

It was suggested that Palestine become the county seat of Kosciusko County. Before the railroad, it was the largest town and was located on high ground. It had a post office and a store.

Part of Warsaw is built on a tamarack swamp, but the railroad went through there and Palestine dwindled.

Palestine had two churches, the Methodist and Christian, two garages and a grain mill. The mill is powered by a water wheel and is family-owned.

There used to be a filling station on the other side of the dam and a filling station and auto repair where the Marburger's fish place is.

The Palestine store was on the East side of the road where Secor's house is. Not Secor's now -- Barker or Banker??

The store was attached to the house by a walkway. Adolph Heckrote moved the store across the road about 1944. Eleanor Hoover bought it next.

(Eleanor said they bought the store in the 1950s.)

Later Mr. Heckrote had a café in Warsaw.

Sherman "Tid" Bybee drove an Indiana Motor Bus route through Palestine from Peru to Elkhart. ^{in 1920's} During the WW II people rode the bus to the movies.

About that time four families had boats for rent: Bruners, Scotts, McSherry's and Secors.

Merlyn's grandmother, Minnie ~~Altenberg~~ Altenberg started or helped build up the Methodist Church. This was in the late 1920s. One thing she contributed, was a bell.

Her husband, Eph, was retired but kept busy checking the progress of construction of Road 25.

The Vandermarks - Elgie's ancestors - were early settlers.

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Other early settlers were Hatfields, Rickels, and McClones.

Neil McKinney grew up in the filling station that became the fish place.

The little house on Shilling Road where Jack Rickel lives may be one of the oldest in Palestine.

At one time there was a mill on the east end of Andrick Lake. Someone has seen the pilings.

Huffer School near the Methodist Church Was Da~~a~~ Kelley's first school.