

# NEW LEIPZIG

The origin of New Leipzig came with the establishment of a U. S. postoffice which was opened and conducted by Daniel Sprecher at his place in about the year 1900 and was called Leipzig. A few years later a farmers' co-operative creamery was organized and put into operation when the town of Leipzig was built, followed by the postoffice being moved there and other places sprang up immediately, making the town of Leipzig blossom with a population of about 100. The town progressed and prospered. The Northern Pacific and the C. M. & St. P. railroads built their roads over the virgin prairies in 1910, running about eleven miles southwest of Leipzig, and during these five years Leipzig was a central trading point for all early settlers and ranchers in this part of the country, for the reason that it could supply the people with anything they wanted from a needle to an engine, and it also had one of the best flour mills west of the Missouri river. All goods, merchandise and supplies were freighted to Leipzig overland from Glen Ullin by horse teams.

In the spring of 1910, after it became evident that it would be only a few months until the rails would be laid by the two roads which already had completed the grades and platted the various towns, the people of Leipzig were confronted with the fact that they would have to move to one of the new towns. So they decided on the townsite of New Leipzig which had been named after Leipzig by placing "New" before Leipzig and calling it "New Leipzig", in order to preserve the name and remembrance of Leipzig, which is now quite frequently called "Old Leipzig."

Even before the rails were laid by the two roads, the moving of Leipzig was started. The first building hauled from Leipzig to New Leipzig was the dwelling of John Quasnick in April 1920, and which is now occupied by Andrew Sandau. Then followed the moving of all of the other residences and business places from Leipzig; even the flour mill fully equipped was hauled on trucks and drawn by four powerful tractors. The only buildings that remained in Leipzig in the fall of 1910 were the

postoffice and store owned by O. W. Shadduck; the creamery, hotel, and livery barn. Anyone now driving thru Leipzig townsite will see only one landmark remaining—a stone smokehouse standing there idle and apparently very lonely—and which was continuously used in the early days of progress of Leipzig.

In the spring of 1910 the erection of New Leipzig had also started, and according to the writer's recollection, the first new building in New Leipzig was a restaurant built by Jacob Wolf, and then a new store building sprang up which was erected by Schlosser and LaPoint. Following these, other places started to grow up over night, and before the end of 1910, New Leipzig was a flourishing city of about 400 population and from then on it has continued to grow and now has two banks, five general stores, two blacksmith shops, three garages, an up-to-date electric light plant, two hardware stores, a physician and surgeon, pool hall, barbershop, first-class newspaper, farmers' co-operative cream station, independent cream buyer, commission cream buyer, hotel, restaurant and soft drinks, private restaurant, drug store, two implement dealers, four grain elevators, two dray lines, a large lumber yard, two oil stations; three churches of Lutheran, Catholic and Congregational denominations, and a school to be proud of and which is complete with four-year High School and stands as one of the highest-rated schools in the county today.

We also have a 40-acre park, all laid out and platted and in which we have the driveways graded, part of the trees planted, tennis court and a good baseball diamond, and this park makes a very convenient and pleasant place to entertain any number of people during a celebration, and an excellent camping-ground for tourists. Just recently we have completed a good well in the park with white, soft water that can be used for any purpose.

We wish to impress the fact that we have two railroads running into town, about 200 feet apart—connected with a spur, so that anyone desiring to go from one road to another does not have to transfer by any other

method than by rail. According to all available information, this is the only point where the Northern Pacific and C. M. & St. P. railroads have a transfer point between Minneapolis and Miles City. Both railroads maintain an up-to-date depot here.

The territory contiguous to New Leipzig is prospering very noticeably. During the five months from January 1st to June 1st, 1925, there were sold in New Leipzig over \$80,000.00 in farm products, consisting of hogs, cattle, cream and eggs—and we consider these the five "lightest" months of the year.

Beautiful farm homes have been built up and are still being built, and herds of fine blooded stock can be seen on every farm.

New Leipzig has easy access to coal fields; the future could not be brighter. The vicinity of New Leipzig has in the neighborhood of two dozen lignite coal mines and the mine closest to town is 1½ miles distant. You can buy coal at the mines from \$2.00 to \$2.50 per ton, and if you desire you can have it hauled to town and delivered to your home for \$5 to \$6 per two-ton load. Some of these mines have stratas of coal 15 feet in thickness. In the not distant future, these mines are bound to become one of the leading resources of the New Leipzig community.

Traveling north from the site of Old Leipzig, the Congregationalists built a new church this summer—a structure of brick which cost \$12,000—proving their faith in God and their country.

Nine miles of state highway traversing the north end of New Leipzig is under construction this summer which, when completed, leads your course through to Bismarck and Mandan.

Comparing conditions when first "Old Leipzig" started and now, Father Time has certainly wrought miracles during the past 25 years. In the beginning there were only a very few ranchers along the rivers and a lonely homesteader once in a while in a sod shack near some creek—and the only panorama a homesteader could see those days was the rolling prairies, a few herds of cattle and bunches of antelope roaming about—and old Mr. Coyote would furnish the evening's entertainment in the territory of which New Leipzig is now a part.

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