

Morrison

Falck's General Store

Originally owned by Philip Falck, Sr., it was sold to his sons, Frank and Philip, Jr., in 1876. In 1889 Frank Falck sold his interest to his brother Philip, Jr. who operated it until 1903 when he sold it to his son, Frank Falck. Now the 3rd generation in the merchandising business, Frank Falck rebuilt the general store right next to the old one in 1905.

The new store was constructed of concrete block which were hand-made on the site. All the blocks were made on the site by men who worked from sunrise to sunset for \$.50/day plus meals.

The general store provided a whole variety of goods to the community. Mr. Falck was considered a dealer in dry goods, groceries, provisionary, cats, boots & shoes, caps, paints, oils, hardware and eventually



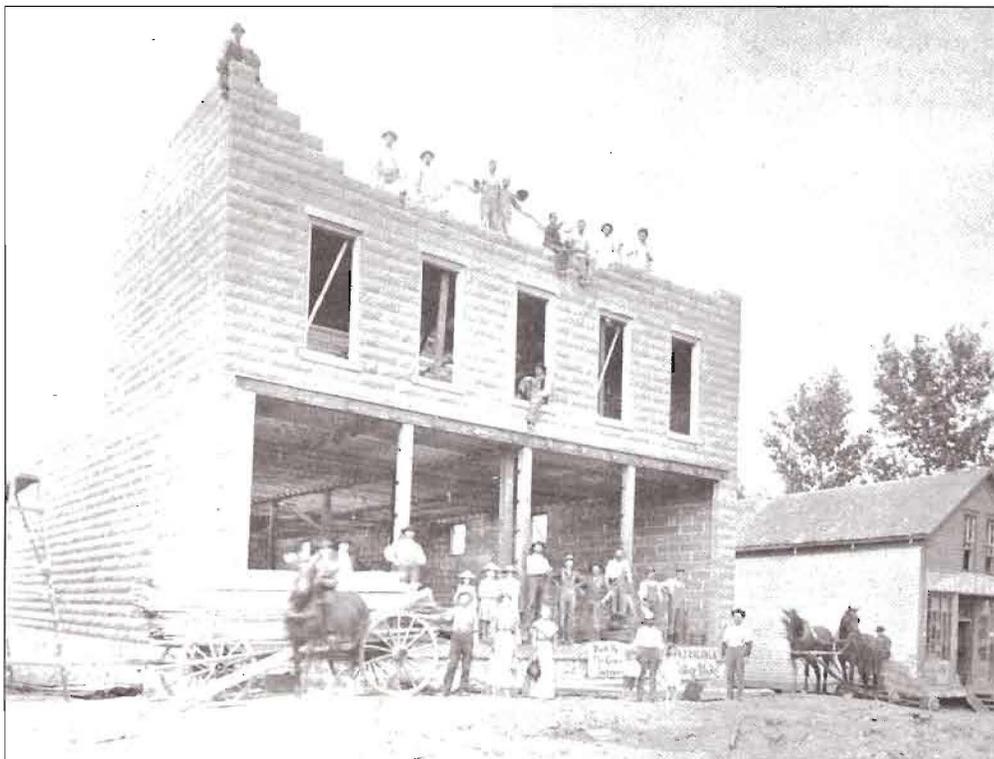
Philip Falck Store taken about 1892

Left to right: Louie Snyder, G. Guyan, Chas. Siefeldt, Philip Falck, Frank P. Falck, Unidentified, Wm. C. Falck

plumbing, heating & insulation. Electrical equipment was also added to the line around the late 1920's.

Traditionally speaking, this store was the region headquarters for Christmas toys, candies and fineries. Frank Falck passed away in 1945 after which a complete remodeling was done and ownership changed to Robert and Karl Falck, doing business as Frank P. Falck and Sons. Karl Falck continued to operate the business after Robert's death in 1967 until health reasons forced the transfer of ownership to Mrs. Mildred Falck in 1971.

Retirement for Mrs. Falck was soon mandatory and in 1979 the building was sold to Roger Lemke. Stock and fixtures were liquidated. Mr. Lemke used the store as a print shop, Morrison Printing, and as a residence. More recently the building served as home for the Morrison Café and General Store. This building is currently for sale.



Building at right is the old store which was moved to the side to be operated until the new building was completed.