

towns of Kildare, Summit, Lemonweir, Seven Mile Creek, and a part of Lindina.

The only main road leading to or from this district of country, was the one cut out by the early loggers on the Lemonweir. This road crossed the Wisconsin at Newport, and followed along the valleys, avoiding as much as possible the swamps and other natural obstructions, without any particular reference to shortening the distance. But as the settlements increased, and the people became more able, this inconvenience was remedied. Good roads, on the most direct routes to the different settlements, were opened up. A State road was also laid out and opened, leading west through the county, by way of the villages of Mauston and New Lisbon, and was continued on, by other settlements and counties, to the Mississippi River. The old "Troy coach" soon made its appearance on this road, and continued its regular trips until superceded by the Milwaukee and La Crosse road, in 1857.

Nor was it long before the settlers began to turn their attention to the organization of churches and schools, in different parts of the town. The first schoolhouse in Seven Mile Creek was built near the house of Joseph Beadle, an early settler in the town. The next was built near the house of Mr. Taylor—Miss Catherine Taylor, teacher. A church was the next thing needed. Accordingly Taylor, Heavey, Green, McGowan, and Smith commenced building a log church. But when it was completed, they had no priest nearer than Sauk City, a distance of about forty miles. Without any great difficulty, arrangements were made with Father Gardner, a German priest there, to make them occasional visits. The next priest was Father Stepley, and afterwards Father O'Neil Montague.

Mulloney and Looney both met with accidental deaths some years ago. Nearly all the other settlers mentioned are still living on or near their first locations. Several of them have taken active parts in the affairs of the county. Messrs. Taylor, Green, and Michael Powers, have several times represented their town on the county board. Mr. Hyde has filled the office of sheriff and county treasurer for several terms; and Mr. Fosbinder has held the office of clerk of the circuit court for two or three terms.