

Dam #1 Built 1918
Henry Grandt Jr. Supervisor FPD
View> East

DesPlaines River. View north from Dam #1 Dam was built in
1918. Original picture was loaned by Henry Grandt. Jr. for
copy. Mr. Grandt was supervisor of the Forest Preserve Dist.

Flight Crew & Mechanics 309 Bomb Group 425 Squadron

WWII Taken in China about 1944. Foothills of the Himalayan Mountains visible in right background.

Otto Orlowski, 2nd from blade of left propeller(back row)
Ralston, (in dark jacket) in front of Otto. P.T. Leonard,
14th in second row (from left) "Doc" Leibigot, 16th same row.

Larays Cafe.. 1967 (East side of
Milwaukee Avenue, South of Dundee Road.

framed
Welfins Sport Store..(West side of
Milwaukee Avenue, South of Dundee Road.

Wheeling Farm Store..North side of
Dundee Rd, ~~west~~ ^{EAST} of Milwaukee Ave.

Neckers Iron Works..East side of
Milwaukee Ave., north of Dundee.

Old Presbyterian Church (relocated at Chamber Park and
used by the Wheeling Historical Society for Lollipop Lane

1976 Lollipop Lane..Santa Donald Lark
Mrs. Claus, Alberta Klocke

Diamond Jubilee Headquarters 1969

Fourth of July Parade-1968
Wheeling Historical Society

St Joseph The Worker Church
Dundee and Wolf Road

Community Presbyterian Church
Highland Avenue

First Baptist Church
83 and Hintz Roads

June
1967
Original Village Hall
Located on Milwaukee Avenue
Sout of Dundee Road

Work Crew of Village Hall turned
Museum...

Ruth Weidner, Merle Willis, Sam Datillo
John Koeppen

Reeb Feed Mill Aug 1967
E. Dundee Rd
East of Milwaukee Ave

1969 picture taken building built 1958
Police and Fire Station
Located on north side of
Dundee Road, West of
Milwaukee Avenue.

1969
Chief Horcher and Men
with new squad cars.

1926
Chief of Police Guy H.
Wilson traveling at 50 mph
on W. Dundee Road, west
of Cemetary.



George L. Clements

Pres. of Jewel Tea Co.

His father was schoolmaster in Wheely
School approx. year 1910-1912

This picture made at dedication of new
Jewel Store in Wheely approx 1951-52
at which Mr. Clements appeared because
of his boyhood here (+ possible birth here).

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MERLE W. WILLIS
WHEELING, ILLINOIS

Jan. 20, 1969

Wheeling Historical Society

Fredrick Clements taught the grade school in Wheeling for a period of time (1912-1916). His official capacity was known as "principal" although there was only two rooms in the school with only one other teacher. (The two story building stood in front of the area now used by the drug store) Among the pupils under his instruction during that time, we can account for a limited number, such as :

Hazel Willis
Ethel Wieder
Harold Hartman
Francis Moeller
Mildred Grunst
Laura Bitter
Alvin Becker
Jake Schwingel
Eddy Belmore

His Son (George L. Clements) shown in a school group on the steps of the old church, as a collection of early day pictures in the Museum, started working for the Jewel Tea Co. in 1929. He attended the University of Ill. for one year but dropped out to work for the young chain grocery Co. He was in Wheeling at the opening of the first Jewel store about 11 years ago as a director of the company.

The attached clipping explains his recent appointment as chairman of the State Board of higher education by Gov. Ogilvie.

The Governor made the following statement concerning the appointment: "The state is fortunate to have a man of George Clements caliber in this important job".



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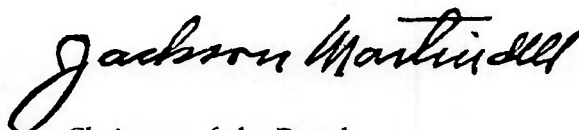
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A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Jackson Martinelli".

Chairman of the Board
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For Wheeling Historical Society" file -
from 'Ervin Redinger' - Oak Park, Ill

I will take care of the
Thank You. note - mru

Mildred Utpatel
10-23-'68

handle attached about the length of an ordinary broom handle, a cap and a red cape worn over the shoulders. This flaming torch was carried by the men slightly above their head a great sight as they paraded through town.

I forgot to mention the cold storage industry operated by Balling which was established in the later years, also in the early years of Wheeling. Welflin's operated a tavern for many years until Mr Welflin retired.

I hope some family saved the Kerosene torch, cap and red cape which would be a great antique gift to your society. I saved the one we had for many years and never had occasion to use it.

I left it on the farm when we moved from the farm 18 years ago.

This is the way I saw Wheeling in the early days.

Your friend, Erwin.



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Wheeling School

April 16, 1878



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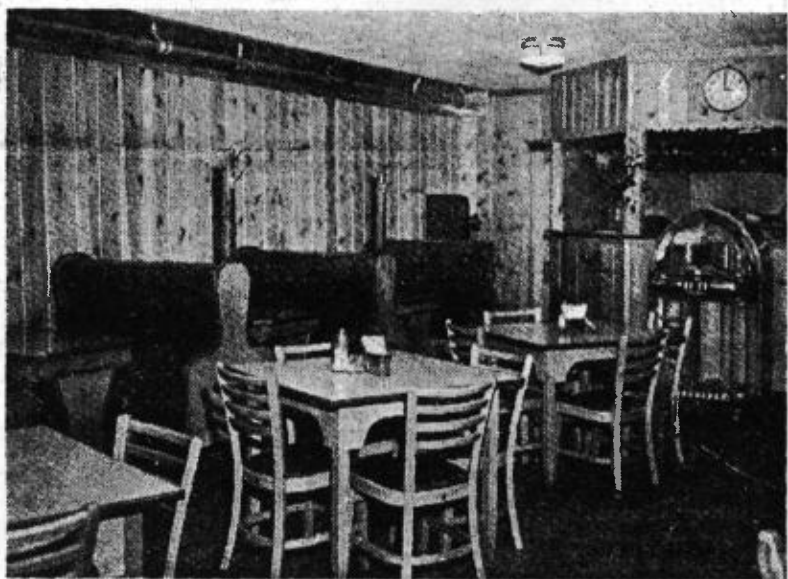


Public School, Wheeling, Ill

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WHEELING PUBLIC SCHOOL PRIOR TO NEW
WINDOWS & REMODELING

Visitors find good eats at Wheeling



There is a lot of difference between the life of a village cop and the head man of a restaurant, but Ray Tesch, who was and is both, gives credit to the police job for the restaurant that he has been operating as he says "on the busy side of Milwaukee ave., Wheeling."

"So many people stopped me during the ten years that I was Wheeling Chief of Police asking

where they could get a quick lunch, that when I was freed of my police duties I selected the restaurant as the best outlet for my business activities. "I like Wheeling and its people and my family wanted to remain here," was the explanation that Ray gave a reporter when asked how he happened to open his restaurant.

Ray is rather proud of the interior of his eating place and the building in which it is located. "The building is 100 years old," says Ray, "and if I have my way this restaurant will be here the next 100 years."

Mrs. Ray is the chef, ably assisted by Ed Pease, while the head waiter is their son, Eugene, who took a year's vacation from college duties to get the business on its feet. Olive Dobbins is the girl with the smile who places that glass of water before you almost before you are seated.

Another son, Victor, a junior at Western State College, is only behind the counter occasionally during vacation.

Altogether, the Tesch family is a happy one—as happy as are their customers over the food served, the speed at which it is brought to them and the entire atmosphere of the place.

The staff photographer had to wait until "after hours" to snap this picture when there were no guests present.

Ray has other thoughts besides business. He will be installed this week as worthy patron of Wheeling Chapter O.E.S. and is greatly interested in the Blue Lodge. He has been a member of the Shrine band many years and with the late Robert Schoppe of Palatine, traveled over a large part of the U. S.

took over Fassbender's
HARDWARE STORE

Ma Ray's Cafe
11 S. Milwaukee Rd

12/23/1949

Once Again, It's Time To Hunt Rattlesnakes

7-12-68

Wheeling's annual rattlesnake hunt will take place this year on Sunday, July 21.

The hunters will gather at 25 South Milwaukee Ave. at 10:30 a.m. before going out into the nearby forest preserves in a search of the snakes.

THE RATTLESNAKE hunt

has become an annual outing for some village residents. Some of the hunters have attended the excursion for the past 14 years.

Robert Krause, formerly of the Wheeling police, said whatever snakes are found on the hunt are usually turned over to the nearby Nature Center.



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M. Balling

444 E. Dundee Rd

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M. BALLINS'S WHEELING FARM @ 444 E.
DUNDEE RD.

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Reeb's Mill 420 E. Dundee

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REEB'S MILL @ 420 E. DUNDEE RD.



Reeb's mill
420 E Dundee
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Scotty's Cleaners 15 s. mi

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SCOTTY'S CLEANERS @ 15 S. MILWAUKEE
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1976 Lollipop
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WHEELING'S DIAMOND JUBILEE

Wheeling
Diamond
Jubilee

Headquarters

in the Wheeling Shopping Center
Dundee + Milwaukee

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Wheeling "4th of July" parade
1968.

WHEELING HISTORICAL SOCIETY CAR

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Plan 6 - room addition to Wheeling grade school

School authorities agree that Wheeling needs a six-room addition to the present school building. The school board is studying rough drawings of the addition prepared by the architect, Henry Stopa. Final approval of the project, however rests with voters.

Petitions calling an election will be circulated within ten days.

In a few words that is the progress that has so far been made to provide additional space for the additional children who are attending the Wheeling school this year and a number

who are expected within the next five years.

The architect and representatives of the bonding firm of H. C. Speer & Son met with the school board last Wednesday night. The architect presented preliminary drawings, which will be completed when the voters give their approval.

Their approval is almost certain because of the great need for additional school room. It is the responsibility of the school board to provide teachers and adequate class rooms. They think that a school addition is the only way to meet that responsibility.

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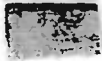


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Trees - V. Hall.

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GROWTH BY WHEELING VILLAGE HALL



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John Koeppe

Merle Willis - (L. Haben)
Fred Mueller (L. Haben)
SAM PATILLO

WORK CREW IN VILLAGE HALL IN 1967

Old K. Hall -

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Work Crew - June 30

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Clean up of Old Village
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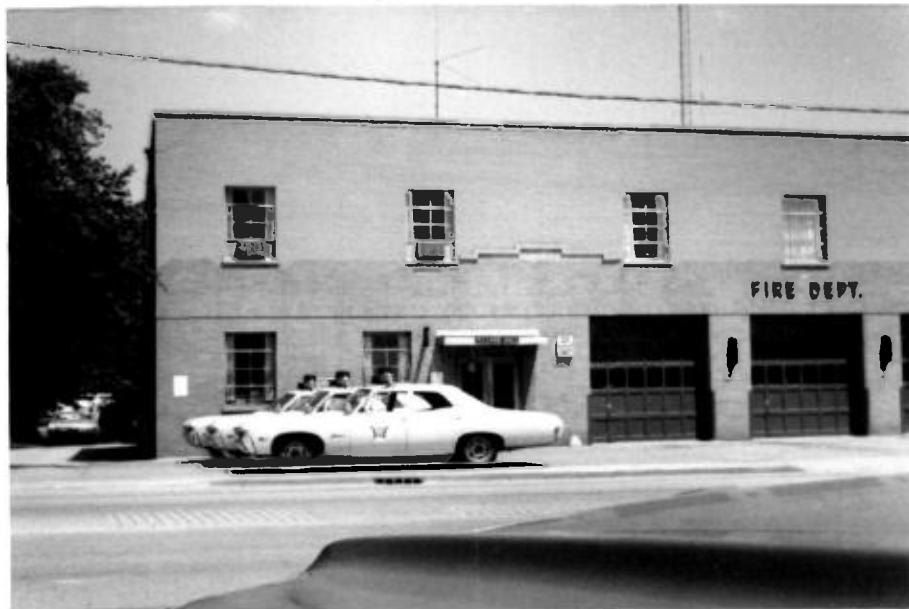












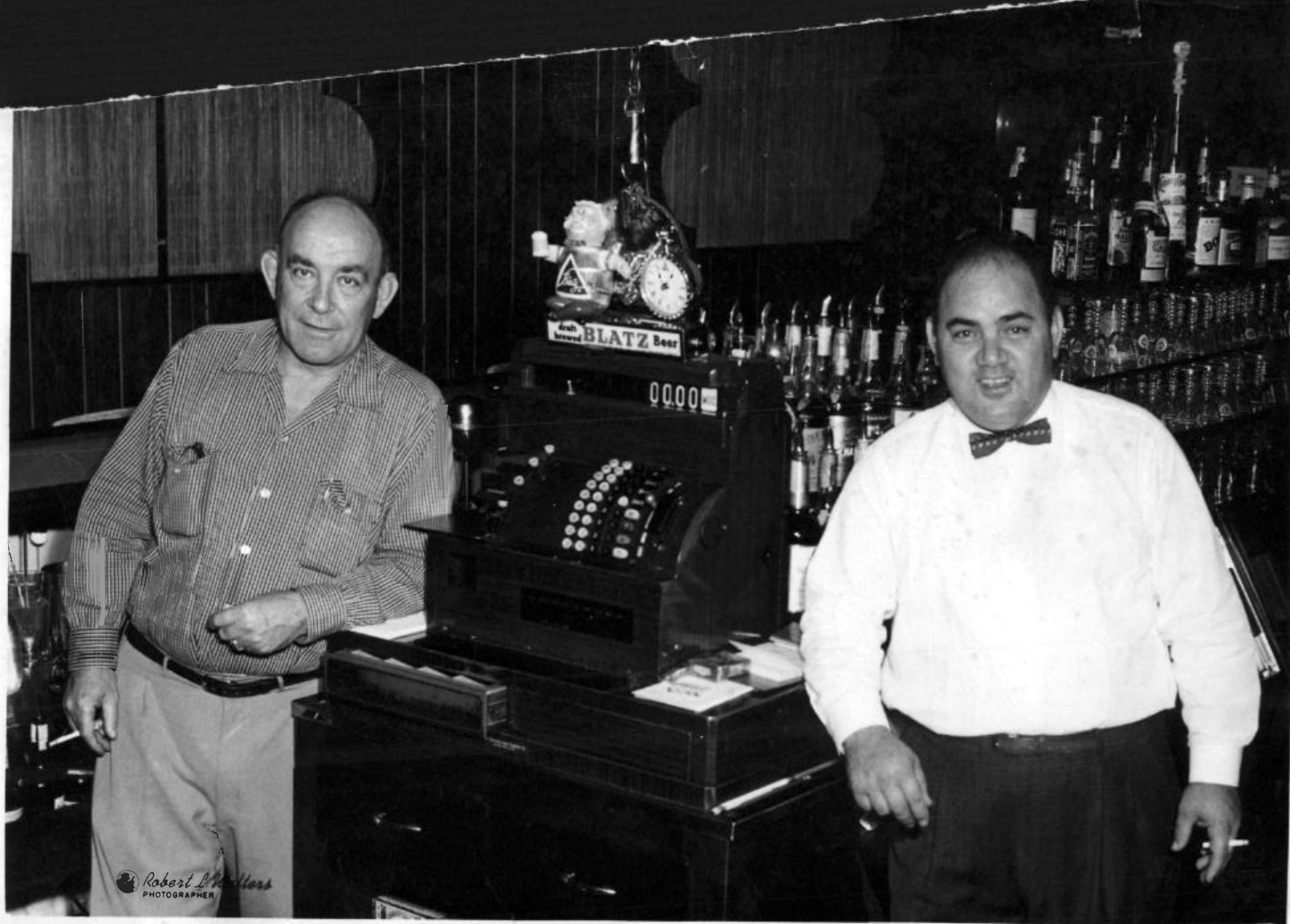
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WHEELING POLICE OFFICERS

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POLICE SWAPS.



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UNION HOTEL BAR

Bar Owners
Union
Hotel



1926.

Chief of Police Guy H. Wilson,
of Wheeling

This was taken at a speed of 50 M.P.H.
on W Dundee Road - West of Cemetery.



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WHEELING FIRE STATION



Whelsh's first
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Wheeling's first Police Car
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WHEELING'S 1ST POLICE CAR



WHEELING'S FIRST POLICE CAR. 1925

1. FRONT VIEW * C.I.S. 7.9

1.2 SIDE VIEW @ C.I.S. 7.9

* LOOKING SOUTH ON MILW. AVE
ABOUT IN FRONT OF WELFLIN'S STORE
@ LOOKING EAST. BUILDING ON R&T
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1950's Volunteer Fire Department

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| 3. Harold Uptadel | 10. Rodger Rockenback |
| 4. Lawrence Beck | 11. Carl Moeller |
| 5. Walter Scanlon | 12. Chief Edward Gieske Jr. |
| 6. Arthur Moldanheur | |
| 7. Bob Scott | |

Back Row L to R

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| 1. Harry Nagerman | 5. Pete Jannison |
| 2. Henry Mayer | 6. Clarence Moller |
| 3. John Forke | 7. Bernhardt Koeppen |
| 4. Melvin Becker | |

Wheeling's Volunteer Fire Dept. #2

This picture of the volunteers was taken in the early 1950's while the late Edward Gieske was fire chief. Many of the crew are still active members and have aided in building a reputation that is second to none in the annals of volunteer fire departments.

Exhibit rekindles some old memories

by Sherry Boemmel

Herald correspondent

Most of what's left of the small neighborhood along the Soo Line Railroad tracks known as Wheeling Station is memories. But a group of friends who once lived there had a wonderful time reminiscing when they visited an exhibit about their former home at the Wheeling Historical Museum.

Obviously, much has changed since those early days. Only two buildings remain: a fireplace store across from Lynn Plaza, which once served as home for Weidner's Coal and Lumberyard, and Evanger's Pet Foods on Wheeling Road.

The old Soo Line station, the stock pens, the railroad water tank, Merkle's Pickle Factory, the Standard Oil Bulk Fuel Station and the Stahl and Weider store are all gone.

The saloon and hotel and the houses and the truck farms on Railroad Street, Wheeling Avenue and Town Street are gone, too.

But the stories remain. The best tales about Wheeling Station came from the four Bakker children, Oscar Laurance and Winnie Holtrop Bos.

Those early residents range in age from 60 to the 80s, but they can recall their days in Wheeling Station as if they were yesterday.

The Bakkers lived in Wheeling Station until about 1924. Bos lived there for 28 years and Laurance's family lived there from 1925 to 1957. The neighbors ranged in age from the eldest, born in 1907, to the youngest, who was born in 1919.

MOST OF the stories revolved

around a group of young men whose escapades are notorious in Wheeling's long history. The girls were also involved, but they take less credit.

"We were never in trouble," Laurance says with a sly grin. "We were always getting blamed for something."

"We could run pretty fast then," said Garret Baker, who has dropped the second "Dutch k" from the spelling of his name.

The Bakker sisters — Jennie Iversen, Anna Bakker and Etta Swierenga — and their brother Garret recalled many stories. Their family ran a truck farm until about 1934. They now live in Des Plaines, Lombard and Elmhurst.

Oscar Laurance, now of Libertyville, is the son of the depot agent, who worked at the station from 1924 to 1957. Winnie Holtrop Bos lived in Wheeling Station for 28 years. Her family lived in the saloon apartments along with the Laurances.

Though they had many stories about the fun they had living near the railroad, the farm dominated the Bakkers' lives. School took a back seat to their duties at home. They worked in the fields, loaded cabbage trucks and shoveled manure from the stock cars on trains to fertilize the fields.

Garret, who did not like school, says he probably didn't finish sixth grade after spending two years in each grade. Anna, who loved school, spent half of each day working, but she graduated from Wheeling School.

WHEN THE children weren't
(Continued on Page 3)



Herald photo by Nancy Stone

REMEMBER WHEN? The "good old days" in Wheeling Station, a neighborhood in old Wheeling, are recalled by two early residents, Oscar Laurance, left, and Garret Bakker. The two visit a new exhibit about Wheeling Station at the historical society museum.

History scrapbook



Wheeling Historical Society photo

GET THE MESSAGE? Bill Laurance, Wheeling depot agent from 1925 to 1957, hands a telegraph message to the engineer. The messages, which instructed the engineer where to stop and what was to be picked up further down the line, was attached to a large hoop. The train would slow

down so the engineer could grab the message off the hoop and continue on. This photo, taken in 1950, is part of the special "Wheeling Station" exhibit at the Wheeling Historical Museum through the end of November.



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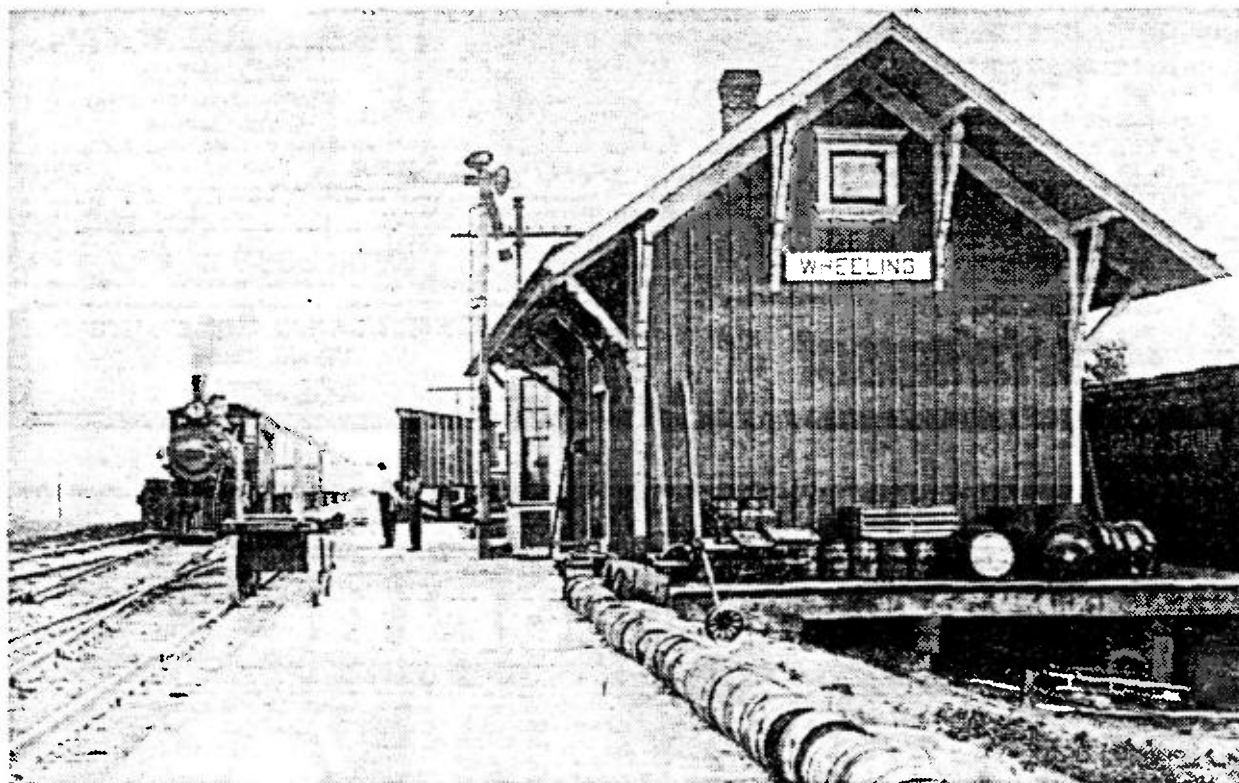
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Des Plaines River, view North from
Dam #1 Dam was built in 1918
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History scrapbook



Train station a busy place in 1900's

The former Wheeling train station, located just south of Dundee Road adjacent to the Soo Line tracks, was a bustling place in the early 1900's. The farmers used the train to transport their dairy products to Chicago. Some of the students from Wheeling used to ride the train to and from Maine Township High School (East) in Des Plaines.



WHEELING ROYAL NEIGHBORS held installation ceremonies last Thursday night at the Masonic hall. Pictured are (first row) Mrs. James Bailey, Mrs. Charles Becker, Miss Dorothy Forke, new oracle Mrs. James Schmoeller, Mrs. Ann D. Nelson, district deputy Mrs. Gertrude Lathrope, Mrs. Henry Hanson, Mrs. Axel Flink, and Mrs. Charles Cokenower.

Second row, Mrs. Jack Deubel, Mrs. Edward Federle, Mrs. John Miller, Mrs. William A. Smith, and Mrs. Lester Nelson. Third row, Mrs. John Ford, Mrs. Fred Moeller, Mrs. Nelda Welflin, Miss Lucile Schneider, Miss Adeline Schneider, and Mrs. Bernard Plymale.



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H5 - GABRIEL FAMILY CLANS MEN
1938.39 LEFT TO RIGHT - 1970 INFO

- 1 FRANCES MEAGHER. HUSBAND OF BARBARA
- 2 PAUL GABRIEL - DECEASED
- 3 VIRGINIA - WIFE OF PAUL
- 4 GERTRUDE GABRIEL KOLB (NORBERT)
- 5 ELIZABETH GABRIEL MELICAN REITLINGER (PAUL)
- 6 HELEN GABRIEL LEIKAM. (JOSEPH) DEC.
- 7 JEAN GABRIEL WEIDNER (GERALD)
- 8 PAULINE KARLESKEY GALLU. (DECEASED)
(DAUGHTER OF ROSE)
- 9 ROSE GABRIEL KARLESKEY (JOSEPH)
- 10 MARGARET GABRIEL GRANDT (FRED)
BACK ROW - DECEASED.
- 11 BARBARA GABRIEL MEAGHER (FRANK)
- 12 RICHARD PAPRECK. SON OF SUSAN
- 13 SUSAN GABRIEL PAPRECK SHAFFER
- 14 EDWARD GABRIEL - DECEASED
- 15 JEAN PAPRECK GILLIGAN - DAUGH OF SUSAN.

ADD. INFO 1975

- # 9 ROSE - DEC.
4 - NORBERT, HUSBAND OF GERTRUDE - DEC. '75
6 - JOSEPH, HUSBAND OF HELEN, DEC. '75. PRECEDED
ALSO BY 2ND WIFE ANGELA (PFIESTER).
10 FRED, HUSBAND OF MARGARET - DEC 4-24-74

WHEELING RESIDENTS

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Santa arrives in Wheeling and gives gifts to children

Mayor Arthur Ortegal, Police Chief Harold Mackh, Harry Davis and a crowd of over 250 were on hand to greet Santa Claus when he arrived at Palwaukee airport last Saturday afternoon at 2:10 p. m. Santa's visit to Wheeling was through the courtesy of Mr. Davis.

FOLLOWING HIS arrival, Santa and the group formed a parade to the Royal Blue Store in Wheeling, led by Mayor Ortegal and Chief Mackh. There Santa was seated upon the royal throne where he visited with all the children attending. Gift bags of candy were presented to all boys and girls of ten years or younger.

Five prizes were awarded to the adults. The first prize was won by Arthur Ortegal, second by Mrs. F. Malin, third by Mrs. Frieda Frisk, fourth by Mrs. Leona Happ of Arlington Heights, and fifth by Mrs. Maybelle Pieper.

THIS IS the second year Santa has visited the children of Wheeling at the Royal Blue. He is expected to return next year and it is rumored that he will be accompanied by Mrs. Claus!

Mr. Davis was happy to see so many turn out for the big occasion and is pleased that he can do his part in helping to make Christmas in Wheeling more cheerful and exciting.

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Royal Blue Store

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ANer writes of in Africa

The Nick Loibl family of Wheeling recently received the following letter from their son, Corp. Matthew Loibl, written on June 4, "somewhere in Africa."

"The fighting in North Africa is already two weeks in the past, but life here hasn't changed much for us. The sun's still hot. The days are still long, and the bugs still bite just as hard.

"But there's one sure sign that things have changed. It's the style now to sport a Jerry helmet on the radiator of your truck or jeep. These helmets are squarish, box-like affairs that make our round tin pots look like streamlined bonnets. It's a sight to see a mud splattered G. I. truck roll down the road, a cloud of African dust trailing and the helmet, a Nazi scalp, leading the way.

"Most of our trucks (the army calls them vehicles) have acquired names. British drivers go for sentimental names reminding them of girls back home—like "Madge," "Elinor," and "Sarah Jane." Most G. I. drivers prefer monickers like "Buck Rogers," "Hitler's Hearse," or "Balol."

"Those newspaper stories about all the prisoners we took in Tunisia didn't lie. You should have seen that long column of German and Italian trucks, miles and miles of them puffing their way around those sharp African curves on the way to prison camps. Yes, it's true that many of the prisoners drove themselves to the big stockade. And it's true that lots of them did not seem too unhappy about the deal. Many, especially Italians, were smiling and singing.

"At last the fellows are getting a look at some of this German equipment, and the Nazis left a big pile of it behind. Of all the guys, I guess, the fellows in the radio section are most pleased, because no matter what else you say about him, Jerry certainly knows how to build a radio.

"Now that the shooting is over for a while in North Africa, Uncle Sam has lifted a few censorship restrictions. At last I can tell you where we landed and where we've been—but not where we are now. We landed on the Atlantic coast of French Morocco and those first letters were written from cities there. Later, we crossed Morocco and entered Algeria.

"I got into Oran once and rode a street car—and had a swim in the Mediterranean. Then when things were getting really hot in Tunisia, we moved in the back door, and the first Germans we saw were

Hawaii

Paddock Publications is in receipt of a letter this week from Pvt. Anthony Bodor of Arlington Heights. Pvt. Bodor is stationed in the Hawaiian Islands and writes as follows: "I sure want to thank you for sending me your weekly paper; you don't know how much the home town boys love to read it.

"I love my job here with a tank outfit, and you certainly can't beat the Tankers — that's the truth."

Ed. M. Stone, son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael E. Stone, 6339 South Laflin street, Chicago, and brother of Mrs. Mary E. Csanadi, 230 So. Vail street, Arlington Heights, has been promoted to the highest grade possible to a non-commissioned officer in the army. He recently was named master sergeant in the Seventh Army Air Force in the Hawaiian area where he has served since 1938.

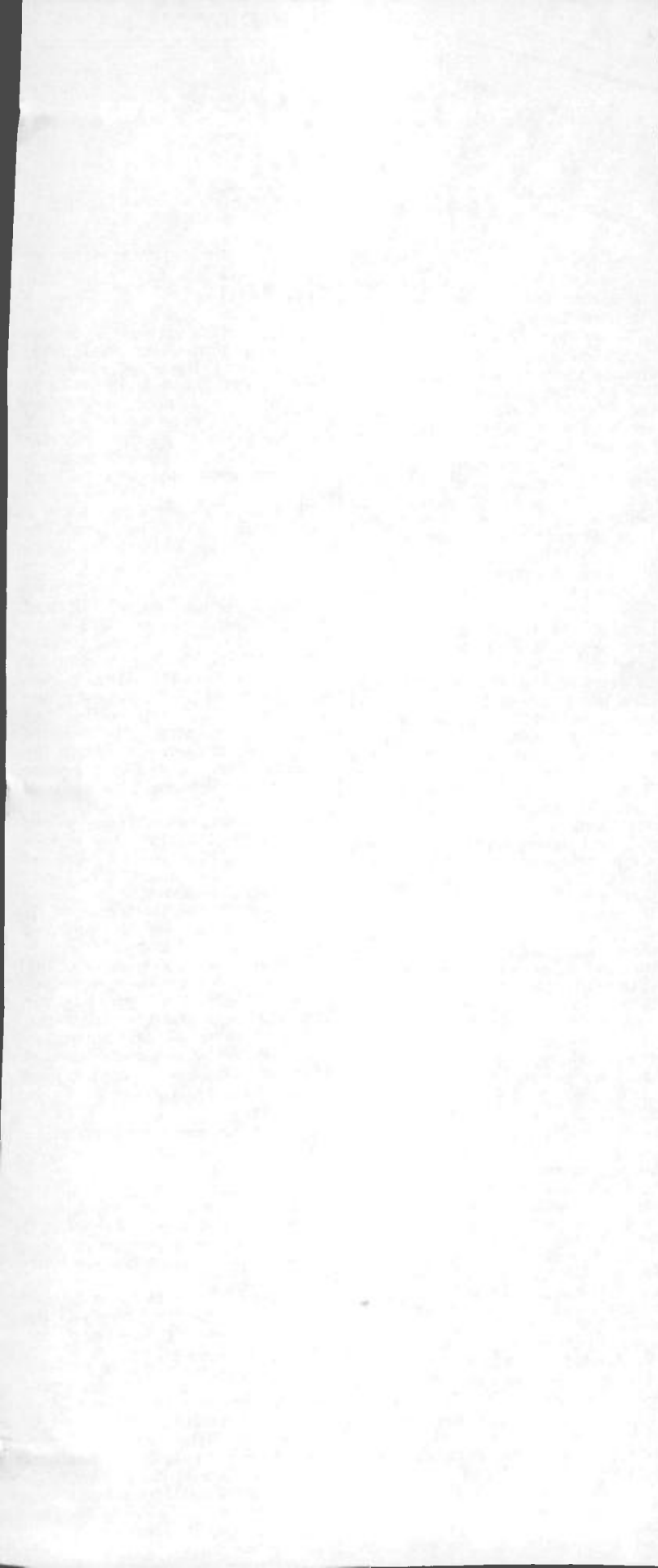
Before Sergeant Stone joined the army in the Hawaiian islands while he was on his way around the world he had attended R. Lindblom Tech from which he graduated in 1929, the University of Illinois, Crane Junior College and Central YMCA Chicago College.

Sergeant Stone has served his entire army career in the photographic laboratory of an army air base. He began there four and one-half years ago as an apprentice and now is the non-commissioned officer in charge after having held every non-commissioned grade in the army.

either dead or prisoners. That's about as much as I can say.

"We've read and heard a lot about the Germans and there isn't a dogface in Africa who doesn't respect them as mighty tough customers. But you'll be glad to hear that the legend of his super superiority has been punctured, and the boys are plenty proud of the equipment you are sending them from the states.

"With the Nazis out of Africa and the war one step nearer completion, I dream more often of the day I'll be running up the walk to No. 000 Home Street. Every move seems to take us farther from home. But as the fellows say, 'the further we get from home the sooner this war'll be won.' So the further we go, the sooner we'll get back there."



Virginia

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Lt. John Sicks of Wheeling arrived home Sunday on a ten-day furlough. Lt. Sicks has been stationed at Camp Pickett, Virginia.

A recent letter from Africa from Clifford Grandt C.M. 3/c of Wheeling stated that he had been enjoying news from the Cook County Herald but had been missing letters from home.

His family has been writing regularly but perhaps, as has been the experience of some of the other boys, his letters were held up while the paper happened to go through and Clifford may be assured that there are always letters on the way.



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JOE'S ROOT BEER STAND

"Fountain of Youth" the sign says, All you can drink for a nickel. Hamburgers were a dime and this was a popular place with the young people. The waitresses are August Grandt's daughters. Later Ernie and Dortha (Bieber) Stavros operated the stand. Picture was taken in the ~~middle~~-late 1930's, located on west side of South Milwaukee Ave, just south of the Bieber farm, which is

almost directly across the street from the intersection with the forest preserve circular drive past Dam #1. The FPD circular drive was re-routed from its entrance straight across from Hintz road, where fir trees still stand in testament to the entry's landscape. The bldg. still stands, now functions as a tavern. (1976)

Original snapshot taken by J. Orłowski

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L to R: Husband Father
Lillian Grandt (Herbert) Kreft(August)
Ester Grandt(Bernhardt)Koeppen(Henry)
Esther Koeppen (OR VIOLET)
(unknown)

June Grandt(Otto) Orlowski (Fred D.)

Betty Grandt(Joseph) Gorski (Fred D.)

Near Dam #1 in 1938-39

The glass-like surface of the river
was consistant during that era.

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