

WHEELING FAMILIES — HISTORY

Grant - Koeppen-Utpadel-Wahl  
Orlowski - Neuman-Gabiel

Wischmann

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	Melvin	"	Elvira Piepanbrink
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	Mildred	"	1- Annabelle Lee (Daughter of Troy)
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Otto and June were involved in the founding of Omni-House Youth Services Bureau. June served on the Ad Hoc Committee, planning the program and then on the Board of Directors.

Otto served on the  Advisory Board. June stayed with the Board from its inception until 1977, shortly after her husband became ill, when she <sup>also</sup> resigned from the Wheeling

Youth Commission where she served as Chairman and   resigned her position as Curator for the Wheeling Historical Society, <sup>having served as Curator since 4-28-69</sup> as well as from the Natural Parent Task Force with DCFS.

She served as a volunteer for School District 21, Special Education Evaluation Committee, District 214 Drug Study Committee, Shelter, Inc., and as an appointed member of the Franklin Boulevard Hospital Committee.

The Orlowski Family have been members of the Wheeling Historical Society since its second year of existence. Otto is disably retired and June is a semi-retired Real Estate Broker (licensed now with a holding company affiliated with Starke Realty) and writer.

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As their children began marrying, weddings were celebrated pretty regularly. Recalling some of the earlier weddings, the ~~they were~~ receptions were held at their home, with the large vegetable storage building serving as the hall. A sumptuous dinner of home grown and home made foods was served after the wedding. Barrels of beer were tapped and tubs of ice filled with ~~soda~~ bottles of soda for the children, who also snatched some of the ice to chew on. An orchestra provided music and/or a relative who played the piano accordion played for the dancers. Friends and relatives drank and danced into the wee hours of the night, long after the bride and groom had slipped off on their honeymoon.

A daughter, Bernice, recalls Great Grandfather, Detlov Grandt coming to their farm from Chicago and trimming the grape vines for her father. The photograph of Detlov -- which is in the museum -- was taken in an onion patch on a ~~the~~ farm on Belmont Avenue in Chicago. He worked for August's Uncle Fred Fick. Fred and Josephine Jantz were also relatives from the same generation as Ficks -- the exact relationship as yet undetermined.

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August's wife died in 1956, after suffering a massive paralytic stroke.

Edwin, the oldest son, built a home just south of his parent's home and lived there with his wife, Lucy, helping to run the farm. After the property was sold, they moved to a home on North Maple Lane in Prospect Heights. Edwin ~~predeceased~~ preceded his father in death and passed away APRIL 26, 1976.

Margaret also died before her father. She and her husband lived in Wheeling at 290 S. Milwaukee Avenue. After her death ~~the~~ Hanz remarried and moved to Skokie. Margaret left two children, a son, Leonard and a daughter, Janet, when she died ON APRIL 19, ~~in~~ 1965. Margaret's death from cancer and ~~her close~~ the death of close neighbor's ~~death~~ from the same cause - - Grace Scanlon, the wife of the then Mayor of Wheeling, who died Dec 25, 1970 - ~~Edward Welflin's wife, who died~~ (?) gave rise to some speculation as to the contagion of cancer.

The question remains unanswered. Margaret was nick-named "The Gypsy" by a cousin. The reference, which was ever so fondly bestowed because of her beautiful dark, sparkling eyes, unfortunately, was taken as an affront and Margaret was highly insulted. She was one of three "Margaret Grandts" -- her aunt, Fred's wife and their daughter "June" were all addressed as Margaret Grandt. The poor confused postman never did get them all identified properly to deliver mail, so letters were redelivered by hand among the three.

After Margaret died and Edwin moved from the area in 1965, none of August's family remained in Wheeling. AUGUST ~~he~~ sold the

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*Margaret died when her daughter's wedding was postponed. She was buried, as to her wishes that the wedding not be delayed -- 23rd. The day before the wedding.*

*He and his new wife Ray remain close to Margaret's family and attend family reunions.*

farm in 1965, the old home was sacrificed by fire to the god  
*a fire drill by the Wheeling Fire Department*  
of progress, The Twim Drive In Theater was built on the land  
in 1966. The turnover is now hard cold cash for recreation  
instead of warm earthy furrows for food production.

August spent his retirement ~~years~~ and twilight years  
alternating his residence among his children in equal  
rotation, lending his wisdom and love to his children, grand-  
children and great grandchildren. (In 1968 he had twenty one  
grandchildren and six great grandchildren.) Finally, in  
failing health, August moved to the Riverwood Nursing Home  
in Riverwood, where he passed away on Day one of 1980, four  
months after his 96th birthday.

A granddaughter, Lillian (n Mantey) Koch, lives in  
Buffalo Grove and two daughters, Hazel and Bernice live on  
Aptakisic Road in Prairie View. Bernice's husband, Henry,  
*Feb 2, 1975*  
passed away in Texas, where they spent the winter months *annually*.

~~██████████~~ Hazel's husband 'Bill' passed away in  
1983. Buried in Ridgewood Cemetery, Des Plaines

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*Aug & Lena*  
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The winter of '79/'80 Claimed the lives of  
three descendants within a week.

*Aug Jan 1, 1980* Grandt - 2nd generation  
*Cliff Jan 6, 1980* Grandt } 3rd generation  
*Harold Dec 29, 1979* Utzpadel }

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*4-26-76*

1910 to Milwaukee

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Gabriel

## FRED GRANDT - MARGARET GABRIEL

Fred was born in Chicago on October 30, 1886 . In November of 1890 the family moved to Wheeling, where the parent(s) root ~~and for many years~~ <sup>was</sup> permanently transplanted and ~~from where~~ <sup>from where</sup> four ~~seedlings~~ <sup>seedlings</sup> (two more came later) would grow to full bloom, sending branches far and wide.

Young Fred helped on the farm and as he grew up, found his life work in the building trade. ~~Before he was~~ <sup>Before he was</sup> sixteen, he helped to build their new home at 990 S. Milwaukee Ave., and found great pleasure in working in the family saw mill/lumber business. Regardless of how the sands of time shifted, Fred managed to stay near his first love, the tree. In his late life, he was again involved in the saw mill business, cutting lumber to customer specification. Before his death, the saw mill was sold to Eugene Carl.

On November 4, 1919, he married Margaret E. Gabriel and took his bride to live in a home he had built on Milw. Ave. in Niles. Their first child was born there. Meanwhile, and as a result lost this home. Fred was forced into bankruptcy, <sup>Having failed to protect his</sup> business interests ~~in~~ legally, he was unable to collect the money owed him by a customer, ~~and he had to pay~~ for whom he had built a house, and had to pay this money himself. Without sufficient equity and income, he <sup>reluctantly</sup> selected the alternative of bankruptcy and carried this negative impact ~~throughout~~ throughout his life. He made sure all his children would understand the value of payment receipts and waivers of lien...

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Fred moved his family to a rented home in Des Plaines on Campbell Avenue and on June 9, 1922, their oldest daughter, Margaret June, was born. Shortly afterward, they moved to Alles Ave. ~~and~~ A son, Edward Gordon was born there on November 24, 1923.

When Fred had married, he, being the last child ~~to~~ to wed, left the senior Henry Grandt family with the proverbial "empty nest". It was about this time that his father parceled off his remaining farm land to his six children and with the land at 10 East Hintz Road, on which to build a new home, Wheeling beckoned Fred back to his hometown with his little family. ~~While~~ While he built the house, Fred rented the Quirin Weidner building (221 S. Wheeling Rd.) (Evanger's) and the family lived there until mid 1924. It was here that events and environment would begin to be strongly impressed on the mind of his oldest daughter, then just a toddler.

The building they were living in at the time was near the soo line train depot where a pickle factory (Merkle's), and a cattle pen were conveniently located for shipping. At Merkle's the neighborhood children were treated to dill pickles from the giant (?) vats. Roland and Marcella Johnson are remembered, the children of the ~~owner~~ <sup>area</sup> grocery store owner. Probably because Roland put Marcella in the wicker doll buggy that June had received for her second birthday, and pushing the overloaded doll carriage over the bumpy graveled road, he broke the wheels off the buggy and <sup>maimed</sup> the heart of the child.

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The cattle pen , where farmers enclosed their marketable animals for pending shipment, was ordinarily an interesting encounter for the neighborhood children, but, ~~was~~ one such encounter was burned in the mind of two. Fred, s oldest son had ~~climbed~~ climbed high on the wooden gate to 'see the cows'. Once he reached the top, ~~the~~ one 'cow' wouldn't let him climb down. Each time he tried, the 'cow' would charge the gate. All the small child could do was hang on, finally screaming in terror. June's tiny fat legs pumped frantically toward home and MOTHER... "The cow won't let Cliffy down" she cried, and mother ran for his life. Plucking Cliffy from the top of the gate, mother spanked him soundly, took him home and locked him in a windowless room (don't know why that room had no windows) where the child's terrified screams were forever embedded in the mind of his younger sister.

Two physical scars, the pain of acquiring but dimly remembered, remain reminders of the place. One; third finger, left hand, first knuckle, was invited when the toddler reached for a slice of bread on the high-up counter top where her mother was slicing a loaf of bread. The tiny finger was nearly ~~severed~~ severed. A second <sup>INJURY,</sup> ~~injury~~ from ankle to knee, right leg, was the result of an overjoyed child's glee at a visit from "Big Grandpa". He had driven his Model T truck from Niles Center to visit his daughter. For some reason, supposedly to keep the truck from overheating , he had removed the floor boards in the cab. When he pulled into their yard, ~~the truck~~

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his granddaughter rushed up and before he could stop her, had climbed into the cab where the open floor allowed her leg to plunge down along side of the red-hot exhaust pipe. Her frantic mother, reaching for ANYTHING to 'keep the air ~~off~~ off of the burn' poured a can of syrup over it. The injury healed with minimal scarring and it is wondered if the ingredients of the syrup actually fed the injured tissue and promoted the exceptional healing. The scar, long and pink in childhood, is barely visible today. By comparison, an injury years later in her early teen years, left a thumb-pad muscle aching ~~to this day~~ ~~to this day~~ to this day whenever put under any stress. She'd been drying the glass kerosene lamp globe when it broke in her hand and the twisting motion of the procedure sent the jagged lower portion of the globe through the pad of her left thumb... By modern standards, this child would have been labeled "accident prone". Carrying ~~an~~ an arm-load of glass milk bottles on a errand to the neighbor's farm to get them filled, she stumbled on the sidewalk at the side of her home and went flying ungracefully with the bottles, filling her right palm with the shattered glass as she landed. The glass, heavy gauge and deeply imbedded, required medical attention to probe the palm to remove the glass fragments.

When his new home was partially finished -- the basement floor was incomplete and the second floor, spacious enough for three rooms was unfinished -- Fred moved his family for the last time. Their six other children were born here, five 'at home' and the youngest son, a whopping thirteen pounder, born at Swedish Covenant Hospital in Chicago. Fred's wife,  
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Marge, had developed so fully with this pregnancy that the doctor threatened to 'order a wheelbarrow' to carry the extension.

Elizabeth 'Betty' was born August 18, 1925. Fred Joseph, born July 3, 1927, had unexpectedly followed the burst of lady-sound produced by a string of ~~finger~~-finger fire crackers lit, in jest, by her husband on their front porch. She did not know who did it and thought one of her young children had found them and <sup>would</sup> be injured. "Fritz", the new baby was due later that month and suffered no ill effect from his early arrival. Leroy James Earl was born September 19, 1920. The \_\_\_\_\_ Earl in his name was to honor the doctor who delivered him... LorJean 'Dolly' was born August 12, 1933, followed by sister Carol Ann on February 17, 1938. Kenneth Gabriel, the 'whopper', brought up the rear on April 23, 1941.

The family kept a cow for milk, cream, butter and cheese *(her calf would be sent off to market when she had one)* and a flock of chickens and ducks for eggs and meat. They raised pigs for market and pork for the table; always keeping a sow and a bore for future litters. They cultivated a small vegetable garden, grape vines -- for jelly and sometimes wine-- raspberry, blackberry and (ugh) gooseberry plants, with a huge strawberry patch for shortcake and an education in commercial enterprise for the oldest children who picked and sold pints/quarts of strawberries in season. A lot of this produce never

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*Fred's children remember batches of root beer he made for them -- and the explosion when fermentation ~~the~~ sometimes blew a lid and as adults, his brood relished his dandelion wine.*



reached the fruit celler or table, being eaten raw from the field by their numerous offspring.

Fred's original land grant was enclosed on three sides by natural boundries -- ~~later~~ on the fourth, when Wolf Road was extended north to Milwaukee Avenue and the bridge was built across the Wheeling Drainage Ditch. The land fronted on Hintz Road and the drainage ditch curved around the back. He sold two lots later to help support his growing family. Fred's children spent many happy years learning the habits of the wildlife that made their homes in the long hills of earth left by the dredgers of the ditch. "King of the Hill" was a favorite ~~pastime~~ pastime as was rock collecting of the many elaborately, ~~variegated~~ variegated, colored rocks to be found on the hills. Their home had an artificial fireplace made from rocks gathered from this area. Summers found the children wading in the crystal clear water of the drainage ditch where only water from open farmland drained into it through a tile system. Minnows, crayfish and (the obnoxious) leach were abundant along the willow lined section of ditch and bathing suits and bare feet were the usual summer attire. Large patches of wildflowers grew along the shore, with violets most abundant. (Bouquets were peace offerings to Ma when her charges wandered out of set bounds.) After the <sup>Wolf Road</sup> bridge was built, deeper areas remained under it where you could almost swim. The more daring boys from Wheeling proper would go there to skinny-dip, Its presumed the nudity was more to keep parents from finding out they'd been in the ditch than it was to be exhibitionists.

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Any girl could keep these boys sitting in the deep water as long as she wished, begging her to "GO AWAY" so they could come out and get home on time.

During the construction of the Wolf Road bridge, Gordon and June were 'employed' as water boys for a small daily fee, perhaps a quarter, and their mother made lunches which were sold to the workers who dined at her kitchen table.

Over the years Fred gained a reputation for quality custom home building and as his sons grew up, he trained them all in the business. As each master<sup>ed</sup> the overall work connected with building, each selected and learned a specialty in the trade. When local ordinance required licensed electricians and plumbers, these jobs were contracted out since none of Fred's sons became licensed in these fields. Two of his boys went on to become supervisors for large developers later in life, over-seeing the building of medical centers, factories, auto agencies and the like. After WWII, Fred Grandt & Sons was formed and they worked together until Fred retired after his 75th birthday

During the depression years, with a houseful of hungry mouths inside and a snarling wolf's fangs snapping at the door, Fred took work wherever and whenever he could find it. He hired out to a builder in Michigan and spent months away from his family, writing letters home on the bark of birch trees. He hauled loads of trees to Champaign, Illinois for Ernest Kruse, then owner of the Wheeling Nursery, for *thirty*, welcome dollars a load.

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Fred's wife was a popular cook. She worked part time at Ray's Tavern (River Road and Milwaukee Ave), at the place Doll's Coffee Shop Wheel Inn in Wheeling and at her own ~~place~~ ~~in Lake Zurich~~ full time ~~in Lake Zurich~~ when her children were grown. She also catered to some weddings and other celebrations. She ~~found~~ found time<sup>too</sup> to be President of the Wheeling Public School PTA for a number of years. (X) Margaret died August 14, 1965 and is ~~buried~~ buried in the St. Mary's Cemetary in Buffalo Grove.

Fred retained his enthusiasm for the by products of the forests his entire life and after his retirement, continued to build, but on a smaller scale, confining his<sup>M</sup>self to making toys for his ~~grandchildren~~ grandchildren and ~~cradles~~ cradles for the newest grandchildren. When his eyesight began to fail, he became 'consultant' to his children when they needed ~~the~~ the guiding hand of his trade. He bred and raised pigeons as a hobby and loved to putter in his ~~patch~~ patch of carnations. When ever he gave his wife a bouquet of flowers, they would ~~be~~ be carnations even if he had to purchase them from a florist.

In 1967, Fred sold his house to his son, Fred<sup>Jr.</sup> with the provision that he be allowed to live out his life there. Fred died on April 24, 1974, on his great grandson's eighth birthday. He is buried beside his wife in Buffalo Grove. Several years after his death, the house was gutted by fire and subsequently sold to a Chicago developer, A.P. Kolton, who holds title today. ~~KALTON'S~~ KALTON'S plans for the development of the property are now subject to anticipated condemnation proceedings under Eminent Domain for PalWaukee Airport expansion by the

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new public ownership of the airport by Wheeling and Prospect Heights.

Of Fred's nine children, four remained in Wheeling. There are sixteen ~~en~~ direct descendants (blood relatives) now in Wheeling.

Homes in Wheeling built by Fred (and later) <sup>with</sup> his sons...

121 W. Hintz Road	Bud & Maise Jacobs
10 E. Hintz Road	A.P. Kolton
14 E. Hintz Road	E. Gordon & Lori Grandt
48 E. Hintz Road	John & Alice Berkenheier
132 S. Wille	Mary & Fred Utpadel (Both dec.)
137 S. Wheeling Ave.	Gale & Julie Utpadel
100 S. Wille	Mel & Myla (Utpadel) Lange
600 McHenry Road	Marvin 'Syke' & Ellie Horcher
460 S. Wolf Road	Joe & Betty Gorski
474 S. Wolf Road	Harriet Lisauskas (Husband Geo. dec.)
667 S. Milwaukee Ave <i>S. WHEELING RD AT HINTZ</i>	Otto & June Orlowski <i>ERV LEMKE</i>

Homes he helped build in earlier years:

990 S. Milwaukee Ave	Clarence & Edna Lemke (The original Henry Grandt, Sr. home.)
50 E. Hintz Road	Mueller Family (Former Henry, Jr.)

Fred's oldest son Clifford died on Jan. 6, 1980, his widow *Clifford's John, lives in Wheeling with his wife and daughter.* lives in the home they built in Northbrook.

Fred built the first hanger at Palwaukee Airport and in 1948, vacationed (?) in Port Isabel, Texas where he helped build a motel-trailer court for his oldest daughter's in-laws.

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Orlowski

Margaret June Grandt - Oktaw Z. Orlowski

June was born in Des Plaines on June 9, 1922. ~~She~~ Before she was two years old her father brought his family back to Wheeling, where he had lived most of his life. June attended the Wheeling Public Grade School, going to St Mary's School in Buffalo Grove one year -- fourth grade -- in order to begin her religious education and receive First Holy Communion. After she finished her grade school education, she went to Chicago to ~~be housekeeper for~~ be housekeeper for ~~her maternal grandmother, who was~~ her maternal grandmother, who was ill with cancer. When the illness became acute, several of her aunts took over. It was decided that the pending death of her grandmother was not something the young teen-ager should witness and June was sent home. She found employment as a housekeeper and baby sitter for the young Brehm family. Mrs. Brehm was employed at the Wheeling Bank and ~~had~~ they had an infant son. The Brehms lived in an apartment ~~above~~ in the Wick's home. (North Milwaukee Ave) From there she went to work for the Boyland family in Mt. Prospect as a 'mother's helper', doing housework, laundry, cooking and uniformed maid service when the couple entertained. When she was about fifteen, her mother, then a part time cook at Ray's Tavern, took her with to wait on tables and June was launched into waitress work. From then until she was a young married woman with three children, June was employed in this field, *ONLY* when she worked at Benjamin Electric in Des Plaines and part time ~~during~~ during the war when she did factory work at Rockola in Chicago and Swain Nelsons in Glenview, ~~and~~ When she had *TWO*

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Small children <sup>she</sup> worked ~~ed~~ in <sup>the</sup> family ~~restaurant~~ restaurant. She worked full time for Felix Rogalski at the Union Hotel for about five years.

June's husband, 'Otto', was born in Chicago on Feb. 25, 1918 and came to Wheeling in 1937 to work in a hot dog stand his father had opened here. Commuting at first, the business expanded rapidly and the family moved into ~~the~~ apartment above the (now large) restaurant. On 1942, Otto was inducted into the U.S. Air Force and subsequent service in the China-Burma-India Theater of War (CBI). During his last furlough home, on Feb. 24, 1945, the couple eloped and were married in Evanston, four hours before he had to board a train back to the coast for return to China. Otto's parents' in true "old world" fashion, objected to June's German heritage and had vehemently opposed the marriage. In his father's language, "It is customary for Pole to marry Pole..."

The war ended and Otto was discharged from the air corp at Camp Grant in Rockford that November. On their first anniversary, the couple was remarried at St Mary's Catholic Church in Buffalo Grove. The following August the first of their eight children was born. All the children were born in Chicago at Swedish Covenant Hospital. More than once, Otto's excellent driving skill was credited for the baby being born in the hospital instead of somewhere along the way. When their third child was born, the doctor, fortunately, insisted that June come into the hospital ahead of time (or pitch a tent on the hospital lawn). The eight pound boy -- including the delighted doctor's thumb -- arrived within thirty minutes of the first labor pain.

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When Otto first returned from service the couple made their home with June's parents. By the time they went house hunting -- a very scarce commodity with all the returning ~~GI's~~ GI's -- it was very obvious they would soon become parents. Landlords were rejecting families -- no children allowed -- and the couple finally settled for a 27 foot New Moon House trailer, which was 'outgrown' with their third child. <sup>It was</sup> while they built their home at 667 S. Milwaukee, <sup>that</sup> they lived in the apartment above the Polish Village Restaurant (Polska Weis). They moved into their new home in mid 1950 and remain there today. All <sup>the children</sup> except their youngest son have married and moved away. Their children are:

Janette June	b. 8/6/46	L. StClair/J. Sylvester (Div)
James Joseph	b. 8/3/47	Deceased 7/20/70
John Otto	b. 4/30/50	Linda Linneweh
Jerrold Mark	b. 6/25/53	Karen Kangas
Jeffrey Lynn	b. 11/13/54	Wendy Westerlund
Joel Zigmond	b. 8/6/56	SINGLE
Melody Joan	b. 3/16/58	Lee Wunderle
Melissa Jean	b. 10/13/60	Bradley Gauthier (Div)

Otto's early post-service years were spent finding out where he would best fit in the job market. Adjusting thus to civilian life and his growing family responsibilities, he worked at Arlington Seating, the Oh Henry candy factory in Chicago, in civil service at Glenview Naval Air Base as an aeronautic mechanic, then at Sessler Ford in Chicago and Mont Clair Pontiac in Oak Park as an automobile mechanic. It was here at Mont Clair that he bought out a co-worker's part time

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Mac Tool Business franchise -- a Pontiac coupe with a trunkful of tools for \$500. -- and launched O.Z.O. Tool Sales into a 26 year long business. Before he suffered a heart malfunction which <sup>permanently</sup> ~~permanently~~ disabled him in late 1976, he had built the business to ~~serve~~ serve northern Cook, Lake and McHenry counties in Illinois and two counties in northern Wisconsin, *OPERATING OUT OF A STORE IN HIS HOME.*

June, along with housekeeping and child rearing duties, played 'girl Friday' to her husband's business until 1964, when she developed and operated a tool warehouse, (J.O. Automotive Supply). By today's standard, a "workaholic", she wanted to be prepared with something productive to do when their youngest child went off to kindergarden the following year.

Three of their sons were educably deaf and their youngest son had an interseptal heart defect (hole in the lower chamber), as a result of prenatal German measles, so June was kept busy seeking educational and medical ~~services~~ services for them. However, the oldest boy was now out of school and employed and the two younger ones were well established in their school district's special education programs. Life was fairly routine. At least, a lot less hectic than it had been a few years previous when six of their children boarded five different school buses to five different schools each morning and teachers scheduled parent/teacher conferences fifteen minutes apart at schools across town -- or in an outlying community -- from each other.

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June's small warehouse, housed in the basement of their home, flourished. Serving the Wagon Jobber trade, it kept her busier than she had anticipated and she enjoyed these duties immensely. However, fate had a new ~~aim~~ and bitter direction in store.

By ~~the~~ the summer of '69, doctors predicted that without another attempt at corrective heart surgery (the first, unsuccessful in '61), their youngest son had three years to live... By early '70 the cardiac catheterization test and ~~numerous~~ numerous consultations among heart specialists, ~~indicated~~ indicated that his chances of surviving surgery were a mere 5 percent and the doctors declined to proceed. They did, however, agree to arrange further tests at Mayo Clinic, so Otto and June <sup>would</sup> ~~felt~~ assured that they had done everything they could do for their son.

Meanwhile, their oldest son, James ~~James~~ (He was called "Tiny" by his friends in deference to his six foot four, one hundred ninety pound size) , was hospitalized after he had complained only of being "very tired all the time" and preliminary tests indicated kidney damage. Transferred from Luthern General to Passavant Hospital for kidney dialysis, *(FROM SYSTEMIC LUPUS ERYTHEMATOSIS)* he died there seven weeks later, July 20, 1970, just two weeks after his parents had returned from Mayo Clinic, where doctors confirmed Joe's prognosis (declining to hazard a guess to confirm the Chicago doctors ~~predicted~~ predicted life span). Joe is now 28 years old and lives with his parents.

June had been deafened in one ear during a bout with the mumps in her late teen years. She insists this was God's way

of preparing her to raise the sons who were similarly handi-  
capped. When she proved to be so prolific at child-bearing,  
a family friend insisted he knew why. As he related it, when  
the couple retired for the night, Otto would ask, "Well, do  
you want to go to sleep or what ?" and June, ~~was always saying~~  
~~that she was always saying~~ being half deaf, would  
always say " WHAT ??? " Otto, responding to the usual ribbing,  
insisted that ~~she was always saying~~ "We didn't  
know what was causing it !" Both agreed that they wouldn't  
give a nickle for another one but neither would they take a  
million dollars for any one they already had.

Once, on a trip to Texas, when June had made matching  
shirts and blouses for the whole family, a stranger stopped  
at their restaurant table to inquire, "Do you dress them all  
alike so you won't lose any ?" "No," June promptly quipped,  
"its so we don't pick up any more !" Twice they did 'lose'  
one son, a curious, <sup>leisurely</sup> dwaddling child who examined everything  
that caught his fancy. The first time, they were in another  
state, ~~traveling in a converted~~ traveling in a converted  
school bus motorhome, when someone asked, "Where's Jerry ?"  
Backtracking, they found him brousing through the curio shop  
in the restaurant they had just left. The second time, they'd  
been home from Sunday Mass for a while when Father Mulcahey  
telephoned. "June, I think we have your son here. This boy  
wears a hearing aid."  
"No, Father, <sup>but</sup> thanks for calling, He can't be mine, they're  
all here." she informed him and hung up the phone.

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As the phone settled into its cradle, it occurred to her that maybe she should <sup>double</sup> check...just in case. Sure enough ! Number three son was missing. Chagrined, she quickly retrieved him. In spite of these experiences, it happened once again on a trip to Minnesota, where Jerry ~~was~~ attended a technical institute. This time it was number five son, Joe. Unnoticed, he had left the motor home at a service station to use the washroom. No one missed him until they were about twenty miles down the freeway. Unable to merely turn around, they had to travel another ten miles for a cross-over, then back-track thirty miles to where they prayed he'd be. He was there, sitting on a curb, patiently waiting. Thoroughly frightened themselves by the long delay getting back, not sure even where he was left, they asked if he'd been scared. "Nope," he explained, "I knew you'd come back."

Of their children, only Janette and her son, Christopher, who live in Meadowbrook East, and Joe, who lives with his parents, are still in Wheeling. Two live in Buffalo Grove, two in Arl. Hgts. and one in Island Lake, all with their own families. The couple ~~has~~ has twelve grandchildren. Janette worked for the Village of Wheeling, driving their commuter bus until they discontinued the service, then in the public works department until an arthritic condition, worsened by working outside in the winter made a change necessary. She <sup>in Dec. 1980</sup> left to take a position with Mattick Business Forms, Inc. on Hintz road where she is now employed.

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(X) Marge suffered the first of many paralytic strokes in 1950.  
She recovered completely from that one but several more over  
the years rendered her helplessly bound to a wheel chair.  
She was buried on her second oldest daughter's ~~sixth day~~  
fortieth birthday.

Brewer

Edward Gordon Grandt - Dolores 'Lori' Brewer

Oct 29,

Gordon 'Gog' and Lori were married on 1947, about two years after Gog returned from Army service in England during WW II. They rented a home on Rand Road in Palatine and lived there until they built their home at 14 East Hintz Road in 1960, next to the home where Gog grew up.

The couple had four daughters;

Karen Lee	6-20-48	Ronald R. Kolecek (Div.)
Regina Rae	9-22-49	Tom Mc Glenon (Div.)
Reva Gail	4-11-55	Lloyd Powel
Karla Ann	11-14-59	Single

Reva and Lloyd were married Oct 5, 1984 and have purchased a home in the \_\_\_\_\_ Subdivision on the former Lemke farm at \_\_\_\_\_ Hintz and Wheeling Road.

Karen, President of the National Bank of North Elmhurst, owns a home in Shadowbend in Wheeling.

Gordon worked with his father, one of the five sons in Fred Grandt & Sons custom builders. In 1961, he went with Rowman Company. There he supervised the construction of automobile agencies/schools, factories, etc., across the nation. One building where he supervised is the Becker Animal Hospital in Northfield. In 1978, his eyesight began to fail and he was forced into disability retirement. In 1980, Gog underwent a successful triple bypass surgical procedure. Not even now completely free of his fascination with building, he uses a jeweler's eye-loupe and laborously fashions gifts for his family from wood. In spite of his medical problems, Gog,

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has not lost his zest for life. He and Lori live in the home they built on Hintz Road but will soon face eviction under the duress of eminent domain . The couple is understandably bitter and say they will not remain in Wheeling once their home is taken. Meanwhile, they enjoy the company of their children and the two granddaughters who periodically visit from their home in Michigan. For now, they take life one day at a time...

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Gorski

Elizabeth 'Betty' Jane Grandt - Joseph Gorski

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Betty was born and raised in her parents home ~~at~~ Hintz and Wolf Roads. She, and all her siblings attended Wheeling Public Grade School (Walt Whitman) with ~~the exception~~ the exception of one year when each attended St. Mary's Catholic School in Buffalo Grove to begin their religious education. The ~~family~~ family were members of St. Mary's where the Fred Grandts were married in 1919. On June 25, 1944, Betty and Joe Gorski were married there by Father Ballwebber.

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The couple began their married life in an apartment in Chicago, close to where Joe was employed by Fager Art Studio, then moved to a larger apartment on Hoyne. Soon afterward they moved to ~~Michigan City~~ a farm in Michigan City, Indiana, owned by Mr. Fager. This farm was located across the street from the farmland worked by prisoners from the Indiana State Prison. Betty and Joe acted as caretakers for Mr. Fager with Joe commuting to Chicago to work and Betty, then pregnant with their first child, commuting to Chicago for prenatal care and final delivery. Close to term, Betty stayed with a distant relative, Mary 'Curl' Zurick, in Chicago to be near Swedish Covenant Hospital, where their first child, was born. <sup>Ⓟ Betty + Joe</sup> had four children, all born in the month of February;

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|--------------|---------|-----------------------------------|
| Beverly Joan | 2-3-46  | Dennis Brask(Dec.) Ed Snow (Div.) |
| Judith Ann   | 2-15-50 | Larry Boller                      |
| Cheryl Jane  | 2-15-53 | Bruce Hoffstetter                 |
| Keith Joseph | 2-9-59  | Wendy Latzke                      |

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In 1951, the couple built the home they live in today at 460 S. Wolf Road. Shortly thereafter they began raising toy poodles and then miniture schnauzers. This hobby soon developed into a flourishing dog grooming business in which the entire family was involved in one way or another. Meanwhile, Joe continued to work in Chicago, commuting daily to the downtown area. On his way home from work one evening, Joe very nearly lost his life when another driver lost control of his car on the curve near the Wheeling Drainage Ditch bridge on Milwaukee Avenue (about midway between Hintz and Palatine Road) and crashed headon into Joe's automobile. By this time they had built a sizeable clintele of dog owners who liked their careful work and not long afterward, Joe decided he'd had enough of the commuter rat-race and left Fager's employ to take on grooming full time. They groom by regularly scheduled appointments and now that their children ~~now~~ have all married and live elsewhere, Betty and Joe work alone. They are a close family and see their nine grandchildren regularly.

*The couple celebrated their 40th Wedding Anniversary this June. A surprise party organized by their children and celebrated at friends and relatives in Nazareth Hall @ St. Joseph the Worker Church*

① From Indiana, they moved to Wheeling area, first to an apartment above Ray's Tavern on Milwaukee Avenue near River Road and then to a small cottage immediately north of the and Betty's brother, tavern. During this period, Joe, ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~, Gordon operated a "second hand" store just south of the tavern, running the business part time to help support their growing families.

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Bengson

## Kenneth Gabriel Grandt - Kristine Bengson

Ken and Kris were married on August 12, 1961. In the early years of their marriage they owned a home on Marvin Place in Meadowbrook East.

As a youngster, Ken worked with his father in the construction trade. Following Grandpa Grandt's legacy for public service, Ken left the business and became a fireman for the Village of Wheeling. During his years with the department, from 1971 to 1977, he injured his shoulder a number of times. <sup>Ⓚ KEN HAD</sup> ~~had~~ surgery to repair the damage \_\_\_\_\_ and then was retired on disability after the last injury to the same shoulder, when the doctors could no longer repair ~~the same~~ such repeated damage.

Ken echos his mother's talents as a cook and worked in several restaurants in Wheeling before joining the fire department. He enjoyed his 'turn' at cooking for ~~his~~ his co-workers and also enjoyed the publicity he received for it from the Herald on Feb 7, 1973. (That must be why he's grinning in the photographs published) Sec 1, pg. 3...

Before Ken became a fireman, he operated a business digging basements, ~~blacktopping~~ blacktopping driveways and parking areas and stripeing them and also did landscaping. After he retired from the fire department, he bought a partnership in "The Big Steer" night club in Soneita, Arizona. His brother LeRoy owns the Frontier Motel in Tucson and Ken became ~~interested~~ interested in the state when he visited there. Ken put his Wheeling home up for sale and while he and their oldest son

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*On the way to the hospital once, for medical attention for his injured shoulder, the ambulance driver had to apply the brakes suddenly & Ken hit the dashboard with the ~~already injured~~ - shoulder.*

stayed behind to sell the house, his wife, Kris and the younger children moved to Arizona. Kris worked in the night club while they were there but they would not stay. The children were unhappy so far from all that was familiar and the depressed housing market made it impossible to sell their home in Wheeling. The family, with the exception of their oldest son, who married ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ on Oct 27 th this year, are all together again on Edward Street.

Their children are;

Michael 6-12-62            Rose Marie Santoro

Shannon Marie 9-1-64

Derick 3-25-65

Troy Trever 9-7-67

Victor Kimbal 12-14-68

Ken born 4-23-41    Kristine born 3-8-44

cont.

John Grandt - Elana

John is the son of Clifford D. Grandt and Virginia (Dimmick) Grandt, Grandson of Fred D. Grandt. He was born 6-14-1963. He grew up in Northbrook and married Elana BERMAN on Nov. 8, 1981. They have a daughter Laura, [REDACTED]. The couple lives on Arrow-Trail in Wheeling. John is employed by a delivery service and has a part time delivery service of his own.

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Henry Grandt, Jr., was born in Chicago on April 11, 1887. He came to Wheeling Township with his parents, two brothers and a sister in 1890. He was raised on his father's farm located at Milwaukee Avenue and Hirtz Road, helping with the chores <sup>ASSIGNED TO THE CHILDREN</sup> when he wasn't attending school. The <sup>public</sup> school he and his siblings attended <sup>"STRONG SCHOOL"</sup> was located at the north east corner of Milwaukee Avenue and Palatine Road. The school building was sold in the late 1930's or early 1940's and moved to a site on Dundee Road some distance west of Wheeling.

*It was converted to a private residence.*

In 1910, Henry married Helena Kerschke. During the early years of their marriage they lived <sup>near</sup> ~~off~~ Portwine Road <sup>\*</sup> near the site of the former Dan Beard Camp, north of Dundee Road. Eight children were born to them.

- Bertha (Walter Schmidt)
- Elmer (Ruth Sander)
- Herbert (Loretta Geffee)
- Norman (Elfreda Schultz)
- Dorthea (Elmer Lemke)
- Mable (DECEASED)
- Esther (Bernhardt Koeppen)
- Ronald (Barbara Massa)

Henry was employed as Supervisor and Policeman for the Cook County Forest Preserve District # 1 from 1916 until his resignation in 1954. In 1918 he supervised the building of Dam # 1. *(See last page of Grandt - Kerschke)*

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*\* RICHARD SCHMIDT & GERSCHEFSKI FAMILIES WERE NEARBY NEIGHBORS*

Note: An original handwritten letter from R. Gehske, 1163 N. La Salle Street, addressed to Mr. Grant (last name misspelled) at Dam #1, Div 1 Forest Preserve, detailing the early settlement history of Wheeling from 1833 to 1844, is in the Museum, having been donated to the Museum by Henry's son, Elmer.

In 1924, Henry built his home ~~at~~ at 50 E. Hintz Road. His older brother, Fred, helped to build the home and it ~~was~~ <sup>CONFIRMED</sup> to the style of the day -- a brick bungalow very similar to the one Fred ~~built~~ built for his family ~~at~~ ~~the~~ further west on Hintz Road(10 E. Hintz).

In 1934, a major heart ache was visited upon the family. Their thirteen year old daughter, Mable, died in the Wheeling Hospital when peritonitis set in shortly after an apendectomy was performed by Dr. Larson, the owner of the hospital.

Henry was President of the District 21 School Board for twelve years. He had wished to retire after the eighth year but was elected without running for the position and served out the term. *His conscience dictated that he serve. He liked the job best wanted to spend more time with his family.* He was employed by the Aspen Tree Company from 1954 to 1957 when he retired and started his own saw-sharpening business as a hedge against boredom.

Three of their children live in Wheeling; Elmer, Dorthea and Esther. A son, Herbert, lived nearby on Hintz Road for many years and owned Herb's Fuel Oil business. *Herb and his wife <sup>now</sup> live in Louisiana.* cont.

Henry passed away on April 1, 1972 and his wife remained in their home until her death on October 28, 1975. They are interred at ST JOHN's Cemetery. *Their home was later sold to Mr + Mrs Mueller, who own it today.*  
Note; In Museum, letter to Mr. Alan Campbell, 4127 N. Overhill Ave., Chicago 34, Ill. from ~~XXXXXXXX~~ Robert Mann, Superintendent of Conservation. Copies to: Henry Grandt, Des Plaines Division, John B. Morrill, C.N. Dunlap.

Dam #1, at Hintz Road, one mile south of Wheeling, built by Forest Preserve District employees, under the supervision of Henry Grandt, was completed Sept. 18, 1918.

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Grandt History-Orlowski-  
Sander

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ELMER GRANDT - RUTH SANDER

born Dec. 27, 1911, born Oct 24, 1914,  
Elmer, (son of Henry, Jr.) and his wife Ruth, live,

now in retirement on Hintz Road, on a lot that was a portion  
of his father's share of the farm. They were married in 1935.

They had three children, Blanch, married to Fred Schmidt  
Marie, married to James Raupp -- a descendant of the <sup>PIONEER</sup> Raupp  
family in Buffalo Grove -- and Michael, married to Patricia  
Branski. Marie and her husband live on McHenry Road in  
~~Buffalo Grove~~ <sup>WHEELING</sup>, where they formerly operated their business.  
High density <sup>RESIDENTIAL</sup> development of nearby farmland forced them to  
move the business, Raupp's Disposal Service, elsewhere.

Elmer and Ruth have five grandchildren and one great-  
grandchild, with another anticipated shortly.

Elmer worked for Arlington Seating Company and for the  
Benjamin Electric Company during his early years, then until  
retirement, he was employed by Hines Lumber Company as a  
truck driver.

Ruth, with her sister, Alice (John) Berkenheier, ~~operat~~  
operated a catering business, feeding regional celebrations  
delicious fare for many years. ALICE & JOHN LIVE NEXT  
DOOR TO RUTH & ELMER IN THE FORMER FRED  
& MARY (GRANDT) UTPADEL HOME.

*to Le Roy Grandt's wife Jeanette,  
Ruth is second cousin. Her father Martin is  
Ruth's cousin. Le Roy is Fred W. Grandt's son.*

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Lemke, Elmer

DORTHEA GRANDT - ELMER LEMKE

born Sept. 4, 1917

Dorthea, daughter of Henry, Jr., and her husband

born Nov. 17, 1915

Elmer, reside in Wheeling on Wille Avenue. They were married

in 1942

They have two daughters, Charlene, who teaches Home

Economics at Prospect High School and is single, and

Barbara, who is married to Victor Koelper. ~~They~~ <sup>BARBARA & VICTOR</sup> have two

children, Melissa and Mathew.

Elmer is a licensed electrician and operated his own business, Lemke Electric, in Wheeling for many years. He

was ~~Inspector~~ <sup>Electrical</sup> Inspector <sup>for the Village of Wheeling</sup> in 1956 and 1957.

Dorthea was employed by Illinois Bell Telephone Co.

from 1939 to 1947, when she retired in deference to mother-

hood when their oldest daughter, Barbara, was born. After

that she worked at home in Elmer's business.

They are both retired now, enjoying the pleasures of

~~being~~ being grandparents.

*Elmer is the nephew of Fred Lemke, who married Dorthea's Aunt Minerva Grandt.*

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Esther Grandt - Bernhardt Keoppen

Esther, born July 30, 1924, the daughter of Henry, Jr., and her husband, Wheeling's Fire Chief, Bernhardt Keoppen, born January 28, 1925, live in Wheeling on Wheeling Avenue. They were married in 1946.

The couple has three children:

Susanne, who is married to Leonard Maczko.

Mary Lou, and Kenneth.

Kenneth follows the public service legacy of his ancestors.

With the triple blast of these genes ~~from~~ inherited from maternal Gr. Grandfather, and Grandfather, and then his own

father, he exhibits every indication of following the path.

Under the tutelage of his father, <sup>Kenneth</sup> at age fifteen, successfully demonstrated fire safety measures for full page publication in the Lerner-Life newspaper, published April 24, 1975, Sec.1, pg 4.

Esther's husband is the son of the William Keoppen's, who are another <sup>FAMILY</sup> of Wheeling's early settlers. The history of that family will, no doubt, go into greater detail about this couple's life. The history of Wheeling's government should also include more about Chief Keoppen.

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## MARY GRANDT - FRED UTPADEL

born in Wheeling Township March 14, 1891  
Mary, youngest daughter of Henry and Katharina (Buthmann)

Grandt, Sr., was married to Fred Utpadel, son of Albert and  
Alvina Utpadel, <sup>OF WHEELING</sup> on February 25, 1910.

The portion of the farm that they received from Mary's father was located on the immediate southwest corner of Milwaukee Avenue and Hintz Road. This section of land, although smaller in acreage than that received by siblings, was never-the-less equal in value. With business frontage on two roads, and the Forest Preserve District's recreational facility directly across the street, the business potential of this land was unlimited. The farm's original barn was on this section and it was converted to residential/business use. An apartment in the rear of the building provided comfortable living quarters for the family and a large 'front room' housed an ice cream parlor and later a grocery store, and then later it became a tavern (under new ownership)

In October, 1911, a son, Harold, was born. Another child died at birth and Harold remained an only child. He was raised here, surrounded by nearby relatives of all shapes, ages and sizes. ~~After~~ Harold married in 1933. <sup>In 1942</sup> Fred and Mary sold their property to Arthur Moeller and 'Art' converted the business to a tavern which he operated with the help of his only daughter, Grace.

Grace later married Arthur 'Bud' Miller, who's father owned and operated Wheeling's Bowling Alley, at a site about midway between the old Union Hotel and the water tower, before WW II. Grace and Bud's son,

Jeffrey, now owns and operates his parent's former Jeffrey Lanes Bowling Alley on North wolf Road. Arthur Moeller sold the business and land to the mother of Jan (Andy) Lefkovitz, who now operate Andy's Dam Inn on the site. The original building burned and they built a two story building set further back from the highway to allow better parking.

Mary and Fred had Mary's brother, Fred, build a new home for them at 48 E. Hintz Road, where they lived for the next seven years. This home is now occupied by John and Alice (Sander) Berkenheier. Alice is the sister of Elmer Grandt's wife Ruth and they live next door to one another.

Mary's husband Fred was employed by the state Highway Department. A very conscientious employee, there was a standing joke in one family that "Uncle Fred could always be depended upon to beat the first <sup>winter</sup> snowflake to the street, getting out there before the flake could hit ~~the~~ the road."

During the time that Mary and Fred lived on Hintz Road, Fred very nearly lost his life. Coming home one afternoon, his car was hit broadside by another driver and he was thrown out of his car into a nearby field. A nephew, who lived at that corner, Fred Grandt's oldest son, Clifford, heard the crash and rushed to the scene to help if he could. He saw a man -- whom he didn't immediately recognize as his uncle -- lying on his back on the ground, bleeding profusely from numerous facial cuts, unconscious and choking on his own

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tongue. Clifford, realizing the man would choke to death if nothing was done, and terribly frightened that anything he might do may actually contribute to the man's death, nevertheless, lifted and turned him so his tongue fell back out of his throat. Only while cradling Fred's head, as he awkwardly rolled his own jacket to place beneath it so he could not swallow his tongue again, did Clifford recognize the injured man as his uncle. Clifford's ashen face then told the rest of the story as he stumbled home, weak-kneed, to call the family.

after ~~he~~<sup>FRED</sup> recovered from the accident, ~~Fred~~<sup>HE</sup> wanted to move closer into town, so in 1948, they again had Mary's brother Fred, build a new home for them at 132 S. Wille in Wheeling. He had built a home ~~at~~ at 137 S. Wheeling, immediately behind this home, for their only child, Harold, and they were now once again close to ~~him~~<sup>HAROLD</sup> and his family. Mary and Fred lived out their remaining years ~~together~~ together here. Fred died in 1955. Mary lived alone here until shortly before <sup>at age 83:</sup> her death in 1975. ~~She died in the North Riverwood Nursing Center in Mundelien.~~

Mary and Fred are interred at St John's Cemetery ~~Cemetery~~ in 3070 McManis Ave, Northbrook.

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Harold Utpadel- Margaret Wahl  
& son, Gale

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Harold, grandson of Henry Grandt, Sr., was born and raised in Wheeling Township. When Harold and Margaret <sup>Wahl</sup> married in 19\_\_ , they contracted for a custom built home, to be built at 137 South Wheeling Avenue, in Wheeling, by Harold's uncle, Fred D. Grandt & Sons - Custom Builders.

Harold and his bride never moved from this home and <sup>lived together</sup> lived out the ~~balance~~ balance of their lives here, and well balanced they were.

Harold was employed by the Public Service Company of Northern Illinois (now Commonwealth Edison) as a lineman. He gave time to civic concern as a Volunteer Fireman with the Wheeling Fire Department. Margaret's interest in their community led to a weekly column she wrote for Paddock Publications, "Activities About Wheeling" for which she gathered news of births, birthday and wedding anniversaries, vacations and any other news that, printed by the newspaper, lent a lift to the spirit of local residents.

for 33 years then as a  
president of  
their church  
until he  
retired in 19\_\_

When Mother and Father Nature refused to cooperate to fulfill their yearning for a family, they adopted a baby boy <sup>born 12-4-47</sup> and named him Gale.

After Harold's father died, he, Margaret and their son, Gale, brought meaning and comfort to his mother's widowhood, where she lived alone in the home back to back with theirs. Mary died in 1945, and her grandson, Gale, ~~then~~ <sup>THEN</sup> married to Cynthia \_\_\_\_\_, moved into his grandmother's former home.

Harold Utpadel - Margaret Wahl  
& son, Gale Utpadel

Gale and Cynthia have a son, John. They were subsequently divorced and John lives with his \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_. On December 29, 1979, Harold suffered a fatal heart attack and died at Holy Family Hospital in Des Plaines. Margaret, overwhelmed by the loss of her husband, suffered a severe nervous breakdown and \_\_\_\_\_ never recovered. She died three years later on February 22, 1984, <sup>at \_\_\_\_\_ where she had lived since Harold's death.</sup> Harold and Margaret are interred at Wheeling Cemetery.

Their son, Gale, now occupies their former home at 137 South Wheeling Avenue, with his second wife, Julia \_\_\_\_\_,

whom he married on \_\_\_\_\_, Gale is employed ~~by~~ as a *lineman*

*for Central Telephone Company.*

Note: The Utpadel Clan was a prominent family in Wheeling's early years, helping to establish much of Wheeling's 'way of life'. It is interesting to note that the 1984 Illinois Bell Telephone Book does not list a single Utpadel now in Wheeling and Myla Utpadel (Melvin) Lange. We know that Gale and Julia Utpadel (the fourth/fifth ~~generation~~ and their son \_\_\_\_\_ generation) do indeed live in Wheeling, but, are they really the last of this grand old clan ???

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## CHARLES GRANDT - MARTHA NEUMAN

253-2886

Charles, born in Wheeling Township on April 24, 1893, son of Henry Grandt, Sr., was the only one of Henry's children not to remain on homestead land. Charles received a five acre plot on Hintz Road but never developed it. He married Martha Neuman on June 13, 1916 and built a new home for her at 46 S. Mitchell in Arlington Heights, where they lived together until his ~~late~~ untimely death in an automobile accident in 1939. The land on Hintz Road was sold in the mid 1940s, when his widow remarried.

Charles carried on his father's legacy as public servant, holding the post of Wheeling Township Supervisor until his death. At that time the Supervisor's office was located on Northwest Highway and Evergreen Street in Arl. Hgts. During the Depression years, Charlie distributed food to desperate families.

A young girl, unknown to him then, but destined to one day become his son, Wilbert's, wife, recalls the admiration, bordering on awe, that Charles inspired in his constituents. Her parents had owned a resale shop and grocery store in Arl. Hgts., (her father sold the store to an aunt after her mother died), and Charles often stopped in there. She recalls, "He always sported a big cigar and a booming laugh. Often he would arrive with his good friend, George Dieber. Almost reverently, someone in the store would announce, "Charlie Grandt is coming!" or "Here comes CHARLIE GRANDT." One of Charlie's nieces can attest to the joy he brought when he visited their family. All the children came running and rushed to his car when Uncle Charlie drove up. The love was mutual.

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Martha  
Charlie and ~~Martha~~

Two sons and a daughter were born to ~~them~~. The daughter, Evelyn, died when she was thirteen months old. She, her father, and her grandparents, the Henry Grandt Srs., are all interred at the Euclid Cemetary in Arl. Hgts.

Their oldest son, Wilbert, born April 1, 1921, is married to Arlene Sedecky. They have three sons, Charles, William and James. Wilbert and Arlene have five grandchildren. Their son, James, carries on the public service legacy of his Great Grandfather and Grandfather, working in the Public Works Department in the Village of Mt. Prospect. Wilbert <sup>was</sup> employed by Northern Ice Gas Co. for <sup>42 yrs - retired a year ago.</sup> They have always lived in Arl. Heights in the town where both were raised.

Roger, their second son, was born on September 29, 1925. He is married to Geraldine Marr, a former Jefferson Park resident. They have two sons, David and Craig and a daughter, Tracey Ann, who is married to George Surpendent and lives in Buffalo Grove with her husband and his ~~son~~ young son, Jeffery. Roger and 'Gerry' have five grandchildren, a step grandson, and anticipate two more grandchildren by January 1985. Roger has owned and operated Roger W. Grandt's Automobile Service Station at 406 E. Northwest Highway in Arlington Heights for the past twenty years. They live in Arl. Hgts.

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On August 15, 1942, Martha put her widowhood behind her and married Arthur Bentz. They shared many happy years with their ~~x~~ combined families before he died in 19\_\_, leaving Martha again in widowhood. The home that Charles had ~~xx~~ built for his bride so long ago was sold in May of 1983 when Martha moved in to the care of \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ where she spent the closing year\_ of her life. She died in July of this year, 1984 at the age of 89.

~~x~~ Arthur Bentz had four children from his previous marriage: June Bentz Sedlinsky, Robert R. Bentz, Mary Jean Bentz ~~RENEE~~ Milkovich and Shirley Bentz Schaffer. Shirley was only seven years old when Arthur and Martha married.

Charlie's grandson, James, (Wilbert's son) exhibits the woodworking traits of his forefathers. One of many talented people who descend in the Grandt bloodline, Jim has won two National Awards for his woodworking projects. His hobby turns out fishing rod handles and more recently has branched out to include wood cases for rod and reel and wood boxes for other fishing gear. He lives near his parents in Arl. Hgts. and is employed in the Mt. Prospect Public Works Dept.

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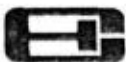


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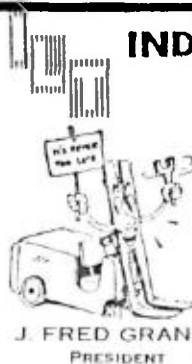
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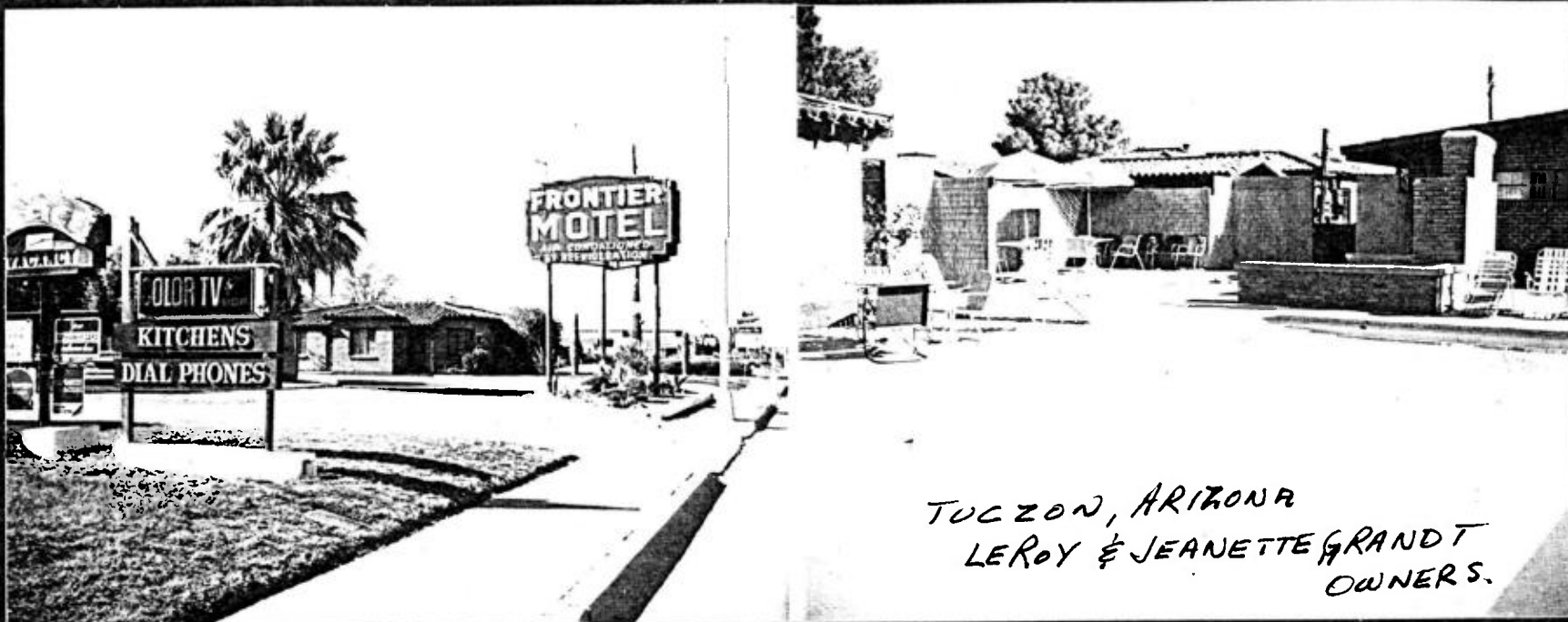
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FOUR DECADES PASSED,  
EACH TRIED AND TRUE.  
SOME SKIES WERE BRIGHT,  
AND SOME WERE BLUE.

THE DAYS HAVE PASSED,  
EACH ONE BY ONE...  
FOUR BABIES BORN,  
AND THAT WAS DONE.

GRAND-BABIES CAME,  
ADDED TO YOUR CLAN  
DOUBLING JOY IN LIFE,  
AS IN GOD'S OWN PLAN.

GAZING BACK TO SEE,  
JUST HOW LIFE WAS SPENT,  
AND AHEAD TO YEARS,  
OF MORE PURE CONTENT.

YOU TWO JOINED HEARTS,  
BACK IN FORTY FOUR.  
MAY GOD BLESS YOU BOTH,  
WITH FORTY MORE...

40th Anniversary of  
Joe & Betty Gorski

REMEMBER WHEN;

- We had real candles on the Christmas tree...
- We were quaranteened for months because we were all so good about sharing -- especially measles, mumps and chicken pox...
- Pa worked in Michigan and wrote letters home on the bark of birch trees...
- When Pa set the back hall on fire with his corn-cob pipe left in his pocket when he hung it up to come in and eat supper...
- The bitter cold winter morning when Pa got his fill of all of us steaming up the car window to immediate frost when he was trying to clear the window to see to drive us to school and he exploded with, "Will you GÖL DERNED kids quit breathin"...
- When Ma would make us all come into the house quickly and BE QUIET because old John Eden was weaving down Hintz Road toward home and she didn't want to get stuck talking to him...
- When the Wheeling Drainage Ditch (we called it Buffalo Creek) water was so clean and clear we could play in it and catch cray fish, minnows and sometimes a noxious leech...
- Picking grapes, raspberries, stawberries and ,ugh, gooseberries to eat right off the plants...
- The old washing machine with the push-handle that you had to push back and forth to agitate the tubload of laundry...
- Scrubbing hardwood floors on your hands and knees with Fels Naptha soap and a scrub brush and spreading newspapers over the floor to keep it clean for a day or two...
- The long underwear that left ugly bulges at our ankles under our long stockings...

REMEMBER WHEN; cont.

- When Wynthrop, Uffer and Sternberg were our closest neighbors...
- When the Des Plaines River was a recreation area with a diving board over the water, bath houses along the shore, swings, merry-go-round and ponies on the east side of the river and a driveway across from Hintz Road and over the dam into the woods...
- When Ma had Doll's Coffee Shop out on Route 12 in Lake Zurich...
- We had family reunions at our house ...
- When only the kitchen stove was heating our 'house' and we all made a mad dash for the kitchen in the morning with our clothes and warmed our shoes on the open oven door...
- When fuzzy little chicks and ducklings were newly hatched...
- When the mother sow had a litter of the cute little piglets...
- When we wore round garters and later harness-type...
- We all went to "Cedar Lake" and Ma had fried a roasting pan of chicken for the picnic...
- We had to cut fresh cardboard 'insoles' for our shoes each morning because there were holes in our shoe soles and Pa had no leather to resole them...
- We had a coal bin in the basement under the dining room area and the back section of the basement had an earth floor...
- When we had a cistern in the basement -- room size -- to catch rain water for bathing and laundry and dishes and the water was heated in a tank on the side of the kitchen stove...

## REMEMBER WHEN; cont.

- We had two sets of Grandparents; Big Grandma and Big Grandpa (Ma's parents) and Little Grandma and Little Grandpa (Pa's parents)...
- When it was so cold in the winter that we piled coats on top of the blankets to stay warm and it got so hot in those same bedrooms in the summer that we slept in front of the front door or even out on the lawn...
- Fritz had St. Vitus Dance (disease) so bad he couldn't feed himself and a simple tonsilectomy cured him...
- Ma had a way of 'dealing' with enemies; "Kill them with kindness." she advised and practiced...
- Curl Zurick said, "It is blessed to forgive, but only a fool forgets !"...
- Kerosene lamps were used and the lamp globe would be smoked black if the wick was turned up too high or not trimmed right...
- We listened to soap operas like, "our Gal Sunday" and "Helen Trent" and the spine tingling late nite program "The Shadow knows"...
- Cliff's crystal set radio that he listened to with earphones...
- Pa's agravaion with western music when he would order us to "Turn off that noodle box !" ...
- Having to milk a cow...
- Clifford accidently set the cow barn on fire and the cow got burned so badly she couldn't be milked...
- The abundance of dishes and silverware we had rescued from the Villa Venice garbage that Pa picked up each day (morning/evening)

REMEMBER WHEN; cont.

to feed the pigs he raised...

- We had an earth section open under the back hall and rats tunneled inside the house under the foundation into that section and then got into the living quarters...
- Clifford cornered a rat in the kitchen and killed it with a broomstick when it leaped for his throat -- the rat following a self protective instinct that Cliff was unaware of and thoroughly frightened by...
- The boys, Cliff and Gog, shooting rats with a rifle out the back porch window when they <sup>(the rats)</sup> tried to raid the chicken coop...
- Ma was pregnant, washing the kitchen floor and got stuck under the table in the breakfast nook and Pa had to dismantle the table to free her...
- Pa picked up garbage from the CCC Camp and when the cooks discovered how many children he had to feed in those depression years, they saved the leftovers from camp meals and sent it home in a clean pot with him. One of those meals was our introduction to bean sprouts and when we asked Pa what they were he told us they were "worms" and after gingerly sampling them we found they were good and were so hungry we ate...
- Little Grandma's method of instant obedience, an ear lobe pinched between two sharp fingernails, the quiet of her home where the ticking of her clock sounded loud...
- Aunt Rose and Uncle Joe's twenty-fifth wedding anniversary party held at Ignatz and Mary's Restaurant-Tavern on Milwaukee Avenue and the near disaster of the "green" beer consumed by the guests -- many were thought to be drunk and weren't...

REMEMBER WHEN; cont.

- We didn't have electricity or running water and had to carry buckets of water to flush the toilet and had a well outside at the back of the house with a pump (hand) where we got our drinking water...
- Before that we had an "outhouse" in the back yard...
- The second floor of our house was just an attic...
- Lee and June bought a retired race horse (Miss Lee) to ride and boarded it at the Wichman Brothers' barn across the roads...
- When the Evert family lived on the farm where Sternbergs had lived and the Carls now live...
- We had galvanized pipe swing poles embedded in concrete in the front yard and Pa built an aeroplane swing for there...
- We had to hang laundry outside on the line in winter and later carry in stiff as a board underwear to finish drying in the house...
- We could legally buy fire crackers to celebrate July 4th and Cliff had a package of 'lady-fingers' go off in his hand at Little Grandpa's house, then ran all the way home for help...
- June, at age nineteen got the mumps, thought she was well, went out, had a relapse the next day and lost the hearing in her right ear...
- Ma and Pa went to Texas to help build Otto's Courts (Tourist) on the Laguna Madre Bay in Port Isabel...

REMEMBER WHEN; cont.

- June and Betty would get identical dolls for Christmas, one dressed in pink and one in blue and once they were undressed, couldn't be told apart from one another...
- Scooters were made with two boards and the wheels from someone's roller skates...
- We rode in the open back of Pa's stake body truck to visit the Zurick's on Winona Avenue in Chicago...
- We rode down 'washboard' road to Big Grandma and Grandpa's farm in Niles Center which was along side a railroad track...
- We watched the beacon from Palwaukee Airport sweep across the sky from its corner location at Milwaukee Avenue and Palatine Road -- long before the jets flew directly over your house and landed almost in Ma and Pa's front yard...
- The Wheeling Nursery was owned by Ernest and Effie Kruse and the Melzers lived across the street from you...
- The Hipp-Castle family lived where the Melzers lived later... The Sessou's farm was where Meadowbrook East now is...
- The Clesen family owned the farm on the east side of Wolf Road where apartments and condos are now...
- We walked to Wheeling Public School (now Walt Whitman) in winter and spring -- freezing our hands, feet and noses in the winter if we couldn't bum a ride with Uncle Henry...
- Ma was President of the PTA...
- Uncle Henry Grandt was President of the School Board, and Supervisor of the Cook County Forest Preserve District...
- Grandpa Grandt was Cook County Drainage Commissioner...

## REMEMBER WHEN:

- Little Grandma Grandt had a water pump right in the bathroom so she didn't have to carry in bath water...
- We could never find a needle to sew on buttons...
- Flat irons for ironing clothes were heated on the kitchen wood burning cook stove...
- Dolly was born at home and the doctor pulled down the dining room window shades so we couldn't watch him taking care of the 'new' baby...
- There was a two-story abandoned house on the lot next to our house on the west owned by the Duzeks, which we regularly explored, played house in and one summer Max Henderson lived in one of its bedrooms...
- Halloween was fun -- before contemporary ghouls began to booby-trap the treats -- the older kids in town always put a big buggy on the foyer roof at Wheeling Public School (Walt Whitman), and the nastier kids would wax windows instead of soaping them and put bundles of corn stalks in the middle of Wolf Road...
- We made dresses and blouses from the flower print material from flour and feed sacks...
- The Knoll family held a barn dance and it was fun to sit on bales of straw being used as chairs...
- Unguntine salve, goose grease and turpentine were the big thing in home remedies...
- Ma gave us a teaspoon of turpentine (or was it kerosene) saturated with sugar (or was it the other way around) for sore throats -- and it worked, in self-defense I guess...
- We used hair-setting gel that had the consistence of egg white and if you perspired a lot and your hair got wet the gel would turn back to liquid from its dry stage, ugh...
- The Sunday funnies featured the Katzinjammer Kids, Flash Gordon, Brenda Starr, Maggi and Jigs, etc...
- Little Grandpa Grandt cooled milk in big metal milk cans in the "milk House" -- its still standing on the old homestead...



## REMEMBER WHEN:

- We were quaranteened, and out of funds, and one of Ma's wealthy sisters -- Aunt Ann or Aunt Gert -- passed a \$20. bill to her through the dining room window. After the visitors left, she still had the money in her hand and absent mindedly/crumpled it up, opened the lid on the wood-burning kitchen stove and tossed, what she was thinking was a scrap of paper, into the stove, where a flash of flame immediately consumed the vital, generous gift. SHE was sicker then than all of us kids put together...
- LeRoy worked for Sternbergs on their farm and stayed in the fields so long the sun burned the black grit into the back of his neck so it couldn't be scrubbed clean and it always looked like his neck was dirty...
- Sternbergs moved to Wisconsin on a farm there and Lee would ride the soo-line freight train up there so he could go on working on their farm...
- Pots and pans got smoked black from the wood stove and we would take them outside to clean the bottoms by twisting them back and forth in the gravel of the driveway -- it worked pretty good too...
- We climbed up the ladder on the inside of Sternberg's silo when it was empty before harvest and we could climb all the way to the top...
- The Sternberg brothers, Norman and Wally, and Uncle Henry's kids, Mable and Ester were our only neighborhood playmates, then Hanna Witte (Hahn) came to visit Winthrops and we fought over who's friend she was...
- We watched Mrs. Sternberg *witte* she put the daily milk production through that funny looking, hand cranked separator where cream came out of one spout and watery looking milk came out the other spout...
- The Day family moved into Mr Winthrop's house and Mr Day hired us older kids to assemble small wood wagons, then he'd dip them in a big vat of paint and let them drip dry...

## REMEMBER WHEN:

- Bobby Day was dying of leukemia and his little sister, Tina, (Kenny's playmate) pulled the wagon he rode in so they could come to see Kenny...
- We worked summers on Aunt Rose and Uncle Joe Karlesky's garden-farm on Buffalo Grove Road in B.G., where we pulled weeds, and harvested ripe vegetables -- carrots, beets, radishes, onions -- and had to tie them into small bunches with string, then load them on the truck to go to the 'wash house' where they were scrubbed in big tubs of water with rotating brushes...
- We went to dances at the Buffalo House in Buffalo Grove, which were held on the second floor and it sometimes felt like the floor would giveaway to the stomping tempo...
- We walked to school -- about a mile and a half -- and passed only three houses on the way -- Clesen's, Hip's and Dickhoff's...
- Mable Grandt died from peritonitis after an appendectomy at Dr. Larson's Wheeling Hospital when she was twelve...
- Little Grandma died and you, Betty, saw her image in the mirror on Ma's dresser and it scared the heck out of you...
- The Glueck family got Black Diphtheria and lost three or four children to it, including Dorothy who was ten or twelve years old and a small baby...
- The teachers at Wheeling Public School, Miss Keith, Miss Richmond, Miss Bray and Miss Fry, each taught two grade levels all subjects including singing, dance, theater and etiquette and monitored the playground and lunch -- at our desks or later in a lunchroom during recess and through lunch hour -- stayed after school with those disobedient students who were 'kept after', meanwhile, grading papers from the day's assignments...
- Mr Britenfelt replaced Miss Richmond when she left to get married and he also coached Wheeling School's first basketball team to win second place in interscholastic tournament. The team had two Grandt girls on it, Ester and June...

REMEMBER WHEN; cont.

- The Wolf Road bridge was built and Ma made and sold lunches to some of the men; and June and Gordon were hired as "water boys" to haul drinking water to the construction workers...
  - Hanna came to spend summer vacation with Mr. and Mrs. Winthrop and came back for a few more summers...
  - There were hills (mountains to us) along the creek where animals dug tunnel homes, where we could find hundreds of pretty sparkling stones and play "King of the Hill"...
  - The Des Plaines River froze over like glass and ice skating was free and fun...
  - Clifford had a trap 'line' where he caught beaver, muskrat, rabbit and "pew", skunk, which he skinned, then treated and dried the pelts and sold them -- where or to whom ???...
  - We picked violets by the farm bridge (west of Wolf Road) along side of the creek where there was an enormous patch, then offered them to Ma as a 'peace offering' for disobeying her order not to venture that far from home...
  - The 'town boys' went skinny dipping under the Wolf Road Bridge...
  - You, Betty, dated another guy (other than the one you married, that is) and he brought you home from your 'date' with both your arms broken... *ROLLER SKATING MISHAP...*
  - When two employees of Evanger's , Betty Jane Grandt and Joseph Gorski, met and fell head over heels in love...
- YOU GOTTA REMEMBER THAT. BUT THAT'S YOUR STORY, YOU'LL HAVE TO FINISH IT...

...HAPPY MEMORIES...

*June*

# Family Portraits

## Parents



FRED DAVID GRANDT



MARGARET ELIZABETH  
GABRIEL

## Children



CLIFFORD DAVID



MARGARET JUNE



EDWARD GORDON



ELIZABETH JANE



FREDERICK JOSEPH



LEROY JAMES



LORJEAN DOLLY ALICE



CAROL ANN



KENNETH



PAUL REITLINGER

E. GORDON GRANDT



ARTHUR & LORLEAN MATTER

MR & MRS FRED GRANDT



LORJEAN 'DOLLY' GRANDT  
CAROL ANN GRANDT



UNKNOWN

KENNETH GRANDT





FRED J. GRANDT, HOLDING  
BRO. KENNETH



VIEW  
NORTH

MILWAUKEE  
AVE

HINTZ ROAD  
LOOKING EAST FROM  
WOLF RD.



JUNE & CLIFFORD GRANDT

LILLIAN (GRANDT) KREFT



DETLOV GRANDT  
FATHER OF HENRY, SR.



MARGARET (GABRIEL) GRANDT  
MARY (GRANDT) UTPADEL  
IN CENTER  
HELEANA (KERSCHKE) GRANDT



JUNE GRANT  
HORSE: MISS LEE

The Division 3 basketball tournament which was played in the Lincoln gym March 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7, by both girls and boys teams, of the various schools was won by the Niles girls, Wheeling girls 2nd and the Maple girls 3rd. The boys championship was won by Cleveland, Northbrook 2nd and Morton Grove 3rd. As an aftermath Saturday evening the coaches of Division 3 played a team of former N. C. high school basketball players, consisting of the Van Cleave brothers, Bud Kenning, Tom Ethernan and Harold Wolters. The score was 32 to 23 in favor of the former N. C. H. S. players. Mr. Puffer's assistant presented the trophies to the victorious teams. Eleven boys teams and nine girls teams competed in the tournament.

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1st trophy won @ Wheeling School Dist 21.  
Trophy housed @ Wheeling did not have a gym at that time & practice was on a gravel area in back of school Julius Bredenfeldt was coach.

Girls team included Betty McClurey Ester Grandt June Grandt.



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ARTHUR & LORJEAN 'DOLLY'  
MATTER

MR & MRS  
FRED D. GRANDT



MARGARET (GABRIEL) GRANDT w/ 4 YOUNGEST CHILDREN  
FRONT - CAROL ANN, KENNETH  
BACK - LEROY, LORIAN 'BOCCY'



70 yrs, Thyaband: Fred, 3 med, 5 daa, Fred, 2 grandchild 2 daughter-in-law, 1 sister, 3 brother 1 mother-in-law, 1 son	85 yrs, 6 yrs, 7 da, Mumma: Tomke, August, Fred, Henry, Mary, daughter, in-law, 2 bro-in-law, 1 grand, 1 great grand-in-law	76 yrs, 10 med, 8 daa, 1 brother, 1 sister, 1 sister-in-law, 1 brother-in-law, 1 son	1942 Nov. 26, Nov. 29, Dreumonia	1943 Aug. 6, Aug. 9, Heart stroke	1943 July 25, July 29, July St. Ote All the	1943 Aug. 6, Aug. 9, Heart stroke	1943 July 25, July 29, July St. Ote All the
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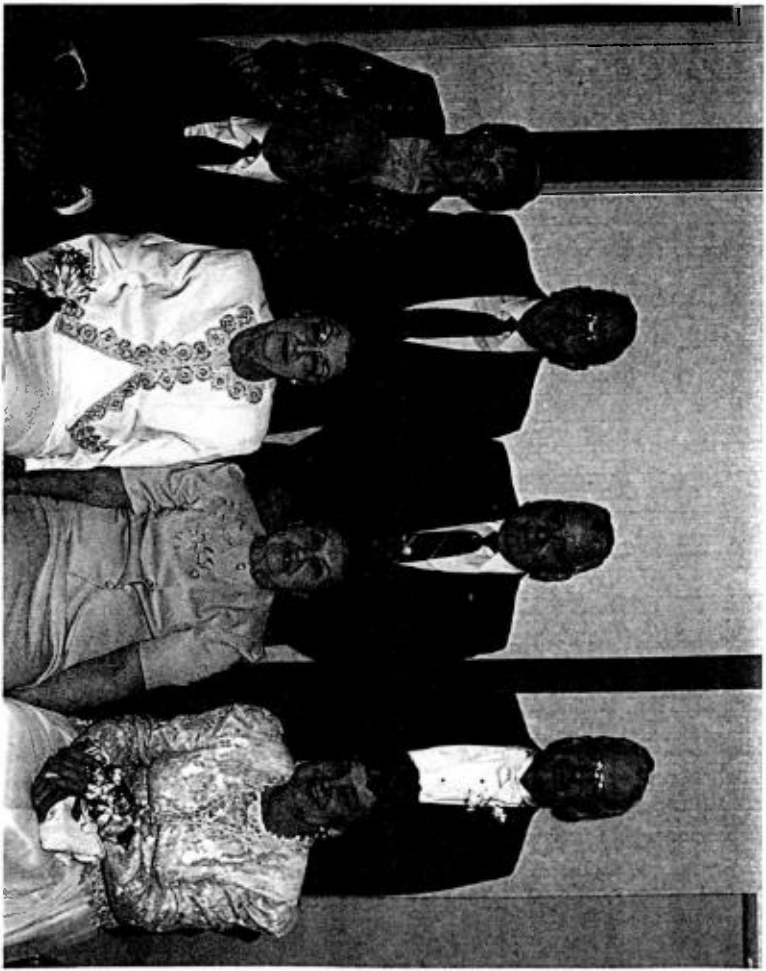
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189.	Dorthea Marie Schindler von Joh. Kling und seiner Ehefrau Charlotte, geb. Hoch.	28 Juli 1933	29 Juli 1933	Reichswald			
34. 190.	Minniehardt, Tochter des verstor. Friedrichhardt u. M. Ehfrau Dorothea, geb. Schneider	Jan. 4, 1934	Jan. 9, 1934	Die wurde nachher in dem Hause in Chicago, wo sie im Dienst war.	14 Jm. 9 Jm. 23 J.	14 Jm. 9 Jm. 23 J.	Stiefmutter, 1 Bruder, 3 Schwägerin, 2 Stiefbrüder, 2 Stiefschwester 2 Halbschwester
191.	Blatys Alice Bellinger, Tochter des verstor. Friedrichs und der Ehfrau Anna, geb. Mathias.	Ok. 17, 1934	Feb. 18, 1934	Scharlachfieber	3 J. 1 Jm. 9 J.	3 J. 1 Jm. 9 J.	Eltern, 3 Brüder, Brüderin Mathie.
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Henry Grant's  
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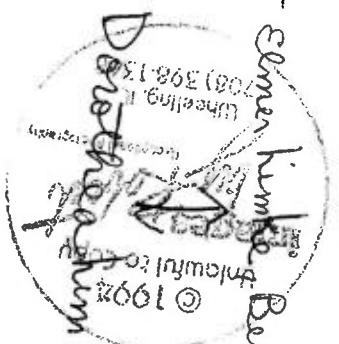
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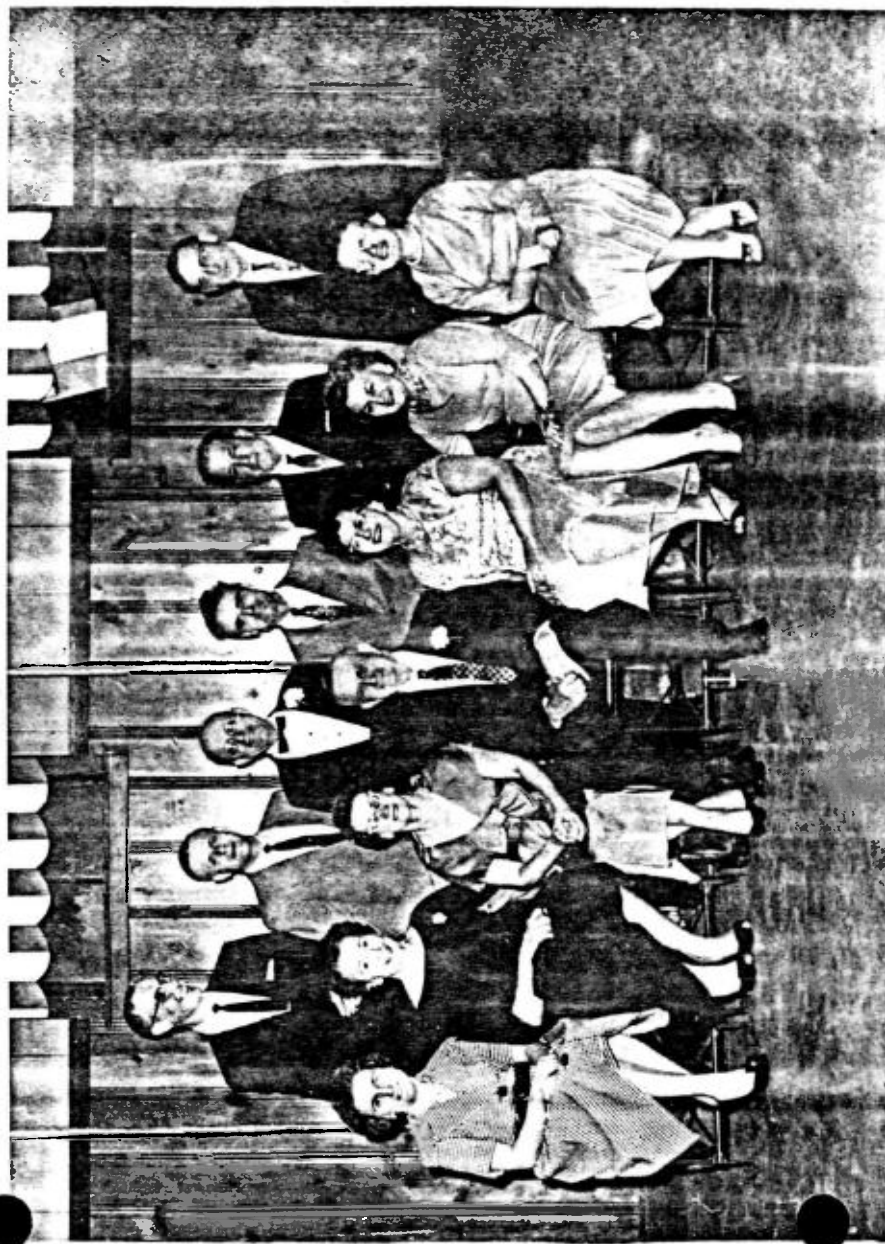
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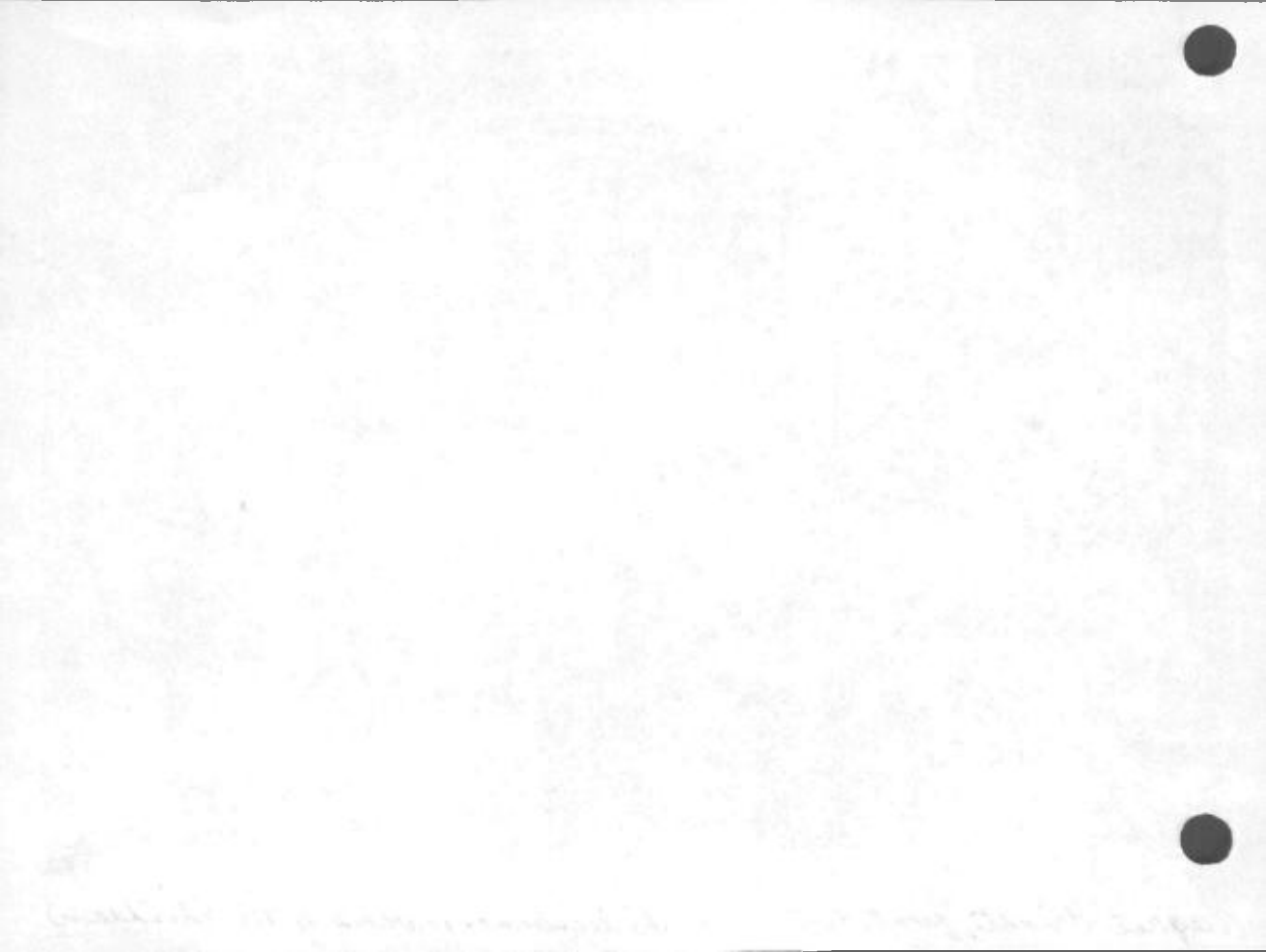


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*August Grandt, front center, with his twelve children*

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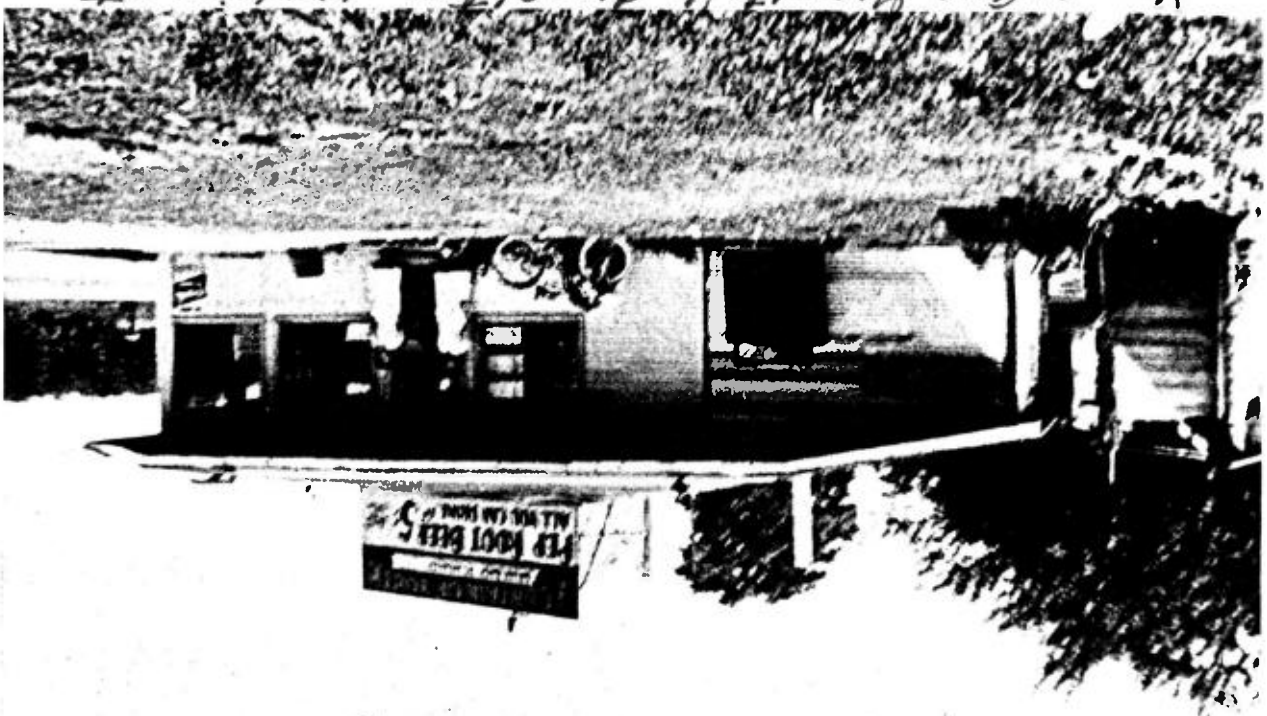
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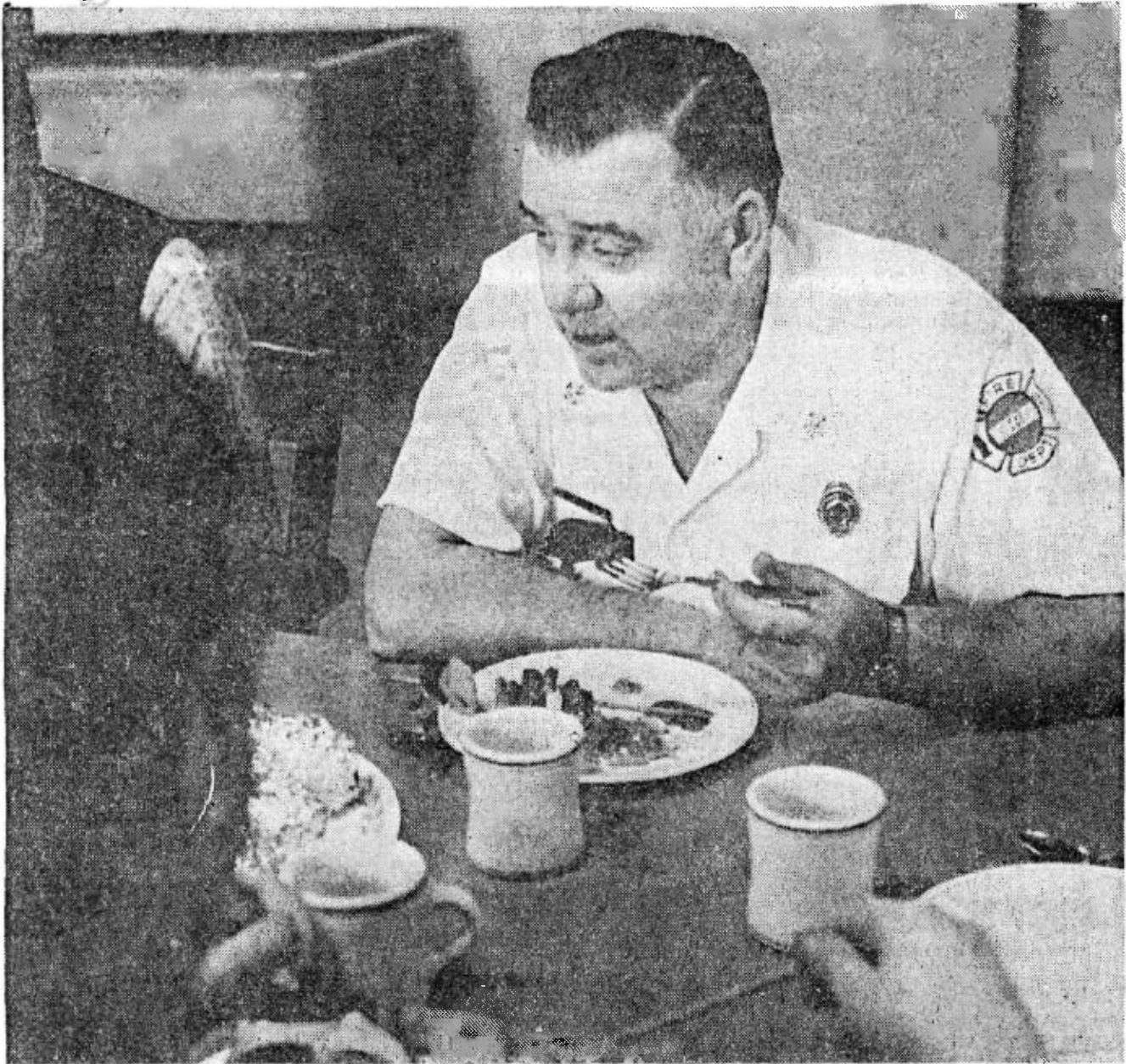
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Cooks often get fired up at fire department

*Son of Fred Grandt  
Grandson of Henry Grandt, Sr.*

## Meals real 'bell ringers'

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crew is not working, is under lock and key.

The cooks are selected by trial and error, and in the case of Grandt, by reputation. Grandt worked in several Wheeling restaurants before becoming a fireman almost two years ago.

Grandt enjoys cooking as a hobby and likes his job at the fire station.

"I never dreamed of being a fireman. I guess I owe it to the chief (Bernie Koepfen), and I love the work," said Grandt.

While downing the "kabobs," Grandt said it was not his favorite meal. "I like too many other things better, with my favorite being pork tenderloin patties sauteed with vegetables," he explained.

GRANDT OFFERED to share his secret with the cooks of Wheeling, so here it is:

You'll need tenderloin patties, one onion, several green peppers, one zucchini squash, one tomato and ¼-pound of bacon.

Fry the patties in butter until brown. Fry the bacon crisp and pour out most of the grease — save some to pour over the patties. Slice the onion, peppers and squash and saute until just barely firm.

After frying the bacon, put it over the patties and add the cooked vegetables. Top the mixture with sliced tomatoes and simmer until the vegetables are soft. Serve and eat.

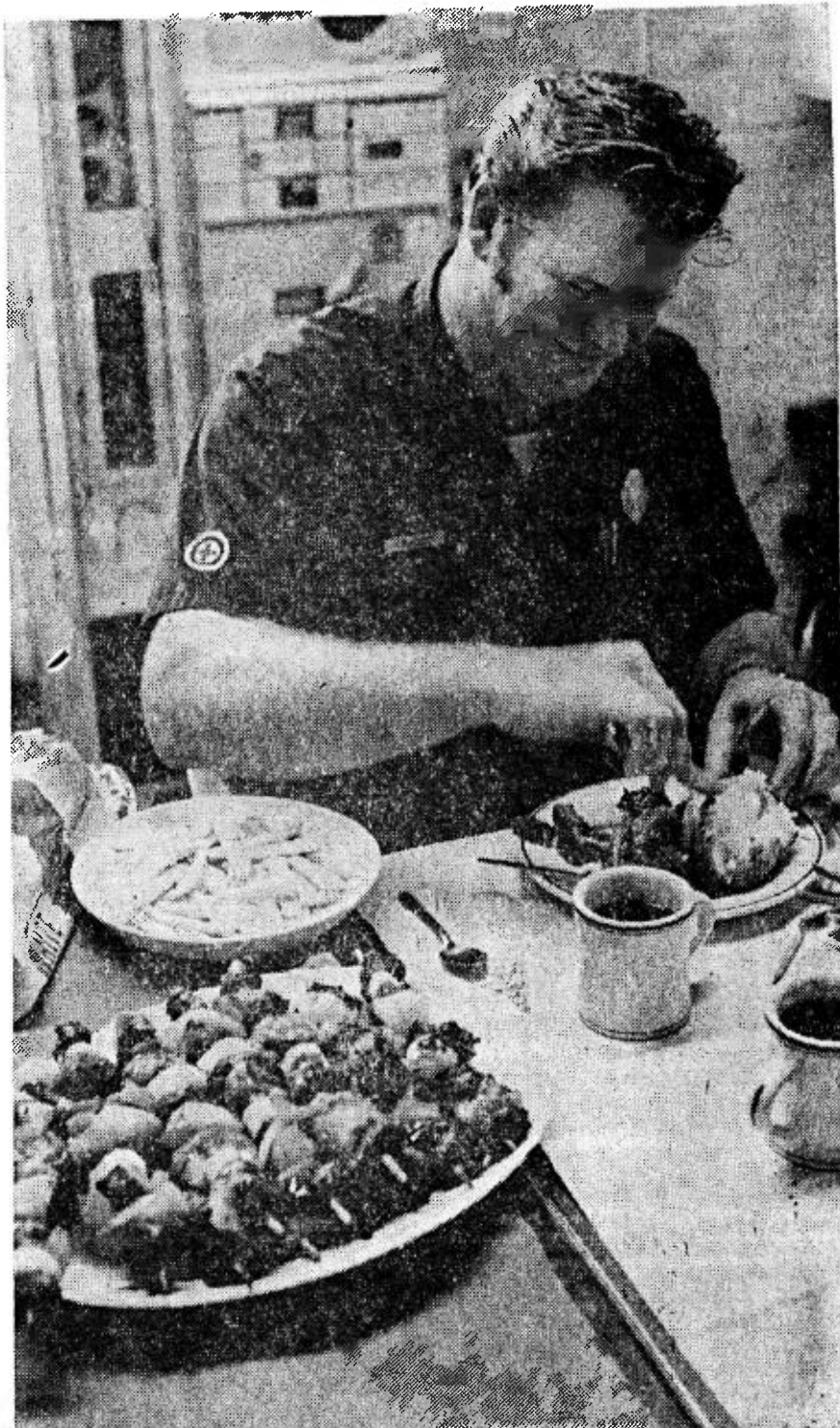
Chief Koepfen said he doesn't mind the cooking, even though he doesn't regularly eat at the station. "I guess when you get older you just don't eat as often. These guys really put it down. I'm afraid some day they'll all be out of shape," he said.

He added that before the department went to shift work and having cooks, firemen would just "brown-bag it." The chief also said he hopes to get his men a new oven for the kitchen.

WHEN ASKED what the men would do today if the cooking stopped he said, "They'd probably starve."

As for the cooks, their only complaint is that every time they get ready to sit down to eat a meal, the alarm rings. "It's not bad with some foods, but some of them you can't save. There have been many meals ruined by an alarm," said Grandt.

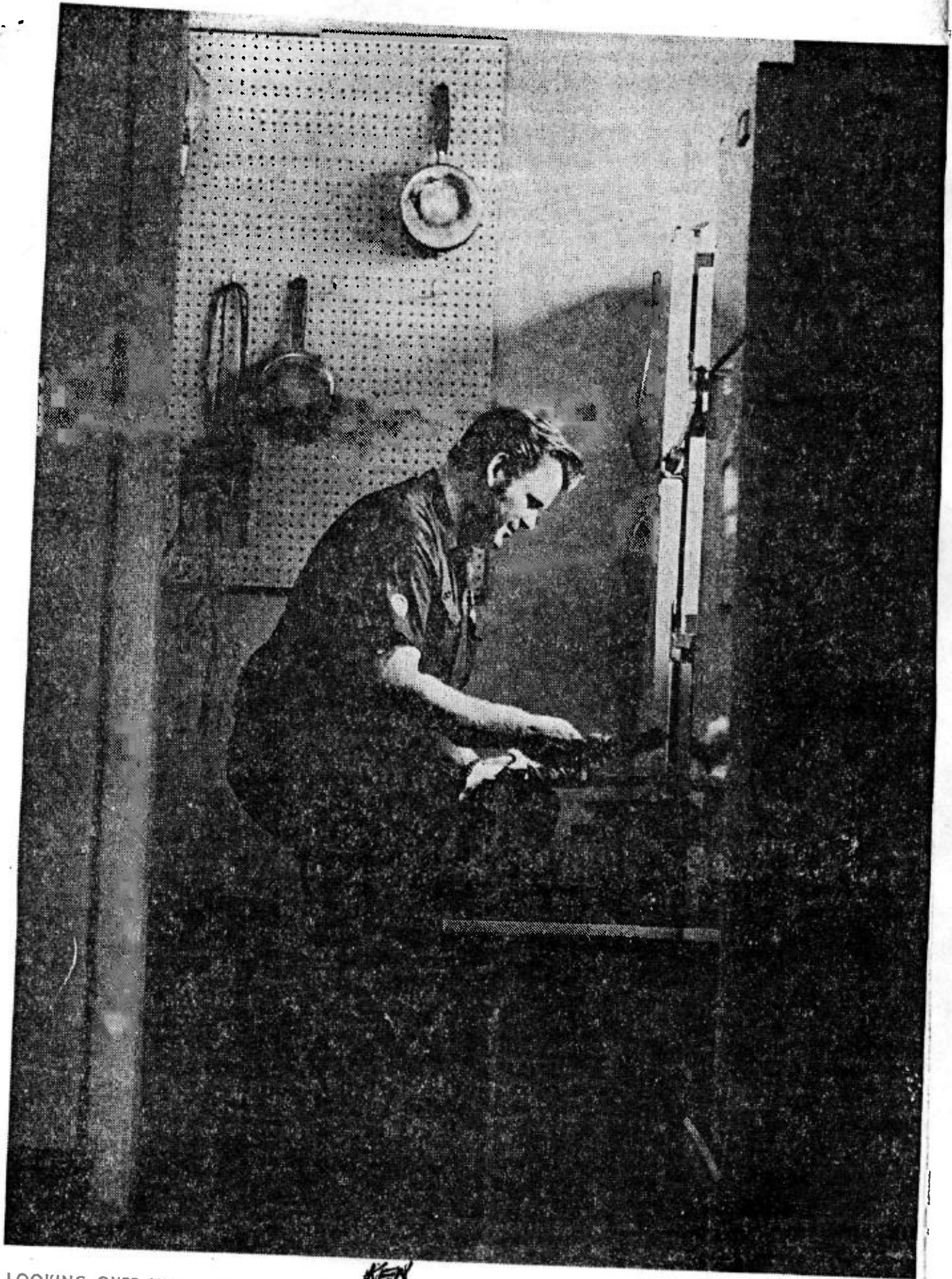
The men on Grandt's shift declined to answer any questions as to how his cooking compares to that of their wives. Grandt said he also looks for a happy future and would not say who the better cook is in his family. However, he did say his wife likes it better when he cooks.



ONE OF THE chief cooks for the Wheeling Fire Department, Ken Grandt, samples a little of his work. Ken has cooked for several Wheeling restaurants, including Rickett's, the

Union Hotel and the Wheeling Manor. He has been a member of the fire department for almost two years and now cooks as a hobby.





MISPRINT  
OF  
NAME

LOOKING OVER HIS creation at the oven, ~~Dick~~ <sup>NEW</sup> Grandt vegetables. Also in the picture are two of the fire department's three refrigerators, which are kept under lock and key when the shifts are not working.

# Food

## Firemen take the heat of th

By JACKIE DORNBOS  
Correspondent

WHERE DO YOU go to discover easy-to-fix foods men really like?

Why, to a firehouse, of course, where firefighters work 24-hour shifts every third day and eat lunch and dinner on the job.

Northbrook has two stations, each with three 6-7 man crews.

"Each crew pays for its own food and plans the day's menus together," explained Dan Bonkowski, the duty chief for both stations.

"Other than the actual cooking, tasks are divided.

"Some do the shopping, others the dog work of peeling and slicing, setting the table and cleaning up.

"Some of our men really enjoy cooking, like Pat Cunningham, whose parents owned a restaurant, and Dave Brannstromm. Others have specialties, Milt Lemke's apple pancakes, Terry Koeller's potato salad, to mention just two. But most everyone takes a turn."

STEVE JOHNSON, who was grilling Reuben sandwiches for lunch, looked over and grinned.

"One of our favorite dinners that anyone can make is a beef roast with mashed potatoes and green beans," Johnson said.

"Or sandwiches," laughed Jim Sanford, who modestly admits to making the biggest and best

hamburgers in town.

"Pot roast with vegetables is another standby, especially in cold weather," said Bob Brogan. "Not to mention chili and spaghetti."

"When it's really hot, a big Chef's salad with leftover beef and cheese tastes good," volunteered Dave Rievest.

Desserts are a low priority, Bonkowski said, explaining that firefighters don't need the extra calories.

"The job can be, and often is, pretty strenuous," he said.

"To stay in shape, most of the men exercise. With calls coming in at any time at an average of eight a day, it just wouldn't make sense to make something that had to be carefully watched, like a cake.

"Sometimes, several calls come in at the same time. When that happens, ovens or grills are turned off until the emergencies are over. By the time a call is completed and reports made and turned in, hours can go by."

"Meal preparation actually takes up very little of our time. In addition to emergency calls for fire, local and expressway auto accidents, heart attacks and so forth, the men have routine duties, like routinely testing every fire hydrant in town for water pressure and constantly updating their skills with State of Illinois fire and accident simulations."

Equipment is kept in mint condition at all times, and the men at the Landwehr station recently completely remodeled their kitchen themselves. A new stove, butcher block counters, tiled back-splashes and a dishwasher were installed.

Do these men, who every third day work in complete harmony putting a meal together, do the cooking at home, too?

"No way," Sanford confessed. "My wife says I make too big a mess, and she doesn't look kindly on the cook not cleaning up after himself."

### MILT LEMKE'S APPLE PANCAKES

- 2 cups sifted flour 2 tablespoons sugar
- 4 teaspoons baking powder
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 2 well-beaten egg yolks
- 2 cups milk
- 2 tablespoons melted butter
- 1 cup chopped apple
- 2 stiffly beaten egg whites

Sift dry ingredients. Combine egg yolks and milk. Pour into dry ingredients, stir well. Add butter and apple.

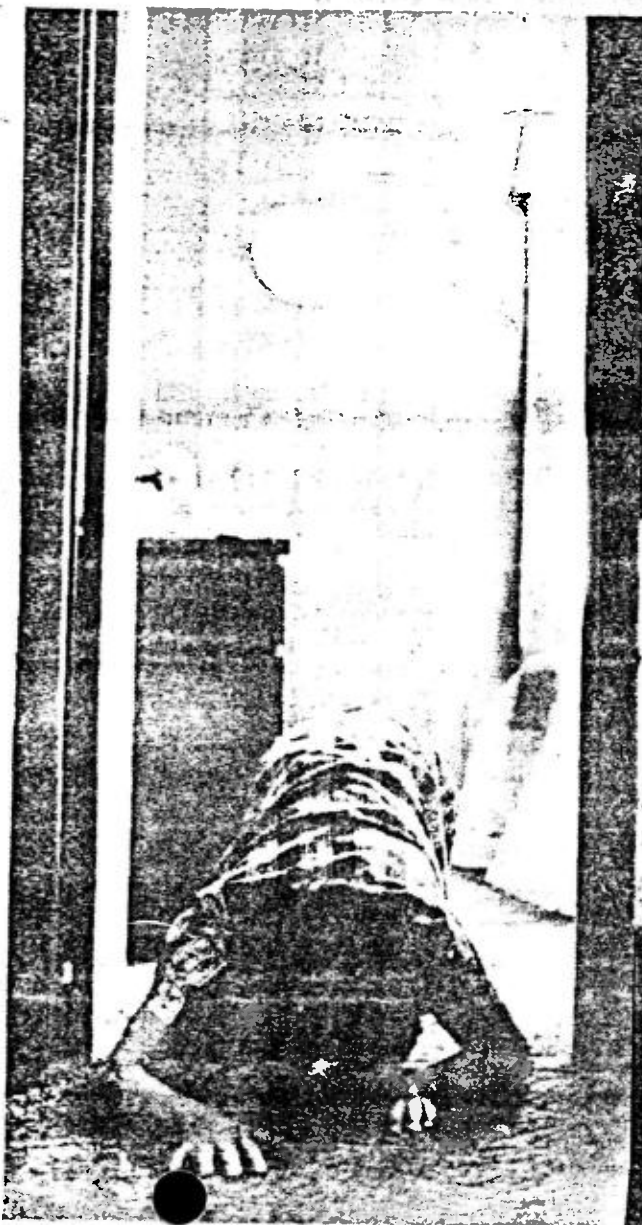
Fold in egg whites. Let batter stand a few minutes. Bake on a hot griddle, lightly greased if necessary. Turn only once. If desired, dust with powdered sugar. Makes about 12.

MILTON 'MILT' LEMKE IS SON OF ~~ALFRED~~ ALFRED LEMKE  
GRANDSON OF MINERVA (GRANDT) & FRED LEMKE  
GR. GRANDSON OF HENRY GRANDT, SR.

Son of Bernhardt Koepfen & Esther (Grandt) Koepfen  
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in case of fire . . .

Bernhardt Koepfen recommends three precautionary acts in case of fire (as demonstrated by his son Kenneth, 15). 1. Check for heat at top of door. (Photo above.) 2. Stand behind door when opening to avoid being seared by a blast. (Photo at right). 3. Crawl out keeping close to the ground as smoke and heat rise. (Photo below.) If necessary, use a window exit. Use a pillow to break any glass and cover the opening with a blanket.





# Chief offers

## 'fire-proofing' tips

### for home.

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By ROSEMARY SAZONOFF  
Lerner Newspapers  
Correspondent

WHEELING—Fire Chief Berhardt Koeppen is a man who practices what he preaches. He believes the best protection against fire is in prevention.

So Koeppen frequently inspects his own home to make certain flammable objects are carefully contained. He's adamant that storage areas be cleared of rubbish. He has four early fire detectors installed in sensitive areas of his home. And finally, his family is periodically drilled in escape routes in the event of fire.

"There were 12,600 people in the nation who lost their lives in fires last year. If their dwellings had fire and smoke sensors, that would have cut fire deaths to one third that number," says Koeppen.

HE SAID THE SMALL early detectors installed on ceilings are so sensitive that they give off alarms at the slightest danger. He said he has one near the furnace; one at the top of the stairwell, coming up from the basement; one near the living room television and one in the bedroom corridor.

"Actually one or two would be enough for most homes. The important thing is to wake early when fire gets started," he explained. "Technology is so advanced in these early detectors, you could probably first stop fire at its source with a glass of water."

Koeppen said the National Fire Protection Handbook documents the fact that if a person absorbs only 1.3 per cent carbon monoxide, death can come within three minutes. "So the important thing in the event of fire is to awaken quickly and sensors can do that by setting off an alarm by picking up any bit of combustion at the beginning stages."

TWO OF WHEELING'S fire department staff work only on fire prevention. They inspect buildings for fire hazards to get the situation corrected before fire occurs. While regular inspections are now made at businesses, they are eager to assist residents who call them in.

"We will be glad to go over your house or apartment to show you where the dangers are and point out what needs to be corrected, if you ask us." Koeppen said apparently, residents aren't aware of this service because few have requested it.

Among the hazards he points to are: electrical cords running all over, some frayed; children and matches; smoking in bed; stacks of newspapers or rags in attics, basements and garages; odds and ends of paint improperly stored (should be in tight metal containers); and flammable liquids not stored in safety cans.

"FLAMMABLE LIQUIDS such as gas or kerosene must be carefully contained away from heat. Some people have a habit of using these for cleaning or starting fires. That's a dangerous habit because of the carbon monoxide fumes they give off," the chief said.

Koeppen said these should never be stored near an open flame such as pilot lights on furnaces, water heaters, stoves or dryers. He added that walls and ceilings near such equipment should be in good repair and recommended that ceilings in basements be closed off near furnaces with some type of fiber board.

As for fire drills at home, Koeppen said the first thing is to make sure there is more than one escape route out of the house. Another point he mentioned is to have a meeting place for every member outside the home if fire breaks out. "This is the only way to know if everyone is out."

THE THIRD POINT is to get down on the floor to escape because heat and smoke masses at the top of a room, Koeppen said. He said the family should know about checking the door to feel if there is heat at the top. If there is, he says don't open the door, but try for an escape through the windows.

"If these are stuck, break one with a pillow, cover it with a blanket. If you are on the second floor and know you can't get out the bedroom door, yell for help out the window, Koeppen directed. "If the fire department has been called, they'll be there quickly, or a neighbor might hear and bring a ladder. But if you can't wait, it's better to try to lower yourself slowly and jump the last seven or eight feet than to get burned."

He said in opening a door a crack to check for possible escape, not to stand in the opening "because a blast of super heated air will make the escapee gasp and could sear membranes which could swell and choke a person to death."

Listing additional don'ts of fire prevention and safety Koeppen says:

- Don't panic.
- Don't jump straight up when you smell smoke and can feel heat. Fall to the floor to avoid heat and carbon monoxide.
- Don't open doors and windows to let smoke out. That intensifies the fire by giving it oxygen to feed on.
- Don't permit smoking in bedrooms or by anyone lying down.

To teach prevention and safety, the chief encouraged visits to the station; he will send fire prevention staff to schools and will show movies on fire prevention.

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## Couple's home destined for bulldozer

# God's little acre on collision course

By GARY ROBERTS  
Staff Writer

TWENTY-FOUR YEARS AGO, it was God's little acre. An undisturbed stretch of land, quietly situated amid rural farmland.

Snaking its way along one edge, the Wheeling Drainage Ditch flowed high and deep, naturally stocked with fish and water fowl.

Today, the one-acre plot at 14 E. Hintz Road is the personal paradise of Edward and Lorie Grandt. Willow trees, seeded soon after the Grandts purchased the property in 1960, reach majestically to the sky, casting a cooling shadow over the couple's first and only home.

But paradise will soon be lost to the Grandts. The lushness of the landscape and the two-story home which Edward built for his family

of six will surely be razed to its barren beginnings.

THE REASON is easily recognizable by sight, sound or smell. Right across the street, staring bleakly into the Grandt's front yard, is a rather noisy and intimidating neighbor. Pal-Waukee Airport.

"I think my hearing is getting impaired," said Mrs. Grandt, 55. "The noise is terrible; so are the fumes. With the combination of dust and exhaust, you can't see across the street. The planes burn our shrubbery out in front every year.

"You can't have anything open. You have to have the air conditioning on if the wind is blowing from the airport, even if it's a nice day," she said.

SUCH IS the state of the Grandt's dream house. But despite present

conditions, things will get decidedly worse for the elderly couple. According to the four-year acquisition plan agreed to by the new owners of Pal-Waukee Airport, the Grandt's property is slated for public takeover as part of the buy-out package.

The airport wasn't always such an intrusion on their lives. For the first year, the airport, tucked across an expanse of farmland to the south, was content with serving only small planes. The Grandts had no reason to believe the protective buffer zone keeping the airport at a healthy distance would quickly disappear.

But then the airport built its main runway, some 5,000 feet long and able to handle larger aircraft. Unfortunately for the Grandts, the new runway led almost directly to

their doorstep, ushering in a host of unforeseen problems. At first, the homeowners fought to avert an increase in air traffic, but their efforts proved futile.

"It was a waste of time to attend the meetings," said Mrs. Grandt. "It was all cut and dried. They already knew what they were going to do.

"Everyone had petitions sent around to all our neighbors, but somehow they got misplaced. It wouldn't have done any good anyhow," she said. "I'm a little bitter, as you can see."

ACROSS THE street, a plane taxied into position, revving its engines for take-off, prompting Mrs. Grandt to close the front door. "That one was nothing," she said. "Some of the big ones shake the whole house."

Although their future appears to be a fait accompli, the Grandts have yet to receive formal notice of the impending condemnation of their property. Five years ago, a letter from the village of Wheeling warned that their home "might be relocated" in the future, but that was all. Village officials today say the Grandts can expect official notice next year when the property is slated for condemnation. But until something official is determined, their future remains clouded in uncertainty.

"We don't have any alternate plans," said Mr. Grandt, 60. "We can't move until we get something concrete. How can you, when you don't know how much you will get for your property. Even if we did sell it, what could we get for it.

"We don't know which way to go.

They say they will help us relocate, but where are they going to put us?" asked Grandt. "It's a big joke."

But the Grandts aren't laughing. Grandt retired six years ago from the construction trade when a rare eye disease left him legally blind. Triple bypass surgery two years later further reduced the family's options in trying to start a new life somewhere else.

The Grandts aren't looking forward to moving day. They raised four children and shared a lifetime of memories in their home. The children have grown and moved away, but their dreams still reside with them.

"One day they're going to bulldoze this house down and it will break my heart," confessed Mrs. Grandt. "It's going to be a real sad day in my life."

EDWARD GORDON GRANDT  
Son of Fred W. Grandt  
Grandson of Henry Grandt, Sr.

*Marie (Grant) Raupp  
Wife of Elmer & Ruth (Sanders) Grant  
Grand daughter of Henry, Grant, Jr.  
S. Grand daughter of Henry, Grant, Sr.*

# Residents press quest for park

by Elida Witthoef

Herald staff writer

Despite news from village officials that there is little they can do to help turn a parcel of land along McHenry Road into a park, residents said they will continue their quest for a park there.

About 40 residents, mainly from the Cedar Run and Lexington Commons developments, met with the Wheeling Village Board Monday night to discuss turning the property at 745 N. McHenry Road into a park. The four-acre site is owned by James Raupp and is located directly between the two developments.

Raupp currently operates the Buffalo Grove Disposal company at the site, but he is phasing out the operation and has put the land up for sale. The land is zoned for residential, industrial and commercial uses and Wheeling officials have included the site in the village's comprehensive land use plan as a possible location for more multi-family housing.

But residents near the site say that part of Wheeling already is too crowd-

ed and they want open land developed with park equipment and ball fields instead of more housing.

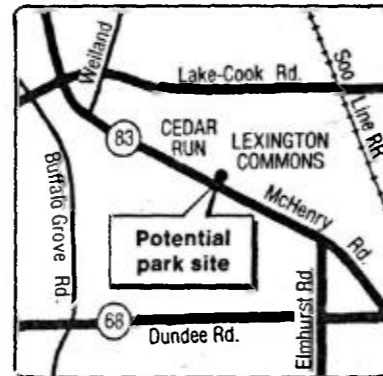
KENT GRIFFITHS, president of the Cedar Run board, told the board the residents were at the meeting to "build support" for their park movement.

"We want a park or something compatible on the land," Griffiths said. "There are 408 units at Cedar Run and 535 at Lexington. It's getting crowded out there and the prices dictate young starter families who don't have any outlets for their enthusiasms.

"There are about 3,300 people out there and another 1,000 in the apartments across the street. That's nearly 20 percent of Wheeling's population with pretty far to go for a tennis court," he said.

The residents already have asked the Wheeling Park Board to acquire the property and organized a massive letter writing campaign to village and park officials. They met with the village board to ask for support and guarantees the land would not be developed.

Village Manager Thomas Markus



said the village could not rezone the property unless the owner requested the action. "The staff has discussed zoning and think it is not appropriate and there should be a change, but also recognize Mr. Raupp's interest and business on the property," he said.

Markus also said that Raupp has indicated he would meet with village officials to discuss the future of the property, adding he (Raupp) was under no obligation to do so. Village officials also said that rezoning the property be-

fore it was sold could have a "devastating effect" on the land's value.

WHEELING PARK DISTRICT Superintendent David Phillips said the park board is studying acquisition of the site. But the park can't afford to buy the land now and would have to hold a referendum asking voters throughout the village, whether they approved purchasing the land, he said.

Attorneys for Raupp said he was willing to sit down with village officials to discuss the future of the property. "He doesn't expect to get a premium for it, but he doesn't expect to get less than it's worth," said the attorney.

Don Kirchenberg, chairman of Cedar Run's zoning committee and organizer of the park campaign, said he is optimistic about the land, even though the village board could not make any promises.

"I'm positive we can get a park," said Kirchenberg. "We had a good turnout and as a result of our meeting the board is well aware that people support a park and nothing else. The village board now realizes there is a community out there and the community is 100 percent behind the development of an active park."

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IS THIS WHAT residents of Lexington Commons are complaining about? It must be. The developers of the complex, Lexington corporation are entering a suit against the Buffalo Grove Disposal company to try and make the area more attractive. Residents also contend that garbage truck tops are often visible from their units which they say, were purchased with the understanding that trees would be planted to make the fence and disposal area more aesthetic. (Photo by Peggy Pollard)

# Action on firm to begin

By STAN ZOLLER  
Staff Writer

WHEELING—Legal action is expected to begin this week possibly to determine the fate of the Buffalo Grove Disposal company. The action is being instigated by Lexington Development corporation, developers of Lexington Commons condominiums in Wheeling.

What is unclear, however, is why Lexington is getting involved in the matter.

William Maybrook, vice president for marketing and sales refused to comment on the court action against Buffalo Grove Disposal, saying only that it is going to court.

Several sources, however, seem to feel the suit has something to do with the location of Buffalo Grove Disposal in relation to several housing units at Lexington Commons.

According to one village official, representatives from Lexington Development Corporation complained about the disposal area when "units were almost completed." The corporation contended, the official says, that they would not be able to market the housing units that overlooked the garbage area.

Meanwhile, officials of Buffalo Grove Disposal, who declined to be identified, said they have every intention of staying at their site on Route 83. "We have not been in violation of any village ordinances," one spokesman said, "and this is part of our operation."

THE DISPOSAL COMPANY maintains Lexington has no right to complain because, they say, "We were here first."

Ironically, the disposal firm has moved its administrative operations from the Wheeling site while the Old McHenry road location, which has limited dumping and compacting, continues to operate.

"We reviewed the situation," says one village official, "And the only problem we found was the parking of some vehicles on an unpaved lot."

The official added that the company has been there "for years" and that owner Jim Raupp has been "very cooperative" and has cleaned up the area considerably.

Adding a little fuel to the fire are complaints from some residents in the area. They were allegedly told that

trees would be planted to conceal the disposal area, but so far none have. There is a stockade fence around the disposal area at the present time, but residents would like Lexington Corporation to install something more aesthetic around the area.

While residents complain and Lexington Corporation instigates legal action, Buffalo Grove Disposal may very well be giving up on the whole thing.

A sign advertising four acres of property zoned commercial as being for sale has recently appeared at the disposal site. While there is no real estate company listed, the phone number on the sign for more information is listed to the Buffalo Grove Disposal company.

JIM RAUPP, president of the disposal company was unavailable for comment, having been out of town. An employe of the company was unsure when Raupp was due back from town, but indicated it should be some time this week.

It is not known whether the land for sale includes the disposal property or if it is four acres adjoining the site.

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# Working in Evanston

In Charge



Grandt would like her own bank some day. (Staff photo by Jon Langham)

## 'Banker's hours' are not for young finance chief

It's easy to get to see the president of the National Bank of North Evanston. No big oak doors to pass through or secretaries to persuade.

Karen Grandt is in full view of customers and others who pass by. She sits at a big desk in the east front window of the bank at 2951 Central St., dealing with the day-to-day duties required in running a bank. Now and then she waves to a customer.

"I'm a people person. I don't want barriers between me and the public," she said.

Grandt, 33, was named president of the north Evanston bank in August 1980, five years after she began as an assistant in the loan department. She gradually moved up to executive vice president, the jumping-off point to president.

**HER BANKING** career began when Grandt was a teller in a Mount Prospect bank 16 years ago, the day after graduation from high school in Wheeling.

"My mother drove me to and from work," she said. The next year she bought herself a used car.

The young bank president said she never dreamed of having a banking career. She took typing and shorthand, but said she has learned everything on the job. "I work hard," she noted.

Grandt believes in the work ethic, instilled in her by hard-working parents. Her father, now retired, was in construction and built the house her parents live in in Wheeling.

Between Mount Prospect and Evanston, there were other banking jobs, including one where she was among only three employees. "That's where I got a lot of experience."

"IT SOUNDS LIKE a lot of job hopping, but 10 years ago the only way to get ahead in banking was to job hop," she said.

She claims she never really searched for a job. "Someone would tip me about an opening, or I was recommended."

As president she succeeded Stephen Bronson, who became chief executive officer and co-chairman of the board with Melvin Gore.

After her promotion, Grandt said she was hesitant in telling people about it.

"Being a woman with no college education made me a little apprehensive about

coming right out with it," she said. But that attitude lasted only a few months. She began to feel more comfortable with the title. "Now I flaunt it," she said with a laugh.

And she is proud of the bank. It has \$40 million in assets, up from \$26 million when she started. "We're doing pretty good for a bank our size."

**IN HER JOB** Grandt "does everything from policy-making to customer contact." She subs at the teller window, helps customers reconcile their checkbooks and straightens out their overdrawn accounts. Last summer, she surprised staff and customers by personally planting begonias in the window boxes outside the bank.

Grandt realizes as a bank president she is something of a rarity. When she got the position she said she was only one of four in the Chicago area and 56 nationwide. But she is a rarity with brains and responsibility, she insists.

"When some people hear I'm a bank president, they think I'm just a figure-head," she said. She proceeds to set them straight. "I ask them to spend a couple of hours with me at work."

And she disputes the term "banker's hours." She is at her desk between 7:30 and 8 a.m. each morning and "if the work takes past 6 or 7 to get done, I stay."

**GRANDT IS A** big advocate for promoting from within an organization and also supports the concept of equal pay for equal work.

She worked at banks where "they didn't acknowledge your efforts because you were a woman, and you couldn't be promoted beyond a certain point."

Her job, while great, is not an aid socially. "I don't date a lot. It's difficult to meet someone at my age. There are no places to meet. And singles bars are not my cup of tea," said Grandt, who is divorced.

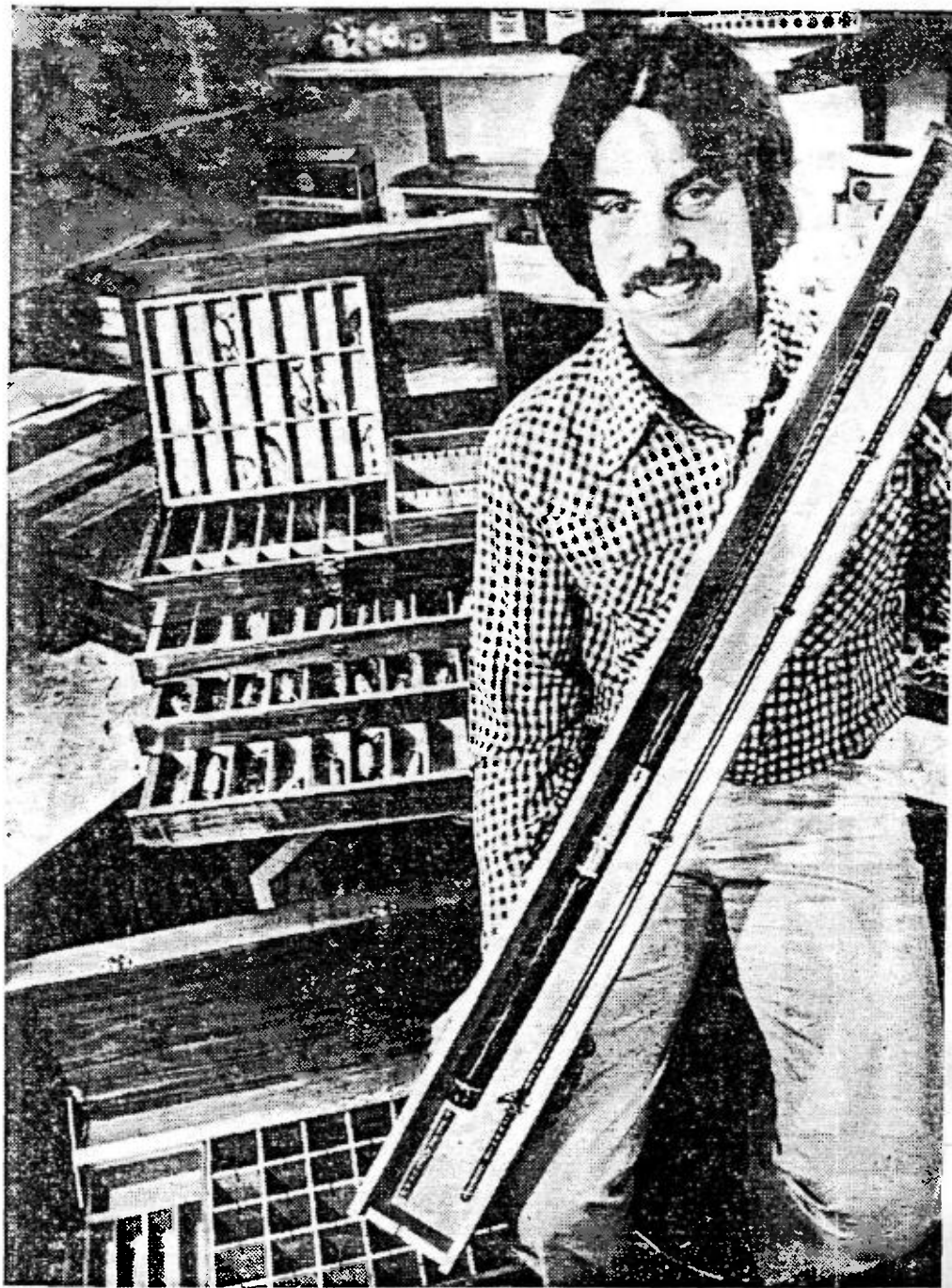
Men are hesitant to continue a relationship when "they learn I have a better job than they have. Men have egos and are conditioned that they are the breadwinners."

Professionally, where does a president go from here? Her reply: "I'd like to have a bank of my own some day." — Lorraine Bannon

*Daughter of  
Gordon & Rose  
Grandt  
Mrs. Grand daughter of Sr.  
Henry Grandt*

# OUTDOORS

*Son of Wilbert Grandt  
Grandson of Charles Grandt  
Mr. Grandson of Henry Grandt, Sr.*



Herald photo

**CLASSIC CASE.** Jim Grandt of Arlington Heights displays the custom split bamboo fishing rod that outdistanced 890 other entries to win a second suc-

cessful national title in Jacksonville, Fla. He began production of handmade black boxes, fillet boards and rod cases.

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"Jim Grandt"

It is our great pleasure to present to you your second National Split Bamboo Rod Building Classic 1st Place Award. You have been positioned 05 with other fine craftsmen who also won two National Classics.


One thing different Jim, is that in your first year of competition you won the National Classic along with the Specialty Award. This is a very big accomplishment to win the Title again. You received 9 First place votes out of 9 judges both years in a row. We like your style, craftsmanship, and the balance of your rods with the wood handles. You are indeed a fine talented craftsman of Split Bamboo.

I would like to invite you to next years classic in the position of a judge. We would like your knowledge of rod building on our panel.

I wish you could have been here to accept your award in person but your customers have to come first and we can understand with the distance you would have to travel to get here.

Jim accept our congratulations on such a fantastic two years of competition. Thank you for entering and educating others in the great art form of Split Bamboo Rod Building.

Our Congratulations,

  
"Harvey Rosenberg"

Coordinator and Judge  
1984 National Split Bamboo  
Rod Building Classic.  
Jacksonville, Florida



## Winner and still champ: Grandt masters Classic

Hall of Fame seemingly are open exclusively to former stars in the twilight of their years and whose feats are faded memories.

But if there was a Hall of Fame for custom fishing rod builders, Jim Grandt, at the ripe old age of 26, would be kicking down the doors with a reservation among the very best in the history of the art.

Although operating from the basement of his Arlington Heights home, Grandt has made a meteoric rise to the top floor of the rod-building profession. Testimony has come in the form of a second glittering endorsement from a panel of nine experts who judged the National Split Bamboo Rod Building Classic in Jacksonville, Fla.

Last year, Grandt built an unbelievably light 3/8-ounce casting rod with a wooden handle. He was surprised to learn a few weeks later that he had not only won first place in the Classic, but additionally was honored with the Specialty Award for his unique work with handles.

AS DEFENDING champion in 1984, the Mount Prospect Public Works employee, who has the lathe turning until the wee hours every morning, began plotting his encore rod.

He crafted a 6 1/2-foot, 1/2-ounce spinning rod that defied even special production treatment. The two-piece split bamboo blank featured imported clear agate guides obtained from a collector in England. The handle assembly, a combination of African Vermillion and African Amaranth woods, features a triangular pattern that mirrors the hexagonal construction of the bamboo blank. It is highlighted by a chromed brass reel seat.

**Jim Cook**

Outdoor Editor



"I wanted to build something different," Grandt said, deviating from the 890 split bamboo entries that were dominated by fly rods. "I think my handles really help sell the rods. By blending woods, I can make 15 different patterns. If somebody else is doing it, I sure haven't seen them."

Neither, apparently, had the judges. For the second consecutive year, Grandt's rod received nine first-place votes from nine judges.

Of course, looks aren't everything, although probably 200 or more rods are eliminated by the judges on first impressions alone. The ones that advance for closer scrutiny are given stern field testing workouts to determine balance, sensitivity and performance. A rod with gold guides may be worth a fortune monetarily, but it's not worth a dime if it doesn't perform.

"THEY MAKE SURE all the components are perfectly matched," Grandt said. "There are some really outstanding combinations. Fosters of England, for example, won the Specialty Award this year for an engraved reel seat. And I had heard that their handles were ivory carved and just absolutely beautiful. But I think some of their wrappings were traditional designs and that may have cost them. The judges are always looking for new, creative ideas."

The \$100 entry fee submitted by Grandt with his winning rod is 25

ready being multiplied and compounded by tackle representatives who are interested in marketing his masterpieces across the country.

"I've also begun work in new products," Grandt said, unveiling custom wooden rod cases, fillet boards with knives and tackle boxes. "I bought a surface planer and I'm pretty happy with the way things are turning out. I think all of my products complement each other."

"Right now I'm making both bass and musky tackle boxes," Grandt said, hoisting the solid black walnut chests that exude craftsmanship.

The handcrafted hardwood fillet boards feature quality Green River knives and the rod cases are ideally suited to protect and enhance the instrument inside.

Grandt has championed the split bamboo market, but he also builds rods in glass, graphite, boron, fiberglass and composites with the same precision and most importantly, to the fisherman's specifications.

However, even 26-year-olds have to face retirement.

GRANDT IS NO longer eligible to enter the Split Bamboo Classic. He has gained a status that only four other custom rod builders in the previous 67 years have attained — twin championships and the distinction of being a Master Craftsman.

"I guess that puts me in pretty good company," Grandt said. "They've asked me to participate as a judge next year, so I can see first hand what the competition is like."

It's bound to be much more fierce now that Jim Grandt and his standard-setting split bamboo rods are out of the picture and at the threshold of the custom rod builders' Hall of Fame.



Herald photo by Rich Chapman

**CLASSIC CASE.** Jim Grandt of Arlington Heights displays the custom split bamboo fishing rod that began production of handmade black walnut tackle boxes, fillet boards and rod cases. He has also outdistanced 890 other entries to win a second suc-

Son of Wilbert Grandt  
 Grandson of Charles Grandt  
 Grandson of Amy Grandt, Sr.



FRED DAVID GRANDT



MARGARET ELIZABETH GABRIEL

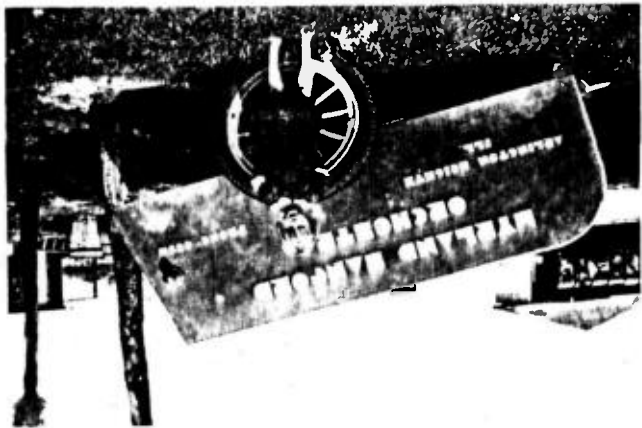


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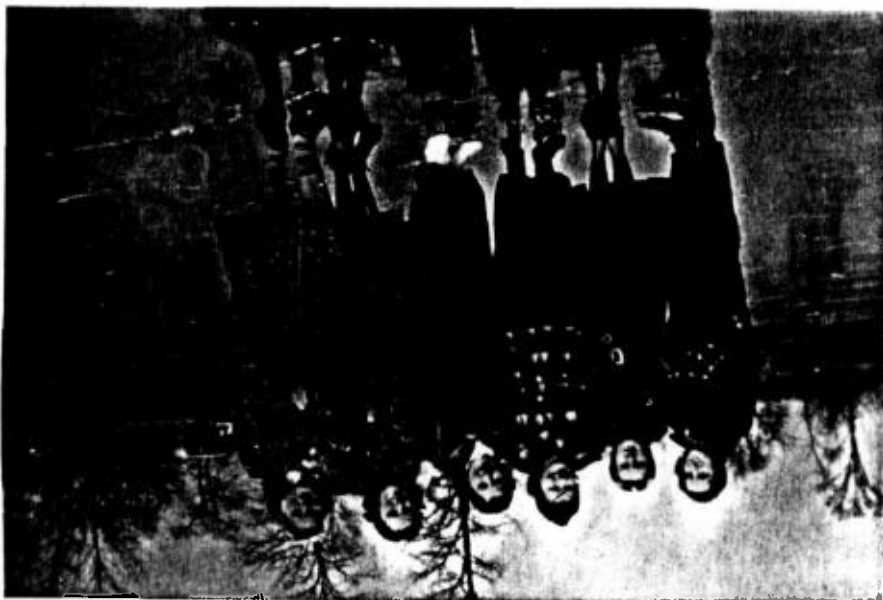
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GRANDT REUNION

JULY 19, 1981 .....

Lakewood Forest Preserve Shelter B

Bring your own picnic lunch, beer, soda, coffee, or whatever else you wish. Spend an enjoyable day getting to know all the Grandt relatives and meeting the newest additions to this grand clan.

We'll play bingo and try to have some games for the kids to enjoy...

SO... Please bring a gift or two for Bingo Prizes and a gift or two for the kids. If your own children wish to do so, they can bring a gift themselves (then you won't have to). Please mark the children's gifts for "age & sex" that the gift would be best for.

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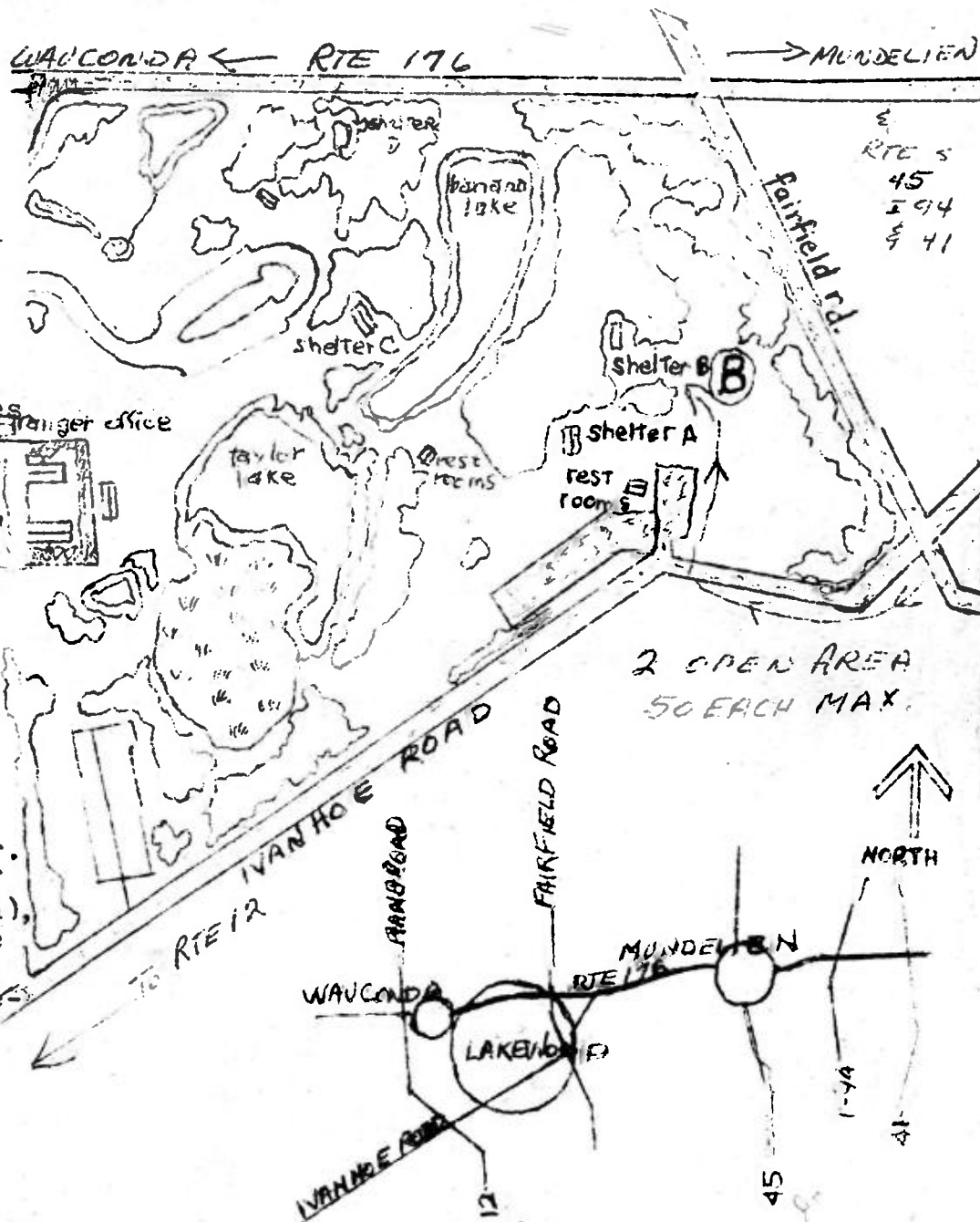
While the Gabriel planning group was busy with plans for the upcoming Gabriel reunion, Ray & Marie Grandt were busy planning the Grandt reunion. (They had reserved the FPD Shelter B way back in January for this gala gathering) Those of us who are descendants of both these clans have a rather unique opportunity this year. We figure there are somewhere in the vicinity of six hundred relatives (Grandt & Gabriel combined), spread across U.S. and Canada and we'll have the chance of a lifetime to see a whole lot of them gathering together in July and August. Its something none of us should miss !!!!! AGREED ?

SEE YOU ALL THERE

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JUNE ORLOWSKI

(There may be a surprise list for you if I can get it all together.)

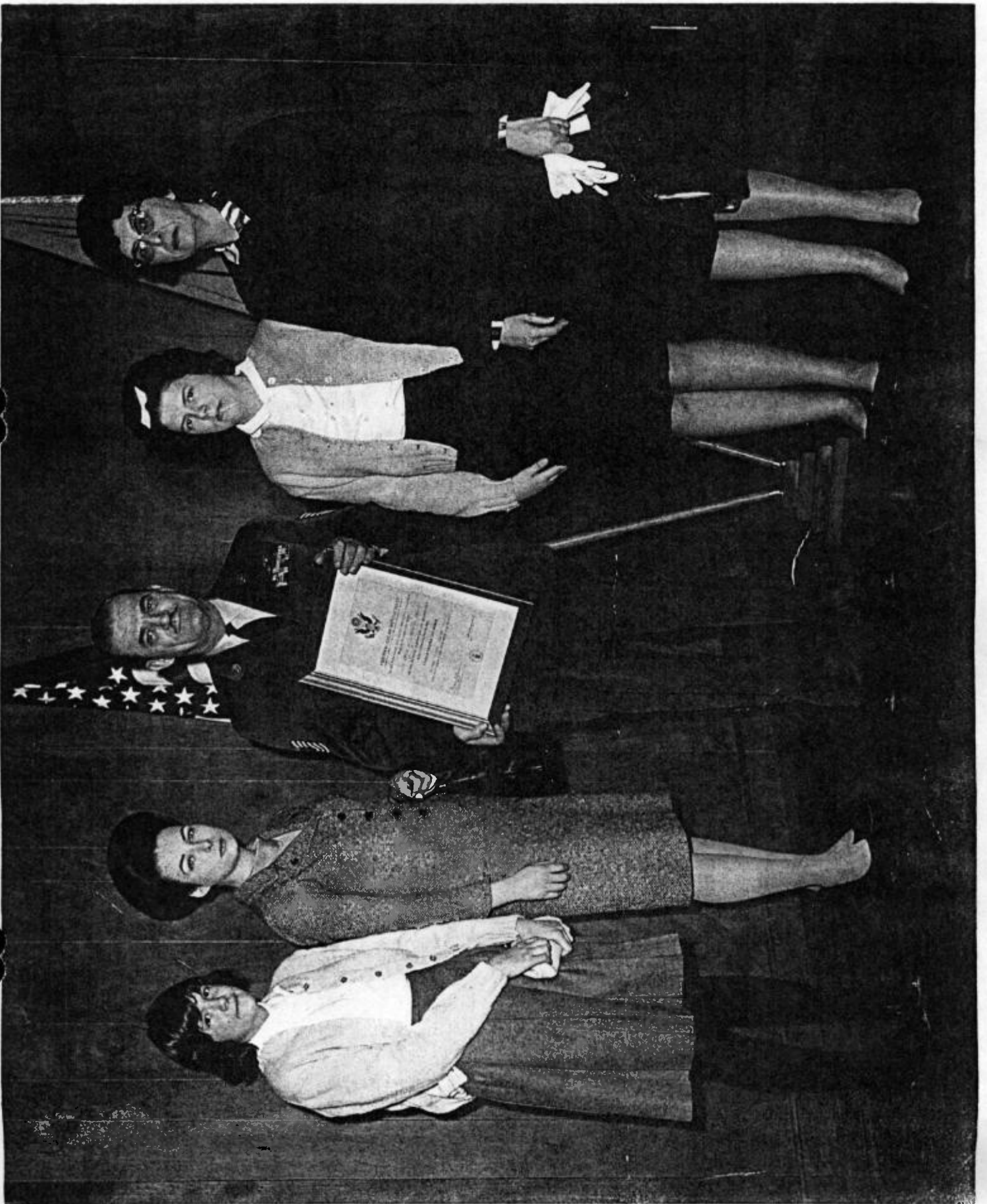


Valley Base  
Baseball there.



Mathilda 'Jean', is the widow of Gerald Weidner, who's family owned the property and home on McHenry Road <sup>in Wheeling</sup> that is now owned by Marie (nee Grandt) and James Raupp, and from where they were recently forced to move their disposal business due to the heavy residential development nearby.

Joseph Karlesky is the widower of Rose Gabriel. They lived most of their married life on a farm in Buffalo Grove, located between Phoenicia Rd (C) and Route 83 on the south side of Buffalo Grove Road, and raised their family there. Their oldest son, Michael, <sup>(WHO DIED IN 1971 OF A HEART ATTACK)</sup> married Sophie Stavros. ~~They~~ Their daughter, Sharron, is married to Dennis Mikosz, who is an employee of the Village of Wheeling, Public Works Department. **THIS COUPLE HAS ONE SON.**  
Margaret Gabriel; see Grandt History.



*The Gabriel History  
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Maximillion Gabriel - Margaretha Olk

Max was born in Niles Center on June 23, 1865. He married Margaretha Olk (born in Chicago, July 8, 1874) on February 7, 1892 in St. Mathies Catholic Church in Chicago. Max converted from the German Luthern religion when they were married. Max's parents came from ~~Prussia~~ Trier, Germany. (From according to Prussia - info from census 1880, which lists his mother as widowed with four sons.) It is not known if his father died before or after Max was brought to America but he died when Max was a ~~small~~ young child. His mother was Luthern and his father, Catholic.

Max grew to be a giant of a man and many of his descendants carry forth his tall stature -- well over six feet tall is a common trait among them...

Max was employed as foreman for the National Brick co. on Mc Cormick Blvd and Towaway, where he held a 24 hour duty schedule. He was the only man known at that time who could splice rope for the conveyor system with such expertise that the splice was undetectable. As such he was a valued, somewhat indispensable, employee, 'on call' at all time. He became a member of the "White Button" union. In later years, he was employed by the Illinois Brick Yard, located 4-5 miles northeast of Wheeling. Again his major duty was rope splicing.

Max played the French horn and was an exceptionally skilled hobby artist, a talent that surfaces among his

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*Trier, Germany is near Luxembourg border  
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present descendants. He enjoyed creating "Tramp Art", so named because it was literally the work of itinerants in the 19th-early 20th centuries. Using cigar-box wood, he made beautiful, finely detailed picture frames. Glueing diamond shapes of this wood in zig-zag, stepped up fashion to the face of the frame, it gave depth to the work.

In the late 1800s, he had a soda water business in Chicago, in the vicinity of Howard Street. During that period they lived at Howard and Canal and at Howard and Lehigh with their four oldest children. About 1900, they moved to Evanston, where three daughters joined the family. ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ Early in 1903 they moved to Niles Center and nine more children were born. A daughter, Blanche, died here <sup>in 1911</sup> when she was three months old. In 1917, they moved to Wheeling, renting first Quirin Weidner's house (Evanger's) and then renting Carrie Mor's house at 372 S. Milwaukee (This house is still there at the s/w corner of Milwaukee and Mors Avenues.) The size of their family at the time they moved to Wheeling, increased the population of Wheeling by (6%) six percent. Later on they moved to the Rabbie farm about two miles north of ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ Dundee Road on the west side of Milwaukee Avenue.

The family's relatively short stay in Wheeling ~~was~~ was, no doubt, to a great extent, due to the personal tragedies they suffered here. In less than five years, they lost their two oldest sons just as they reached manhood. Both died from

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appendicitis, complicated by peritonitis. (Their other two sons died in their early 50s.) Their oldest daughter, then married, also died about this time.

Max was forced to destroy his ~~herd~~ herd of cattle when tuberculosis was detected among them. Ironically, some years later, after they had moved back to Niles Center, their youngest daughter Catheryn 'Babe' died of tuberculosis at age 22. After his herd was destroyed, Mr Klavey wanted Max to join him in his nursery business, but Max declined and took his family to live on a truck garden farm in Niles Center. He suffered a heart attack there in 1933 and died. His widow and their two remaining sons then moved to an apartment on the southeast corner of Mozart and Peterson Avenues in Chgo. His widow died there of cancer in 1939. Both are interred at St. Mary's Catholic Cemetary in Buffalo Grove among numerous descendants.

The family is still adequately represented in Wheeling as a result of the Grandt-Gabriel <sup>AND Karlesky-Gabriel</sup> marriages of their daughters Rose and Margaret. Four grandchildren, <sup>SEVEN</sup> ~~one~~ <sup>ONE W. G. granddaughter</sup> great grandchildren and ~~one~~ gr. gr. grandson, remain in Wheeling, representing Max through Grandt, Gorski, Orlowski, StClair, ~~POWEL~~ Powel and Mikosz surnames.

Max and Margaretha's sixteen children were;

Mary	1893-1921	Married to; Henderson (Div.) & William Febrow
Susan	1895-1978	B. Papreck (Dec.) Schaffer
Ann	1897-1947	Geo. Katzianni
George	1898-1918	Never Married
Rose	1900-1971	Joseph Karlesky (Buffalo Grove)



Margaret	1901-1965	Fred Grandt (Wheeling)
Barbara	1902	Francis Meagher
Peter	1903-1922	Never married
Mathilda 'Jean'	1905	Gerald Weidner (Buffalo Grove)
Helen	1907-1943	Joseph Leikam (Buffalo Grove)
Elizabeth 'Betty'	1908	Jim Melican (Div.) Paul Reitlinger
Gertrude	1910	Norbert Kolb
Blanche	1911-1911	
Cathryn 'Babe'	1913-1931	Never married
Edward	1914-1966	ESTER PHILLIP
Paul	1916-1969	Virginia DOHM

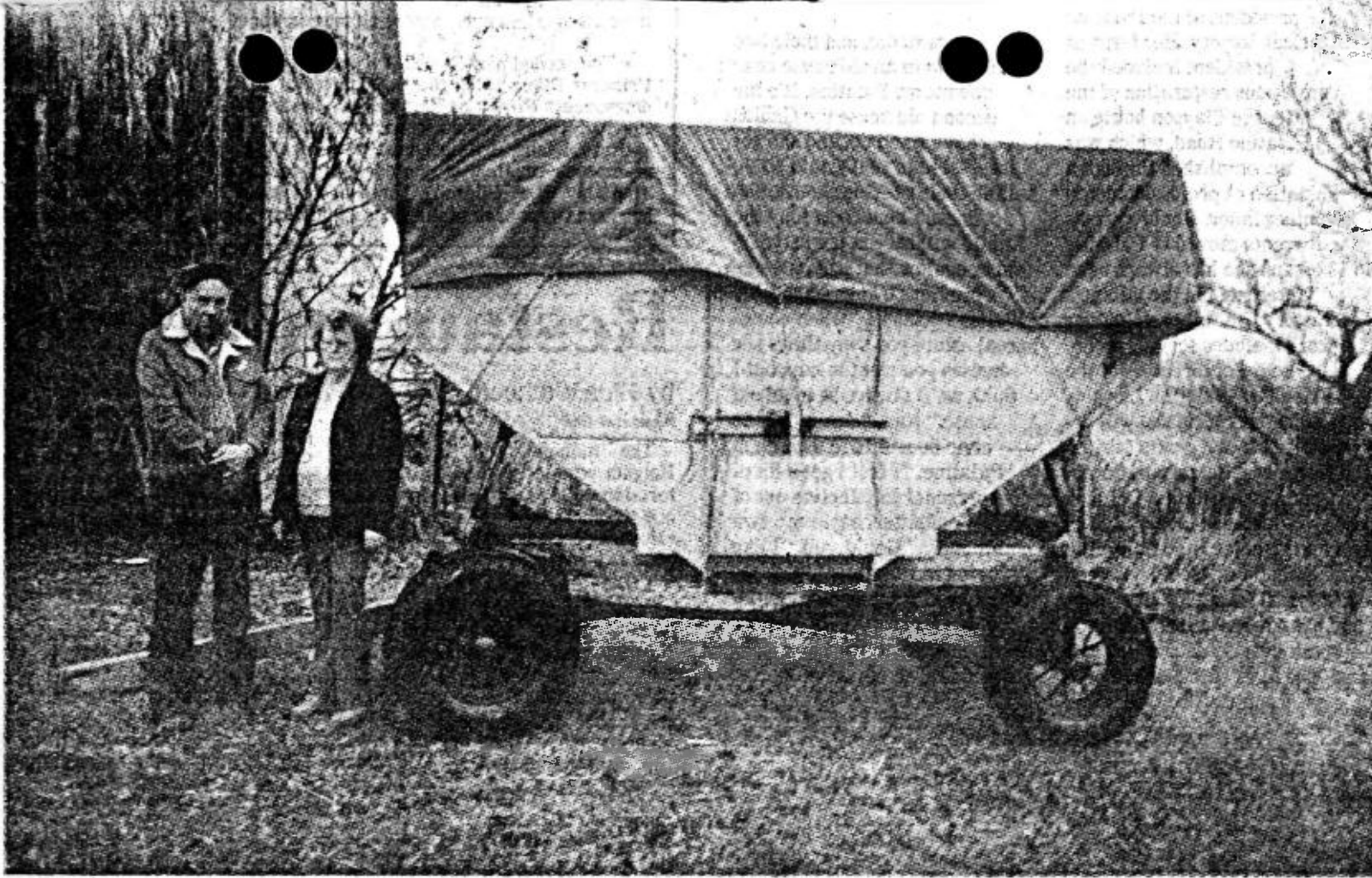
The last family reunion roster, compiled in 1981, listed 282 family members in the clan.

Margaretha's Olk's sister, Lena, married Peter Proesel. Their bungalow home is located on the east side of Milwaukee Avenue, a few miles north of Dundee Road. One of their descendants now occupies the dwelling. Their son, Jerome 'Jerry', lives in Long Grove with his family.

George and Joseph Leikam attended the wake for Peter Gabriel <sup>in 1922</sup> at the farm in Wheeling where Joe met his future wife, Helen, <sup>married on Oct 14, 1925</sup> when she was fifteen years old. Joe and Helen raised their <sup>OF LEUKEMIA IN 1943</sup> family in Buffalo Grove. After Helen died, Joe married Angela <sup>IN 1944</sup> Pfister. They took over the State Farm Insurance business from Angela's father <sup>(Henry Pfister (wife Anna M.))</sup> and operated it until Marv. Staley took it over <sup>after Angela's death in 1972.</sup>

when the youngest of 7 children was about 15 yrs old.

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Herald photo by Gilbert R. Boucher

**IT'S HARVEST TIME** and apparently that means farmers need to beware of thieves. Betty and Richard Leikam of rural Mundelein are offering a reward in the wake of the disappearance of a wagon full of

soybeans Wednesday night. The grain was worth \$1,500, said the Leikams, who have slept in the fields many nights in an attempt to discourage such thefts.

## Lake County farmers beset by thieves...

by Cheryl terHorst

Herald staff writer

Theft on her farm has gotten so bad that Betty Leikam sleeps in a van in the field to guard her equipment during harvest time.

Even so, a wagon full of soybeans worth more than \$1,500 disappeared recently. That was the last straw. Since then she has been "putting out the word: I want them

caught and prosecuted. No messing around anymore."

The rural Mundelein woman is offering a \$500 reward for information leading to the arrest of the thief or thieves.

The thievery occurs, she said, because by the time the workers are finished in the fields, it has gotten dark and it is too dangerous to drive the machinery down winding roads

at a slow pace, where someone could get hurt.

**TO COMBAT** the thieves, she or her husband end up sleeping in a van in her fields in Fremont Township in an attempt to protect the equipment, she said. "I've been cuddling up to cold iron," she said. "I'm getting too old to do that."

On Wednesday night, however, she opted for warmer quarters in her home. And the next day, the

wagon full of grain was gone.

"They must have been watching us," she said.

That's usually the way it works, says Michael J. Kearns, claims director for Country Mutual Insurance Company in Grayslake.

"You've got people in the area aware of the farming situation. People don't usually drive down the road, pinpoint a wagon and haul it

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*Richard is a ~~the~~ grandson of  
Mrs. Gabriel*



# Lake County farms making good harvest — for thieves

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off. Those thefts occur because someone, somewhere knows where the farmer is," he said.

**MANY FARMERS** work more than one field, meaning their homes could be miles away from equipment left out during the night, he said. And the theft isn't that difficult, he said. "It doesn't take much to go out there with a pickup truck and hook up the wagon and haul it away," Kearns said.

And cashing in the stolen grain isn't hard either, he said. "I don't think most elevator operators today are that particular about who they take grain from," Kearns said. "If it's good grain, they're going to pay you."

"Just about every harvest we have those kinds of reports come in," said

Willie R. Smith, chief of investigation for the Lake County Sheriff's police.

For safety reasons, as Leikam said, some farmers leave the machinery in the fields. But in order to avoid those thefts, farmers just "can't leave the truck or wagon sitting out in the field," said Robert P. Schmerbauch, University of Illinois cooperative extension farm advisor.

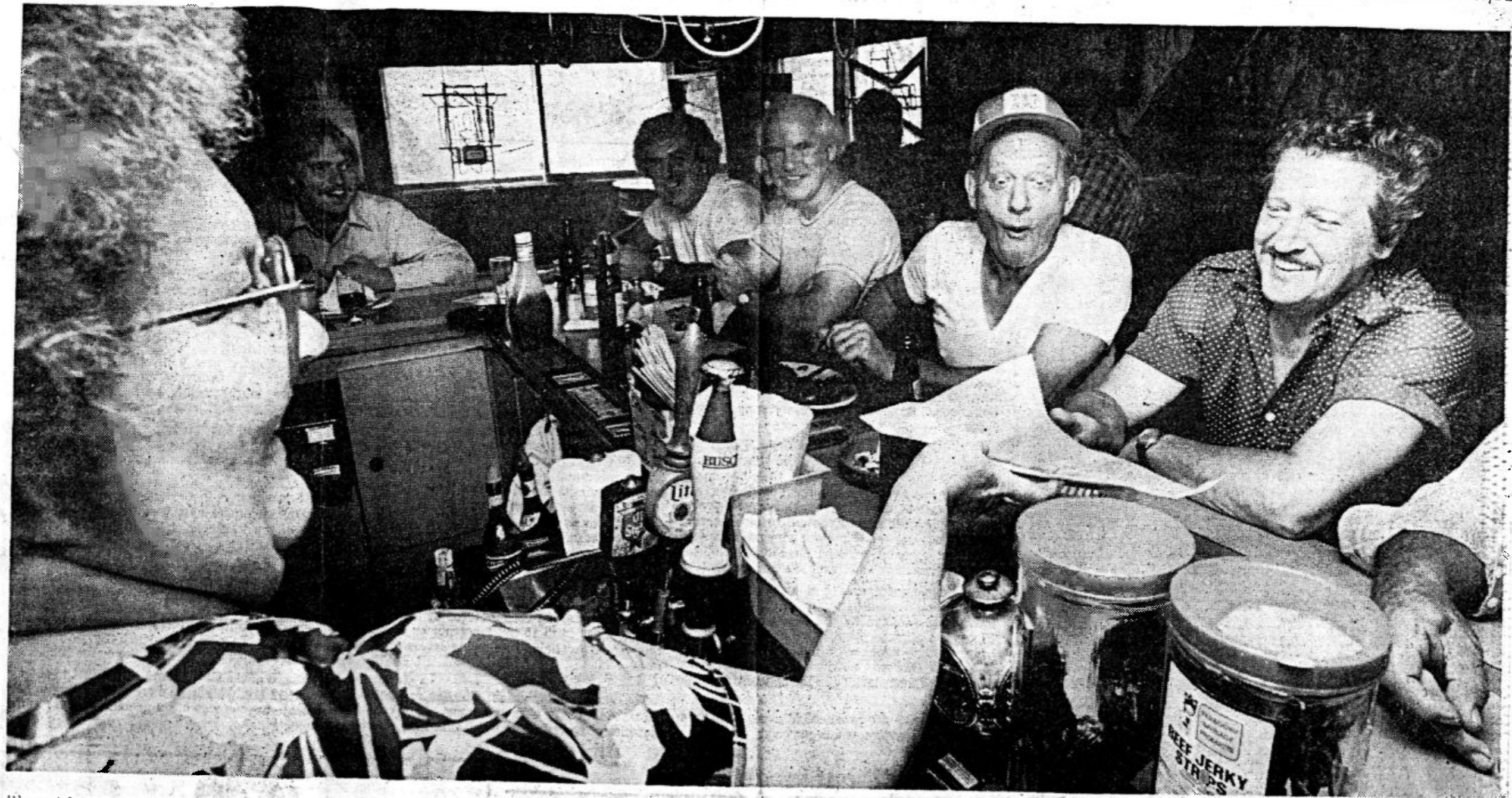
**CORN THEFT** is more common, Schmerbauch said, because small, part-time livestock farmers can use it for feed. Often, an isolated theft of a wagon full of crops is a "crime of opportunity," Schmerbauch said.

"Kids do it, because they think it's a great idea, but they don't know what to do with it. They've got to sell it. They don't know where they're going of what they're doing," he said.

Another problem for farmers is vandalism.

Herbert R. Didier, a Prairie View farmer, said a number of years ago he left a tractor in the field and it was "broken up and smashed." He doesn't do that anymore. "I don't leave things around. I don't want to tempt anybody. That's just asking for trouble," he said.

Dellard Volling, a rural Mundelein farmer, said for a number of years he had severe vandalism problems. One night, a number of pieces of machinery, including tractors and wagons, were left out in the field. The next morning, he found the tires on all of the equipment slashed. It took three days and \$2,000 to get the equipment repaired.



It's not fancy, but Leikam's Tap is a homey spot for a meal. At lunch, Betty Leikam serves a hefty sandwich to Jim Buglio of Burbank as Ed Puschak of Palos Park looks on hungrily. Herald photo by Scott Sanders

Food is fresh from the farm at Half D...



How is fresh from the farm in Italy D

by Deborah Hartz

Herald food editor

The food at Leikam's Tap in Half Day isn't just homemade, it's home-grown, as well. Fresh sweet corn, juicy tomatoes, plump squash, shiny peppers, leafy cabbages and vibrant eggplants come fresh from the family farm to this tavern's kitchen.

Here, you'll find Betty Leikam and her daughter, Cindy. They might be making bread and butter pickles or preparing coleslaw from family favorite recipes. At other times, they'll be browning a pot roast, cutting potatoes into fries, breading home-grown zucchini, simmering soup or slicing tomatoes to be served with the Leikam burgers. (These nine-ounce Goliaths come topped with grilled mushrooms, cheese, bacon and onion.)

Visit early in the day, and you even may find the family frying an omelet made with fresh eggs purchased from a Lake Geneva farmer.

No wonder the kitchen, like the bar out front, is filled with all of the homey goodness that a big farm family can offer. That's why construction workers drop in for lunch, sports fans linger to watch the game and night workers stop by for a drink after their shifts. After all, the place stays open until 2 a.m. on weeknights.

"This is an old-time bar," Betty Leikam said. "The people who own it, work it. It isn't run by some big corporation sitting in an office somewhere metering the register and the booze."

**IN FACT**, Leikam's Tap is a family business that spans three generations.

Betty and her husband, Rich, met while they were students at Palatine High School and married 34 years ago. Like his father and grandfather before him, Rich decided to go into farming. Being a farmer's wife wasn't foreign to Betty, whose grandparents lived on a Palatine farm that is now part of a forest preserve.

Unable to afford their own land, the couple rented farmland in the Half Day area.

"At the time, there was a 40-acre farm available for \$32,000. With a lit-

tle hindsight, we should have bought it. But, at the time, we were 25 and had five kids. It was just too much of an investment," Betty said.

Instead, they invested in their rented farmland as well as the tavern, which they acquired in 1972 to help pay bills and keep them busy during the winter.

Located on Route 45, the tavern originally was called Al and Ann's. When the Leikams decided to build a new structure, they discovered the old building was made from fish crates.

"Beneath the siding, you could see the name of a Chicago fish market on the boards," Betty said.

**THE REBUILT** and renamed tavern became a family project for Betty, Rich and their children. Now, a son-in-law, daughter-in-law and four grandchildren also are involved.

Leikam's, a family spot, has regulars who journey from as far away as Woodstock and Chicago. Besides coming to the tap for home cooking or a brew or two, guests are welcomed at an almost-annual picnic. Suspended for the past two years because of construction, the picnic will be resumed this fall, if Betty has her way. That's when a hog and the hind quarters of a steer will be roasted in a barbecue pit to the tune of a two-piece band.

"People bring the whole family and really have a good time," she said. And, for Betty, meeting people means a good time. "The people are the best thing about this business."

#### BETTY LEIKAM'S BREAD AND BUTTER PICKLES

- ½ bushel pickles sliced  
½-inch thick
- 7½ pounds yellow or Spanish onions, sliced thinly
- 2 green peppers, chopped finely
- 4 red peppers, chopped finely
- 1 bunch celery cut into  
½-inch chunks
- 1 cup salt

#### Brine:

- 5 pounds sugar
- ½ gallon white vinegar\*
- ½ cup whole mustard seeds
- ¼ cup whole celery seeds

2 tablespoons ground turmeric

Place the pickles, onions, green and red peppers and celery in a ceramic, glass or stainless-steel bowl or pot. Fill with enough cold water to cover. Add salt to water and mix to combine. Set aside.

Meanwhile, prepare the brine. In a stainless steel or enameled kettle, combine the brine ingredients and bring almost to a rolling boil. Drain the vegetables and add to the brine. When the brine returns to a rolling boil, the pickles are ready to pack.

Packed in jars, they will keep in the refrigerator for six to eight weeks. To preserve for a longer time, pack in clean, sterile jars. Process in a boiling water bath in which the water is one to two inches above the top of the jars. Quart jars should be processed for 10 minutes; pint jars should be processed in the boiling water bath for 5 minutes. Begin timing once you have put the jars into the water and it returns to a boil. Makes 2¼ gallons.

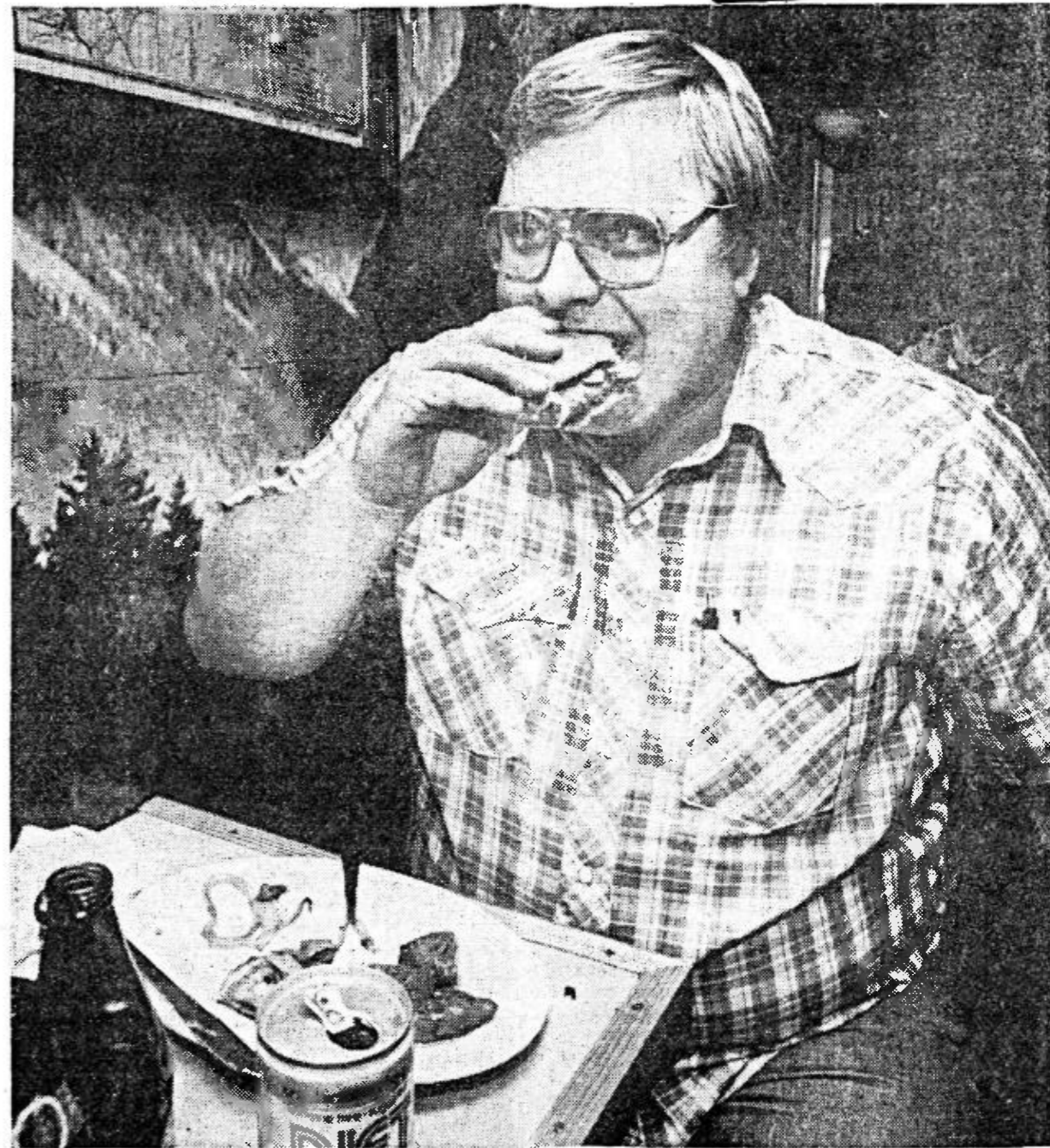
#### LEIKAM'S TAP COLE SLAW

- 1 cup sugar
- ½ cup white vinegar\*
- ½ teaspoon seasoned salt
- 1½ teaspoons seasoned pepper
- 2 tablespoons corn oil
- 4 stalks celery, shredded
- 3 carrots, shredded
- 1 large head cabbage, shredded
- 1½ green peppers, chopped
- ½ Bermuda onion, chopped

In a glass jar, combine the sugar, vinegar, seasoned salt, seasoned pepper and oil. In an enamel, plastic or stainless steel bowl, combine the vegetables. Pour the vinegar mixture over the vegetables and let sit for at least 3 hours.

This makes a large quantity of slaw but any extra can be frozen if you boil the vinegar mixture and let it cool a little before you add it to the vegetables. Pack in serving sized freezer containers, let cool and freeze.

\*Betty Leikam uses a store brand vinegar because some national brands taste too strong for her.



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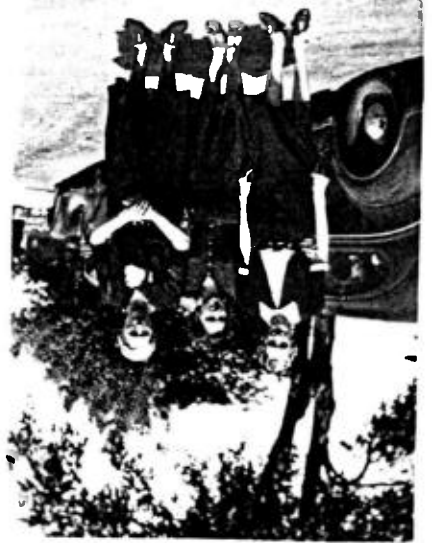
It takes a yeoman's appetite to finish a nine-ounce Leikam burger topped with onions, mushrooms, cheese and bacon. John To-temeir of Marengo has, on occasion, traveled all the way from Lemont for one of Betty Leikam's burgers.



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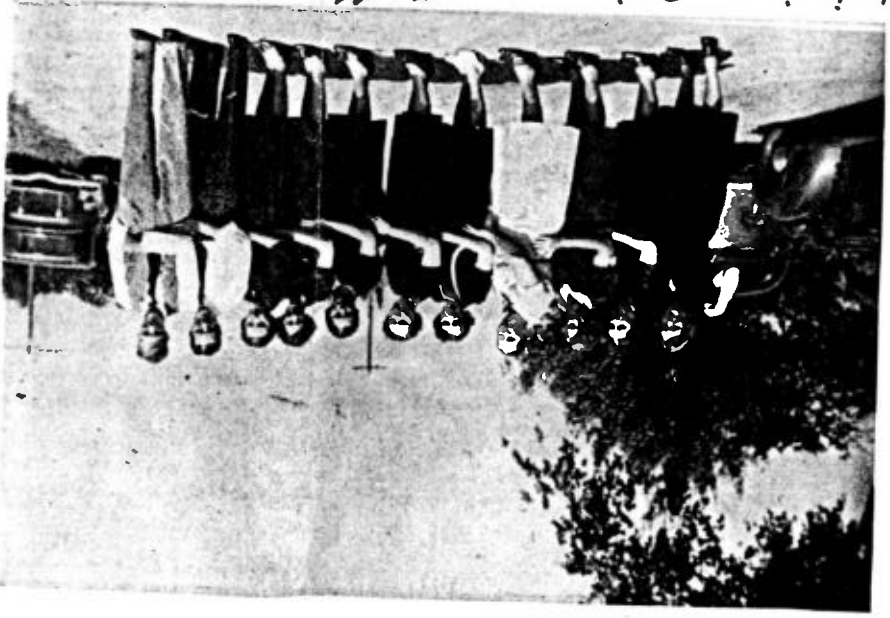
AL EDWARD GABRIEL



CENTER GR. NIECE (B.G.)  
AND LINE KARLESKY (B.G.)  
AND OLK SISTERS



ORIGINAL STRUCTURE OF  
WOLF ROAD BRIDGE OVER  
WHEELING DRAINAGE DITCH  
JUNE GRANDT  
CAROL ANN GRANDT  
COUSIN, JEAN BARACK  
(GABRIEL)



11 LIVING CHILDREN OF MAX GABRIEL

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By June Orlowski  
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Oktaw Maryon Orlowski - Veronica Bartosiewicz Puczowska

Oktaw 'Otto', and Veronica 'Vera', were both born ~~and~~ and raised in Poland, he, in the German occupied sector, Morancach, Startakelie, on September 7, 1890 and she in the Russian sector, on October 3, 1894. Otto, when a third year student of chemistry in the University in Krakow, fled political persecution along with several of his classmates, in 1913. They all hired on as crew members on a ship destined for ~~to~~ a Canadian port.

Otto was assigned to the galley and as an accomplished guitarist, he was literally able to "sing for his supper" and passage. by playing the guitar. The cook, his direct superior on board, ~~was~~ enjoyed the music so much, he assigned Otto to play his guitar for the galley crew while they attended the cooking and cleanup. The three students left the ship when it docked in Canada and then made their way to the States and Chicago, Otto playing his guitar for whatever he could earn

*as they traveled. Went to Indiana first, Otto spent 3 days there working as a chemist & decided rather than be closed in by 4 walls, he'd be a salesman.*

Vera came to America with her parents and two of her three ~~brothers~~ brothers. (The youngest brother was born in Chicago) They left Hamburg/Bremen, Germany <sup>and</sup> on the Brandenburg, arriving in Baltimore on February 6, 1906. The family made their way to Chicago, where Vera met Otto when both were acting in the Polish Theater, putting on stage plays and making ~~some~~ movies. They were married April 27, 1917. Their only child, a son ~~was~~

~~was~~ Oktaw Zigmund was born February 25, 1918.

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As a toddler, young Otto dogged his father's footsteps in an automobile <sup>repair</sup> ~~business~~ garage business his father was operating at the time. This set the stage for Otto Jr's lifetime pursuit in one phase or another of the transportation industry. As a teen-ager, he joined his parents in the acting profession, appearing in numerous plays and movies with the Polish troop. He was also an all-round handy man, operating the movie projectors (Later also sound projectors), the curtains, lights, and ushering when his father showed movies at local churches, schools and civic centers. They also showed movies at the Kosciusko ~~Theater~~ Theater.

Meanwhile, during the day, Vera operated a sewing factory. (Her pinking machine is on loan to the museum) She and her crew made costumes for the Civic Opera House and young Otto, not hampered by current age restrictive driving laws, delivered the costumes and collected the bill. The regularity of these deliveries set him up for a robbery on one of his runs, which scared the daylights out of the youth. His father's comment; ~~was~~ "We can always earn more money!" Two ectopic pregnancies, <sup>within</sup> several years after young Otto's birth had rendered Vera barren and they cherished this one and only child they would ever have.

Senior Otto held an Illinois Real Estate license, buying and selling in his own behalf as well as for clients. Consequently, the family moved a number of times during young Otto's childhood, always ~~was~~ within a Polish neighborhood.

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As a result, young Otto did not learn the English language early in life and entered the first grade speaking and understanding only Polish. He soon overcame the language barrier, but recalls that "those early years were difficult"...

By the early 1930s, Vera was established in a costume house business on Milwaukee Avenue in Chicago and the senior Otto was broadcasting a Polish Radio Hour on WSBC every Sunday morning from 10:00 to 11:00 am. He functioned as a 'Polish Disc Jockey' with business advertisements [REDACTED] and special announcements <sup>SYNONIC HERO</sup> between records of Polish music. He gave up this program in 1948 when they moved permanently to [REDACTED] the Rio Grande Valley in Texas, where the climate was better for Vera's ill health. She had suffered a paralytic stroke in 1939, which left her partially paralyzed with later arthritic complication.

In 1937, senior Otto bought a lot on Milwaukee Avenue in Wheeling township, just outside the village limits and opened a hot dog stand, featuring foot long hot dogs. He had hoped to establish the business for his son, now teen age, but the little business took off like wild-fire and soon the whole family was involved. In the first year, the building was expanded four times to a final 80 X 80 foot, full service restaurant with an orchestra on week-ends, ten waitresses dressed in Polish costume (and speaking the language), four bar-tenders, three cooks, a dishwasher and two porters, not including the family. The help was brought from Polish neighborhoods in Chicago and stayed over the weekend in [REDACTED] four cabins on the

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river front. The restaurant decor was old world Poland and the menu a Pole's delight of traditional Polish dishes. The most popular <sup>of these</sup> being, czarnina (duck soup), kielbasa ~~and~~ and kapusta (Polish sausage and sauerkraut), pieczona kaczk (roast duck) and ciasta (babka and cheese cake) with the beverages being herbata (tea) , kawa (coffee) and, of course, a full compliment from the bar with beer from the White Eagle Brewery on tap and bottled. They also served limitless variations of pierogi ~~and~~ (a stuffed dumpling) and naleśniki (similar to French crepes). In addition to the heavy trade of Poles from ~~the surrounding area~~ Chicago, they flocked in on weekends from Wisconsin and Indiana and shook the building's foundation to the orchestra's Polka and Oberta beat. The Polska Weis (Polish Village Inn) , now a Sunday morning feature on the senior Otto's radio hour drew customers from as far as the air waves reached. They enjoyed having their specific celebrations -- birthdays, anniversaries, etc.-- broadcast the following Sunday, read by the announcer from a 'Guest Book (12"x18"x6") they had signed on their visit to the restaurant.

Jake Rudolph, who owned a small tavern just north of the restaurant (Now the Mexican Restaurant, Lakukaracha), often commented about how good the Polish Village was for his own business. The thirstier ones, finding others packed four-deep at the bar, would go down the street to quench their thirst, feeding Jake's a continual weekend ~~and~~ overflow.

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An interesting aside from the early land transactions found an over-eager Chicago land speculator licking his chops in anticipation of a 'windfall' profit. Watching the rapid expansion of the Polish Village restaurant with ~~the~~<sup>ITS</sup> purchase of the next lot south on which to expand, he quickly bought the adjoining <sup>75'x350'</sup> lot in Grewe's Subdivision. Asking triple the purchase price in an offer to sell it to the senior Otto, he found himself holding his greedy investment, now between the properties owned by Otto, since he purchased the last lot remaining in the subdivision. The Grewe homestead with the land held by the Grewe family until the mid 1960's is now owned by  Mr. Klinger's heirs (Quality Door). After senior Otto declined to be exploited by the speculator's greed, the land followed the usual course of the mentality and wound up in court, subjected to ownership squabbles among the heirs of those interested parties. It remains a wedge between the Orlowski land holdings today.

About two years after they opened the Polska Weis, -- they <sup>had</sup> commuted from 1072 N. Milwaukee Avenue in Chicago, where they lived in a second floor apartment over the costume shop -- the family moved to Wheeling to an apartment above the restaurant. It was about this time that their son met his future wife, tying the Orlowski name to ancient Wheeling history. With the tremendous business being done  on the weekends, senior Otto was often unable to anticipate the amount of coin he would need to make change for the day and a half that the bank was closed. He would find it necessary to beg change

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and singles from nearby taverns and restaurants by late Sunday afternoon. He would send his son out seeking the change. X On one occasion, unable to find change at closer establishments, he came in to Ray's Tavern. The owner's wife, Harriet Hasterock, herself of Polish descent, was also an incurable romantic. In her self-appointed role as match maker, she sent the young waitress, June Grandt, out to the bar to give the change to "...the tall young man standing at the end of the bar." He would later claim to have decided then and there that "This freckle-faced brunette was the gal for him." He forgot to ask after her heritag, but his father didn't. "Its customary for Poles to marry Poles!" she was informed in no uncertain terms. After a long, oft interrupted courtship -- his parents objected vehemently to her "German bloodline" -- they eloped at the very end of his last furlough from China and the Sgt. claimed her as his bride just four hours before he had to board the train back to the coast for return to overseas duty. About eight months later the war was over and young Otto came home to a married life. Nine months after he returned ~~to the coast~~ they presented the senior Orlowskis with their first grandchild. Her adorable smile melted the last of the ice and ~~in~~ in less than a year, she and her new brother wrapped the grandparents around tiny fingers. The two tots did such a good job as peace-makers that the senior Otto announced their births on his radio program, acclaiming to the world that HE was a ~~grandfather~~ DZIA DZIA (grandfather)...

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In December of 1948, the entire family went to Port Isabel, Texas to build a motel-trailer camp on the Laguna Madre Bay. The Polish Village Inn was closed for the winter. The following spring Otto and June returned to Illinois to open the restaurant. They operated it for two summers ~~after~~ after which it was closed down entirely. (They were expecting their third child and wanted out.) The building was rented to be operated as "Bargain City", an outlet for army surplus and several years later a fire destroyed the entire building. The property, ~~there~~ thereafter, was rented for used car sales businesses and remains as such today.

One of the asides of post war businesses, which made it extremely difficult to realize a profit in any business that provided entertainment was the government's failure to lift ~~the~~ war-time tax levied on this activity to help support the war effort. The "entertainment tax" demanded twenty percent of gross income if you provided ~~an orchestra~~ an orchestra -- or even allowed dancing to juke-box music. The proprietor was required by law to ~~either~~ <sup>EITHER</sup> advise and post notice that dancing was not allowed, (and risk losing customers who resented the restriction) or pay the twenty percent tax.

Those who were involved in the business witnessed first hand what our government has never been able to comprehend. As the price of food and drink was increased to compensate for the tax, they gradually lost customers to the places that did not provide entertainment, and thus could keep their prices

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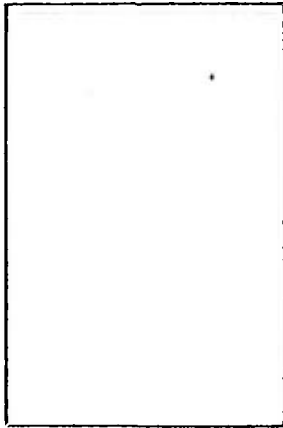
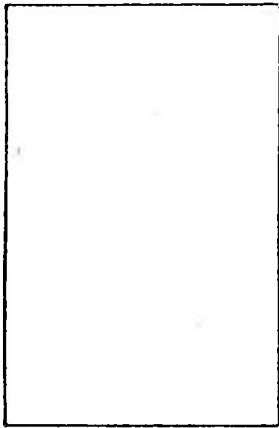
lower. Many overburdened businesses closed their doors and ALL the tax revenue they had previously generated was lost to the gobbling government. One has to wonder if the big bands went out of style as a result of cultural changes or if they were executed, taxation style...

Note: See Grandt History for Orlowski/Grandt.



# Family Portraits

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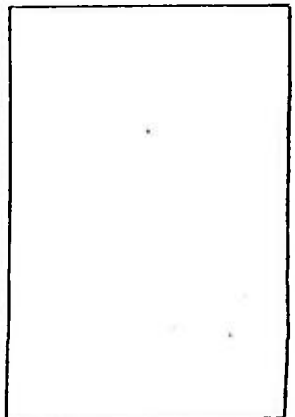
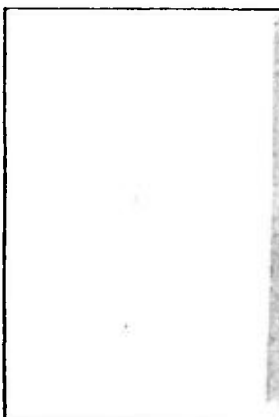
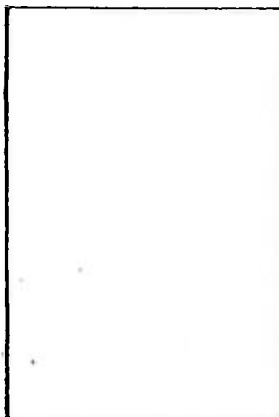


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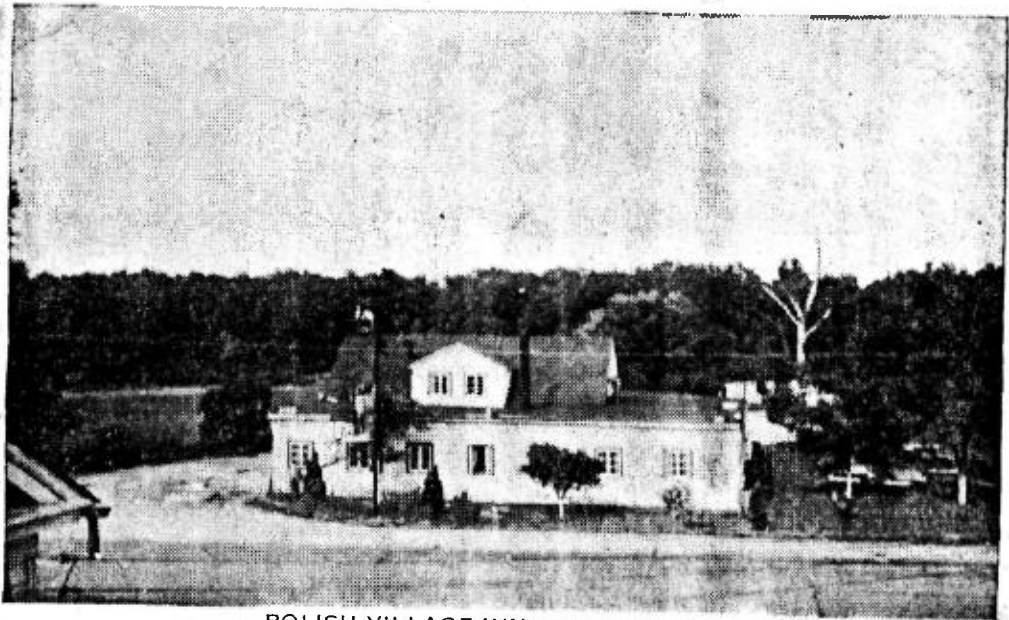
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## Children



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POLISH VILLAGE INN WHEELING, ILLINOIS

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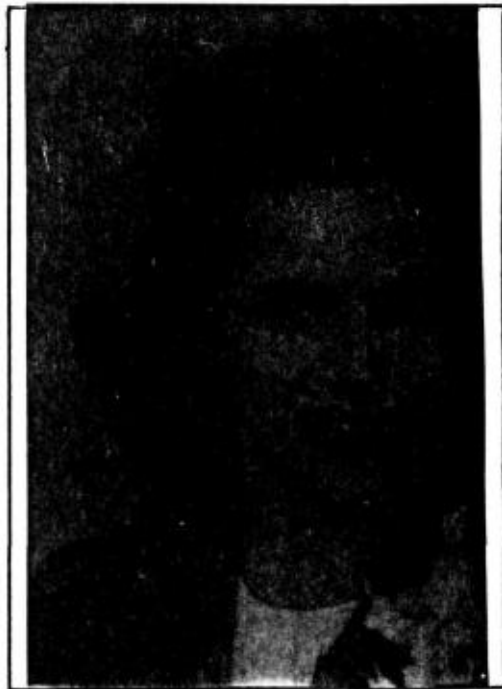


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GABRIEL

## Parents



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MARGARET JUNE GRANDT

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JERROLD MARK



JEFFREY LYNN



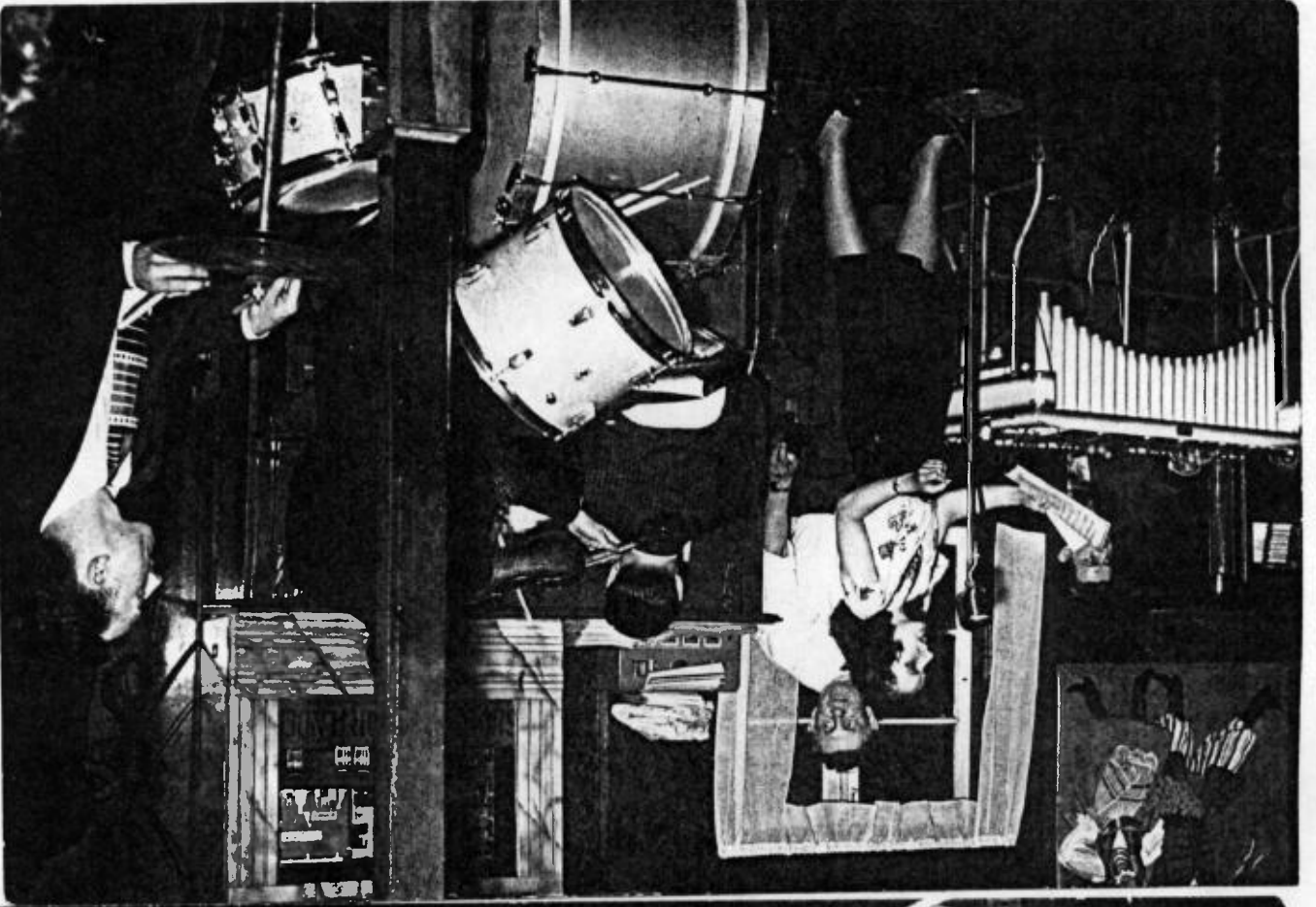
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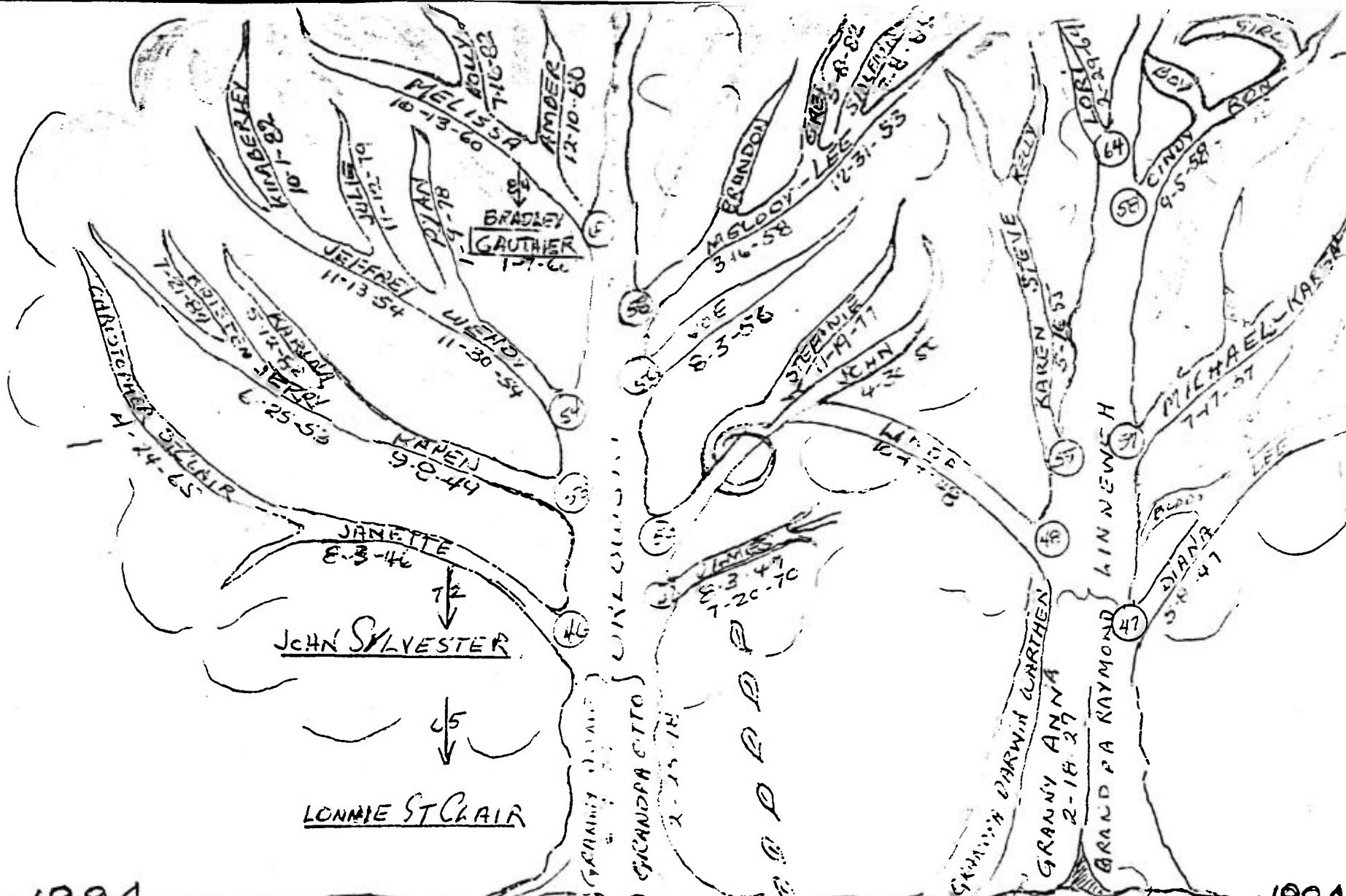


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 MAX. GABRIEL / M. (OLK) GABRIEL  
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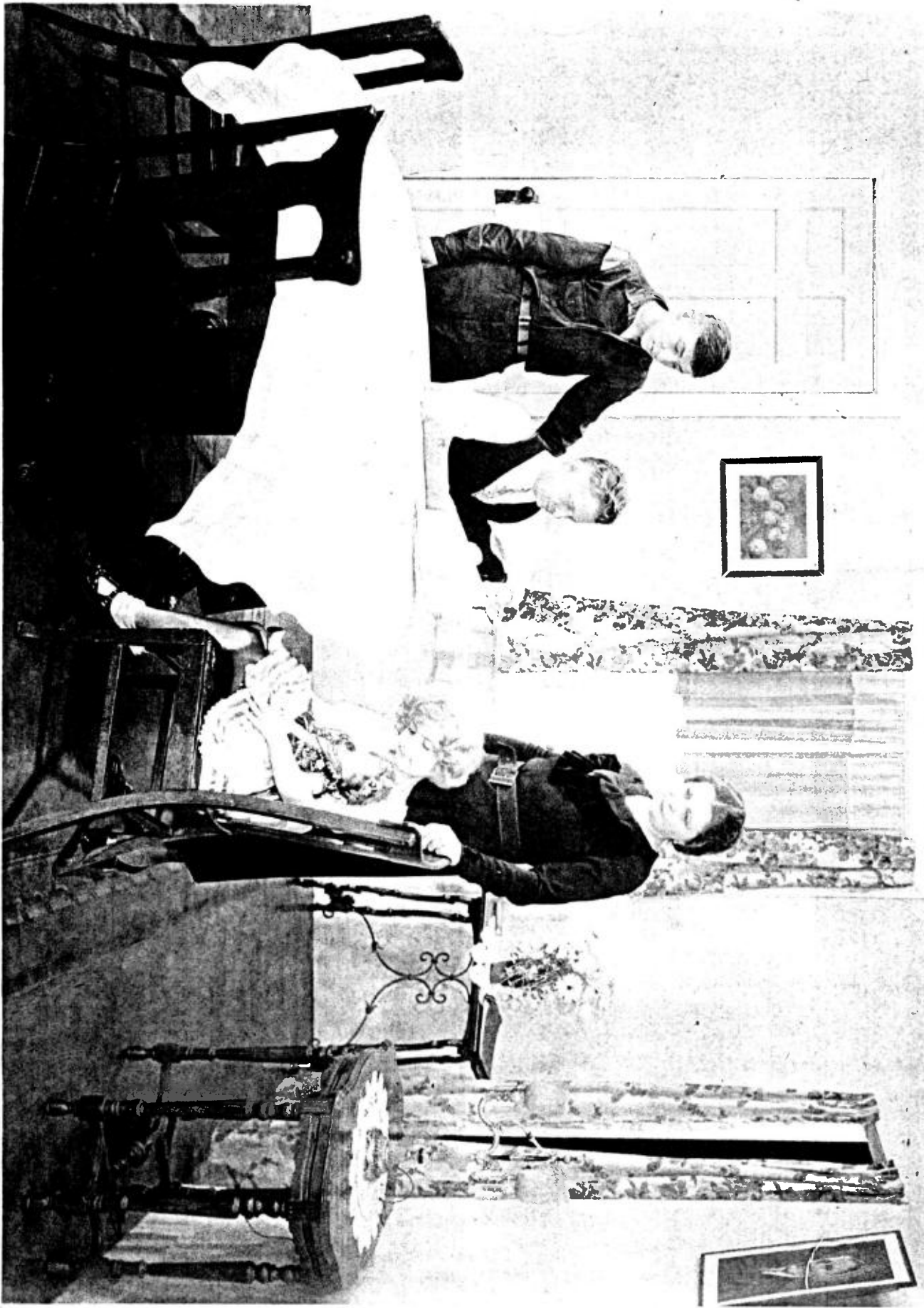
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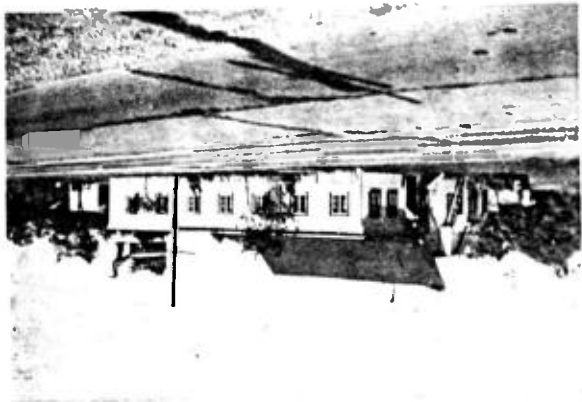
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POLISH VILLAGE PROGRAM.

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Polska Wiesz..... rasier products.....

RECORD: ✓

Alba Laundry..... Sholl Studio

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Nowicki..... Polish Village.....

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Security..... Polonia.....

RECORD:

Wronski..... Julian Furn.....

RECORD:

Sajewski..... Polish Village.....

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# Mother Pucinska puts her polish on Polish news

By Marilyn Preston

**T**UESDAY MORNING at 8:30, the hostess of the Polish Sunshine Hour on radio station WEDC will be very careful not to betray any particular emotion when she reads the news about the mayoral primary race.

When she gets to the paid political announcement for Roman Pucinski, she promises not to flinch or falter or gussy it up, even though Tuesday is a very important day for candidate Pucinski. It's an important day for his mother, too, but she insists she won't let on to any of her listeners just how important.

"Oh, no, I must be cool," says Roman's mother Lidia, the Dinah Shore of the Polish radio airwaves, the coolest 81-year-old in broadcasting, a woman who has been in this country since 1912 but speaks English like she got off the boat last month. "I am very careful, at all times, to play it straight."

Lidia Pucinska (with an "a" not an "i" because that's the feminine ending) has been playing it straight on Chicago radio for 45 years.

For 45 years, she has been getting up at 4 a.m., an ungodly hour for most but one that suits her remarkable energies. For 45 years, she has been catching her cab at 5:45 a.m. and arriving at station WEDC on north Milwaukee Avenue promptly at 6. "I like get here early so everything be correct," she says. "It's important to me that everything be correct."

FOR 45 YEARS, she has been on the prowl for bits of news from newspapers, magazines, Polish language journals, and local sources. Between 6 and 8 a.m. every morning she pieces together a show that skips from news to commentary to medical notes to public service to weddings to births to deaths to good music to special recipes, all in Polish, all in her own sweet style. The highlight of the hour seems to be the 15-minute dramatic reading that is a one-woman tour de force, with Mrs. Pucinska all dressed



Lidia Pucinska: The Dinah Shore of the Polish radio airwaves.

Tribune Photo by Bill Kelly

years. "That's when I play the serious music, the classics."

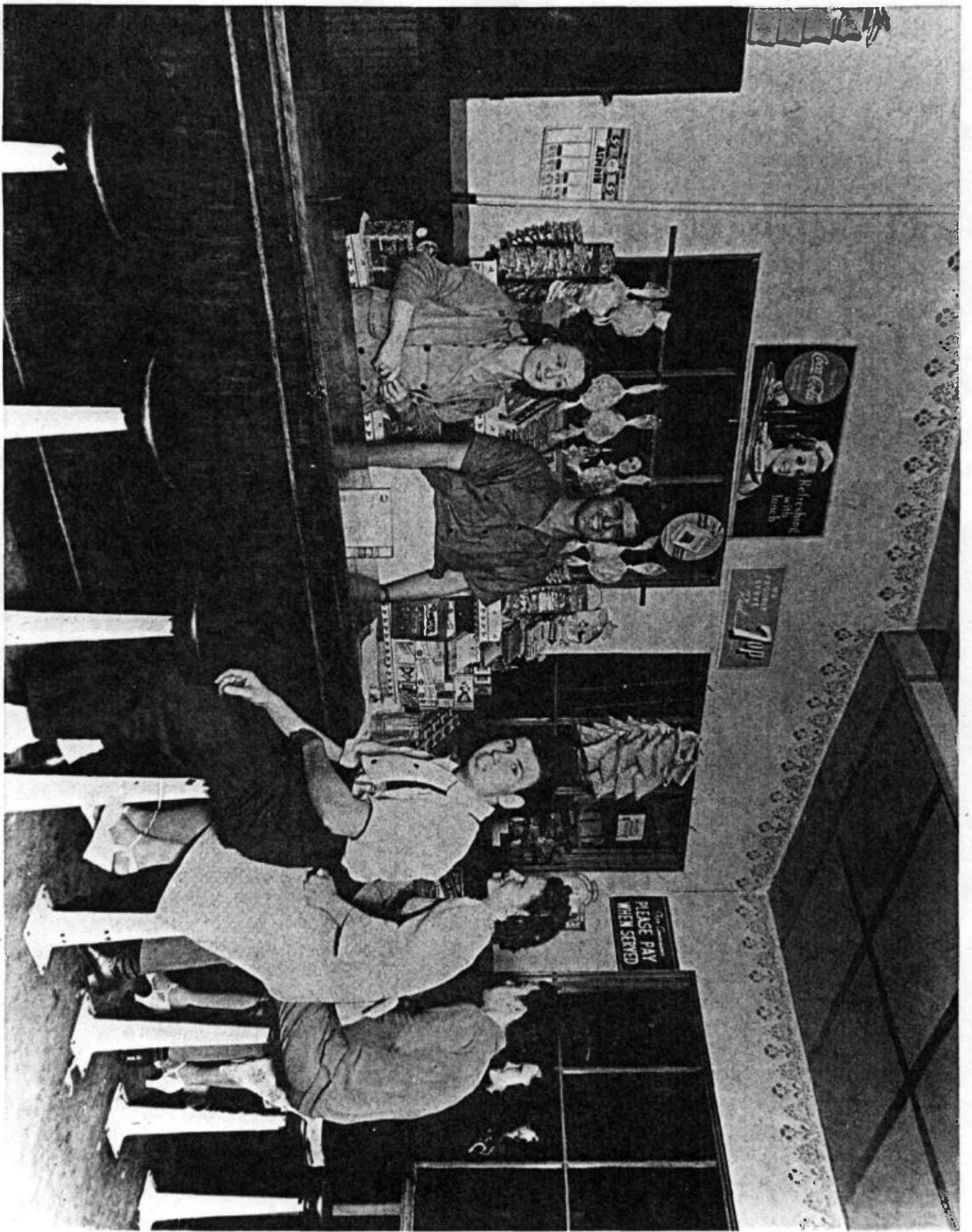
NEEDLESS TO SAY, Lidia Pucinska and the Sunshine Hour are very big in Chicago's Polish community. No one's quite sure how big because WEDC is a tiny ethnic station and can't afford to subscribe to expensive rating services. In fact, the station can't really afford to go it alone at 1240 on the dial, so it's in the unusual position of sharing that signal with two other independent ethnic stations, WCRW and WSBC. They take turns turning their individual transmitters on and off. WEDC's day turn starts with Mrs. Pucinska at 8:30 a.m. until 10 a.m., then skips to 3:30 to 5 p.m., 7 to 8 p.m., 10 to 11 p.m., and finishes off from midnight to 6 a.m.

"I just love my work," says Mrs. Pucinska, who occasionally stages operas, operettas, and musical comedies in Polish for the community. "It keeps me busy and I love it."

She will not love it if she has to go on the air Wednesday morning and announce — in those clear, dispassionate Polish tones — that "Mayor Michael Bilandic was the winner in yesterday's . . ." But she will do it. And she will be straight.

"I must be straight," she says with a sigh. "If he (Pucinski) wins, he wins, and I will say that God has given him and all ethnic groups a great victory. But if he loses, he loses, and I will say that we must take it what the Lord gives us." She looks around at nothing in particular, adjusts her hat, and smiles. "I will just keep cool."





SNIPS OF WHEELING HISTORY

By: June Orlowski

Wrapped snugly inside the Mexican restaurant, Lakukaracha, across from Manchester Drive on south Milwaukee Avenue, is a tavern that was owned and operated by Jake Rudolph over four decades ago. After Jake sold the tavern, the new owner **ERECTED** a facade around the old frame building and remodeled the interior. Over the years, the tavern changed hands a number of times, changing decor and atmosphere to the whim of each new owner. It is doubtful that anyone owning the business after Jake ever enjoyed the popularity that he did so many years ago.

Just north of Jake's old place, also on the east side of the street, was another, similar tavern, owned and operated by Herman Taege (Unsure of spelling of last name). The current owners, **NICK & JUDY SIRRELL**, operated an antique store there. **THE "BARREL "O" BYGONE'S"** That business closed its doors this year. Several years ago, the owner attempted to rent his building to the Italian U-Boat chain of restaurants but the village administration denied this use on the grounds that their exterior decor ( a trade identification using a red, white and green **SHINGLES - THE COLOR OF THE ITALIAN FLAG.**) did not fit in to the planned development of the Milwaukee Avenue corridor. The building is vacant now...

Both of the above taverns were popular spots in pre-war days. Lacking the jovial, uninhibited character of the two original owners, neither tavern could be duplicated today.

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The Villa Venice, formerly known as "The House That Jack Built" was located east of the Des Plaines River at the Milwaukee Avenue bridge, south of River Road. The Fireside Restaurant now occupies the property. Catering to the more affluent public, they had live entertainment with big names and operated a fleet of gondolas on the river in a setting which promoted romance. When the river became polluted, the stench destroyed the atmosphere and that entertainment was discontinued. ALBERT "Pa Pa" Bouche was the owner proud. Many of the entertainers stayed at the Union Hotel. A local man collected their garbage ~~from the~~ to feed his hogs and stacked his kitchen cupboard with dishes and silverware that was tossed into the garbage along with the food. Mr. Bouche refused to take it back into his kitchen when it had been in the garbage.

Ray's Tavern was another well known restaurant in the area of River Road and Milwaukee Avenue. It was owned by Ray and Harriet Hasterock. The couple had one son, John, who graduated from Northwestern University School of Law. John married a Libertyville girl, \_\_\_\_\_, the daughter of Libertyville's Shoe Store owner. The restaurant catered to the North Shore dinner trade and ran a bookie in a large side room. The crew working in that part of the building became very adept at disguising

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the true activity when word came down the pipeline that a police raid was on the way. Ditto for the slot machines when off-track betting and the one armed bandit were outlawed. When the call came from the informant, the tavern owners (all down Milwaukee Ave, not just at this place) would simply close the front of the box-like structure they had devised to 'hide' the slot machines in and ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ feigned child-like innocence when the police came. As a young, ignorant and trusting 'kid', I thought it odd that so many cops had a wad of chew tobacco in their cheeks. As I became a little better educated I realized that was their tongues, not tobacco...

Racing sheets, naming horses in the next day's race and the odds, were delivered every nite. Periodically, the real boss of this activity would pay a call on the owners and tip the waitresses and bartenders lavishly. The tips were welcome, for they served an awful lot of Ham and Swiss Cheese sandwiches and beer to the daytime betters.

The entire business part of the betting operation was contained in a small room at the rear of the large dining room/dance hall area. This room had entry access only from the kitchen, with three betting windows open to the public.

The family had living quarters above the business and John had a separate apartment above the bookie.

I saw one school classmate's father lose his shirt (and his home) in the back room and another one destroy his marriage between there and the bar...

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One regular customer there who had left his wife for another woman was involved in a confrontation with a train on the south side of Des Plaines when they were on ~~the~~ their way home one <sup>late</sup> late night. The woman lost both arms ~~above~~ just below the elbows. When she recovered, they were again regular customers. It was a gut-wrenching ~~experience~~ to see her sit at the bar and lift a shot glass of whiskey to drink.

Another couple had dated for years, then in their later years, they married. They were both killed on their honeymoon, when they hit a deer on the highway in the mountains and lost control of their car...

In the late 40's Ray's Tavern was gutted by fire.

Across Milwaukee Avenue from the Bon Aire Country Club's 18 Hole golf course, The 19th Hole tavern welcomed the thirsty golfers. Owned by Nick and Jean Brandon, it was a popular spot for many years. They ran the business with the help of their son, Charles 'Bud', and daughter, June. An older daughter was married and lived elsewhere. June married Eino 'Smokey' \_\_\_\_\_. Both died within a short time of one another, if recalled correctly, in their late 30's. Bud died in Florida a few years ago, leaving his wife, Jessie \_\_\_\_\_.

It was a common practice among restaurant and tavern owners to socialize among themselves, probably due to the odd and late working patterns of the different businesses. They could often be found in one another's establishments.

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Another, more recent restaurant on South Milwaukee Ave., just north of the old Hartman House (now the Crab House), was called "The Pie House". It enjoyed a brief period of popularity, and then it too bit the dust. A new owner established a swimming pool business but the pool didn't hold water. That building has been boarded up for a number of years now...

Of the Gasoline Service Stations in Wheeling in the 40's, only Scotty's Texaco, owned by Fred 'Scotty' Cargil and the "Triangle Garage" formerly owned by Lloyd Kelm, survived the rigors of time. Scotty's recently closed and is now under company ownership as a self-serve station -- that's the kind where we pay the corporation for the privilege of doing the work ourselves. Roger 'Rocky' Rockenbach worked for Scotty in the late 30's/early 40's. Then he opened a service station of his own on Milwaukee Avenue and Central Ave in Niles/Henriev(?). From there he went to Cable, Wisc where he lived and worked on ~~the~~ Rocking R Ranch, which he owned. Last heard from him in the early 1970's. Two brothers, Frank 'Moe' and Howard 'Bud' Graff also operated a service station in town in the early 40's. It was located approximately where the Triangle Garage is now, WW II changed life considerably. Bud Graff was among the Wheeling boys to go off to war and Scotty served on the Ration Board. Automobile went fifteen (UP TO 25 WITH A 6 CYLINDER ENGINE) to twenty miles on a gallon of gasoline and it was ten cents a gallon. Autos cost about a thousand dollars -- the writer bought a 41 Ford Club Coupe (A demo) for \$800. just before the war and sold it during the war for the same price.

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The first Triangle Garage was located in (Rocky) Rocky's building on the west side of the street.

In the late 30's/early 40's, it was possible to visit  
(at least not from human snakes)  
the forest preserve without fear of bodily harm. The cool  
dampness of the back trails made it pleasant to go horse-  
back riding there, especially during the worst heat of the  
summer. <sup>HOT SUMMER DAY</sup> One ~~time~~, a friend and I rode through the woods  
on the north side of Dundee Road, planning to ride as far  
north as we could, to see where it led out. I had brought  
sandwiches and sodas, so we stopped at the Dan Beard Camp-  
ground to eat lunch. I was riding a mare that would stand  
and wait if I simply dropped the reins. My friend, unfor-  
tunately, was riding a stallion, which he'd assured me  
"would be no problem". He dismounted and tied his horse a  
short distance away. Evidently, he had not secured the reins  
very well, because before we could unpack the lunch, we were  
galloping after our horses, the stallion ~~chasing~~ <sup>chasing</sup> my mare and  
us chasing them. Sprint runners had nothing on us. We  
chased them to Dundee Road and only caught them because the  
mare doubled back into the woods when they reached the high  
way... I left the sandwiches and soda for the squirrels in  
the woods and sent the other 'squirrel' packing with his  
stallion. Jogging wasn't all that fashionable then...



Preserved bits of memory from the forest preserve:

In the late 30's my father was building a house out in the woods off Portwine Road. One night he arrived home with a box with a mother rattlesnake and a squiggly mass of her young. He'd been fortunate that day, for she was nesting right where he was about to put down the chalk-line used to layout the house foundation.

Sometimes Chicago families would camp out in the woods. One family comes vividly to mind for two reasons. Two of their children had webbed fingers, a birth defect that was unknown in 'our world'. The boys taught my brothers how to cook crayfish -- in a coffee canfull of hot water, heated over a bon-fire. They prepared them <sup>THE WAY</sup> live lobster is prepared and ate only the tails. I sampled one, then learned years later they taste like shrimp... The crayfish were caught in the drainage ditch. In those days the ditch carried off water from farmlands through a system of tiles. The water was not contaminated and the stream was so clear you could see all the marine life. We did not venture downstream past the Hintz Road bridge because cattle were pastured there, fenced off with barbed wire beneath the bridge. We played among the minnows, frogs, crayfish and leeches like <sup>TRADITIONAL</sup> waterbabies...

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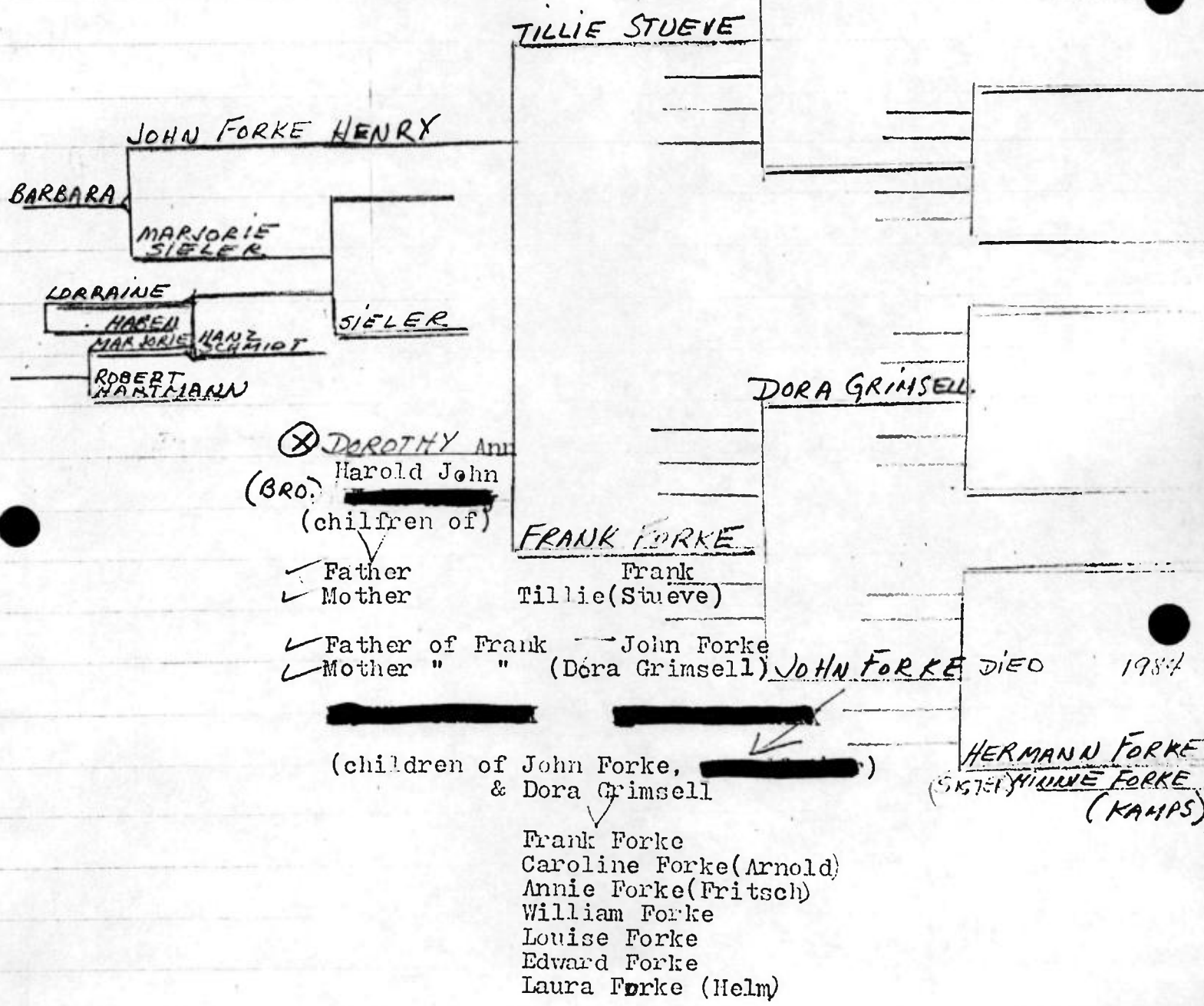
Joe's Root Beer Stand, located on the old Bieber farm property, just north of Hintz Road on the west side of Milwaukee Avenue, featured root beer, "ALL YOU CAN DRINK, 5¢" In one corner of the L shaped counter, stood a huge barrel of root beer. The workers filled it with the root beer EXtract and WATER, WHICH WAS PROBABLY CARBONATED WITH CO<sub>2</sub> DA it was drawn from a spigot and served in mugs. Hamburgers were 15¢. They also sold chili, ice cream and candy. Area teens provided a brisk business in the mid 30's to early 40's. The owner, Joe Adams, employed four of August Grandt's daughters to cook and serve customers. Hazel (Wm.) Mantey recalls working there before and after her marriage <sup>she was wed</sup> in 1937. Bernice (Henry) Mantey, Margaret (John) Mueller and Lillian (Herbert) Kreft were the other three sisters.

After WW II, Dorthea (Bieber) and Ernie Stavros operated the "teen center" for a short while. It is now a popular 'watering hole' for commuters and they no longer feature beer with roots...

A more recent restaurant, the El Nido, at Manchester and Milwaukee, grew through successive ~~ownerships~~ (It was originally a gas station.) present owners, spouting out of gasoline pumps. Each new owner gutted the building and completely remodeled the interior. None have stayed long enough to justify what some local residents view as an unjustified waste of valuable, usable materials and energy. It has been remodeled, expanded and promoted. Only time will tell now...

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FORKE



⊗ DOROTHY ANN  
 (BRO.) Harold John  
 (children of)

✓ Father  
 ✓ Mother

FRANK FORKE  
 Frank  
 Tillie (Stueve)

✓ Father of Frank — John Forke  
 ✓ Mother " " (Dora Grimsell)

JOHN FORKE DIED 1984

(children of John Forke, [redacted] & Dora Grimsell)

HERMANN FORKE  
 (SISTER) MINNIE FORKE  
 (KAMPS)

- Frank Forke
- Caroline Forke (Arnold)
- Annie Forke (Fritsch)
- William Forke
- Louise Forke
- Edward Forke
- Laura Forke (Helm)

Hermann Forke, Father of above John Forke & wife Dora  
 (Brother of Minnie Forke Kamps)

MILLER

ARDITH MILLER

OSCAR  
ARTHUR  
LAURENCE

WILLIAM  
LAURENCE

MARILYN MILLER

DAUGH.  
LOYD  
KELM

HENRY KELM  
(POP)  
KELM.

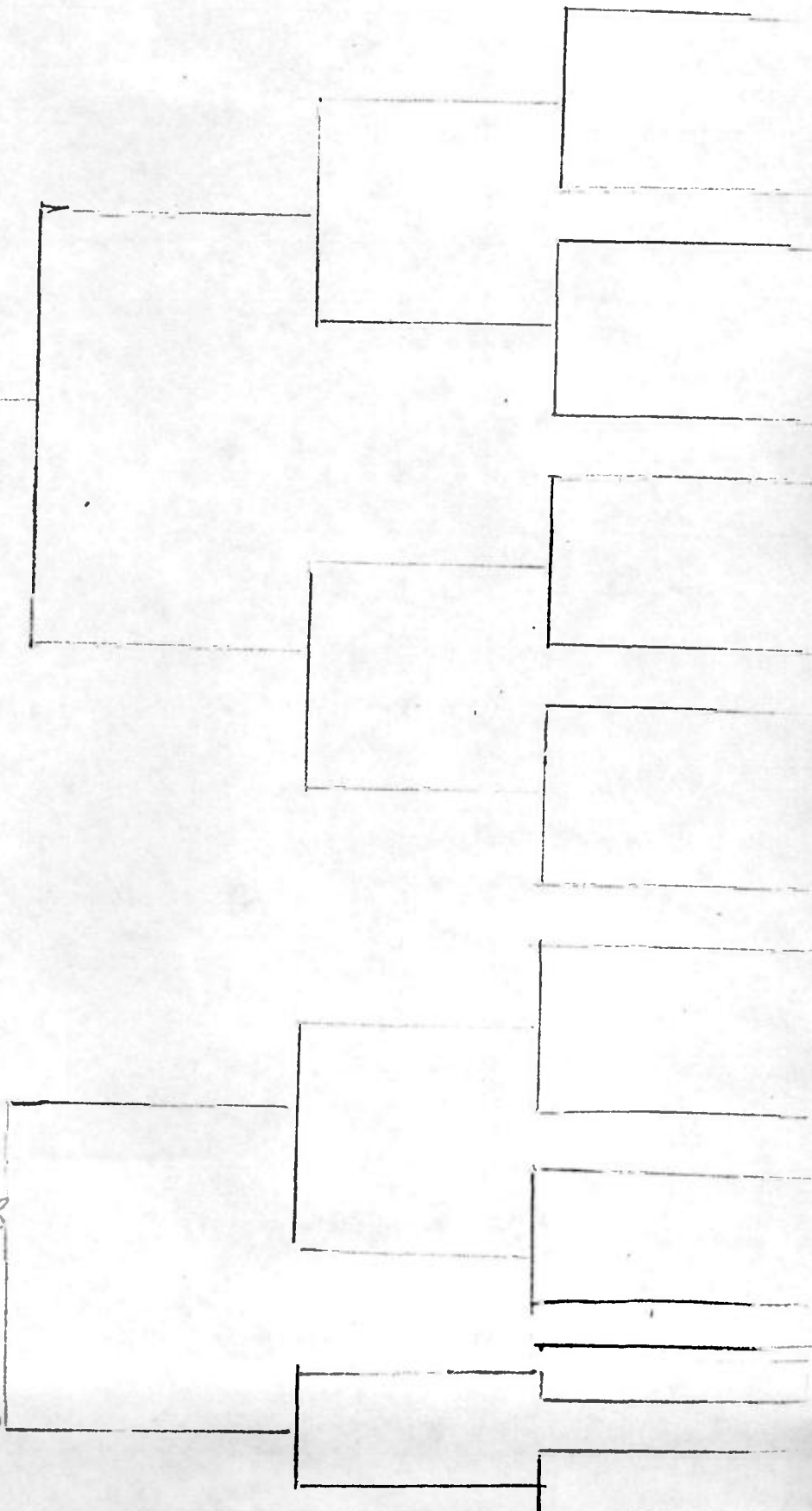
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JEFFREY  
SON

GRACE  
MOELLER,

(1) MILLER, ART  
(2) CARTER, MOELLER

ARTHUR MILLER  
SR



Families Surnames of surrounding residents -

South/East

Sanders  
 Bornhoff  
 Kennicott  
 Allison  
 Maeterock - Rais's Tavern.  
 Knoll  
 Bartmanns

South/West

Frank 83 + Palatine Rd.  
 Starvo Buffalo Grove Rd

Caranough - Orchestra  
 leader from Ark Hgts.  
 played on Sat nights  
 at Union Hotel, later  
 at Highwood & in  
 Bensenville.

Dr. Town

Kiemer (Blanche) Senator  
 Heest (Fannie Belle) " (Turner)  
 (Alma)

Miller - (Bud Maichyn, Art, (Edith)  
 Wengloff, Eric (Wengloff's Restaurant)  
 Kruff - (Frank (mae), Howard (Bud) + Sister  
 Wick (Allen)

Wiest - (Wm) Carpenter  
 Mlick - (Black diphtheria took 3 children)  
 Kruse - (Eloise) / (Sister) (around 1931-32) DOROTHY & 2 YOUNG  
 Sister Bro twins - Robert + another sister

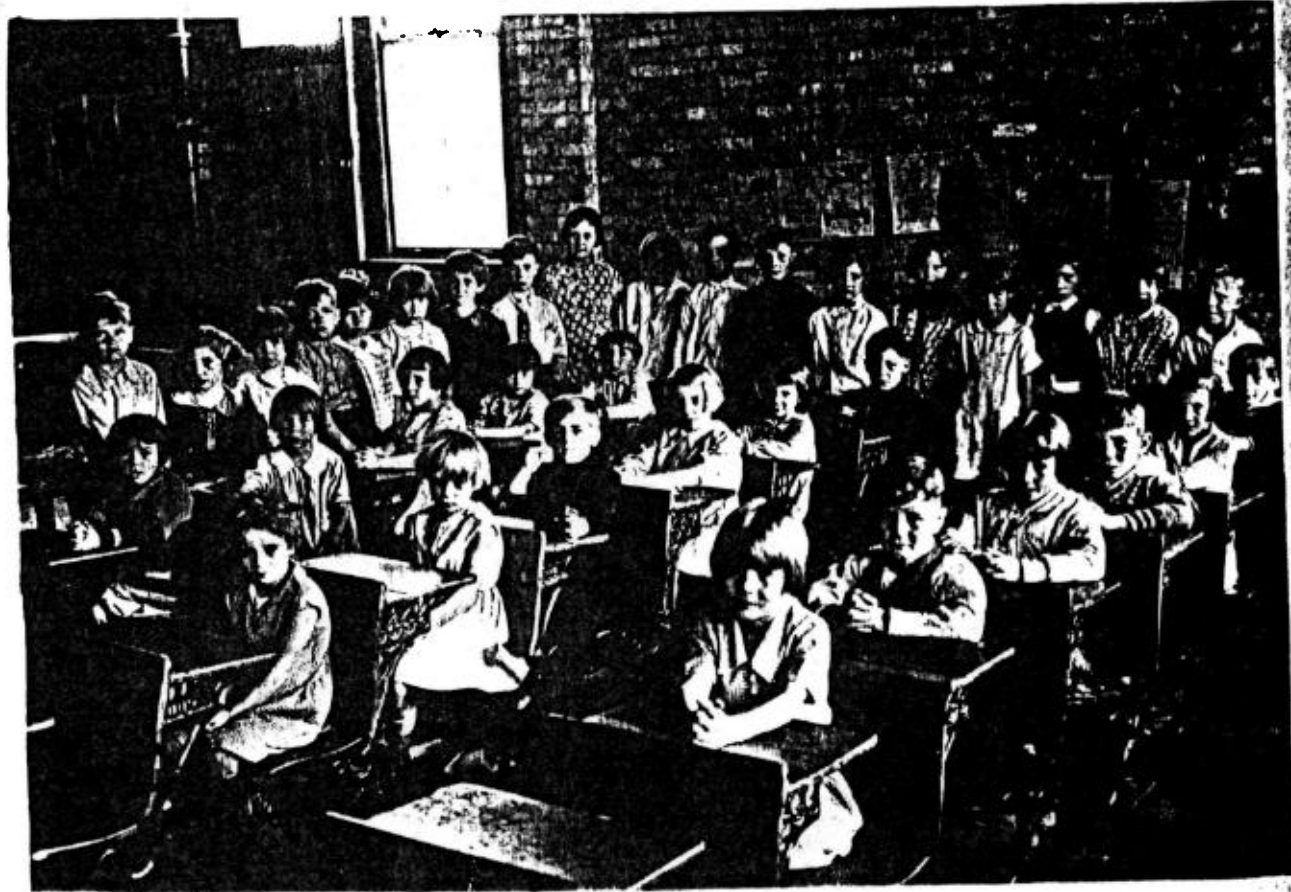
Lawrence - (Art + Oscar)  
 Beck - (Lawrence + )  
 Spitzbart (Ruth) - Father was School janitor (mother died 1984)  
 Rackerback (Ruth + Roger)  
 Hodge - (Marion + Blacky)

Rogalski - Union Hotel  
 (Glicia (Phyllis) Frances, Blanche, Anne, Ester, Leonard)

Cargil - (Fred (Scotty), Klauvlov, Jessie  
 Hartmann - Hartmanns Soc, (Robert) Bob married Margery Schmidt  
 Schmidt - Butcher Shop (Lorraine, Margery)  
 Sieler - (Margery - sister of Mrs Klauvlov Schmidt)  
 married Johnny Forke - daughter Barbara.

Forke (Dorothy, John, Harold)  
 Nicke (Madeline, Edw.)  
 Nicke (Leonard + )  
 Halje - Bank (Hudson, )  
 Wosolok (Ed + Bro.)  
 Utzadel - Jim - sick  
 Ortegol (Arthur)  
 YMC Entree  
 Plagge (Ent)  
 Grey  
 (Neo) (New) Northbrook  
 Wicke, Allen





WHEELING PUBLIC SCHOOL CLASS EARLY 1930'S (2 SIBLINGS)

Front row (Seated)  
 Edna (Sister Klaus) (twin of Edwin 'Brother' Klaus)  
 (Sister 'Klaus' Klaus)  
 Valores Klemm  
 Roger Rockenbach (?)  
 Rich Rockenbach

2nd row (Seated)  
 Trausch  
 Trausch  
 Robert 'Bobby' Weiser  
 Lorraine Mallenamp

3rd row (seated)  
 Marie Weisner  
 Marion Grewe

Edward 'Eddie' Glueck

Back row (Standing) L to R  
 E. Gordon Grandt  
 Dorothy Scheltz  
 Warren Sessoms

Marcella Johnson  
 Arthur Frachender  
 Teacher Miss Frey (?)  
 Nepla Zupadil  
 Edward 'Eddie' Glueck  
 Reinhold Schmidt (?)  
 Edwin 'Brother' Klaus  
 June Grandt  
 Dorothy Glueck (or Edna?)

Miller



ROCKY ROCKENBACK - MELVIN BECKER



ED WESLOCK, SALLY JOHNSON, DOROTHEA BLEIBER



FRED 'SCOTTY' CARGIL, MELVIN BECKER



JUNE (GRANDT) & SCOTTY ORLOWSKI



ROCK - SCOTTY - MELVIN



& MARJORY (SCHMIDT) HARTMAN

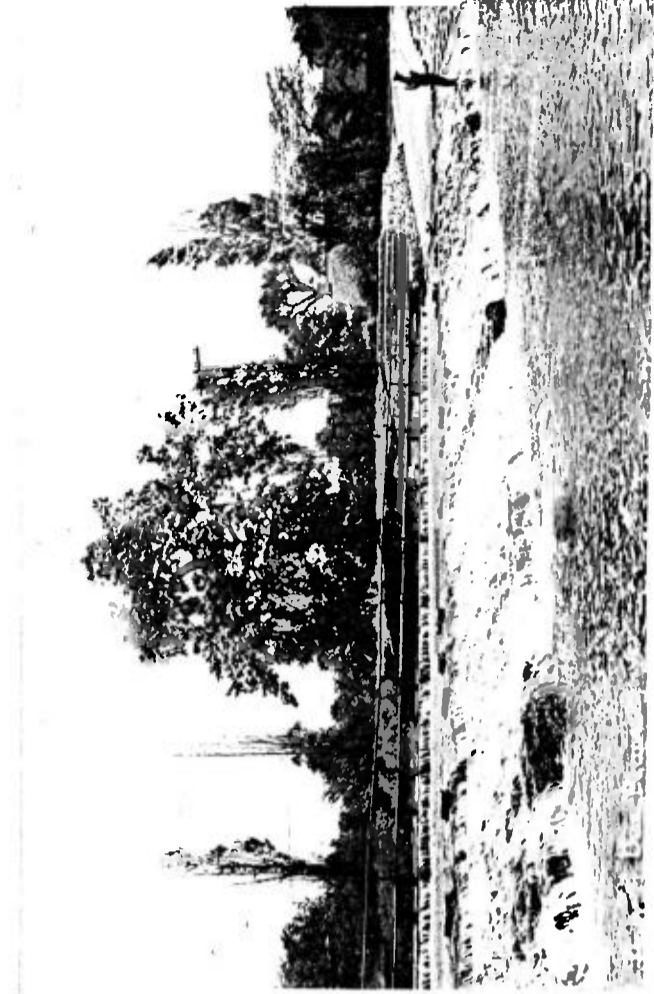
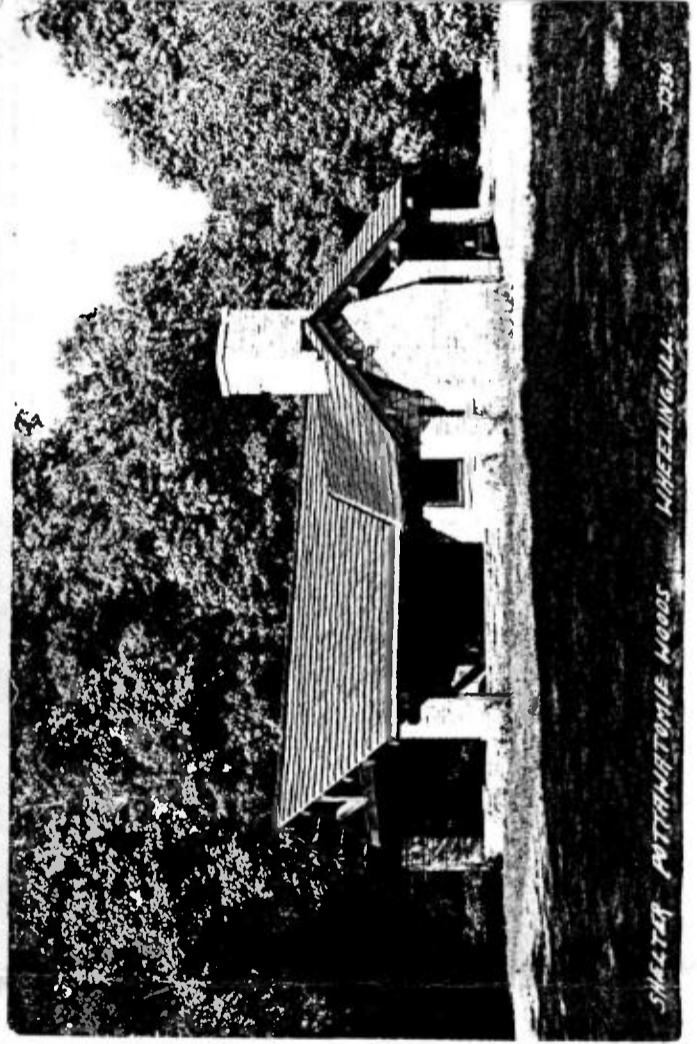
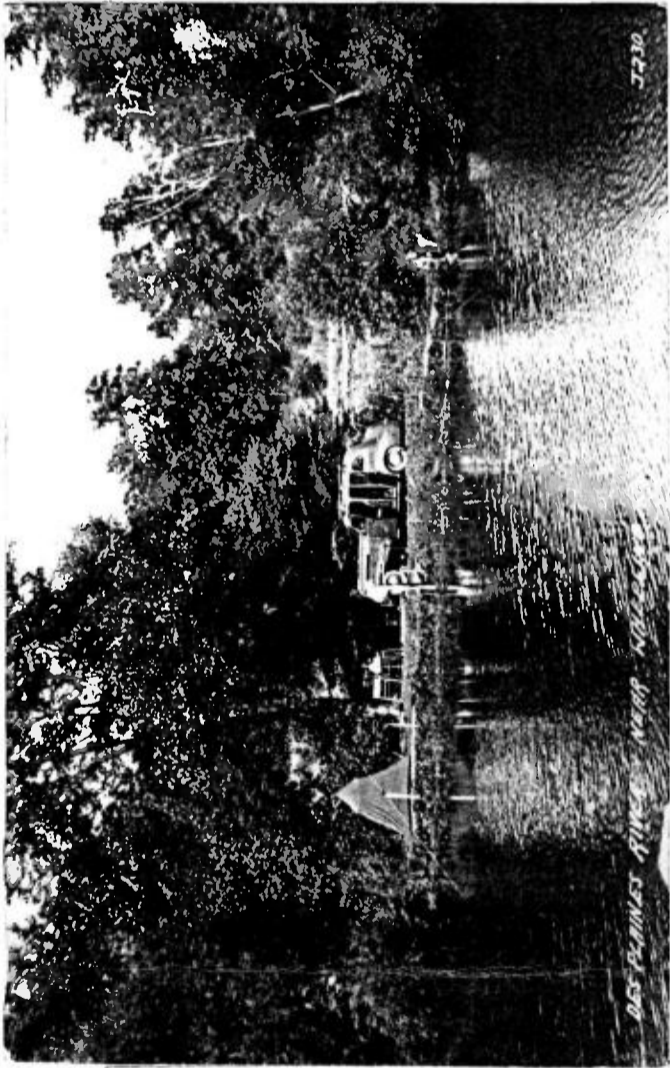


JUNE BRANDON  
'SMOKEY' EINO  
CHARLES 'BUD' BRANDON  
JUNE (GRANDT) ORLOWSKI

BRANDON'S, JEAN &  
NICK, OWNED 19TH HOLE  
TAVERN ACROSS FROM  
DON AIR'S 18 HOLE GOLF COURSE  
ON MILWAUKEE AVE



← PALWAUKEE AIRPORT



POSTCARDS - OWNED BY June Ollowski



AT MILWAUKEE AVE

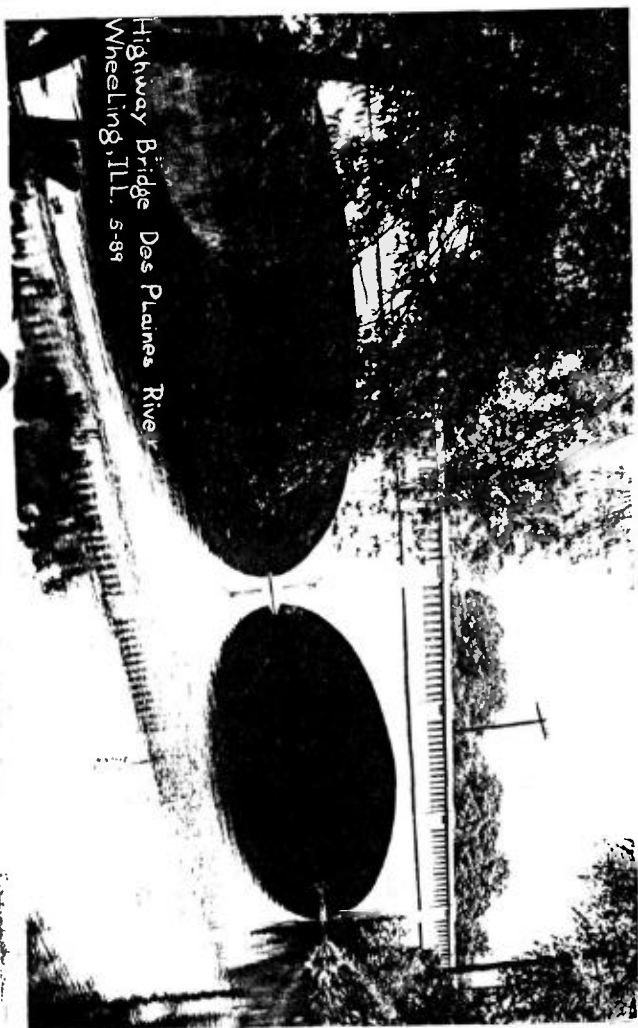
AT RIVER ROAD.



JUNE GRANDT & NICK FUNK  
FRONT OF RAY'S TAVERN



MRS HARRIET HASTEROCK  
RAY & HARRIET OWNED RAY'S TAVERN



Highway Bridge Des Plaines River  
Wheeling, Ill. 5-89



Des Plaines River  
Wheeling, Ill.  
5-87

Presented owned by Jim Decker



RIVER

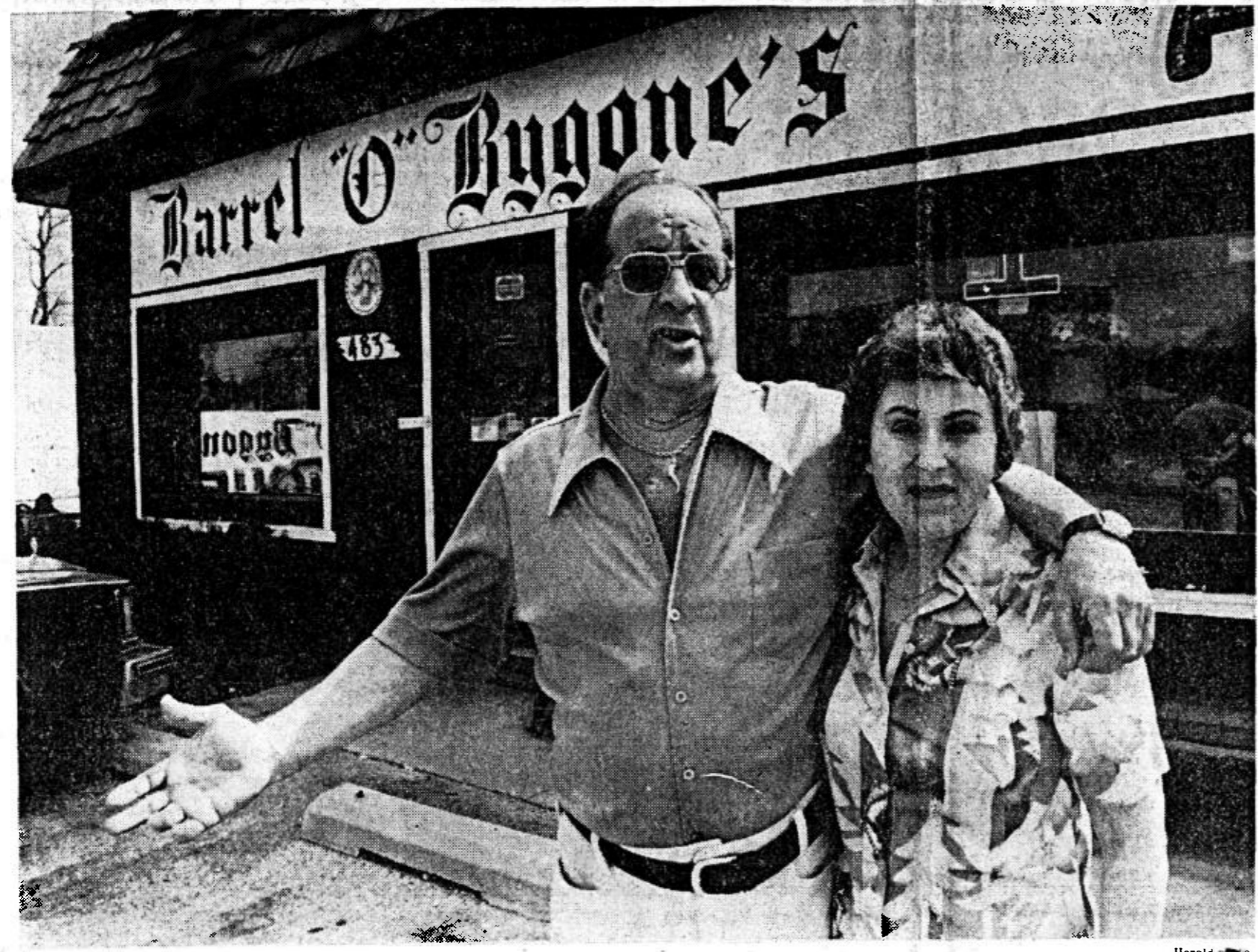
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DES PLAINE RIVER  
WHEELING, ILL.

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JAKE ~~ADOLPH'S~~  
HERMAN TATGE'S TAVERN LOCATION  
LATE '30'S



# Dist. 214 will tap stockpiled reserves in 1979-80 budget

by THEA GRENDAHL

For the first time, High School Dist. 214 will have to tap reserve funds to meet operating expenses.

Under the tentative \$64.2 million budget for the 1979-80 school year, \$1.5 million of the \$23 million uncommitted reserve will be spent. Last year, \$6 million was added to the reserve, so the proposed budget represents a \$7.5 million turnabout in the district's financial position.

Board member Albert Domanico said the situation reflects a philosophical change in the district, which has been criticized for stockpiling reserve monies. "We're now making the first blatant decision to cut into them," he said.

**THE CUT INTO** the surplus adds weight to the need for addressing possible school closings and reviewing district programs and staffing patterns to balance declining enrollments, inflation and dwindling financial resources, said board Pres. John Gmitro.

The \$64 million budget is 6.3 percent higher than last year's budget of \$60.5 million. The 1978-79 budget included about \$4 million for the Facilities Improvements Program for additions and remodeling in the eight high schools that has not been spent and was budgeted again.

Total revenue for 1979-80 is projected at \$57.4 million, down about 3 percent from this year's \$59.4 million.

than this year's \$40.7 million.

The building operations fund expenses are estimated at \$11.5 million next year, a 10.2 percent increase from \$10.4 million.

About \$10 million will be transferred from the working cash fund to the educational and operating funds, leaving about \$6 million in the working cash fund that is used to ease cash flow problems. Board member Harold Best suggested that the board consider bolstering that fund by adding an extra tax when the new levy is set in September.

**NO NEW PROGRAMS** are outlined in the proposed budget and new equipment purchases were kept to a minimum, said board member Richard Bachhuber, budget committee chairman.

Expenses do not include salary increases for administrators, supervisors or psychologists. Those have not been determined yet.

The proposed budget will be on public display beginning Monday at the administration center, 799 W. Kensington Rd., Mount Prospect. A public hearing on the budget was set for June 18 at the administration center. Final approval is expected at the regular board meeting at 8 p.m. June 25.

During discussion Monday of the proposed budget, Best again criticized the plan to transfer \$10 million in reserves from the working cash fund. He said

**THEY PLANNED** to lease their building to a fast-food restaurant... Wheeling Village Board. Trustees objected to the restaurant's plan to paint the building's cedar shingles red, white and green — the colors...  
...retire to California. But Nick and Judy Sirrell's plans were thwarted...  
...building also by Italian U-Boat delicatessen were selected by the...



FRED GRANDT  
HELEN'S  
WENTHROP, HELEN  
GRNA  
OFFER-  
MHEEKE  
BILL-LILLIAN  
MCINTOCK  
ELMER  
ALICE  
BERKEN FAVEC  
HENRY  
GRANDT.

HINTZ B.

SAC,  
FRANK  
GRUPPEK

CREEK

STERNBERG  
RENTED  
MIKE  
LOCKNER  
OWNER.

ALTENJ.

AIRPORT

GORDON & JUNE GRANDT  
 (WATER "BOYS" ON  
 BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION) PROJECT 1930's

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 NOT TO SCALE  
 BY JUNE GRANDT

FORMER  
 LILLIAN  
 1911

PRESENT  
 PHIL WILKKE

FORMER  
 ROBERT  
 BRITT  
 STERNBERG  
 FARMS

WOLF RD  
 DUTCHMAN  
 HELD IN LITIGATION  
 FORMER FRED GRANDT SR  
 FRED GRANDT JR  
 GRANDSON OF HENRY  
 SON OF FRED G. SR.  
 GORDON GRANDT  
 BRO. OF FRED JR.  
 PRESENT  
 OWNER  
 UNKNOWN

NOW OWNED  
 BY  
 A.P. KELTON

WHEELING DRAINAGE DITCH

OR BUFFALO CREEK

PRESENT  
 EUGENE (NAME)

FORMER WINTHROP  
 PRESENT ORNA  
 FORMER UFFER (DAUGH  
 OF

ORIGINAL HOMESTEAD  
 FARM OF  
 HENRY GRANDT SR.  
 OLDEST SON AUGUST  
 INHERITED SECTION  
 SOLD TO:

LILLIAN  
 SISTER OF DOROTHEA BIEBER

ELMER GRANDT  
 GRANDSON OF HENRY

(BIG) HENRY GRANDT JR.  
 SON OF HENRY SR.

FORMER  
 HERBERT GRANDT  
 SON OF HENRY JR.

OUTDOOR THEATRE

FORMER HOMES  
 AUGUST GRANDT  
 EDWIN GRANDT  
 DAM  
 INN

NEW HOMESTEAD  
 BUILT ABOUT  
 1900  
 FRED LENKE  
 HUSBAND OF MINERVA  
 DAUGH OF HENRY  
 PRESENT  
 LADDIE'S  
 BLDG.

ROOT BEER STAND  
 BIEBER RESIDENCE  
 BIEBER  
 BIEBER  
 NEW HOME OF DOROTHEA BIEBER (ERNIE) STAVROS

1930's TO PRESENT:

CONDEMNED BY  
 F.P.D. UNDER  
 EMINENT DOMAIN

RIVER

ROBERT BRITT  
STERNBERG  
CARL

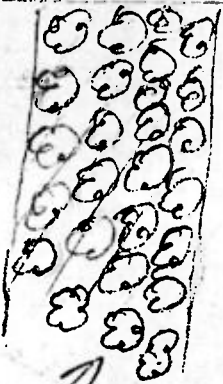
Succession  
of  
ownership  
or tenancy

RESIDENCE

LEMKE FARM

HINTZ ROAD

FARM FIELD  
(CLEASON?)



FRANKE  
AGNES MAY  
FARM.

LEMKE FARM.

EXTENSION OF  
WHEELING  
NURSERY

BUFFALO CREEK  
DRAINAGE DITCH.  
(WHEELING)

WHEELING ROAD

(EVANGER'S)  
1924. TEMPORARY  
RESIDENCE  
F. D. G. FAMILY

FRANK JOHNSON'S  
GROCERY STORE

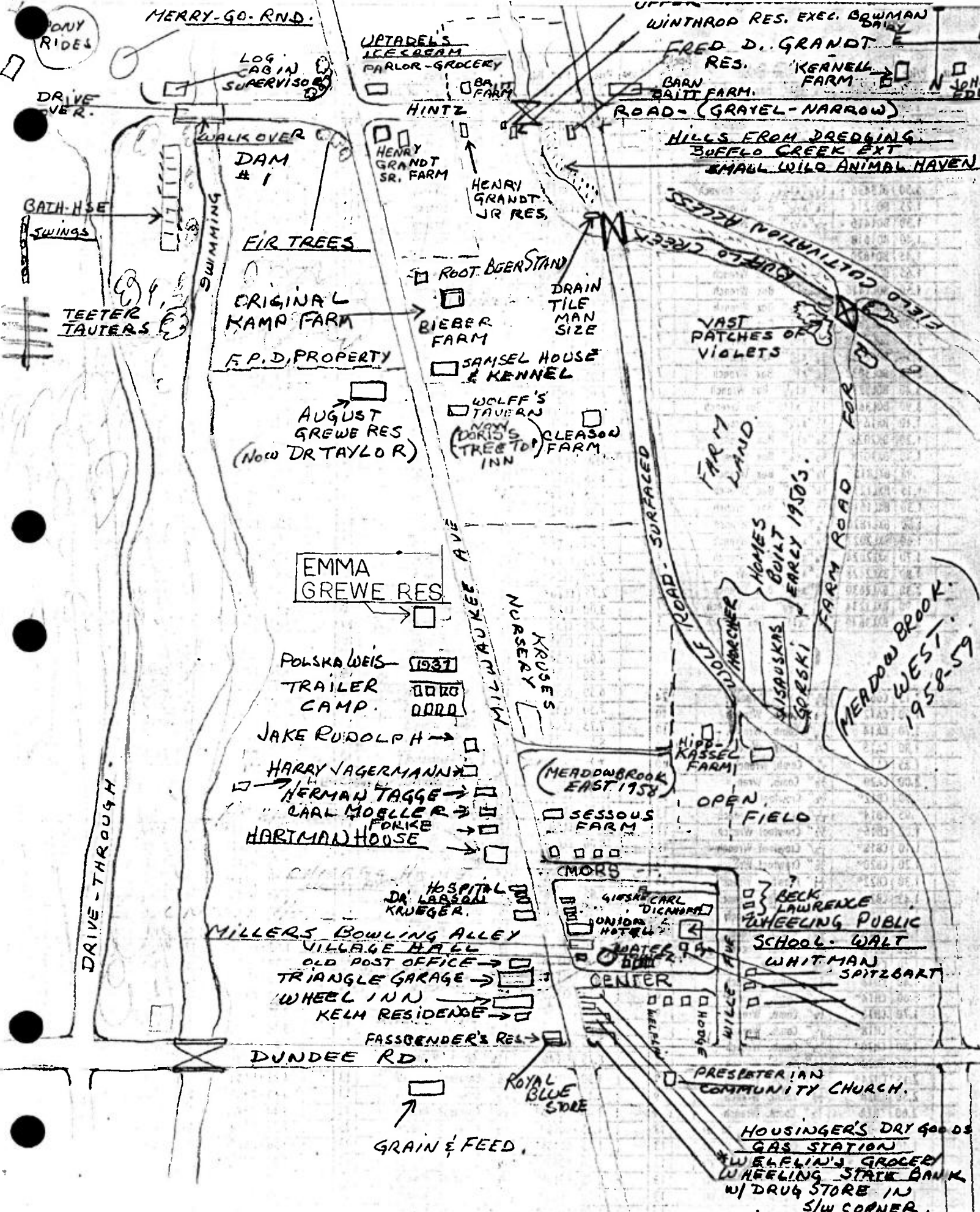
MERKEL'S FACTORY  
CATTLE  
STOCK  
DEPARTMENT

DUNDEE ROAD



EARLY 1920's

NOT TO SCALE - BY JUNE ORLOVSKI



1974  
 EARLY 1930's / BY JUNE CROWSKI

\* Post Office  
 NOT TO SCALE



PRELIMINARY SKETCH - BY JUNE ORLOWSKI 1974  
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Whelling Drainage Ketch

ALTEN FARM

Buffalo Water Ditch

20 acres Fritz farm  
(August) Purchase, (OR) (FICK)

PRESENT - EUGENE CARL.  
① BUBERT  
② BRITJBERG  
③ STERNBERG

H. GRANDT, SR.  
PURCHASED HOME -  
1889 STEAD

MRS. STERNBERG'S  
2 BRO.  
FARM.

DAUGHTER OF  
WINTHROP

HINTZ RD.

1470  
PES DRINKS.

MILWAUKEE  
AVE.

DRAIN  
RIVER

Gold Demmed farm  
F. P. D.

HENRY GRANDT SR.

HENRY GRANDT JR.

WINTHROP  
(Now ORNA)  
OFFERED

FRED GRANDT

WOLF

(Bubert)  
purchased

(Samuel)  
Fred Lemke + Minerva

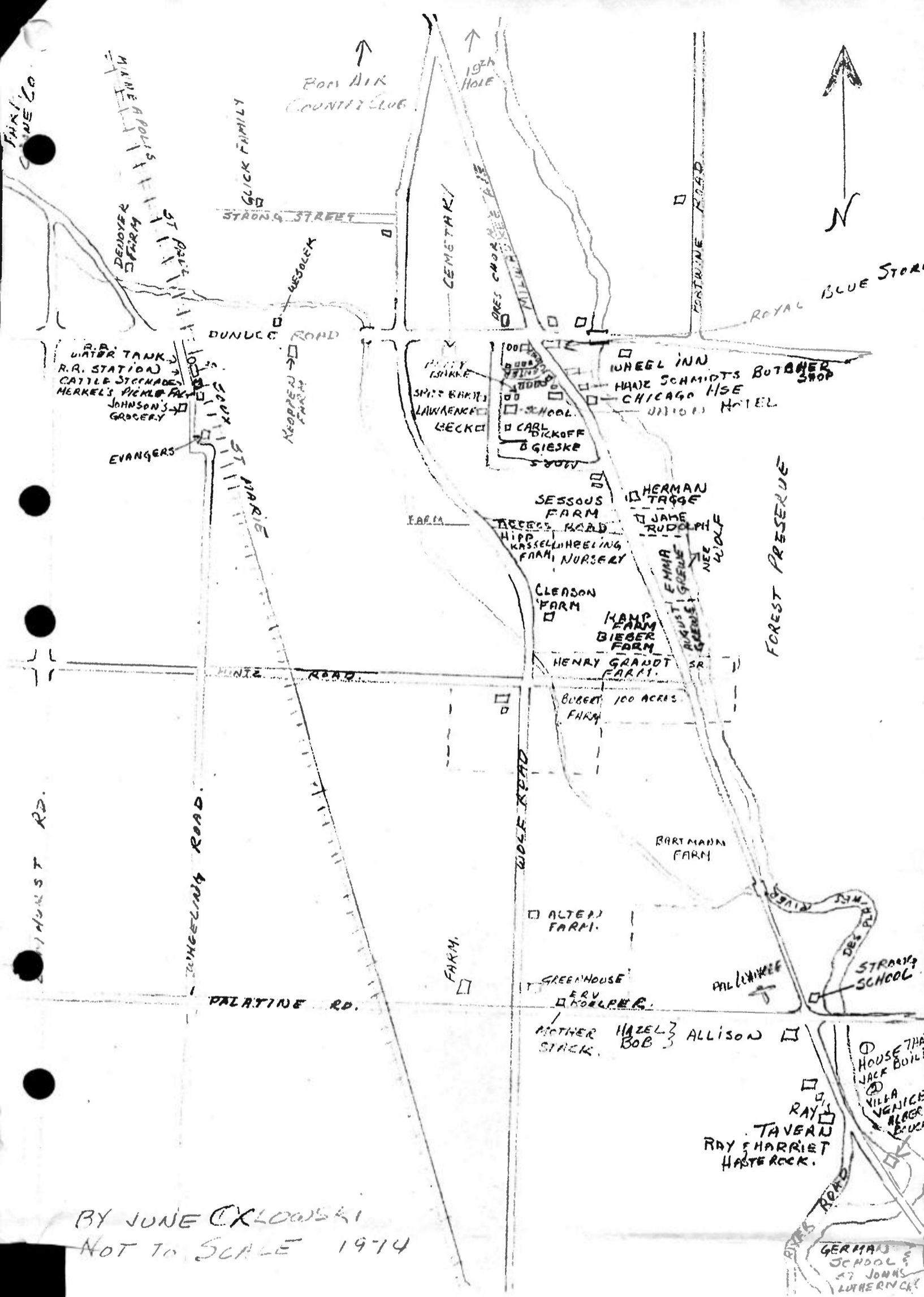
Kamps farm.

Greene  
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