



(Freeman Staff Photo)

EAGLE METHODIST CHURCH

FOUNDED IN 1859 when an old school house was purchased at the foot of Diamond hill (where the famous Eagle diamond was found), the Eagle Methodist church now boasts a membership of 160.

The congregation worshipped in the school until 1871 when the present frame structure was erected. The first minister, John Hage, was a lay preacher.

The sanctuary, which seats 140, has remained almost the same throughout the years. It has never been remodelled, only redecorated. The addition of a basement and the erection of a new education wing, first used in the spring of 1961, have been the only changes.

The pastor, the Rev. W. Robert Fegan, not only carries

out his parish duties, but also attends Garrett Theological seminary, Evanston, Ill., each Monday through Friday.

Pastor since June, 1961, Mr. Fegan will graduate from the seminary in 1964. A native of Cass Lake, Minn., he is married and has four children, ages 15, 11, 10 and 4. He replaced the Rev. Robert Ochsenreider, who is now engaged in YMCA work in Fond du Lac.

The present congregation has a Sunday school with an enrollment of 80. Eight teachers administer to the needs of the pupils.

A member of the Wisconsin Conference of Methodist Churches, Eagle Methodist church has a choir, a young adults club, a Methodist youth fellowship group (MYF) and a women's organization (WSCS).