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WAUPACA – Waupaca's best financial asset is that it raises the most and the best potatoes in Wisconsin.

The city prides itself on its many beautiful and comfortable homes, its fine scenery and charming Chain o' Lakes. There is much that is interesting and romantic about these lakes. Once they were the haunts of the Indian whose birch bark canoes glided on these placid waters. Canoes can still be seen though guided by fairer hands than those of yore.

Waupaca has many public-spirited men, among them two of its leading merchants, J.E. Cristy and N. Cohen, who are ever ready to advance any good enterprise. I.P. Lord deserves the credit of furnishing the city with an electric lighting plant second to none in the state. We also are indebted to him for making an electric road possible to the Chain o' Lakes and Wisconsin Veteran's Home.

The city is proud of its courthouse and fine new high school just completed at a cost of \$65,000. It was built by one of its own citizens, Hans P. Knudsen. The building is equipped with domestic science rooms, and a fine gymnasium. Although both take up a course of study each year, this is but one phase of their work. They do much along civic lines, awakening the city to the needs of a city park, cleaner streets and beautifying the school grounds. They established the free public library and have done much to sustain it, though the city has helped in a great extent.

Women have always been closely allied with all that is uplifting and improving in the city. Over twenty-five years ago this was acknowledged by the citizens in Waupaca and two women were elected (before appointments were made) as members of the school board. Mrs. E.L. Browne and Mrs. R.N. Roberts. The school improved rapidly and there have always been women on the school board since that memorable election.

Waupaca has many interests besides agriculture, among them two granite quarries, felting mill, Waupaca Specialty company, Waupaca Co-operative Creamery company, starch factory and foundry.

The city has good government and at present has a mayor, Fred Lea, who has been elected to this office four times.

Edward E. Brown, son of E.L. Browne, a well-known lawyer, was born in Waupaca and represented this district two terms at Madison and has been recently elected congressman from their district by a large majority.