

## DODGE

### From 1917 History of Trempealeau County

Dodge Village is located at a point which has been a center of traffic since the earliest days. Just above the present village was the old Indian ford over the Trempealeau River. At the same ford, was the crossing of the old stage line from Fountain City to Arcadia and Trempealeau. The railroad came through in 1873, the village was platted Feb, 20, 1874 on land of August Bambenek and business started that year. Nick Lehrback opened the first store. Fred Hoesley opened the first hotel and restaurant, John Noteman, the first grain buyer, was also the first station agent. The first blacksmith was James Tandutschy. The village is not incorporated but it is a busy trading center and is located in a region of fertile farms and rich farmers. It has a good bank and creamery and several good stores.