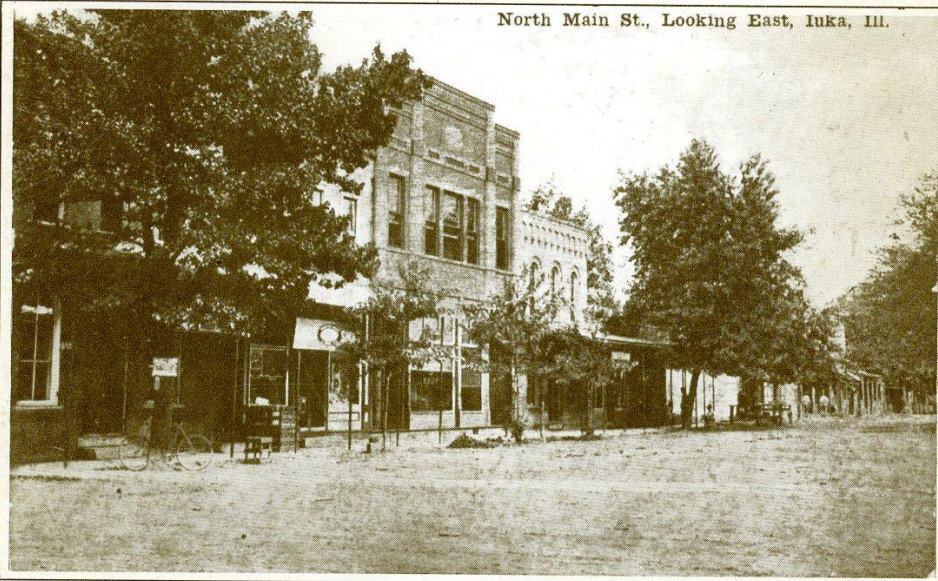


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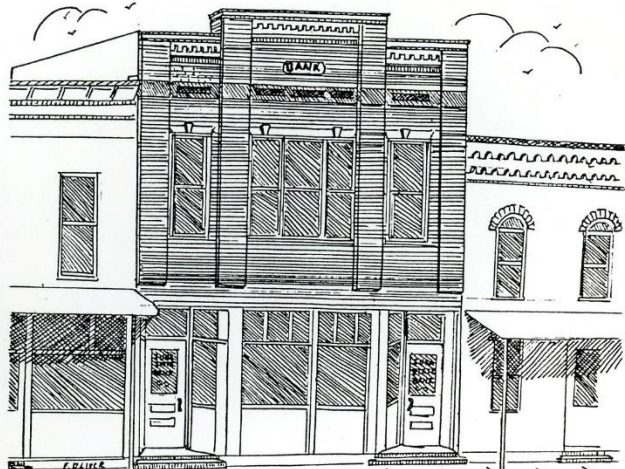


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Time marches on and the early trials of our forefathers will someday be forgotten, except for the gleaning of news by people who strive to record a bit of history for future generations.

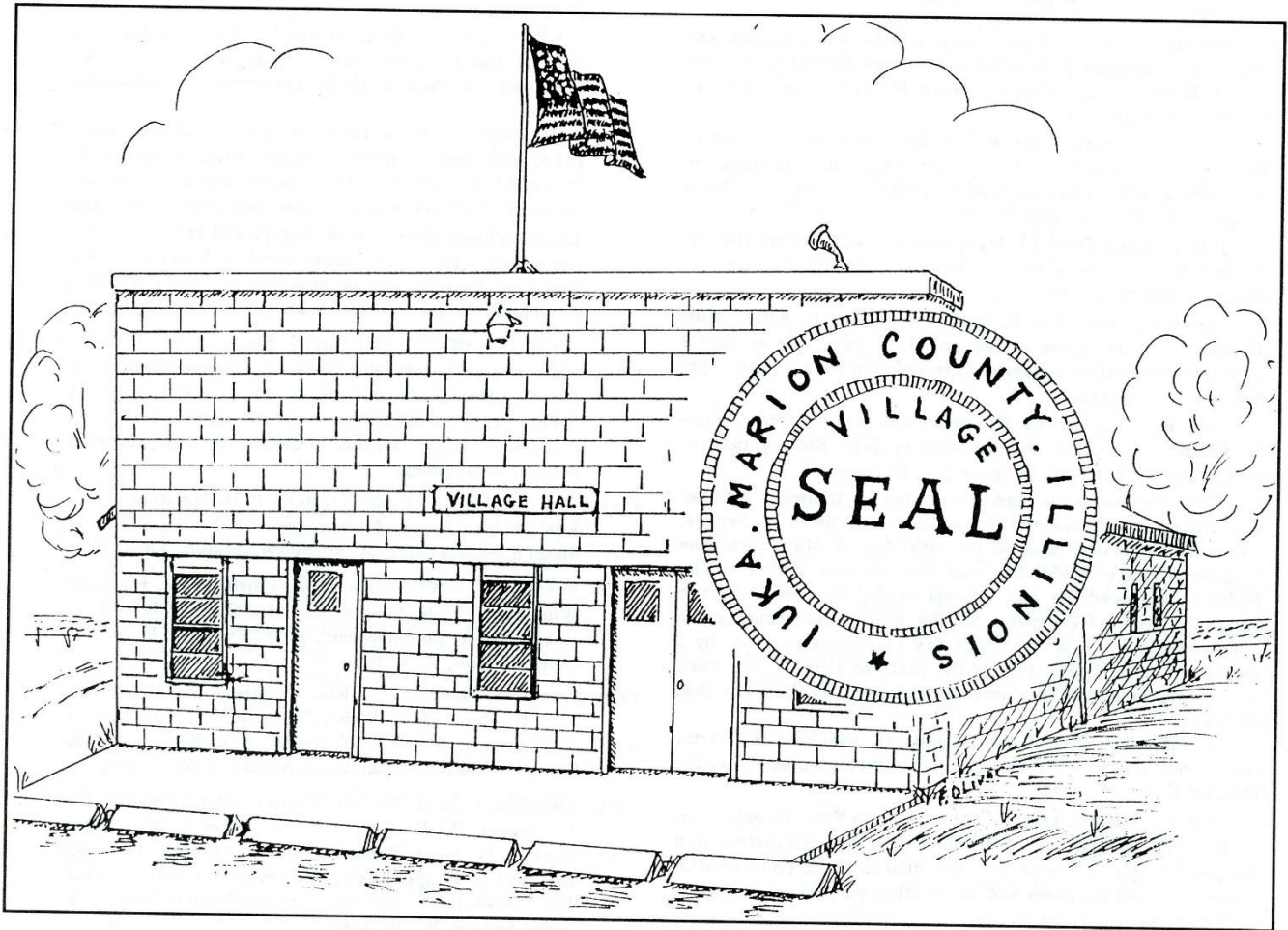
This book is dedicated to the children of today who will be the citizens of tomorrow. We hope they treasure it and will continue to make Juka a better place to live and work. It will be whatever you make it become. May reading of the past enhance your life for the future.

The committee thanks everyone who donated articles, pictures and information. A special thanks to Frances Oliver for letting us use her sketches. A big thank you for those who bought ads. Without you this book could not have been published.

We respectfully request your understanding for any omissions or errors in the information printed in this book.

Committee Members:

Wanda Fatheree, Chairman; Letha Rose and Frances Hall.



VILLAGE of IUKA BOARD MEMBERS 1992 Front: Janie Grimes, Clerk; Margie Mulvaney, Treasurer; Rosalie Henson, Trustee; Barney Mulvaney, Trustee; Kenny Helm, Mayor; Roger Hooten, Trustee; Velmer Albert, Trustee and James Holsapple, Trustee. Back: Bill Galaspy, Water Supt.; Estel Hickey, Maintenance; Jeff Ramsier, Sewer Supt. and Francis Maier, Trustee.

ABSTRACT.

The land upon which the Village of Iuka is now located was first granted to John B. Middleton from the United States, by Patent, March 1, 1851; filed for record November 17, 1852; recorded in book 49, page 3.

January 10, 1853, John B. Middleton and wife deeded to Daniel J. Middleton the 40 acres lying in section 17, it being the southwest quarter of the northwest quarter, as recorded in book H, page 187; filed January 17, 1854.

July 14, 1853, Daniel J. Middleton and wife deeded the undivided half interest in this 40 acres to John Brown, trustee, etc., filed March 14, 1854.

March 26, 1856, John B. Middleton deeded to Alfred Middleton the 40 acres lying in section 18, it being the southeast quarter of the northeast quarter as recorded in book L, page 172; filed March 26, 1856.

July 14, 1853, Alfred Middleton and wife deeded the undivided half interest in this 40 acres to John Brown, trustee, etc., as recorded in book H, page 314; filed ———

The title now to the land was vested in Daniel J. Middleton, Alfred Middleton and John Brown, Trustee of Sanger, Camp and Company, and on the 14th day of May, 1856, the Original Town of Middleton was laid off and platted. The Middletons deeded the half interest in the 80 acres of land to Sanger, Camp and Company for the purpose of securing the town and depot. And on the 9th day of February, 1867, by a special act of the Legislature of the State of Illinois, the town was incorporated and the name changed from Middleton to that of Iuka.

In 1880, by a vote of the inhabitants, the Special Charter was surrendered and the Village of Iuka incorporated under the General Law.

All the land known as North and South Front Streets, was, on the 13th day of April, 1866, deeded by the Middletons and Sanger, Camp and Company to the citizens of the Town of Middleton for street purposes and for no other purpose; abstract and deed to these streets are on file.

VILLAGE GOVERNMENT OF IUKA
FROM 1875 TO 1904 INCLUSIVE.

1875—President, Jerry Williams; Trustees, P. E. Cutler, J. W. Humphreys, H. W. Krodell, T. C. Muzzy; Clerk, Geo. E. Daniels; Treasurer, T. L. Irwin; Street Commissioner, Thos. Rogers; Police Magistrate, W. R. Lynch.

1876—President, Jerry Williams; Trustees, H. W. Krodell, Geo. E. Daniels, P. E. Cutler, J. H. Deaver; Clerk, A. H. Hatmaker; Street Commissioner, J. W. Fyke.

1877—President, Jerry Williams; Trustees, Thos. Kell, D. W. Holstlaw, J. J. Bell, Wm. Jones; Clerk, I. L. Rogers; Treasurer, A. H. Hatmaker; Street Commissioner, Chas. Faudree; Sexton, Wm. Jones (Faudree resigned as Com. and P. S. Parrill appointed. I. D. Lear elected to fill vacancy of W. R. Lynch, P. M.

1878—President, J. W. Fyke; Trustees, W. A. Moody, Rob't Church, I. L. Rogers, Dow Russell; Clerk, W. A. Middleton; Treasurer, D. W. Holstlaw; Street Commissioner, John Eddings. (Eddings removed by Board as Com., T. C. Muzzy appointed.)

1879—President, Jerry Williams; Trustees, C. P. Collins, Mat. Hinderer, A. H. Hatmaker, Wm. Ragan, (Ragan moved out, and S. C. Swalley appointed); Clerk, G. E. Daniels; Treasurer, W. A. Middleton; Street Commissioner, T. C. Muzzy; Sexton, B. F. Holliday.

President Williams died and A. H. Hatmaker appointed to fill vacancy. Board passed the following resolution

upon the death of its President. As a tribute of respect to the memory of Jeremiah Williams, late President of the Board of Trustees, the following preamble and resolutions were adopted.

Whereas, In the death of the late Jeremiah Williams, the Board of Trustees lost an efficient and energetic officer, and the town a highly respected and substantial citizen.

Resolved, That the Board of Trustees of the town of Iuka, with deep feelings of regret, fully recognize the irreparable loss of its aged and much esteemed President, Jeremiah Williams, whose advice and wise counsel this Board will ever cherish with respect and veneration; and respectfully extend to the bereft family the deep sympathy and kind regards of this Board as a tribute to and a condolence for the honored dead.

1880—President, Samuel Crundwell; Trustees, W. J. Fyke, Thos. Keel, J. H. Holstlaw, Wm. Jones; Clerk, J. E. Moody, (Moody resigned and W. D. Denton appointed); Treasurer, B. F. Middleton; Street Commissioner, J. H. Stevens; P. M., C. M. Jones; Constable, Thos. Eddings; Sexton, Wm. Jones.

1881—President, J. W. Fyke; Trustees, J. H. Holstlaw, Thos. Keel, Rob't Church, J. S. Jones; Clerk, P. S. Parrill; Street Commissioner, M. M. Smith; Sexton, Thos. Keel.

1882—President, J. W. Humphreys; Trustees, W. H. Riley, Wm. Jones, F. N. Songer, Jas. H. Deaver; Clerk, J. K. Fyke; Street Commissioner, J. W. Fyke; P. M., C. M. Jones; Sexton, F. N. Songer.

1883—President, Geo. E. Daniels, Trustees, Jas. B. Collins, Mat. Hinderer, J. F. Weber, Thos. Eddings, J. W. Conley; Clerk, J. O. Piper; Treasurer, S. C. Swalley; Street Commissioner, Thos. Eddings; Sexton, J. W. Conley.

1884—President, Geo. E. Daniels; Trustees, Mat. Hinderer, Jas. H. Deaver, J. B. Collins, S. W. Ayers, J. W. Conley; Clerk, J. O. Piper; Treasurer, D. W. Holstlaw, (resigned and Wm. Gray appointed, Gray resigned and W. C. Hinderer appointed as Treasurer); Street Commissioner, J. S. Jones; Sexton, W. W. Jones.

1885—President, John A. Phillips; Trustees, G. E. Daniels, Mat. Hinderer, C. A. Neff, S. W. Ayers, J. H. Deaver; Clerk, J. W. Harrison; Treasurer, W. C. Hinderer; Street Commissioner, Ernest M. Phillips; Sexton, J. O. Piper.

1886—President, G. E. Daniels, Trustees, Henry Knemyre, John A. Phillips, Chas. Featherly, Marion Russell, Jno. P. Russell; Clerk, J. O. Piper; Treasurer, Daniel Quinn; P. M., Wm. Jones; Street Commissioner, L. C. Russell; Sexton, S. W. Ayres.

1887—President, Wm. Gray; Trustees, B. N. Beaver, J. K. Fyke, Henry Knemyre, Chas. Featherly, Marion Russell; Clerk, J. F. Eddings; Treasurer, Daniel Quinn; Street Commissioner, Ernest Phillips; Sexton, Ernest Phillips.

1888—President, J. A. Irwin; Trustees, B. N. Beaver, Thos. J. Fulton, M. Hinderer, Wm. Gray, J. K. Fyke; Clerk, Chas. W. Humble; Humble failed to qualify as clerk and the office of Trustee Fyke was declared vacant by removal. Special election held and John F. Golden elected Trustee and Jas. A. Felkner elected Clerk. Felkner resigned and J. O. Piper was appointed to fill the vacancy. Treasurer, Daniel Quinn; Street Com'r., J. S. Jones.

1889—President, Wm. Gray; Trustees, J. M. Kirkpatrick, W. P. Hill, G. E. Daniels, Thos. J. Fulton, Mat. Hinderer, J. F. Golden; Clerk, David Price. The offices of President and Clerk became vacant by removal from the vil-

lage. Special election held and Sam Crundwell elected President and G. W. Parrill as Clerk; Treasurer, Daniel Quinn; Street Com'r. John Heflin; Sexton, Wm. Nix.

- 1890—President, Sam'l Crundwell; Trustees, B. N. Beaver, J. A. Irwin, G. E. Daniels, W. P. Hill, J. M. Kirkpatrick, B. F. Middleton; Clerk, J. F. Eddings; Treasurer, W. C. Irwin; Street Commissioner and Sexton, W. J. Fyke.
- 1891—President, John R. Harris; Trustees, W. T. Nix, J. M. Kirkpatrick, J. K. Fyke, B. N. Beaver, J. A. Irwin, B. F. Middleton; Clerk, John F. Eddings; Treasurer, W. C. Irwin; Steet Commissioner and Sexton, J. S. Jones.
- 1892—President, Geo. W. Siple; Trustees, Robert Bauman, Wm. J. Gain, W. T. Nix, J. K. Fyke, J. M. Kirkpatrick, E. M. Phillips; Clerk, M. T. Huddle; Treasurer, B. N. Beaver; Constable, Street Com. and Sexton, A. A. Woolf.
- 1893—President, S. A. Phillips; Trustees, W. T. Nix, Wm. Carnes, F. M. Aldridge, Thos. Faudree, Wm. Stewart, Rob't Bauman; Clerk, M. T. Huddle; Treasurer, S. C. Swalley; Street Commissioner and Sexton, J. T. Eddings; (Carnes and Stewart moved away). Special election held and John Heflin and E. M. Phillips elected.
- 1894—President, B. N. Beaver; Trustees, Wm. Nix, B. F. Middleton, J. F. Golden, Marion Aldridge, Jno. Heflin, Thos. Faudree; Clerk, T. J. Fulton; Treasurer, J. B. Russell; Street Commissioner, W/T. Nix; Sexton, W. T. Nix.
- 1895—President, W. J. Gain; Trustees, J. H. Deaver, W. C. Irwin, C. A. Neff, W. J. Fyke, J. F. Golden, Wm. Nix; Clerk, P. W. Piper; Treasurer, B. N. Beaver; Street Commissioner, L. L. Jones.
- 1896—President, Martin Beaver; Trustees, W. C. Hinderer, Wm. Nix, Chas. Dabney, W. P. Hill, C. A. Neff, W. J. Fyke; Clerk, Chas. Price; Treasurer, B. N. Beaver; Street Com. Thos. Eddings; Sexton, Wm. Nix.
- 1897—President, M. T. Huddle; Trustees, Thos. Keel, W. H. Widdows, Thos. Faudree, W. P. Hill, Wm. Nix, Chas. Dabney; Clerk, Herschel Holstlaw; Treasurer, B. N. Beaver; Street Com., Wm. Gosney; Constable, Robert Faudree.
- 1898—President, J. K. Fyke; Trustees, Thos. Faudree, J. F. Golden, Thos. Kell, Wm. Widdows, Wm. Watson, Wm. Nix; Clerk, Chas. Dabney; Treasurer, B. N. Beaver; Street Com. Wm. Gosney; P. M., J. A. Hindman.
- 1899—President, W. C. Hinderer; Trustees, Thos. Faudree, Wm. Widdows, Martin Beaver, J. F. Golden, Wm. Nix, Wm. Watson; Clerk, Chas. Dabney; Treasurer, B. N. Beaver; Street Commissioner, Geo. Kennedy.
- 1900—President, Herschel Holstlaw; Trustees, J. K. Fyke, M. T. Huddle, Wm. Widdows, Martin Beaver, Thos. Faudree, Chas. Dabney; Clerk, Wm. Mulyaney; Treasurer, B. N. Beaver; Street Commissioner, Geo. Kennedy.
- 1901—President, F. N. Songer; Trustees, Wm. Nix, L. L. Jones, Thos. Faudree, J. K. Fyke, M. T. Huddle, Chas. Dabney; Clerk, R. L. Faudree; Treasurer, B. N. Beaver; Street Com'r. Wm. Gray; Constable, M. E. Phillips.
- 1902—President, A. E. Kelly; Trustees, Thos. Faudree, John Borsenberger, L. L. Jones, Wm. Nix, S. A. Phillips, John Wimbash; Clerk, J. F. Eddings; Treasurer, B. N. Beaver; Street Com'r Wm. Gray; P. M., Jacob W. Fyke (died in 1904) Constable, M. E. Phillips.
- 1903—President, W. L. Finn; Trustees, J. P. Russell, S. A. Phillips, John Borsenberger, Wm. Bauman, John Wimbash, Herbert H. Pruden; Clerk, Noble S. Songer; Treasurer, B. N. Beaver; Street Commissioner, J. S. Jones; (Russell, Phillips and Bauman resigned). Special election held and J. P. Russell, Mat Hinderer and J. A. Hindman elected to fill vacancy.
- 1904—President, W. L. Finn; Trustees, J. P. Russell, Herbert H. Pruden, J. A. Hindman, Wm. R. McCartan, Charles Dabney, James Eddings; Clerk, Thos. J. Fulton; Treas., Henry A. Hinderer; Street Commissioner, J. S. Jones; Police Magistrate, J. A. Hindman (elected to fill vacancy caused by the death of Jacob W. Fyke). J. A. Hindman resigned as Trustee to take up the duties of Magistrate, which leaves a vacancy in the Board of Trustees.

Law and Order of the League of the Citizens of Iuka and Vicinity July, 1903.

The object of this league was the mutual protection of lives, homes and property of Iuka and vicinity. The detection, capture, and legal conviction of all violators of the laws of Iuka and vicinity of the State of Illinois.

Member requirements were, honesty, sobriety and a resident of Iuka or vicinity and must be 21 years of age.

Application for membership shall be made by writing directly to the Secretary of the League. It will be read in open meeting and voted on by ballot. If no more than two object, they shall be accepted.

Any member revealing any of the secret methods of work of the League, in pursuing or investigations of cases so as to delay prosecution shall be expelled.

If any member enters any meeting of the League in a state of intoxication he shall be reprimanded by the President in open meeting. For the second offense he shall be expelled.

President: J.W. Fyke
 Vice Pres.: L.L. Jones
 Sec.: C.A. Neff
 Treas.: T.W. Kenady

Committee on By-Laws:

G.F. Kerr
 G.E. Groves
 J.K. Fyke

Members of the League:

H.C. Huddle, J.J. Kenady, G.E. Groves, H.D. Holstlaw, M.T. Huddle, J.K. Fyke, T.F. Kerr, A.A. Spittler, W.J. Fyke and Mrs. L.L. Jones join in working for the betterment of the area. The group holds regular meetings on the second Monday night of each month.

League Formed

An Anti-Horse Thief Association was organized the fall of 1862. Its object was the protection of the horses of members only. Not one member lost a horse after its organization. The penalty for horse stealing was hanging, if the thief was caught. Charter members were, Reuban Chance, James Huggins, Henry Purdue, Noah Brubaker, Jesse Eddings, D.L. Stevenson, I.D. Lear and Alfred Middleton.

**THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, GREETING.**

KNOW YE, That in pursuance of an Act of Congress, entitled "An Act to raise for a limited time, an additional military force, and for other purposes," approved February 11th, 1847, *George W. Middleton private in Captain Turner's Company First Regiment Illinois Volunteers,* having deposited in the GENERAL LAND OFFICE a WARRANT in *his* favor, numbered *56, 146.*

There is therefore granted by the United States unto *John B. Middleton* of said *George W. Middleton*, and to his heirs *the West half of the South East quarter, the South West quarter, of the North East quarter of Section Eighteen, and the North West quarter, of the North East quarter, of Section Nineteen, in Township Two North of Range Four East, in the District of lands subject to sale at Wandalia, Illinois, containing One Hundred and Sixty Acres;*

according to the Official Plat of the Survey of the said Land returned to the GENERAL LAND OFFICE by the SURVEYOR GENERAL, which said tract has been located in satisfaction of the above mentioned Warrant, in pursuance of the act of Congress above mentioned, approved February 11th, 1847.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the said *Tracts* section of land, with the appurtenances thereof, unto the said *John B. Middleton*, and to his heirs and assigns forever.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I, Millard Fillmore PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, have caused these Letters to be made Patent and the SEAL OF THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE to be hereunto affixed.

GIVEN under my hand at the *City of Washington*, the *First* day of *March*, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and *fifty-one* and of the Independence of the United States the seventy-*fifth*.

BY THE PRESIDENT: *Millard Fillmore*
By *E. S. Conroy* Secy. Recorder of the General Land Office.

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The Middletons'

William Middleton I, married Elizabeth Landman in So. Carolina.

Their children were: William II, Daniel, Matthew, Newton and Jane.

William Middleton II, married Sarah Jenkins Harris.

Their children were: Thomas L., Lydia, Joel Harrison, William Harrison, Elizabeth, John B., Martha, Jane, Sarah, James Alexander, Watson Josephus, Ruth Wade, Lucy A., and Dicy.

William II, moved from Virginia to North Carolina about the year 1800. In 1831 he came to Marion County, Illinois. He was a gunsmith by trade, and a preacher. Some of the family settled in Haines and Stevenson, township as well as Iuka. Thomas L. Middleton married Mary McNeely.

Their children were: James A., Sarah E., William Elgin,

Elizabeth Grace, Martha M., Benjamin Franklin, Lydia, and Thomas G.

After the death of his first wife, he married Mrs. Widdows. He was a practicing doctor, a member of the Methodist Church, and a preacher in that church. He built the first grist mill, and then a general store at the site of the mill. (This was on the Vincennes Road.) The church where he preached his first sermon was a log cabin which stood on the ground where the Iuka cemetery is now located.

John B. Middleton brother of Dr. Thomas L., was granted the land in sections 17, 18, 19. In turn he deeded sections 17 and 18 to his sons Alfred and Daniel. These are the sections that are now Iuka.

Iuka, 1867-1992

The first land sales in Marion County show, January 7, 1820 Joseph Piles - \$80 dollars. NE 1/4 9:2 N, 4 E. which is in relation to the present township of Iuka. Marion County was taken from the northern part of Jefferson County in January of 1823.

Frederickstown 1840-1843. A stagecoach stop on the St. Louis Vincennes Trail. The town was laid off by Elisha Wadlow, James Fisher built the first house. John Lawson was the first postmaster in the first post office in Iuka Township. The town grew, F.D. Newell opened the first store. It was a rough and lawless place with almost a hundred residents.

The Ohio and Mississippi Railroad came through the township and Frederickstown began dissolving, many of the buildings were moved to Xenia and to Middletown and a small settlement named Stringtown, north of Middletown. The Woodlawn Church now stands in the boundary of the ghost town of long ago.

Site of the village of Iuka was part of the Northwest Territory of the Ordinance of 1787, part of the state of Virginia. In 1818 when Illinois was organized and admitted as a state, much of the land had to be sold or granted to individuals.

John B. Middleton was granted sections 17, 18 and 19 in Iuka Township in 1838. In 1853 John B. deeded section 17 to his son Daniel, and section 18 to son Alfred. These sections became east and west part of the village of Middleton. Later in the year the Songer Camp company surveyed the south part of these sections for the O & M Railroad. In 1856 they plotted lots for the village which was named Middleton and the post office was named New Middleton.

In 1867 the town was incorporated and name changed to Iuka. Mail to Middleton, Tennessee and Middleton, IL were being confused. When the soldiers returned from the war, many of them had fought in the battle of Iuka and Corinth, Miss. They asked that the name be changed to Iuka. This story was verified by the Iuka Postmaster, Ralph Holstlaw, April, 1955.

The name Iuka was a contraction of a longer name of Ish-ta-ki-yu-ka-tubbe. (ki-yu-ka). This name is listed as an endorser for the Treaty of Pontitock Creek, October 1832. Iuka, Mississippi is on the site of a Chickasaw village named for one of the lesser chiefs of the tribe, Tishomingo. The chief supposedly died while camping at the springs there and was buried at the site. The Iuka Guaranty Bank of Iuka, Miss. is reported to be built on the Indian's grave.

Patrick Connor, Leonard P. Pyles, Thomas L. Middleton and Mr. Jamison were among the first to settle in Iuka. Some others soon to follow and build the community into a thriving town were, Solomon Smith, Jesse Tinkler, Thomas Chapman, George McGuire, Daniel Holstlaw, Denning Baker, Rolling

A. Mattingly, Jesse Breeze, James Songer, John Litterall, Oran Daggett, John W. Eblin, Edward Young, Joshua Holliday and Cuthbert Cheeley.

Grocery and Dry Goods stores, blacksmith shops, saw mills, grist mills soon began operations and settlers began to stay instead of moving on west.

The first church, was the Cumberland Presbyterian, dedicated on October 20, 1864. The cost was \$1800.00 and the first pastor was Rev. Harrison Eagen.

The first school was kept in a log cabin in Stringtown, taught by Cinthia Cooper. This was as early as 1841. Subscription schools were operated by Mary Finch and Nina Lear.

The first Justice of the Peace was Solomon Smith, John Eddings was a notary public and Dr. Joseph Irwin was one of the first doctors.

Brick buildings began springing up and more businesses began serving the people. More churches were built. The M.E. Church was dedicated in October, 1877. J.W. Humphrey, J.W. Chapman, J.B. Eddings, J.W. Fyke, J.S. Jackson, Manual Beaver and H.C. Hams were the trustees.

In 1881, south of Iuka, Keokuk limestone was discovered. Some of the early names in business were, D.W. Holstlaw, James Deaver, George E. Daniels, S. Crundwell, W.A. Moody, Daniel Quinn, Matthew Hinderer, Mrs. Rae Neff, Martin Beaver and C.M. Jones.

The John D. Moody Lodge N.510 A.F. and A.M. was chartered in 1866. An Anti-Horse Thief Association was formed. The Iuka Lodge No. 694 of Odd Fellows was instituted June of 1881. Officers of the Grand Army of the Republic Post in 1885 were J.M. Russell, J.H. Jones, Will Gray, H.C. Harris, J. Fortney, F.M. Roan, J.F. Eddings and C.A. Neff.

Doctors and lawyers also came to settle and practice here in the growing town of Iuka. There were Dr. B.F. Middleton, Dr. Finn, Dr. Humble, Dr. Songer, Dr. Brooks, Dr. Johnson, Dr. Dyer and Dr. Hamilton. Lawyers, Captain J.J. Schoolfield and Captain J.S. Jackson.

In 1870 the Lutherans organized a congregation built a church and dedicated it in 1877. They were lead by Pastor Katthain.

In 1881, a resort well known for its medicinal water was very popular. John A. Phillips built a hotel and hundreds visited Tinkler Springs regularly. It was two and one half miles northwest of Iuka.

Baby Pearl was left by the side of the railroad tracks and was adopted by Mr. and Mrs. Gains. Pearl married Wm. Beaver and they operated a grocery and feed store.

A newspaper came to town, The Messenger, it didn't last long and Mr. Daniels began publication of the Iuka Bee. B.F. Wnorowski, was editor.

Rose Lake became a well known resort. Iuka was flourishing with new businesses. It became known as the greatest shipping point in the country for railroad ties.

Mrs. Clara Stevenson Holstlaw, a W.C.T.U. crusader, organized a Missionary Baptist Church. Ed Howe and his oxen hauled the logs to build the church.

About this time Iuka had five general stores, two hat shops, three restaurants, a drug store, bakery, bank, lumber yard, butcher shop, a creamery, two implement stores, two hotels and four churches. This was about 1909.

In 1917, machinery was brought into town by Mr. Gains to clean red top seed.

In the twenties, a new electric plant provided light for the town.

About 1924 there were five new radios in town, proud owners were H.D. Holstlaw, A.E. Kelley, Hinderer's Store, George McGuire and Dr. Lou Finn.

The St. Louis Dairy established a milk route from Iuka to St. Louis.

In the early twenties, Iuka became more prosperous, Albert Hawn opened a new blacksmith shop. Mr. Perry and Bill Bauman were the mayors.

The Marion County Livestock Shipping Association was formed and was one of the largest shipping points around. Farmers from surrounding areas gathered to ship their stock to the Producers Livestock Commission Association. Cecil Clifton was manager. This faded into the past as the farm trucks began hauling stock to market in St. Louis.

Iuka formed a High School.

In the thirties, Iuka formed a new telephone company, the town lost Dr. Finn who had been with them for thirty-six years. He began his career in 1899. He represented the 42nd District for three terms. He died November 7, 1936.

In the forties, cars and trucks and tractors came into their own. The boys went to war and the country was issued ration books for gas, tires, shoes and sugar. Everyone threw themselves into the war effort.

Moving on into the fifties, Iuka formed a new fire district.

Many fund raising events took place. There were parades and contests and a homecoming celebration to help fund the department.

Jesse Cherry retires after thirty-nine years as dispatcher. The depot burns down, another one was built on the north side of the tracks.

The sixties were booming for Iuka. Crippens Elevator came to town, voters approved a new water system and city gas. The town embarked on a huge Centennial celebration. Linder's Bus Service started.

A new telephone system (Bell) went into effect, Jim Hill built a garage and Mulvaney's Variety Store opened.

L.R. Young of Salem opened the valve that brought gas into Iuka, and Mayor E.P. Wimberly turned on the valve for the first customer.

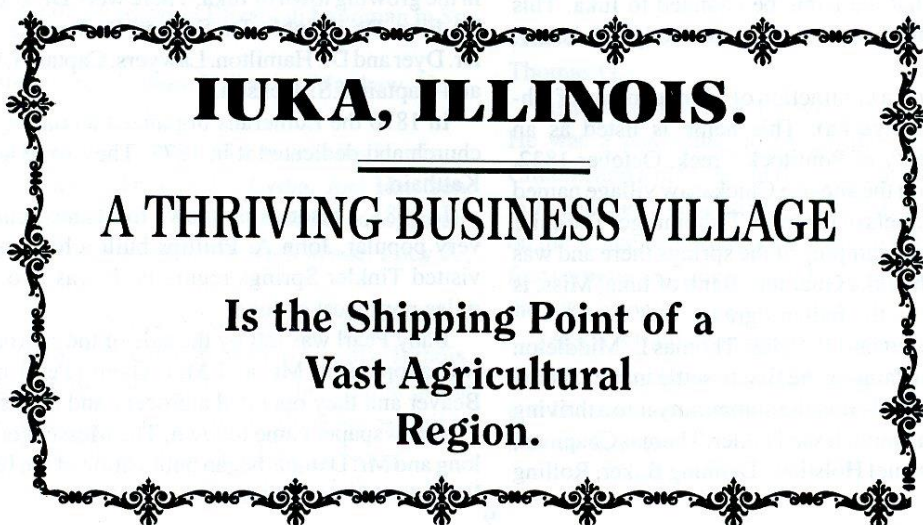
The Fire District is approved by the voters and the New Post Office is open.

The seventies continue to prosper. The Iuka Community Development Corporation was formed to raise money and bring a Doctor to serve the town. Rankin Funeral Home built a chapel. The I.C.D.C. purchased thirty-five acres northwest of town for development of a park. Helm Lake was purposed to acquire several acres of Iuka township and was not in favor with several people of the town.

More stores open up in the eighties, B and R Grocery, Buckeye Sales and Service, H & W Lumber Company, House of Plunder and This is It, were all welcome additions to town. Vernice "Boone" Silvey served as Mayor from 1969-1985. Helm Lake was defeated.

In the nineties, were Rons General Merchandise, Tates 76 Station, Hooters Meat Processing, and Davis Tire. The I.C.D.C. forms plans for the 125th Celebration. Linda Jett opens a new restaurant, and Rhonda Gordon has a new flower shop next to the B & R Grocery. Kenny Helm, mayor for the past six years, cut the ribbon for the kick-off celebration of 125 years.

Community Spirit is alive and well in Iuka, Illinois-1992.



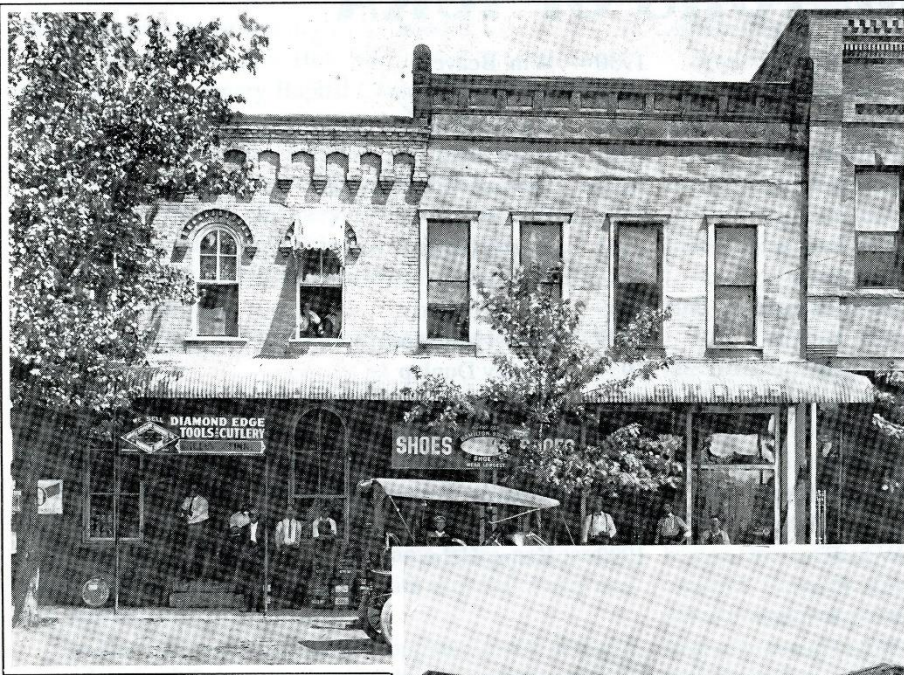
MAYORS OF IUKA

1872	F.A. Boyer	1930	Wm. Beaver
1874	Louis Rogers	1932	D.E. Holstlaw
1889	William Gray	1934	C.H. Neff ✓
1891	John Harris	1934	Brice Jones
1892	George Siple	1939	Dempsey Phillips ✓
1893	S.A. Phillips	1939	D.R. Hall
1894	B.N. Beaver	1941	Edwin Eakin
1895	W.J. Gain	1945	Roy Hall
1896	Martin Beaver	1949	E.P. Wimberly
1897	M.T. Huddle	1949	Ernest Mulvaney
1898	J.K. Fyke	1957	Durley Dunlap ✓
1899	W.C. Hinderer	1961	E.P. Wimberly
1900	Records	1968	E.P. Wimberly
1914	Missing	1969	Vernice "Boone" Silvey ✓
1915	Abner Fadree	1985	Vernice "Boone" Silvey ✗
1915	Abner Fadree	1986	Kenny Helm
1917	W.L. Finn	1992	Kenny Helm
1921	E.L. Perry		
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1925	W.L. Finn		



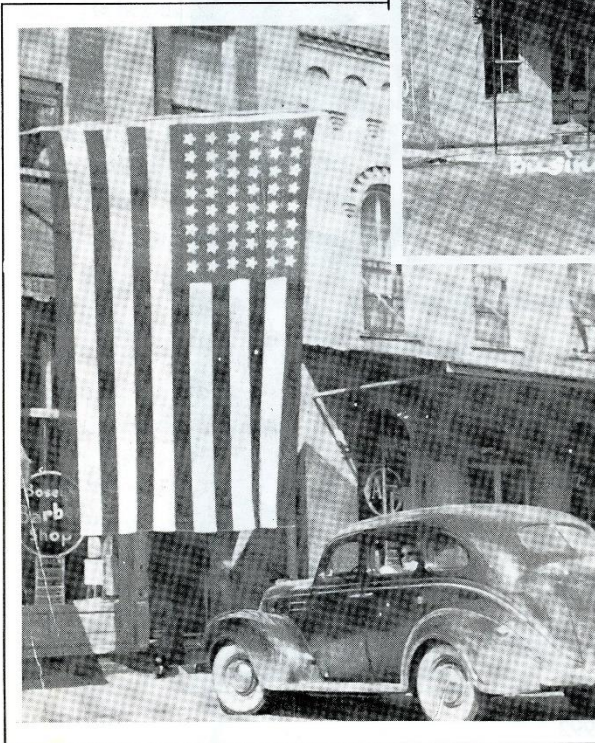
Kenny Helm 1986-1992

STROLL THRU IUKA'S FRONT STREET

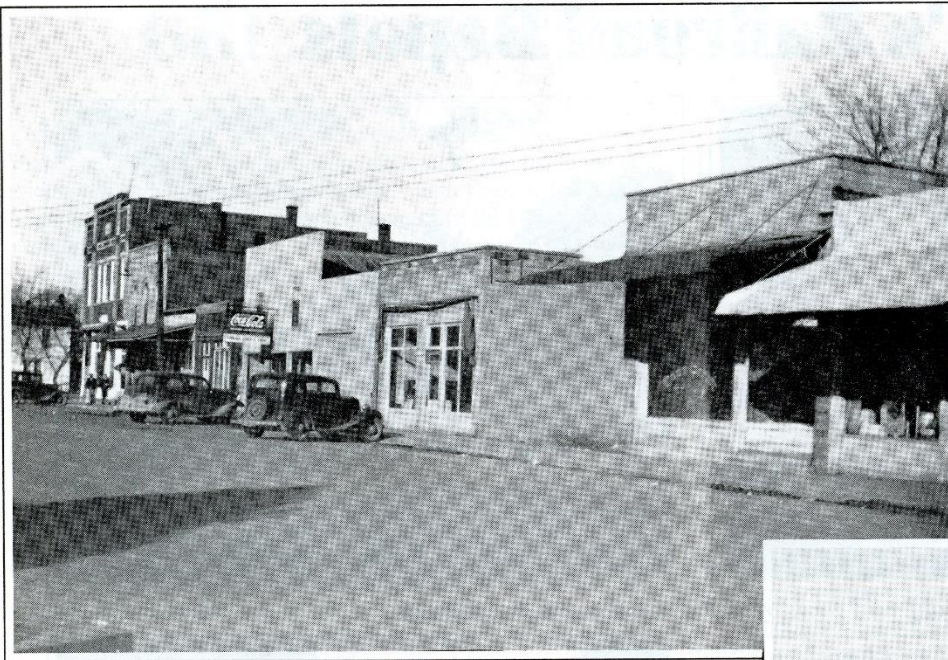


Early 1900's

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Labor Day 1940



Mid 1940's

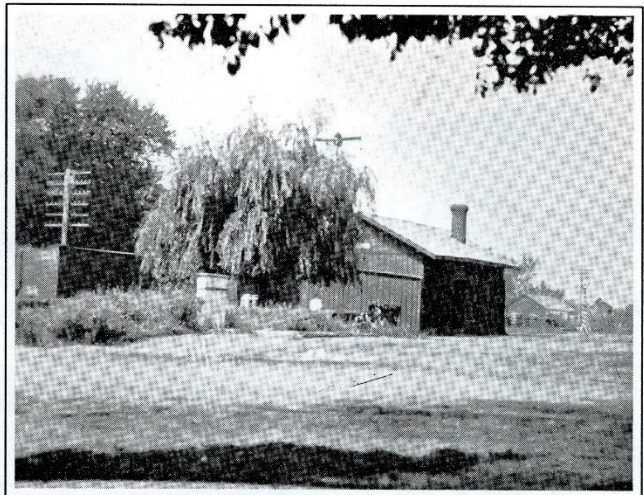
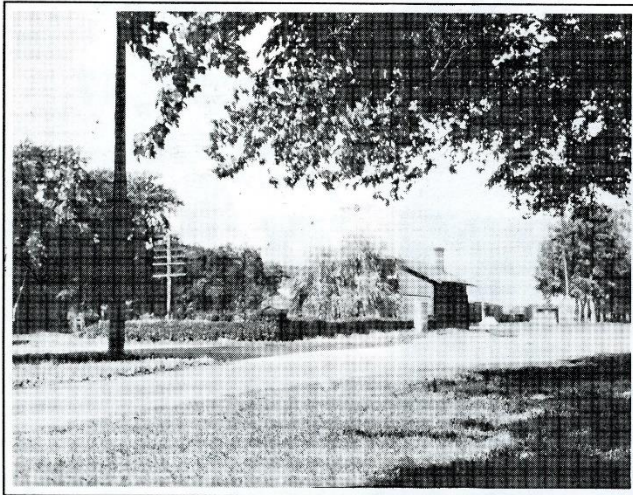


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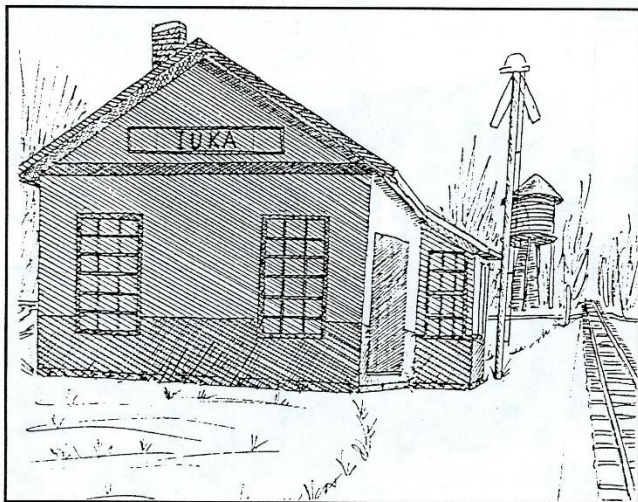


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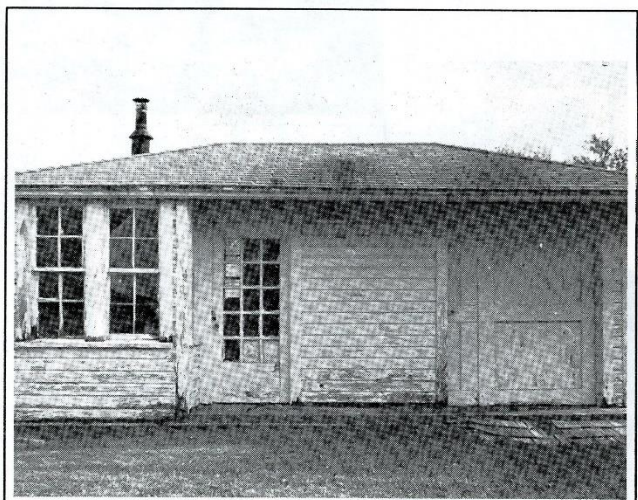
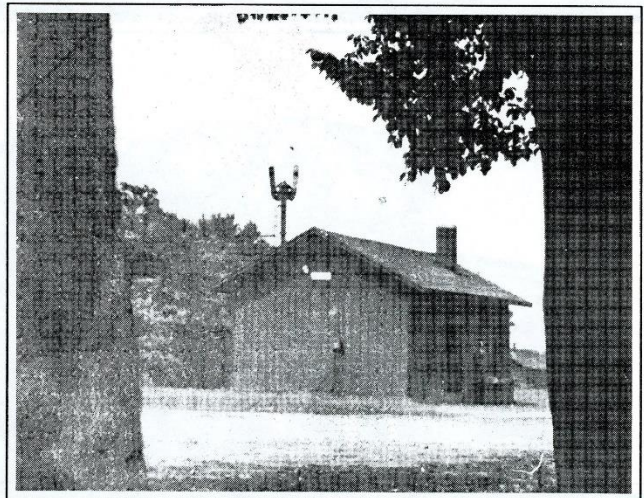
Iuka's Railroad Depots



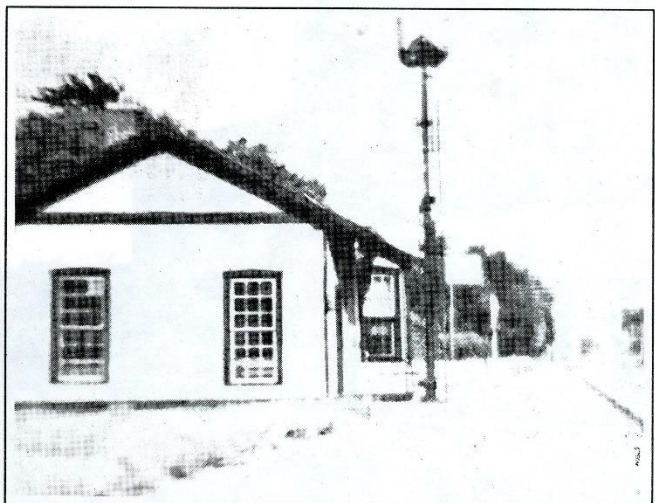
Two different views of the Iuka Depot as it was in 1926



Sketch of the depot which burned in 1951.



This depot burned in December 1951. It had served as a depot for more than a half-century.



This was the last depot. Durley Dunlap bought it and moved it to his property on North Main Street. He used it as a workshop. It is now owned by James Bell.

GREAT TRAIN WRECKS IN IUKA

It was 4:00 a.m., Dec. 14, 1972. No. 88 eastbound freight train running sixty miles an hour passing through Iuka made it to the outskirts of town before it derailed and filled the sky with flames. People living nearby, were shaken from their beds and evacuated from their homes until the fire was under control.

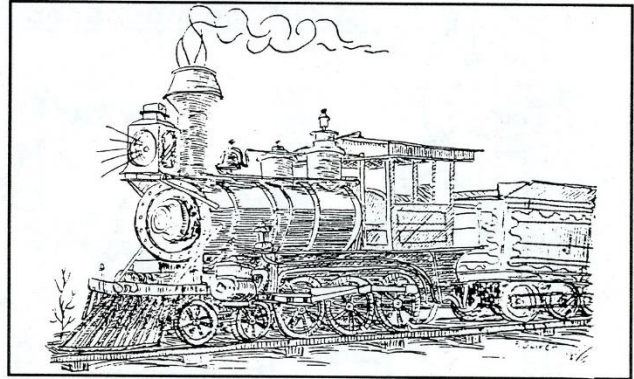
One hundred firemen from Salem, Xenia, Flora and Iuka converged on the scene and by 10:30 a.m. had contained the fire. Salem fire department had a foam generator which was used to extinguish the flames.

The train carried naphtha, asphalt glycol, propane, glycerine, and hexane, all highly explosive.

Damage was estimated to be \$500,000 with the total loss of 36 freight cars, out of 69.

Harold Henne, eyewitness, saw the caboose come to a sudden stop even with his house, soon after there were three explosions and flames shot 150 feet into the sky.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Wiehle were in bed when they heard the bumpety-bump of the cars and the flames lit up their room. Other homes narrowly escaping destruction were, Leo Jourdan, Mrs. McClain, Estel Hickey and James



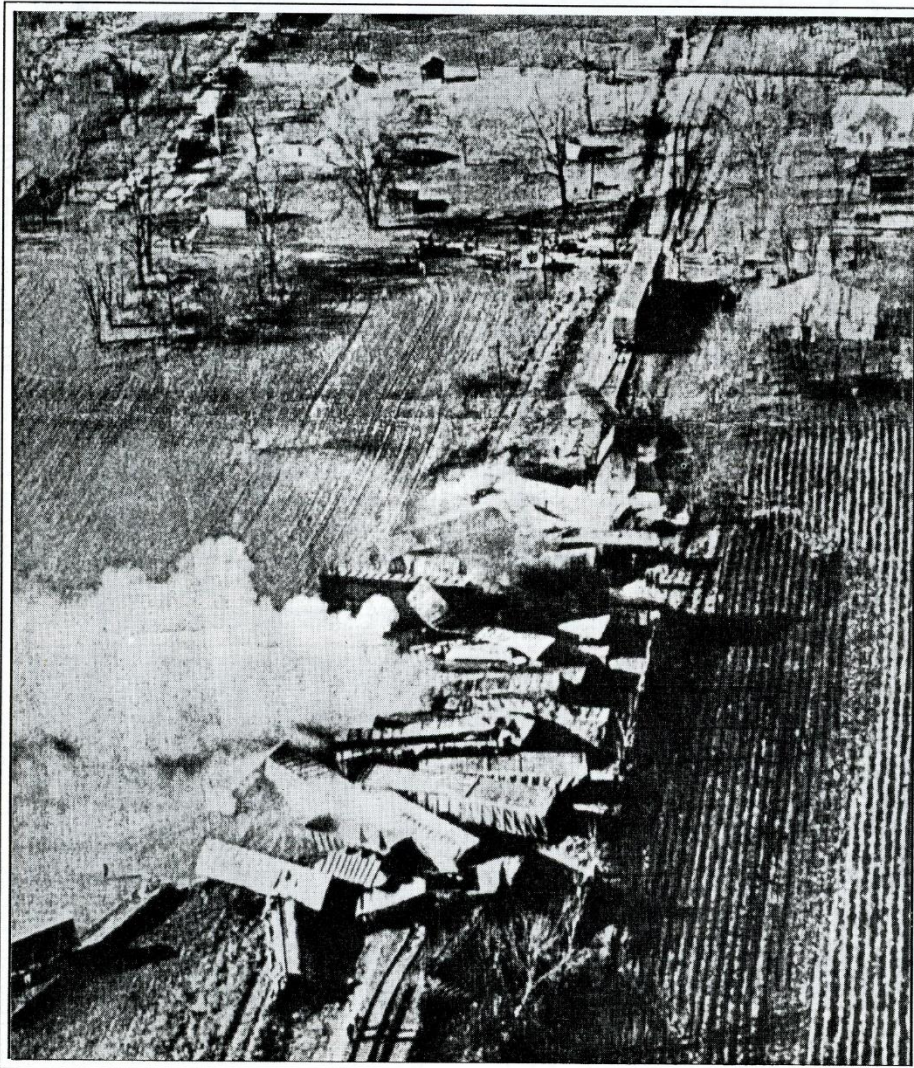
Gordon.

Clean up operations began immediately and the railroad posted a \$2,000 assurance bond with the village against damage to streets and roads.

In a confrontation between Fire Chief Boone Silvey and the railroad man in charge of operations, he demanded to talk to the mayor. Silvey whipped off his fire hat and replied, "you're talking to him now."

Iuka Narrowly Escaped Disaster In Explosions

ALTHOUGH THERE WERE no deaths or injuries reported, if the 69-car B&O freight train proceeding east out of East St. Louis at 4:40 a.m. yesterday had derailed 500 yards westward in Iuka, four homes and a trailer along the right-of-way could have been leveled, with all occupants undoubtedly killed. Carrying naphtha, hexane, fuel oil and other explosives, 32 or 36 cars derailed burst into flames. This aerial photo looks westward towards Salem. Homes in the upper right, proceeding west along the right-of-way belong to Leo Jourdan, Mrs. McClain (trailer), Estel Hickey and James Gordon. House at the left side is owned by Herman Hahn. Undoubtedly, the 600-population village of Iuka narrowly escaped a major disaster. Residents were evacuated twice after the derailment as a precaution. If the derailment had occurred a few minutes earlier, Salem would have been in for a possible major disaster.



INCORPORATED UNDER THE LAWS OF ILLINOIS.



Daniels Telephone Company,

ILLINOIS.

This Certificate, due to the consent of *Porter E. Daniels, Daniel M. Daniels* is the amount of *Five* Shares of One Hundred Dollars Each, in the Capital Stock of **THE DANIELS TELEPHONE COMPANY**, transferable only

on the Books of the Corporation in person only. Money on the surrender of this Certificate properly endorsed.

In Witness whereof, said Corporation has caused this Certificate to be signed by its President and Secretary and the corporate seal to be hereunto affixed and duly issued at *Juniata, Illinois* this *June* day of *1901*

Porter E. Daniels President
Daniel M. Daniels Secretary

CAPITAL, \$10,000.
Shares, \$100 Each, Full Paid and Non Assessable.

The Daniels Telephone Company was incorporated in June of 1901. Shares were \$100 each.

Telephones



This telephone line crew was hired at a rate of 10 to 20 cents per man per hour in about 1905.

George E. Daniels was responsible for the first telephone switchboard in Iuka, housed in his general store. John Hahn was operator for all outgoing calls and long distance calls.

Service was desired outside of town and a meeting was called May 2, 1905. The Farmers' Mutual Benefit Switchboard was organized with D.R. Smith, Pres., George Pitts, Sec., Dr. W.L. Finn, Treas.

There were about 18 lines coming into Iuka. Mrs. Clara Higgs was the only operator, with a salary of \$30 a month. Men were hired to repair the lines at 10 or 20 cents an hour. Switch fees were 75 cents a year. Rent for the telephone office was \$4.00 a month.

The annual meeting of 1937 was called under the name

of Farmers Mutual Telephone Company, with George Carneal as president.

The name was changed again in 1943, to The Iuka Mutual Telephone Company. Sec. L.V. Middleton chaired the meeting due to the absence of Pres. J.E. Thommas.

In 1964, 300 members and five employees voted to disband when the Bell System became available.

Some of the telephone operators were: Clara Higgs, Carrie Weems, Middletons, Alvae & Mabel Simmons, Ruth, Leota & Phyllis Henne, Jerry Fulton Galaspy, Bea Meyer, Tennie Tarter, Myrtle Schlosser, Francis Blank, Lela Blank and Maudie Mulvaney.



Mabel Simmons, above, and her husband, Alvae, were among the switchboard operators who served over the years in Iuka.



Current building used in 1992

George Lindes Sister

Winds of War



Civil War Veteran, William Milburn.

June 1812 began the call for men to serve the country as soldiers, not as a professional but just a civilian in a make shift uniform. From this year down through the years to come, young men have been on call, some by choice, some by draft.

1832 - The Black Hawk War - Marion County furnished one Company of men. They left Salem June 1832 and returned in August.

1846 - The Mexican War - Many men from Iuka answered and were sworn in at Alton, Ill.

July 1861 - Civil War - Marion County produced 1800 enlistments this year. Nearly every family was affected in some way, including the Village of



World War I Soldier, Earl Stevenson

Middleton (Iuka). They went into camp at Sandoval and joined the 40th, 48th, 111th Infantry. They fought in seven battles, 42 were killed in battle, 143 wounded, 87 missing, 191 died of disease, many died in Andersonville Prison. They were mustered out in August 1865.

1898 - Spanish American War - Only lasted 10 weeks. America was victorious in the famous battle of San Juan Hill. Teddy Roosevelt and the Rough Riders became well known. President William McKinley tried without success to stay out of the War.

1914-1918 - The Great War (World War I) - This war quickly involved all the great powers of Europe and eventually most countries of the world. Eight million soldiers lost their lives, including those from Marion County and Iuka.

1939-1945 - World War II - Again the dark clouds of war

called our young men to protect their country from invasion. Many young men from Marion County and Iuka bravely gave their lives. More than fifty Countries entered this war and men fought in almost every part of the world. Asia, Europe, North Africa, the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans and the Mediterranean Sea. By 1942 all major countries were involved. Three main causes of World War II were, problems left by World War I, the rise of dictatorships, and the desire for more territory. The atomic age was opened by the dropping of the atomic bomb on Japan. Surrender was swift. Four hundred and five thousand were dead, six hundred thousand wounded, and one hundred and thirty nine thousand missing. One hundred and two men from Marion County died in service. The atomic bomb has not been used in any war since.



Veterans at Iuka Cemetery.

1950-1953 - The United Nations came to the aid of South Korea when they were invaded by North Korea, who was aided by the U.S.S.R. The war ended in a military stalemate. Korea is still not unified today. General MacArthur preempted President Truman who was seeking a cease fire. General MacArthur gave an ultimatum to the enemy commander. President Truman fired the General. Twenty-three thou-

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sand American soldiers lost their lives. Twenty four were from Marion County.

1945-1954 - Vietnam War - In the mid 1950's the United States gradually became the successor to this war, after years of aid to France. The U.S. contributed 80 percent of their military budget. The Vietnamese waged a guerrilla warfare from 1965-1975. Anti-war groups formed in the United States, men burned their draft cards and went to Canada and other countries to avoid the draft, in protest of the war. By 1970 50,000 Americans had lost their lives. It cost \$150 billion dollars to wage this war. 58,000 were killed. 153,300 were wounded. The people of the United States did not support the government in this war. Thirteen from Marion

County lost their lives.

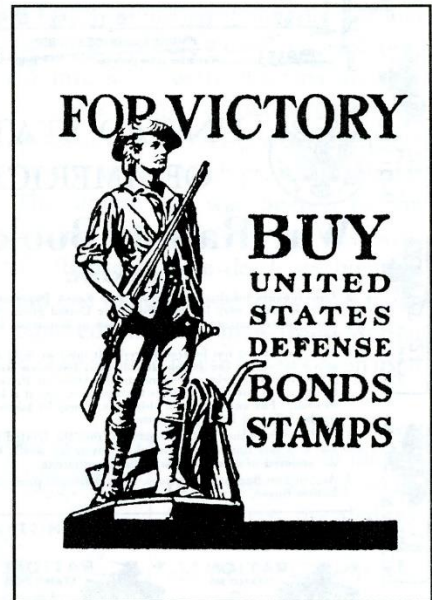
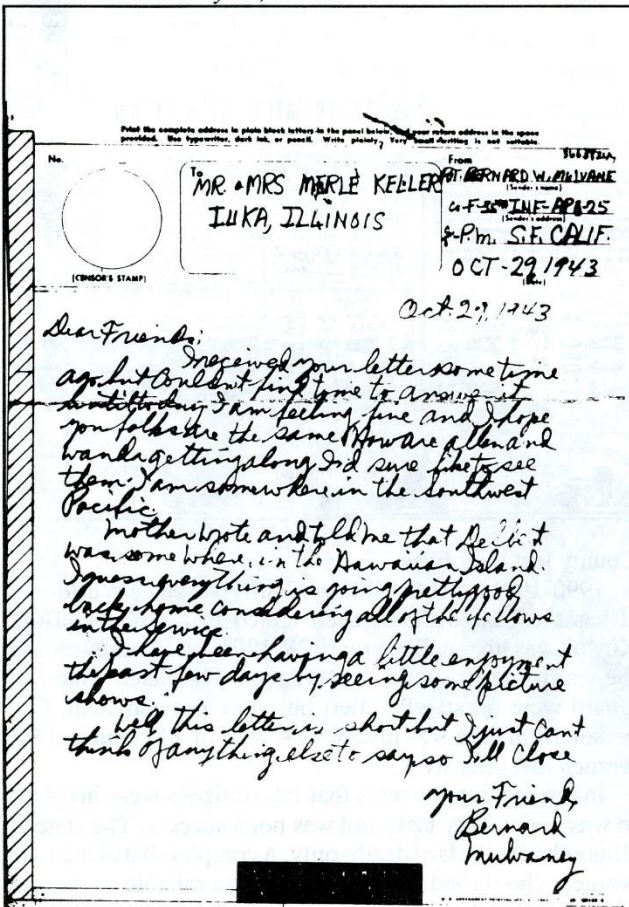
1990-1991 - A U.S. Military Coup - Not since World War II has the United States been united in a military effort. Kuwait was liberated February 28, 1991. The world watched the war progress on their televisions. The Salem National Guard were on standby alert but were not activated. One person from Iuka was involved. A total of 144 men and Six women lost their lives.

In researching the wars that Iuka citizens were involved in was not an easy task, and was not a success. The state of Illinois had records of deaths only. A complete list of men and women who served from Iuka was not available or was not submitted.



Soldiers beginning on left and going clockwise: Dave McClenithan, Bill Bauman, Melbourne Cantrell, Delbert Keller. Seated: Ermal Meador and Forrest Gain. Last man standing at right: Wayne "Little Dutch" Hilgeford.

THIS STONE WAS ERECTED BY ERNEST ROBINSON and sponsored by Iuka Alumni Club on May 15, 1949.



V...Mail

During World War II mail from service men was censored. They wrote their letters on a special form and then it was read by a censor. If he found anything in the letter that would indicate where the person writing was stationed, he drew a dark line through the words. The letter was then photographed and it was the photograph that was sent. As you will note in the pictured V Mail letter, Barney Mulvaney told that he was "somewhere in the South Pacific" That kind of information was allowed. Barney did quite well in writing this letter as there are no censor marks on it.

ROSE LAKE

A man by the name of Jamison settled on section nine in 1821. He was killed by the Indians in 1823. There was a creek running through the property and was aptly named Jamison Creek.

Edward D. and Rosa Cramer as owner of the property in 1895 agreed to let the B&O Railroad build a dam and form a lake with adequate water to supply the locomotives, with the provision, the village of Iuka could use the water supply to extinguish fires. The lake was formed and Mr. Cramer named it Rose Lake after his wife.

Ed and Rosa labored to make the Lake attractive and it was bordered with beautiful roses, her favorite flower. There were lovely flower gardens, with a vine covered bridge and a greenhouse full of plants and flowers.

They built an aviary for their bird collection with a heating plant in the basement for Rosa's greenhouse. They called it the Rosery.

The grounds became the site of many picnics and celebrations and in April of 1899 the Grand Opening of Rose Lake was held.

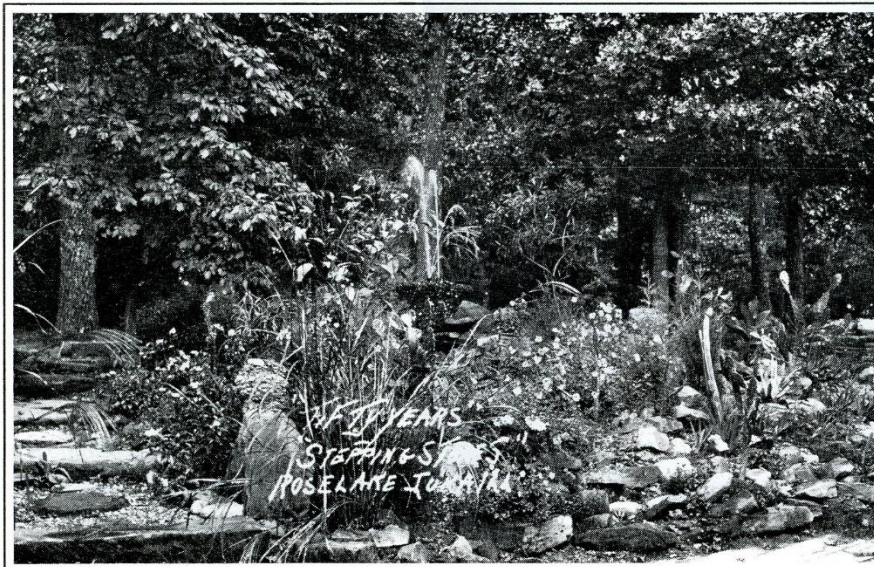
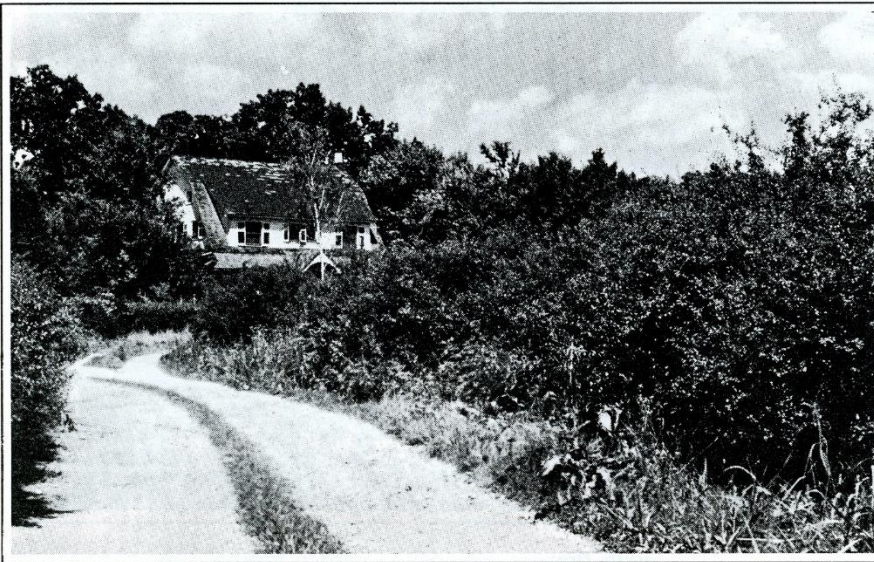
In February of 1900 the construction of an iron bridge over the dam was begun.

Huge July Fourth celebrations were a yearly event at Rose Lake. There was a concrete bandstand and always music and dancing except on Wednesday and Saturday evenings when they served ice cream.

Boat riding, swimming and fishing and picnics in the summer time, in the winter there was skating and sledding and huge bonfires. Ice was so thick, it was cut in large blocks and stored for summer time use and for shipping purposes.

Mr. A.N. Rooks made arrangements with Tenny and Sons to bring their steam Merry-Go-Round for the G.A.R. Reunion.

In the early 1900's Rose Lake was leased by Daniel Quinn. He opened the Iuka House and restaurant which had been established in 1866. It became a fine summer resort with room rates of



\$1.00 a day.

In 1901 Decoration Day was a big day. Rev. Boles from Alma gave the address. Civil War Veterans marched to the Iuka Cemetery with songs and speeches there.

Touted as the greatest day at Rose Lake, June 1901, the appearance of Dr. Frank Tyrell, a great orator.

Tents were available for a \$1.00 a week and admission was 10 cents a day. The B&O Railroad was selling special tour tickets for one and a third fare for a round trip ticket for five days.

Later in the month Rev. Boles of Alma, invited Carrie Nation to speak at Rose Lake. People came from St. Louis and Washington Ind. by train just to hear her speak.

At one time it was reported there were 3,000 people at the lake for the weekend.

Chautauqua programs were held regularly. The Marion County Soldiers and Sailors Reunion encamped on the banks of Rose Lake in 1900.

D.W. Holstlaw was the second owner of Rose Lake. Following his death, his daughter, Mrs. A.O. (Florence) Kelley became the third owner.

Many improvements were made during their ownership. Additions and facilities were improved. Cabins were built, and the Kelley's built a new two story house in 1927. The house was furnished with beautiful antique furniture. Mrs. Kelley, an accomplished painter, hung many lovely pictures in the home. She created beautiful gardens with native rocks and rare plants, designing a memorial to Thomas Jefferson,



with flowers. Her dahlia garden produced prize winning flowers and she became the protector of wild birds, plants and trees. She also became known as "The Lady of the Lake".

After Mr. Kelley's death, she closed the lake, and when she died she left it to their only daughter, Mrs. Clarence (Mildred) Smith. Mildred sold the Lake to Mr. Noble Hammond. He had a green house south of Iuka for many years.

Mr. Hammond had great plans for Rose Lake. He stocked it with blue gill, crappie, bass and catfish. He planned to rebuild the cabins that burned, get new picnic tables, and once again open it for the public. Alas, due to his death, his plans were not fulfilled.

Sergeant Al Hofelich and his wife, Erica, of Scott Air Force, purchased the property from the Hammond Estate in 1967. After retiring from the service they moved to Rose Lake in 1972.



It is now a private residence. Extensive remodeling and maintenance work has been done. They just recently erected a new home for their daughter and son-in-law, Alex and Lisa Aquilar.

The grounds and lake are beautifully groomed and when passing by is a most pleasant and peaceful scene, stirring memories of by-gone days.

Note "Oakwood Lake" on photo. We could find no date to indicate when it was called by that name.

Ninth Annual



REUNION

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MARION
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SOLDIERS'
and SAILORS'

Organization

— AT —

ROSE LAKE

AUGUST 21st, 22d and 23d,
1900.



Top Right:

Cool breezes, sunshine dancing off the rippling water, lily pads so large they could be used for umbrellas and a young man in a row boat with three lovely bathing beauties. What better way to spend a beautiful afternoon than on Rose Lake. Pictured from left: Clara Mae (Buchanan) Meador, Doris "Pat" Fear, Gladys (Stevenson) Fryer and Opal (Simmons) Dalton.

Center:

Spring Thaw at Rose Lake Dam. Pictured are Walter Booker and his father.

Bottom Right:

1925 Bathing Beauties at Rose Lake. From Left are Goldie Widdows, Blanche Holstlaw, Leona Widdows and Mae Bass.



Program

—OF THE IUKA TOWNSHIP—

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

—TO BE HELD AT—
 SUNDAY AFTERNOON,
ROSE LAKE, SEPTEMBER 2d.

- 2:00—2:10 Opening Song by Congregation.
 Prayer by Bro. I. Fortney.
 2:10—2:20 Song by Misses Agnes Russell Eloise Featherly and Lyda Dabney.
 2:20—2:50 Sunday School Lesson. Teachers, Miss Mollie McCartan Primary Class; Miss Byrde Irwin Intermediate Class; J. W. Pyke Senior Class.
 2:50—2:55 Song, Misses Grace Beaver and Lola Neff.
 2:55—3:05 Qualification of the Sunday School Teacher, Miss Della Montgomery.
 3:05—3:10 Solo, Miss Grace Russek.
 3:10—3:20 How to Secure and retain Scholars, Homer Chealey.
 3:20—3:25 Song, Misses Agnes Russell Eloise Featherly and Lyda Dabney.
 3:25—3:35 Qualification of Sunday School Supt., J. D. Hancock.
 3:35—3:40 Duet, Misses Nona Dabney and Lola Neff.
 3:40—3:50 Caring for the Little Ones, Mrs. D. W. Holstlaw.
 3:50—4:10 Address, by County President F. O. Wilson of Alma.
 4:10—4:15 Solo, Miss Grace Beaver.
 4:15—4:25 Election, of Township Officers.
 4:25—4:30 Song, Misses Agnes Russell Eloise Featherly and Lyda Dabney.
 Dismissal.

A Grand DEMOCRATIC Mass Meeting

WILL BE HELD AT

Rose Lake,

SATURDAY
 EVENING, SEPT. 1st,

for the purpose of organizing a Bryan & Stevenson Club. All who believe in the principals as set forth in the Kansas City platform, are invited to come.

M. T. Huddle, Central Committeeman.

In the Swim.

Horror of horrors! Iuka is putting on metropolitan airs that would kill a less substantial or aristocratic surrounding. We have organized a bathing club and we're in the 'swim.' Surely the Club is short lived—if the wishes of certain individuals were consulted. Yet what is the harm, so long as propriety is recognized? "Cleanliness is next to Godliness." Is not this Club built upon a moral foundation. Is the Club organized for style? If so we are now upon the same plane as our sister summer resorts, such as Coney Island, Atlantic City, etc. Such a summer resort as Rose Lake has made Iuka, should at least indulge in a little style. But it is not style, it is for pleasure this Club is formed, and it is composed of some of our most society elite. Why go to the Atlantic pleasure resorts when by joining our own bathing Club you may save yourself both time and money, have plenty of good solid comfort, and appetizing exercise and at the same time learn the art of swimming which at some time prove invaluable to you. Remember that in the purchase a life preserver, it is not what cork costs, but what cork saves you. So come now, and look pleasant and be among the first to "tumble in the band wagon" and endorse this harmless yet invaluable pastime.

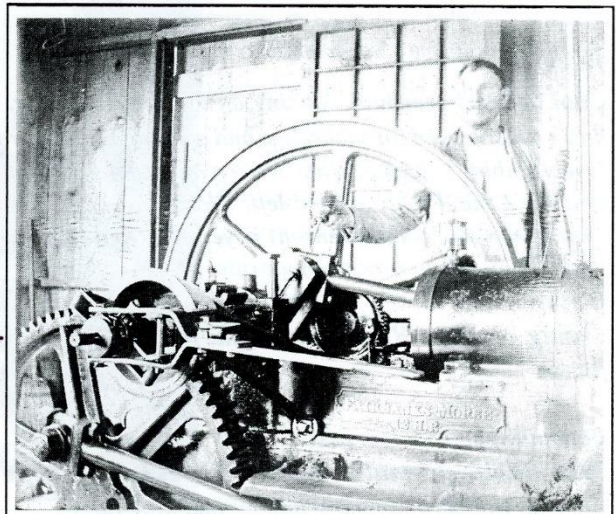
The Pump Station

Water was pushed from the Rose Lake to the town. The B&O dug the lake and leased it to the Holstlaws for 99 years. Holstlaws had all fishing rights.

A long time ago they tried to use a windmill to pump water from the well at Rose Lake (This well can still be seen just south of the dam on the west side).

One time they had the pump station on Skillet Fork Creek. Another time it was east of the water tower on a concrete platform. First a steam engine was used to run the pump and then a 5 hp crude oil engine.

Stephen Phillips was sick one day and he left his son, Dempsey "Jack" Phillips in charge of the pump house at Rose Lake. The pump was used to pump water from Rose Lake to the water tower in downtown Iuka. There was an alarm on the pump that would sound when the water tower was full. Well-it seems Jack took a little nap and didn't hear the alarm. From what we have been told there was a bit of flooding in downtown Iuka!



IUKA BEE - Friday, July 7, 1899

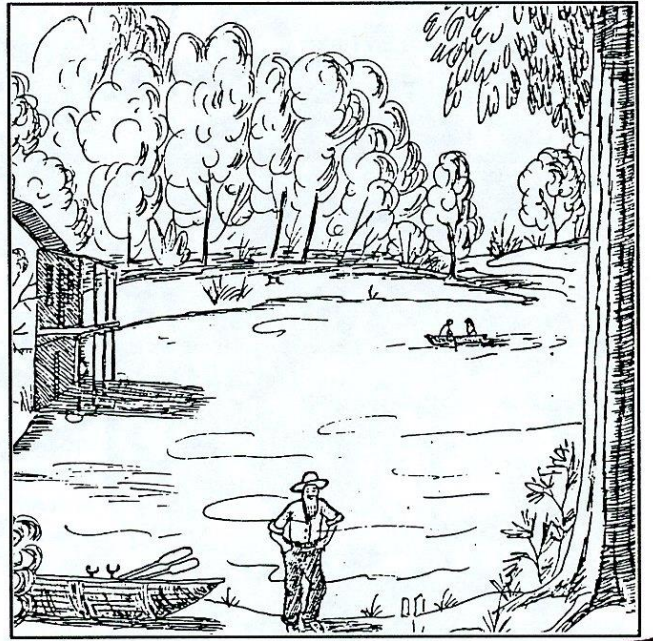
THE GLORIOUS 4TH

**Celebrated here in a Befitting
Manner by Thousands of Patriotic Citizens
and Guests Mid Mirth and Music**

Everybody united in the effort to properly observe the 123rd anniversary of our national independence.

The Glorious Fourth, the 123rd Anniversary of our National Independence dawned fair and warm. The crowds began to arrive, even before the 4th, as a great many visitors came in on Monday evening. But when the 5 o'clock accommodation arrived from the east and deposited its crowd things began to look like the crowd was sure coming. "As all roads led to Rome" also "all roads led to Rose Lake and Iuka" on Tuesday. The Xenia Base Ball club accompanied the Xenia crowd. The farmer and his family started early, despite heat and dust, for the scene of festivities. At eight o'clock the Band arrived from Salem. From every direction came hundreds of people, all headed for the same place, Rose Lake. The Band met the ten o'clock accommodation which brought in the Sandoval, Odin and Salem delegations which were large. The Odin Baseball club was among this crowd. Many went directly to the Lake while others remained in town until dinner, after which they repaired to the Lake. Hundreds at the Lake served dinner in picnic style which was enjoyed. The exercises did not begin until after dinner. At 1 p.m. the band came upon the scene and rendered several selections of their excellent music, after which the Declaration of Independence was read by Ed Fyke. Just after Mr. Fyke had completed, Hon. S.L. Dwight, of Centralia, was announced as the orator of the day. Judge Dwight made an able address.

About this time clouds began to appear in the sky. The dance hall was crowded with young people enjoying the stirring selections as they tripped the light fantastic. The sideshows and fakirs were doing a thriving business while young people were finding great pleasure in boat riding and a crowd of men were enjoying a bath and invigorating swim in the cool waters of the beautiful Lake, and the gayeties were in full swing, when, lo, the rain descendeth and the floods came and the crowd scattered in an endeavor to find shelter. Many poor unfortunates were caught before the "goal" was reached and were almost drowned by the drenching torrents. The rain continued until about 3:15. There were delegations here from Omega, Kinmundy, Alma, Flora, Xenia, Salem, Odin, Sandoval and Shattuc and Centralia, many of them driving over and were compelled to remain until the rain had ceased. About this time demands for accommodations for the night began to pour in and were kept up until about midnight. People were turned away from the hotels by the dozen on account of the crowds which had already been supplied with sleeping accommodations. The Omega delegation head-



quartered at the Craig House and a number of them remained until Wednesday. The Salem, Odin, Sandoval and Shattuc crowds left at 3:30 for home. The farmers began to leave before the rain. It was useless to try to give the display of fireworks and the lake management gave it up in despair. The celebration was a grand success as far as crowds were concerned, as Iuka entertained many visitors on that day.

CELEBRATION NOTES

Had the rain come the day before, the crowd would have been twice as large.

The band boys enjoyed bathing and boat riding at the Lake previous to their arrival in town.

The rain was a good inducement to many people to start a millinery bill, we think judging from the appearance of some of our visitors.

What came near being a fatality, occurred at the Lake in the afternoon. One young man, having donned a bathing suit and was enjoying a swim when suddenly began cramping and no doubt would have drowned, had not a boat been near and pulled up and with assistance he was placed in it and taken to the shore.

It was indeed unfortunate that the management, no account of the rain, were unable to make the immense display of fireworks which they purchased. The display would have been a grand one and no doubt would have been appreciated by the people who were in attendance.

The dance hall, where a crowd was finding enjoyment and recreation, seemed to be the center of attraction for a large crowd.

Quite a number of the Salem and Omega delegation remained over until Wednesday, rather than brave the weather element on that night.



From left: Pearl Beaver, Kenneth Beaver, Paul Beaver, Dora (Phillips) Stevenson, Bill Beaver, Carl Phillips, Stephen Phillips, Bertha (Behrndt) Phillips, Amos Phillips and Etta (Phillips) Stevenson. (Man in back is probably Lewis Jones)

Picnicing

These are photos of families having a good old fashioned picnic probably along some creek bank. There are peaches, homemade bread, cakes, pickles and probably fried chicken

to be seen in photo above. (But where's the Red and White Bucket that we are so used to seeing today?)



From left: Henrietta Phillips, Ham Jones and the man with white moustache in back is John Eddings. The rest are unidentified.

FOR ESTIMATES, SAMPLES, ETC., ADDRESS

Job Printing Dept.
Iuka Bee, Iuka, Ill.

First, Last and all the Time

THE IUKA BEE

~ Pleases its Patrons. ~

SUBSCRIPTION PRICE:

SIX MONTHS 50c. \$1 a year 1\$ THREE MONTHS 25c.

Iuka Bee

The Iuka Bee was a weekly newspaper, which started publication in May of 1899 and lasted until about 1905 (note: there is a later mention of a March 1, 1910 edition). It carried the motto "Persistent, Patient and Intelligent Industry is the Key Note of Ultimate Success".

The Bee was printed every Friday. The four-page Bee had local news and advertisements only on it's front and back pages. The two inside pages were "ready-print" with national news features.

The newspaper was owned by George E. Daniels, who also operated general stores in Iuka and Johnsonville and was associated with the telephone company which installed the first telephone lines in Iuka and surrounding area. The newspaper originally was published in the old I.O.O.F. Hall building south of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad tracks and east of the old Daniel's home. Frank "Red" Wnorowski of Salem was editor. Wnorowski rode the train from Salem to Iuka each morning and returned home in the evening.

Wnorowski later moved from Salem to Fairfield, Iowa and Daniels, with the aid of his daughter, Bessie, took over the editing operation.

Type for the paper had to be handset and after each issue there was just time enough to "tear up" the pages and put the type back into the cases before starting to set type for the next week.

The original printing plant burned and Daniels began publishing the newspaper on one of the upper floors of his three story general merchandise store, just south of the B & O tracks.



Dr. W. L. Finn

of Iuka, Illinois

PRESENT STATE SENATOR
Democratic Candidate for
Re-election.

42nd SENATORIAL DISTRICT
(Clinton, Marion, Clay, Effingham)

Election: Tuesday, Nov. 8, 1932
7 (over)

My candidacy is endorsed by The Illinois Agricultural Association, also The Prairie Farmer.

My labor record is 100 per cent.

I am a member of the future hard road building commission.

It has been my policy to support all bills which would benefit both the State and my district.

My record is my endorsement.

Your support will be appreciated.

W. L. FINN.

NEFF : HOUSE

—C. A. NEFF, Prop'r.—

This hotel has ample accommodations for the traveling public.

The Table is Served With the Best the Market Affords.

—Special attention given —

TRAVELING MEN!

North of water tank. Rates always reasonable.

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IUKA, ILL.

Special attention to nose and throat.

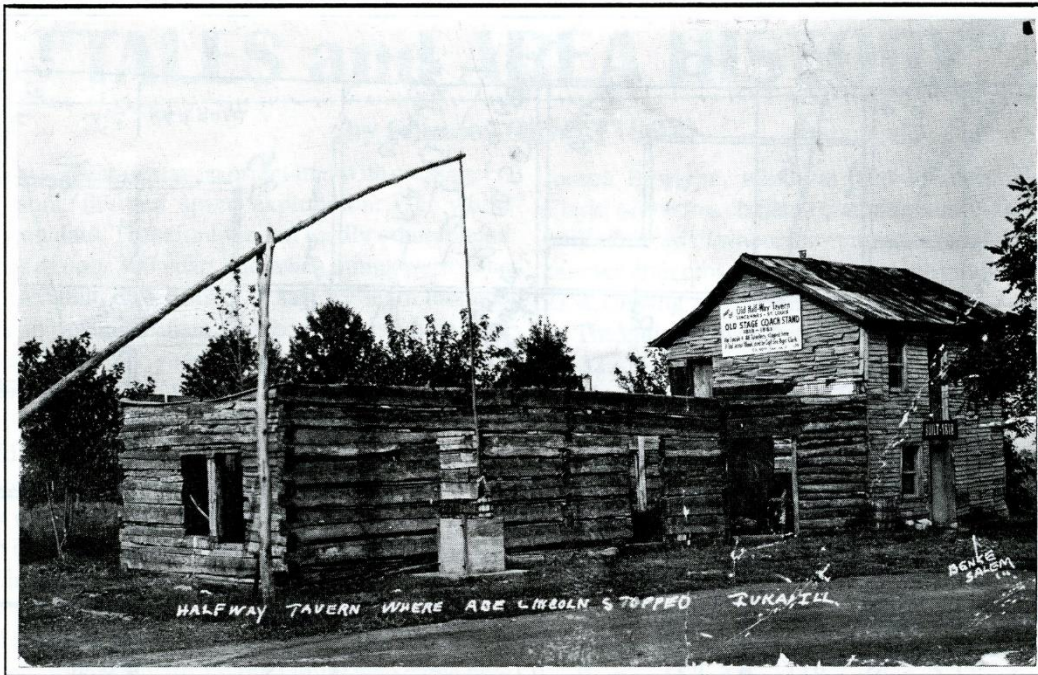
DR. J. A. IRWIN,

PHYSICIAN and SURGEON,
Iuka, Illinois.

Office at Residence East of the Neff House,

STROLL THRU TIME

- 1851 - John B. Middleton received grant
- 1951 - McGuire cemetery, First burial
- 1861 - Men went to camp at Sandoval
- 1862 - Men ordered to Savannah
- 1863 - New school built
- 1865 - 48th Inf. mustered out in August
- 1867 - Middleton changed to Iuka
- 1870 - Lutheran Church group came to Iuka
- 1873 - First baptismal
- 1876 - First marriage, Fredich Timm & Elizabeth Reckling
- 1876 - Dr. Thomas Middleton dies
- 1895 - 20 degrees below 0 - February
- 1895 - 104 degrees in the shade - June
- 1895 - Fat hogs sell for 3 cents a pound
- 1901 - Carrie Nation speaks at Rose Lake
- 1903 - Elk Saloon closed - The town is dry
- 1903 - Iuka Baseball team organized
- 1910 - D.W. Holstlaw established Iuka Bank
- 1905 - Farmers Mutual Switchboard organized
- 1909 - F.S. Cherry opens Implement Store
- 1920 - Albert Hawn Sr. opens new blacksmith shop
- 1920 - Riders of the Purple Sage now showing
- 1921 - Bank Robbed
- 1922 - Skillet Fork bridge built
- 1927 - Gypsy Sam Joles dies. Funeral at Woodlawn
- 1936 - Dr. Finn dies
- 1937 - Iuka Ladies Aid Home Talent Show
- 1937 - D.W. Holstlaw elected president of Iuka Bank
- 1942 - World War II began
- 1943 - Iuka Mutual Telephone formed
- 1946 - Home Bureau organized, 19 ladies of Iuka join.
- 1946 - P.T.A. sponsors Kindergarten
- 1947 - Gene Bakers garage explodes
- 1951 - Depot burns
- 1952 - Movies at Erm's, Alf Bumgarner
- 1952 - School Dist. #7 formed
- 1956 - Iuka School adds new addition, Gym, Cafeteria and Rest Rooms.
- 1956 - New telephone line built
- 1956 - J.R. Meador dies. Owned Iuka Lumber Co. 26 years
- 1957 - Harold Fear buys Hinderer Store
- 1957 - Tornado hits Art Hahn's place
- 1920 - Carl Crippen builds elevator
- 1960 - Voters approve new water system
- 1960 - Iuka Bank - 50th Anniversary
- 1963 - Water department in operation
- 1964 - Illinois Bell came to town
- 1965 - City gas turned on.
- 1965 - Voters approve new Fire District
- 1966 - Homer Cheeley dies - age 103 years old
- 1967 - Opening day of week long celebration of Centennial
- 1969 - Iuka Development Corporation chartered
- 1970 - I.C.D.C. purchased 35 acres for town park
- 1971 - Helm Reservoir proposed
- 1972 - Train wreck, 33 cars derailed
- 1973 - Rankin Funeral Home built
- 1977 - Lights for the ball park
- 1978 - Drilled new water well
- 1981 - Helm Lake defeated
- 1982 - Dr. Suppiah set up office in town.
- 1985 - Kenny Helm elected mayor
- 1986 - Sewer project begins
- 1987 - Earthquake shakes the country 5.0 on the scale
- 1991 - Rons General Merchandise opens
- 1992 - All in the Family Restaurant
- 1992 - Plans for the 125th Celebration begin



A LEGEND REVEALED Census records, license records, documents, maps, stage coach schedules, an archeology study by the State. Our Halfway legend has been disproved. Ask the weary travelers that stop to read the plaque, and walk among the trees and peer inside the building, do they visualize stage coaches and horses and meals for a dime, beds for a nickel? Do they think of covered wagons, Abraham Lincoln, and George Rogers Clark? Does it take them back to days of another age? If so, it has served its purpose. Yes, Virginia, there is a Halfway House!

On the Stage Route

The home of David and Emma Smith, located west of the Iuka cross roads and another home nearby of "Aunt Becky:" Stevenson was where no one was turned away, when they asked for something to eat.

Quoting from the article "Open Road" written by Ivah Smith Winegarner, "We lived in a house by the side of the road where the races of men went by. Rich man, poor man, beggar man, thief, doctor, lawyer, merchant, chief" all were included, I'm sure, that passed by our house.

There were Gypsies, peddlers with big black valises on their backs. They told us they were from Assyria. One of them was murdered south of town.

There were tramps, beggars, well dressed travelers, most of them offered to work for food. They were usually sent to the wood pile to replenish the stove wood.

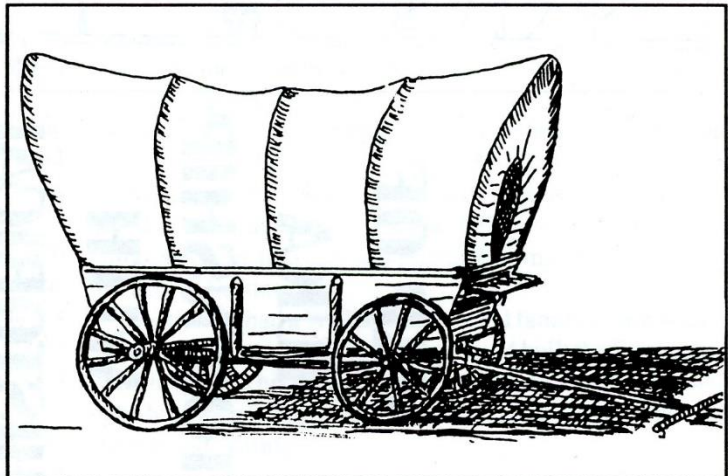
Hardly a week passed that we did not see covered wagons driving west, a cow tied to the back, a hound dog and sometimes a stovepipe with smoke pouring out, sticking through the canvas as they drove along. Many travelers stopped for a cold drink at our covered well, with a rope and pulley, walled with moss covered boulders.

Gypsy Sam and his family were quiet people living not far from us. In the spring they would begin

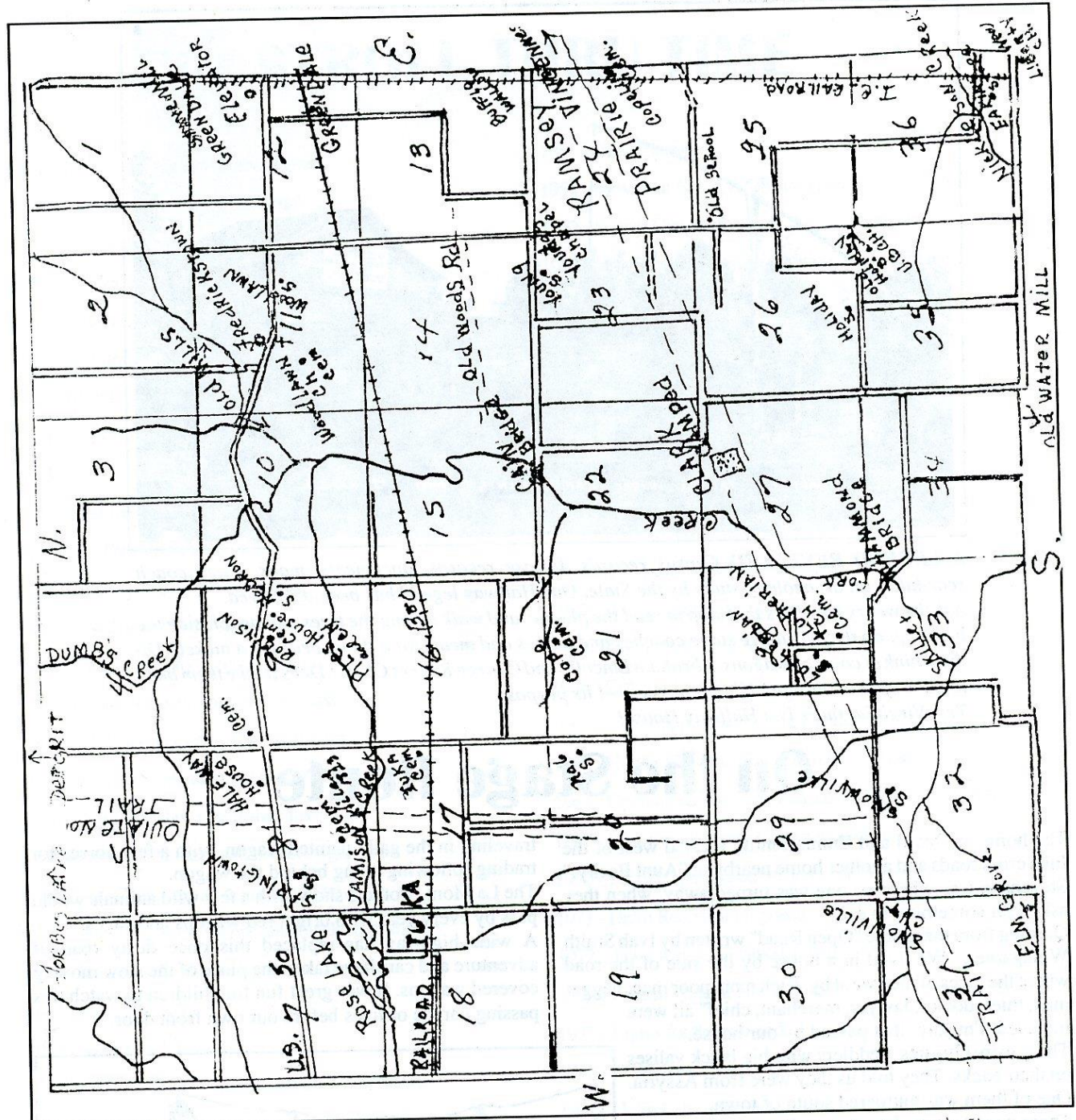
traveling in the gaily painted wagon, with a few horses for trading following along behind the wagon.

The La Mont Brothers show with a few wild animals would pass by every year with bright red wagons and cages.

A wide highway has replaced this once dusty road of adventure and cars have taken the place of the slow moving covered wagons. It was great fun for children to watch this passing parade of lives before our own front door.



MAP OF IUKA TOWNSHIP WITH HISTORICAL PLACES BY FRANCES OLIVER



← KAS KASKIA
WALNUT HILL

"TALES and AREA HISTORY"

by Frances Oliver (1992)

Our society is documentation orientated with computers, word processors, fax and space exploration. Our world "turns" daily on data. Therefore we can hardly comprehend our townships of only 300 years ago when things were done on the honor system, which sorry to say, we learn less and less about. Also we tend to disregard the old tales which have been "handed down" for years. I agree some are just tales but others are facts!!

Such as Frank Young and Dane Jones telling me stories about the old buffalo wallow and the old woods road behind the Jones home long before the other roads were laid out.

Recently our township lost a wealth of historical significance when our roads were named! Underpass road should have been Greendale as was always called in remembrance of the old town. Bottom road should at least have been Cain Bridge road. Hahn-Waggoner should be Young's or Young's Chapel in memory of Edward Young family who came here in 1820 and his ancestors started these institutions. His descendants have lived in the area ever since. Instead of personal names of the present, history should have been recorded!! Therefore we will only have word of mouth about dear old Cain and Hammond's bridge roads for the people of 2100, who will not believe any of the old tales at all by then.

Another old tale was told by Cleone Wooldridge about some people coming on the stage to the Halfway House (so much in dispute) and died of cholera. No one would bury them so her grandfather buried them in the old cemetery just east of the Halfway House.

I have conferred with Mr. Harley Bonham, who has done a lot of research on the trails in that area and has found proof where they were.

The trails were used by Indians and made by the many buffalo. Really these were our early settlers, not Jamison, Piles, etc.

Nan Silvey and son, Matthew, were avid hunters of Indian relics. They researched and found these Indians were settlers who grew in stages of advancement and not of a special tribe. They apparently lived around the creeks as relics are plentiful in this area.

There were great herds of buffalo and they made very wide trails along which were places they wallowed. These special spots contained minerals which helped keep off the flies, ticks, etc.

The Kaskaskia to Vincennes trail was there when the French arrived at Kaskaskia about 1700. Was later used as fur trade route by the Indians. It passed close to Odd Fellows Cemetery at Xenia in a straight line to Walnut Hill. "Early Trails of Eastern Illinois" by Adin Baber states "They crossed Section 29 and turned through Section 32 and 31.

In the "Journal of the Proceedings of Colonel George R. Clark" January 27, 1779 to March 20, 1779 kept by Captain

Joseph Bowman, who was next in command to Colonel Clark, of the march made over the Kaskaskia to Vincennes trail, is recorded where they passed through February 11 and camped after crossing the creek which would put it in Section 27 according to H. Bonham.

The Quiatenon or Detroit trail met this trail about Section 29-32.

The first wagon traveled the route in 1795, the same year Comte DeVolney, a wealthy French writer came to America and traveled over the Vincennes-Kaskaskia trail. He later published a book about his travels over the trail. In 1795 Hulbert traveled this trail and wrote about it. In 1797 Daniel Boone drove his stock over the trail when he moved to Missouri.

In Section 10 probably was the Piles House where the Salem Primitive Baptist Church was started.

Section 11 had the old drover's town, Fredrickstown 1835 to after 1845 and Woodlawn Church 1906. The church was begun in the old log school house west of the church. Also Fredrickstown's Cemetery.

Section 12 has the old town of Greendale which bought a lot of railroad ties.

M & O Railroad crossed the township in 1845 later became B & O about 1894. Fredrickstown died when the railroad went south and Middleton, later Iuka, was built on the railroad.

Cain's bridge crosses Skillet Fork and is named after a family named Cain living close.

Section 23 held the old log school also used as the First Methodist Church. Later a new school and Young's Chapel Methodist Church. Many histories refer to Ramsey Prairie which lies in parts of several sections.

The Copelin Cemetery was named after Nancy Copelin who gave the land. This was earlier used as a burial place for the members of Young's Chapel Church.

Section 25 had an old school marked in an old plat book. I have researched much and can find no name for that school nor any other record of it.

The Illinois Central Railroad was built in 1924 along the eastern edge of township.

The first Holiday school was east at the corner either on north Section 26 or south Section 35, according to Esther Hahn and Ruby Oliver. A United Brethren Church was started in this section by Thomas Oliver who came here in 1869, settled at the old water mill in Romine Township, later moved to Section 26.

Section 33 had a William Hammond family living within a few yards east of creek. Mr. Hammond built the first bridge with help from his brother-in-law, C. V. Branch, a carpenter who built the old log Lutheran School. The bridge was named Hammond's Bridge.

Women - You've come a long way.

The trials and tribulation of the pioneer women are probably beyond the modern woman's comprehension. Go back in time for a moment, think about feeding and clothing five or 10 children everyday on the westward trail. Imagine preparing meals over an open fire without the benefit of stove, oven, refrigeration or microwave. While at the same time keeping an eye on the little ones, watching for wild animals and casting a look around for Indians.

When the time came for a new baby, the wagons would stop for a day until the child was delivered and then begin moving on to a destination unknown.

Braving the scorching hot days, the rain and mud, snow and freezing cold weather.

Crossing the wilderness, blazing a trail where no one ever traveled before. Floating across rivers on crude rafts, crossing rapids, deserts, mountains and plains.

Women had courage, fortitude, faith, nerves of steel and yet rocked the cradle with love and tenderness.

She had no rights, no money, no property, no word of authority in making decisions. She was little more than a hard laboring possession.

In most cases women were on the same level as slaves. Susan B. Anthony led the fight for women to vote, but men feared the demands of women would impede the chance of an amendment of all Americans to vote regardless of race, creed or color. Women were not included or mentioned.

Gradually the states began granting the women the right to vote. By the 20th century women have gained the right to serve on juries, to retain earnings and property after marriage. The right to equal pay and equal job opportunity. In the late sixties the woman's Liberation was organized, but women are still considered a minority group.

After World War II, when the men went to war and the women went to work and proved they were capable, they are still struggling to maintain their place in the mainstream work force. Changes are occurring but time moves slowly. They still experience discrimination in many forms.

Sample---OFFICIAL BOLLOT Iuka Township

ELECTION;---TUESDAY APRIL 7th, 1903.



DEMOCRATIC.



For Supervisor
A. E. KELLEY.



For Town Clerk
JOHN ARNOLD.



For Assessor
H. H. CHEELEY.



For Collector
J. O. PIPER.



For Commissioner of Highways
WILLIAM LEWALEN



For Constable
C. O. JONES.



For School Trustee (Long Term)
M. D. L. YOUNG.



For School Trustee (Short Term)
MIKE KANE.



REPUBLICAN.



For Supervisor
WILLIAM GRAY.



For Town Clerk
FRED DEITRICH.



For Assessor
S. J. BARKSDALE.



For Collector.
F. W. BECKER.



For Commissioner of Highways
GEORGE GORDON.



For Constable
JOHN MILBURN.



For School Trustee (Long Term)
H. A. DAGGETT.



For School Trustee (Short Term)
L. M. MIDDLETON.

Shall the Commissioners borrow Five Hundred Dollars to build Kane bridge over Skillet Fork? YES
NO

WOMEN'S BALLOT.



DEMOCRATIC



For School Trustee (Long Term)
M. D. L. YOUNG.



For School Trustee [Short Term]
MIKE KANE



REPUBLICAN



For School Trustee (Long Term)
H. A. DAGGETT



For School Trustee [Short Term]
L. M. MIDDLETON

I hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of the tickets filed in my office---Dated this 25th day of March A. D. 1903. JOHN W. ARNOLD, Township Clerk.

NOTE THE SEPARATE BALLOT FOR WOMEN

In 1960, a presidential commission was founded to consider Equal Opportunity for women. Acts of Congress entitled them to equality in education, employment and legal rights.

In 1972 the Supreme court declared abortion was legal, and the Equal Rights Amendment was passed by Congress and sent to the States for ratification. Thirty-eight states have done so. The largest gain in the past few years. A good example is the nomination of Geraldine Ferraro as Democratic Candidate for Vice President of the United States.

This is a great tribute to the pioneer women who forged this nation without equal rights.



Clifton's Market

Archie Clifton was born Dec. 19, 1927. He was the son of Raymond & Mabel (Allen) Clifton.

On April 26, 1952 he married Maxine Brubaker daughter of Max and Mary Branson) Brubaker. She was born on July 6, 1930.

In 1952 Archie and his sister Imogene Goff bought the store from their uncle Wilburn "Budge" Clifton and continued calling it "Clifton's Market". His sister left the business

to raise a family. Later Archie and Floyd "Bucky" Gordon moved the store to the Beaver Building on the northeast corner of North Front Street and called it "Q Mart".

Archie was a merchant for 31 years until his death on March 16, 1983. He had a special place in his heart for his hometown.

Archie and Maxine's children are Debra, Billie, Douglas and Tracey. They have 5 grandchildren.

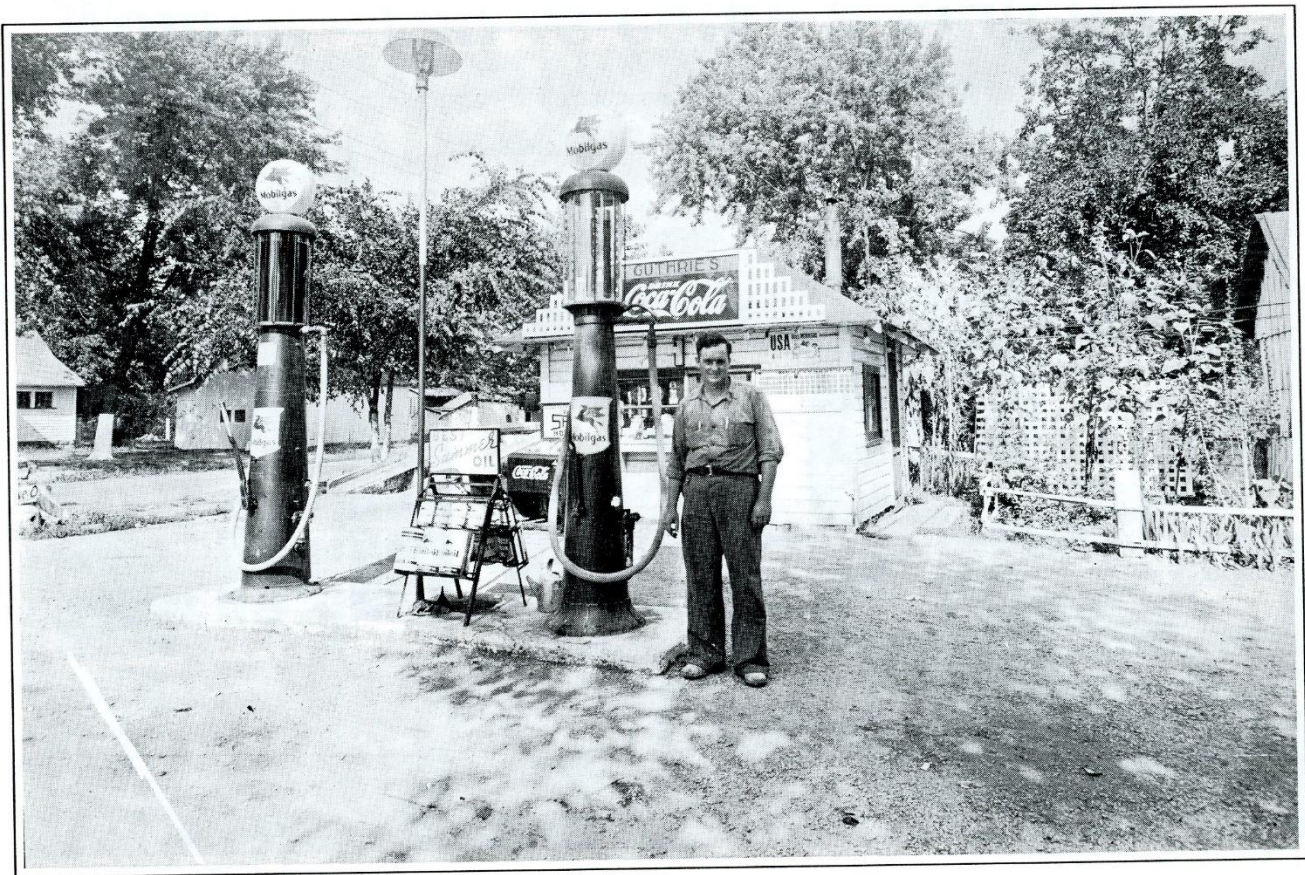
Clifton's Market

Pictured right: from left to right Wilburn "Budge", Bill & Camilla Clifton. Picture taken about 1950. Located on Front Street. Budge & Camilla operated the market from 1948 until 1952.

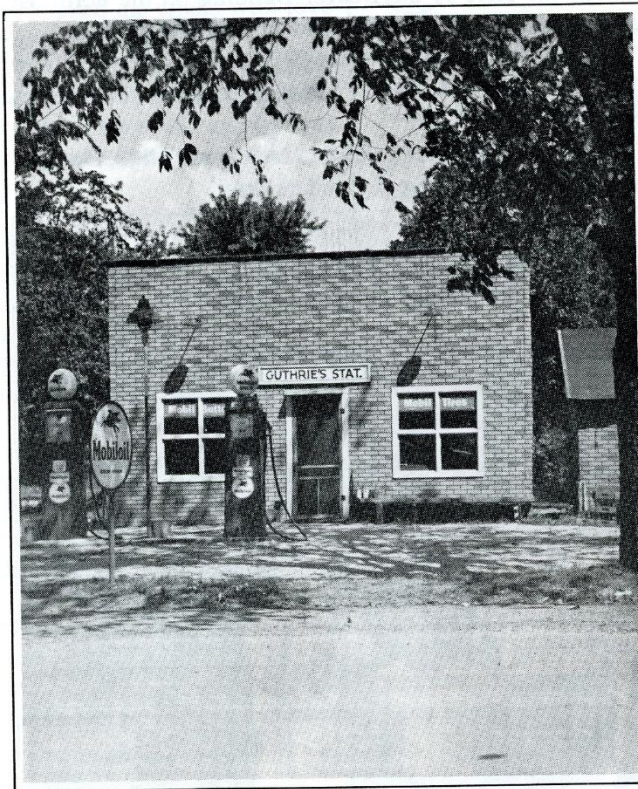
They lived upstairs over the store. After leaving the store business they farmed.

Wilburn "Budge" Clifton was born Oct. 22, 1915 in Romine Twp. Camilla (Greathouse) Clifton was born Dec. 24, 1918 in Wayne Co., Illinois. They were married Oct. 23, 1937 in Vincennes, Ind. Budge died Nov. 2, 1990. Their son, Bill lives in Iuka Twp.





GUTHRIE'S MOBILE GAS STATION



Ray Guthrie operated the Mobile Gas Station in Iuka beginning in the mid 1930's. When World War II started, Ray was recalled to work at the C & E I Railroad round house, where he had worked as a mechanic until laid off during the Depression. During World War II, Ray worked at the station from 6:00 a.m. until 2:30 p.m., then went to work from 3:00 p.m. to midnight at the round house in Salem. His wife Frieda ran the station in the evening hours.

During the War tires were so hard to get and gas was rationed so they closed the station. At the end of the War, Ray was laid off again so he reopened the station with a larger building, one where he could work inside with a modern high lift to raise cars.

Ray died in his station in March 1950 at the age of 46.

Ray was born Jan. 2, 1904.

Frieda (Williams) was born Feb. 14, 1906. She is still living.

Their children are: Robert (m. Betty Crain) & Betty (m. Roy Wilkins).

H & W LUMBER & BUILDINGS, INC.

H & W Lumber, Hardware and Construction was established at 705 Thomas Street September, 1985 as custom builders of farm, commercial and residential post frame buildings, with Ron Woodward as owner.

Ron & Betty (Thomas) Woodward were married September 3, 1955. They have one daughter Terry, who is married to Richard Hilton, and three grandchildren, April, Amanda and Dusty.

Betty is secretary for the company and had previously owned Rynwood Florist for 18 years in Iuka until the closing in 1992.

H & W was incorporated in February, 1991 to H & W Lumber & Buildings, Inc.

The present Manager is Robert Meyer. Robert is married to Clara (Woodward). Robert had worked for the Iuka Lumber Company for 25 years until their closing in 1985.

Harold Walter is the present Yard Man. Harold and his wife Louise (Eddings) came to help us after retiring from the University at Champaign-Urbana, Illinois

H & W Custom Builders reaches out to four states, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky and Missouri.

HOPPY'S CAFE (Happy Corner Cafe)

Oneta (Forsythe) Williams was born January 1, 1913 in Harrisburg, Ark. She moved to Illinois ca. 1926. She lived in Salem, then in Indiana and then back to Salem. She moved to Iuka in 1952 and opened a cafe. She got her nickname "Hoppy" from Bonnie Hickey because she was limping one day. Bonnie also nicknamed her daughter, Jeanette. She had her shoes off and he said "put your shoes on Lucy, don't you know you're in the city?" (an old song title). Jeanette has been

"Lucy" since that time.

Oneta's children are Robert "Bob" Williams (m. Annie Jacobs) and Jeanette "Lucy" (m. Joe Molenhour)

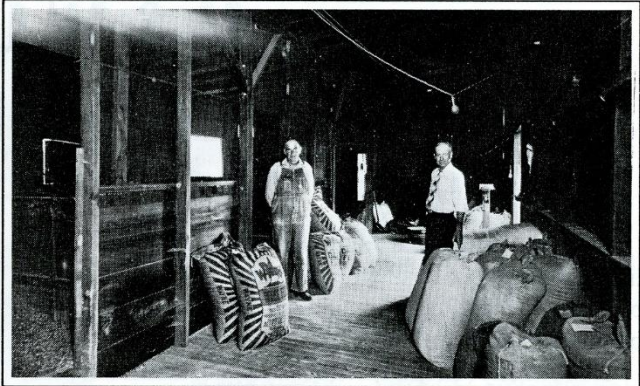
She has 7 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren.

Pictured below: "Hoppy" and Pat (Crundwell) Miller.

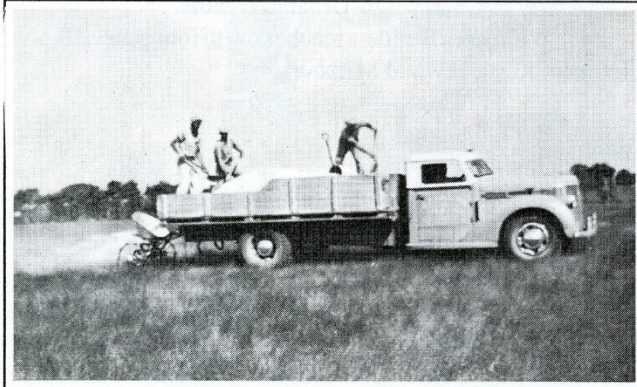




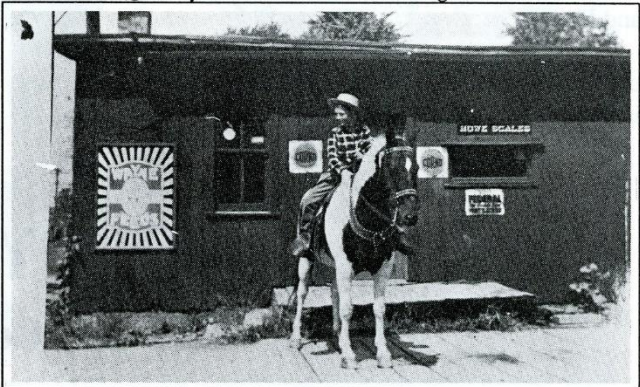
David Riley Hall - 1940



David Riley Hall on left, and Mr. Squires, Salesman for Columbia Quarry Limestone Co., on right. Picture taken



Spreading Limestone the hard way in the late 1930's or early 1940's. The three on the back of the truck are Cappy "Newt" Faudree, Roy Hall and Floyd Potter. Albert Henne is driving.



Vernon Hall on the scales. Picture taken in the mid 1940's.

HALL'S TRUCKING and FEED

Iuka was a great livestock shipping point. They would ship every Wednesday from one to three freight cars of cattle, hogs, sheep and lambs. Herschel Holstlaw was the one in charge, for awhile, of the Marion County Livestock Shipping Association and G.C. Clifton was manager. D.R. Hall helped grade the animals and if they got more than would go into a car or cars, he would haul the extras to East St. Louis to the Stock Yards.

In August 1930, D.R. Hall began a trucking service in Iuka. Nellie Walkington along with her son, Merle and daughter, Opal, owned the feed store located just south of the B & O Railroad tracks. In 1930 D.R. Hall bought it from the Walkingtons and along with his sons, Herbert and Raymond, ran it until about the first of May 1936. At that time his son, Roy, purchased one half interest in the business. He relates, "Traded our car for a new 1936 Chevrolet truck (big truck at that time) and along with my wife, Mamie, and children, Frances and Vernon, moved to Iuka in the fall of 1936".

The business was then known as D.R. Hall & Son Trucking Company. They handled feed, seeds, coal and hay. A coal shed was built just east of the store building, which would hold two or three railroad cars of coal. They had feed, limestone, fertilizer and coal shipped in by the carload, averaging between 10 and 15 cars of coal a year and 30 to 40 cars of limestone/fertilizer. They hauled straw to the paper mill in Vincennes, Indiana and sand and gravel from Lawrenceville, Illinois.

Later they purchased the lot and what had been the Livery Stable east of the town hall. Guy Pickrell, son-in-law of D.R. Hall, was a trucker for the company in the early 1940's.

The entire business was purchased by Harold Fear on January 1, 1950.

David Riley (D.R. as he was usually called or Dave) Hall was born February 26, 1881 in Fields Township, Jefferson County. He was the son of John Martin and Sarah Margaret Caroline (Carroll) Hall. He married Martha Ethel Derring of Romine Twp., the daughter of Bernard and Lydia (Stoncipher) Derring on December 22, 1901 in Jefferson County. They had four sons, Herbert, Clarence, Roy and Raymond and three daughters, Blanche Josaphine, Mary Inez and Martha Pearl.



David Riley Hall died December 18, 1957 and Martha Ethel Derring Hall died July 4, 1949. Both are buried at Donoho Prairie Cemetery.

Roy David Hall was born December 11, 1908 in Pawnee, Sangamon County, Illinois and is now living in Ocala, Florida with his wife Mary. He married Mamie Wilkins, daughter of Vesta Wright Wilkins and Elsie (Spurgeon) Wilkins May 30, 1930 in Kell, Illinois. Mamie was born June 20, 1908 and died April 15, 1978. She is buried at Bell Cemetery in Haines Twp. There were two children, Frances Yvonne born February 13, 1934 and Vernon Leroy born January 25, 1936. Vernon married Wanda Louise Pierce in Greenville, Indiana. They now live in Englewood, Ohio and have two sons, John Edward and David Douglas. Frances lives in Iuka.

Both D.R. Hall and Roy D. Hall served as Mayor of Iuka.



IUKA CAFE and STORE Owners: Mr. and Mrs. B.F. Thurston April 17, 1913

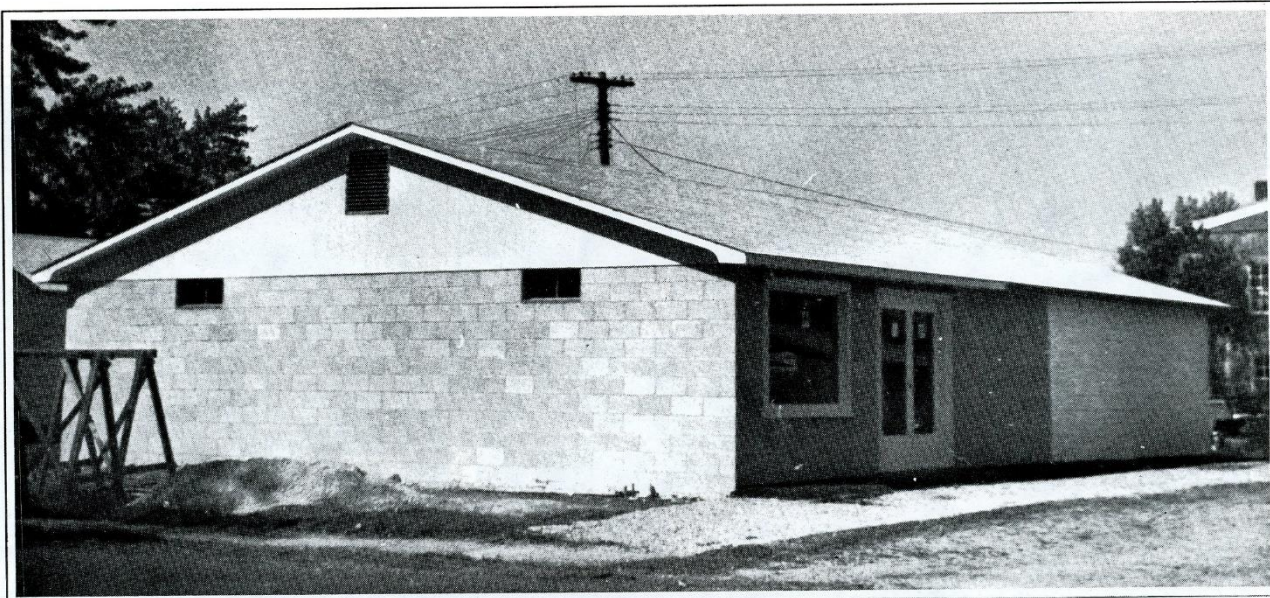
Both of the pictures are taken in the J.W. Humphrey building. This is now the Masonic Lodge. This building had housed a restaurant continuously since the turn of the century until the sale of it to the Masonic Lodge in April, 1973.



HOLSTLAW RESTAURANT Owners: Dan & Mary Holstlaw, 1940. Pictured from left: Mildred (Foltz) Beard, Stella (Brown) Barnwell, Mary Holstlaw, Dan Holstlaw, men at counter - unknown.

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IUKA FOOD STORE

The Iuka Food Store was constructed and opened in 1966. The store was co-owned by Delbert and Evelyn (Pickrell) Bartley and Guy and Pearl Pickrell. The store was closed in 1971 and the building was then used for a restaurant until

about 1973. In January of 1974 the building was sold to Charles Rankin. Mr. Rankin then converted the building into Rankin Funeral Chapel and it remains there today.



IUKA LUMBER COMPANY

James Rufus Meador was born December 28, 1893 in Romine Township. On Dec. 27, 1914 he married Rosa Lagow.

Rufus was employed by Matt Hinderer & Sons and the B & O RR prior to employment by W.A. Karr Lumber Co. in Iuka. This firm was changed to Iuka Lumber Company in 1928 and Rufus became a stockholder and manager.

Rufus & Rosa had two sons: Ermal and James.

Ermal was born in 1916 and worked for the company from 1934 to 1950. James was born in 1922 and worked for the company from 1945 until death in 1985. James was manager after his father's death in 1964. The company was dissolved in 1985.

This picture of Rufus was taken in 1940.



JONES GROCERY STORE

Tom Jones was born June 16, 1909 in Clay Co., Ill. He was the son of Wilson & Ethel (Mullins) Jones.

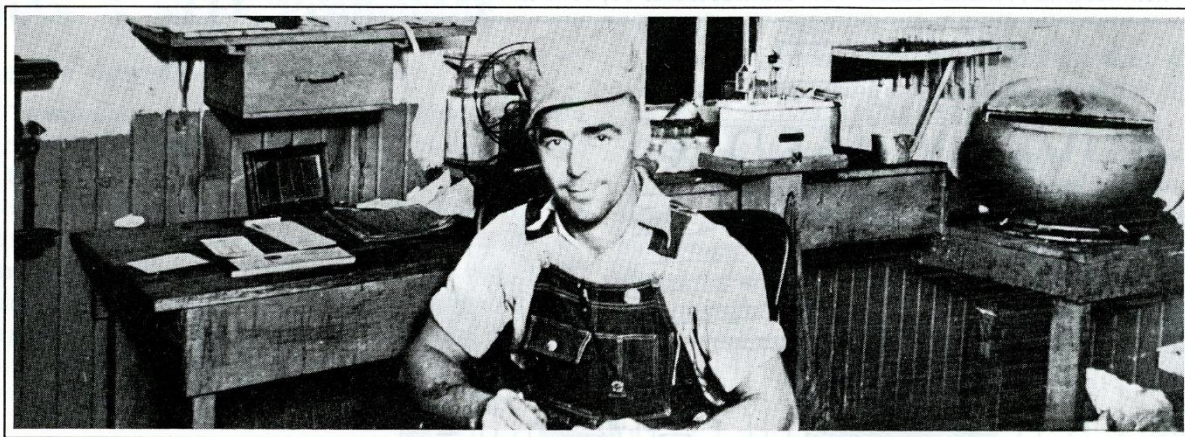
Alberta Phillips was born Nov. 28, 1913 in Iuka, Ill. She is the daughter of Stephen & Bertha (Behrndt) Phillips.

Tom and Alberta were married June 2, 1932. After their marriage they lived in Flora, Hammond, Ind., Chicago and then back to Iuka. Shortly after World War II, Tom and Warren Howe opened a grocery store in the building that formerly housed Goostree's Tavern, Thompson's Feed Store and Sona Coffee Shop. Later, Tom bought Warren's half of the business and operated the store until 1948, when he sold

it to Wilburn "Budge" Clifton. Tom then went to work in the oilfield. Tom and Alberta ran a restaurant in the old J.W. Humphrey Building (now the Masonic Lodge) from 1962 until 1973. This building had been used continuously as a restaurant since the turn of the century.

Tom died Dec. 19, 1981. Alberta still lives in Iuka. Their children are: Ron (m. Reta Henne), Carol (m. Jim Burroughs) & Tom (m. Barbara Crippen).

There are 3 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren. Pictured are Tom Jones on left and Warren Howe on right.



KELLER'S CREAM STATION

Walter Merle Keller was born March 28, 1913 in Iuka, Ill. He was the son of Albert Walter Keller and Frances Evalyn Beard.

Merle married Opal Decker February 21, 1934. She was born November 15, 1916, the daughter of Jacob and Alice (Crutchfield) Decker. They moved to Iuka in 1938. Merle

worked at the Brown Shoe Factory in Salem, B & O RR, ran a cream station in Iuka and retired from oil field work in 1975. He died February 18, 1981.

Merle & Opal's children are: Wanda (m. Bill Fatheree), Allen (m. Betty Camp), Leon & Doug.

This picture was taken in 1940.



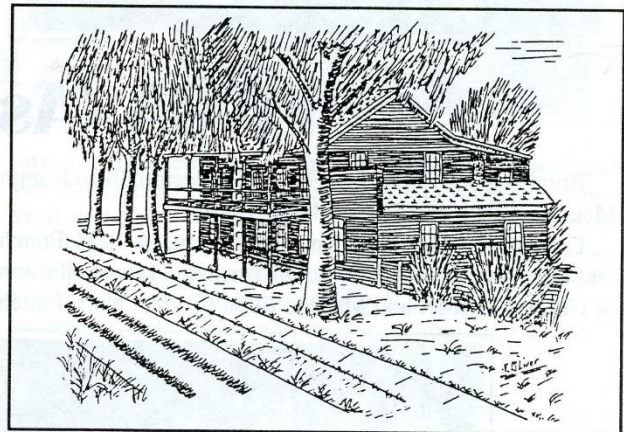
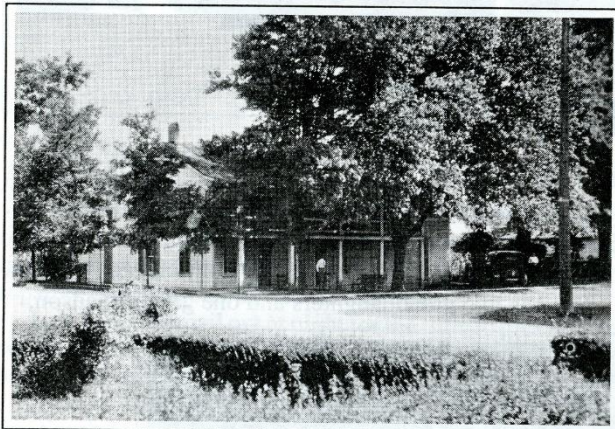
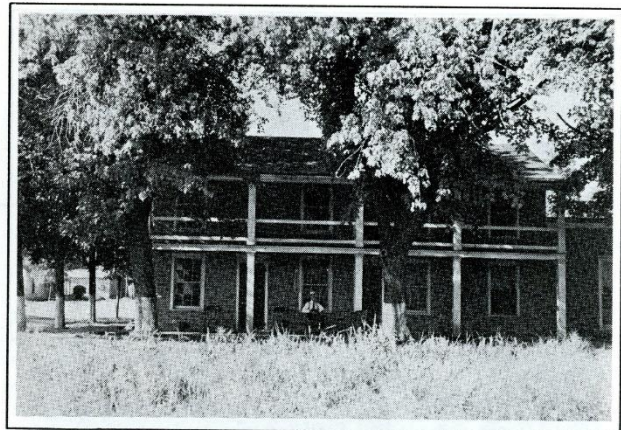
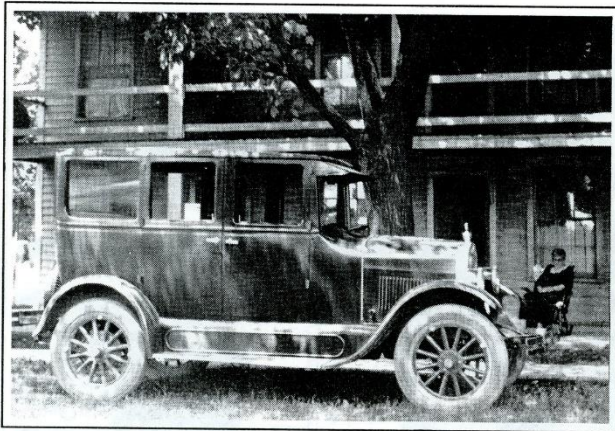
HARRY LINDER'S BLACKSMITH SHOP

Harry Linder had a blacksmith shop in Iuka about 1908. In the picture above are left to right; Ott Tarter, Harry Linder & unknown. Harry Linder was born April 17, 1878. He married Clara Belle Harmon July 8, 1905. Their daughter, Allena Pickett was born December 11, 1908 in Iuka, and is still living there.



LIVERY STABLE

This Livery Stable was in business in Iuka about 1909. At the side of the building is the old jail and bell. The Village Hall now stands on this location.



NEFF HOUSE

CHAS. A. NEFF, Proprietor

Iuka Bee - November 16, 1900

The whereabouts of first class hotel accommodations are one of the first questions a visitor asks when visiting a village and to give this piece of information to those who contemplate a visit to Iuka is the object of this editorial. Such visitors will find in the Neff House every facility provided for their entertainment. This is the largest hotel in town and has the reputation of being better equipped for the business than any other place. It is certain that those who have stopped here, go

away satisfied with their treatment.

The dining feature of this hotel is par excellent. All the substantial of the season are served in a neat and intelligent manner.

Mr. Neff, the proprietor, is a congenial gentleman and popular host who leaves no stone unturned to please and satisfy everybody. He has the reputation of being one of Iuka's most progressive citizens and is well deserving of success. Our advice to those who visit Iuka would be by all means to patronize this popular hostelry.

TRIVIA MEMORIES

Old Mill

After the old mill shut down, Bill Hinderer, Paddy Ayers, Ed Widdows and Sam Barksdale would go up in the office and play pinochle all afternoon. After Bill died, they sold all of the equipment.

Rose Lake

There was a jitney with a step in the back and benches on

both sides to carry people to the lake. It left from the stable and usually Clode Songer used his horses to pull it.

Clode Songer used his team of horses to pull the hearse to the cemetery.

One time the roads were so bad that they put the casket on a flat car on the railroad tracks and pushed it to the cemetery and then carried it from the railroad to the gravesite



ERMA (Ashby) NEFF

Erma was born April 11, 1908 in Charleston, Ill. to Joseph Maurice Ashby and Susan Myrtle Dudley.

Erma married Harold "Punch" Neff Sept. 26, 1934. Punch was born Jan. 26, 1905 in Indian Territory. He was the son of Charles Herbert and Matilda Ellen (Carter) Neff. Punch

died April 6, 1986.

Erma and Punch lived in Iuka most of their married life. Erma ran the Neff's Cafe for many years.

Their children are: David (m. Pat Hollifield) and Charles. She has two granddaughters and one great-grandson.



PARKS GARAGE

Located on Front Street in Iuka.

Pictured left to right: Bill Davis, Marion Parks & Durley Dunlap. Picture taken in 1947.

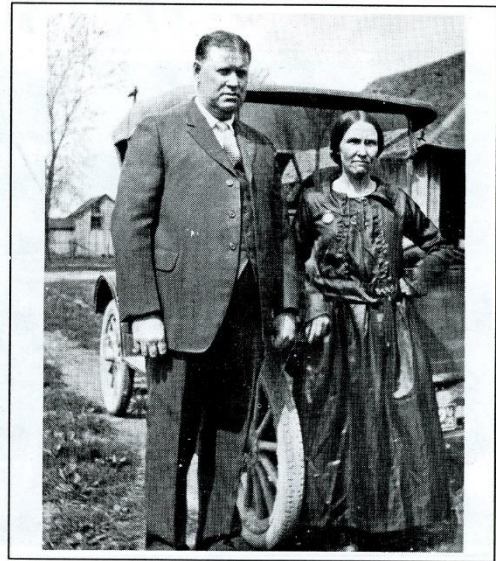
The building was constructed in the early 1900's (Model "T" time). It has been used various times as garages and grocery stores. Business owners were families of Fear, Nichols, English, Eakin, VanGilder, Ellis and Parks.

Marion Parks started training as a mechanic in this

building at the age of 17, continued in Iuka as a mechanic at various locations and bought the building in the early 1940's for a garage business. Mr. Parks sold the building to Floyd & Rhonda Gordon on April 11, 1985 and they presently have the B & R Grocery located there.

Marion Parks was born April 23, 1904. His wife Martha (Branson) was born September 12, 1910. They were married January 30, 1929. Their children are Lee & Ron.

LELA MEADOR SHOE REPAIR



Lela Meador began his shoe repair business in Iuka on January 26, 1920.

He was first located in the lower floor of the old telephone office (where Rankin Funeral Home is today). He repaired harnesses and probably anything made of leather. He also repaired watches, clocks and traded knives.

Lela hung the mail out at night for the train to pick up. He would pick up the sack of mail that was thrown from the train and deliver it to the Post Office the next morning.

About 1930, he moved to the southeast corner of Cherry and South Avenue. He had a small building out in back of his house that he used for his repair shop.

The shoe repair business was quite active in the past. A person was lucky to have one new pair of shoes a year and they certainly didn't cost \$75 to \$150 a pair! When they became

torn, you had them sewn. If they needed new soles and heels you took them to Lela's repair shop. They weren't thrown away and a new pair bought. We are not sure what the cost to have the repairs done on the shoes, but we're sure it was a minimal amount compared to what it would cost today. But even if the cost was reasonable to repair shoes today, we probably would still live up to our reputation as a "throw-away" society.

Lela Meador was born in 1885 and died in 1959. He was married first to Elizabeth Daggett and had two children, Hattie (m. Bill Sanders) and Edna (m. Hiram Mulvaney). His second wife was Ida Butcher and they had a son, Alva (m. Augusta Henson). Lela's third wife was Edna Henson.

Alva and Augusta still live in the house where Lela lived and had his shoe shop until his death in 1959.

Iuka Bee - November 16, 1900

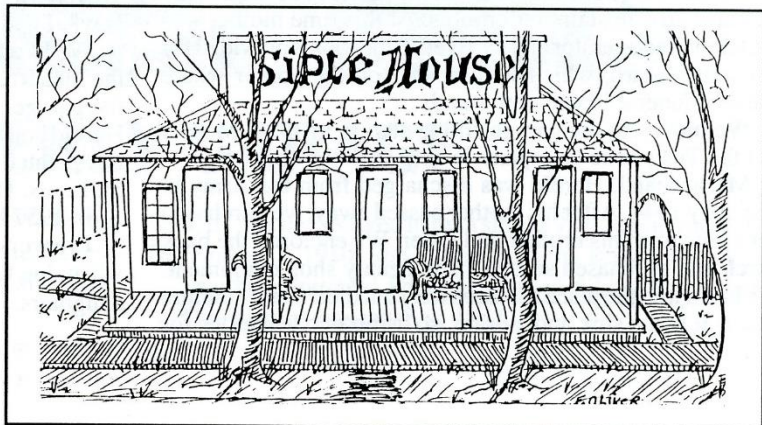
SIPLE HOUSE Hotel and Restaurant,

George Siple Proprietor Feed Stables in Connection

If there is one piece of information that a stranger is more thankful for receiving than another, it is as to the whereabouts of first-class hotel accommodations and we are going to earn the gratitude of the visitors to Iuka by informing that in the Siple House they will find all that could be desired in the way of such accommodations.

They understand thoroughly well how to conduct a hotel so as to please everybody. A prominent feature of this hotel is the restaurant and lunch room feature. We know of no place in the county or even section of Southern Illinois where the same superior quality of meals can be obtained at an equal outlay. Mrs. Siple is a most excellent cook and all the substantial of the season are here served in a neat and intelligent manner. Everything about the place is comfortable and homelike and the guest is well treated and goes away satisfied. Mr. Siple is an old resident of this section and is well known and popular amongst all classes.

He and his wife have been catering to the public in this line for the past 12 years. There is a livery and feed stable in connection and accommodations are afforded for a considerable number of transient horses.





THOMPSON TRUCKING & FEED STORE (1935-1948)

Frank Thompson owned this business. He was born in 1880, the son of William and Bethinia (Kelly) Thompson.

One year crops were bad in the Iuka area but there was an abundance of wheat and oats in the western states. Loads of wheat and oats were shipped to Iuka. Thompson Trucking then unloaded them out of the boxcars.

Thompson Trucking went to Peoria to pick up Red Brand Fence (this was the company that sponsored the Barn Dance on WLS Radio station in Chicago) for Hinderer's.

Centralia Cartage Company began with Thompson Truck-

ing and was started by Frank Thompson, Merle Thompson, G. W. Rohman and Ralph Sprehe.

In 1936 or 1937 Denver English had cows shipped from drought stricken Texas to Iuka. He rented D. W. Holstlaw's land between Iuka and Salem. The cows were unloaded at the stockpens in Iuka and then driven west along the railroad track then on north to the highway to the pasture. Jim Thompson remembers riding his pony on this drive.

Photo above taken in about 1947. Frank and Jim Thompson.

WEEMS and FEAR BUSINESSES in IUKA by Irene Fear (1992)

My parents, Leonard and Carrie Weems, bought the building at the southeast corner of the Iuka Road and Route 50, in 1924. It was a shell of a building (like a barn) large doors on the north and the same on the south. That was the start of the garage. Later gasoline pumps were added and Dad had made the upstairs into rooms. At this time mother was the telephone operator and we lived in the rooms provided for the switchboard, which was located on the corner where Rankin Funeral Home now stands.

We moved to the garage-filling station in 1926. Mother left the Telephone Company to help with the business.

My husband, Harold was discharged from the Army in February 1944. After his mother passed away, we purchased her home from his brother and sister. We enclosed the back porch and purchased second-hand beauty shop equipment. We had wired the place for electricity but didn't have running water. It had a sink and a drain, so using two teakettles for

hot water, a bucket for cold water and a deep washpan in the sink - I started in the Beauty Shop business out on the farm.

About 1945 we moved to what was known as the Molly McCartan house, northeast across the street from the school. We fixed the closed-in porch for the Beauty Shop and "Happy Day", I had running water!

We lived there until 1956, when we built a home north on the Iuka Road, with the Beauty Shop between the house and the garage.

Harold bought the D.R. Hall & Son Feed Store in 1951, which he operated several years along with trucking livestock into St. Louis. He also spread fertilizer for farmers.

In 1957 Harold and I bought the Hinderer General Store. I've worked long hard hours, but happy ones, for 51 years, when due to health, I closed my shop and moved near my daughters.

WIEHLE TRUCKING

Erwin & Lois Wiehle were in the trucking business for over forty years in rural Iuka.

During the building of Interstate 57, Wiehle Trucking helped prepare the shoulders by spreading fertilizer/limestone needed throughout Marion County.

Erwin made many trips to Bedford, Ind. for stone to be used in the building of homes and businesses; to the stockyards in St. Louis, MO for people wanting to sell their livestock.

Erwin & Lois also farmed, raised cattle, hogs & chickens.

Erwin & Lois (Pickett) were married June 4, 1933. Their children are: LeRoy (m. Stella Altigilbers), Peggy (m. Tom Halford), Erwina (m. Earl Blank), Patricia (m. Alan Timm), Linda - died at age 16 & Edward - died in infancy.

Grandchildren are: Cindy, Kevin, Gregory & Kent (LeRoy) Christina (dec'd), Michael & Tommy (Peggy), Matthew & Bradley (Erwina), Jason & Kristen (Patricia).

There are 13 great-grandchildren.

Erwin died August 9, 1988 and Lois died May 30, 1984.



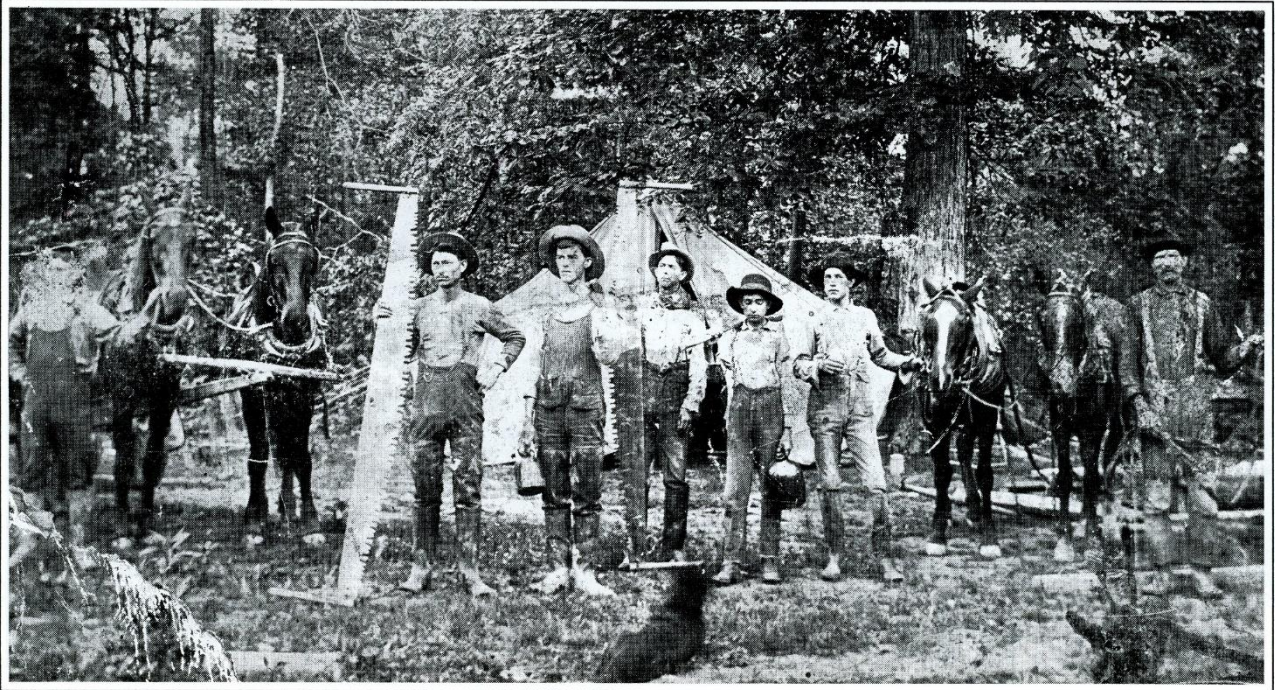
WIMBERLY GARAGE

Ezra Wimberly started a garage at his home in 1941 after being laid off from the Brown Shoe company in Salem, Illinois. He also worked at the Vandalia Correctional Center. He was mayor of Iuka from 1961 until 1968.

Ezra was born April 29, 1907. He lived in Salem until he married Tessie Bass in August 18, 1934 and then moved to

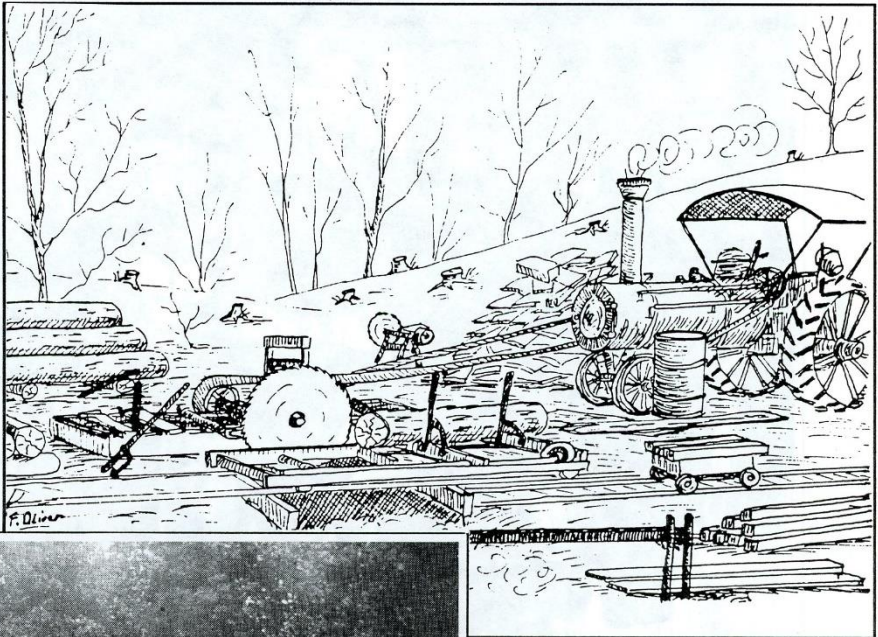
Iuka, Ill. Tessie has lived in Iuka since 1932. Tessie was born December 27, 1910. She retired from the Brown Shoe Co.

They have one child, Paul who married Hildred Krutsinger. This picture was taken in 1941.



READY FOR A DAYS WORK

X Frank Linder on left holding horses and Harry Linder holding the saw are the only persons that can be identified



AUGUST HENNE SAWMILL

WILLIAM L. BAUMAN

Submitted by
William Bauman, son.

Born in Chicago, Ill. July 5, 1876, family later moved to a farm near Johnsonville, Ill. where he took his first job with a William Boaz, who operated a general merchandise store. My fathers first job was to drive a huckster wagon,

which he drove out through the country carrying staple groceries and would pick up eggs and chickens, etc. as payment for things that they would buy.

Then the family moved to Decatur, Ill. There he met my mother, Marie Kresin, and was married May 5, 1903. Then



From left: Art Hahn and William Bauman

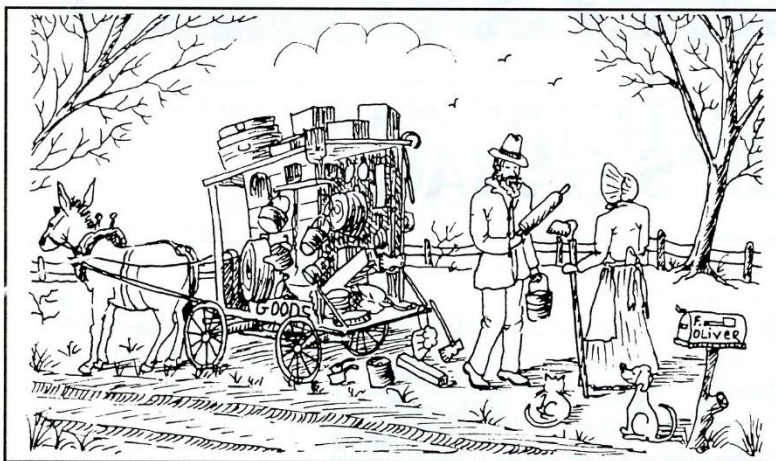
they lived in Iuka, Ill. where he managed the Iuka Lumber company for 14 years. Then he was Postmaster at Iuka for 12 years.

After about 1934, my father bought Beaver's Store and operated it until about 1947, when he retired and his daughter Pauline Bauman Hahn and her husband Arthur Hahn took over.

My father's store had groceries, some general hardware, work shoes and men's work clothing.

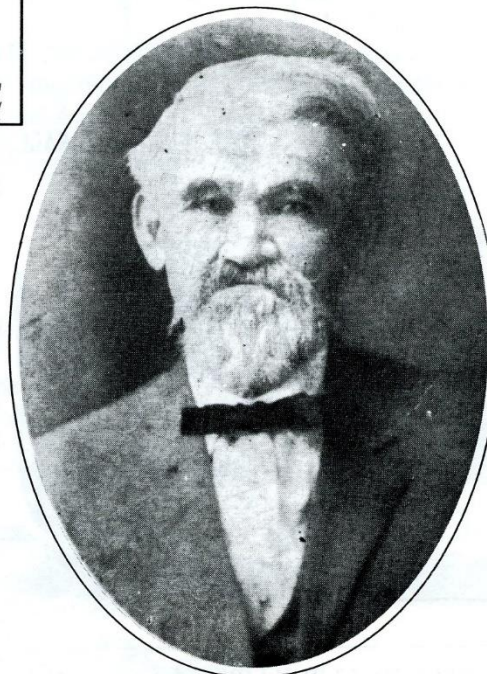
During this period, my father would buy 2 to 3 railroad boxcars of flour and feed from Clyde, Kansas.

My father died January 1, 1959 and my mother died January 6, 1961.



MATTHEW HINDERER

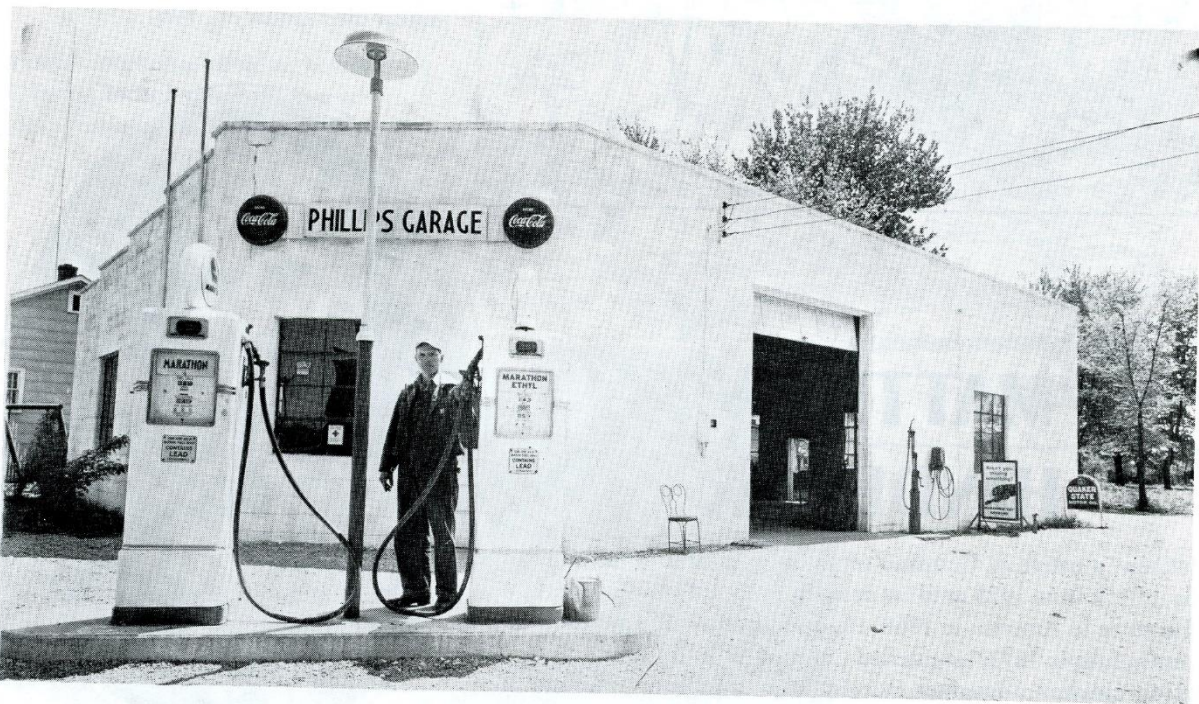
Matthew, a native of Germany served as president of the Salem National Bank from 1925 until his death in 1933. He was 92 years of age. He came to America in 1868. He developed a large mercantile business in Iuka in 1873. He married Caroline Krodell in 1882. They reared four children, a daughter, Estella; three sons, Henry, Ernest and Clarence. The children carried on the tradition and Hinderer Store remained in operation until 1957.



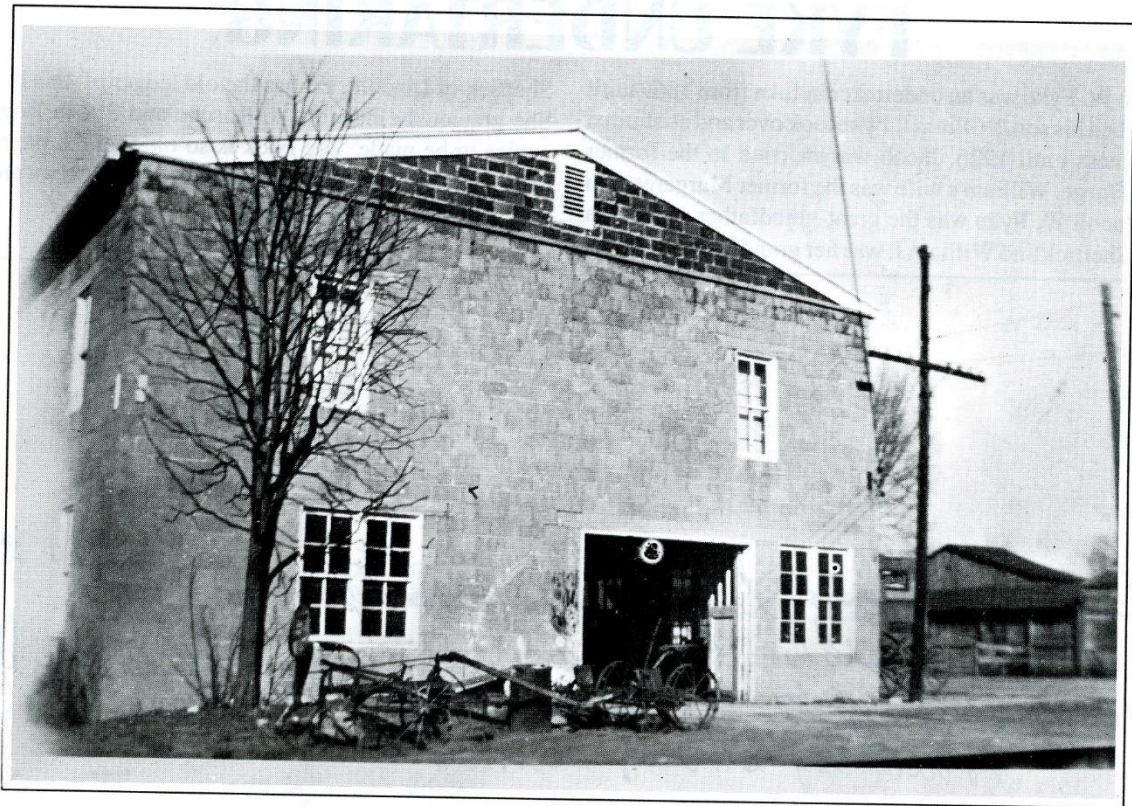


DEMPSEY "Jack" PHILLIPS IN HIS GARAGE IN 1940. This garage was west of the present Village Hall.

PHILLIP'S GARAGE



DEMPSEY "Jack" PHILLIPS in his garage that he built in 1949. This is the site of the present Davis Tire.



ALBERT HAWN, SR.

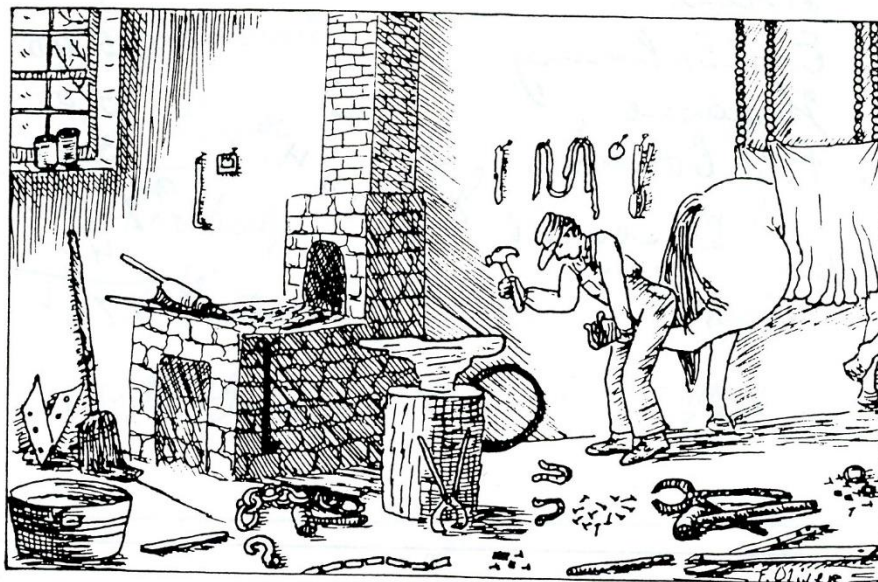
Son of Cornelius and Mary Pilman Hawn, married Edith McCall in 1917. They reared two sons, James and Albert Jr., James gave his life at the Battle of the Bulge in WW II. Edith died in 1937.

Albert then married Lara Bass. She died in 1967 leaving three children, Verlie Bass, Earl Bass and Tessie Wimberly of Iuka.

Albert grew up with blacksmithing. His father and uncles had businesses at Boss Station near Newton, Ill. His brother

Ralph continued his father's blacksmith business there. Albert opened a shop in Iuka in 1920. In 1925 he built a new building which is still standing today. He retired in 1956. His son Albert Jr. ("Cowboy") carried the business forward until 1970. In 1974 he reopened the shop with a history of 54 years in Iuka.

Albert Hawn, Sr. was a member of the Salem American Legion and the John B. Moody Masonic Lodge No. 510 of Iuka. He died Aug. 17, 1982 aged 91.



FYKE UNDERTAKING

Jacob W. Fyke was an undertaker in Iuka from 1869 until 1904, when his son, William J. Fyke took over and continued the business until 1926. Jacob was married to the former Martha Burge. William's wife was the former Margaret Ann Jones. Jacob W. Fyke was the great-grandfather of Martha (Fyke) Sheftick and William J. was her grandfather.. Martha

Sheftick of Lincoln, Ill. has the old ledger of this business. She graciously loaned it to Roscoe and Sylvia Rogers for copies to be made. The book is so old that the pages were being damaged in trying to photocopy them. So we are using only a few pages in this book.

Feb 26	Estate of Thos. J. Howe - old soldier		910 21.00
1916	To Basket & Box complete	37.50	Paid
	Taking boy to cemetery	1.50	
	undertaken services with body	3.50	
	Paid by state of Illinois	42.50	
Dec 12	Giles Rogers for wife		no 18890
"	To basket	145.00	no 411
"	" Vault	85.00	Paid
"	" Dress	22.00	
"	" Shoes	4.00	
"	" Embalming	15.00	
"	" Hearse	15.00	
"	" P.B. Couch	5.00	
1926	By Discharge	291.00	
		4.00	
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no 167043

	Coffins Sold	Dr	Ac
1809			
"	L. Gavin. To Coffin.	Paid	85.00
	Thos Snow " "	Paid	2.00
1871			
Nov 19	Joel Stonewiper " "	Paid	4.00
Feb 20	Ann Foster " "	Paid	6.00
1872			
—	Syda Eaton " "	Paid	6.00
—	W. Middleton " "	Paid	8.00
—	Henry Bell " "	Paid	20.00
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—	Gas Cooper " "	Paid	12.00
—	W. C. Cheeky " "	Paid	8.00
—	L. W. Costellow " "	Paid	6.00
—	W. H. Gosney " "	Paid	5.00

A Stroll Through the Businesses of Iuka...Then and Now

The following list of businesses was taken from records, some submitted and others remembered. Some have probably been missed. The dates are the years of the business, taken from the document researched. The date, 1992, indicates the business still exists. A special thanks to Dr. George Ross for his articles., the Marion County Genealogical Society for their articles from the quarterly "Footprints" and to everyone who submitted names and dates.

- Abney, Pearl**, 1928 Cream Station
Adams, Juanita Beauty Shop
All in the Family Restaurant 1992
 Linda Jett
Allison Barber Shop
Allmon, Carl, Late 1850's
 Cream Station
Allmon, Jerry, 1856
 General Store
Aumiller 1931 Sorghum Mill
Ausbrook, Frank & Leland
 1930/40's Poultry & Eggs Ice
B & R Grocery 1985-1992
 Flowers & Greenhouse 1992
 Floyd "Bucky" & Rhonda Gordon
Baker Brothers Fertilizer
 Jim & Gale Baker
Baker's Body Shop, 1946-1992
 Eugene Baker
Baley, Robert C (MD)
Barbee, Dr. Merle, 1910 , Drug Store
Barksdale, Bill - Barber Shop
Bartley Insurance, 1982-1992
 Roger Bartley
Bartley, Fred, 1920 , Restaurant
Bass, Linda, 1980-1992, Beauty Shop
Bauman, William L.
 Lumber Yard, 1917
 Grocery & Gen Mdse, 1934-1947
Beard, Jimmie Gas Station
Beaver, Benjamin N., 1865-1906
 General Merchandise, Druggist, 1880
Beaver, Martin, 1881 , Carpentry
Beaver, Paul
 Cream Station, 1917
 Tavern
 Sandwich Shop & Tea Room, 1933
Beaver, William Manuel, 1906
 General Merchandise Grocery & Feed
Beck's Creamery, 1940's , Minnie Beck
Becker, Lester - Cream Station
Bell, Floyd, 1932 - Cafe
Bernzen, John, 1920 Novelty Store
Blackburn, J.W. (MD), 1882
Bosenberger, Charlie Barber Shop
Bowles, Mrs Nan - Millinery
Bradley, Bishop M., 1920
 Five & Ten Cent Store
Bratcher, John, 1870 - Grocer
Brooks, Arthur (MD)
Brown, Sue - Cream Station
Bryant Barber Shop
 1928-1937 - Carl Bryant
Bryant Bros Barber Shop, 1940's
 Curt & Fred Bryant
Bryant, S.W., 1880 Blacksmith
Brubaker, Marvin Insurance
 Sold milk
Buckeye Sales & Service, 1985-1992
 Vern Phillips & Tom Reese
Burkett, Eldon & Ruth Restaurant
Burrough's Barber Shop
 Jim Burroughs
Caghn Chemical Co, 1894-1903
Campbell, Arthur, 1923
 Cream Station
Cantrell, John, 1918 Livery Stable
Carneal, George Veterinarian
Carneal, Thomas E. (MD), 1920
Chandler Millinery, 1910
 Blanche Chandler
Chapman, J. W., 1881
 Hay & Stock Dealer
Cherry, Elmer, 1935 -
 Farm Implements
Cherry, Francis & Ed Metcalf
 Groceries, 1907-1909
 Farm Implements, 1909-1911
Cherry, Francis, 1911-1928
 Farm Implements
Cherry, Mrs F.S. (Mary), 1928-1935
 Farm Implements
Cherry, F. W., 1911
 Opera House
Clifton Feed Mill , 1942-1961
 Raymond & Mabel Clifton
Clifton's Store,
 Wilburn "Budge" Clifton 1948-1952
 Archie Clifton, 1952-1983
Collins Brothers, 1866 - Grist Mill
Collins, Culbertson - Grist Mill
Conley Service Station, 1930 ,
 H.P. Conley
Conley, James, 1881
 Livery & Feed Stable
Conley, Richard & Joel - Carpentry
Coon, Calvin, 1860 Hotel
Costellow, Luellyn, 1860 - Store
Craig House - E.N.Craig
Crain, Max - Barber Shop
Crippen & Sons Grain, 1959-1977
 Carl Crippen
Crippen Trucking
 Neal & Mickey Crippen, 1977-78
 Mickey Crippen, 1977-1992
Crundwell & Huggins, 1876
Crundwell, Samuel, 1881
 Hardware & Harness
 Cooper Shop
Cummings, Claude - Restaurant
Cutler, Porter, 1867-1879 , Store
Daggett, Oren, 1830
 Millwright Iuka Twp
Dairy Barn
 Buster & Kay Marshall
 Roger & Mary Lou Bartley
Daniels, Geo Edwin & Huddle, Benjamin
 1885-1904 Undertaking &
 Coffin Making
Daniels, George Edwin
 Furniture, 1900
 Bank
 General Mdse, 1867-1905
 Lumber Yard, 1881
 Telephone Co, 1901-1905
 Cooper & Grain, 1880's
Daniels, P.E., 1910
 General Store & Undertaking
Davis, Joel, 1870
 Grist Mill
Davenport, James (MD)
Davis Tire, 1992
 Benard Davis
Deaver, James H., 1881
 General Merchandise
Dietrich, Al - Feed Mill
Driesbach, Norman (MD), 1894
Durnell, A., 1860 , Wagon Maker
Dyer, C.H (MD), 1899
Eakin, Edwin - Garage
Eddings, John F., 1909
 Real Estate & Insurance
Elk Saloon
Ellis, Vernon - Grocery Store
English, Denver & Dwight
 Garage, 1934 - Tavern
Estis, A. O., 1830's
 Blacksmith Iuka Twp
Evans's 5 & 10 (son of Dr Evans)
Evans, (MD)
Fatheree, Hill, 1912-1920
 Railroad Ties , Sawmill
Faudree (Tom) & Price, 1899
 Barbershop, Tonsorial, 1900
Fear, David - Grocery
Fear, Harold - Feed Store, 1950-
 Grocery store
Fear Herb, Insurance
Fear, Irene, 1944-1991
 Beauty Shop
Fear, Isadore - Grocery Store
Fear, Kenneth, Harry & Doris
 Feed Store, 1931
Finn's Store
Finn, Walter L (MD), 1899-1939
Foust, Newt - Garage
Freck's Service Station, 1959-1972
 Earl "Freck" Bass
Fuller, Leonard, 1860 - Carpenter
Fulton, Lou - Tavern
Fulton, Thomas & Sons
 Cider Mill & Apple Butter Factory
Fyke, George W. - Cream Station, 1924
 Grocery, 1925
Fyke, Jacob W., 1880
 Undertaker & Carpenter
Fyke, John J. (MD) 1878
Fyke, John & Jacob W., 1860, Sawmill
Fyke, W.J. & G.W., 1924 Grocery
Fyke, William, 1895-1925
 Undertaker - Coffin Maker
Gains, William, 1881-1914
 Livery & Feed Stable
Garner, Clark - Tavern
Gauger Hat Shop, 1923 , Myrtle Gauger
Gordon Cream Station
 Oda Gordon
Gordon, Quill & Foster, Bob
 1851-1855 Saw & Grist Mill Iuka Twp
Goostree Tavern
 Clarence Goostree , Carl Goostree
Gregory, Betty - Beauty Shop
Guthrie Service Station, 1935-1950
 Ray Guthrie
H & W Buildings & Hardware
 1985-1992
 Ron & Betty Woodward
Hahn, Art - Gas Station
 School Bus Service
Hahn Grocery Store, 1947- Art & Pauline
Halls Feed Store & Trucking
 1930-1950
 Dave Hall, Roy Hall
 Herbert Hall, Raymond Hall
Hamilton (MD)
Hancock Funeral Home
Hanna, Anna - Cream Station
Harlin, John, 1860 - Store
Harris Racket Store, 1899
Harris, H. C., 1903
 Bargain Store - Drug Store, 1876
Harris, Viney - Store
Harrison, Joel, 1831 Blacksmith
Hatch, Warren, 1860 , Carpenter
Hatmaker, Emma, 1899 , Millinery
Hatmaker, Michiel, 1880, Shoemaker
Hawn, Albert, Sr
 1920-1956 Blacksmith Shop
Hawn, Albert, Jr, 1956-1974
 Blacksmith Shop
Hawn, Ralph, 1920 - Blacksmith
Henne, Harold - Gas Station
Hensley, Dr., 1892 - Veterinarian
Hill, Alberta - Restaurant, 1967,
 1975, 1976
 Gas Station, 1965-1967
Hill, Bill - Blacksmith
Hill's Used Cars, 1962-1992
 Jim Hill
Hill, Owen, 1955-1988 Used Cars
Hinderer, Matthew & Krodel, 1881
 Butcher Shop,
 Confectionery & Grocery
Hinderer, Clarence, Ernest
 & Estella 1933-1957
 General Store
Hinderer, Henry, 1920
 Blacksmith
Hinderer, Matthew, 1873-1933
 General Merchandise
 Barrel Mfg, 1899
Hinderer, W.C. - Roller Mill, 1910
 Brickmill (closed 1919)
Holstlaw Bank, 1905-1910
 D.W. Holstlaw
Holstlaw, Daniel E & Mary
 1919-1952 Restaurant
Holstlaw, Daniel W., 1880-1907
 General Merchandise
 Stock Trader , Stable 1939
Holstlaw Dry Goods, 1900
Holstlaw, John H., 1880 - Store
Holstlaw, Mrs Lucy, 1881
 Millinery
Holstlaw Opera House, 1902
Holstlaw, Tom, 1981-1992
 Service Station
Hooters Meat Processing, 1991-1992
 Roger Hooten
Hoppy's Cafe, 1952-1960
 Oneta Williams
House of Plunder, 1986-1992
 Irvin Stanford
Howe, Herschel L., 1919
 Feed, Grain & Coal
 Movie House
Huddle, Benjamin, 1881
 Carpentry Undertaker &
 Coffin Maker, 1875-1885
Huddle, Toll, 1890's Blacksmith
Humble, U M (MD), 1900
Humphrey & Holstlaw, 1875
 General Store
Humphreys, James W., 1872
 Cooper Shop

General Mdse, 1881-1911
Irwin, Joseph A.(MD), 1880-1903
Irwin, Mrs Sally, 1881 Millinery
Irwin, Thomas L. (MD), 1880
 Drugs & Notions
Irwin, Walter (MD)
Irwin, Walter & Max, 1881-1894
 Drugs & Groceries
Iuka Bee Newspaper, 1899-1905
 Geo Daniels &
 B F Wnorowski
Iuka Coal Company, 1873
Iuka Creamery, 1905-1918
Iuka Food Store, 1966-1971
 Restaurant, 1971-1973
 Delbert & Evelyn Bartley
 Guy & Pearl Pickrell
Iuka Grain & Feed Store, 1914
 H.D. Holstlaw
 William Beaver
Iuka House, 1899 Daniel Quinn
Iuka Lumber Company
 Bill Bauman, 1917
 Rufus Meador, 1928-1964
 James Meador, 1964-1985
Iuka Milling, 1899 Wm Hinderer
Iuka Mutual Insurance, 1913-1992
Iuka State Bank, 1910-1992
Iuka Truck & Fruit Growers, 1903
Jackson, James S. Attorney
Jackson, James S., 1858
 Blacksmith Shop
Johnson (MD)
Jones Cafe, 1962-1973
 Tom & Alberta Jones
Jones, Cuthbert, 1880 Blacksmith
Jones, Sam -Blacksmith
Jones, Tom & Warren Howe
 1945-1948 Grocery Store
Jones Insurance, 1899 Wm Jones
Justice, Demalian Grocery, 1919
 Livery Stable early 1900's
 Stock Dealer, 1910
Karr, W.A. 1908, Lumber Co.
Keller, Merle, 1940 - Creamery
Keller, Walter & Henson, Arthur
 Grocery Store prior to 1927
 Saloon prior to 1927
Kelley, A.E., 1915 General Store
Kelley & Finn prior to 1915
 General Store
Kelley, Joshua C. 1880
 Wagon Maker
Knack Ice Cream
 Harold "Putsey" Knack
**Krodell Grocery, Confectionery
 & Butcher Shop**
 Carrie Krodell
Krodell, Henry W. Meat Market
Krodell, William, 1870 Saloon
Lewellen, Frank, 1918-1919
 Restaurant
Linda's Beauty Shop, 1970-1992
 Linda Bass
Linder Bus Service, 1966-1992
 Loren & Phyllis Linder
Marion Co Telephone Co
Marshall, Bernard
 Lumber Company
 Restaurant
Maxine's Beauty Shop, 1965-1992
 Maxine Clifton
May's Bargain Shop
Meador Shoe Repair, 1920-1959
 Lela Meador
McClenethan Service
 Dave McClenethan
McGuire Barber Shop, 1985-1991
 Tom "Dick" McGuire
McGuire, Orpha Cream Station

Michael's Sale Barn
 Harry Michael Auctioneer
Middleton, Benjamin F. (MD)
 1878 Drug Store
Middleton, Daniel, 1880
 Stone Quarry
Middleton, Frank, 1876
 Drug Store
Middleton, H L, 1908 Insurance
Middleton, James A., Late 1850's
 General Store
Middleton, Joel H., 1831-1850's
 Blacksmith Shop
Middleton, Mary, 1879 Midwife
Middleton, Thomas L.(MD), 1860
Middleton, Thomas L., 1830's
 Grist Mill & Gen Store
 Iuka Twp
Middleton, Walter , Apple Evaporator
Middleton, William , Drug Store
Middleton, Wm Elgin (MD), 1860
Miller Beauty Shop Pauline Miller
Miller Implement, 1909
 Fred Miller
Mills, Charles L. 1909
 Bakery Ice Cream Parlor
Mills, Louie Tavern
Moody, John 1870 Bakery
Moody, William A., 1880
 Harness, Shoe Maker &
 Barber
Morgan, Loyd L. (MD)
Mulvaney, Claud, 1932 , Cream Station
Mulvaney's Variety Store, 1969-1972
 Margie Mulvaney
Muzzey, John S., 1859
 Groceries & Dry Goods
Neff's Cafe, 1940-1960
 Harold & Erma Neff
Neff Hotel , Charles A. & Rae Neff
 1866-1920
 Charles Herbert Neff, 1920-1936
Nichols, Lawrence, Cream Station, 1933
 Garage
Oglesby, Samuel J., 1920
 Boarding House
Oglesby, Lucy, 1923 Hotel
Oliver, D.H. & Nihle, 1931,
 Sawmill Iuka Twp.
Onstott, John, 1836-1845
 Sawmill & Grist Mill, Iuka Twp.
Osborn, Joe Feed Store
 Restaurant (Iuka Cafe), 1981
Oyler, Banks, 1923 Hotel
Oyler, Calvin F.,
 1920 Shoe Cobbler
Parks Garage early 1940's
 Marion Parks
Perrill, P. S., 1881 Carpentry
Phillips Garage
 Amos & Dempsey Phillips, 1932-
 Dempsey "Jack" Phillips
 1945-1954
Phillips, S. A., 1907 Grist Mill
Phillips Tavern Carl Phillips
Pickett's Millinery
Pickrell, Charlie
 Help yourself laundry
 Restaurant
Pickrell, George - Barber Shop
Pollard, J. A., 1928 Cream Station
Pollard, James, 1914 Restaurant
Porter, Cela, 1878 Midwife
Presgrove, Guy, 1920 Garage
Price, David, 1893
Price, George Barber
Pruden, Herbert &, Swalley, Charles ,
 1909 , Livery Stable

Q Mart 1973-1976
 Archie Clifton
 Floyd "Bucky" Gordon
Quandt's Supply, 1986-1991
 Steve Quandt
Quinn, 1898 Saloon
Quinn, Daniel, 1880
 Grocery & Restaurant
 Rose Lake, 1899
 Iuka House Hotel, 1902
Rags to Riches, 1980-1983
 Ray & Brenda Wilkins
Raguse, Mrs Cream Station
Ramsey, G.D. (MD)
Rankin Funeral Home, 1974-1992
 Ed Rankin & Myron Lloyd
Rawlings, J.T. Blacksmith
Riley, W.H. (MD)
Ritter Millinery, 1881 Nora Ritter
Rodgers, James (MD), 1860
Rogers, R. M., 1860 Carpenter
 Blacksmith
Rogers, S. (MD)
Ron's General Merchandise
 1991-1992-Ron & Reta Jones
Rose Lake Supply, 1975-1992
 Al Hofelich
Russell Restaurant
 Albert & Bess Russell
Rynwood Florist Shop, 1974-1992
 Betty Woodward
 Rhonda Gordon
 Clara Meyer
Sandies Family Restaurant
 1988-1991
 Ozzie & Sandie Oswald
San-Roz Restaurant, 1988
 Gene & Rosie Henson
 Ozzie & Sandie Oswald
Sapp, Earl Barber Shop
Schirr, Gerhard "Junior" Sawmill
 Feed Store, 1957-1962
 Garage
 Schirr Trucking, 1957-1990
 76 Gas Station, 1960-1962
Schoolfield, J J Attorney
Scott's Cafe Clifford Scott
Sew-So-Shop, 1972-1978
 Margie Mulvaney
Shufeldt Feed Store
 Keith Shufeldt
Silvey, Gerald , Jerry's Variety Store
Silvey, Ruth Restaurant
Simmons, (MD)
Siple House, 1888
 Geo Siple
 John Cantrell
 Isadora Fear
 Francis Cherry
 William Bauman
 E N Craig, 1899
 Lucy Siple
Smith & Chance, 1859
 Groceries & Dry Goods
Smith, James L, 1918
 Grocery, Feed, Grain, Coal
Smith, Solomon, 1860 Store
Snow's Cafe Rosalie Snow
Soap Factory, 1896
Sona's Coffee Shop, Theo Sona
Songer, Walter & Samuel(MD's)
Songers Bros, 1903 Buggys
Songer, Fred & Samuel, 1837-1851
 Saw & Grist Mill Iuka Twp
Songer, I. N., 1881 Restaurant
Songer, Samuel (MD)
Spain, J.W. (MD)
Spitler, Aaron, 1920 Blacksmith
Spitler, David, 1887
 Blacksmith Shop

Spitler, Josie, Sewing & Alterations
Stephens, John, 1881
 Hotel , Cooper
Stockpens
 Holstlaw
 Edgar Stevenson
 Cecil Clifton
Stonecipher, Lem, 1914
 Restaurant- Butcher Shop
Storment, Mark, 1977-1981
 Feed Store
Swalley & Rooks, 1900
 Rose Lake Resort
Swalley, Sylvanus, 1880- Store
Tarter, Edith, 1940/50's
 Beauty Shop
Tarter's Blacksmith, 1932
 Ott Tarter
Tate Pool Hall
Tate's Creamery, 1919
 Russell Tate
Tate's 76 Station, 1992
 Russell Tate
This is It Shop, 1985-1992
 Edwin Gordon
Thompson, "Buss" , Tavern
 1937-1938
 Freight Line, 1940
Thompson, Frank, 1935-1948
 Feed Store
 Trucking
Thompson, Gertie Beauty Shop
Thurston, Mr & Mrs B.F., 1913
 Restaurant
Timm, Mary, 1880 Midwife
Tinkler, Jesse, 1825 Mill
Tullis, Jane, 1884 Midwife
VanGilder's Grocery Store
Walkington Feed Store, 1930
 Nellie, Merle & Opal
 Walkington
Weems, L. A., 1924
 (Leonard & Carrie Weems)
 Lincoln Trails Garage
 Store, Service Station &
 Help yourself laundry
Wells Cafe Noble & Pearl Wells
Wiehle, Dorothy Cream Station
Wiehle, Raymond, 1942-1991
 Trucking
Wilkins, Roy Mobile ome Repair
Williams, R. 1860 Carpenter
Williams Service Station
 Verl "Salty" Williams
 1939-1943
 "Salty" & Tom Holstlaw
 1943-1981
Wilson, Orville, 1910 Blacksmith
Wimberly's Garage, 1941
 Ezra Wimberly
Windle, L.H., 1881
 Tobacco Store & Barber
 Shop
Wolf, Charlie, 1899
 Photographer
Wooldridge, Bill & Bud
 1954-1959- Garage
Wooldridge, W. A. 1918
 Restaurant
Wooldridge, William, 1920
 Motion Pictures
Young & Ballance, 1931 Sawmill
Young, Edward, 1860 Store
Young, Ned, 1860 Boarding House
Young, Samuel, 1860-1881
 Blacksmith



IUKA STATE BANK

(The first portion of the Bank's history was written by Mrs. Matilda Koehnke for the Centennial book published in 1967.)

The first bank was started in Iuka by Mr. George Daniels, who operated a General Store. After Mr. Daniels passed away, Mr. D.W. Holstlaw, in the year 1905, established a private bank, later to be incorporated under the laws of the State of Illinois.

Until the time the present bank building was erected, banking business was conducted in the Holstlaw Store.

The Holstlaw Bank was chartered as the Iuka State Bank on December 10, 1910. The following men served as managers for a period of one year: A.H. Bachman, J.J. Bell, C.N. Neff, C.E. Hull, M. Hinderer, R. Robinson, J.C. Martin, D.W. Holstlaw and Lewis Finn. D.W. Holstlaw served as the first president of this board.

For a number of years the bank was operated by Mr. and Mrs. H.D. Holstlaw, assisted by Mildred Kelley. After the death of Mrs. Lois Holstlaw, other assistants were secured.

After Mr. Herschel Holstlaw passed away, Mr. Ernest Robinson became president. Others working at that time in the bank were Mrs. Altris McGuire Phillips and Mr. Asselmeir. Later Charles Pike, Mrs. Ella Quandt, Mr. Fred Chance, Mr. Guy Featherly and Mr. Brookman were bank employees.

In 1954 shares were offered to individuals, and after a meeting of the stockholders, a board of directors was organized with the following elected: Clarence Smith, Ernest Robinson, Fred A. Dietrich, Harold Fear, John Koehnke, Sr., Eugene Irwin and Raymond Clifton.

The members of the Board of Directors will ever hold in grateful remembrance the good qualities of their late fellow members: Ernest Robinson, Raymond Clifton, Eugene Irwin, Fred A. Dietrich and John Koehnke, Sr. Serving in their

capacity are Erwin Wiehle, Merle Walkington, Roger Bartley and Ralph Holstlaw.

The present officers are: President, Clarence Smith; First Vice President, Harold Fear; Second Vice President, Erwin Wiehle; Cashier, Roger Bartley; Assistant Cashier, Sue Eddings and Assistant Cashier, Raymond Koehnke.

On July 7, 1905 the total assets were \$3,581.32. The present assets are \$1,750,000.00.

In our journey through the years as patrons and friends of the Iuka State Bank, we pause to give thanks for the past and look hopefully forward.

(The following is the history beginning in 1967).

In 1977, directors Ralph Holstlaw, Harold O. Fear, Erwin Wiehle, Roger Bartley, Walter E. Stevenson, H.J. "Jack" Barksdale and James R. Meador voted to construct a new building and a new site was purchased and the present Bank was constructed. The present facility was first occupied in June of 1978.

The present directors are Allen Barksdale, James P. Dorr, Leymone Hardcastle, Raymond Koehnke and Walter E. Stevenson. Mr. Dorr was elected president and chief executive officer in January 1986 and still holds that position. Mr. Dorr is only the sixth president of the bank in its 82 year history.

Besides Mr. Dorr, the present employees are: Raymond Koehnke, Sue Eddings, Janie Grimes, Connie Brandibas, Connie Vincent, Andrea "Beth" Borcharding and Thelma Quandt. These eight people represent 165 years of banking and but 27 of these years have been at Iuka State Bank.

On March 31, 1992 the total assets were \$11,224,606.70 and total Equity Capital was \$1,408,117.72. Capital to Asset Ratio was 12.54%.

The Iuka State Bank is a local, independent, stockholder owned and operated bank in and for the trade area of Iuka.

BANK ROBBERY ENDS IN LOVE STORY

It was 3:45 in the afternoon, January 21, 1921, when four masked robbers entered the Iuka State Bank waving guns and shouting, "Put 'em up or I'll shoot a hole in you!"

Herschel Holstlaw, Cashier; Lois Holstlaw, Teller; Miss Mildred Kelley, Bookkeeper; along with Roscoe Rogers, were in the bank. Roscoe is still telling the story today. He was seventeen at the time of the robbery.

The masked man locked them in a room and escaped with about \$16,000 in cash and Liberty Bonds.

The men didn't count on plucky Miss Kelley, who grabbed a rusty old gun that wouldn't even fire, and gave chase, along with Herb Pruden. It was winter and the robber's car became mired in the mud east of Iuka (one account gave the car as breaking through a country bridge). Others caught up with Miss Kelley and joined her in the chase. The robbers abandoned the car in such a hurry that one of them left his hat, with his name on it, in the car. The five men were apprehended (there was a driver also), and arrested.

Enter Love Story. Mr. Clarence Smith, attending college at Southern Illinois University, read of robbery and the daring chase by Miss Kelley. His hometown was Flora, Illinois and his father was a lawyer in the trial of the robbers held in Flora. It was a fairly easy task to meet Miss Kelley.

Miss Kelley had attended school at the Ladies' Baptist College in Lexington, Missouri and a private school in Atlanta, Georgia.

The couple were married in a quiet ceremony at the Rose Lake home of her parents, Albert and Florence (Holstlaw) Kelley. Their attendants were Mr. and Mrs. Morrell Crow of St. Louis, Missouri and Lois Tully Holstlaw, an aunt of the bride. Mrs. Crow was a sister of the groom.

Clarence and Mildred Smith made their home in Flora, where Mr. Smith was a States Attorney. He was the youngest man in the state to be elected to this office.

BANK ROBBERY

The alarm sounded at 12:26 p.m., April 7, 1983.. One teller, Andrea "Beth" Borcharding, was at her station, one teller had gone home for lunch, the others were in the back. There were no other customers.

The short lightweight man, appearing to be in his twenties, immediately pulled a gun from his jacket and demanded money. There was approximately \$2,000.00. He took the money and demanded that Beth walk with him for about a block. Then without warning he left her and continued on foot south.

Mickey Crippen saw a white car south of town, leaving at a high rate of speed but could not make an identification.

A few hours later the Savings and Loan of Mattoon, Illinois was robbed and a week later a Green Bay, Wisconsin bank was robbed. The man, David Wastak, age 26, was apprehended, pleaded guilty and was sentenced to 12 years for the three robberies.





1905 IUKA POST OFFICE AND CARRIERS - Left to right: Charles Dabney, Forrest Gain, Noble Songer, Joe Hindman and John Golden.

UNITED POSTAL SERVICE

In the early colonial years, postal service began. It cost a penny to send a letter to relatives abroad by the captain of a ship. In 1639, General Court of Massachusetts designated a tavern in Boston as the official receivership of overseas mail. In 1672 there was a mail route between New York and Boston. Benjamin Franklin was appointed Deputy Postmaster General for America in 1753. He didn't serve in this post very long and the first Postmaster General was Samuel Osgood of Massachusetts. He was appointed by George Washington in 1789. When he took office, the thirteen states had 75 post offices. In 1829 Andrew Jackson made the Postmaster General a member of the cabinet.

Rural Free Delivery became permanent in 1896 and due to the demands of the farmers, the government formed a National Parcel Post service in 1913.

Zip codes came into use in 1963. The Postal Reorganization Act of 1970 became an Independent Nonprofit Corp.

Richard M. Nixon changed the Federal Post Office Department into the U.S. Postal Service.

New postal service technology is being studied. It involves International Electronic Message Service (INTELPOST) and a service for high volume users of computer originated mail (ECOM). If this is adopted, zip codes will change from five to nine digits.

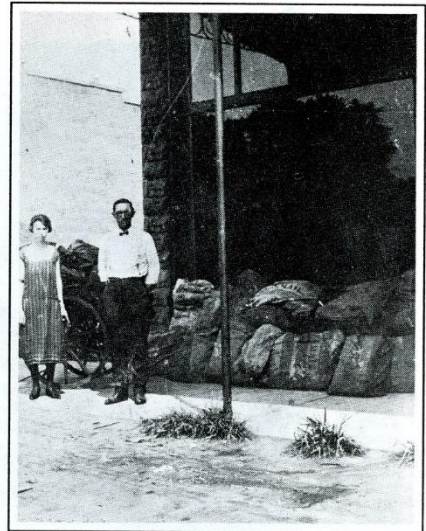
The first post office in Iuka was in the George E. Daniels store. It was then moved to a building west of his store. From there it was moved north across the railroad tracks to Front Street. It remained in the same building for many years. In 1964 part of that building was torn down and the lot on the west was bought and this is the post office that we have at the present time (1992).

A list of postmasters from the past are: James A. Middleton, Cuthbird M. Jones, Henry C. Harris, Solomon Smith, Porter E. Cutler, Martin Beaver, Daniel Holstlaw, James W.

Humphreys, Benjamin Beaver, Walter C. Irwin, Joseph A. Irwin, Sylvanus C. Swalley, Verne Swalley, Adam Hatmaker (he died in 1905 and his wife was appointed until 1908 when Noble Songer was then appointed), Marvin Brubaker (1913), William Bauman (1922), Florence Kelley (1934), Ralph Holstlaw (1949 thru 1970), Verl Bartley (1970), Ron Kesterson (1980 thru 1984-Ruth Silvey was Acting Postal Administrator during Kesterson's term), Sherrill Bartley (1984 thru 1989).

Clyde Maxey was appointed Postmaster in 1989 and remains in that position now (1992).

Some of the carriers from the past are: (1905) Charles Dabney, Forrest Gain, Noble Songer, Joseph A. Hindman, John Golden; (1917) Giles Rogers, Boyd Hindman, Wm. Beaver, Forrest Gain, Charles Dabney, Herb Pruden. Other carriers through the years have been: J.T. Bosenberger, Patrick J. Holstlaw,



Walter Cantrell, Herman Koeneman, Jay F. Lewellen, Herman Pickett, Carl L. Hines, Tillman Jones, Walter A. Cantrell, Charles A. Neff, Ernest Robinson, Henry Featherly, Banks Oyler, Glen Jones, Jesse Thommas, Harold Stevenson. Loue and Cecil Wooldridge served as substitute carriers for many years.

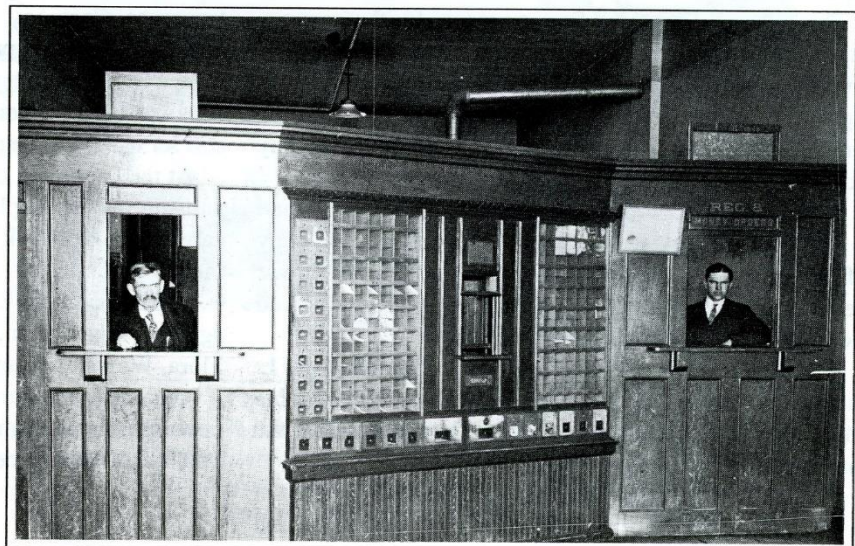
The present carriers (1992) are Jana Jones and Delbert Bartley. Each carrier drives approximately 100 miles each day and has 300 boxes.

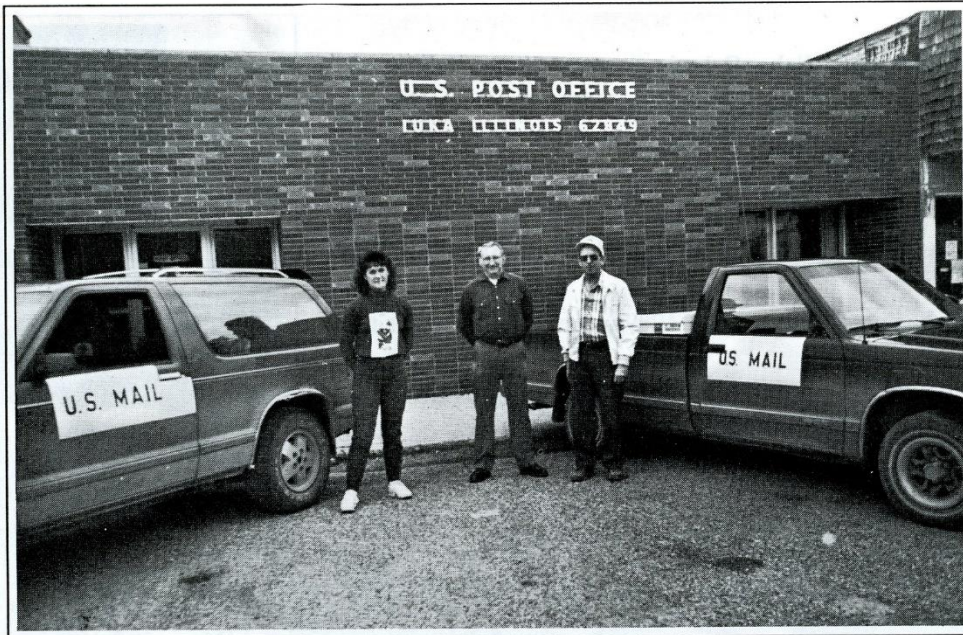
The joy of waiting for the mail carrier, to watch the covered buggy, and the lope of his horse, bringing something to read (especially the mail

Top Right:
William Bauman and Grace English Stevenson with sixteen mail bags filled with Montgomery Ward catalogs. There were a lot of mail orders sent back in those days. Picture was taken in the early 1920's.

Center:
Mail carriers prepare for their delivery during a heavy mail day. A particularly heavy mail day was the distribution of the Montgomery Ward catalogs.

Bottom Right:
Joe Hindman and Marvin D. Brubaker about 1913.





1992 Postal Workers from left: Jana Jones, Carrier for Route 2; Clyde Maxey, Postmaster and Delbert Bartley, Carrier for Route 1.

order catalogs) or in later times, the Model T sloshing water from the ruts to get to the mail box.

Does anyone remember Mr. Hines and the special built truck with the narrow tires the size of tractor wheels? He

could travel on all road conditions. Soon the roads were maintained and graveled. This made the carrier's job much more pleasant.

HISTORY OF IUKA MUTUAL INSURANCE CO.

The Iuka Mutual Marion County Fire Insurance Co. was organized in 1913 by 49 local residents. They elected James L. Smith as president and Fred Dietrich as secretary-treasurer.

This company provided fire insurance for the community. The company remained relatively small although it did have a continual growth over the years. Several years ago it expanded to provide wind and hail coverage also. The company office was maintained in the home of the company secretary.

In 1948 Archie Beard was elected secretary-treasurer and he and his assistant, Ula Beard, maintained the company office in their home until 1980, when a small office was erected in Iuka. At that time part-time office help was hired and the office was open 3 days a week.

In 1982 Archie Beard was elected president and Roger L. Bartley was elected as secretary-treasurer. In 1984 Archie was elected as president emeritus and he retired from the board in 1988.

In general the men serving as directors of Iuka Mutual have remained active for several years. The company has had

only 42 directors, 13 presidents and 7 secretary-treasurers over its 79 year history. A roster of the directors, presidents, and secretary-treasurers is on display at the company office.

In 1989 the company shortened its name to Iuka Mutual Insurance Company and elected to write its own wind coverage which had previously been placed through another company. This same year Roger Bartley was elected president and Rita See was elected secretary-treasurer and they still serve in their respective offices.

At the beginning of 1991 the directors decided to hire a part-time office employee and to expand the office to take care of the extra work load. Our new addition was completed in December of 1991.

Our company now serves people in 10 counties and has agents in Iuka, Salem, Patoka, Centralia, Mt. Vernon, Xenia, Flora, Wayne City and Tamaroa.

Our company started small with only 49 members. We now have approximately 1400 members with close to \$80,000,00 insurance in force.

IUKA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

In 1902, the Iuka Bee reported as follows, "Iuka is to have a system of water works for protection against fire. The Village Board has so decided and have purchased 1,000 feet of piping for this purpose. The work preparatory to the laying of the water main is in the charge of commissioner Grey. While the work of laying the line is superintended by S.A. Phillips. Extension of the system will be made from time to time. For the present, however, hose will be used to reach various parts of town as a hydrant will be placed at each street intersection."

During 1951, the Volunteer Fire Department was organized. The first vehicle used by the department was a 225 gallon water truck that was purchased second hand from the Sandoval Fire Department. The men used money earned at social events and sometimes money from their own pockets to purchase fuel to operate the truck. The next truck owned by the Iuka Fire Department was a homemade vehicle they assembled out of two old chassis donated by the Lightning Supply Company of Salem. An employee of the company, Buck Harvey, was one of the Iuka firemen and was instrumental in obtaining the chassis. Harvey, now deceased, performed most of the mechanic work in getting the truck ready for operation. With a purchased water tank for \$300, the department was ready for action with a total cost of less than \$1,000.

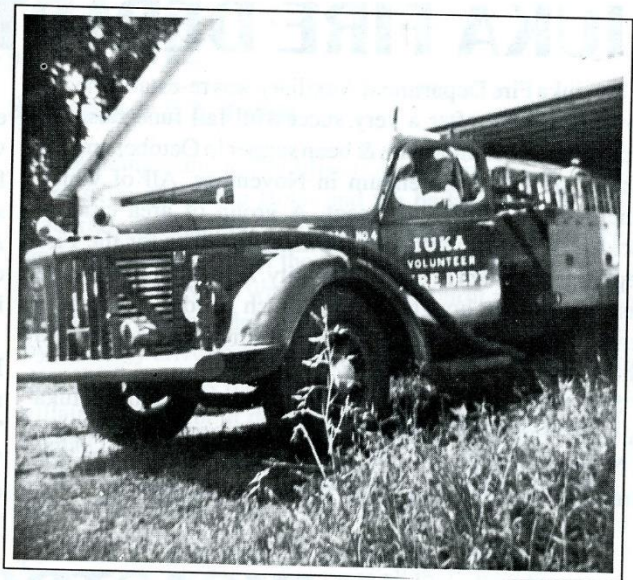
Boone Silvey remembers many times the firemen would contribute about 50 cents each so they could refill the fire truck with gasoline so they'd be prepared for the next alarm.

In 1958 the Fire Station was on the east side of the present Village Hall. It was only large enough to hold one fire truck. In September of that year the Iuka Village Board met to finalize plans for the construction of a new fire station. It would be all volunteer labor and cost about \$2,000. The building was to be 42 by 34 and house three fire trucks. It was to adjoin the Village Hall. This is the south side of the present Village Hall building. The old fire station was re-decorated and continued in use as a meeting room for Board meetings.

In 1968 the Fire Department proposed to open up to the Township of Iuka and part of five other Townships. There was an election and it passed by a vote of 4 to 1. It was renamed, Southeastern Marion County Fire Protection District.

It has since been changed back to Iuka Fire Protection District.

That same year they bought two new fire trucks. In 1972 they bought an emergency truck. In 1974 they bought a new pumper. They had all of these paid for by 1982.



In 1983, the Department bought the Baker Brothers Fertilizer building and remodeled it. They installed four bays, a training room upstairs, firemen's lounge, bathrooms and a kitchenette.

They have since bought a larger emergency vehicle and they use the one bought in 1972 as a utility vehicle. They have also bought a 4,000 gallon tanker, air packs, pagers, two Jeeps to use to fight brush and grass fires, and a safety alarm which indicates that a fireman has quit moving while in a burning building.

Past Fire Chiefs have been, Art Hahn, Albert "Cowboy" Hahn, Jr., Vernice "Boone" Silvey (1965 to 1981) and Steve Owens (1981 to 1984).

The present Officers are Leon Duis, Fire Chief; Jeff Ramsier, Assistant Fire Chief; Kenny Eagan, Deputy Assistant Chief and Alan Timm, Fire Marshall.

The present Trustees (1992) are G.F. "Junior" Schirr, Doug Monical and Doug Myers.



1992 Members of the Iuka Fire Protection District From left: Leon Duis, Morgan Thomas, Velmer Albert, Larry Albert, Jason Timm, Kenny Eagan, Jeff Ramsier, Jim Halfacre, Mary Duis, Alan Timm & Harold Walter. Front: Nick Hays, and Rick Hahn. Firemen not pictured: Dave Williams, Roger Bartley, G.F. Schirr, Paul Branson, Mickey Crippen, Kenny Helm, Tom Reese and Vern Phillips.

IUKA FIRE DEPARTMENT AUXILIARY

The Iuka Fire Department Auxiliary was re-established in November 1990 after a very successful fall fund raiser in September, the annual ham & bean supper in October and the passing of a tax referendum in November. All of which benefited the Fire Department. A group of area citizens decided that we should stay working together for the Fire Department as well as the Community. As a result of our fund raisers we have bought several much needed equipment items including air packs, alarms for air packs, pagers and other items.

Some of our activities are: Spring Easter Egg Hunt at Iuka Park, Fall Fundraiser at the Iuka Park, Ham and Bean Supper in November at the Fire Station & Christmas Party for the Firemen's children at the Fire Station in December.

At our big fund raiser in the fall, we have something for everyone. Games, water fights, music, good food, mud volleyball, raffles and lots of good clean fun for the whole family. The Christmas party for the firemen's children was started as an appreciation to firemen and families. The Auxiliary provides child care, food and entertainment for the children and their parents have time for themselves. There is even a visit and gift from Santa.

All Iuka Fire District residents are considered members. It is up to the individual if they want to become an active member. There are no dues and everyone is invited to attend. The meetings are the second Tuesday night of every month, 7 o'clock at the Iuka Fire Station. The officers are: Sandie Oswald, President; Mary Duis, Vice-President; Collene Eagan, Secretary-Treasurer.

DISASTROUS FIRE

Iuka Bee-Friday, January 9, 1903

The village was, early Wednesday morning visited by the most destructive fire in its history, and which totally destroyed the Irwin Corner, and for some time threatened destruction to thousands of dollars worth of adjacent property.

The scene of destruction lies just across the street west of the Neff House. The room on the south facing RR street had been occupied by J.A. and W.M. Irwin & Co., the pharmacist for over thirty years. In 1893 a large building occupying two floors was added facing the street on the north, it having been occupied for sometime as the home of the Caghn Chemical Co, which was incorporated in 1894 for the manufacture of patent medicine. It was the north end of this structure that the fire was discovered and it had gained too much headway before its discovery to be checked. Three lines of hoses were

played upon the Neff House in order to save that hostelry from the flames. It was only by heroic work and a plentiful supply of water that the entire block to the east was saved, the wind being from the west and blowing a gale.

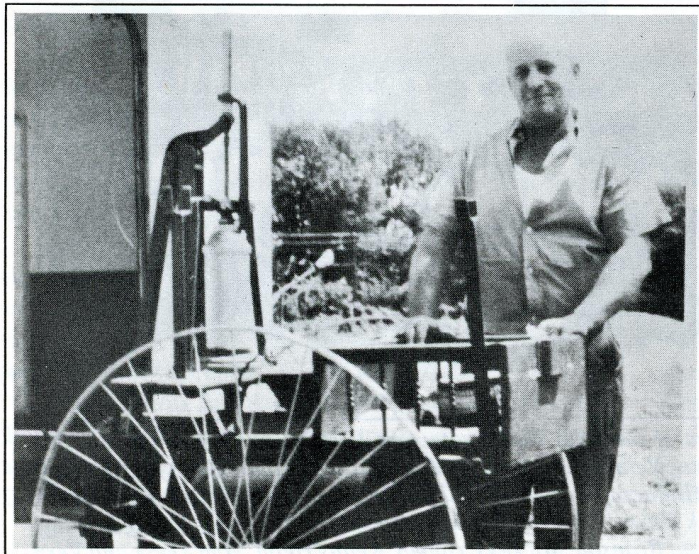
The fire spread throughout the Irwin building with such rapidity that it was impossible to save any of the hundreds of dollars worth of drugs, fixtures and household goods. As soon as the general alarm was given, S.A. Phillips, of the B&O went immediately to the tank house at Rose Lake and started the large pumps in order that a plentiful supply of water would be in the large tank to give sufficient pressure to the water works system. The building and contents, with the exception of some household goods, were up to a short time ago, the property of Dr. J.A. Irwin, who has for almost a half a century conducted business at that stand. A few days ago the Doctor completed the deal by which the property, stock and fixtures went into the hands of S.W. Grimes, of Salem. As far as we can learn, there was no insurance on either building or contents.

The loss is estimated as follows:

S.W. Grimes, loss on building	\$1,000
S.W. Grimes, loss on stock and fixtures .	\$1,800
J.A. Irwin, loss on household goods	\$ 400
J.A. Hogue, loss on household goods	\$ 800

The stock of goods in the building at the time of the fire had been packed preparatory to shipment to another point where Mr. Grimes had a pharmacy.

IUKA'S FIRST FIRE WAGON "BABY SAMPSON"
This wagon was bought in the early 1880's. It held 50 gallons of water. Shown with the wagon in 1967 is former Fire Chief, Vernice "Boone" Silvey.



FIRE, FIRE

IUKA BEE - Friday, September 22, 1899

A Dastard Attempt to Destroy the Building Occupied By L.C. Higgs by Fire Was Made. The entire Block in Great Danger. Fire Gotten Under Control Without Much Serious Damage.

The alarm of fire was sounded at midnight last night and it was discovered that the building occupied by L.C. Higgs, directly west of the Craig House was in flames. Quickly willing hands were working nobly to save the building as well as the adjoining buildings from complete destruction.

For awhile it seemed as though the entire block was doomed but as there was no wind and the building was roofed with iron, the chances were in favor of the fire fighters.

The "Baby Sampson" hand fire engine was soon on the scene and with willing hands at the pumps and the hose in the hands of others, the blaze was soon under control. Although the fire was extinguished without much damage, the adjoin-

ing building occupied by Miss Emma Hatmaker as a millinery store, the Craig Hotel and the barber shop of Thos. Faudree would surely have gone up in flames had there been any wind. The origin of the fire was surely incendiary as a ball of burned twine was found in the burnt portion of the building while the odor of oil is reported to have been strong, by the early arrivals on the scene. All the town is in a state of excitement this morning, everyone denouncing such a villainous attempt at destruction of property and possibly human lives. Should the guilty person or persons be found out it would surely go hard with them as the citizens of Iuka value their lives and property far more than they do the liberty of the fire fiend and they are not to be trifled with. The heroic work of noble workers was all that saved thousands of dollars worth of property.

September 9, 1981

Practice makes...

Iuka firemen worked until after midnight last night battling a barn fire on the Shad Coleman property along Route 50 near the Iuka Road. But this time they were working to keep the fire going instead of trying to put it out.

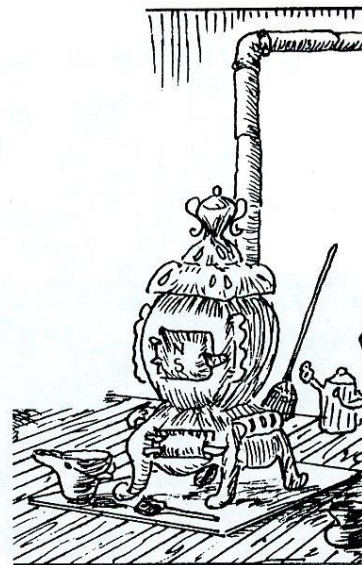
Coleman had agreed to let the fire department burn down the old barn as a practice exercise. So with three fire trucks standing by, approximately 18 firemen put the torch to the building about 8 p.m. last night.

"I think we're better at putting fires out than we are at starting them," admitted one of the firemen as the flames sputtered and smoked in the damp hay and wood. Another joked, "We're pretty good. We're getting the fire out and we haven't even turned on a hose yet."

Gallons of diesel fuel and bales of dry hay were added by firemen and by 10 p.m. the flames were trying to spread through the building.

A cable was hooked to one of the fire trucks to pull down supports in the building and hasten the burning. One of the firemen, Harold Stevenson, reported that by this morning, the building had been reduced to a pile of smoldering lumber.

He said that firemen stayed on the scene until about 12:30 a.m.



W. M. JONES, Sr.,

FIRE INSURANCE Agt



Looking North toward Front Street

AERIAL VIEW OF IUKA TAKEN FROM THE WATER TOWER

(Photo taken by Jeff Ramsier)



Looking Northeast

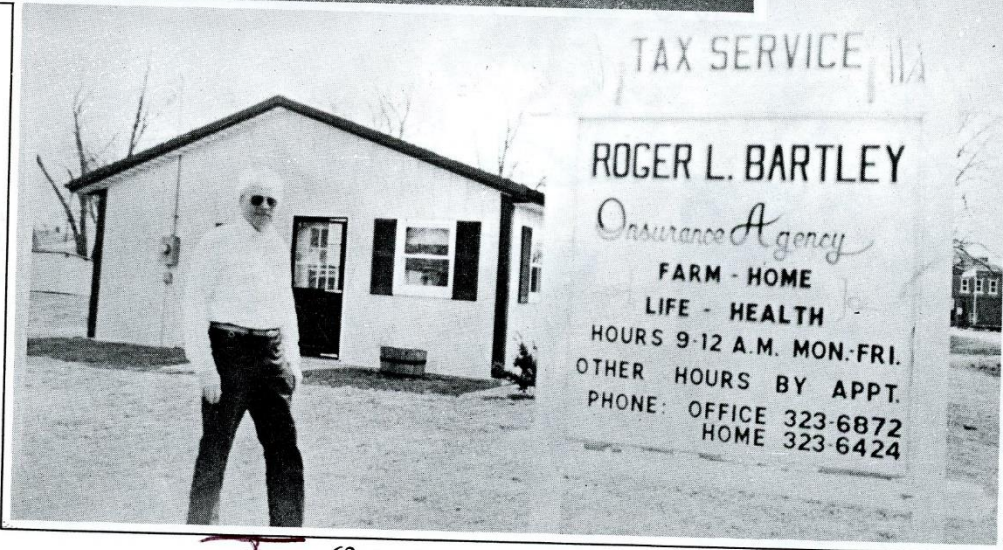
1992 BUSINESSES

*All in the Family
Restaurant (1992)
Julie Moore, Linda Jett,
Barb Watkins & Sandie
Oswald.*



*B & R Grocery (1985-
1992)
Owners Floyd "Bucky"
and Rhonda Gordon*

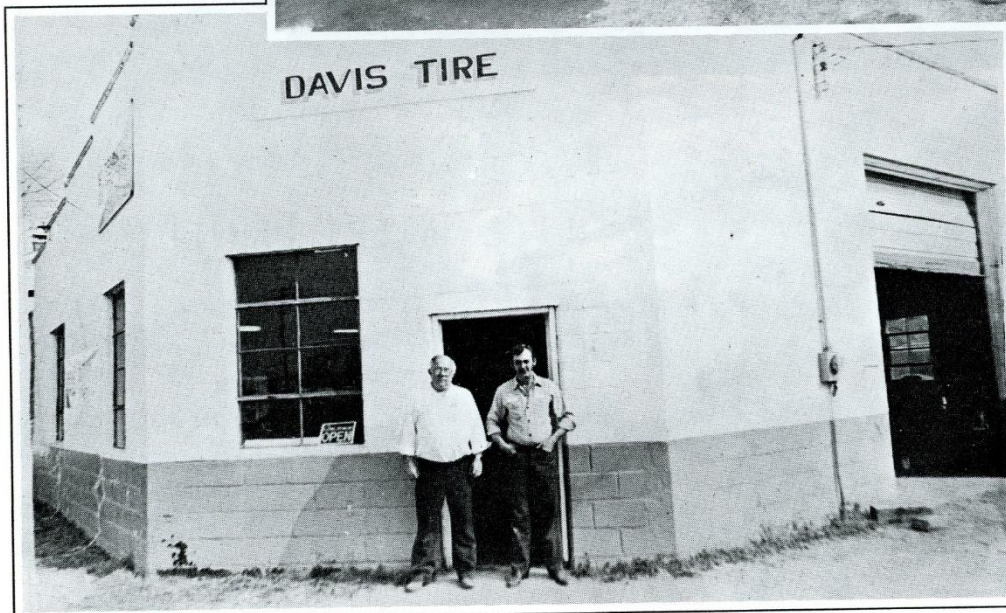
*Bartley Insurance
(1982-1992)
Roger Bartley*





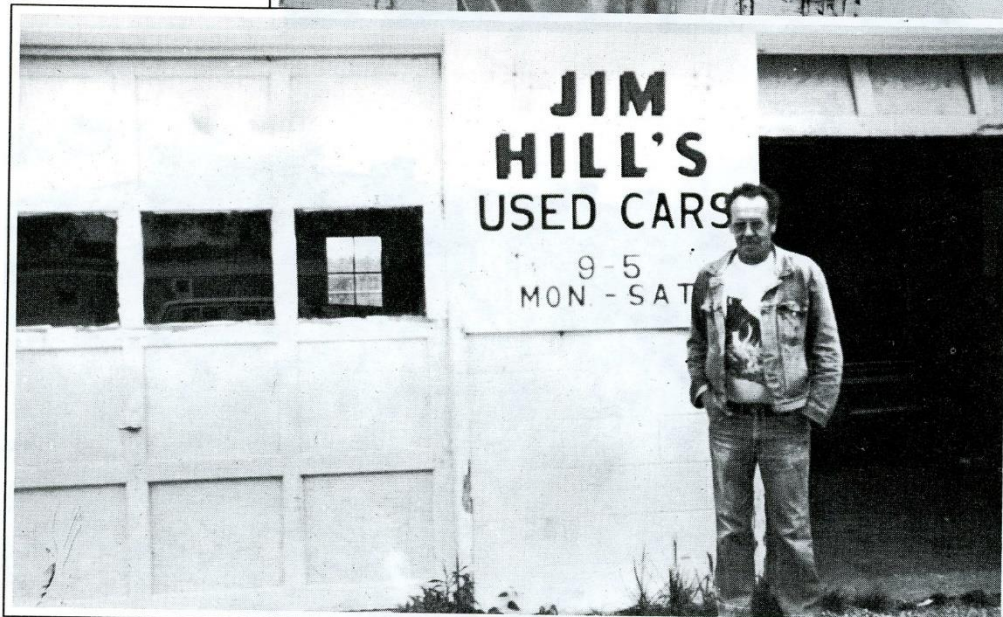
*Buckeye Sales and Service (1985-1992)
Vern Phillips, Gene Perry, Tom Reese, Jeff Famsier, and Leon Duis.*

*Crippen Trucking (1977-1992)
Bob and Mickey Crippen*



*Davis Tire (1992)
Bernard Davis and Jim Cook*

*H & W Buildings
(1985-1992)
Owners Ron and Betty
Woodward*



*Hill's Used Cars
(1962-1992)
Jim Hill*

*Hooter's Meat
Processing 1991-1992)
Lyndsey, Roger, Frances
and Kyle Hooten*





*House of Plunder (1986-1992)
Owners Irvin and Betty Stanford*



Iuka State Bank (1910-1992)



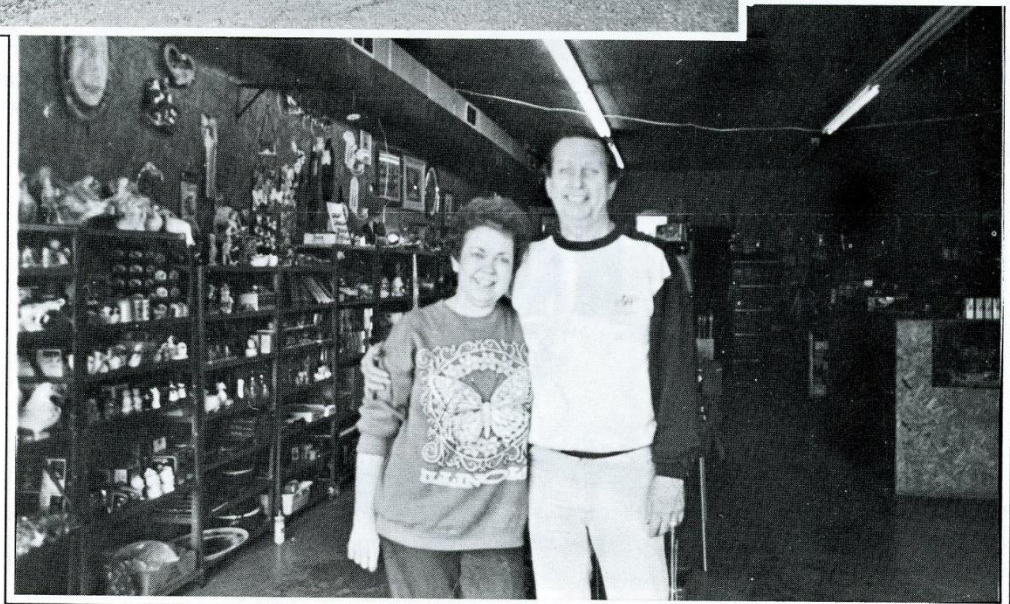
Iuka Mutual Insurance (1913-1992)

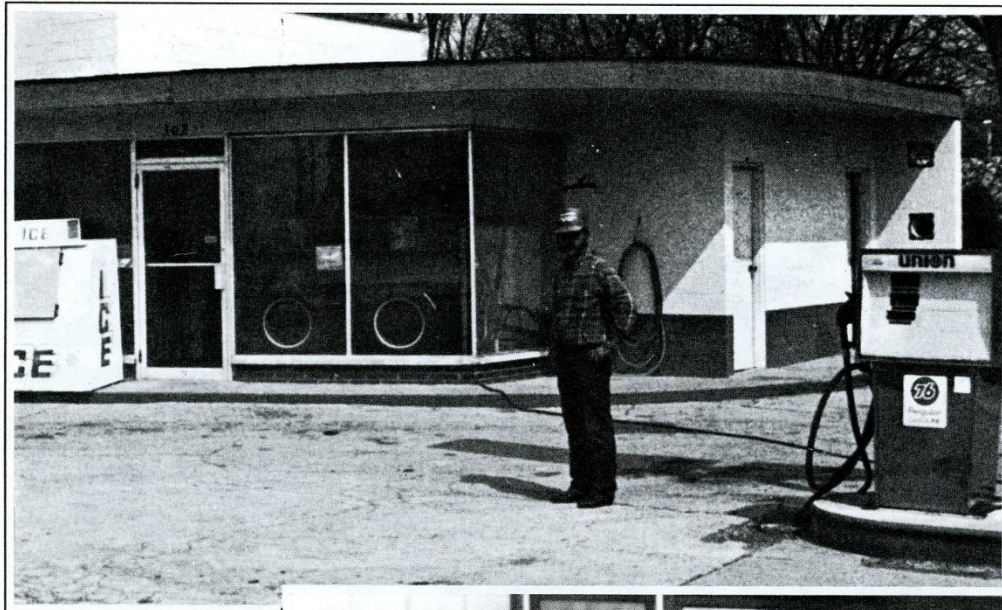
*Linder Bus Service
(1966-1992)
Dean Baker, Sharon
Myers, Phyllis and Loren
Linder*



*Rankin Funeral Home
(1973-1992)
Owners Ed Rankin and
Myron Lloyd*

*Ron's General
Merchandise
(1991-1992)
Ron and Reta Jones*

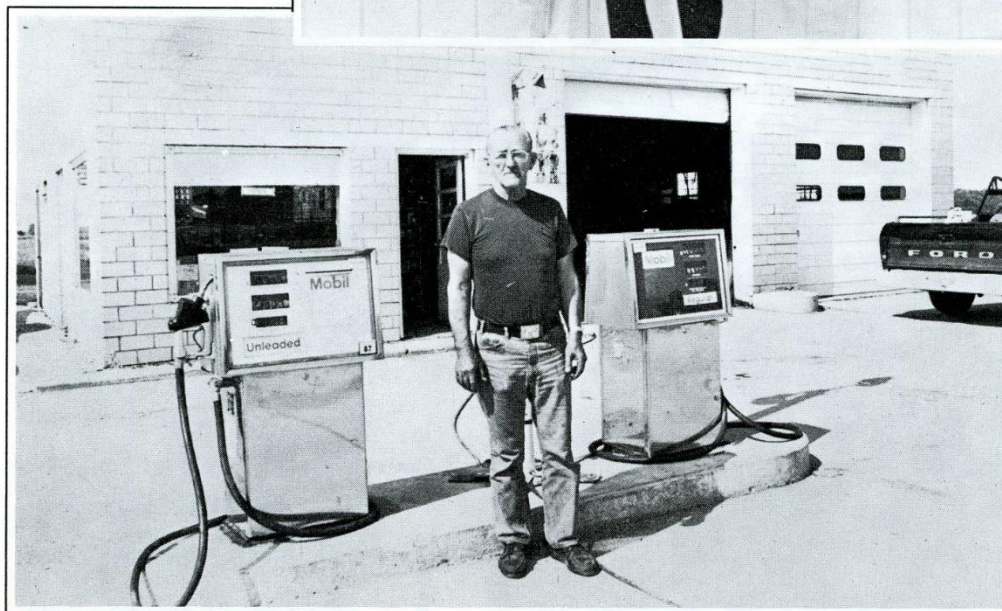




*Tate's 76 Station (1992)
Russell Tate*



*This is It (1985-1992)
Mary, Edwin and Sherry
Gordon*



*Tom's Service Station
(1958-1992)
Tom Holstlaw*

*The following businesses
are not pictured:
Linda Bass Beauty Shop
(1970-1992)
Maxine Clifton Beauty
Shop (1965-1992)
Rose Lake Supply (1975-
1992) Al Hofelich*

UTILITIES

In 1960 voters favored the bond issue to pay for a new water system. Contracts of \$107,000 were awarded. Five wells have been drilled and two of them can produce 86,000 gallons in 25 hours.

A 40,000 gallon storage tank was erected, a treatment plant and installation of mains, service lines, hydrants and meters soon followed.

October 1963, the Illinois Department of Health gave its approval and the first customer service began.

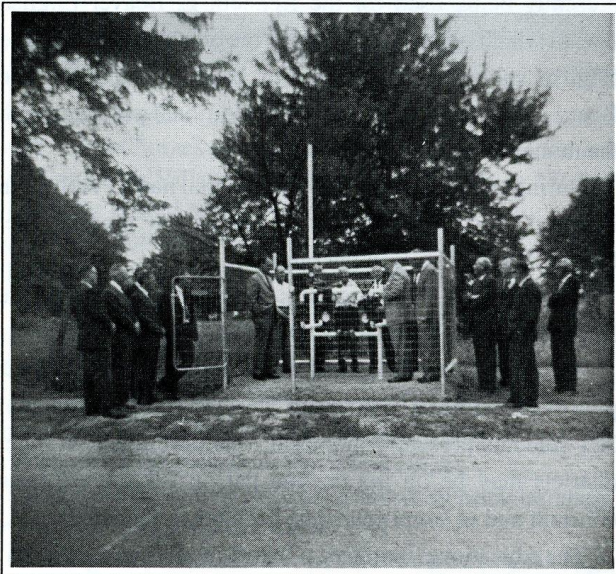
Supplying water is not a simple task. A series of steps includes softening, chlorinating, remixing, replacing lost oxygen and regenerating. This helps maintain the high

standards of the Iuka plant. Albert Hawn, Jr. was first superintendent and was instrumental in initiating the water works for the town.

In 1976, another well was drilled. Bill Galaspy is current superintendent.

In 1986, matching federal funds enabled Iuka to move ahead with plans for a sewage system at an estimated cost of \$287,000. In 1992, Waste Water Treatment operator, Jeff Ramsier, reports that Watwood and Heavner are plotting sewer line extensions north and east of town. Work should be complete in the near future.

GAS COMES TO IUKA



1965 - Credit has been given to L.R. Young, president of the Kaskaskia Gas Company, for bringing city gas to Iuka residents. In July of 1965, the Iuka Gas system was dedicated. The event began at 6:00 p.m. at the regulator station south of Iuka.



L.R. Young opened the valve, bringing gas into the town, they moved to Mayor E.P. Wimberly's house where he opened the valve for the first customer.

L.R. Young gave, free of charge, gas for the village hall and water plant.

May 26, 1899

Iuka has better pavements than any town of like size and many larger ones in the state. Being of solid stone, they have the appearance of granitoid, but last much longer. Yes, we have a wide awake town, our citizens are enterprising, and lo!, our ladies - but the women folks speak for themselves.

IUKA COMMUNITY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL District

In 1984 the Board of Education of Iuka CC #7 constructed a new office, conference/all-purpose room, media center. This new addition was constructed without going to the taxpayers for a tax referendum. On April 24, 1985, the Board of Education hosted a reception and formally dedicated the Media Resource Center as the KENNETH BEAVER RESOURCE CENTER. The Resource Center consist of a modern up-to-date library and computer lab. The computer lab is set up with computers for use by every student in grades K thru 8. They have time on the computer and they learn how to operate a computer. By the time the students are in the 8th grade they are completely familiar with the operations of a computer. In fact, there have been several students that have written their own programs. The library is on the same structure as public libraries. It is completely up-to-date with reference materials and reading materials. There are tables set up for students to use as needed for any type of work or reference they need to do.

The Band Program is set up for grades 4 thru 8. The school board has also purchased some instruments to be made available to students that want to learn how to play but couldn't purchase their own instruments. These are loaned to the students during the time they are at Iuka School or until they quit the band program.

The school also has National Junior Beta Club which is a Club for honor students and which is involved in community services projects such as collecting food and/or clothing for needy families in the area.

On July 26, 1988, the contracts were signed for the construction of additional classrooms onto the existing building. The Board of Education added two classrooms. They were a new Kindergarten Room and 1st grade, they enlarged the hallway and converted the old Kindergarten Room into a Band Room. The driveway at the school was also enlarged at this time extending it down the West Side of the existing parking area. The old 1st grade room was converted to a self-contained Art Room.

In 1989 the school worked on a special grant with the office of P.E. Cross, Regional Supt. of Schools-Jefferson County, Mt. Vernon to participate in a program for 3 to 5 year olds needing extra help in certain areas to prepare them for

Kindergarten. Through this grant the Iuka School now provides this service for approximately 40 students. They are presently housed in what was the Band Room holding classes in the morning and afternoon. Students from Kell and Raccoon are also transported to Iuka to participate in this program.

The school has been given two memorials from the families of Kenneth and Frances Beaver and Ruby Busby. These monies have been set up in a special fund and are presently being used for the Kenneth E. Beaver English Award which is given each year to the outstanding 8th grade English student and purchase of band instruments. The Board is presently working on an additional purchase with the money from the Busby Family.

During the Summer of 1990 the school had a PA System installed. The School has a complete and modern fire/burglar alarm system in the building.

On June 4, 1991, the gym was dedicated and renamed the BENJAMIN M. BAGGETT, JR. MEMORIAL GYM.

The present enrollment at the Iuka School is 281 students plus the 40 students in the Even Start Program for a total of 321 students presently inhouse. The enrollment in other districts may be on the decline but, at Iuka it has been constant and in some years has been on an increase.

The educational facilities at Iuka School is on the level as any city school with the programs and extra-curricular activities currently being provided. The Board of Education, Superintendent, and Faculty are constantly striving to maintain a high standard in education and constantly reviewing the present programs now in use.

During the 1991-92 school year the Marion County Sheriff's Office donated \$1,000.00 to the Iuka School for the purchase of additional playground equipment.

The Iuka PTO works every year for the purchase of items, equipment, and additional programs that are in addition to purchases of the Board of Education.

Principals since 1967 have been Kenneth Beaver, Ben Baggett, Art McCormick, Robert Dupriest, Galen Dalton and the present David Hock.

IUKA SCHOOLS



Education was available, if you could pay. Private classes were held in homes or log cabins. The first Public School building in the Village of Middleton (Iuka) was in 1863 or 1865 at the cost of \$600. A few years later another room was added for \$300. In 1903, a room above the Fyke Carpenter Shop was equipped to house the seventh and eighth grades.

During the spring and summer of 1913 a large two story frame building was erected, ready for the children in the fall. It was at this time that Iuka became District #93.

On March 6, 1917, Miss Valerie Dabney saw smoke rising from the roof of the schoolhouse. The new building was ashes on the ground in just a few hours.

Work began immediately on a two story brick building, which was completed in October, 1917.

More grades were added and in 1924 a three year High School became a reality.

In 1925 Mr. Lossie Morris, Principal and Coach, began a move to add a gymnasium, which they built on the northwest corner of the property.

In 1927 the second floor of the building was finished which had an auditorium with a large seating capacity.

In 1938 the High School became a part of Salem High School.

On July 28, 1952 the members of the Board of Education met to organize the new Consolidated School District #7. The districts involved were: Stringtown, Hebron, Woodlawn, Iuka, Prairie Grove, Siloam, Bee Branch and Redlick.

Bonds were approved in 1955, which added an all-purpose gym, cafeteria, restrooms, boiler room and an office.

In August 1955, three acres of land was

purchased from Clarence Hinderer, adding enough land for baseball diamonds and a place for a disposal plant.

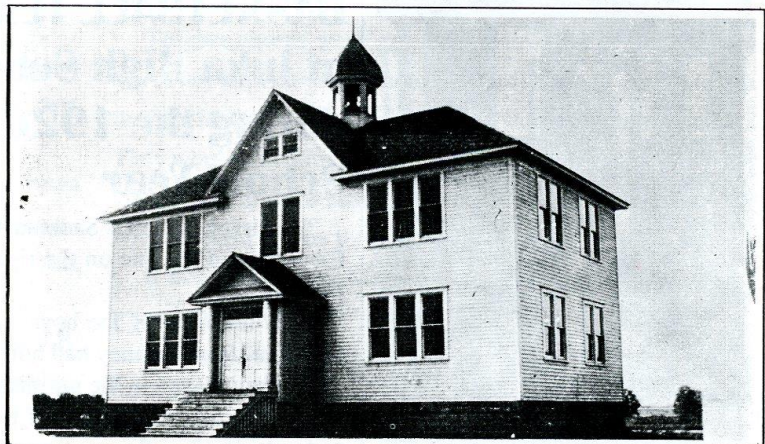
School Fire of March 1917

Hattie (Meador) Sanders remembers the fire on March 6, 1917 that destroyed the school. She said the janitor came running down the hall yelling, "Fire, Fire!" Hattie was in the fourth grade at that time.

People living near the school brought wash tubs and went into the burning building and raked books into the tubs and carried them outside. Someone also saved many of the students coats by grabbing them off the racks in the hallway.

They finished the school year in the church west of Hinderer's store.

Hattie is now 83 years old but says she remembers the fire as if it was yesterday and is still very much afraid of fire.

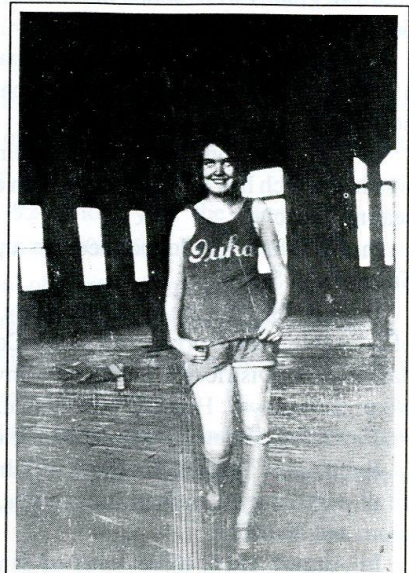




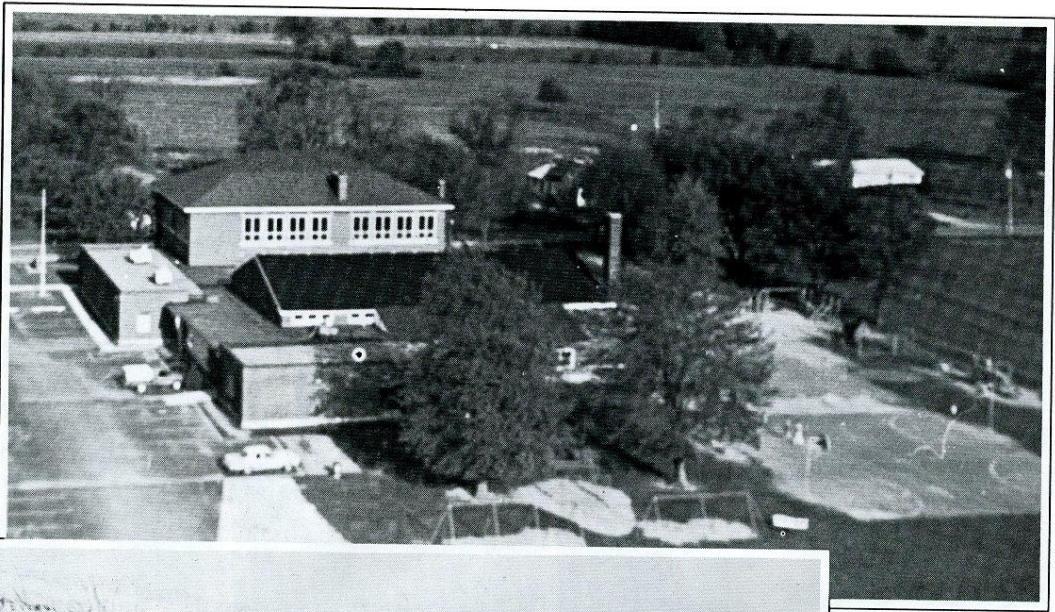
TWO MEMBERS OF THE FIRST GIRLS' BASKETBALL TEAM at Iuka High School during the 1926/27 School Year

The girl on the left is Sadonia (Roberts) Blessing and the one on the right is Bea Bosenberger.

They are wearing the boys' basketball teams' uniforms as they had none of their own. They played in the unfinished auditorium on the second floor of the school and outside when the weather permitted.



DIED-AGE 91
Nov 15-2000



EARLY TEACHERS

Some of the early teachers in Iuka were Cynthia Cooper, T.W.H. Miller, Samuel Dewel, Mina Lear and Mary Finch, Margaret Dickens, Rose Mulvaney and Mrs. Dean.

Miss Mollie McCartan began teaching in 1889 and spent the greater part of her life, a devoted and dedicated teacher. She became one of Iuka's most beloved citizens.

Later there was Maggie Wham, Grace Gain, Norman Driesbach, Perry Werner, Mr. Stump and Fred S. Young.

In 1900, Mary Burn, Nona Pruden and the next year, Byron E. Siple and wife were employed.

Also among the early teachers were Mr. George Cox, J.R. Quayle, Myrtle Wyatt (Grace Stonecipher took her place), M.D. Brubaker and Myrtle Kagy.

Teachers in the new building of 1913 were James Cutchins, Mable Wham, Alice Taylor and C.C. Colclasure.

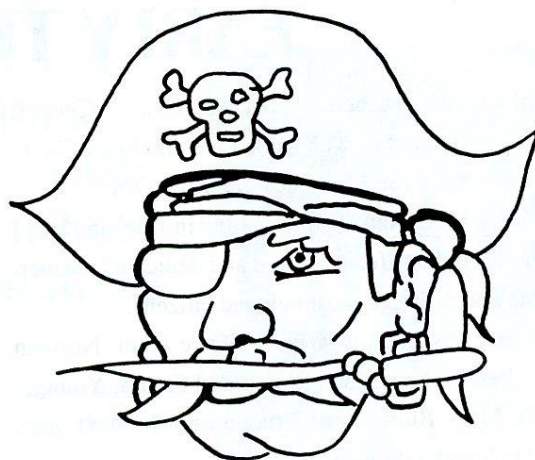
Teacher chores were much more involved than present day. They kept the school house clean. They had to maintain the heat for the building, either coal or wood, and carry water. They would sometimes have the older children help with the chores. There were usually 40 or 50 students in one room with all eight grades to prepare for.

It is fortunate that Marion County has a memorial one room school house for children and present day teachers to visit. Retired Teachers Association in Salem was responsible for this school house, located on the campus of the Salem High School.

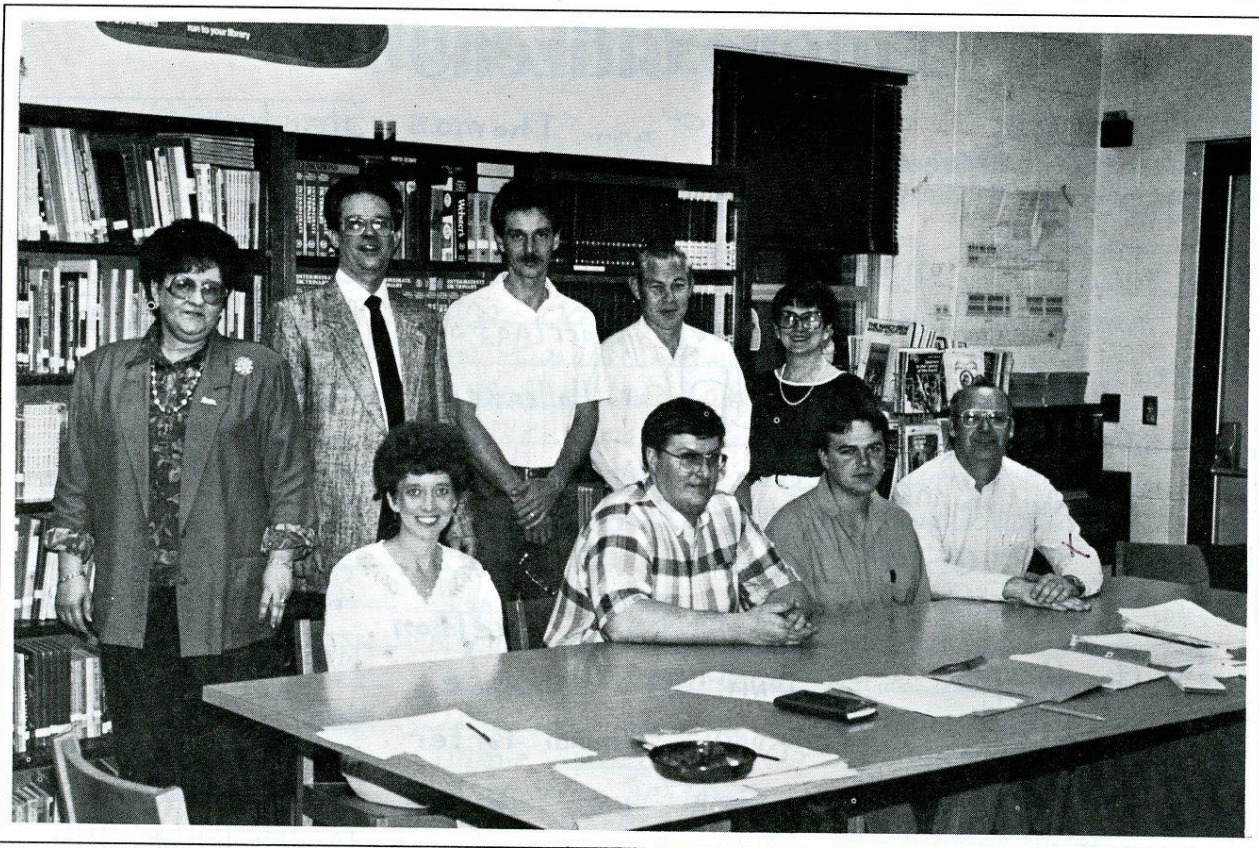


1992 IUKA COMMUNITY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL STAFF

Front row (l-r) Janet Bass, First Grade Teacher; Debbie Blackburn, #3 Cook; David Hock, Principal and Superintendent; Patricia Timm, Fifth Grade Teacher; Marjorie Allen, Sixth Grade Teacher; Joyce Hahn, Secretary and Bookkeeper. Second row (l-r) Lawonna Green, Even Start; Loretta Todd, Teachers Aide; Gayla Wilkerson, Counselor; Delores Milone, Kindergarten and Music Teacher; Sandra Springer, Art, Librarian, Computer Instructor and Scholar Bowl Coach; Elsa Osborne, Remedial Reading. Third row (l-r) Vicki Hawkins, Tutor and Part-time Librarian; Carol Stevenson, Nurse; Lynn Skelton, Teachers Aide; Cheri Ramsier, #4 Cook; Valerie Timm, #2 Cook, Erma Borcharding, Cafeteria Manager; Vicki Wilkerson, Even Start Aide; Wendy Clark, Third Grade Teacher. Fourth row (l-r) Donna Snow, Second Grade Teacher; Cathy Shanafelt, Fourth Grade Teacher; Wayne Bass, Seventh Grade Teacher; Bonnie Dial, Teachers Aide; Ben Baggett, Eighth Grade Teacher and Coach; Dorris Koehnke, Secretary; Morgan Thomas, Custodian; Bud Wilkerson, Head Custodian; Alan Meers, L.D. Teacher. Not pictured: Evalyn Grant, Band Instructor; Mary Harvester, Teacher Aide.



Home of The PIRATES



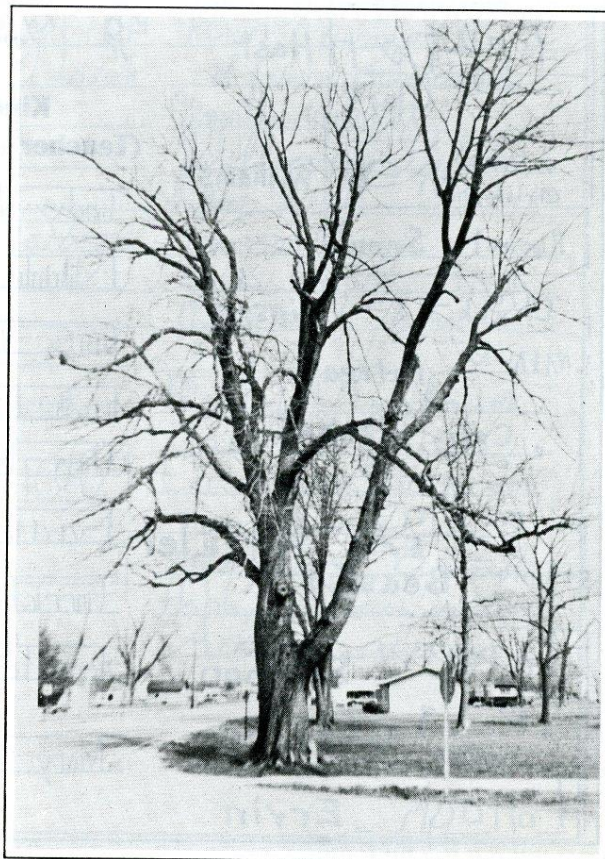
SCHOOL BOARD

IUKA COMMUNITY CONSOLIDATED #7 Members of the school board (sitting l-r) Peggy Meyer, John Petrea, Greg Wiehle, Bill Cash, Pres. Standing (l-r) Joyce Hahn, Sec., David Hock, Supt., Bill Halfacre, Steve Owens, Sharon Harvey, Treas. (Not pictured - John Molenhour)

MAPLE TREE

This maple tree was planted by Mollie McCartan and her mother during the Civil War. Mr. McCartan was killed in the war. Mollie became a beloved Iuka school teacher in 1889 and taught there for many years. On October 23, 1945, Mollie (having gone deaf in her later years) stepped in front of a train at the main crossing in Iuka and was killed.

This tree remains standing today. It is on the northeast corner of Main and Middleton Streets.



Future Citizens

Even Start
(Teacher - Lavonna Green)

Jared Ropp
Ashley White
Charlie Snow
Ninole Kinney
Michael Kinney
Jill Grimes
Scotty Keller
Stacie Parker
Meghan Smith
KYLE Ferris
Kristi Donoho
Tina Hast
Clark
Christopher Williams
Rachel Snow
Vinson
Natalie Petrea
Cody Penland
Eric Wheeler
Beasley
Eric Solomon
Justine Acuff
Londah Ervin

Kathryn Thomas
Koyla Sterritt
Joey Thompson
Sotokh Carrington
Eric Hollenkamp
Casey Little
Ryhe Shelton
Amber Skelton
Jonathan Halfacre
Shandi Porter
Lacy Warren
Kyra Oswald
Kyle Hooten

Kindergarten
(Teacher - Delores Milone)

Lady Boreharding
Nikolai Crank
Lurtis Darling
Invis Dial
Chris Dulaney
Fredd Fox
Garrick Gonsireb
Jennifer Halfacre
Misty Flays

Stephen Oswald
Joshua Seaton
Justin McIntosh
Clarence Perland
Vickie Phillips
Jasmine Ratts
Manda Petrea
Steve Powell
Kristi Sullivan
James Stratton
Justin Snow
Daniel Thompson
Amanda Shampfle
Kyla Allison
Josh Allen
Brandon Starkeben
Greed Bevolb
Jamie Holsapple
April Merritt
Joshua Owens
James Petrea
Shannon Foster
Kayleigh Garden
Megan Eldin
Kim Flura

Future Citizens

1st Grade (Teacher-Janet Bass)

Kenzie Meyer
 Cady Eubanks
 J.C. Holsapple
 Sara Phillips
 Rachel White
 James Parker
 Jimmy Ferris
 Ashli Maier
 J.W. White
 Adam Savale
 Katrena Solomon
 Lynn Cochran
 Tera Dinkelman
 Aaron Reeves
 Leah Seaton
 Kendra Johnston
 Kevin Lipsword
 Josh Shanafelt
 Brent Linder
 Michael Katz
 Dustin Hays
 Emily Blackburn
 Kyle Crippen
 Mickey Phillips
 Matthew Arnold
 Krystle Griffith
 Valeric Phillips
 Greg Gott
 Shawn Jones

2nd Grade (Teacher-Donna Snow)

Scott Steele
 Sara Knapp
 Seth Berchending
 Wendy Hancock
 Tyler Vincent
 Rex Burton
 Brandon Botka
 Ryan Savale
 Misty Johnston
 Ryan Meccimen
 Zachary Williams
 Sarah Ratts
 Jamie West
 Kimberly Smith
 Samantha Lekey
 David Snow
 Matt Ellis
 Helle Griffith
 Michael McIntosh
 Nic Jones
 Jessie West
 Anna Wall
 Amanda Hilderbrand
 Alisher Phillips
 Ariya Seaton
 Kristin Rose
 Johnathon Merritt
 Jessica Blank
 DUSTY HILL (D)
 Jessica Parker
 Jason Winegar

3rd Grade (Teacher-Wendy Clark)

Mitch Harrell
 Imani Jackson
 Chris Volk
 Maddux Sturkin
 Kristen Simon
 Adam Wolf
 Stephanie Monical
 Jessa Foster
 Felicia Michelle Jett
 Roger Scott Kurita
 Kayla Maria Myers
 Jeremy Ranjell
 Amber Felton
 Kyle Thompson
 Jennifer Rafferty
 Nathan Dale Eubanks
 Miranda Cantrell
 Kevin Burton
 Steven Winchester
 Jennifer Quandt
 Williams Whitaker
 Tiffany Riley
 Thurston Easter
 Laura Elizabeth Petrea
 Jared Heath Thomason
 Elizabeth Ann Thompson
 Jacob Wiche
 Elizabeth Springre
 Jimmy Earbelle
 Hal Suedt Clark
 Ashley Rebecca Wiche
 Amy Lawrence

Future Citizens

4th Grade (Teacher-Cathy Shanafelt)

Levi Scott Boardman
 Berkley Fanchance
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 Michelle Metcalf
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 Allen Smith
 -Michael Wriegar
 Jalilla Lynn Boyer
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 Miranda Jones
 Sean A. Solomon
 Zachy Kutta
 Adam Winkel
 Aleene Christine Wortler
 Curt Blank

5th Grade (Teacher-Patricia Timm)

Ben Meagher
 Wayne Loff
 Shannon Murgans
 Brian Hancock
 Kristem Hannell
 Danny Steber
 Jason Winchester
 Levi Burkett
 Erik Ramsier
 Derick Vincent
 Shane Burkett
 Chandra Rose
 Josh Eulanks
 Aaron Lipsword
 Tina Chiodo
 Sara Seaton
 Brent Egan
 Sara Cook
 DARA Halfacre
 Curt Driffith
 Tonya Lederberg
 Adam Albert
 Kyle Rose
 Jodie Ritts
 Jimmy Bell
 Amy Johnson
 Veronica Cox
 Will Shufeldt
 Bobby Bass
 Bobby Schleiter
 Patricia Dunkelmann
 Jamie Hubbard
 Darrin Allison
 Justin R. Batts

6th Grade (Teacher-Marjorie Allen)

Tim Phillips
 Aaron Wadka
 Melvin Morton
 Randall Long
 Eric Hayes
 Justin Lucas
 Jason Juandt
 Travis Neilson
 Travis Brewer
 Dustin Hodge
 Roy H. Oberland
 Ryan W. Beard
 Andrea Fisher
 Jennifer Smith
 Shannon Monson
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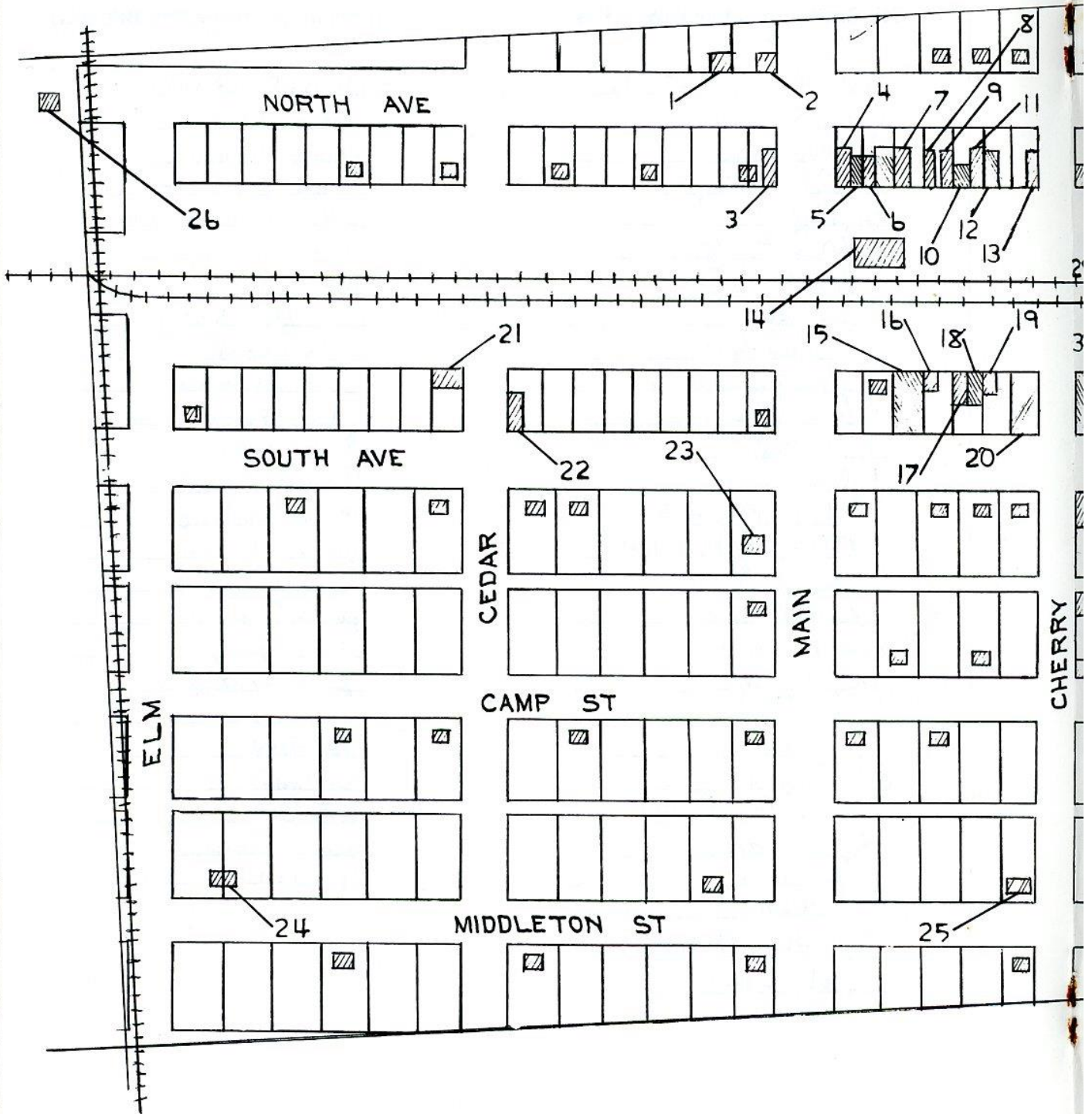
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Rulon Rose
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Beth Blackburn
Tracey Lane
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Doug Bork
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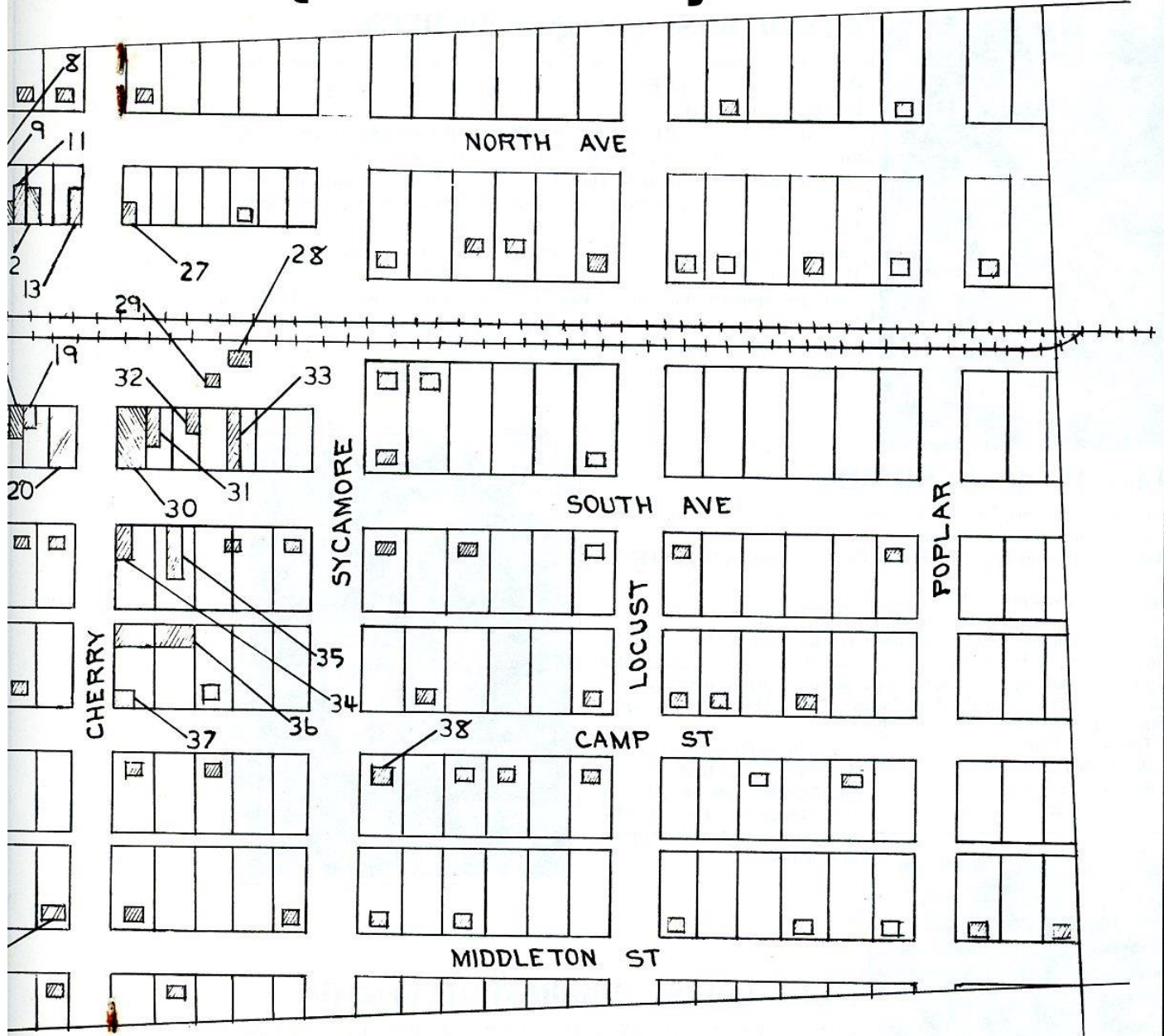
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Tracy Foster
Kent Norton
Aaron Dawley
Michael Mulvaney
Cory Thorsen
Damon Wright
Justin Edgeworth
Chet Riley
Jonathan Daniels
Andy Lawrence
Bill Brown
Ray Ferris
Billy Burr
James Branson
Jason A. Allison

PLAT OF IUKA, ILLINOIS



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|--------------------|---------------------|-------------------|------------------------------------|
| 1. BLACKSMITH SHOP | 7. HOTEL | 13. DRUG STORE | 19. WAREHOUSE |
| 2. COOPER SHOP | 8. MILLINERY SHOP | 14. DEPOT | 20. GENERAL STORE & BANK |
| 3. GENERAL STORE | 9. MILLINERY SHOP | 15. GENERAL STORE | 21. COOPER SHOP |
| 4. GENERAL STORE | 10. BUTCHER SHOP | 16. HARDWARE | 22. FURNITURE |
| 5. BLACKSMITH SHOP | 11. HARDWARE | 17. WAREHOUSE | 23. CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH |
| 6. POST OFFICE | 12. DOCTOR'S OFFICE | 18. GROCERY STORE | 24. MILL |

ILLINOIS (about 1879)



- 25. SCHOOL
- 26. MILL
- 27. HOTEL
- 28. STOCKYARDS
- 29. JAIL
- 30. WAREHOUSE

- 31. BLACKSMITH SHOP
- 32. BLACKSMITH SHOP
- 33. WAREHOUSE
- 34. HOTEL
- 35. I.O.O.F. HALL
- 36. LUMBER

- 37. COOPER SHOP
- 38. METHODIST CHURCH

Note: The Railroad west of Elm Street is listed as the Chicago & Louisiana.
The other railroad is the Ohio and Mississippi.

NINETY YEARS, PLUS



MINNIE ROSE (Borgwardt) BECK

Minnie Borgwardt was born Jan. 3, 1901 in Marion County, Ill. She is the daughter of Charles and Friedareka (Haas) Borgwardt. On Nov. 8, 1920 she married William Beck.

Minnie and Bill moved to Iuka in 1935. They lived in the "old" school house until 1936 when they moved to the house where Minnie still lives.

Minnie ran two cream stations. One east of the old Sale Barn site on North Ave. in the 1940's and then on Front Street between Clifton's old store and Park's Garage.

Minnie also worked in Neff's Cafe. Bill worked at the I.C. Shops in Centralia. He died Jan. 22, 1980.

Bill and Minnie's children are: Oral (m. Rose Motter), Lena (m. Maurice Powless), Milie (m. Bill Monical), Vera (m. Jim Newhausen), Earl (m. Margaret Gillen) and Don (m. Mary Binger)

There are 13 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.

CECILE (English) SQUIBB

Cecile was born April 25, 1901 in Hunt, Ill. (Jasper County) to William "Bill" English and Ann (Davis) English.

Cecile married Hugh Squibb on Dec. 14, 1921. Her wedding ring cost \$7.00. She is still wearing it.

Hugh passed away in Jan. 1969.

Cecile moved into the Village of Iuka on Dec. 1, 1940.

Cecile's grandfather, Andrew Jackson English, was in the Civil War. He lived in Clark Co., Ill. He enlisted in Aug. 1862. He was a wagoner (hauled supplies). He was taken prisoner in Kentucky and put in prison in Mooresville, Alabama. He received a medical discharge in 1864. He had a wife and 5 children. Cecile learned this poem in school:

'61 The War begun
'62 We put her thru
'63 Slaves were free
'64 War was o'er

Cecile and Hugh had four children, Ward (m. Barbara Jean), Bill (dec'd.), Lynn, and Jan (m. Bob Davidson). There are five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.



DORA LOUISE (Phillips) STEVENSON

Dora Stevenson was born Sept. 20, 1901 in the Village of Iuka, Ill. She is the daughter of Stephen and Bertha (Behrnt) Phillips. In April 1925 she married Walter P. Stevenson in Effingham, Ill. Walter was born in Iuka Twp., Mar. 3, 1898 and died Mar 8, 1989.

Dora and Walter lived in Hammond, Ind. after their marriage. Walter worked for the Sinclair Refining Co. They moved back to Iuka in 1947.

Before her marriage, Dora worked for Aunt Lucy Siple and Dan Holstlaw. Later she worked at Jone's Cafe.

Their children are: Walter Eugene (m. Lorraine Schrack), Raymond (dec'd. 1986) and Harold Leon (m. Carol Hammond).

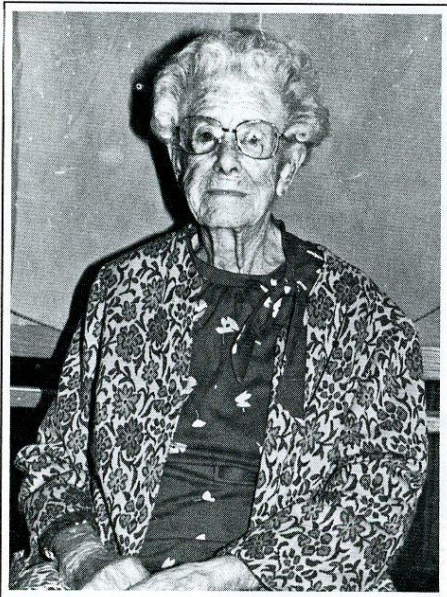
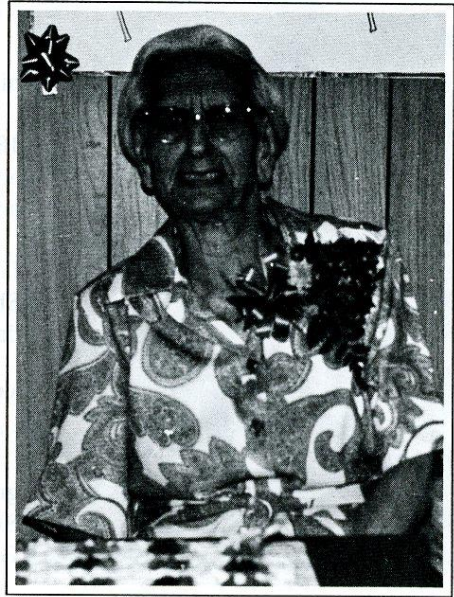
There are seven grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

MINNIE (Blank) BECKER

Minnie Blank was born Oct. 19, 1901 in Iuka, Ill. She is the daughter of George and Marie (Hahn) Blank. She married Ernest W. Becker on Mar. 31, 1923 in Bloomington, Ill. Ernest was born on Nov. 29, 1893 and died Jan. 30, 1970.

Minnie lived in Iuka Township all of her life until recently. She now resides in Fireside House in Centralia. She was a housewife and is a member of the Trinity Lutheran Church.

Her children are: Robert Becker, Ralph Becker and Viola Kleiboeker. She has nine grandchildren and fourteen great-grandchildren.



LELA (Eddings) BLANK

Lela was born Dec. 29, 1895 in Marion County, to James Eddings and Mariah Isabel (Alderson) Eddings. She married William "Bill" Blank on June 15, 1918.

Lela and Bill lived on a farm in Iuka Township after their marriage, then in Chicago for 14 months. They then moved back to Iuka Township and sometime after 1919 they moved into the Village of Iuka to Lela's father's house.

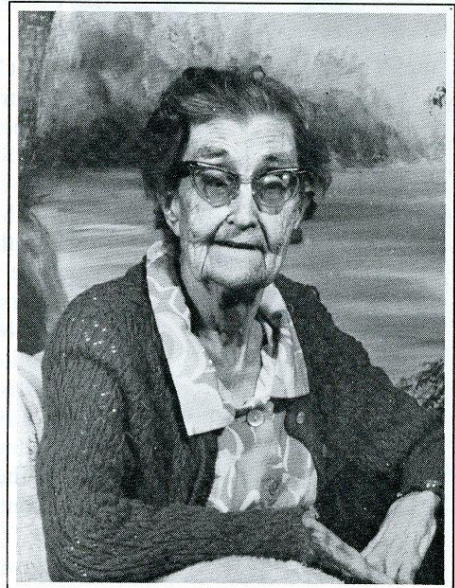
Lela was a teacher for 4 years. She taught at Stringtown, Holiday, Kagy and Iuka Schools.

Bill worked in timber, for the railroad and at the Brown Shoe Factory.

Bill died Dec. 31, 1955. After Bill's death, Lela went to work as a telephone operator and then worked in the Iuka School Cafeteria.

They have six children: Dorothy (married August Wiehle) dec'd, Fern Evelyn (died in infancy), Erlene (married Raymond Hahn), Maxine (married Leroy Fritz), Harold (m. Irene Watson), and Don (m. Delores Marshall)

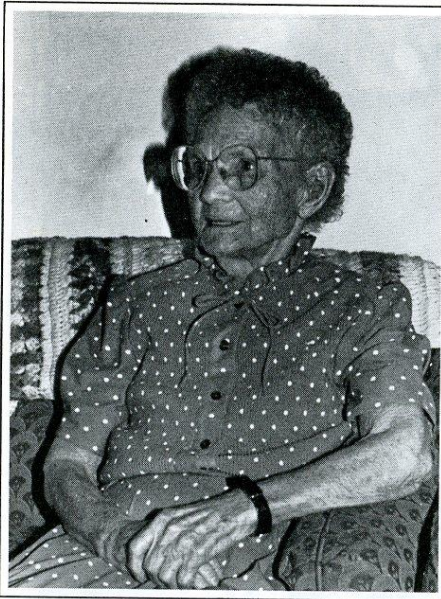
Lela has five grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.



LOUISE J. (Braun) BREIHAN

Louise was born March 4, 1894 in St. Louis County, Mo. She married Fred H. Breihan. They had celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary before his death in 1969.

Louise and Fred moved to Iuka Township shortly before 1969. They have four children: Freeman (Pearl Rosenor), Dorothy (m. Braden Williams), Elvin (m. Mary), Ruth (m. Elbert Guittar). Louise has several grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great grandchildren.



GEORGIA (Kepley) MEDDER EBLIN

Georgia was born March 20, 1898 in Byrnville, Ind. She is the daughter of Frank Harbin and Lydia (Byrn) Kepley. Her father was a blacksmith.

Georgia came to Romine Township, Marion County in 1911. On July 18, 1915 she married Leonard Medder in Romine Township and their attendants were Forest and Myrtle Medder. Leonard was born May 19, 1891 and died in a hunting accident Nov. 25, 1932.

She then married William Eblin and moved to Iuka Township. They farmed there until his death in 1945. In 1948 Georgia moved to Omega, Ill. She has since returned to Iuka Township to live the past several years with her daughter, Mrs. Clyde (Letha) Rose.

Georgia and Leonard's children are: Gladys (m. Omar Medder), Marguerite (m. Lowell Davis/Bob Spear - dec'd, Louise (m. Merley Donoho - dec'd), Letha (m. Clyde Rose).

Georgia has 13 grandchildren, 30 great-grandchildren and 25 great-great grandchildren. Many of her step-grandchildren are very attentive to her. She is better known as "Granma Georgie".



LILLIE MAE "Dutch" (Thomas) HICKEY

Lillie Mae was born March 3, 1899 in Marion County, Ill. to John W. and Estella (Pitman) Thomas. She married Jesse Hickey on Nov. 27, 1915 in Marion County, Ill. Their attendants were John Thomas and Bertie Goosetree. Jesse was born March 1, 1893 and died Nov. 11, 1967.

Lillie did house cleaning, washed and ironed and baby sat for other people to make a living for her family.

They had six children: Hazel (m. Joe Yeater), Mamie (dec'd), Estel (m. Edith Featherly), Jack (m. Helen Pickett), Frances (m. Tom Lawson), Jesse, Jr. "Bonnie" (dec'd).

Lillie has eight living grandchildren and one grandchild deceased. She has 25 great-grandchildren and nine great-great grandchildren.

MAGGIE (Shelton) JENNINGS

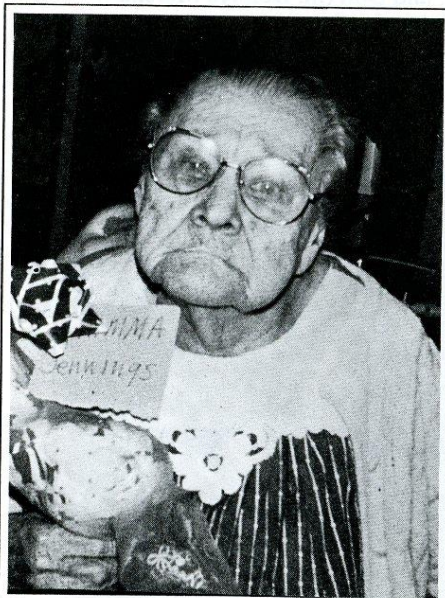
Maggie was born Nov. 20, 1895 in Hoosier Township, Ill. She is the daughter of Charles and Fannie (Lister) Shelton. Maggie who was the oldest child had four brothers; Charles, Rudolph, Jack, Walter and Bill (all dec'd) and one sister, Verda Campbell living in Missouri.

She married Stephen Jennings on March 7, 1914 in Louisville, Ill. He died Nov. 8, 1971.

Maggie lived around Iuka several years and is a member of the Iuka Trinity Lutheran Church. She now resides at Doctor's Nursing Home in Salem, where she still touches the hearts of many people with her winning smile and loving personality.

Maggie was a homemaker and a very special mother to the following children: Jessie (m. Delbert Turner), Beulah (m. Herman Colclasure), Ollie (m. Otis Greenwood), Darlene (m. Marshall Sopher), Lulabelle (m. Richard Clark), Maxine (m. Ray Read), Rosie (m. Erwin Hahn), Sandie (m. Verlyn Oswald), Karen (m. Charles Hodge), Stephen (m. Virginia Gordon), Everett (dec'd - m. Ethel Payne), Charles (dec'd - m. Aggie Baylor) and Lester (dec'd - m. Verlene Jones).

There are 41 grandchildren, 85 great-grandchildren and 17 great-great grandchildren.



JAMES ORIN JONES

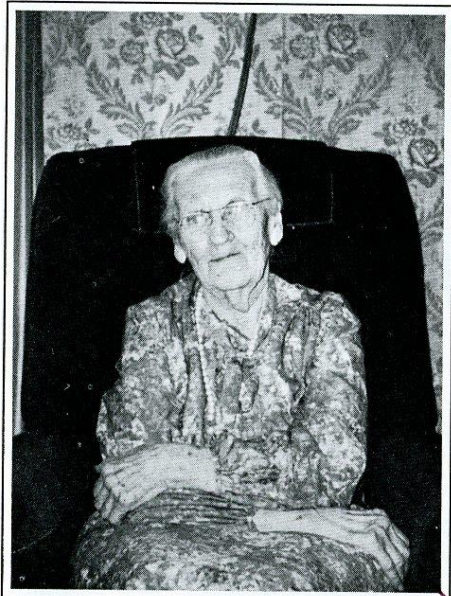
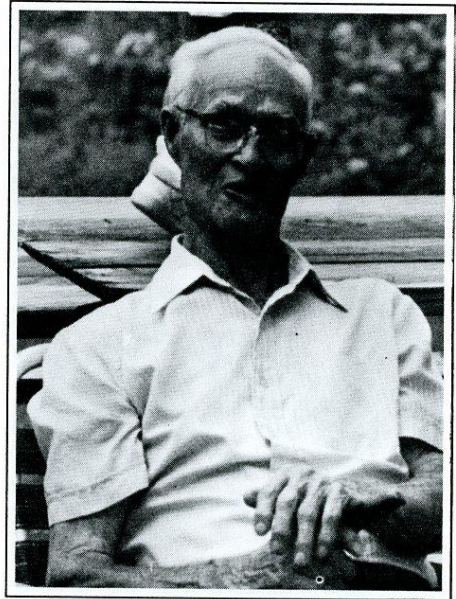
James was born Oct. 22, 1899 in Iuka Township to Joseph E. and Lucy (Stonecipher) Jones.

He married Lillie Mae Peters on Feb. 5, 1921 in Iuka Township. She was born Sept. 23, 1905 and died Jan. 8, 1988.

Orin has been a farmer and also previously worked off and on in St. Charles, and Geneva, Ill, the Burlington and Northern Railroad and the Illinois Central Railroad. Also the Zeigler plant in Centralia.

They had nine children: Eugene (m. Pearline Mills), Harold (m. Wanda), Evelyn (m. Bob McDaneld), Jim (m. Norma Davis), Ruth (m. Darrell Smith), Dale (m. Velma Henson), Wilda (m. Henry Buie), Gary (dec'd), and Donna.

There are 39 grandchildren, 75 great-grandchildren and three great-great grandchildren.



LELA M. (Barksdale) LONG

Lela Barksdale was born May 9, 1896. She is the daughter of Samuel and Etta (Laughman) Barksdale.

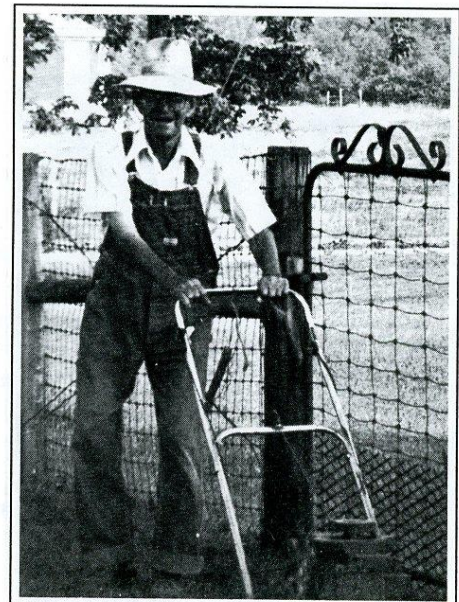
She married C. George Long Dec. 24, 1916.

Lela and George lived in the same house northeast of Iuka all of their married life. George died April 20, 1973. Lela continued living in her home until she went to live at Doctors Nursing Home in Salem in 1984.

She is a remarkable lady. Always glad to see family and friends, greeting them with a warm and friendly smile.

Lela and George had three children: Willard Merle (m. Anna Marie Hays), Clara Avanell (dec'd/m Dan L. Hiestand), Harold Edwin (dec'd/m. Helen Perry).

Lela has seven grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren.



ALFRED MEYER

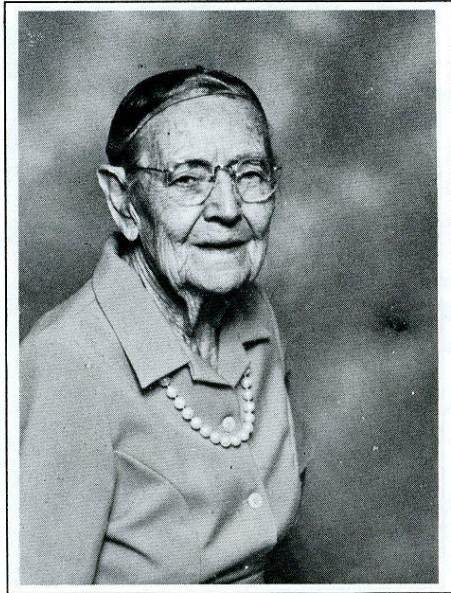
Alfred was born Sept. 6, 1900 in St. Louis, Missouri to George P. Meyer and Mary Ellen (Deuchek) Meyer. Alfred married Dorothy King on March 22, 1935.

He and Dorothy still live in the farmhouse where Al moved, with his parents, from Missouri about 1918. He is retired from farming.

They have three children: Robert (m. Clara Woodward), Philip (m. Peggy Meredith), Paul (m. Marla Byers).

Al and Dorothy have seven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

NOTE: Al passed away May 17, 1992.



ROSA (Albert) MOLENHOUR

Rosa was born Aug. 14, 1895 in Salem to Joseph E. and Lavina (Beck) Albert. She married Henry Molenhour July 23, 1927 in Salem. He was born Sept. 15, 1902, the son of Bart and Mary (Meador) Molenhour. Henry died Feb. 24, 1965.

Rosa was a housewife for 64 years, living in Iuka Township all of her married life. She has resided in Salem for the past few years.

They have four children: Joe (m. Jeanette "Lucy" Williams), Robert Frank (m. Eva Jane Weems) both dec'd, Mary Louise (m. James T. "Bud" Weems), Francis I. (m. James D. Cantrell/dec'd and Francis Fatheree/dec'd).

Rosa has 6 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.

GLADYS (Littrell) MORRISON

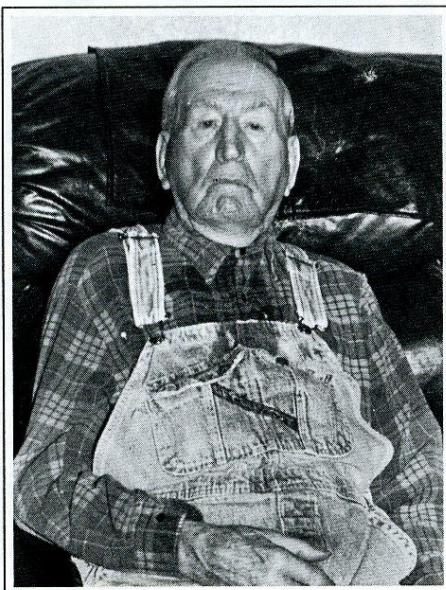
Gladys was born March 1, 1902 in Marion County, Ill. to Lofson and Luella (Simmons) Littrell. She married Charles Edgar Morrison on May 13, 1926 in Salem. Attendants were Blanche Littrell and Gene Nichols.

Charlie was born May 17, 1898.

After their marriage they lived in Odin, Ill. until Charlie's death Dec. 12, 1929. Gladys then moved northeast of Iuka. She worked in a couple of garment factories in Salem and in Robbin's Cafe as a baker. She has lived in the same area ever since 1929.

They have two children: William (dec'd) (m. Leota Fear) and Joe (dec'd).

She has 3 grandchildren, 9 great-grandchildren and 6 great-great-grandchildren.



LOUE WOOLDRIDGE

Loue was born Jan. 26, 1900 in Iuka Township to Albert and Alice Louella (Morrow) Wooldridge.

Loue married Lola Cleone Perdue Dec. 22, 1922. She was born July 12, 1900, the daughter of Rosa A. Perdue. Cleone died Nov. 25, 1984.

On Aug. 11, 1985, Loue married Violet Telford.

Loue is a retired farmer. On March 1, 1928, he began working as a substitute mail carrier on Iuka Routes 2 and 4.

During the oil boom, he worked with his horses to dig sludge pits.

Loue has lived in the same house in Iuka Township for about 56 years.

Loue and Cleone's children are: Velven (m. Genevieve Armstrong), Leroy (m. Eileen Branch Moore), Del, Rosella (m. Howard Remacle).

There are 8 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren.

WEDDED BLISS (50 Years or More)

EUGENE and NAOMI (Clark) BAKER

Eugene Baker was born September 7, 1913. He is the son of Harvey & Mae Rose (Mulvaney) Baker.

Naomi Clark was born January 7, 1912. She is the daughter of Herbert & Verta (Cheeley) Clark.

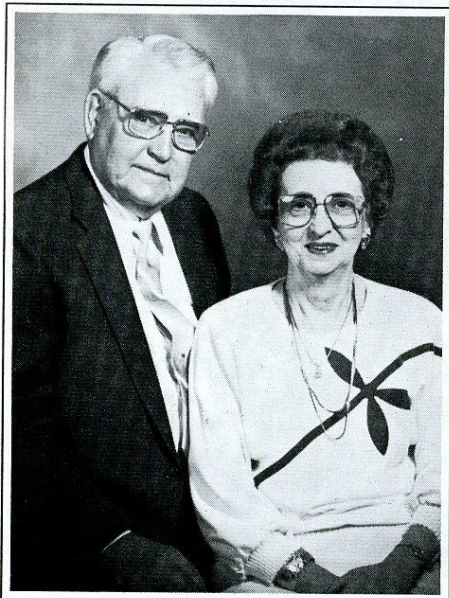
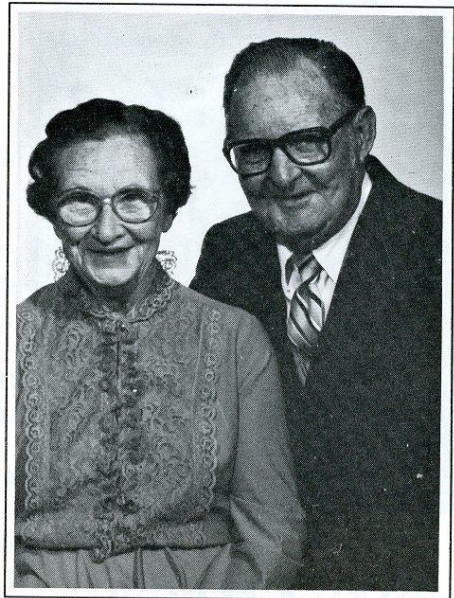
They were married on May 19, 1935 in the Woodlawn Church in Iuka Township. Their attendants were Arlie & Idean Parker.

After their marriage they moved to Iuka, living upstairs with Mrs. Leona Hoskins.

In 1941 they built a home on Euclid St. in Iuka, where they still live at the present time.

Gene operated Baker's Body Shop in Iuka. Naomi worked at the Brown Shoe Company in Salem, Illinois. Since 1958 she has been the custodian at the Iuka State Bank in Iuka.

They have two daughters; Coleen Baker and Loretta (m. Ronald Dodson). They have one granddaughter, one grandson and one great-grandson.



FLOYD & WANDA (Gregory) BASS

Floyd Bass was born January 21, 1915 in Iuka, Illinois. His parents were Walter & Katie (Hunter) Bass.

Wanda Gregory was born August 29, 1924 in Alma, Illinois. Her parents were Everett & Lulu (Grotts) Gregory.

Floyd and Wanda were married March 21, 1942 in St. Charles, Missouri. Their attendants were Paul & Virginia Montgomery of Kinmundy, Illinois.

They have lived in Iuka about 35 years.

Floyd worked at the Chevrolet Garage in Salem, Illinois for 30 years and then later he retired from ACCO in Salem.

Wanda worked for Tresslar's in Salem until they closed. She retired from Wal Mart in April 1992.

They have three children: Patsy (m. Sherrill Bartley), Charles (m. Linda Jourdan), Wayne (m. Janet Mulvaney).

They have 6 grandsons, 4 great-granddaughters and 4 step-great-grandchildren.



LONDA & LOIS (Goostree) BLACKBURN

Londa Blackburn was born July 22, 1916 in Jefferson County, Illinois. He is the son of Bedford & Mollie (Majors) Blackburn.

Lois Goostree was born July 4, 1921 in Marion County, Illinois. She is the daughter of Clarence & Mary (Bryan) Goostree.

Londa & Lois were married May 10, 1938 in St. Charles, Missouri. Their attendants were Ed & Clara Beck.

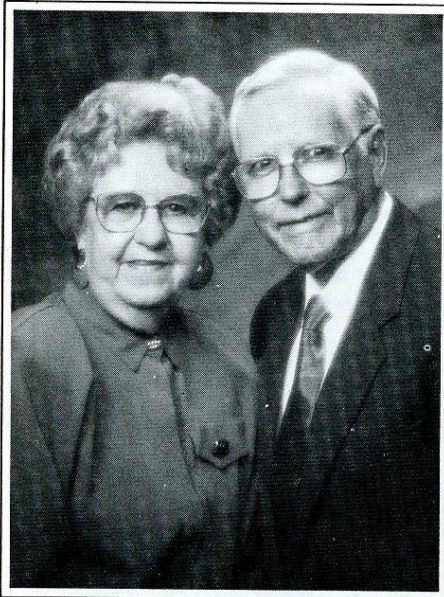
Londa taught in one room schools for 20 years. He is now retired from farming.

Lois is a homemaker.

They have lived in Iuka Township all their married life.

They have two children: Lonnie (m. Donna Hoit) and Randy (m. Sharon Cryder).

They have five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.



WILMER L. and PAULINE (Williams) HOWE

Wilmer L. Howe was born October 7, 1919 in Iuka Township. His parents were Herman G. and Lela (Featherly) Howe.

Dona Pauline Williams was born January 6, 1924 in Salem Township. Her parents were Floyd and Theresa (Branch) Williams.

Wilmer and Pauline were married November 10, 1942 in Lincoln, Nebraska. Wilmer spent three years and three months in the Air Force during World War II, the last two years and two months as propeller Spec. Staff Sgt. with the Eighth Airforce in England. He was discharged in 1945.

After leaving the Airforce, Wilmer worked at the Brown Shoe Company in Salem. Later he was a clerk in the Post Office in Iuka and then he went to work for the McMackin Hardware Store in Salem. He retired in 1986 after thirty years.

Pauline worked at the Dress Factory in Salem, the Marion County Court House for fifteen years and then at McMackin Hardware Store for nine years until she retired in 1986.

Wilmer and Pauline built a house in Iuka in 1946 and they have lived there ever since.

They have one daughter, Vicki who married Steve Nall. They have two grandsons.

HARLEN & FERN (Lawrence) JONES

Harlen Jones was born December 5, 1918 in Walnut, Illinois. He is the son of Clarence & Nora (Belden) Jones.

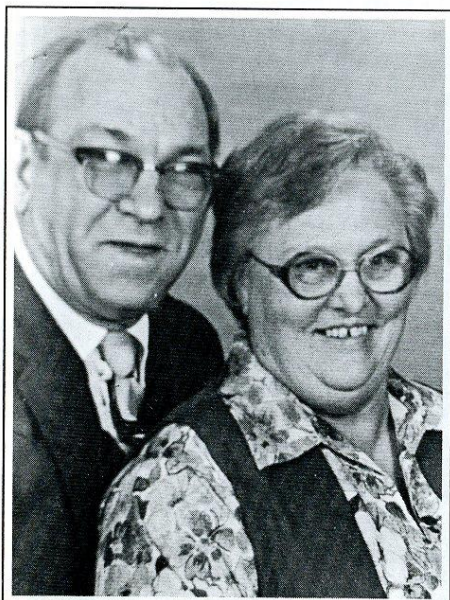
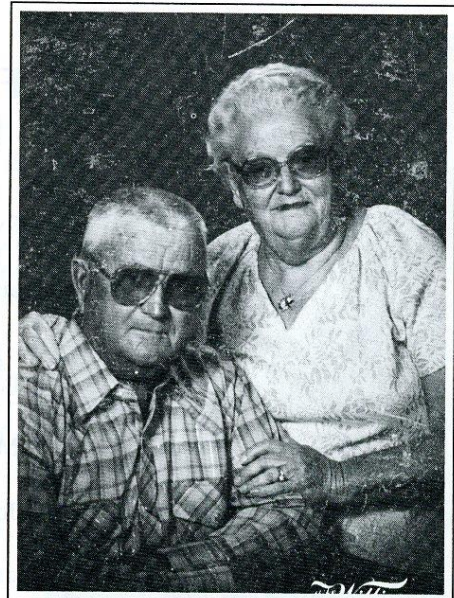
Fern Lawrence was born May 4, 1918 in rural Iuka, Illinois. She is the daughter of Charles & Pet (Stonecipher) Lawrence.

Harlen & Fern were married December 24, 1936 in Salem, Illinois.

They have lived most of their married life in rural Iuka. Harlen retired from farming seven years ago. Fern has been a homemaker and lived most of her life within a 10 mile radius of where she was born southeast of Iuka near Christian Home Church.

They have six children: Leona (m. Fred Bennett), Margie (m. Ralph Halfacre), Linda (m. Bender Jett), Thelma (m. Butch Barbee), Leon, and Leslie (m. Janie Nixon).

They have 17 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.



JOHN AND NORMA (Silvey) LINDER

John Linder was born February 17, 1919 in Iuka Township. He is the son of Earl Linder and Mamie (French) Linder.

Norma Silvey was born December 5, 1920 in Wayne County, Illinois. She is the daughter of Edward and Ora (Corrie) Silvey.

John and Norma were married May 14, 1938 in Salem, Illinois by Rev. Oscar Hawkins. Their attendants were Mamie Linder & Ora Silvey.

John and Norma ran the 76 gas station in Iuka. John was also a welder. He retired from being a United Methodist minister in 1984. He had churches in Flora, Belmont, St. Elmo and Calhoun, Illinois.

Norma worked at the Jones Cafe in Iuka and also at Austin's Cafe in Salem, Illinois.

John and Norma lived most of their married life in Iuka. They had two children: Ronald (m. Anabess Henson) and Leslie (m. Larry Luthe).

They have 4 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

ERMAL & CLARA MAE (Buchanan) MEADOR

Ermal Meador was born October 16, 1916 in Iuka, Illinois. His parents were James Rufus and Rosa (Lagow) Meador.

Clara Mae was born August 16, 1916 in Marion County, Illinois. Her parents were Al "Buck" and Calla (Hendryx) Buchanan.

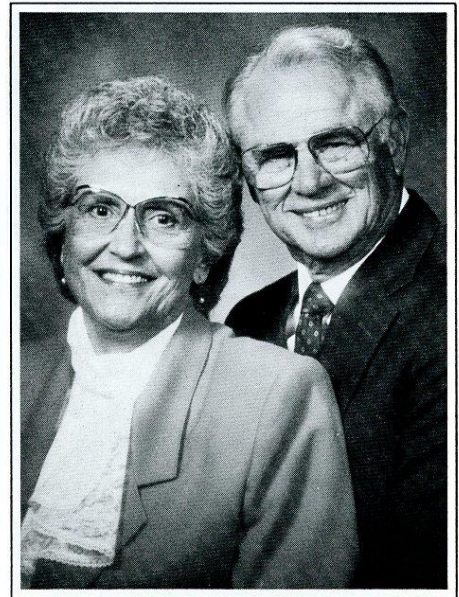
Ermal & Clara Mae were married November 4, 1939 in Kirkwood, Missouri in the Presbyterian Church. Kenneth and Frances Beaver were their attendants.

They have lived in Iuka all of their married life. Ermal worked for the Iuka Lumber Company until 1950 and he then went to work for the National Gypsum Company. He retired in 1982.

Clara Mae worked at the Brown Shoe Company in Salem before their marriage and then again during World War II.

They have two children: Janie Lou (m. Larry Collins), and Greg (m. Mary Ellen Charlton).

They have 2 grandsons and 1 granddaughter.



ALFRED & DOROTHY (King) MEYER

Alfred August Meyer was born September 6, 1900 in St. Louis, Missouri. He is the son of George P. and Mary Ellen (Deuchek) Meyer.

Dorothy Irene King was born August 10, 1912 in Clay County, Illinois. She is the daughter of Robert Francis and Blanche Viola (Tackitt) King.

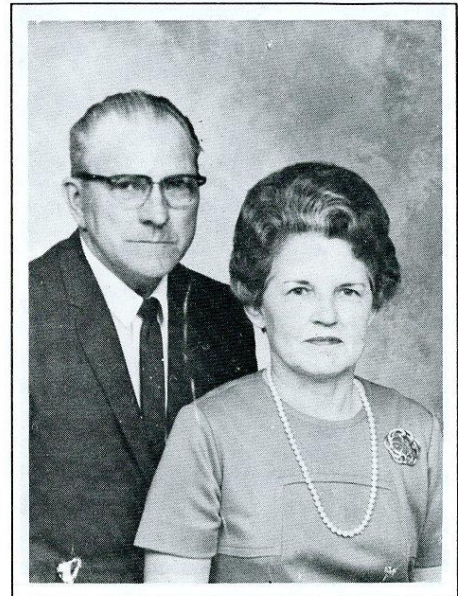
Al & Dorothy were married March 22, 1935 in Louisville, Illinois at the Clay County Courthouse.

They have lived in Iuka Township all of their married life. They live in the same farm house where Al had lived with his parents since he was 18 years old.

The couple are parents of three sons: Robert (m. Clara Woodward), Philip (m. Peggy Meredith), Paul (m. Marla Byers).

They have seven grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.

NOTE: Al passed away May 17, 1992.



DEMPSEY "Jack" & ALTRIS (McGuire) PHILLIPS

Dempsey Phillips was born July 14, 1909 in Iuka, Ill. He is the son of Stephen A. & Bertha (Behrnt) Phillips.

Altris McGuire was born October 29, 1914 in Iuka, Ill. She is the daughter of George & Orpha (Goostree) McGuire.

Jack & Altris were married June 1, 1935 in Altamont, Illinois. They lived in Hammond, Indiana in 1935 and 1936; in Iuka 1936 until 1954. After that they lived in Memphis, Tennessee and Florida until 1976 when they moved back to Iuka. Altris now resides in Doctors Nursing Home in Salem, Illinois.

Jack ran a garage in Iuka from 1945 until 1954. Altris worked in the Iuka State Bank from the time she graduated from school until 1954.



RHEUBIN and VELMA (Meador) RICHARDS

Rheubin Richards was born January 16, 1919 in Romine Township, the son of Raymon and Bertha (Halfacre) Richards.

Velma Meador was born February 25, 1924 in Salem, Illinois, the daughter of Alfred and Ethel (Michael) Meador.

They were married on March 23, 1940 at Centralia, Illinois by Rev. Verl Clifton. Attendants were Ernest Meador and Bertha Richards.

Both families were lifelong residents of Marion County. Rheubin farmed for several years, also ran the Romine baseball team for about 20 years, which several men and boys around this community enjoyed playing. He worked for the Illinois Central Railroad for 43 years until his retirement in 1984. They now live in Iuka Township. Velma is a housewife. On their 50th wedding anniversary they renewed their wedding vows performed by Rev. Louie Sharp of Keenes, Illinois. Attendants were their two children, son, Lowell Richards (m. Geneva Jourdan), and daughter Phyllis (m. Michael McMeen).

They have seven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

ROSCOE and SYLVIA (Milburn) ROGERS

Roscoe Rogers was born August 19, 1904 in Iuka, Illinois. His parents were Giles Newton & Maggie (Morris) Rogers. Maggie was raised by Pa & Ma Chapman.

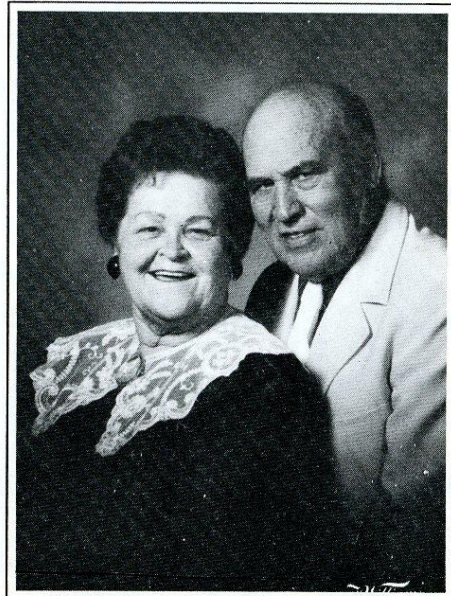
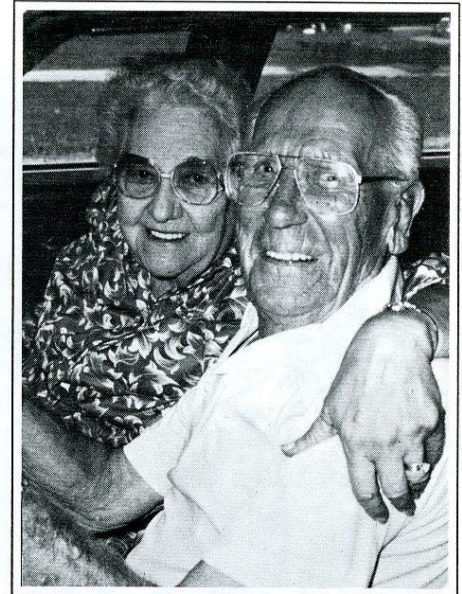
Sylvia Milburn was born November 23, 1906 in Wayne County, Illinois. Her parents were John & Mary Louisa (Porter) Milburn.

Roscoe & Sylvia were married November 27, 1926 in Decatur, Illinois by Rev. Bell.

After their marriage they lived in Decatur, Iuka, Bluford, Chicago and Lincoln, Illinois. They lived in Chicago for 19 years, left and went to Lincoln in 1948. They both worked at the Lincoln Junior College until their retirement in 1967 when they moved back to Iuka.

They have three children: Rocky G. Jr., Charles Raymond, Rosemary (m. Bob Burdine).

They have nine grandchildren, nine great grandchildren and one great-great grandchild.



CHESTER "NAN" & RUTH (Prather) SILVEY

Nan Silvey was born July 25, 1916 in rural Xenia, Illinois. He was the son of Edward and Ora (Corrie) Silvey.

Ruth Prather was born February 2, 1918 in a log cabin east of Iuka in Shadden school district. She is the daughter of Burt and Minnie (Wantland) Prather.

Nan & Ruth were married October 21, 1939 in St. Louis, Missouri. Their attendants were John and Norma Linder.

Nan served in the Army during World War II. He received several medals including the Purple Heart. In 1946 the Silveys built their home on Iuka Road, north across from what was at that time known as Rose Lake and this is still the family home.

Nan was a retired construction worker and Iuka School custodian.

Ruth retired from the Postal Department after 23 years.

Chester "Nan" Silvey passed away March 18, 1992.

They have two children: Nancy (m. Bob Rath) and Matthew (m. Cindy Reed).

They have 5 grandsons.

VERNICE "Boone" & MILLIE (Weems) SILVEY

Vernice "Boone" Silvey was born September 29, 1912 in Clay County, Illinois. His parents were Edward and Ora (Corrie) Silvey.

Millie Weems was born July 9, 1917 in Marion County, Illinois. Her parents were John and Pet (Marshall) Weems.

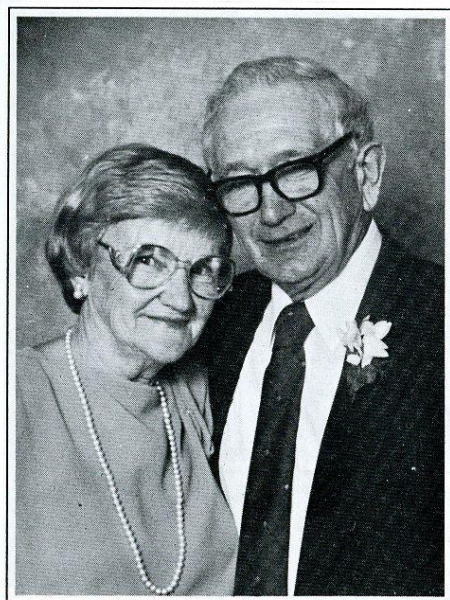
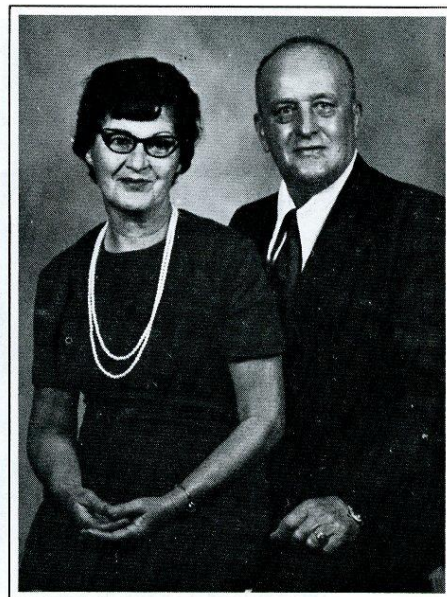
Boone and Millie were married June 5, 1939 in Wycliff, Kentucky. Their attendants were Londa and Lois Blackburn.

They have lived in Iuka most of their married life except for a short time in Chicago and Salem.

Boone worked for the B&O Railroad. Millie worked at the Brown Shoe Factory in Salem.

Boone was Mayor of Iuka from 1969 until 1985. He drove a school bus from 1967 until 1976.

They have one son Jerry who married Patricia Henne, and one grandson.



EVERETT & SUSIE (Fear) WEEMS

Everett Weems was born October 27, 1920 in Decatur, Illinois. His parents were Alstrom & Hattie (Clemons) Weems.

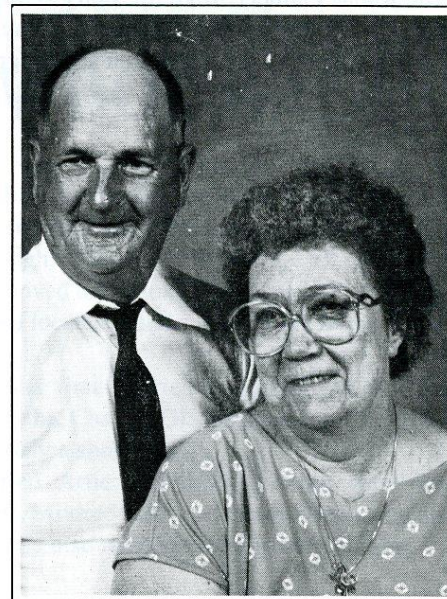
Susie Fear was born November 10, 1918 in Iuka Township, Illinois. Her parents were Eugene & Jessie (Price) Fear.

Everett and Susie (Fear-Waggoner) Weems were married July 30, 1942 in St. Charles, Missouri in a Baptist Church.

Everett worked at the Belvidere Canning Company before his marriage. Susie worked at the Brown Shoe Company, in Salem. After their marriage they moved to Belvidere, Illinois, lived there for three months until Everett was called to serve in World War II and Susie moved back to Iuka Township. After the War they lived in Iuka for 17 years and then moved to a farm. Before farming, Everett was owner of the Salem Ice & Locker Plant until it burned. He farmed until 1985. Everett trains coon and bear hounds. He has hunted in several states and Canada.

They have three children: Dale Waggoner, Joyce (m. George Eblin), Nancy MacKenzie.

They have 2 granddaughters and 2 grandsons.



BRADEN and DOROTHY (Breihan) WILLIAMS

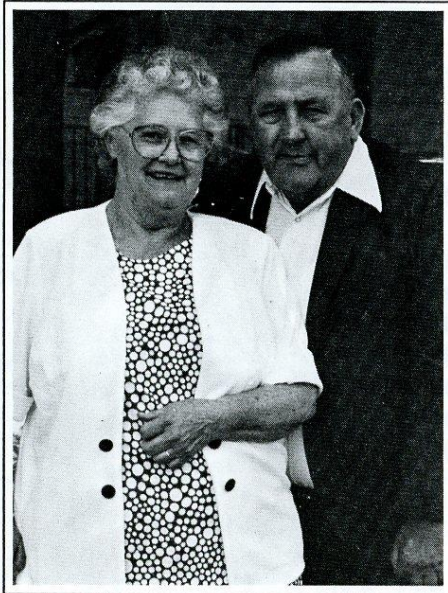
Braden Williams was born September 28, 1917 in Lewistown, Montana.

Dorothy Breihan was born May 13, 1919 in St. Louis, Missouri.

They were married April 21, 1938 in St. Louis. Braden retired from the Postal Service in St. Louis and they have lived in the Iuka Township for 35 years.

They have five children: Olivia (m. Steve Brown), Mark (m. Mariola Snow), Paulette (m. Larry Bryan), Wilbur (m. Mary Guerrettaz), and Ross (m. Patricia Meyer).

They have 18 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren.



EDGAR and LOLA MAE (Scott) WOODWARD

Thomas Edgar Woodward, oldest son of David and Mae (Donoho) Woodward, and Lola Mae Scott, daughter of J.J. and Martha (Stonecipher) Scott were married October 7, 1939 at Centralia, Ill. by Rev. Clyde Brown (first couple Rev. Brown married).

Edgar worked in the oil fields for C.R. Winn before going to work for the State of Illinois as a heavy equipment operator.

Lola Mae worked as a private sitter for about 15 years. She is now working part-time at B&R Grocery in Iuka.

Thomas Edgar was born July 28, 1919. Lola Mae was born July 5, 1923.

They lived in Iuka Township all their lives. Edgar died Jan. 12, 1991.

They have one daughter, Hazel Mae who married Ed Sprehe. There are two grandchildren.

LAWRENCE and ALWILDA (Moore) WOODWARD

Lawrence Woodward was born November 27, 1917 in rural Iuka, Illinois. His parents were Walter and Artie (Price) Woodward.

Alwilda Moore was born May 29, 1918 in Kinmundy, Illinois. Her parents were Clarence B. and Lora (Cummings) Moore.

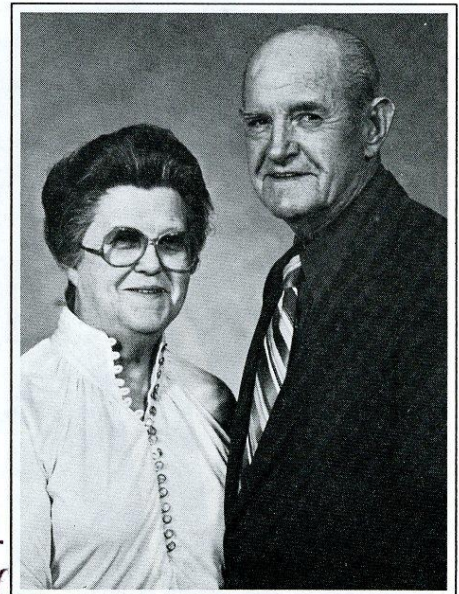
Lawrence and Alwilda were married January 7, 1937 in Salem, Illinois. Their attendants were Alwilda's parents and Laverne Crane.

They have lived about 2 1/2 miles west of Iuka for 46 years, close to the homeplace where Lawrence was raised.

Lawrence was a driller in the oilfield for 25 years. Then he drilled water wells for 30 years.

They have seven children: Robert Lee (dec'd), Larry (m. Betty Bray), Darrell (m. Runae Palmer), Mike (m. Betty West), Sharon (m. John Cannon), Nancy (m. Duane Gray), and Lois (m. Gary Hays).

They have 27 grandchildren and 30 great-grandchildren.



H.H. Cheeley

August 1961. The village of Iuka honored Homer Horatio Cheeley.

He was born in Iuka township August 27, 1863 near the No. 6 school. He was the eldest child of ten children, six boys and four girls. His parents were Woodson Calvin and Christina Brubaker Cheeley.

His first school was a subscription school in Iuka taught by Hattie Holstlaw. His textbooks were such as McGuffeys Reader, Blue Back Elementary Speller, Rays Third Part Arithmetic, a slate and a slate pencil were his supplies.

On June 25, 1884 he married Lanora Ragan and moved to a farm near Iuka, they reared four girls, Leone, Clara, Verta and Fleeta.

In 1890 they moved four and one half miles northeast of Iuka. They retired in 1956 in Iuka and Lanora died in 1958. He continued to live in Iuka, gardening, fishing and going to church. He first joined the Siloam Church in Omega Twp. In 1906 when Woodlawn was built he joined the United Brethren.

He served sixty years as a justice of the peace and twenty-

two years as a school director.

His happiest days were at home with his family. His rule of life, keep regular hours for work, rest and meals, abstain from strong drink, coffee, and cokes, and always practice the Golden Rule.

Goldie Dunlap, past president of the Firemans Auxiliary presented his award.

The Village of Iuka, Illinois Outstanding Citizen Award Sponsored in Behalf of the Iuka Community By the Iuka Volunteer Fire Department and Auxiliary. This Certificate of Outstanding Community Service is awarded to H.H. Cheeley who reached the venerable age of ninety-eight years and who has given us an example of a dedicated effort to life's work, self improvement, and worthy life.

Issued this 9th day of September 1961.

Signed by E.P. Wimberly, Mayor, Arthur Hahn, President Fire Dept., Pauline Howe, President .

Five generations of his family attended the presentation.

1963; H. H. Cheeley of Iuka, 100 years old.

1966: Homer Cheeley dies, aged 103 years old.



The rural Iuka home of Walter W. Woodward taken in the early 1900's. Those pictured from left are: Willard, Alfred, Cora, Rusha, Nancy (Walter's 2nd Wife), Charlie, Walter and Dave.

WALTER WILLOUGHBY WOODWARD

Born March 26, 1870 - died April 1, 1951. His parents moved to Iuka area from Kentucky when Walter was five years old. His parents were Benjamin F. Woodward, born November 26, 1829 and died October 29, 1906, and Sarah (Abernathy) Woodward, born 1836, and died 1897. There were 6 boys and 2 girls in the family.

Walter first married Sarah Padget. They raised David, Rusha, Willard, Alfred, and Cora. After Sarah passed away Walter later married Nancy Webb. They had Charlie, Ancon (who died at a few months of age) Martha, Nettie, Lucy, and Bertha. After Nancy passed away he married Artie Price.

Artie May Price, born June 25, 1883 and died March 9, 1976, was the only daughter of David Price born 1845, died

1933 and Ophelia Alberta Blackburn Price (whose mother was a Cherokee Indian) born 1865 died 1942. David's father, Samuel Price fought in the Civil War at age 15. They lived at Omega then moved to the Iuka area. Artie went to school at Wildcat school located at the corner of the Iuka road and highway 161.

Artie Price was first married to Luther Quick. Their children were Bertha, Charlie, Gladys, Noel, and three baby sons who lived only a short time.

Walter married Artie and their children were Ted, Lawrence, Lewis, Mildred Lois, and Harold Dean who died at 18 months. They also raised several foster children.

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COUNTY OF *Marion*

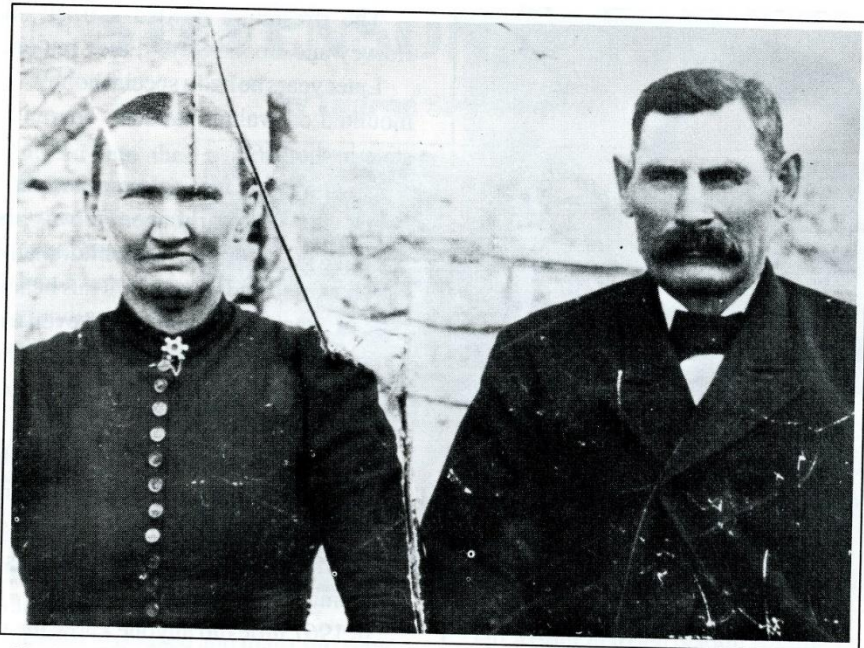
At the Regular Term of the *Circuit* Court of said County of *Marion*, begun and holden in the Court House in *Shelby* in said County of *Marion* on *Monday* the *19th* day of *October* in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and *Seventy* following the *19th* day of the Month of *October* A. D. 1874

Present—Honorables *J. G. Wray* Judge.
J. H. H. Hall Sheriff.
D. W. Purcell States Attorney.
D. W. Purcell Clerk.

ATTEST: *D. W. Purcell* Clerk.
In the Matter of the Naturalization of *Charles Hahn* an Alien.

Be it Remembered, That on the *19th* day of *October* in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and *Seventy* personally appeared before *J. G. Wray* presiding Judge of the *County* Court of the County of *Marion* and *State* aforesaid, (the same being a Court of Record, having and exercising common-law jurisdiction, Seal and a Clerk, and sitting judicially for the dispatch of business, at the Court House in *Shelby* in the County aforesaid.) *Charles Hahn* an alien born, free, white, male person, above the age of twenty-one years, and applied to become a Naturalized Citizen of the United States heretofore passed on that subject, entitled "An Act to establish a uniform rule of Naturalization, and to repeal the Acts of America, pursuant to the several acts of Congress heretofore passed on that subject, entitled "An Act to establish a uniform rule of Naturalization, and to repeal the Acts of America, passed on the 14th day of April, 1802; An Act entitled "An Act in addition to an Act entitled an Act to establish a uniform rule of Naturalization, and to repeal the Acts heretofore passed on that subject," approved the 26th day of March, 1804; An Act supplementary to the Acts heretofore passed on the subject of a uniform rule of Naturalization," passed the 30th day of July, 1813; the Act relative to evidence in cases of Naturalization, passed May 22 day of March, 1816; and *Charles Hahn* having thereupon produced to the Court, Record testimony showing that he has heretofore reported himself and filed his declaration of his intention to become a citizen of the United States, according to the provisions of the said several Acts of Congress, and the Court being satisfied, as well from the oath of the said *Charles Hahn* who are known to be citizens of the United States, that the said *Charles Hahn* has resided within the limits and under the jurisdiction of the United States, for at least five years last past, and at least one year last past within the State of Illinois, and that during the whole of that time he has behaved himself as a man of good moral character, attached to the principles contained in the Constitution of the United States, and well disposed to the good order, well being and happiness of the same, and two years and upwards having elapsed since the said *Charles Hahn* reported himself and filed his declaration of his intention as aforesaid, IT WAS ORDERED, that the said *Charles Hahn* be permitted to take the oath to support the Constitution of the United States, and the usual oath whereby he renounced all allegiance and fidelity to every foreign Prince, Potentate, State and Sovereignty whatever, and more particularly to *Alexander* whereof he was heretofore a subject, which said oath having been administered to the said *Charles Hahn* by the Clerk of the said Court, it was ordered by the Court that the said *Charles Hahn* be admitted to all and singular the rights, privileges and immunities of a Naturalized Citizen of the United States, and that the same be certified by the Clerk of this Court, under the Seal of said Court accordingly.

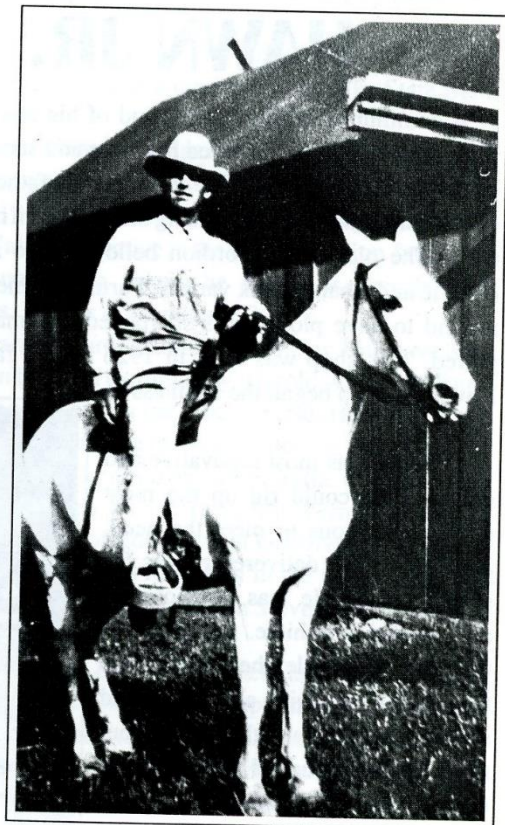
ATTEST: *D. W. Purcell* Clerk.



Carl and Henriette (Paehls) Hahn came to the United States from Prussia in about 1869. They first settled in Chicago, Illinois, and then came to Marion County where all of their relatives lived. Their children were: Lena (m. Peters), John (m. Anna Heise), Herman (m. Wilhelmina "Minnie" Behrndt), Reka (m. Louis Heise) and Anna (m. Herman Behnke).



Herman and Minnie Hahn's children. Picture taken about 1950. Pictured front row from left; John, Dorothy, Minnie (Mother), Pauline and Freddie. Back row from left: Harold, Herman, Art and Carl.



Herman Hahn, Sr. on his horse "Clipper". This horse was one of the best cattle horses in the country. Picture was taken about 1925.

NOTE: Pictures submitted by Harold Hahn. He died June 8, 1992.



ALBERT "Cowboy" HAWN JR.

A community booster and proud of his town, his roots were firmly planted. He loved his town and served in every capacity available. In 1956 he continued his father's business of blacksmithing and began using more modern methods and tools. The old style accordion bellows were replaced by electric and a hand crank variety. Farmers came from miles around to have plowshares sharpened and machinery repaired. This shop was built in 1925 by his father Albert Hawn, Sr. who began the business in 1920.

Cowboy was most innovative and creative. He could rig up the most useful inventions to meet the need. Julie Mulvaney delivered papers for several years. He was handicapped and needed a vehicle. Cowboy put three full size bicycle wheels and frames together, along with an engine and steering wheel. It would travel about thirty miles an hour and Mr. Mulvaney used it for several years.

The kids at school needed a back-stop at the baseball diamond, Cowboy made one.

The firestation needed a truck and along with Buck Harvey and Boone Silvey, they put one together.

Later years he had a special hobby, making butcher knives mounted on walnut handles. There is one in almost every state in the U.S.

Cowboy got his nickname when he started breaking horses at a very early age. He was about ten. Bill Beaver bought a pony for his grandchildren, they couldn't ride it, so Cowboy tried and stayed on. Thus began his rodeo career. He rode in every rodeo nearby and even tried riding a couple of bulls. One almost killed him, end of bull riding.

Cowboy served in many village offices. His desire was for the town to grow, prosper, and move on with the times.

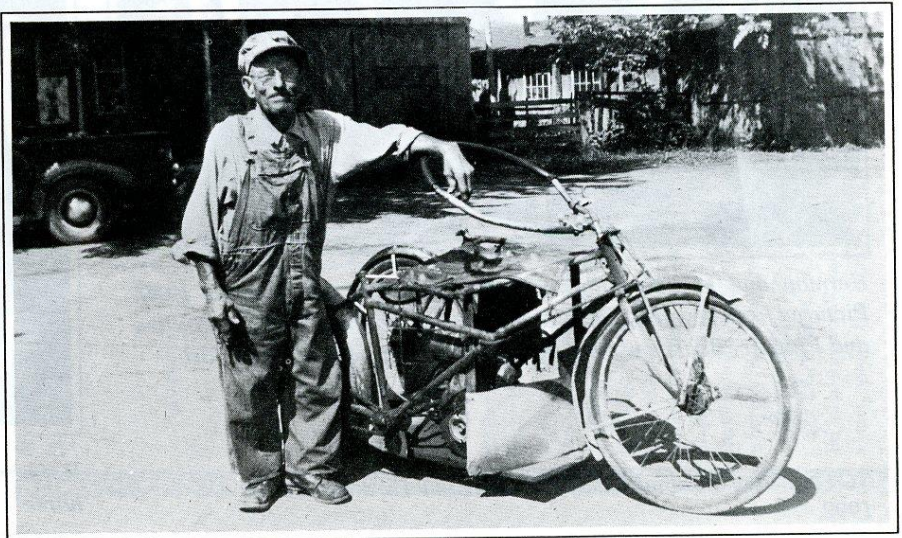
He served on the town board as water superintendent, he was town marshal for twenty years, fire chief, and president of the Iuka Mutual Phone Co. He was a special deputy for seven Marion County sheriffs and was an auxiliary highway policeman.

In 1967 little did anyone know the town was destined for a great undertaking, when they appointed Cowboy Hawn as parade chairman for the huge centennial celebration. The centennial was such a success and community spirit was running high. He along with others implemented the plans to develop a large park for the village. The Iuka Community Development Corp. was formed. Cowboy was elected president.

The ground was purchased, cleared, and a huge building erected, with kitchen facilities. Fourth of July became a big celebration in Iuka.

Cowboy was looking forward to the 125th anniversary celebration in 1992.

Albert "Cowboy" Hawn, Jr. died Sept. 16, 1991. He was born Sept. 13, 1925 in Iuka, son of Albert and Edith McCall Hawn. He was a member of the John D. Moody Masonic Lodge, of Iuka, the Belleville Scottish Rite Consistor and the East St. Louis Shrine Club Ainad Temple.



STEVENSON FAMILY

by Eugene Stevenson

Daniel Stevenson moved into the Iuka area about 1847. He followed his brother, Samuel Edgar, who moved into what is now known as Stevenson Township one year earlier. They came from Ohio where their grandfather had moved after serving in the Revolutionary War.

Daniel, wife Arabella (Teal) lived on what is now known as Route 50 approximately 1/4 mile west of the Iuka Road. Their home was on the north side of the road, barn on the south. Lore has it that the stage coaches of that time changed horses at this location.

In the early 1950's, the barn was razed and many old stage coach parts were found in the barn.

Daniel had 6 children in his first marriage. Daughter, Lucretia married J. Westly Holstlaw, another child Crate married Emma Ruth Holstlaw. Two of the children moved to Indiana, others died young.

Crate and Emma lived 1 mile north of Route 50 on the Omega Road, west side of the road. They spent their lives there. Their only daughter, Mamie married Walter Booker and they lived on the east side of the Iuka road, 2nd house north of Jamison Creek (Dora Stevenson lives there now).

Daniel married Rebecca Berry upon the death of Arabella.

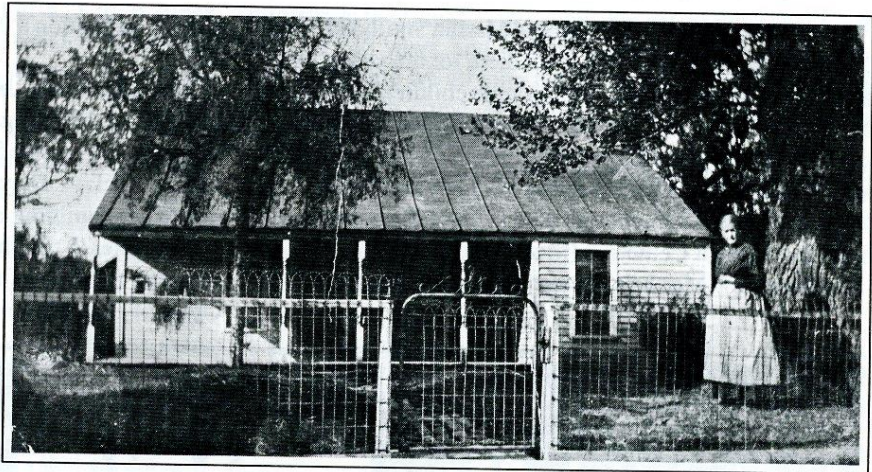
There were 4 children of this marriage. Daughter, Cora died at an early age. Lewis Clement, the oldest son married Dora Farris and they lived with Lewis's mother at the home on Route 50 until their deaths. Lewis & Dora had 4 children.

William Ellet married Ida Tartar and they purchased a home in Omega Township. At the time of purchase the land was considered range land and did not need to be fenced. There were 3 children of this marriage, Bertha, Maude & Elmer.

Elmer married Etta Phillips. They farmed, lived in Indiana where Elmer retired as a teamster. Their sons, Donald & Elmer, Jr. are retired teamsters and now live in Iuka. They lived away from here for several years and their children live in various areas in the midwest.

Samuel Edgar was born after his father died. He married Clara Bandelow and they built a home 1/4 mile west of Crate & 1/2 mile north of Lewis. They lived their lives at this location. S.E. (as he was known) farmed, raised bought & sold livestock and was a director of the Iuka State Bank for many years.

S.E. and Clara had 7 children, 2 dying in infancy. Nettie was a school teacher in this area, married and moved to St. Louis area, returning here after the death of her husband.



Dell Arthur married Naomi Huddle. They had 2 children, Gladys and Margarete. The girls married and lived away from this area.

Allie Ruth taught school, married Herman Fisher. They moved to Salem, Ill. where they lived their lives. Their daughter, Mae Rose, married Ben Bright and they now live in Albuquerque, NM as does their daughter, Linda & husband John Bentz.

Mae Rose taught school and retired from teaching in Urbana, Ill. She served as a director of the Iuka State Bank for several years.

Walter married Dora Phillips and they lived in Hammond, Ind. where he worked at an oil refinery. They returned to the Iuka area in 1947 where they lived on the family farm raising livestock. Walter was active in the Farmers Union & the Iuka Mutual Insurance Co. where he served as President for several years. Walter & Dora have 3 sons.

Harold married Carol Hammond and they both have been very active in the Iuka Community. Harold is a retired Rural Mail Carrier and Carol is the school nurse. Harold & Carol have 3 daughters who live in the surrounding area. Gail and Dave Garrison, son James lives in Centralia. Gwen & Gene Timm, their children live in rural Mt. Vernon. Geri is a senior in the School of Education at Greenville College.

Raymond married and remained in the northern part of Indiana. His daughter, Andrea & son Steven live in northern Ill. & Ind.

Walter married Lorraine Schrack and they lived in Hammond, Ind. where he retired a Captain for the Hammond Fire Department. They moved into the Iuka area where he has farmed, served on the Board of Directors for the Iuka Mutual Insurance Co. & The Iuka State Bank. Their son, Curtis, wife Debra & children Lisa & Craig live in Frankfort, Ind. Their daughter, Elaine, husband Randy, son Ryan live in the Evansville, Ind. area.

SOLOMON AND MARTHA SMITH

by Mary Lou Shaw (1992)

In the year of 1819, Solomon and Martha Smith left South Carolina for Tennessee. They lived there for ten years. In the fall of 1829 along with six of their nine children they began the trek to Illinois in a prairie schooner drawn by a yoke of oxen. They first settled three miles north of Salem, until he purchased land in 1836 on Section 31. They lived there until Solomon died in 1846, Martha died in 1849. Both are buried in the Stringtown Cemetery (McGuire).

Solomon and Martha's youngest son M.M. Smith, in 1841

located on Section 8. He occupied the first dwelling house in Iuka.

Solomon Smith, Jr. was the eighth child of Solomon and Martha. In 1833, aged sixteen he began driving a stage between Xenia and Salem. In 1837 he married Elizabeth Ann Holtzclaw. They were devout Presbyterians and implemented the building of the first church building in Iuka. He was an elder in the church, the first justice of the peace, and a charter member of the J.D. Moody Lodge of the Masonic Order of Iuka.



The Iris Club (in the 1930's) met in the log cabin by the Missionary Baptist Church. They helped poor families. At Christmas they would take oranges to families in need.

ROBINSON CEMETERY

Old and forgotten cemeteries are abundant in Marion County. When they are close to a good public road, there are some people who want to correct the neglect. Such was the case of the Robinson Cemetery located east of Iuka on the south side of Highway 50.

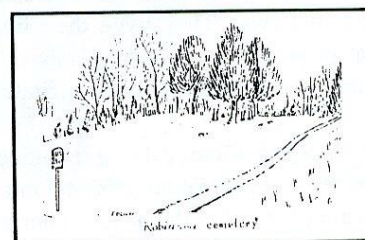
On Saturday, October 7, 1989, several concerned residents and descendants of those buried there met to clean up the cemetery. Some brought tools to work with plus a tractor and wagon to haul the brush away (there was a LOT that had to be cut!) Some used tools to poke down into the ground in search of buried stones. Others had mowers to cut the grass and vines that had overgrown on the cemetery.

Lunch was eaten at the front of the cemetery where there are no stones. The group worked all day and made a great difference in the appearance of the cemetery.

When they started working on the cemetery, they knew there were about sixty-two graves that had been reported being there in 1981. Since the clean up day in 1989 there have

been more stones found and records researched to bring that count up to about 116 burials.

Soon after the clean up of Robinson Cemetery, the Illinois Historical Preservation Society made excavations not far from the cemetery. It was reported they were hunting for the site where Joshua Piles operated a stage coach stop on his property along the present U.S. 50, what was then called Vincennes-St. Louis Trail. They found red ware and pearl ware (pieces of dishes) that dated back to the 1820's so there was probably something on that site at that time.



IUKA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

The early history of the Iuka United Methodist Church shows, according to the warranty deed, that on Dec. 2, 1876, J.W. and Martha Fyke sold for the sum of \$50, lot 6, block 29 to the following trustees: J.W. Humphreys, J.W. Chapman, J.B. Eddings, J.W. Fyke, J.S. Jackson, Manuel Beaver and H.C. Hams.

Deeds further show that on July 9, 1886, the following trustees: J.W. Fyke, Manuel Beaver, J.B. Eddings and John F. Eddings purchased plat 5, block 29 for the sum of \$35 from Henry A. and Mary E. Vandusen; in 1875 the Iuka cemetery, containing five acres, was laid off one mile east of the town.

The brick church was erected in 1877, at a cost of \$1,600. The first minister, on record, of the church was Naaman Bascom in 1880-82. Next were C.H. Rayse, 1882-83; John Vallow, 1883-84; H. Manefold, 1884-85, etc. Currently the church consists of the original sanctuary for worship as was built in 1877; this place of worship has been remodeled throughout the years and is very special in that we are now in the 115th year of vital ministry to the town of Iuka, truly this is a legacy to give the Lord the glory for His kindness. There is also a fellowship hall and Sunday School addition which help to facilitate the ongoing work of strengthening the lives of those who make this their chosen place to grow in the Lord.

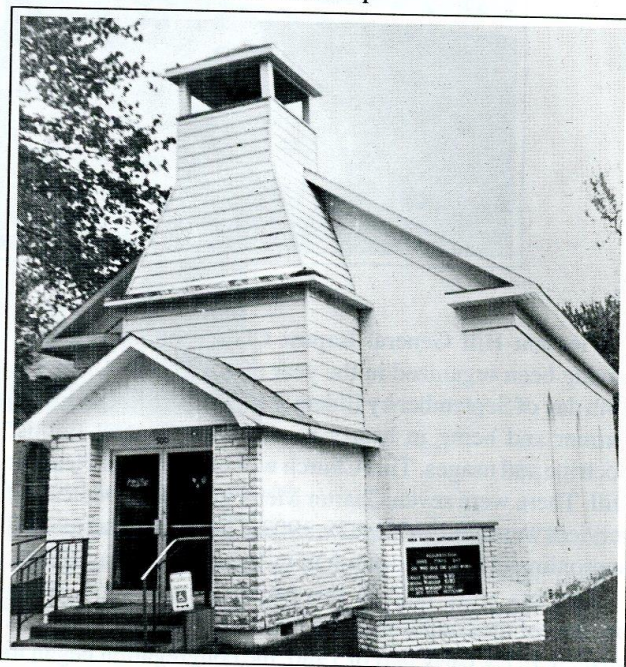
The Iuka United Methodist Church is on a charge along with the Bee Branch United Methodist Church and together they share some of the expenses, minister, and fellowship. The church built a new parsonage in 1965 and the first family to live in the new parsonage was Rev. G.E. Coultas. In seeking to update the history of the Iuka United Methodist Church in the 25 years since the centennial, there are a few items of great importance. Since the last book, the Methodist Church merged with a denomination of similar belief and history, The United Brethren. This merger occurred in 1968 producing the current title of the United Methodist Church. In the past 25 years the church has seen many changes. Many of those who called this their church home have grown and moved away, or gone on to be with the Lord, and to this we remember, but find faith in that the Lord continually brings the harvest of believers to continue where others left off. No one person makes this church, but all who call upon the name of the Lord.

The Iuka United Methodist Church is blessed with so much depth of Spiritual Maturity that there is great opportunity for those seeking the Lord's guidance and Salvation for their life. The group of believers has taken many positions of leadership both in the town and in the schools throughout the years with a sense of moral purity that is truly a

blessing of Christ. The church has an active youth group, women's group, and many other committees devoted to the ministry at the church. The fellowship of Christians has been here for 115 years, and with the Lord's blessing of strength and leadership we all long for the light of faith to shine for many years to come. We look forward to serving you in whatever way possible.

Those Ministers who have served this church since 1968 are:

1967-70 L.B. Howard
1971-72 Russel K. Fry
1973-78 Howard Lynch
1979-81 Glenn Patterson
1982-84 Shorty Lorenz
1985-87 Leroy Allison
1988-90 Kurt Wallace
1991-present; Steve Heitkamp



IUKA GENERAL BAPTIST CHURCH

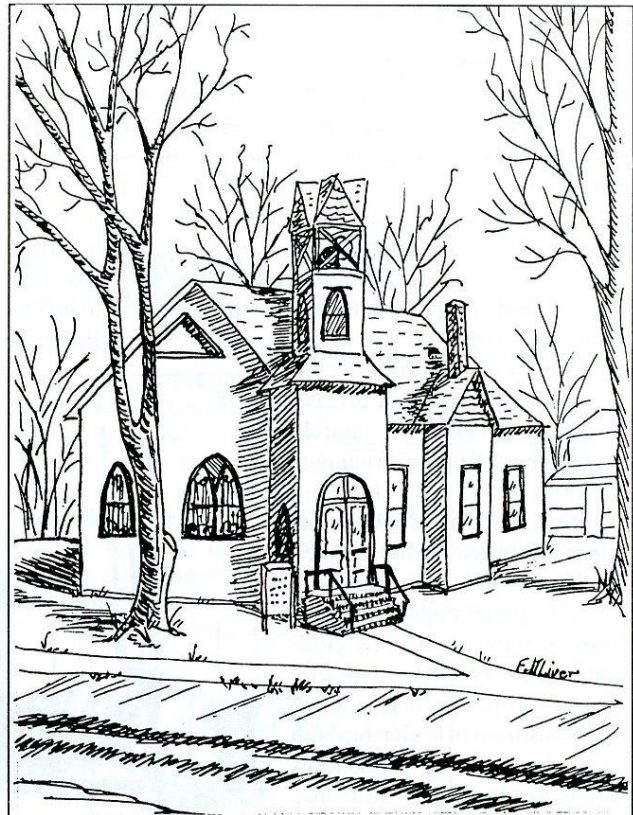


Pleasant Hill General Baptist Church of Jesus Christ, having been organized in the year of our Lord 1901 on the 14th day of September by Elders T.M. Richardson and W.T. Farmer and being in hearty accord with General Baptist doctrine and usages. This Church will be known as Pleasant Hill. There were seven Charter Members listed. Dedication services were held on Nov. 29, 1903. The church was located approximately two and one-half miles south of Iuka, Illinois.

Services were held in this building until 1964, when because of the condition of the building, a new building was erected. In the early part of 1980, the congregation began to outgrow the available space and plans were undertaken to build a new larger facility. The necessary room for expansion not being available at this site, a decision was made to move to a location on the northeast corner of Iuka, near the Park, where five acres was available.

The first services were held in the new building on October 17, 1980, and dedication services on October 19, 1980. The message of dedication was given by former pastor, Brother Glendall Davis. An estimated 150 people stood with him to proclaim in unison, "We Dedicate This House, Thus Setting It Apart For The Glory Of God!" Fifty-seven members were present in this service.

Pastors since 1967 were: Virgil Slater, Glendall Davis, Thomas Rippy, George Musgrave, Rick Huff, Wilford Musgrave, Ronald Woodward, Wayne Walters. The present pastor is Larry Albert.



IUKA MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH



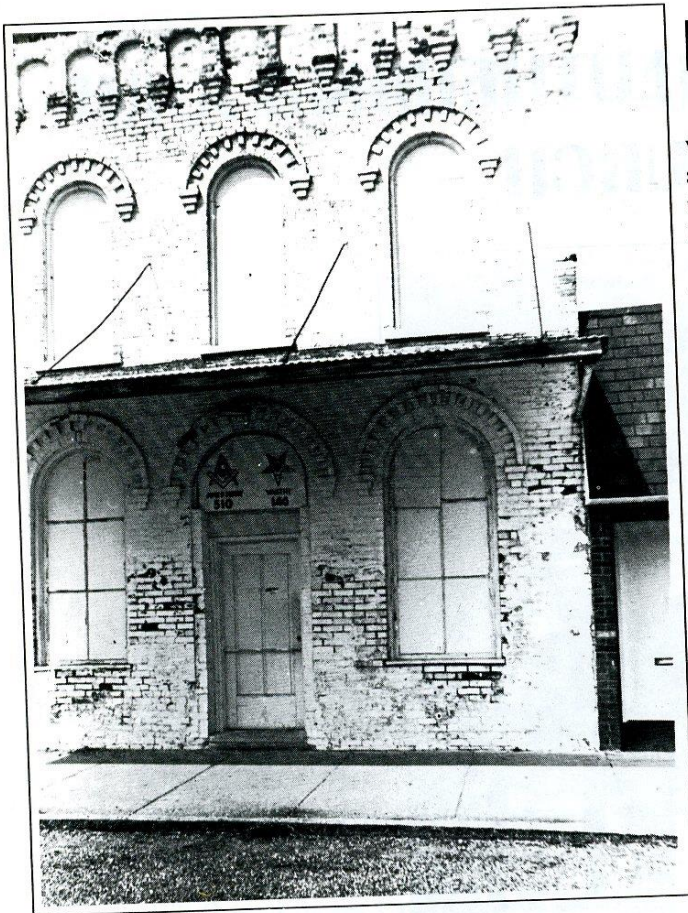
It was in the year 1870 that a group of Lutherans left Chicago to make a new home for themselves in the timber some five miles southeast of Iuka, Illinois. They were an unorganized group without a pastor. For three years they conducted their own reading services in the homes of members. In the meantime they earnestly sought the services of a pastor. One of these pioneers, Ernest Rauser, wrote a letter to Rev. Wagner, his former pastor in Chicago, asking that someone be sent to serve them. Rev. Wagner immediately wrote to Rev. J.G.O. Katthain of Hoyleton, informing him of this group of Lutherans. On the 27th of April, 1873, Pastor Katthain visited these people for the first time and conducted a service in one of the homes. A few months later, on the 28th of September, 1873, under the leadership of Pastor Katthain, Trinity congregation was organized at the home of John Heise. A constitution was drawn up and accepted. On the 9th of November, 1876, ground was broken for the first church building and on the 12th of August, 1877, the edifice was

dedicated to the glory of God.

The church was first known as Trinity Lutheran Church of Kattgrove, a translation of Pastor Katthain's name from the German into English. In the year 1880, the Rev. F. W. Eggerking was called as the first resident pastor.

The first church building, dedicated in 1877, still stands today. It housed the parochial school until 1942, when the school was discontinued. The present church building was erected and dedicated to the service of God in 1908. The parsonage was built in the year of 1922.

Pastors: F.W. Eggerking, G.A. Luebker, A. Keaeselitz, J. Buenger, W. Strothmann, J. Schoening, O. Simonson, A. Guebert, O.H. Keyl, F. Brockman, M.J. Schliebe, Daniel Wenz, Ernst Werfelman, Ernest Schutz, W.L. Schroeter, R.J. Deye, Norbert Lucht, Albert Korris, Richard Bremer and the present Pastor, Jeffery Gross.



MASONIC LODGE

The John D. Moody Lodge 510, Iuka, A.F. & A.M., was chartered Oct. 3, 1866. The meeting place was on the second floor of M. Hinderer and Sons grocery store on the south side of the railroad. Later they moved over the Kelley and Finn store near the old Iuka State Bank.

On Nov. 13, 1939, about 11 a.m. the building was burned, but records of the lodge were saved by a member who went into the building and got them. From there the lodge moved to the Odd Fellows Hall and meetings were held there for one year. It was then moved to the second floor of Hawn's Blacksmith Shop.

In April 1973 they bought the old J.W. Humphrey building (later the Holstlaw Restaurant) from Tom and Alberta Jones and that is where the lodge is presently located.

They are in the process of making improvements to the building including a new front and cleaning the old original brick above.

The present officers are: Clarence Garrison, Master; Bob Kingery, Senior Warden; Dick Hanks, Junior Warden; Gerhard Schirr, Secretary and Dempsey Phillips, Treasurer.

IUKA HOME EXTENSION ASSOCIATION (H.E.A.)

The Iuka Home Extension Association (H.E.A.) was organized April 3, 1946. It was formerly known as the Home Bureau.

The Home Bureau had nineteen charter members when it was organized. Mrs. Eldon Branch was elected president and Mrs. Jesse Donoho served as membership chairman and Mrs. Orpha McGuire was secretary.

April 27, 1962, Marion County Home Bureau officially

became Marion County Homemakers Extension.

The Iuka Home Extension at the present time (1992) has fourteen members: Erma Nichols, President; Evanel Burroughs, Secretary - Treasurer; Juanita Garrison, Member of the Marion County Board; Opal Clifton, Charter Member; Mabel Michael, Charter Member; Oneta Ayers, Edna Baker, Geraldine Roberts, Naomi Baker, Eula Henson, Dorothy Schirr, Leota Morrison, Velma Akes and Lela Blank.

Iuka Women - Great Cooks

From the days of the stone fireplace, the wood fed cookstove, the kerosene and coal stoves to the modern gas and electric stoves of today, women have put meals on the table.

Three ladies of Iuka were honored for culinary expertise.

They were well known for their "scratch" cooking and a pinch of this and a pinch of that, plus a measure of love.

Orpha McGuire, Opal Clifton and Lela Blank all said their pleasure was to keep the cookie jars full and set back and wait for the grandkids to arrive.

MEMORIES

THE TOBY SHOW

Remember the Toby Show? It came to Iuka once a year. We believe it was in late summer.

A tent was set up on the southwest corner of Cherry Street and South Avenue. Kids got passes for helping to set up and tear down the tent. They had to leave something of value (ball gloves, etc.) with the show to be sure that they came back to help to tear down.

Water was carried from Lela Meador's residence across the street.

The smell of the popcorn still lingers in our minds and what a treat those snowcones were!

They sold boxes of taffy candy. If you bought a box you got a ticket to be used in a drawing for a prize. One prize remembered was a Charlie McCarthy doll.

The best we can remember the admission was 10 cents. If you stayed for the second show you had to pay more money. If the weather was very warm, the sides of the tent were raised and many of the town folks watched from their cars without having to pay the "high" admission.

The show was called the Haverstock Entertainers. The members of the cast were Toby (Mr. Haverstock) and his wife Susie (Lotta Swift); Roland, son of Toby and Susie, and his wife Peggy; Ro Meador, Peggy's brother; Herb Swift, Susie's brother. These Meadors were distant relatives of Lela Meador.

Mr. Swift (Susie's father) had a pony named "Sparky the Wonder Horse". The pony performed in a ring in a corner at the front of the tent. Mr. Swift had numbers hanging on the rope surrounding the pony and the pony would pick off the number that Mr. Swift would ask for.

Roland Haverstock was the magician and also an artist. He was a very good magician, many times taking someone's car keys and having them turn up later on the roof of the tent or in one of the boxes of candy. His chalk paintings were very pretty. During World War II, Roland was in the army and another group, also called The Toby Show, came to town. They weren't liked very much and only came one time.

The Toby Show began in the late 1920's and lasted until about 1955 or 1956.

The plays were sometimes funny and sometimes serious. Toby played the comic and Herb was always the villain. Roland was the hero who rescued Peggy from distress.

The Toby Show was not rated "R" or even "PG", but it was something all ages enjoyed.

In the winter of 1919/1920 an old church building was moved in east of Ausbrook's Poultry house and Herschel Howe had movies in it. Cecile Squibb remembers going to see "Riders of the Purple Sage".

Remember the movies? They were shown outdoors on North Front Street, in a building west of the old Daniels Store, in a tent east of the Neff's Cafe in the early 1950's, in another tent at the southwest corner just before you enter the road leading to the park and in the old gym at the school.

Remember in the 1940's and 1950's when some of the entertainment for teenagers was "Chalk the Corner": and "Paper Chase"?

How many of you ever went on a "Snipe Hunt"?

CITIZEN OF THE MONTH

Salem Times Commoner - 1985

A letter signed by many residents of Iuka Community was responsible for naming Kenneth Helm as Citizen of Month.

He is always ready to help his neighbors regardless of the weather. He and his wife, Linda, give much of their time and labor for the many projects going on in Iuka.

He operated a backhoe service for 12 to 15 years, as well as serving as president of the I.L.U. Local 528 and as a member of the Operating Engineers.

He has served as a volunteer fireman, a trustee on the Village Board and the Iuka Community Development Corp.

Kenny helped map out the plans for the sewer project. He works at the school and any of the churches if they need something done. Older citizens know they can call Kenny if they need help.

Kenny and his wife, Linda have four children: Kenneth, Vic, Linda and Misty.

Note: Kenny is the current Mayor of Iuka (1992)



NEFF CAFE REUNION

The sound of a nickel dropping in the jukebox and the record dropping into place, the jing, jing of the pinball machine, a hamburger sizzling on the grill and the tangy fizz of a nickel coke, still linger in our memories today.

If you grew up in Iuka in the 1940's and 1950's, you experienced all these sensations in Erma Neff's Cafe.

A group of ex-cafe persons reminiscing decided to try to get the old gang together again to honor Erma. She was the proprietor of the cafe for several years. She knew these kids, their ups and downs of the adolescent and teen years. She had a lot of patience, kindness and love. If they were rowdy she threw them out but they could always come back.

The idea of a reunion had been tossed around for about five years. It came to pass when Bill and Wanda Fatheree along with Lee and Ronnie Parks put it together and set the date for September 12, 1987.

Seventy people from all over Illinois and three from California, Kansas and Indiana signed the guest book.

Erm was given the "Seat of Honor" (a bar stool from the old restaurant), a scrapbook with fifty letters and pictures sent from those attending and some who could not, a dozen roses, a plaque with a picture of the cafe and an inscription which read "Thanks for the Memories at Neff's Cafe in Iuka,

Illinois during the 1940's and 1950's from all your Ole Iuka Kids", diamond earrings, an oil painting of the restaurants and some cash to spend however she wanted.

To the strains of "Thanks for the Memories" (a special rendition written by Dale Lagow) everyone left with a warm feeling of friendship bound together by one woman who opened her doors and her heart to the kids of Iuka.

Erm put the following in the paper:

TO ALL MY SUPER SPECIAL GROWN UP KIDS

Thanks for the memories and for your special surprise tribute to me Saturday, Sept. 12. You are all very precious to me and I will cherish your love gifts for the rest of my life. I appreciate all those who contributed in any way to make this one of the most memorable and beautiful days of my life. I enjoyed seeing and visiting with everyone of you and sharing all your pictures. In my garden of memories are those who didn't live long enough to share this special day with us. I'll always remember beautiful Bev., Linda and Geneva; handsome hunks, Wally, Raymond, Darrell and Tex; fun-loving Francis, Clyde, Tom, Bonnie, Bill, Joe and my cook, Dora. Art and Archie, my grocers.

I love you all.

With Sincere Gratitude, Erma Neff

MY IUKA MEMORIES

by David Neff (1992)

My most vivid memories of Iuka are of things that happened during my childhood and teen years starting as a second grader in Miss Grace Holstlaw's class in 1944. She made us walk the straight and narrow.

My other teachers in elementary school were, Mrs. Chapman and Mrs. Dietrich (who is now Mrs. Robinson) and of course, Mr. Beaver who served as principal, 7th and 8th grade teacher and coach of all the sports programs, which were very few then. We played basketball in the "old" gym which had a poor coal heating system and in the winter it was so cold that we could not take a shower after games. The school only had (for our convenience) outside bathroom facilities, so needless to say, we did not linger out there very long.

During my school years at Iuka, I had to make one trip to the office with Mr. Beaver to have an "attitude adjustment". He could make you a "believer" in no time at all! It's too bad that schools can't be run the same way today.

In 1951, when I graduated from the 8th grade, there were only 4 graduates! 3 boys and 1 girl. The girl was Barbara (Pickrell) Hill and the boys were Dale Waggoner, Gary (Red) Eagan and myself. I wonder if this might be a record for the least amount of graduates?

Also during those same years, I remember a lot of the summer activities such as going to Jimerson (actually Jamison) Creek, north of town so we could go "skinny dipping" in the old No. 3 swimming hole. At that time I don't think any of us knew swimming suits existed. I would suspect that almost everyone in Iuka swam there at one time or another. Tom

McGuire and I spent endless hours there.

Do you remember the old Tobie Show that came to Iuka almost every summer? I do and I could hardly wait for it to show up. I think everyone in town enjoyed it very much. It was cheap entertainment and a good show.

It wasn't the only tent show that came to Iuka. I can recall the old movies that were shown inside of a tent with no top. We would just sit under the stars and watch the "Big Names" like Hopalong Cassidy, Johnny Mack Brown and Tarzan. Sometimes when the weather was bad they had to move inside. Usually into the old Daniels Store Building. The roof leaked so bad in there that it was almost like being outside. The floor was always wet in spots, but as they say, the show must go on and it did more times than not.

Several times we talked Mr. Daniels into opening his old store (next to the movie building) to purchase items that had been left on the shelves when the store had closed years before. My favorite thing to buy in there was the old black (copper toed) boots. They were already old, but we liked them anyway.

We always had plenty of things to do in Iuka. We didn't have much money so we had to make due with what we had.

At my mother's cafe, we played all sorts of games like Monopoly, Clue and many other board games that the kids could bring from home. I learned to play a lot of different card games there including Pinochle, which I still play today.

I would have to say, that I will never forget those days in Iuka or all the friends that I made there.

Lloyd Fisk remembers the school year of 1934/1935. There was an epidemic of scarlet fever in the Iuka area. He was going to high school in Iuka at that time. His family was quarantined for thirty days during February and March. They called Mrs. Florence Kelley and had her tell Lloyd not to come home (to avoid the quarantine). Mrs. Kelley gave Lloyd permission to sleep in a cabin the Kelleys owned near Rose Lake. After two nights in the cabin, Otto and Lee Frimel invited him to come stay with them the rest of the quarantine time. Otto and Lee had just completed remodeling a chicken house for living quarters. Their meals were served in the house with Mr. and Mrs. Frimel. They had a ball!

Grace Silvey remembers years ago when there were grocery stores and feed stores and more restaurant to go to. Now a lot of people have passed away.

NEWSPAPER ARTICLE - July 30, 1946 BIG SNAKE

Letter received by Keeper of the Mt. Vernon Zoo.

Dear Sir:

Would you be interested in capturing a large snake for the zoo? You have several animals but no snake. I can tell you just about where it's located. It stays in the draws and low places. It was seen Tuesday.

I know it won't seem possible for you to believe, but it's been seen so much that a bunch of men are going to try to shoot it. But I think you might be willing to give me a reward, sort of, for telling where to find such a snake.

He is as big around as a stove pipe and measured across six corn rows or about 18 feet long. A person who saw it thought it was a log and went toward it. His dog got there ahead of him and the snake raised its head and the dog dropped dead. The man turned and ran a piece and then fainted--no wonder!

Besides, the snake is killing people's stock, and people are afraid for their children.

If you'd be interested in capturing it, if you'll come out here to see me, I'll be glad to give you all the details about where you could find it.

I believe the snake got away from some sideshow or carnival passing through. They said there was one at Salem like it, and I believe it's the same one.

Yours Truly

The Zoo did not respond as they did not have a place to keep the snake or how to capture it.

BOMB FALLS

One Sunday morning in July, 1965 a bomb fell through Lester Becker's garage.

The bomb was 16 or 18 inches in length. It tore a hole in the tin roof and buried itself in three feet of dirt. A small detonator went off when it hit and created smoke.

Mr. Greenwood, from Toledo, Ohio visiting with Elmer Cherry who lived a block away, saw it fall and hit the garage.

Marshall Cowboy Hawn called Scott Air Force Base and talked to Col. Coward. He arrived in Iuka in the afternoon and determined the bomb was not explosive. Three low flying jets explain the accident. It might have been electronic or not properly fastened.

What might have been, never happened. The garage was fifty feet from Becker's house. Their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Crundwell and baby were in the house. Mr. and Mrs. Artie Gordon's house was just 75 feet away and they were home.

HELM RESERVIOR

By Gene Timm

In the early 1960's a new threat appeared in eastern Marion county. The danger of eminent domain being used to purchase over 19,000 acres in that area by the federal government for construction of a reservoir project on the Skillet Fork, united the Iuka community in an effort to save their

farms and homes.

This project, known as "Helm Reservoir", was part of a multi-billion dollar proposal by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to build a barge canal from the Ohio River up the Wabash River, to Terra Haute, Indiana. The Helm project was one of 16 augmentation reservoirs needed to supply water for the canal during low flow periods.

The entire project was determined to be unfeasible, providing only sixteen cents in benefits for each dollar spent. In order to overcome this obstacle, the Corps of Engineers split off each project individually and tried to justify the cost of each reservoir by making them into multi-purpose projects. In so doing, a large percentage of "so called" benefits could be provided from intangibles, such as recreation benefits.

Beginning in early 1971, the Helm project was well on its way to becoming a reality, with advanced engineering money being appropriated. Land acquisition was scheduled to begin in 1975.

Fighting impossible odds and well funded organizations, such as the Wabash Valley Association (lobbying for the reservoirs), a small group of Iuka area residents banded together into an organization called "The Committee on the Skillet Fork". Led by 16 year old Gene Timm, the group organized the opposition and set a plan of action to not only halt construction, but to have the project completely de-authorized. De-authorization had only been done to 12 other projects in the United States at that time. Testifying before Congress each spring during the appropriation hearings and building opposition from the State of Illinois in Springfield, the committee first stopped funding, and in 1977 introduced a bill in the U. S. House to de-authorize the project. Finally, in 1981, the Bill successfully passed the House and Senate and was signed into law by President Ronald Reagan, thereby completely removing the project from the record books.

Had the project been constructed, the Iuka community would have been divided, with over 26 farms being completely bought out. The proposed lake was nearly 20 miles long with only one crossing. The residents on the eastern side would have been isolated from the western side. The Iuka Community School District would have been divided and probably dissolved. Over 7% of Marion County's tax base would have been lost resulting in substantial increases for those remaining in the county. Thousands of acres of Skillet Fork bottom forest would have been lost forever.

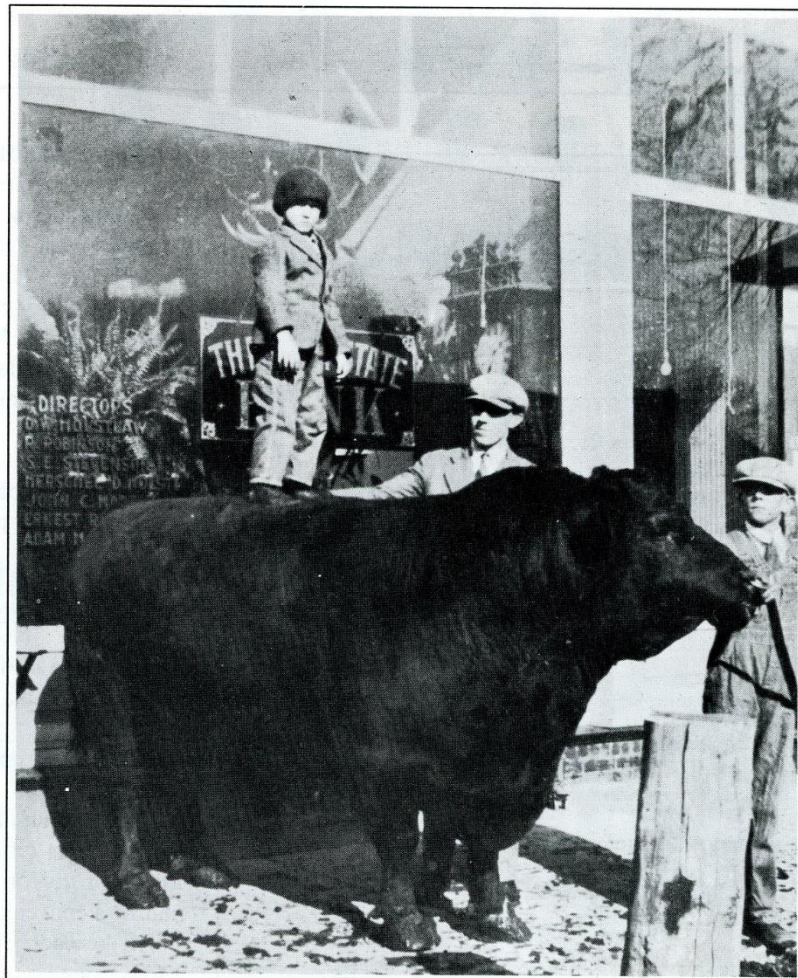
Only through the strong support of the Iuka area residents does the Skillet Fork remain a free-flowing river and the community exists as it did 125 years ago.

T. V. CAMERAS IN IUKA

Television cameras from Southern Illinois University came to town for interviews of people protesting the proposed Helm Lake. Roger Bartley of the Iuka Bank, several farmers, Gene Timm, Gary Quandt and Ricky Fisher of the anti-Helm reservoir committee were interviewed. Spokesman for the Iuka Community Development Corporation, Barbara Hill, explained the Development Corp. has invested \$8,000, and a lot of voluntary labor in a park northwest of town. The proposed Helm reservoir flood pool would take about half of their 35 acres.



IUKA CHICKEN PICKERS IN 'THE GOOD OLE' DAYS' This picture taken at Ausbrook's Poultry House in 1915 depicted working men. From left are: Frank Stowers, Herb Pruden, Amos Phillips, Frank Ausbrook, Jude Piper, George Harris, Roscoe Olden.



LITTLE BOY AND A LOT OF BULL Black Angus Bull picture taken Jan. 20, 1929 in front of the "old" Iuka State Bank. Left to right: Tom Holstlaw (on bull), Marion Parks and George Holstlaw. The bull was purchased by Herschel Holstlaw at Burnt Prairie, Ill. and trucked from there to Iuka by Marion Parks.

GRADUATES

Eighty Grade

Commencement Exercises

To be held at

Iuka High School Auditorium

Tuesday Evening 8 o'clock

June 24, 1930. A. D.

Motto: Not up - But Climbing

Colors: Pink and White

Flower: Pink Carnation

Mabel Anderson	Ina Keller
Allen Buckanan	Ina Rochell Dean
Londa Blackburn	Ruth Woodard
Clara Buckanan	Rosebud Clark
Dorothy Fields	Mildred Williams
Crystal Cripps	Max Metclaf
Lenora Stonecipher	Gerald Nichols
Freida Stonecipher	Lowrence Copenhauer
Vera Lewellen	Anoline Morgan
Harold Tarter	Eugene Brubakcr
Clara Swalley	Mable Morgan
Ora Lawson	Ruth Jones
Chester Silvey	Dorothy Buckhorn
Louise Copenhauer	Irma Garner
Hazel Hickey	Edna Smith

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PROGRAM

March	Mrs. George Fyke
Invocation.....	Rev. T. J. Wilson
Welcome Song.....	Class
Salutatorian Address	Londa Blackburn
Iuka Male Quarett	
Address	Hon. Ward P. Holt
Music.....	Trio of Salem
Oath	Class
Class Prophecy	Dennis Hays
Valedictorian Address	Allen Buckanan
Presentation of Diplomas.....	J. S. Kniseley
Benediction	Rev. T. J. Wilson

In 1929 the Iuka High School girls presented a play called "The Japanese Girl", Miss Veda Price directed the play. Those students acting in the play were Altris McGuire, Dorothy Hahn, Pearl Bryant, Naomi Clark, Leona Porter, Bessie Baker, Wanda Saums, Lulu Middleton, Vera Bauer, Alta Rogers, Blanche Holstlaw, Zola Hathaway, Amy Land, Bessie Presgrove, Kathryn Vandever, Opal Simmons, Faye Bumgarner, Nelda Hulst and Gladys Stevenson. George Fyke was the pianist.

REMEMBER

County spelling contest is held in Iuka. Maxine Blank was the County Champion (Dec. 23, 1937).

SCHOOLS AND CHURCHES

NOVEMBER 16, 1900

No village of its size in the state has better educational facilities than Iuka. The system has been perfected from time to time to keep step with modern methods and now you can obtain as good a common school education here as any place on earth.

Iuka is a church going population and has several church organizations embracing leading denominations and the citizen or visitor of whatever creed, his no difficulty in finding a congenial home in one of the village churches.

All the leading fraternal and mutual benefit societies will also be found represented here.

TOP RIGHT:

Iuka High School Team

Front row from left: Leo Young, Merle Howe, Joe Hindman and Coach, LeRoy Pickett.

Second row from left: Alva "Dutch" Olden, Harold Henne, William Hammersmier and Frank Beard.



CENTER RIGHT:

Iuka High School Baseball Team - 1932

Front row from left: Leo Young, Earl Miller, Oss McConnaughay, Paul Beaver and Otis Graner.

Second row from left: Eugene Graner, Denver English, Herbert Fear, Chester Blackburn and Charles Bosenberger.

Third row from left: Jim Bryan, Alva "Dutch" Olden, Byrel "Nig" Chandler, Clarence Stuber and Lester Blackburn.

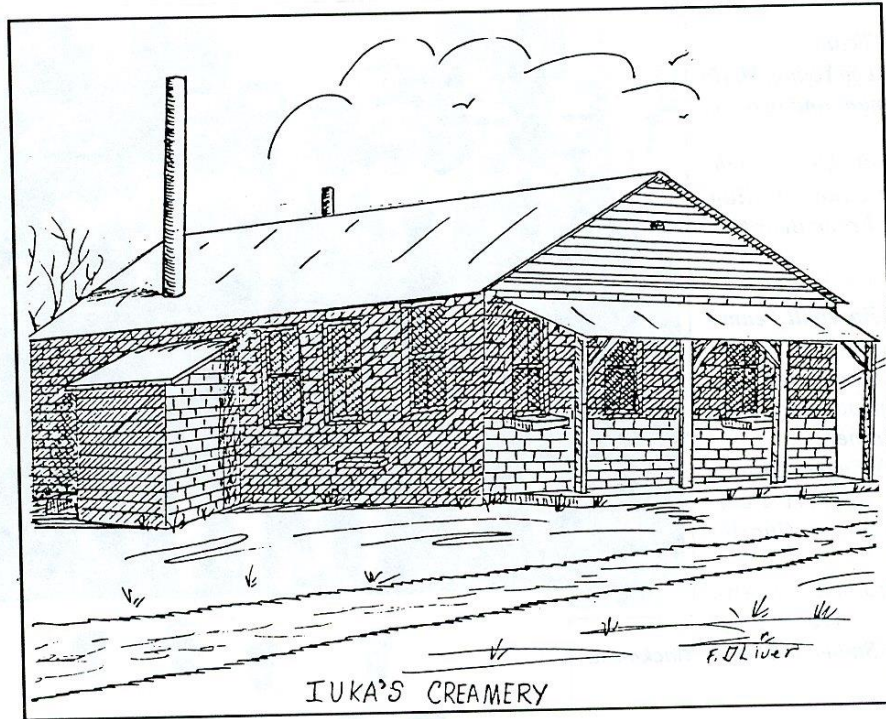


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Iuka High School Track Squad - 1929

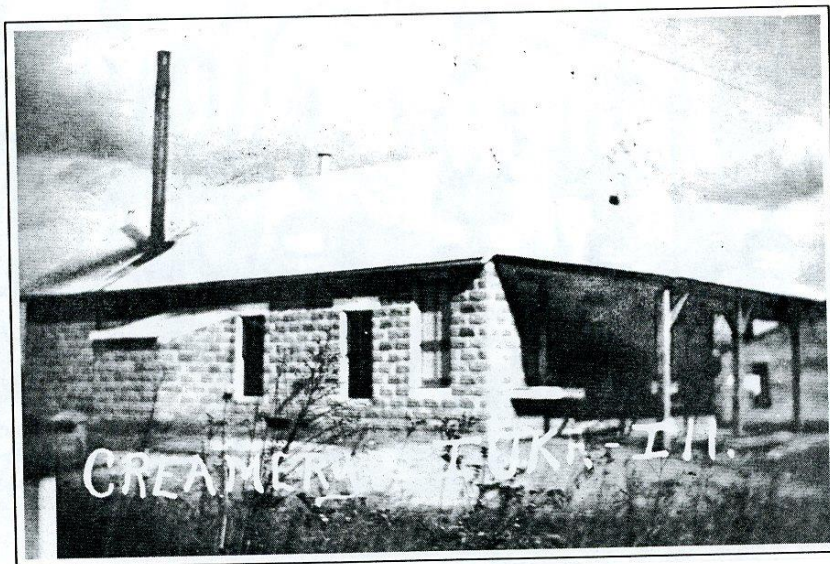
Front row from left: Durley Dunlap, Wesley Holstlaw, Frank Beard, Harold Henne, Leo Young and Merle Howe. Back row from left: Merle Thompson, Joe Hindman, Henry Beals, LeRoy Pickett (Coach), Dale Brown, Walter Quandt and LeRoy Armstrong.





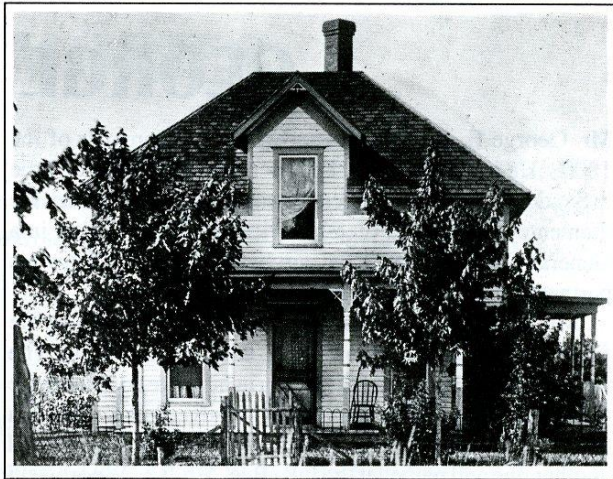
IUKA CREAMERY

Butter was being produced in Iuka until the creamery burned in 1907. A new building was constructed by F.M. Holstlaw, D.R. Smith and L.C. Stevenson. It could produce 8000 pounds of butter per month. It closed in 1918. The Salem Creamery produced a butter called "Yellow Rose" and it was in great demand in New York and other cities in the 1920's.

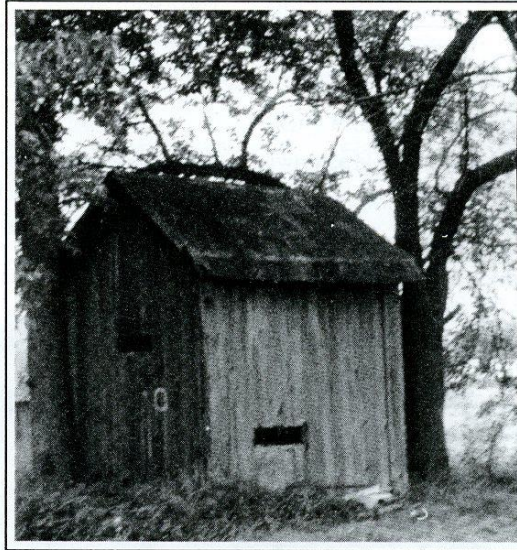




*Phillips home (Barney & Margie
Mulvaney's home now)*

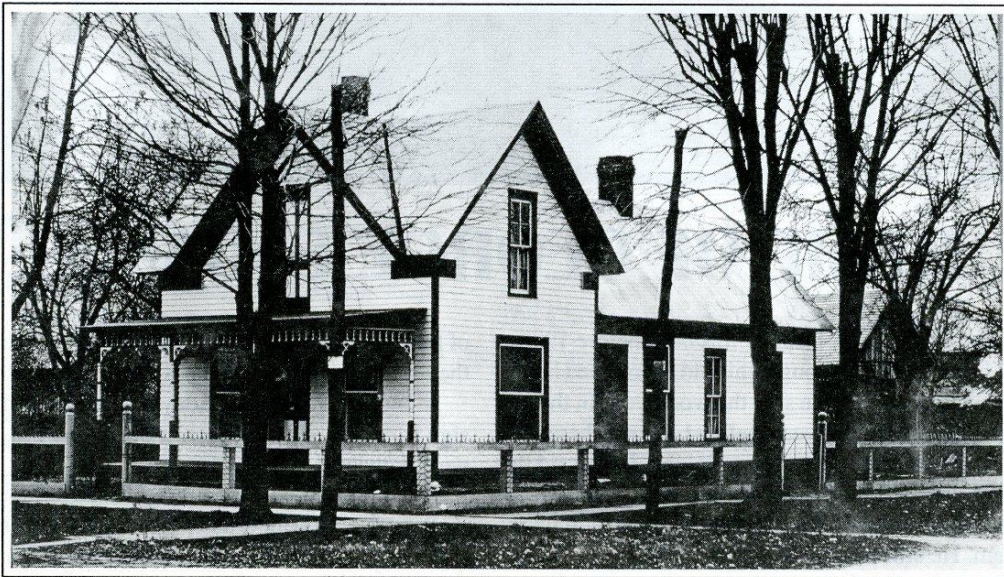


*Phillips home (Barney & Margie
Mulvaney's home now)*



*Left:
Old jail circa 1900*

*Below:
Marvin & Grace
Brubaker's Home.*



GEORGE E. DANIELS

Mr. George E. Daniels was surely the entrepreneur of the 1800's. He came to Iuka in 1867 from Ohio, spent a short time in Sandoval, Ill. His first occupation was a school teacher. He then entered into a partnership with Mr. Porter Culter in a General Store. In 1879 he purchased the store from his partner and embarked on a career of firsts.

Mr. Daniels did not pass by an opportunity. He set up the first Post Office in his store along with the first Bank. The first Phone Company in Iuka began in his store and was there until 1901. He knew the value of advertising. When a newspaper came to town and failed, he quickly started another one and named it the Iuka Bee. Mr. B.F. Wnorowski was the editor. Later Mr. Daniel's daughter, Bess, was the printer. He had a Drug Store in his General Store. In the winter months he operated a cooper shop and bought and sold

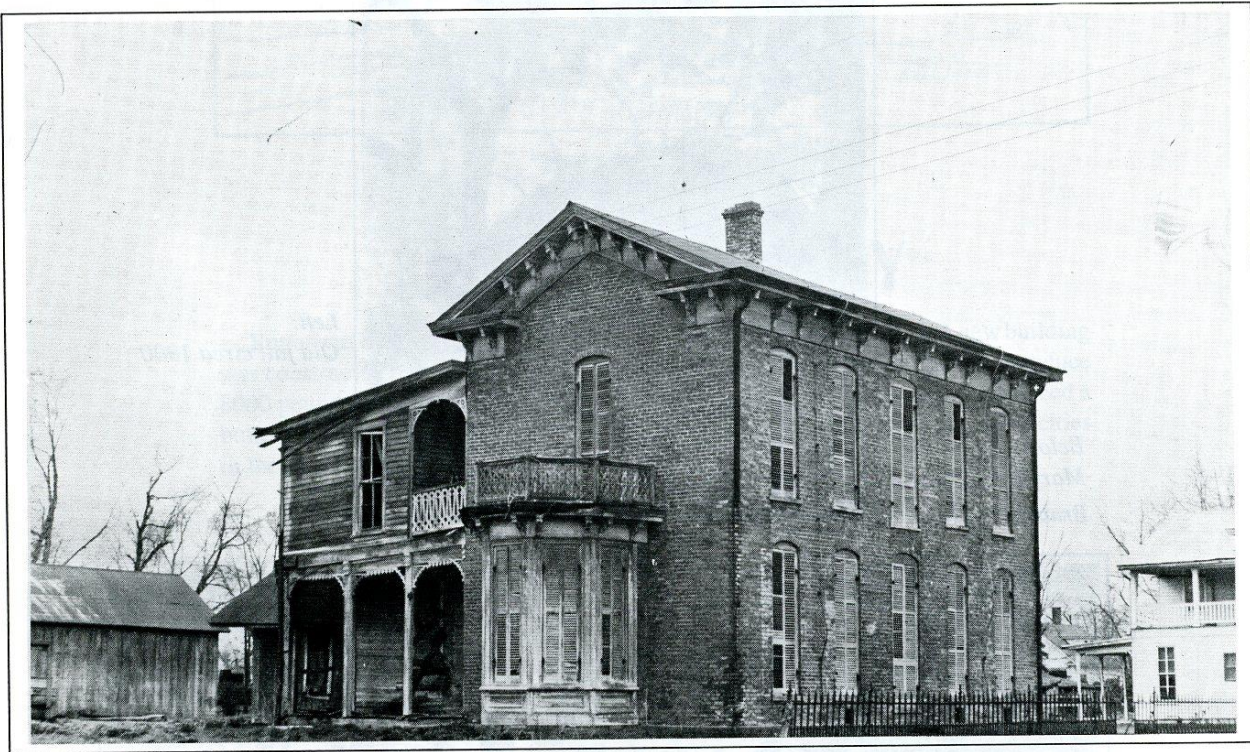
grain. The cooper shop employed seven to ten men. They shaved white oak and hickory into hoop poles used in making barrels, kegs and water buckets. Wages were almost a \$1.00 a day. He bought an abundance of grain and then the age of railroad ties was another success. Iuka was known as the largest supplier of railroad ties. A Lumber Yard was to his credit, along with the Huddle and Daniels Undertaking and Coffin Making.

It seems that whenever the community had a need, Mr. Daniels was one of the first to offer the enterprise.

He built one of the finest houses in town, which had been a landmark for many years.

George and Ellen Daniels reared eight children: Frank, Guy, Porter E., John, Clara, Bessie, Edith and Pettie.

George Daniels died May 21, 1905.



HOME OF GEORGE E. DANIELS

The home of George E. Daniels was built before 1900.

In 1977 Leon Chapman bought this old abandoned house and had plans to restore it. He said the woodwork in the old house was still good. Several years before Leon purchased the house the furniture was sold to Omar Squibb. Leon said the furniture was very beautiful. The old iron fence was gone but Leon found the persons in Centralia that had it and purchased it from them. He still has the fence.

Leon had buyers for the house. Ron and Betty Woodward

of Iuka were going to buy it and live there. They had thought they might eventually make it into a Guest House.

In March 1986, just one day before Ron and Betty were to sign papers to buy the house, it was set on fire. The arsonists were convicted.

A few months after the fire, Leon had the house torn down.

It was such an important part of Iuka's history and it seems a shame that it could not have been preserved.

TRIVIA MEMORIES

In 1939, D.W. Holstlaw owned a stable on the road that led to the Mill Pond. He bought 15 mares and 2 stallions from Kentucky. He had them at the stable for two years and then had a sale. The big barn burned.

Marvin Brubaker sold milk in glass bottles with cardboard tops. During the spring it had the taste of wild onions. Wanda (Keller) Fatheree, a girl of about four or five, went with Marvin to milk the cows and deliver the milk. When they delivered milk to Frank Ausbrook, he would tease her by telling her that Marvin put "chalk" in his milk to make it so white.

For many years on Halloween, the local youths tried to get the old hearse out of the building just south of the Daniels house. It had been in the building so long that the wheels were halfway buried in the dirt.

One Halloween a few of the local fellows made a ramp and took Arthur Beal's cow up on the roof of the Post Office. They were very thoughtful as they gave her feed and water. Don't remember how they got her down!

There was a restaurant between the Bank and Holstlaw's Restaurant. Clark Garner had a tavern there. He served meals. Clarence and Carl Goosetree also ran a tavern there. That building, along with the Kelley Store, burned in 1940.

Paul Beaver had a tavern where the last barber shop was.

In 1942 Iuka went dry.

Our people rejoiced when they learned that Iuka went dry. Our boys had been having their jugs full too often. (Orchardville news item - April 28, 1899).

There was a shoe store in the old Harris Building. Other businesses in that building were Dr. Simmons, George Pickrell Barber Shop and Charlie Bosenberger Barber Shop. This building is where Davis Tire is today.

Van, Charles and Lewis Swalley, Harry Robinson, Sid Featherly and Charles Parks dug out a den of rattlesnakes on the Parks farm on Connors Branch. They killed twenty-seven rattlers. The largest had 12 rattles, also thirteen Blue Racers and Blacksnakes. The largest Blacksnake being about six foot long. All out of same den. (Feb. 1, 1901)

Phyllis (Henne) Linder remembers that it cost fifty cents to join the Girl Scouts. She had to earn her own money and sold old rags to Ausbrook's Poultry House for ten cents a sack.

Worst blizzard in fifteen years (Dec. 30, 1904).

Henry Hinderer had a blacksmith shop where Salty's Station was in Iuka (where Knapp station is now). Knapp started a station there in 1938. Verle "Salty" Williams bought it in 1939 and Tom Holstlaw started working for him in 1943. In 1958 the new building out on Route 50 was built. Tom & Salty were partners until Salty's death in 1981 and Tom bought the business.

Guy Presgrove had a garage south of the Lumber Yard. Lawrence Nichols later had a garage there and Marion Parks worked for him.

Amos Phillips had a garage next to where the Village Hall is now. In 1936, Dempsey "Jack" Phillips had enough money to buy 100 gallons of gas and a barrel of oil and he took over the business.

Ralph Holstlaw, the Postmaster, found out one of the local girls had a date one night and he grabbed her arm and stamped the word "Fragile" on it. The ink wouldn't come off, so she probably wore a long sleeve blouse on that date!

There was a town ball diamond where Reinhardt and Darlene Borcharding now live.

Tom Holstlaw has been in business the longest except for the Iuka State Bank.

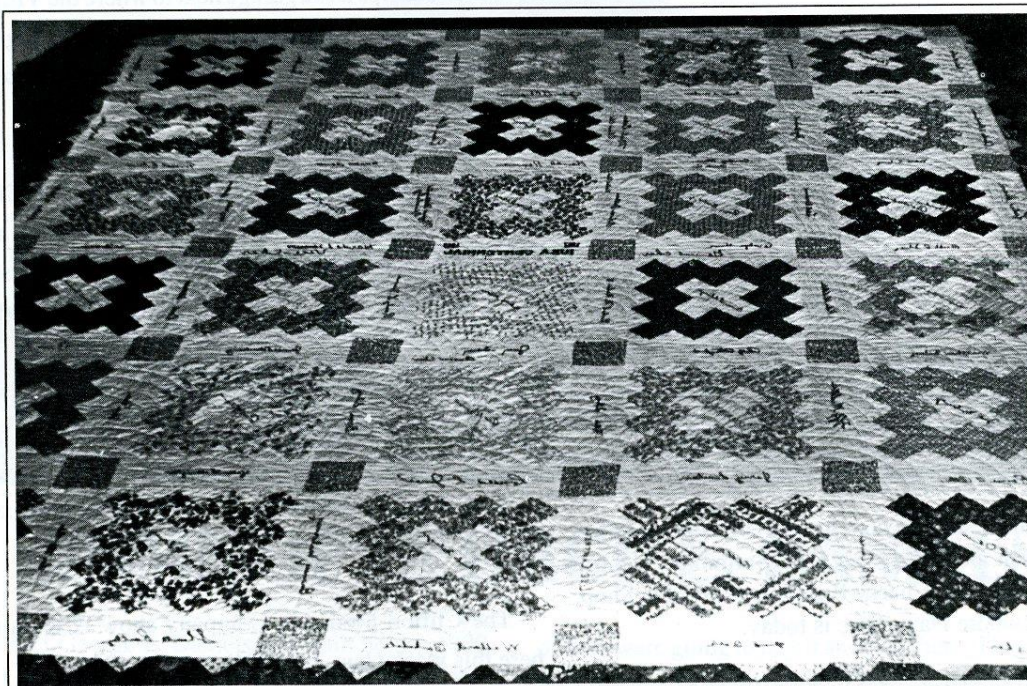
The Clifton Medicine Company show is the attraction here this week (Jan. 29, 1904).

One time Jude Piper locked Frank Ausbrook in the Ice house. Was he mad! It just happened somebody came by for some ice, just in time.

IUKA WOMEN LONG TIME QUILTERS



These Iuka women were skilled in the art of quilting long before the Centennial in 1967. From left are: Dora Stevenson, Blanche Durall, Cecile Squibb, Etta Stevenson, Sylvia Rogers, Velma Fatheree, Oma Matthews, Clara Mulvaney, and Frieda Guthrie. This quilt was raffled at the Centennial.

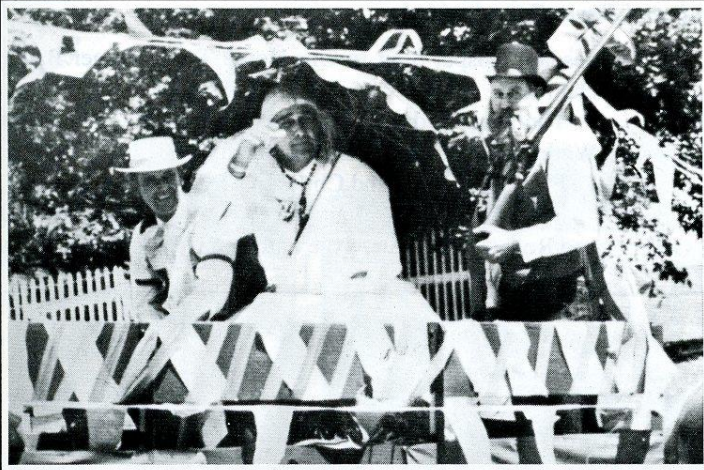


This quilt was auctioned at the Centennial. People paid to have their names embroidered on the quilt blocks. It was pieced by Grace Mulvaney, embroidered by Grace Mulvaney and her daughter, Thelma Henne. The quilting was done by the W.S.C.S. of the Iuka Methodist Church. John and Ruth Karm bought the quilt at the auction. It is thought that they paid just under one hundred dollars for it. John and Ruth are both deceased and the quilt now belongs to Ruth's grandson, Bill Linder, the son of Loren and Phyllis (Henne) Linder.

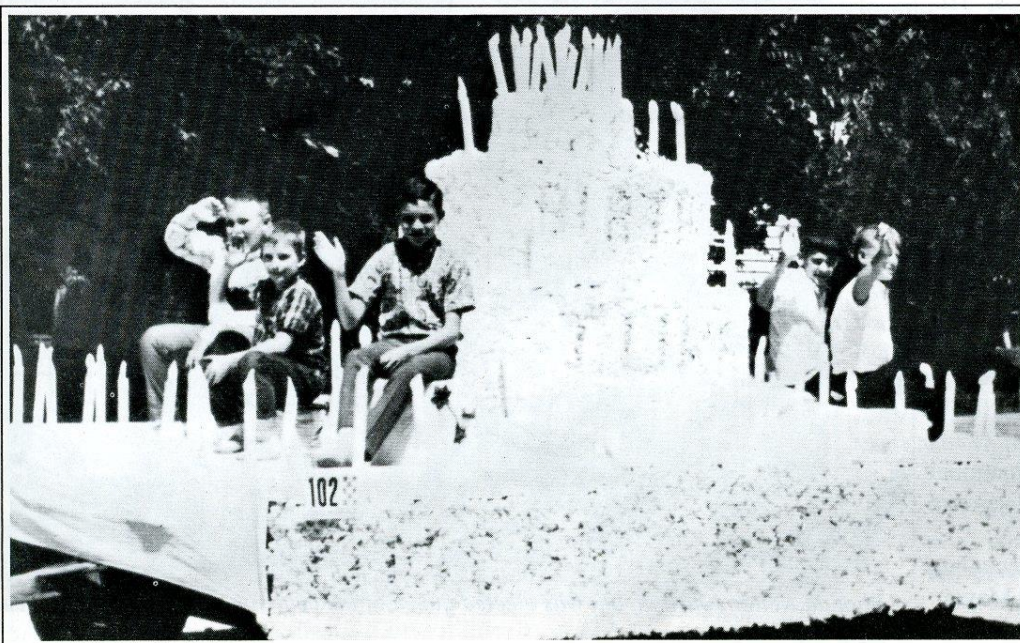
IUKA CENTENNIAL HUGE SUCCESS



Above: Contestants gather for beard judging at the Iuka Centennial in 1967. In front was Jay Swalley, 93, Stevenson Township.



Center Left: Bud Wooldridge and Chuck Shufeldt were the newly weds in this "womanless wedding" at the Iuka Centennial.



Lower Left: Members of the Omega Scattered Farmers 4-H Club made a birthday cake for the occasions in 1967.

The Iuka Centennial was a success beyond expectations, the chairman Mrs. Evelyn Howe and Treasurer, Roger Bartley said.

About 2000 persons attended each night, and about \$12,231 was realized.

Proceeds are to be used to bring a doctor to Iuka. They will immediately begin this project.

All Centennial souvenir books were sold, as were the plates and plaques. Betty Stanford - Chairman.

The alumni banquet served 200 people who came from far and wide to see their old school mates. Merle Baker was chairman Mrs. Naomi Baker was in charge of food and Mrs. Thelma Henne was decorations chairman.

Friday's pet parade had twenty four entries. First prize was won by Gene Timm's golden striped cat, second prize was won by Julie Ann Toler's part Schnauzer dog. Third prize went to Ronnie Fatheree and his Appaloosa colt. Other entries were a pair of spotted Shetland ponies, a lizard, a turtle, two rabbits and a blue ribbon sheep. Mrs. Effa Featherly was chairman.

Winners in Saturday's parade were heavy hitch, Iuka Teens; the pony hitch, Tri-County Electric; largest group of horsemen, Bible Grove; tractor hitch float, Brush Arbor Methodist Church.

There were over a 100 entries in the art show. Frances Oliver - Chairman.

Winners in the beard judging contest (pictured above) were Jr. Schirr, Robert Zaker and Ervin Quandt.

The Iuka Kitchen Band was headed by Mrs. Delores Blank.

Rev. G.E. Coultas, chairman held Interdenominational services. Evening services were by lantern light.

Monday was Homecoming and Old Timers' Day. Mayor Ezra Wimberly chairman. Wed-



Upper Right: Winners in the beard judging contest 25 years ago were from left, Junior Schirr, first; Robert Zaker, second; and Ervin Quandt, third.

nesday, Gospel Sing in Our Home Town, Roger Bartley, chairman

Thursday, Ladies Day, Parade of Hats, and Womenless Wedding, Betty Wilkins, Chairman.

Friday, Banquet and Children's Day

Saturday - Parade Chairman - Albert "Cowboy" Hawn Jr. and Rodeo Chairman Alvae Fatheree were most successful.



Rhonda Keller Jourdon, left was elected queen of the centennial and Susan Middleton right was the princess

IUKA CITIZENS PURCHASE LAND

April 2, 1970 - Salem Times Commoner

A 35 acre tract of ground is being acquired by a group of citizens to be developed as a community park.

Action to buy the ground was taken Monday night at a special meeting of the Iuka Community Development Corp.

Albert Hawn, Jr., president of the non-profit corporation, said the 35 acres will be purchased from Guy Shaffer of Alma for \$3,250. Under terms of the agreement, \$1,000 was paid down with the balance due on May 16, 1970.

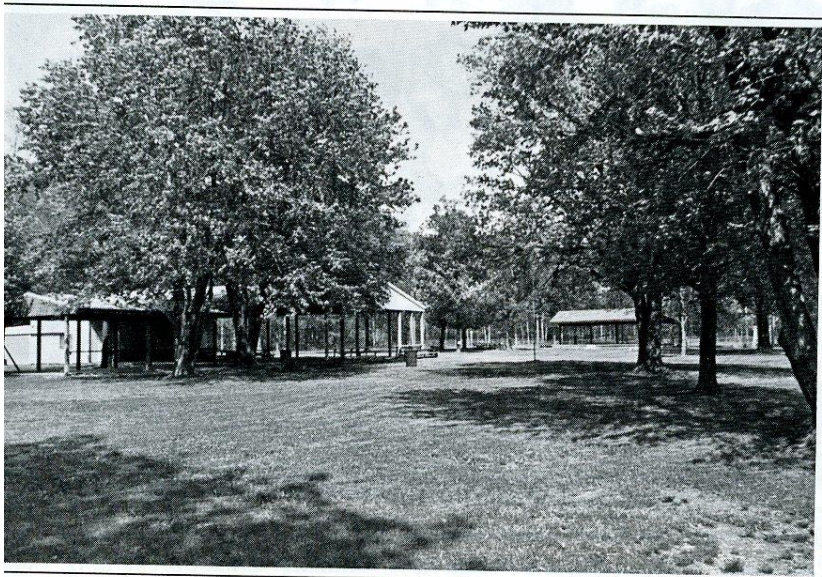
The Iuka group has been raising money for the past three years starting with the town's Centennial Celebration in 1967, to be used for the community development. The

specific goal is to attract a doctor to the town. However no definite plans have been made yet for erecting a building.

The grounds will be used for a public park, something the town does not have now. Various events can be held there, including the Fourth of July celebration, which is the group's chief fund raising venture.

Considerable clearing work needs to be done and the site will not be ready in time for this year's Fourth event.

All residents of the Iuka area are invited to become members of the Iuka Development Corp.



IUKA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORP.

(written by Evelyn Bartley -
President)

In January of 1967, a Centennial Executive Committee was established to prepare for the 100th Centennial celebration of the town of Iuka, Ill. Serving on this committee was: Evelyn Howe, Albert "Cowboy" Hawn, Jr., Betty Woodward, Frances Thomas, Marjorie Walkington, Frances Oliver, Bessie Foust, Stella Blank, Margie Mulvaney, Harold Stevenson, Guy and Effa Featherly, Rev. G.E. Coultas, Roger Bartley, Alvae Fatheree, Ermal Meador, Dave McClinithan, Betty Stanford, Ralph Brubaker, Bernard Mulvaney and Merle Baker. The celebration was held from Sunday, August 6, 1967 through Saturday, August 12, 1967. The celebration was a huge success and attended by a large group of people from surrounding communities.

The Iuka Community Develop-

ment Organization was formed after the centennial celebration of 1967 for the purpose of increasing interest in securing a medical clinic and a full time doctor in the course of five (5) years or less.

In 1969 the organization was chartered with Illinois as a Not-for-Profit Corporation.

When efforts failed to get a clinic and full time doctor, 35 acres of land at the North edge of Iuka was purchased. This land was to be turned into a park. Twelve acres was cleared first with a road built and grass planted. Later a large pavilion with concrete floor was built and a kitchen equipped. Next, a stage was added just east of the pavilion and a concrete platform added for square-dancing.

Dr. P. Suppiah did come to Iuka in January of 1982 for one day a week, and did so until Dec. of 1983, at which time he moved back to Salem. He had an office in what later became the barber shop, which was destroyed by fire in 1991.

In 1977 a ball diamond with lights was completed at a cost of \$4,600.00. Next a concession stand was built just west of the large pavilion; then another picnic shelter was added.

All of the work done at the park was completed without any tax monies. The money was raised with several fundraisers, including a 4th of July celebration and a Fiddlers' contest. Many individuals have put their sweat into this park; along with the good people who have supported it with their donations of money, pies or cakes; and those who have supported us with their attendance.

We are still trying to build our park up to make it better.

With the proceeds from our 125th Celebration we hope to make a community center complete with kitchen, heat and air, which can be used for various events.

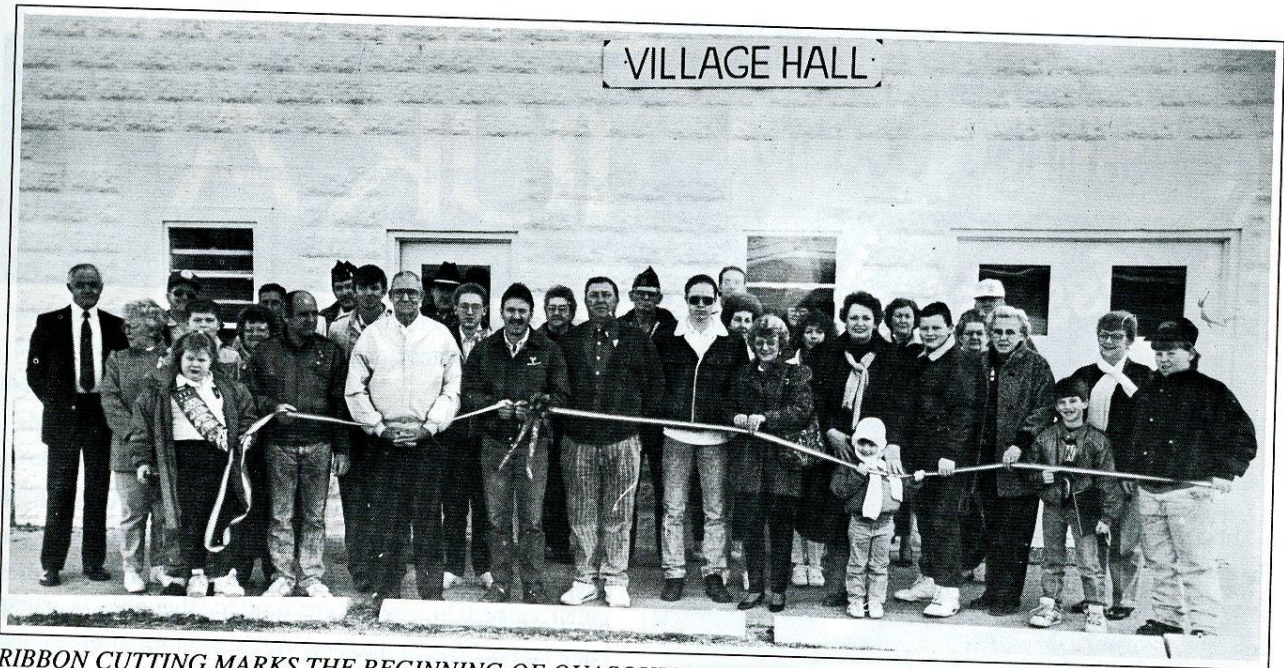
A number of persons have served on the board of directors since the corporation was established; including these persons: Evelyn Howe, Charles Shufeldt, Ola Chapman, Albert "Cowboy" Hawn, Jr., Alvae Fatheree, Verlyn Oswald, Verle Williams, Margie Mulvaney, Rosie Henson, Guy Featherly, Archie Clifton, Bill Runyon, Harold Stevenson, Gale Becker, Al Hoflich, Richard Hilton, Ronald Jones, Linda Helm, Barbara Hill, C.R. Coleman, Erwina Blank, Jesse Eddings, Jr., Connie Brandibas, Peggy Wood, Bill Squibb, Norma Coughlin, Rick Burkett, John Molenhour, Ronald Nielson, Sandra Springer, Larry Springer, Billy Fatheree, Cheri Ramsier, Barbara Phipps, Francis Maier, Raymond Fatheree, Floyd "Buck" Gordon, Wayne Bass, Bill Halfacre, Vernice "Boone" Silvey, Sheri Thompson, Peggy Meyer, Bud Wilkerson, Raymond Koehnke, Dorris Koehnke, Altris Phillips, Leon Duis, Terry Bartley, Merilee George, Bill Borcharding and Kenneth Chapman.

We apologize if anyone's name has been omitted from this list, as there were several who worked on the park board.

Those now serving on the Iuka Community Development Corp. board are: Evelyn Bartley, President; Wayne Bass, Vice-President; Sandra Springer, Secretary-Treasurer; Francis Maier, Larry Springer, Floyd "Buck" Gordon, Barbara Phipps, Cheri Ramsier, Ron Neilson and Raymond Fatheree.



QUASQUICENTENNIAL - KITCHEN BAND Seated on floor: Rosie Henson and Sandie Oswald. Seated: Debbie Blackburn, Cheri Ramsier, Letha Rose, Reta Jones, Barbara Hill and Verma Rose. Standing: Erma Borcharding, Clara Meyer, Mildred Tullis, Leota Richards, Rhonda Gordon, Lois Crippen, Carolyn Arnold, Sue Borcharding, Sandra Springer, Barb Phipps and Wanda Fatheree.



RIBBON CUTTING MARKS THE BEGINNING OF QUASQUICENTENNIAL

On Sunday February 9, 1992, various clubs and organizations joined with members of the Iuka Community Development Corporation and the Village Board for a ribbon cutting to officially mark the beginning of the Village of Iuka's 125th Birthday.

Souvenirs for Sale - 1992 Calendars, Hats, T-Shirts, Ice Cream Scoops, Magnets, Coffee Cups and Pins.

IUKA QUASQUICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

August 13 (Thurs.) "YOUTH DAY"

- 1:30 p.m. Decorated Bicycle Parade
- 2:00 p.m. Pet Parade
- 2:30 p.m. Puppet Show
- 3:00 p.m. Big Wheel Bike Contest (Ages 10 years and under)
- 4:00 p.m. Serving Fish Dinners, Homemade Ice Cream
- 6:00 p.m. Kitchen Band Performs
- 6:30 p.m. 7th and 8th Grade Presents "My Grandparents Memories"
- 7:00 p.m. Quasquicentennial Grandparents Crowned
- 8:00 p.m. Amateur Talent Contest

August 14 (Fri.) "FUN DAY"

- 8:00 a.m. Flea Market & Craft Fair (All Day)
- "Olde Tyme" Photos (by Kathy Fatheree) All Day.
- 4:00 p.m. Serving Fried Chicken, Homemade Ice Cream
- 5:30 p.m. Country and Gospel Music
- 6:30 p.m. Beard Judging Contest
- 7:00 p.m. Living History Pageant
- 8:00 p.m. Womanless Wedding

August 15 (Sat.) "PARADE DAY"

- 8:00 a.m. Flea Market & Craft Fair (All Day)

Antique Car and Tractor Display (All Day)

"Olde Tyme" Photos (by Kathy Fatheree) All Day.

- 11:00 a.m. Historical Program (George Ross)
- 1:30 p.m. Parade - "A Stroll Thru Time"
- 4:00 p.m. Serving Smoked Ham & Bar-B-Que Dinners
Homemade Ice Cream
- 5:00 p.m. Kitchen Band performs
- 5:30 p.m. "Pageant of Fashions"
- 7:00 p.m. Music by "Country Gentlemen"
- 8:00 p.m. "Laura Jennings Fisher" ("Most promising vocalist" voted by I.C.M.A.)
- 9:00 p.m. Dancing to "Country Five Band"

August 16 (Sun.) "SUNDAY SERVICES"

- 10:45 a.m. Community Church Service - Guest Speaker Tom Rippy
- 12:00 p.m. Bring Picnic Lunch - Time for Visiting
- 2:00 p.m. Music by "The Calvarymen",
The Glorylanders" and "Bartley Family Trio"
- 8:00 p.m. "The Passion Play" by Victory Outreach Christian Center.

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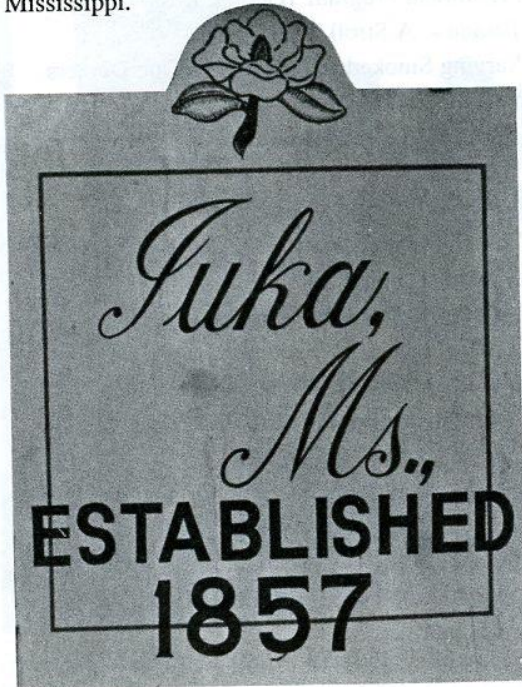
IUKA

Iuka mayor Kenny Helm and his wife, Linda, checked out the hospitality of the south last weekend and found it to be everything they expected. They were honored guests at a celebration of Iuka, Mississippi.

Residents of the two Iuka communities have been corresponding since the Marion County counterpart began plans for its 125th anniversary celebration, scheduled for this summer.

Formerly called Middleton, the local Iuka received its current name because of the overwhelming hospitality and kindness extended by the southern village to Marion County soldiers during time spent there during the Civil War.

The Helms say that they were amazed at the similarities they found between the two villages during their weekend in Mississippi.



One of the first things they noticed on arrival was that the community is designed very similar to their hometown. The business district is situated parallel to the railroad that runs parallel to the railroad that runs through the 3,000 population town and the "main street" is also named Front Street.

Although the community is already considerably larger than the local Iuka's 500-head-count, it is destined to be much larger within the near future. It is in the process of becoming one of the south's space boom towns.

A solid rocket booster plant is being built there by the National Aeronautic and Space Administration, which acquired a site formerly planned as a nuclear power plant. It is expected to hire several thousand workers and that should cause the normally quiet southern Mississippi community's economy to flourish. The area is now dubbed, "The driving force of space technology."

To prepare for the proposed NASA plant growth, the community has built a multi-million dollar educational-recreation multi-purpose building, which is to serve as a high school and community center.

Highways are being widened and a \$4.2 million water and sewer service improvement project is in progress. Plans are underway for a new hospital.

While the community has much to celebrate because of the upturn in its economic outlook, the celebration last weekend was because of its pride in the local heritage.

Iuka was the site of one of the South's largest Civil War encounters and is recorded as The Battle of Iuka. Another major battle was that of an adjacent community, The Battle of Eastport, The motel where the Helms were lodged marks the site of the Confederates march into the battle.

The community is situated in the far northeastern corner of Mississippi and is just a few minutes away from the state's highest peak, Woodal Mountain. Bordering Alabama and

Tennessee, the area has long been noted as the gateway to Pickwick Lake..."A fisherman's paradise".

The lake is a principal tourist attraction, as well as its 500 miles of shoreline. Iuka itself has attracted tourists from all over the world for its mineral springs. In fact, the village received its name from an ailing Chickasaw tribe chieftain who found comfort from the water of the springs.

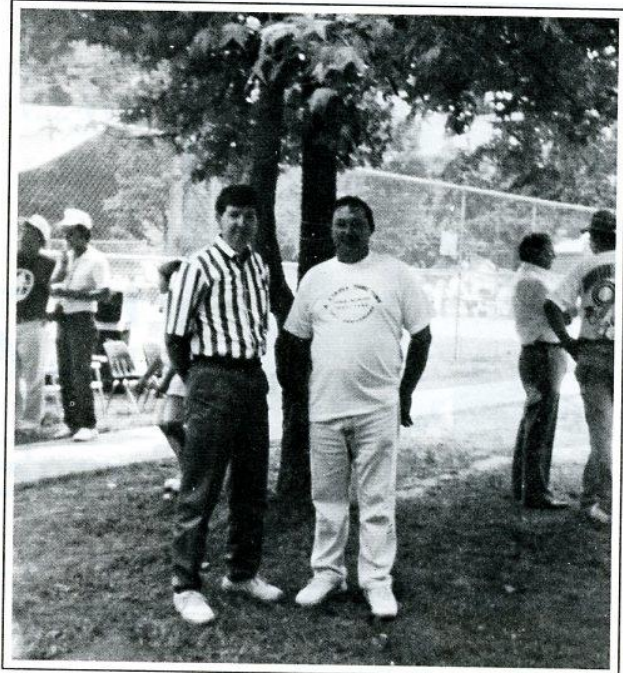
Settlers moved into the area in large numbers in the 1840's and 50's seeking refuge from a Yellow Fever epidemic. In 1860 it was reported to be one of the wealthiest counties in the South.

Mayor and Mrs. Helm said that on the tour they were given, they were shown the restored first home that was built there in 1837.

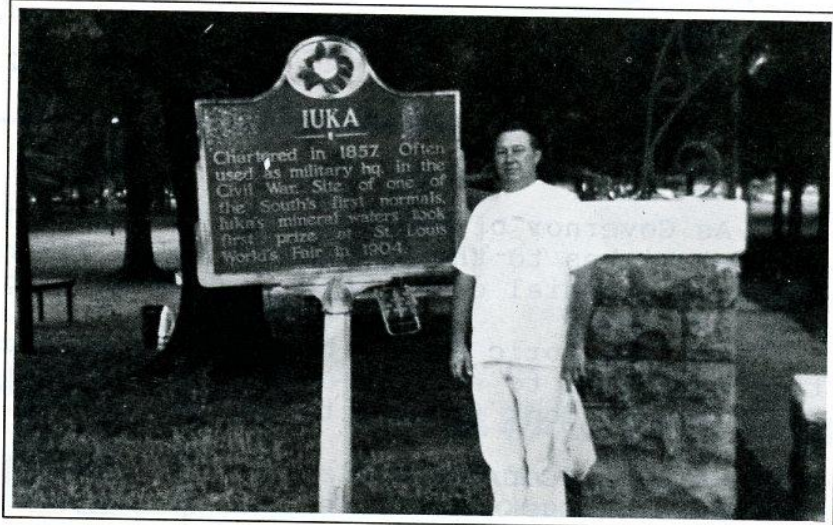
At the fifth annual Heritage Days celebration, the Helms observed the dance of a Red Bird Native American Indian troupe, as a reminder of the former culture of the area. Other culture reminders were from the Cotton Patch cloggers and the Outhouse racers. More modern cultures were demonstrated with helicopter rides and remote car racing.

Dr. Ben Kitchens, the local Mississippi community historian and author of two books about the area, introduced the Helms at the celebration. Jack and Jane Dean were the hosts for the Helms, who said they were treated "like celebrities."

The Helms hope to be able to return some of the hospitality if representatives of that community can visit the 125th celebration in Iuka during August.



Mayor David Nichols - Iuka, Mississippi - and Mayor Kenny Helm - Iuka, Illinois - June 1992.



Kenny Helm

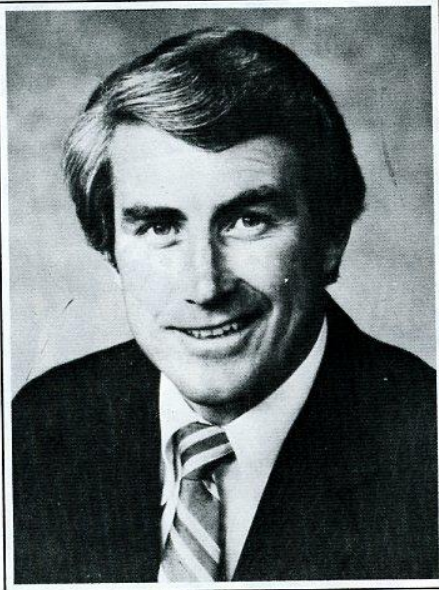
Long before the white man appeared on the scene the town of Iuka was the residence of a people who called themselves the Chickasaws. These were a highly civilized people who had made their home near the "Healing Waters" of what is now known as the Iuka Mineral Springs. The town of Iuka took on the name of Chief Iuka who continued to stay on after the white man arrived in the area. There is not much history to tell the story of the life of Chief Iuka, but local folklore tells that the great Chief was buried on land where the Iuka Guaranty Bank now stands. One fact that can be established

Iuka History



about the Chief is that he was not taken from his land by the government. Records in Washington D.C. show that Chief Iuka sold his land to David Hubbard and to David's son, David Reeder Hubbard in 1844. These two men are considered to be the founders of the town of Iuka. All the land on which Iuka now stands was a part of the exchange between the Chief and the Hubbards. This includes the site of the famous Mineral Springs which David Hubbard gave to the city.

By: Dean Hubbard



JIM EDGAR
GOVERNOR



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June 1992

Greetings:

As Governor of the State of Illinois, I am pleased to extend my best wishes to the village of Iuka, Illinois, on its quasiquicentennial celebration, commemorating 125 years of history.

Many historic events have led to this celebration. Indeed this is a time to reflect upon the rich history leading to this time, and to look forward to the future.

On behalf of the citizens of Illinois, please accept my best wishes for a most memorable anniversary celebration and for continued success in the future.

Best regards,

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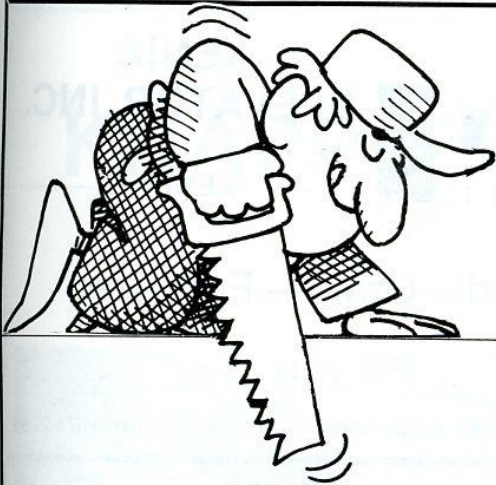
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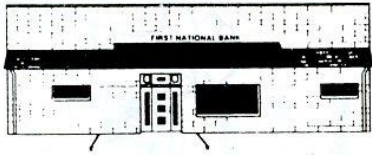


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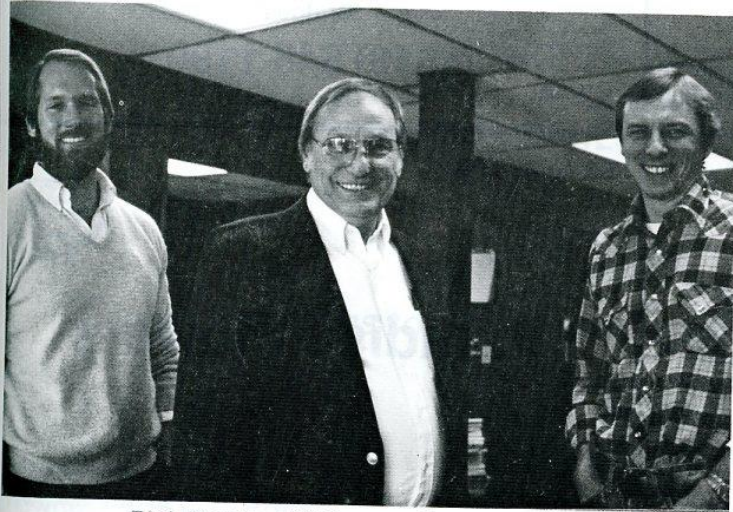
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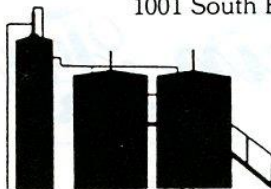
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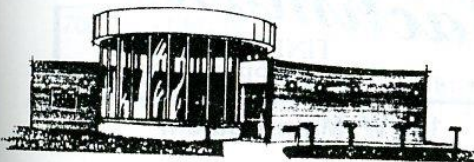
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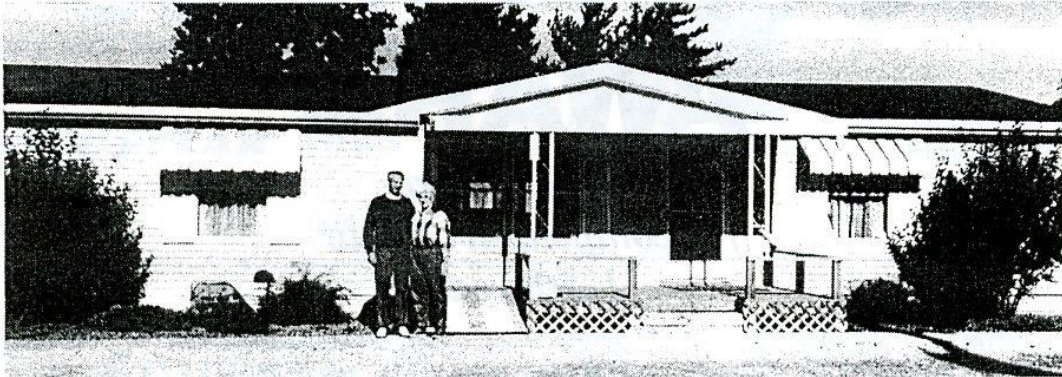
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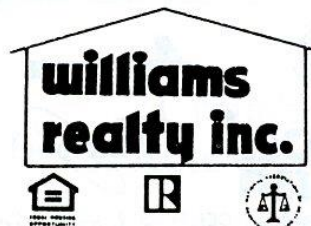


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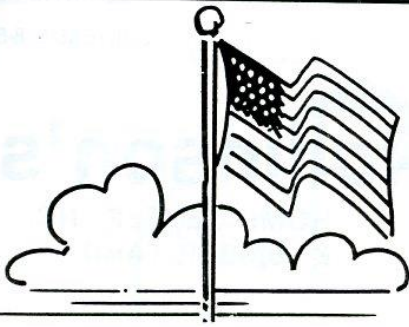
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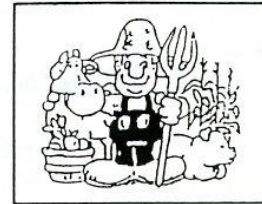
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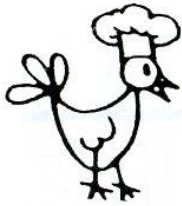
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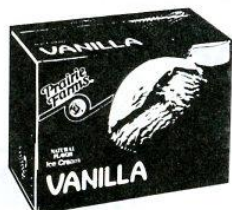
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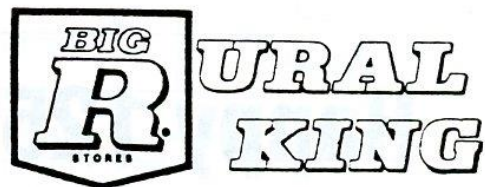
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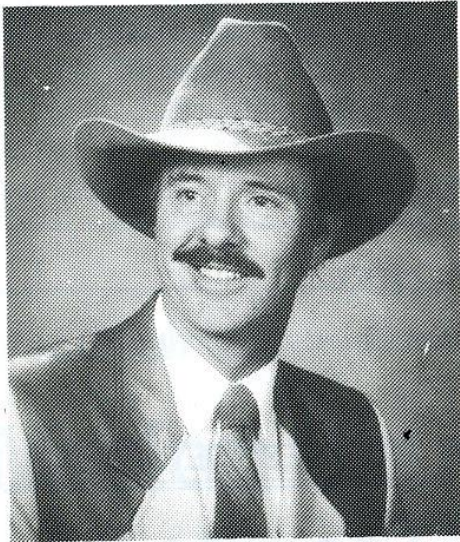
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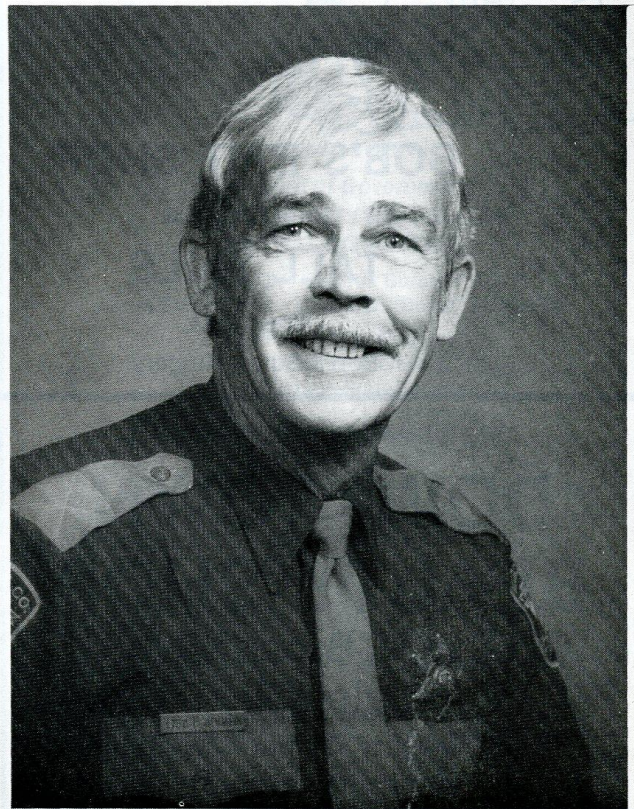


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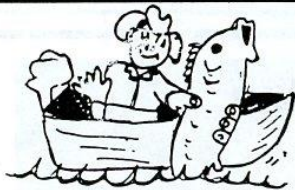
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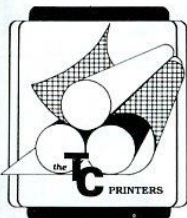
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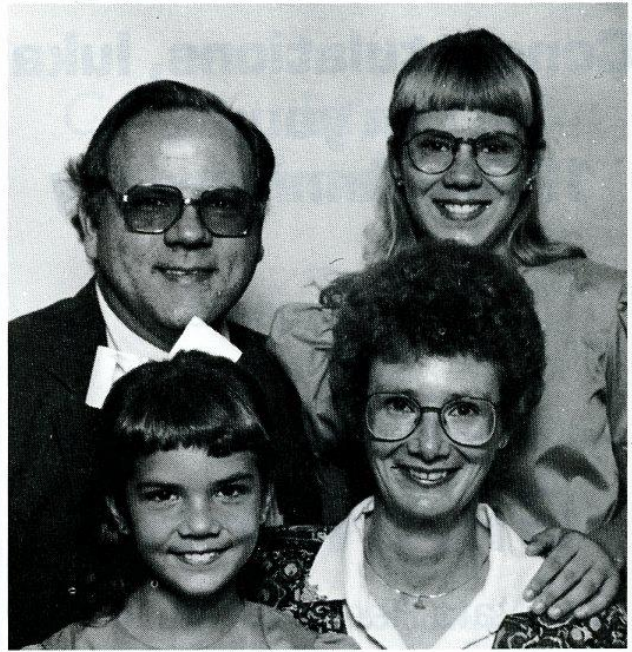


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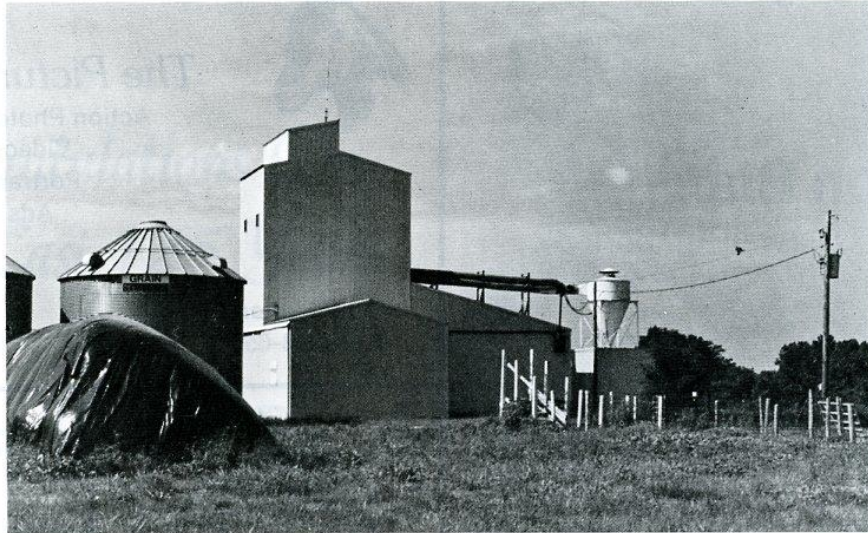
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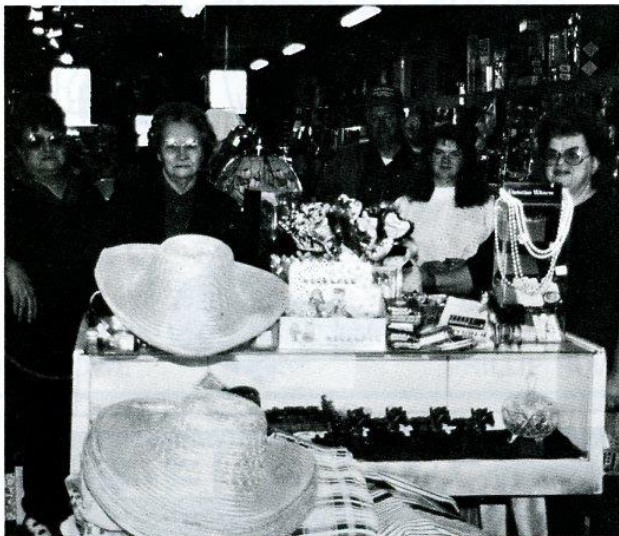
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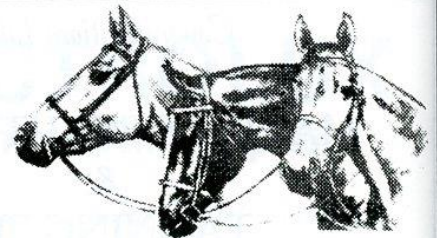
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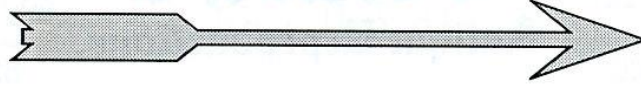
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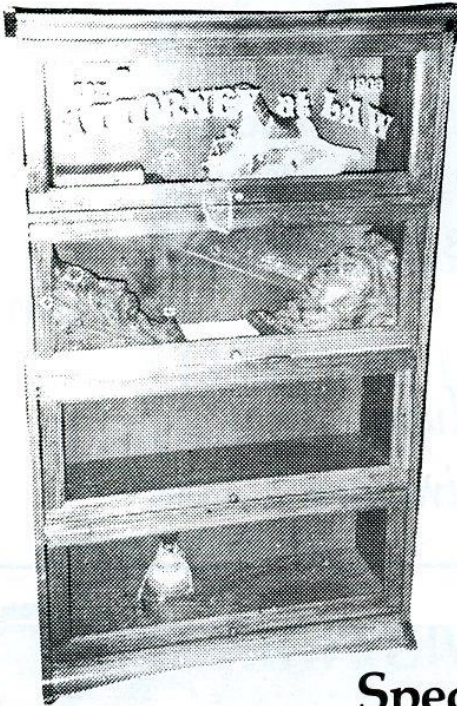
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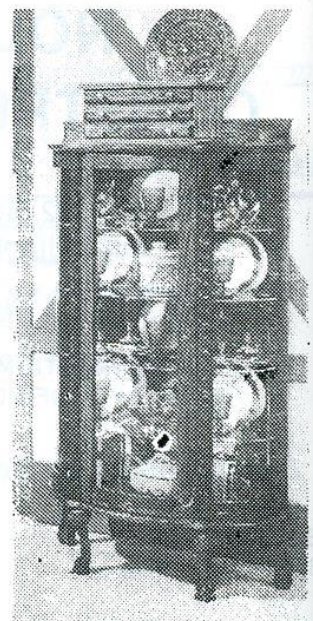


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