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Foreword

Writing a foreword is an opportunity to reflect, both on the endeavor and on the fruit of that labor. In this case, the achievement is a research tool that is a significant contribution to knowing about our communities and understanding their past.

What's more, this is a special opportunity for me, personally, to reflect on the efforts of past generations of Padlocks as they endeavored to be the newspaper voice of their communities first in the suburbs of Chicago.

Some think of research as a chore. For me, however, it is a joy. One of the joys of my project was the research of family and community history.

He told me of his early family recollections - his mother and dad patiently answering a boy's countless questions, their being his first of history.

Eventually the inevitable answer, "Just look it up," brought him to the local library. As David put it, "Our were storehouses of knowledge where one could expand one's imagination and ask questions of a much wider scale."

But even at this new level of exploration there was some frustration in searching for information. "I remember many times finding a great book," said Dave, "but darn if it had an index at the end. To answer the question I was pressing I had to read the whole book!"

Dave found a useful tool in indexes. They not only saved time, but also helped by placing information in context. Dave's interest in suburban genealogy and history drew him to look issues of the Daily Herald and Padlock Publications, and it was there he learned that the Daily Herald didn't have an index in print; he told me he was certain.

The Padlock family's life has been a story of growth and change for over a hundred years. My great-grandfather, grandfather, uncles, aunts and family members were among the first employees and writers to record the weekly and daily happenings of the Chicago suburbs, and the impact of outside events on the people here.

The public has always had this historical record and newspaper "archive" available to them. Now, through Dave's enthusiastic "labor of love," there is a tool in print to help explore news of the communities.

As a fourth-generation newspaperman, I've often made it the custom reporting done over the years by our Daily Herald - Padlock Publications staff. Dave's index gives me an additional opportunity to appreciate the work done by family and staff to develop the paper. Topics in the index tell of struggles and accomplishments of these preceding newspaper generations - editing visions and coverage of the expanding communities, modifying our plans and efforts in response to opportunities and setbacks, growing while acting on vision and commitment.

I welcome the index and thank Dave with appreciation for his hard work and dedication. As a reader and subscriber, I'm grateful for an additional tool to explore the information about past events and inspiration from the people who shaped them.



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