Bernard, catching a 16½ lb. Northern.



COSMOS KIDS

Lucille Jerabek, Harriet Edmunds, Earl Klawitter, Merton Klawitter, Viola Klawitter, Marcella Klawitter, Elmore Edmunds, Edmond Jerabek, Doris Larson, Ralph Grussendorf, Robert Grussendorf, Evelyn Grussendorf, Donald Grussendorf.



Cosmos was always sports minded way back. Cosmos ball players taken May 1921.



Picnicking was always fun. Cosmos young folks, early 1900.



Walfred Peterson, George Hedner, Louis Madsen, Willie Nelson, Eddie Nelson, Willie Heinrich, Emil Gustafson, Oscar Gustafson, Nelson. Cosmos boys wearing their winter apparel (including those heavy fur coats.)

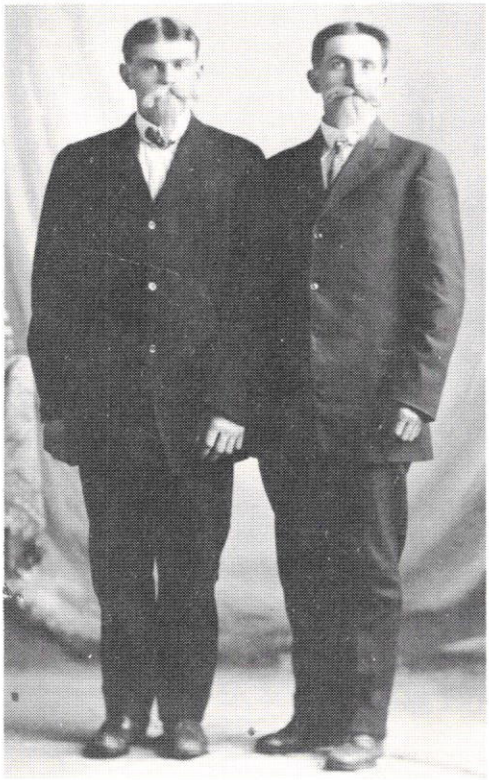


Cosmos Ball team around 1938. *Back row;* Albert Jordin, Jr., Earl Klawitter, Harold Lietzau, Glarence Geier, Donald Grussendorf, Clayton Halverson. *Front row;* Earl Carhill, coach, Vernon Swigart, Mervin Swigart, Virgil Beckstrand, Robert Grussendorf, Marvin Hackbarth, Clarence Beckstrand, manager.



THE COSMOS WORKING GIRLS AROUND 1935

Laverne Olson Klawitter, Edythe Larson Olson, Loretta Geier Halverson, Gladys Geier Swigart, Sally Klawitter Knapp, Ethel Larson Sparks, Aretha Hagemiester Olson.



Future brothers-in-law, Arthur Geier and Julius Schiro around 1912.



Part of the orchestra that was very popular in the early days. Wesley Grussendorf, Leonard Meyer, and Merrill Meyer.



Guess who is singing "I'm just a little Onion in the Petunia Patch," in one of the plays in the old elementary school in Cosmos in the early 1950's? Glarence Geier, Sr.



Want to go for a ride with me? Minnie Peterson Jordin, and child, Hazel Nelson Deide.



Two dairy heifer calves given away at creamery picnic in 1922. The store in center was Koenigs.



Bernard Arnold just arrived from Chicago, 1930.



Mrs. Bertha Nelson on her 80th birthday, taken 1959. On the left is Mrs. Martin and on the right Mrs. Mary Meyer.



Do you want to come to the wedding? Cosmos kids playing wedding. Joan jerabek, Gordon Grussendorf, Ethel Larson, Edythe Larson, Marcella Klawitter, Robert Grussendorf, Donald Grussendorf, Doris Larson, Lucille Jerabek, Evelyn Grussendorf and Harriet Edmunds. The creamery house is partly shown to the left.



Charles J. Larson and his first car - 1911 Buick



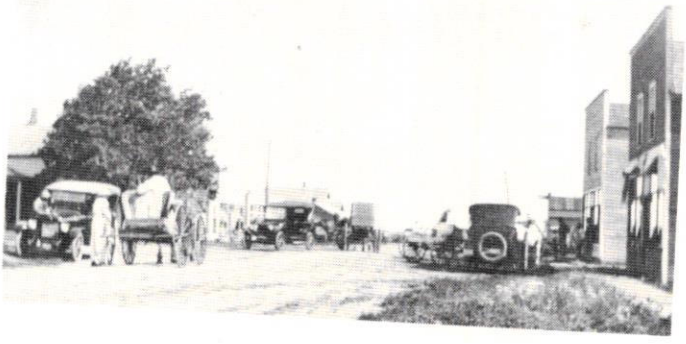
Two of Cosmos dedicated citizens that have done much to help keep Cosmos a clean city, Harry and Nettie Larson, taken 1965.



Cosmos cop, Henry Olson, in the early era.



Cooks and Waitresses in the Harold Martin restaurant (what is now the south part of Sportsman Inn) Mabel Buck Flemming, Myrtle Flemming Reibe, Annette Nelson Grussendorf. Picture was taken around 1924.



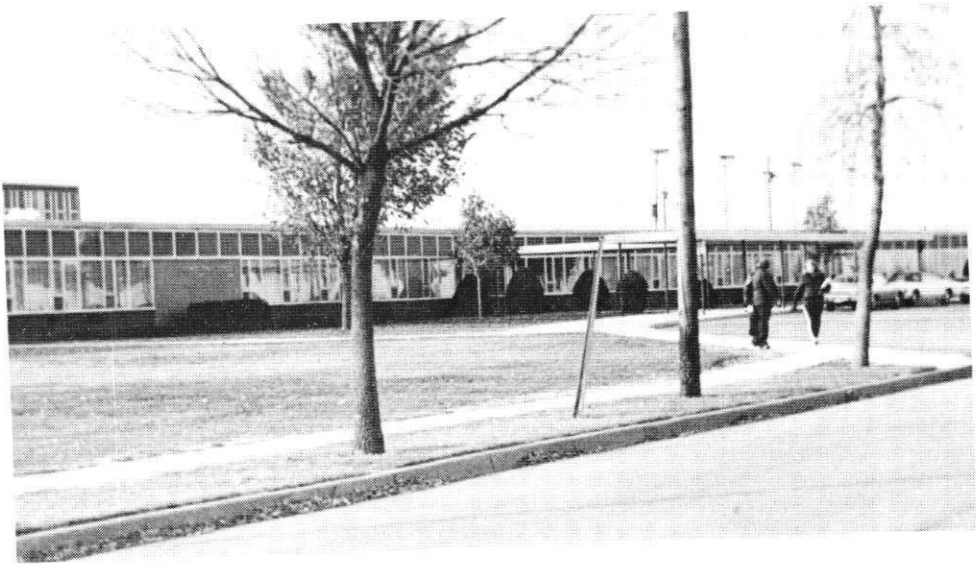
In the early 1920's, Cosmos main street looking north.



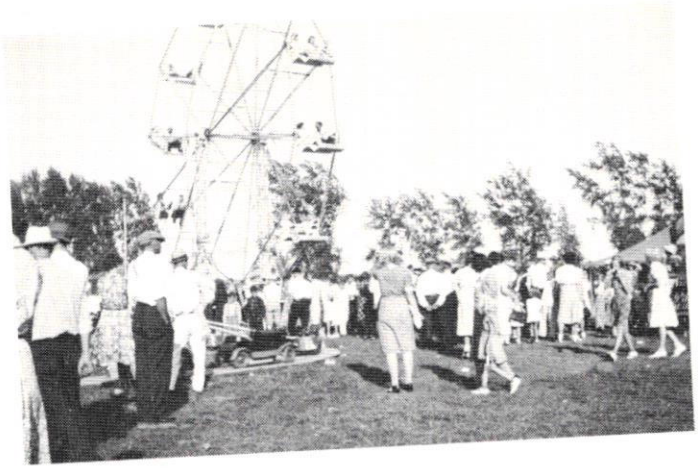
These three young ladies, Esther Carlson Larson, Selma Nelson Peterson, Ida Erland Ovall.



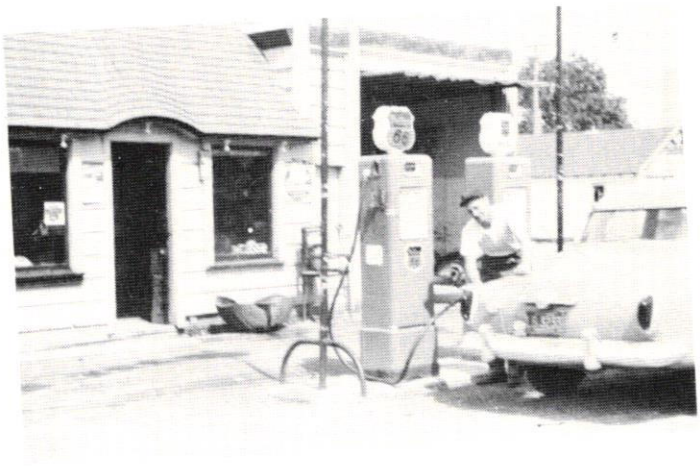
The sale of the lots by F.H. Hart in 1923. Notice the banners flying.



COSMOS SCHOOL AS SEEN TODAY.



Fun days at the big Cosmos Community Picnics, held in the Ernest Lietzau pasture. Picture taken in 1939.



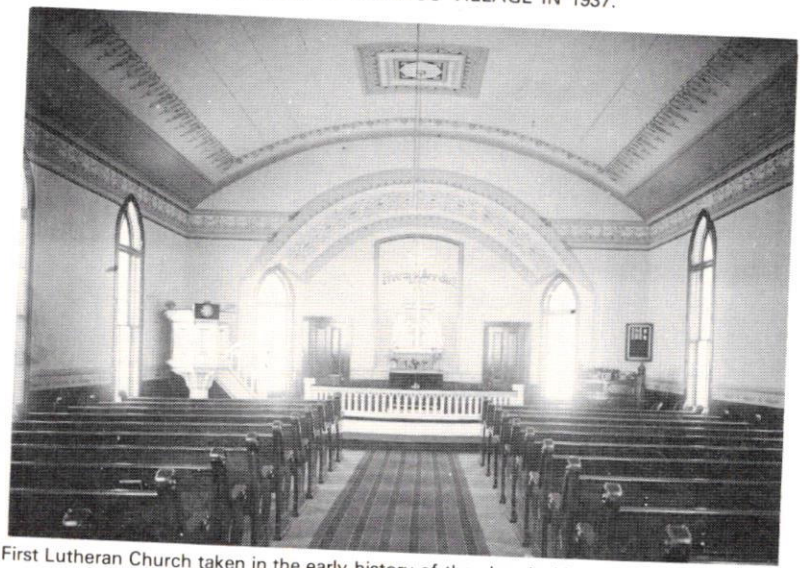
Edwin Thomas in the Phillips "66" Station on highway 7 and 4, where Milky Way Restaurant is now. Picture taken in 1956.



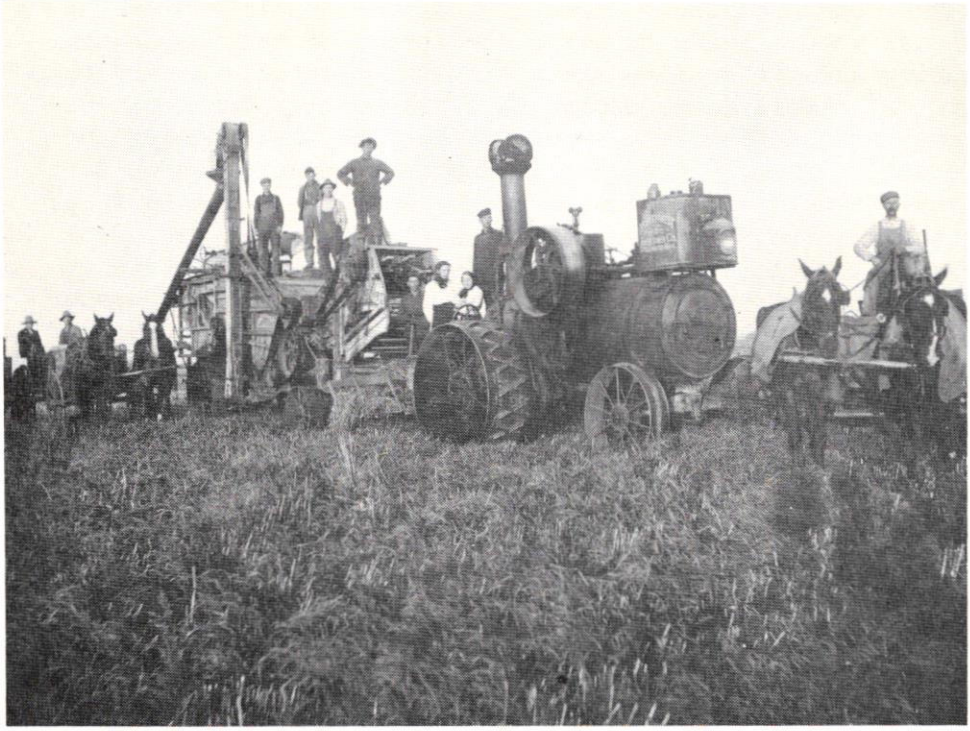
COSMOS MILKY WAY FROM THE SOUTH.



AIR VIEW OF COSMOS VILLAGE IN 1937.



Interior of First Lutheran Church taken in the early history of the church. Lights were hung on the chains that extended from the ceiling.



Here is a typical threshing crew in the Cosmos area. Horses furnished the horse power and the huge engine that furnished the power for threshing. This was the C.J. Larson threshing equipment.

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