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DEDICATION

This book is dedicated to the several people who have so diligently worked as a committee and to the individuals who graciously gave of their time, efforts, and money to contact the many contributors whose names will be found throughout this volume.

The volume was compiled by volunteers, who, seeing the need of such a publication, banded together as a public service, feeling it a privilege to work for the common good. Each person or worker depended on the others for a certain portion to be completed. When the fruits of their efforts were assembled and published, the following pages were the result.

May we as citizens of this community, both past and present, pause for just a moment in our thinking and try to recall some of the people who have been in some small way responsible for the privileges we now enjoy. As we think back over the years, many memories will undoubtedly come to our minds—some happy, others sad. But, regardless of our concern at the present time, they all have a purpose in this theme of life. As you know, many worlds are around us, all framed by the same Divine artist, and we, as human beings, are a part of that design. So, surely, the future holds many new achievements for the human race.

As the knowledge of our times is imparted to you throughout this volume, may it be a reminder to you never to lose sight of the allegiance due to your God, your Country, your Family, your Neighbor, and Yourself!

HOWARD LAM,
Centennial Chairman.

FOREWORD

The richest heritage that shall ever come into our possession is the simple story of the men and women, our forefathers—who planted in this western wilderness the homes, the schools, the churches, and the state.

We shall never know the story in its completeness, for these brave men and women, who opened up the way for civilization in the Illinois country of which the City of Anna, County of Union, State of Illinois, is a part, have long since gone to their reward, and they have left meager accounts.

It is the purpose of this little volume to reveal a portion of that story to our people, from the territory in the making down to the present time.

In celebration of the Centennial of Anna, it is the desire of the Centennial Committee, in co-operation with all its citizens, to give to this and future generations a brief history of their beloved city.

The several sources of the history used in this survey have been freely drawn upon in the preparation of this volume. There are many individuals and places of business from the earliest days until now in Anna, will not be mentioned in this survey. They have not been omitted because of their insignificance, but because it is impossible for us in the time we have and the limited pages allotted to the volume to give a complete detailed report on all of them.

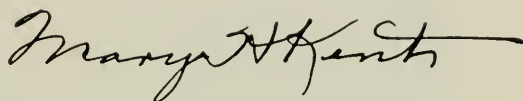
Part 1 deals with the earliest beginnings and carries the general history forward to the last quarter century. Part 2 includes the past twenty-five years of the city's history as portrayed by the individual and organizational contributors sponsoring the publication of the History of Anna.

ONE HUNDRED YEARS OF PROGRESS, the history of Anna and her people, is now presented with the hope that it may bring its readers to a higher appreciation of the character and worth of the men and women who conquered the west and planted here the institutions which we enjoy today.

As the story of 100 years of growth and progress of the City of Anna unfolds, may the achievements of its citizens inspire the youth of this generation to write an even more glorious history in the future!

We wish to express our appreciation to the citizens of Anna who so willingly aided in accumulating the materials for this survey. Without their assistance this story could not have been written. Their fine spirit of cooperation is ample proof that the characteristics manifested by the early settlers of this community are still dominant in this community today.

April 11, 1954
Anna, Illinois

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Mary H. Kent". The signature is written in dark ink and features a long, horizontal flourish extending to the right.



WINSTEAD DAVIE
Founder of the City of Anna



ANNA WILLARD DAVIE

(For whom the City of Anna was named)

Contributed by Geneva Davie Wiggs of Wiggs Studio, Jonesboro, Illinois. Mrs. Wiggs is a great-great-granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Winstead Davie.

LOCATION

Cities are generally founded with regard to some great commercial advantage either as seaports, as manufacturing depots, or as agricultural centers. It is probably the coming of the railroad that prompted the founding of the City of Anna, although, from the time of the George Rogers Clark expedition into Southern Illinois country, emigrants recognized its agricultural possibilities.

Anna, centrally located in Anna Precinct of Union County, was established by ordinance following the election of Trustees in 1855, although the plot was recorded in the county records on March 3, 1854. This precinct includes within its boundaries some of the best hill lands in Union County. They are not broken by steep ridges, but are generally broad and gently rolling, forming fine farming and grazing lands. The surface varies from 600 to 900 feet above sea level. The elevation along with the fertility of the soil makes the fruit farming, which is one of the principal occupations of the area, more certain. For the purpose of farming, fruit growing, gardening, and dairying, the lands in and around Anna are not surpassed in Southern Illinois.

Years ago this area was densely wooded country, but most of the forests have been cleared and the land put into grain, pastures, and orchards.

The precinct in which Anna lies is situated on the divide between the waters of the Ohio and Mississippi Rivers and is well drained by the Cache, Cypress, and Big Creeks. Many cool springs of water aid materially in cattle farming in this area.

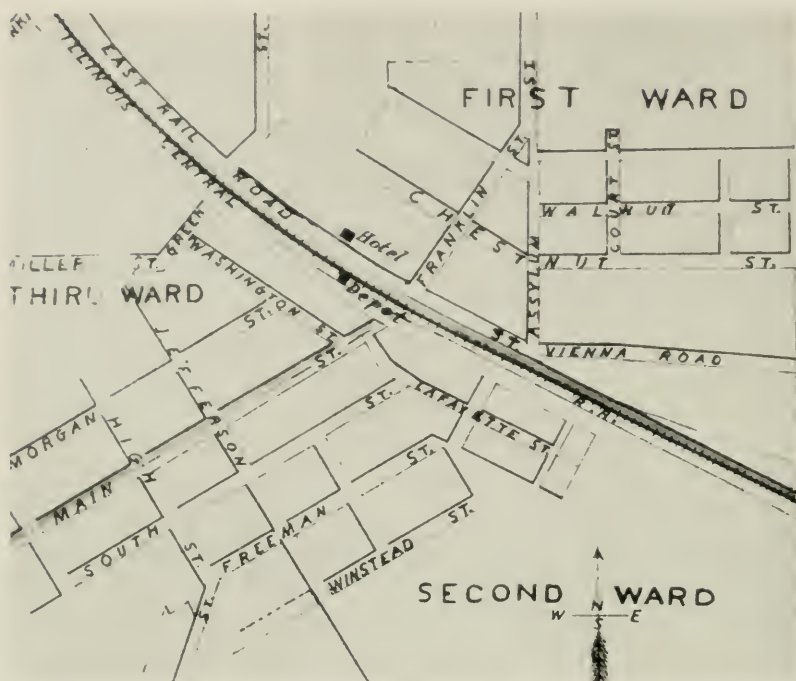
Anna is just south of the true mountain range in Illinois, the spur crossing the State from the Ozark Mountains and traceable to Kentucky, a fact which makes it more suitable for agriculture than the counties to the north of it. This range of hills protects the area around Anna from the severe part of the weather that hits the middle west each year,

thus giving warmth to the soil that makes possible agricultural products early in the spring of the year.

Anna is located in that part of the state known as "Little Egypt." In 1818, the weather was unusually cold so that crops failed all over Illinois and Indiana. Because this part of the state is protected from the storms of the plains by the spur of the Ozark Mountains, crops were abundant here. The people living north of the range of hills came here to buy food as the ancients went into the valley of the Nile in Egypt on several occasions. For this reason this part of the country became known as "Egypt." Also, for this reason, many of the people who came to buy food liked the country and stayed, while others returned later with their families and friends. This not only increased the population but stimulated the settlers to produce more than enough food stuffs to meet their own needs.

Anna has grown to one of the outstanding communities of Southern Illinois, having an immediate population of around 5,000, with a trade area in the surrounding territory which includes most of Union County.

BEFORE AND AFTER FOUR SCORE YEARS



Anna In 1872



Anna In 1954

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

The year 1818 was a notable one in the history of Illinois as this was the year the State became of age and was admitted to the Union by the enabling Act signed by the President on April 18, 1818. The convention for the purpose of forming a constitution was held in Kaskaskia, August 3, 1818, and state officers were elected. Delegates from Union County were William Echols and John Whittaker. Shaddrick Bond was the first Governor of Illinois. The first capital was located on the west side of the Kaskaskia River several miles north of any settlements at that time. The town was named Vandalia in memory of a powerful tribe of Indians known as the Vandals.

The history of Illinois reached back to the discovery by Marquette and Joliet, nearly 150 years. It had actually been settled by white men for 118 years.

Its people had lived successively under three governments—the French, the English, and the Americans. Immigration had reached it from the north, the south, and the east. Each brought its own peculiar people.

No other district of equal area created such wide spread interest in Europe as the Illinois country. The fame of its rich soil, its noble rivers, its wide stretching lakes, the abundance of wild life, were spread abroad by every traveller who crossed its boundless prairies or floated down its silvery streams in their canoes.

For a century after the founding of the first settlement, the growth of institutional life was very slow. The French settlements on the Mississippi would never have lived through the century had it not been for the strong arm of the royal government and equally strong support of the church.

At the beginning of the 19th century there were probably less than 5,000 persons in the territory. They were distributed chiefly along the Mississippi, Ohio, and Wabash Rivers. The chief lines of industrial life were farming, trading, lum-

bering, and fishing. Schools were scarce and crude. The Catholic Church was the only religious organization.

The Indians found in Illinois belonged to the Algonquin family. The Illinois Indians formed a sort of loose confederacy of six or more tribes including the Kaskaskias, Cahokias, the Peorias, the Tamaroas, the Shawnees, and others. The influence of the Indian is indelible upon the life in early Illinois from the first settlement until it became a state.

The early vicissitudes of the State are demonstrated by the changes in seats of government in the two decades following Illinois' admission as the 21st state in the Union and by the movement of centers of population from the early settlements at the south end of the state to the northern part.

The Union into which Illinois entered in 1818 was a Union already at the verge of sectional strife on the issue of slavery. The session of congress in which the first Illinois representatives took their seats saw the beginning of the struggle over this issue. The last aftermath of the struggle was not gleaned till in the summer of 1824 the people of Illinois finally registered their resolution that their constitution should not be altered to admit slavery. Few names will live longer in history of Illinois than that of Rev. Elijah Paris Lovejoy, minister, publicist, friend of the slave, who finally gave his life for his belief in civil liberties.

The name of Abraham Lincoln leads them all. He left an imprint upon Illinois that is unequaled by any other individual in any State. All of his formative years were spent in Illinois, and, from a raw-boned youngster, he developed into one of the greatest national leaders the world has ever known.

A RETROSPECT

The French dominated the Illinois country from 1673 until the territory was wrested from them by the British in 1759. The Americans followed in 1778.

Recorded history of Illinois in 1818 began less than 300 years ago with the arrival of the French explorers, Father Jacques Marquette and Louis Joliet, with five companions and three Indian guides—the first white men to set foot on Illinois soil in 1673. By way of Lake Michigan and the Wisconsin River, they came to the Mississippi, exploring as far south as the Arkansas River. They floated down the Mississippi and within the boundaries of the territory that is now Union County. It is not probable that they actually explored the soil of this county, but at least they claimed it for France and Christianity.

In 1678 Robert de la Salle, Henry Tonti, and Father Hennepin were commissioned by the King of France to explore and colonize this western country. They followed the same course as the previous explorers, but pushed on to the mouth of the Mississippi River, which they reached in April of that year. They took formal possession of the river and the territory it drained.

In the course of these voyages of discovery, forts were built and settlements took root. Some grew; others flourished for awhile and then died. At least half a dozen settlements of the French explorers have lived—Kaskaskia, Fort Massac, Vincennes, Fort Chartres, Prairie Du Rocher, Cahokia, Peoria, and Chicago.

From 1673 until Quebec fell before General Wolf's Red Coats in the middle of September, 1759, France dominated the western country. By unfurling the banner of Great Britain over Fort Chartres October, 1766, the civil and military authority of the British Empire was extended to include all of the continent east of the Mississippi River; their domination continued until the period of the Revolutionary War.

It was in the midst of this trying time that George Rogers Clark, a Virginian, came to Kentucky. Clark was sympathetic to the land companies who were disposing of the land secured from the Indians to settlers. But at the same time he tried to persuade the people to unite against the Indians, who were playing sad havoc among the settlers everywhere. In 1778, the Governor of Virginia gave Clark permission to organize an army for the invasion and conquest of the British posts in the northwest. Clark began his march across Southern Illinois in that year. He left Fort Massac on the Ohio June 29, 1778, and followed the buffalo trails north and west. In July, 1778, he disarmed Kaskaskia. Cahokia and Vincennes fell in rapid succession, and he claimed the Illinois Territory for the Americans.

These highlights of recorded Illinois History bring us to a more detailed account of the earliest settlers of Southern Illinois and the subsequent organization of Union County and Anna.

PIONEER LIFE

There is much of romance in the story of the first settlers in this southern part of Illinois. The spirit of adventure lured the pioneers into this vast wilderness. The beauty of the country gratified the eye, and its abundance of wild animals and sparkling streams filled their needs for food. They were surrounded by an enemy of red men, subtle and wary. The pioneers did not flinch from these conditions. Even their women and children often performed deeds of heroism in this land where "the sound of the war-whoop often woke the sleep of the cradle."

They had no opportunity for the cultivation of the arts. In their seclusion, amid danger, there arose a peculiar condition of society. The little Indian meal brought with them was often exhausted too soon, and sometimes for months they lived without bread. They taught themselves to call bread the lean venison and breast of wild turkey.

They were in a wilderness, remote from any cultivated region, and ammunition, food, clothing, and implements were obtained with great difficulty. The merciless savage increased the danger, toil, and sufferings for these few and widely separated settlers. The people "forted" when the Indians threatened them. The stockades and cabins were furnished with portholes and they would move into the blockhouses when an alarm was given. During these early days each family was its own tanner, weaver, shoe maker, tailor, carpenter, blacksmith and miller.

Table appointments consisted of a few pewter dishes, plates, and sometimes spoons, wooden bowls, tranchers, noggins, and gourds. "Hog and hominy," johnny cake, pone bread, and mush and milk were standard dishes.

The hunting shirt was universally worn. This was a loose frock, reaching half down the thighs. It generally had a large cape of buckskin or cloth. Moccasins for the feet and coonskin capes were the fashion. The linsey petticoat and bedgown were the dress of the women in these early times.

A Sunday dress was completed by a pair of home-made shoes and handkerchief.

The inhabitants married young. A wedding often engaged the attention of the whole neighborhood; the attendant frolic was enjoyed by old and young alike. This was natural, for most parties at the time were for the purpose of grouping together for log-rolling, building cabins, or planning some scouting campaign. Sports were imitative of the exercises and stratagems of hunting and war, imitating the birds, etc. Boys were taught the use of the bow and arrow at an early age.

With all their crudeness, these settlers were hospitable, freely dividing their rough fare with a neighbor or stranger. In their settlements they worked, fought, feasted, and suffered together—were warm and constant in their friendships. Thus they established a firm foundation for the building of this territory.

It was more than one hundred and seventy-five years ago that this portion of the Mississippi Valley passed nominally from the dominion of the savages and the wild beasts to that of the earliest American settlers. It is not probable that the early French explorers placed their feet on the soil of Union County, yet they were upon our waters, and, as they floated down the "Fathers of Waters," they took possession by virtue of discovery—Joliet in the name of France and Marquette in the name of his church. This voyage resulted in the settlements of Kaskaskia and, afterwards, of Cahokia on the Illinois side of the Mississippi River.

The next nearest settlement of the white man was at Fort Massac on the Ohio River, about 35 miles above Cairo. This was founded in 1711, and, in course of time, became the only trading point for the earliest settlers of the extreme southern limits of Illinois. It was for many years called Fort Massacre, receiving that name as a result of an Indian attack in which every man in the fort was killed, and the fort burned to the ground. A few years later the fort was rebuilt and was again called Fort Massac, by which name it is presently known.

In the year 1797, a colony of Virginians, numbering 126 persons, landed at Fort Massac in search of a permanent

home. They followed the trails to New Design. These immigrants may have touched the northwestern portion of the county, and, if so, they were the first here after the long lapse of years since Joliet and Marquette passed down the Mississippi.

In 1803 the first white settlement was made in the territory now comprising Union County. This feeble colony consisted of two families, Abram Hunsaker and George Wolf. They had come down the Ohio River and up the Cache River and finally by an overland route to strike the Mississippi. They camped one night a short distance from where Jonesboro now is, and the next morning the men found they had to replenish the meat supply. In a short time they had bear and turkey meat. They were so delighted with the land of plenty, both the game and the excellent water, that they decided to stay, build cabins, and make a permanent home. For two years they were the only white settlers.

In 1805 Davis Green came with his little family and built a cabin on the Mississippi bottom. He was a Virginian. It was a long time before he knew the Hunsakers and Wolfs were neighbors. James Conyer and his family came down the river from Kentucky and camped above Cairo.

Jacob Lingle settled west of Cobden in 1807 and George Evans and John Bradshaw on Bradshaw Creek. In 1808 John McGinnis settled near Mt. Pleasant. 1809 John Stokes, William Gwinn and Thomas Standard came to live in what has long been known as the Stokes settlement. Robert Hargrave, Jessie Echols and Joseph and Ben Lawrence came the same year.

In 1809 four families settled on what is Dogtooth Bend. They were named Harrison, Crane, Wade, and Powers. They built a schoolhouse, the first (it is presumed) in this section of the state. In 1810 Thomas Clark and Solomon Hess settled where Mound City is now.

In 1810 the hostility of the Indians toward the white man grew, and the prospects of a general war came in 1812 when the most shocking butchery of all the settlers in the lower Cache region occurred. The War of 1812 stopped immigra-

tion for a while, as the Indians became more troublesome. The house of James Conyer was selected and converted into a fort. The Indians had regular crossing about a mile away, and it was here Tecumseh crossed the river when he went to incite the Creek and other tribes to go to war.

About this time John Grammer, the extraordinary pioneer, came to Union County and settled a little south of Jonesboro. He was one of the first officials of the county, representing the territory in the first territorial legislature as early as 1812, when there were only five counties in the state. Early Illinois produced many remarkable men, but none so strongly original and interesting as John Grammer, Union County's first statesman.

George James settled west of Jonesboro in 1811. Ex-Lieutenant Governor, John Dougherty, also came in 1811. He married the daughter of George James and lived his life among the people of Southern Illinois, practicing law. He was a state senator and circuit judge.

In 1812 Thomas D. Patterson, Phillip Shaver, Adam Clapp and Edward Vancil settled. The arrivals in 1814 were John Lawrence, John Harrison, John Whittaker, A. Cokenowen, Giles Parmella, Samuel Butcher, Robert W. Crafton, Jacob Wolf, Michael Lindbaugh, Alexander Boren, Hosea Boren, Richard McBride, Thomas Green, Emanuel Penrod, George Hunsaker, George Smiley, David Kimmel, David Cother, David Brown, Alexander Brown, Alexander Boggs, David F. Coleman, Benjamin Menees and Jacob Littlejohn. These settlers came from Virginia and the Carolinas. They came down the Ohio River, some crossing at Shawneetown and some coming by way of Fort Massac.

The period from 1814 to 1818, when Illinois was admitted to the Union, was marked by increased settlement in the area, but it is impossible on this brief survey to give a complete account of the development. Suffice it to say that the early settlers were of hardy stock and faced great hardships in making and maintaining a home in the wilderness of this county.

BEGINNINGS OF UNION COUNTY

Edward G. Olsen once wrote, "Human beings need to have roots, to feel they belong. Part of this satisfaction comes from day-to-day group life of the community, part from the psychological identification with family and community traditions. A community's present outlook, values, and ideals are themselves outgrowths of tradition. It follows that a community can be better understood when its essential history is known: how long it existed; how it came into being; who settled it; why they came; what institutions and enterprises they established; what ideals they upheld; who their leaders were; what common crises arose; and what adjustments to those crises were made. To this knowledge should be added understanding of the extent to which the community is constantly keeping alive in popular thought the significant developments in its heroes."

It is with these thoughts in mind that we proceed with a more detailed account of the early history of our own section of the State.

ORGANIZATION OF UNION COUNTY

The Act creating Union County bears the date of January 2, 1818. It is entitled "An Act adding a part of Pope County to Johnson County and forming a new County out of Johnson County: Beginning on the range line between Range 1 and 2 East, at a corner of Townships 10 and 11 South, to the Mississippi River, thence up the Mississippi River to the mouth of the Big Muddy River, thence up the Big Muddy River to where the Township line, between Townships 10 and 11 South, crosses the same, thence East along said Township line to the place of beginning, shall constitute Union County: Provided that all that tract of country lying South of Township 13 South shall, until the same be formed a separate county, be attached to and be a part of Union County."

Other sections of the Act provided that the courts of the county shall be held at the house of Jacob Hunsaker until

a permanent seat of justice shall be established and a court house built. J. Echols, George Wolf, and Thomas Cox were the first commissioners appointed to fix the permanent seat of justice.

“To the Honorable the Justices of the Court, County of Union:

“The undersigned Commissioners, appointed by the Legislature of Illinois Territory, for the purpose of designating a seat of Justice for said County, reported as follows: That they met at time and place mentioned in the law establishing said county, and proceeded to examine and to take into view the most central, convenient, and eligible spot for the same, that they have chosen and designed to (your?) Honors, the northwest quarters of Section No. 30 in Township 12, Range 1 West, and that they received a deed of conveyance for 20 years, the donation required by law, to which you are referred in particulars.

“They also beg leave to designate and recommend the center of said donation as the suitable place for the erection of the public buildings. Given under our hands and seals this 25th day of February, 1818.” Signed J. Echols, George Wolf, Thomas Cox.

This land donated was the property of John Grammar and his wife, Juliet. The County Commissioners Court was elected and consisted of Jesse Echols, John Grammer, George Hunsaker, Abner Field and Rice Sims. They organized and held the first court at Hunsaker’s house on March 2, 1818. The court’s first official act was to accept Grammer’s donation and name the town Jonesboro. Abner Field was the first clerk of the County; Joseph Palmer, the first sheriff; Robert Twidy, the first constable.

The county seal, when explained, tells how the county came to be named Union. The figures upon the seal represent two men standing up and shaking hands. One of them is dressed in the old-fashioned shadbellied coat and vest, broad brimmed hat, and long hair. The other is dressed in the conventional ministerial suit. It represents the meeting of the Baptist minister, named Jones, and George Wolf, a Dunkard preacher. Jones had been holding a remarkable

series of meetings. Wolf and he met, shook hands, and agreed to hold or continue the meetings—the two joining in the work and calling it a Union meeting. This was held in what is the southeast portion of the County. The seal illustrating this historical incident in the county was designed and adopted by the County Commissioners in 1850. It is said that it was the suggestion of Lieutenant Governor Dougherty.

Public roads were declared and Davis Arnold, William Pyle, George Hunsaker, Ephriam Rice, and Henry Larmer were appointed overseers. The first court order ever issued was one for \$2.00 to Samuel Penrod for a wolf scalp.

The first marriage on the county records was John Murray and Elizabeth Latham by John Grammer on February 28, 1818. On July 5, 1818, Frances Parker and Catherine Clapp were married by George Wolf, the Dunkard preacher; by the records he was the first minister who performed the ceremony in Union County.

A man named Griffith taught school near the spring south of Jonesboro in a small log cabin; afterward, Winstead Davie taught the same school and then Willis Willard taught there for a time. Col. John S. Hacker came to Jonesboro in 1817. He served in the General Assembly and the Mexican War, and was a warm friend of Lincoln. The history of Union County included the names of many illustrious families, which space will not permit us to mention.

Thus the young county was well started on her future career. Courts and officers were functioning, and roads were arranged for. The price of meat and drink were regulated, and the people were pledged to support this first administration. The population at this time was about 1800, one-third of them freeholders—that is, people owning land.

In 1835 a census was taken and showed there were 4,417 persons in the county—2,100 males and 2,317 females. This included 47 negroes. An industrial survey showed five shoemakers and saddlers, one tailor, two wagon makers, two carpenters, one cabinet maker, two hatters, eleven blacksmiths, three tan-yards, twelve distilleries, two threshing machines, one cotton gin, one horse and ox saw mill, eighteen horse and ox grist mills, two water saw mills, and five water grist mills.

THE PLANK ROAD

Instead of the rugged pioneer we first saw in Union County, who came with his family in a covered wagon in which he lived until he could cut enough trees to build a log cabin and plant cleared spaces with seeds which would yield something for his family to eat, making his family practically self-sustaining, we see in 1850 a well developed little community with homes, stores, mills, churches and schools. We see them in the center of a farming community located near a river where the settlers and traders exchanged their products for the articles necessary for some comforts of life. These articles, manufactured in the east, were shipped by boat to the landings here. Instead of the handmill originally used for grinding grain into meal or flour, horse and steam roller mills had been established. Now the farmer took his grain to the mill to be ground and paid for the work either in cash or by giving the miller enough grain to pay for his services. Now, instead of spinning and weaving the flax, wool or cotton into material at home, these products of the farms were sold to the river traders who took them east to be made into material. Boots and shoes were still made locally by cobblers who had established a small business of their own. They bought the leather from the tanneries and sold their finished product to the people. Most of the people still lived in log cabins. After the saw mills had been established many houses had been built of sawed lumber.

Business had changed from the small exchanges made by the neighbors to the small stores whose owners bought their wares from the farmers and from the traders on the river. Trips were made to Fort Massac for supplies from the east. Some of the storekeepers bought products from the farmers and took them down the river themselves to New Orleans, where they exchanged them for wares to sell in their stores.

The roads were usually trails over which one could ride horseback comfortably and some could be used for wagon travel. There was no machinery in those days to use in grading and leveling the ground, so the roads were as level or

as hilly as the country they traversed and as muddy or dry as the weather permitted. In the Mississippi bottoms, due to the swamps and overflow, the roads were frequently muddy. Since it was necessary to travel over this part of the county in order to take products to the river to be sold and bring back the articles bought from the traders, the mud caused great delay in transportation. A group of men decided to build a road over which they could lay logs, split in the middle with the flat surface up. Such a road was built from the east bank of Clear Creek to Willard's Landing on the Mississippi River. All the places were planked where mud interfered with travel. This road became known as the Plank Road. This road was a great improvement at the time, but within a few years a new type of road was to be built, the Illinois Central Railroad.

COMING OF THE RAILROAD AND FOUNDING OF ANNA

With the coming of the Illinois Central came the development of the "Egypt" country of Illinois. Recruited labor for the railroad in the East brought workers with their families into the territory. Towns grew rapidly, and by 1856 Anna had both a passenger station and a freight depot. Today Anna is served by such crack, streamlined trains as the City of New Orleans affording high speed train service to Chicago and New Orleans and the cities in between them. Anna has also made a major contribution to railroading in John J. Pelley, one-time Illinois Central Vice-President and later president of two major railroads, and President of the Association of American Railroads.

In the year 1850 the United States General Government ceded a portion of the public lands within the State of Illinois and extending 15 miles on each side of the proposed line of railroad between Cairo and Chicago, to the State of Illinois to aid in the construction of a railroad. In 1853 the engineers passed through Union County, establishing and grading the line of the road-bed as now located, the intention being to make the shortest practicable route.

During the year 1853 Winstead Davie, who then owned the most of the land which is now the site of the City of Anna, and Col. Lewis T. Ashley, Division Engineer, who had come into possession of a portion of the same tract, determined to lay out a town at this point. The proper surveys were made by Francis H. Brown, the County Surveyor, and lots were laid out on both sides of Main Street and the railroad. Mr. Davie decided to name the town in honor of his beloved wife, Anna. Under this name the plot was entered upon the county records on March 3, 1854.

The story was told that there was much difference of opinion in Union County regarding the railroad. There were many who thought the scheme would fail and placed their faith in the future prosperity of the county on the plank road and water transportation. There were those who were forward looking enough to plan their own enterprise so that they could take advantage of the opportunities the new mode of

transportation would afford. At a meeting of the Board of Trustees at Jonesboro, it was decided that since Jonesboro was the only town in Union County that the railroad could pass through, it would not be necessary to comply with the request of the company to make a survey of the route and donate their findings to the railroad company.

Winstead Davie seemed to think the request was important so he had the survey made at his own expense (\$50.00). But rather than having it made through Jonesboro, he had it made through some of his farmland a mile east of Jonesboro. Later when the Jonesboro Trustees decided that it was necessary to comply with the company's request in order to have the road laid through their town, the Illinois Central had already accepted the survey presented to them by Mr. Davie. Thus the nucleus for the present City of Anna was formed. For many years the railroad company persisted in calling this "Jonesboro Station," much to the chagrin and displeasure of the citizens.

In the spring of 1853 there were only four buildings on the site of the town of Anna as first incorporated: the old original log farmhouse occupied by Basil Craig and belonging to the farm on which the city is located; a log house on the John Halpin place on Main Street, owned and occupied in 1853 by Levi Craver; a log store back of Lot 132, kept by Charles Pardee, to which he added another building during the fall and took boarders. (Mr. Pardee ran the first hack line between here and Jonesboro.)

In the fall and winter of 1853 building was active. W. W. Bennett built a brick and frame house on Main Street known as the Lufkin place. S. C. Scott built a frame house on Lot 5. C. C. Leonard built the Corgin house on Lot 14. Isaac Spence built the house on Lot 72. Dr. Love built the house and store on Lot 124; D. L. Phillips built the European Hotel on Lot 105. Dr. McVean built Walter Willard's house on Lot 56. Winstead Davie erected the famous "Column Store," a large two story frame building on Lot 82, at the corner of Main and West Railroad streets. In all about 19 buildings were erected that year, including the schoolhouse on Lot 45, at the corner of Franklin and Monroe Streets.

In the fall of that year the first passenger train of the Southern Division of the Illinois Central passed through Anna, but the first through train over the main line of the railroad did not come through till the fall of 1855 on August 7th.

During 1854, the first year in the history of the City of Anna, there occurred the following marriages of persons who have been more or less identified with the origin, growth, and prosperity of the city: on March 18 Shalem E. Scott to Lucy Anna Bennett by D. L. Phillips, Esq. (This was probably the first marriage that ever took place within the present corporate city limits); on March 19 Isaac L. Spence to Elizabeth Williams by W. G. Nimmo; also James K. Walton to Mrs. Serena Walker by J. P. Edwards, Baptist minister; on April 11, Moses Goodman to Amanda C. Peeler by Valentine G. Kimber; on May 19 Benjamin F. Mangold to Piety C. Cox by P. H. Kroh, minister of the German Reformed Church.

In 1855 the city progressed rapidly in population and buildings, the principal structures consisting of several homes, storehouses, and the Roman Catholic Church. The inhabitants of the town were full of enterprise and hopeful for the growth of their city. As yet they had been living without any organized government, but on July 19, there was an election held in pursuance of public notice, at which the following persons each cast one vote for incorporating the town of Anna with C. C. Leonard acting as Judge and J. L. Spence as Clerk of the Election: John Cochran, W. W. Bennett, J. J. Mangold, J. Halpin, E. C. Green, S. E. Scott, B. F. Mangold, J. Hunter, J. F. Ashley, W. Leonard, J. W. Ingraham, T. A. Brown, J. B. Jones, James L. Toler, A. W. Barnum, W. B. Stuart, T. J. Green, D. Love, G. B. Harrison, W. N. Hamby, J. T. Atkins, A. W. Robinson, C. W. Feeright, J. Keer, C. C. Leonard, and J. L. Spence.

The first official document connected with the inception and establishment of the City of Anna reads: "At an election held in the town of Anna, County of Union, State of Illinois, on Saturday, July 28, 1855, agreeably to public notice given, for the purpose of electing five Trustees for said town, the following persons having received a majority of all votes cast, are declared duly elected Trustees for one year in-

suings from the date of their election, or until their successors are elected: Davis L. Phillips, C. C. Leonard, W. W. Bennett, W. N. Hamby, John Cochran. Attest: J. L. Spence, Clerk; C. C. Leonard, Judge."

At the first meeting of the Trustees, W. W. Bennett was elected President and John Halpin Clerk. The first step taken by the first Trustees of the City of Anna at the first business meetings was the passage of three ordinances. They first restrained the sale and use of intoxicating liquors. Thus was the City of Anna born a temperance town of the strictest type. This ordinance continued in force for three years till its repeal August 21, 1858. Other ordinances to accomplish the same purpose have been passed and repealed from time to time throughout its history, as the preponderance of the votes cast favored or disfavored the cause of temperance.

The second ordinance established the limits of the town as extending "one-half mile from the northwest (400 block on South Main—Andrews home today) corner of Lot 14 each way." On September 5, 1858, the boundary lines were established by ordinance as containing the east half of Section 19 and the west half of Section 20 in Township 12 Range 1 west of the 3rd Principal Meridian. On September 8, 1869, an ordinance was passed extending the city limits so as to include the south half of Section 17, the east half of Section 20, the north half of Section 29, and all of the northwest quarter of Section 19 not included in the legally established boundaries of the City of Jonesboro.

The third ordinance called for taking of a census. D. L. Phillips, B. L. Wiley, and J. M. Ingraham were appointed census takers. This census, taken during August, 1855, the first official numeration of the citizens of the City of Anna, showed the following head of families and number of individuals belonging to each: M. C. Massey, 4; John Halpin, 4; M. Thorp, 5; W. W. Bennett, 10; Mrs. Bay, 4; S. E. Scott, 3; William Melton, 12; J. E. Ingram, 4; R. Stubblefield, 4; B. F. Mangold, 3; C. Henderson, 2; Mrs. Blackstone, 4; J. Humpter, 4; E. C. Green, 5; Zadoc Elms, 3; C. C. Leonard, 7; M. Freeman, 5; G. B. Harrison, 8; T. Brown, 4; Mrs. Davis, 4; J. C. Hacker, 5; W. N. Hamby, 8; D. Love, 6; James Musgraves, 12; James I. Toler, 7; John Cochran, 9; James Faulkner, 9; J. B. Jones, 8; A. S.

Jones, 2; I. L. Spence, 5; A. S. Barnum, 4; Thomas Green, 7; J. Tripp, 6; John Keer, 4; G. Brown, 6; G. Elms, 3; G. Barnwell, 6; D. L. Phillips, (hotel) 26; A. Bartlett, 7; Mrs. Henderson, 6; Total population 251.

This organization continued in force until a special charter was passed by the General Assembly of the State of Illinois which was approved February 16, 1865, and amended by an act approved March 8, 1867.

The President and Trustees ordered an election to be held July 18, 1872, when the qualified electors cast 70 votes for dividing the town into wards and the election of a Mayor and Aldermen; and 8 votes were cast against said proposition. Upon the result of said election, the President and Trustees did, by ordinance, divide the town into four wards and ordered an election for a Mayor and one Alderman for each Ward. The election was held on the 12th day of August, 1872, at which time C. Kirkpatrick was elected Mayor; William M. Brown, Alderman of First Ward; C. Nordling, Alderman of Second Ward; A. D. Finch, Alderman of Third Ward; F. S. Dodds, Alderman of Fourth Ward.

An election was held at the Council Chamber of Anna, October 22, 1872, when there were 67 votes cast for city organization under the general law. On November 4, 1872, the town Council of Anna declared that by virtue of the election, the town of Anna became organized under the general law of the State of Illinois, as provided by an act entitled, "An Act for the incorporation of cities and villages, passed and approved April 10, 1872."

By ordinance passed and approved March 3, 1873, the City of Anna was divided into three wards, limited as follows: Ward 1 shall contain all the territory lying within the city limits north and northeast of the Illinois Central Railroad. Ward 2 shall contain that portion of the territory lying west of the Illinois Central Railroad and south of Main Street. Ward 3 shall contain all the remaining territory lying west of the Illinois Central Railroad and north of Main Street.

As provided in Section 40 of the city and village act approved April 10, 1872, an election was held Tuesday, April 18, 1873, at which election C. Kirkpatrick was elected Mayor; Wil-

liam M. Brown and J. G. Sublett, Alderman of the First Ward; T. W. Perrine and J. L. Inscore, Alderman of the Second Ward; P. P. Barlow and P. H. Kroh, Alderman of the Third Ward. And as provided in said act, the annual election has been regularly held on the third Tuesday in April each year until 1883.

At the incorporation of the town in 1855 D. L. Phillips secured the establishment of a post office here and was appointed the first Postmaster.

WINSTEAD DAVIE

It seems appropriate at this time that we digress from the regular report of this survey to pay tribute to Winstead Davie, the "Father of Anna." Mr. Davie was a prosperous business man of the county and owner of most of the land which is now the site of Anna, Illinois. Born with physical infirmities that rendered him a cripple for life, requiring the constant use of two crutches, he commenced in poverty the struggle for existence and worked out a career that points him out as a child of destiny. He educated himself and later became a school teacher. In 1817 he came to Illinois and started a school a short distance from Jonesboro. Afterwards he was put in possession of a small stock of goods to sell on commission. For many years he was recorder, county and circuit clerk, and Probate Judge. He was eventually able to purchase this stock of goods to start his store, and to begin his true career. So intimately had his life become interwoven with the courts of the county, that when it came time to adopt a design for the county seal, it appropriately was formed representing Davie sitting at his desk writing, showing his crippled lower limbs, with his two crutches, crossed, forming an arch above the desk. The original seal was changed in 1850.

He soon extended, enlarged and pushed the business of his little store, successfully fighting his way against any and all competitors that came against him. In 1857 he transferred his business to Anna. He retired from public office, giving his full time to his business, which soon grew to vast proportions. He possessed energy, clear strong judgment and a foresight in all business affairs. His physical defects were more than compensated for in his active and powerful intellect, and he amassed great wealth. His charity was expensive and just, and while he ruled with firm decision, he scrupulously rewarded merit and never overlooked true worth. He built the first steam mill in Anna, gave property for church and school sites, and built business houses.

On September 19, 1824, he was married to Miss Anna Willard (for whom he named the city), daughter of Jonathan

and Nancy Willard. To this union ten children were born. Mrs. Davie passed away on December 5, 1880. Mr. Davie spent his declining years in retirement. He entered into eternal rest on July 11, 1885. His surviving children included Daniel S. Davie, Esq., Mrs. Col. Ben L. Wiley, Mrs. J. K. Walton, Mrs. T. M. Perrine and Mrs. D. W. Brown.

GROWTH OF THE CITY

The progress of the city was steady, and the improvements of a nature solid and lasting. The Illinois Central Railroad became an immense corporation, doing a tremendous amount of business. Anna was a constant gainer through this channel, and by it and the enterprise of its citizens, has grown to become the most populous and thrifty town in the county. Judge John Cochran was the first railroad agent in this station.

The mercantile business has kept pace with the growth of the city. The one store of Bennett & Schott in 1853, was followed in 1854 by the hardware store of B. L. Wiley, the dry goods store of D. D. Cover and Moses Goodman, the general merchandise store of Daniel Davie, and other stores in rapid succession. (There are many places of business located then and now in Anna, which will not be mentioned in this survey. These places have not been omitted because of their insignificance, but because it is impossible for us in the time we have to give a complete detailed report on each place of business.)

During the erection of the Illinois Southern Hospital for the insane in Anna, the mercantile business so increased that the establishment of some kind of a banking house and money exchange became an absolute necessity. At this time, in January, 1873, C. W. Willard opened the Union County Bank in his store on Lot 129 at the corner of West Railroad and Main Streets. C. Nordling was the first depositor. It was destroyed by fire April 22, 1879, but was rebuilt in the fall of that year.

The first hotel, the European, was followed by the erection of the Verble House and the St. Nicholas Hotel. In 1870, Winstead Davie built the Winstead House, later the Otrich House, a large three-story brick building costing \$10,000. The first pretentious mansion was that of Col. L. W. Ashley, later owned by J. C. Peeler. Among other residences lending charm to the city by their beauty of design may be mentioned those of E. H. Finch, A. F. Finch, C. M. Willard, Walter Wil-

lard, and L. P. Wilcox. The first brick building erected in Anna was the small square dwelling on Lot 34 on South Street, adjoining the Lutheran Church and built by John Stiner in 1856. (Present site of Ray Penrod residence.)

As was evidenced by the numerous springs of clear water in many portions of the city, the surface overlaps streams in greatest abundance. Nevertheless, the people largely preferred cisterns to wells. In 1854 and 1855, there was difficulty in procuring water, which had to be carried in buckets long distances. In 1856, the town authorities ordered the digging of the public well on Washington Street. It seemed to be inexhaustible in quantity. In 1860, the public well at the pottery of C. & W. Kirkpatrick added a new supply, which was still further increased in 1880 by the public well on Franklin Street. Several private wells and some on the Southern Illinois Fairgrounds, furnished water without limit.

In 1870, the first 15 years in the history of the city, there were but three brick business houses; that of C. M. Willard on the corner of Main Street; the Corgan Store on Lot 13; and that of Jesse Lentz on Lot 126, built in 1880. Brick residences were those of Jesse Lentz, James M. Smith, Cyrus Shick, Daniel Davie, C. Nordling, C. M. Willard, and J. Stiner. The Winstead House added two more brick stores on the first floor. From 1870 to 1876, several brick buildings were erected fronting on the railroad, including the post office building by J. B. Miller; C. K. Park's Drug Store—the Alden Evaporating House.

On Feb. 28, 1876, occurred the first of the great fires which devastated the business portion of Anna. In this fire were consumed the store and warehouse of T. M. Perrine on the corner of Main Street and the grocery store and warehouse of J. E. Lufkin, besides other small buildings. After this fire in 1877, a block of two story business houses were built on the old site by J. E. Lufkin and L. P. Wilcox; the same year, the Brockman wagon shops, facing the depot, were converted by M. V. Ussery into an opera house with two business rooms on the first floor. The Alden Evaporator was also changed into a business block with two stores below and

offices on the second floor. J. C. Peeler erected his brick store on Lot 130 with a hall on the second floor for societies.

On April 22, 1879, occurred the second memorable fire, the worst in Anna's history. Ten buildings were destroyed, including C. M. Willard's brick block on the corner of Main Street; the three-story building belonging to C. H. Willford; the stores of Mrs. S. E. McKinney, C. M. Willard, C. L. Otrich, J. L. Inscore, Kirkman and Brown, Hertz and Craver, J. D. Walters and A. D. Bohannon; the offices of Dr. A. D. Finch, Dr. I. V. Hale, Dr. S. F. Dodds, and T. H. Phillips; Mrs. D. Cover's residence, and other property.

A general rebuilding followed. J. R. and J. M. Cover and W. M. Brown erected a two-story block on the old site, and C. M. Willard built a two-story banking house. R. Johnson, J. E. Lentz, E. Babcock and C. Nordling built the Union Block on Lots 130 and 131, uniting with J. C. Peeler's building. Oliver Alden erected a two-story brick building, occupied since as THE FARMER AND FRUIT GROWER, printing and publishing house, established in 1877 by H. C. Bouton.

Among the other notable events was the construction of the sidewalk uniting Anna and Jonesboro in 1879.

ANNA PRECINCT

The organization of Anna Precinct was effected in 1866. Until this year, the voters of Anna and Anna Precinct have cast their ballots in Jonesboro at all county and state elections.

Anna Precinct, named from the city of Anna which it included, comprised all Township 12 south and Range 1 west of the 3rd principal meridian, except Sections 1, 2, 3, 11, 30, 31, the north half of 12 and west half of 19, the southeast quarter of 18, and included a portion of Section 2 and 3 in Township 13 south and Range 1 west. The area of this precinct was about 17,280 acres with a population of about 1600 at this time.

The first settlement within the bounds of the precinct is involved in doubt, but among the earliest were those formed in 1818-19 by the following families: George Hartline, 1818;

Peter Casper, 1818; Peter Dillow, 1818; John Hess, 1818; Peter Sifford, 1819; John Treese, 1819; Conrad Sitter, 1819; Christian Hileman, 1819; Peter Miller, 1821; Henry Barringer, 1820; John Menees, 1816; Abraham F. Hunsaker, 1820; William Holmes, 1820; Isaac Bissel, Sr., and Wesley G. Nimmo were also early settlers. Rev. Daniel Spence came in 1819. A majority of these settlers came from North Carolina.

The roads were mere wagon trails blazed through the timber. With the organization of the county into precincts the roads were soon greatly improved, population increased, churches erected and schoolhouses multiplied. By 1883 there were 8 public schoolhouses in the precinct, well supplied for the times.

Of the country churches, the Baptists had a flourishing society in a little church near Big Creek, four miles south of Anna which was organized in 1852. The first pastor of "Big Creek" was F. M. Brown.

Two miles north of Anna was the Casper Church, originally a log house, built in 1830. In 1847 a frame building was erected for the joint use of the German Reformed and Lutheran congregations; D. H. Rendleman, Peter Sifford, David Miller Jr. and Samuel Dillow composed the building committee. Near this church is the burial ground of many of those who figured prominently in the early history of the precinct and county.

The principal crops raised before the coming of the railroad in 1854 were such grains as could be profitably fed to live stock or hauled to the river landing. Live stock, both then and now, has been an important factor. After the railroad opened the markets, the fruits came largely into cultivation. Gardening and the growing of early vegetables were found profitable. Other crops, also the subject of experiment, were cotton, tobacco, barley, flax, and hemp. Shipments of lumber in 1882 amounted to 62 car loads. Dairying was an important industry. The first dairy was started in 1864 by C. L. Brooks, followed by W. G. Robinson in 1873 and Miss Sarah E. Davis in 1880. Bee-keeping was another business in which the following engaged: D. S. Davie, H. T. Eastman, Jacob Hileman, J. W. Fuller, and John B. Miller.

One of the most memorable events in the history of the precinct was the remarkable shower of ice which fell on May 6, 1869. Blocks of ice nearly the size of a man's fist fell in such quantities as to batter the bark from the trees, destroying the fruit crop and pitting the ground with large holes, visible for months afterward.

Citizens identified with this particular period include the following:

Oliver Alden—Merchant, blacksmith.

F. P. Anderson—Jeweler.

Josiah Bean—Farmer.

Harvey Cady Bouton—proprietor, semi-weekly Farmer & Fruit Grower.

S. D. Casper—Farmer.

H. M. Detrich—Steward at Southern Illinois Insane Asylum, Civil War Veteran.

Capt. Hugh Andrews—Civil War Veteran, attorney.

Mames DeWitt—Blacksmith and implement dealer.

Peter Dillow—Farmer.

Horace T. Eastman—Farmer, dairyman, carpenter.

E. H. Finch—Livery, blacksmith, lime business.

A. D. Finch—Dentist, Civil War Veteran.

E. A. Finch—Clerk, Asylum, Civil War Veteran, express agent.

William Michael Eddleman—Physician.

M. V. Eaves—Merchant.

Rev. John H. Faris—Farmer.

Rev. William W. Faris—Editor The Talk, Presbyterian Minister, Civil War Veteran.

James W. Fuller—Farmer.

D. Webster Goodman—Merchant.

Green W. Hall—Carpenter, fruit grower.

Frank H. Hall—Tin-smith, Civil War Veteran.

T. W. C. Hall—Tin-smith, furniture business.

J. I. Hale—Physician, Civil War Veteran.

Rev. Asa Harmon—Farmer, Christian minister, Civil War Veteran.

John Hess—Farmer.

Jasper L. Bess—Farmer.

Jacob Hileman—Farmer.

Hon. Matthew J. Inscore—Attorney.

C. Kirkpatrick—Anna pottery, Mayor of Anna five terms.

W. W. Kirkpatrick—Anna pottery.

C. E. Kirkpatrick—photographer, American Express Agent.

Will Kratziner—Farmer, employee Illinois Central, conductor.

Phillip H. Kroh—Minister and judge, Civil War Veteran.

Jesse E. Lentz—Agricultural implements, builder.

Samuel Martin—Farmer, Mexican War Veteran.

Maria Jane McKinnley—Proprietress St. Nicholas Hotel.

Archibald McNaughton—Merchant, tailor.

Joseph B. Miller—Postmaster 1870, book and stationery store.

John B. Miller—Farmer, fruit growing.

Alexander J. Nesbit—Raised fine blooded stock, attorney.

C. L. Otrich—Druggist, carpenter.

Clarence K. Parks—Druggist.

Thomas H. Phillips—Attorney.

Rev. William Rhodes—Merchant, Christian minister.

J. H. Sanborn, M. D.—Editor Farmer & Fruit Grower.

Charles S. Simmerman—Farmer.

W. H. Smart—Clerk, Asylum.

John Spire—Painter, Mayor of Anna, Civil War Veteran.

L. E. Stocking, M. D.—1st Assistant physician at Insane Asylum.

Thomas G. Stokes—Farmer, tanner, cabinet maker, Civil War Veteran.

William Watson Stokes—Blacksmith.

J. E. Terpinitz—Jewelry and Music Store.

John M. Toler—Fruit growing.

Horace Wardner, M. D.—Supt. Southern Illinois Insane Asylum.

James K. Walton—Farmer, fine stock.

Charles M. Willard—Banker, mercantile business.

Walter H. Willard—Merchant.

John F. Williams—Farmer.

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS HOSPITAL FOR THE INSANE

It was determined by the State Legislature of 1869 to build a hospital for the insane in the southern part of the State. Lt. Governor John Dougherty of Jonesboro, Col. Benjamin Wiley of Jackson County, Dr. G. L. Owens of Marion, Col. H. W. Hall of McLeansboro, and D. R. Kingsbury of Centralia were appointed to receive bids from towns desiring the institution, select a location, and construct the building. The commissioners finally decided upon the present site in Anna as the most suitable and best location offered. The Legislature had appropriated \$125,000 toward the purchase of the necessary land and erection of the building. The City of Anna voted the sum of \$6885.00 toward purchasing the land. Work began in 1870. In 1871 the Legislature appropriated \$65,000 to complete the north wing and \$145,000 for the central building.

The first Board of Trustees, Amos Clark of Centralia, C. Kirkpatrick of Anna, W. N. Mitchell of Marion, J. C. Boyle of Sparta, and W. R. Brown of Metropolis, on Aug. 22, 1873, elected Dr. R. S. Dewey of the Elgin Asylum Superintendent. On Dec. 15, 1873, the north wing was formally opened and halls filled with 150 patients. The following year work was begun on the central building. In 1877 the south wing was completed. The necessary barns, stables, shops, and other buildings were added as occasion required from special appropriations. On April 19, 1881, the whole north wing and eastern extension was burned with loss of only one life. Barracks were built for the patients and were later used as a permanent cottage, when the north wing was restored. The water supply came from a large artificial lake. The drinking water was obtained from 10 cisterns and a big spring by means of a steam force pump. The grounds and farm belonging to the hospital comprised 460 acres. The farm was managed by D. R. Lewis. Charles M. Olmstead was the first chief clerk, Capt. James B. Fulton the first hospital engineer. At his death James Norris filled the post. Mrs. S. Douglas, Mrs. L. R. Warder, and Mrs. Phoebe Hills acted as first

matrons. T. A. Whitten, H. F. Warren, A. G. Miller, and W. H. Smart were the first supervisors.

In 1875 a road was built from Anna to the hospital. In 1886 electric lights were installed. In 1890 the Annex building was erected. In 1894 the Woman's Cottage known as Female Infirmary was completed. In 1895 a second disastrous fire left only the walls of the center and south wing of the main building. Building was restored in 1895-1896. In 1899 the Colonial Building or Male Cottage was built. In 1917 a Nurses' Home was completed. In 1933 five cottages for doctors and officers' families were completed. In 1937 an employees' building for the use of married couples was built, and an expansion program of remodeling older buildings undertaken. In 1940 a tubercular hospital was constructed. The building program of the past decade has added two new wings or sections and will be explained in a later chapter.

MOST IMPORTANT POLITICAL EVENT

Lincoln-Douglas Debate Sept. 15, 1858

Perhaps the most noted political event that ever occurred in Union County was the great Lincoln-Douglas Debate of September 15, 1858.

Mr. Lincoln reached Anna from the north probably about 2 o'clock in the afternoon of September 14, 1858. (Douglas named Jonesboro as the point where the joint discussion should occur in the 9th Congressional District.) A. J. Phillips, citizen of Anna, son of D. L. Phillips, who in 1858 was the candidate for the Republican party for Congress in the 9th District, said his father told him that Lincoln did not want to come to Jonesboro to debate, as he thought there was no chance to elect any of the Republican candidates from that region to the general assembly. But D. L. Phillips and Mr. Lincoln were great friends and the former prevailed on Mr. Lincoln to come.

Mr. Lincoln was accompanied by Mr. Horace White, D. L. Phillips of Anna, and probably Robert R. Hitt, the shorthand reporter. A. J. Phillips, who was 11 years old at the time, said his father entertained Mr. Lincoln, and he remembered the occasion in all its details. The elder Phillips had an office

in a two story frame building about where the Miller Opera House was (now site of the Anna National Bank Building) and the party spent some time in the office. Later Mr. Lincoln went to the home of Mr. Phillips (Site of C. R. Walser property on South Main today) on the north side of Main Street from Anna to Jonesboro and remained the night. Mr. Hitt and Mr. White went to Jonesboro and stayed at the Union Hotel, which was located on the east side of the square.

In all probability Mr. Lincoln and Mr. Phillips were at the hotel for some time in the evening for Mr. White, who later moved to New York, wrote the historian as follows: "The only things I recall at Jonesboro were not political and not even terrestrial. It was the splendid appearance of Donti's comet in the sky, the evening before the debate. Mr. Lincoln greatly admired this strange visitor, and he and I sat for an hour or more in front of the hotel looking at it. The country people came into the little town with ox teams mostly and a very stunted breed of oxen, too. Their wagons were old-fashioned and looked as though they were ready to fall to pieces."

On the morning of the 15th Dr. McVean, a prominent Democrat who lived near Mr. Phillips, offered to take Mr. Lincoln and Mr. Phillips out driving. Mr. Lincoln consented. Dr. McVean was quite a horse fancier and drove a fine span of matched geldings. When they were ready to start, young Phillips was asked to accompany them. The four drove over to Jonesboro, around the town and westward along the picturesque road leading to Willard Landing on the Mississippi River. They returned and Mr. Lincoln made some calls, one of them at the home of Mrs. Hacker, daughter-in-law of Col. John Hacker.

Mr. A. J. Phillips said they returned to Anna for an early dinner and within a short time the village was startled by the roar of a cannon. Everybody rushed to the station and a large crowd welcomed the Little Giant Douglas.

Slight preparations were made for the event due to political rivalry. The debate occurred half a mile north of the square of Jonesboro, and is marked today by an inscribed stone on the site.

The debate was without incident. The audience was indeed very small. No one has estimated it more than 2,000, while the reporters placed it at 1500. The correspondents for the city papers spoke of a good delegation from the State Fair at Centralia and a good sized crowd from Cairo. Mr. White said: "My impression was that the audience at Jonesboro was rather stolid, and took little interest in the questions discussed but that it was composed of honest, well meaning, old fashioned folks. I do not think Lincoln made any converts at Jonesboro; I doubt if Douglas made any or even held his own."

Mr. Lincoln was described by Prof. Joseph E. Terpiniz, band leader, as a "tall, odd-looking man walking along with his hands behind him. He wore a tall plug hat, rather long-tailed coat and was a person who would attract attention in a crowd. He seemed in deep meditation, walking with his head down." Douglas, on the other hand, was a model of the then fashions for men.

EARLY INDUSTRIES

Milling was the earliest manufacturing done on a large scale. As late as 1860 horse mills were in use and hand mills not entirely discarded. In 1856 the Flora Temple mills were built and put in operation by Daniel Davie and Daniel Goodman. They were then the largest and most extensive mills in this part of the state and were located a little south of the depot in Anna. D. Goodman sold out his interest to W. Davie, who with D. Davie, put the mill in fine order and made their flour celebrated for its excellence. W. Davie then became sole proprietor and transferred his title to D. W. Brown. The mill then had six run capacity, was four stories high, with elevators and the best machinery of the times and a capacity for turning out 100 barrels of flour per day, besides grinding 200 bushels of corn. This mill was burned in 1869 while owned by D. W. Davie, but was rebuilt in 1871 by Daniel Davie and Caleb Miller. Mr. Miller then became sole owner, later transferring his title to A. J. Davie and W. S. Meisenheimer. On the death of Mr. Davie, Meisenheimer continued to operate the mill until 1883 when it was completely destroyed by fire.

In the spring of 1867 Joseph Treese built the frame mills on the west side of the railroad on lot 122. The mill was aft-

erward sold to E. H. Finch. In 1883 it was purchased by D. R. Lewis and Henry Lence, and conducted its business in the name of People's Mill.

In 1874 Jesse Lentz and James DeWitt built their extensive wagon, plow, and repair shop on lot 123. W. E. Stokes succeeded Mr. Lentz in the business, and the firm became DeWitt and Stokes. The firm manufactured a superior style of spring wagons especially adapted to the wants of fruit growers. From 1865 to 1870 H. J. Brockman was also a large wagon builder. Dr. Hugh McVeen was the first citizen in Anna to own a buggy which he acquired in 1859. The first family carriage in the country is said to have been owned by Willis Willard of Jonesboro.

From 1862 to 1870 the manufacture of tobacco was carried on by A. W. Robinson and J. T. Bohannon; in 1879, J. W. Davidson started a saddle and harness factory.

From 1860 to 1880 D. Cover and Son manufactured large quantities of lumber at their sawmill near the Southern Illinois Fairgrounds. B. F. Mangold was later the proprietor.

R. B. Stinson & Co. for several years carried on an extensive barrel factory near the railroad, manufacturing about 80,000 barrels annually. This establishment burned and, when rebuilt, was controlled by Finch and Shick. Later names connected with box factories were F. P. Anderson and James Wood.

The manufacture of brick was an important business. In 1879 Hunsaker, Rirchardson, Edwards & Carmack, and J. E. Lufkin had kilns. The public school, the insane asylum, and other buildings were built of bricks manufactured on the site of the buildings.

In 1859 the Kirkpatrick Bros. (C. & W.) began the manufacture of all kinds of stone-ware, tiles, vases, and pottery, bringing their clay from Grand Chain via Cairo. In 1860 some beds of the finest kinds of clay were found in this vicinity and purchased by them. In 1868 a bed of very fine white clay was discovered, which was quarried and shipped in car lots to St. Louis and Chicago. Included in the products from the Kirkpatrick Potteries were stone pipes heads, goblets, fire brick, and drain tile.

M. M. Henderson & Son had a cotton gin in operation in 1866, which was laid aside in 1868 and a planing and dressing machine started. In 1877 the firm began the manufacture of fruit box material and boxes.

From 1865 to 1875 F. A. Childs and Bros. had a drain tile factory in operation with a large kiln and drying sheds.

The progress of any community is much accelerated by increasing its means of communication. In 1880 Anna was united with Jonesboro, and St. Louis and Cairo Railroads by means of a dime hack line started by Joseph Treese. The line virtually gave Anna the benefit of another railroad north and south. In 1883 there were three lines of hacks, carrying passengers between Jonesboro and Anna every hour and to the asylum as required.

One of the most important industries in any community is the provisioning of the inhabitants. The meat supply of Anna was drawn from the surrounding country. In the year 1882, M. V. Ussery supplied the asylum with meats and maintained an extensive market and provision store, manufacturing sausage and curing pork in large quantities. Within that year he slaughtered for his own use and that of the asylum 542 beeves, 156 sheep and 90 hogs, and purchased 150 hogs dressed. From this live stock he obtained 32,000 pounds of hides and manufactured and sold 14,500 pounds of sausage.

J. P. Bohannon was proprietor of the Cape Girardeau Hack Line. In 1869 his daily line of stages to the Mississippi had been established a number of years. Comfortable double carriages carried passengers daily to the Mississippi.

1900 tax lists show 139 people were taxed as manufacturers of various products. Among these in the upper bracket were the Defiance Box Company, Bruchhauser Bros., T. A. Carlile, and St. Louis Stone and Lime Company. Modern manufacturing has shown a change from individual ownership to that by companies or corporations. By 1939 the small manufacturer had almost disappeared. At this time the tax list in this same bracket included Anna Quarries, Fruit Growers Package Company, International Shoe Company, Phoenix Flour Mills, Vulcan Heel Corporation, Lewis Brothers Bakery, Public Ice Service Company, and Charles G. Gilmore Asphalt Plant.

The largest industry in the community, owned and operated by one individual, was the W. H. Bishop Horse and Mule Auction. He began in 1933 with one barn, where he carried on a retail business in horses and mules. By 1939 he had added two retail barns and the large building housing the auction, the office and lunch room. Every Tuesday buyers from all parts of the country assembled to bid on the horses and mules led into the auction ring. Animals were brought from every state in the Union to be sold here. Mr. Bishop now owns and operates a racing stable.

AGRICULTURE

Agriculture is the greatest source of our prosperity. All important interests, all thriving industry, and all trades and professions receive their means of support, directly or indirectly, from this noble science. With the soil, timber, drainage, and climate that cannot be excelled, this territory is capable of sustaining a greater agricultural people than any other part of the state.

The tools and implements with which the pioneer farmer had to work were few in number and crude in material and design. The plow was the old "bar-share" wooden mold board and long beam handles. The hoes and axes were crudely forged by blacksmiths. But the virgin soil was fruitful and yielded bountiful crops, even under poor preparation and cultivation. At first little crops consisted of a "patch" of corn, potatoes, beans, and pumpkins. If possible a patch of flax was grown from which the women spun and wove the family clothing.

Step by step the hardy settlers made inroads into the dense forests, enlarged their farms, set out orchards on the rolling hills, and increased their flocks and herds, until they found a surplus beyond their own wants. With this surplus of farm products came the question of markets. The navigation of the Ohio and Mississippi Rivers was the only means of reaching better markets. New Orleans was the principal market until the completion of the Illinois Central Railroad in 1855.

The material resources of this territory at that time should be of interest to our readers. They included corn,

wheat, oats, timothy, clover, apples, peaches, pears, cherries, grapes, and other fruits as well as a variety of berries. Many acres provided pasture for sheep, hogs, and cattle. Thousands of gallons of milk, cream, and butter resulted. Later watermelons, cantaloupes, leafy vegetables, sweet potatoes, cucumbers, scallions, and peppers were produced.

By 1858 the shipments of fruit to Chicago first began to assume importance and has continued steadily through the years. As more farms came under cultivation, the smaller fruits and early vegetables, especially berries and tomatoes, took a prominent place in the agricultural picture. The great markets of the Northwest looked to "Little Egypt" for their main supplies. Strawberries became the most popular of them all.

In 1872 evaporators were erected in Anna by Oliver Alden, but two years' experience under the most careful management proved that evaporated fruit cost more than it would sell for in the market. Until the year 1880 berries and fruits were shipped in fruit cars, especially constructed, and went by fruit train express. In 1881 cooling houses were built in Anna to store and cool the fruit preparatory to shipment and refrigerator cars safely transported these products to distant markets. Early in 1900 the erection of an ice plant partly solved the problem of getting products to the markets in good shape. The Fasig-Perrine Company manufactured ice and obtained contracts from the Illinois Central for icing their refrigerator cars. In time modern scientific methods in horticulture and improved agricultural implements of every description brought a prosperity of the territory, undreamed of by the pioneer. Hundreds of carloads of fruits and vegetables were shipped annually to supply the great demands of the markets of the middle west.

These vast shipments of produce brought another industry to the community. Packages used in shipping the fruits and vegetables were demanded in huge quantities, and were brought in from Cobden and Grand Tower. About the turn of the century the Union Fruit Package Company was organized for the manufacture of fruit and vegetable packages. The new corporation listed among its Anna members C. J. Boyd, T. A. Carlisle, D. H. Rendleman, J. L. Fuller, T. P.

Sifford, and J. D. DeWitt. Later came the J. W. Wood Factory, F. P. Anderson, the Fruit Growers Refrigerator and Power Company; fruit broker, W. N. Corlis & Company, and many others connected with the growing industry. The construction of the Municipal Market, started in 1933, and the many benefits derived from its operation, will be covered in another chapter of this volume.

The reputation of this section as a fruit and vegetable producing area has not been based wholly upon the immense quantity of the products shipped from here, but largely upon the excellent quality of the fruits and vegetables, the superior character of the packages and the excellence of the packing.

Thus the cultivation of the fruits and vegetables in and around Anna has progressed from the rudest beginnings to its present great proportions. Agriculture has brought to the City of Anna its great prosperity.

FAIRS

Union County has been well supplied with agricultural fair associations, having had two excellent organizations during this 100 year period.

The oldest of them was the Union County Agricultural and Mechanical Society, which dates back to 1855. It was organized and held under the auspices of the citizens of Jonesboro and the county with Jacob Hunsaker as its first president. It was later known as the Union County Agricultural Board, reorganized under the State laws governing agricultural societies. Fairs were held annually on 10 acres of ground in Jonesboro and it was here the famous Lincoln and Douglas Debate was held September 15, 1855. The association was discontinued many years ago.

The Southern Illinois Fair Association of Anna was organized under special act of Legislature, December 13, 1879, with M. V. Ussery, first president; C. M. Willard, treasurer, and E. R. Jinette, secretary, elected in 1880. The association at that time was under the supervision of 21 directors elected for three years, seven of whom were elected each year. They bought 54 acres of land on the present site of Anna Fairgrounds. Since its purchase, a portion was sold to the City

of Anna for a cemetery. The Southern Illinois Fair Association and Fairgrounds at Anna were a private enterprise and owned by a joint stock company. Agricultural fairs have been held annually since 1879.

Last year the outstanding stock holders relinquished their shares and the City of Anna acquired the property. The City of Anna is creating a city park and building a swimming pool on the site. Fairs will continue to be held here in the future.

RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS

The home, the school, and the church are the three great factors in the growth of our community. Our people have always been largely influenced by religious sentiment, and our churches have molded the great moral fabric of the community from the earliest settlements to the present time. The earliest settlers were from North Carolina and were mostly Lutherans. As early as 1819 a congregation at St. John was organized, and in 1822 a log church was built by the Reformed and Lutherans, the first church in the county.

St. Mary's Catholic Church, previously mentioned, was the first church in Anna, being organized in 1855 by Col. L. T. Ashley, and the church was built on its present site. Present structure dated 1894.

Mt. Moriah Lutheran Church was organized in 1869 with 16 members. C. W. Sifford was its first pastor. In January, 1876, the Anna Congregation bought Lot 65 on South Street, and on August 11 of that year the building was dedicated. Present building was dedicated August 31, 1902.

On January 15, 1859, Elder J. H. Settlemaier formed the Anna Presbytery of the Baptist Church. The first frame church was built in 1865. H. H. Richardson was the first pastor. Present building dated 1923.

The Methodist Church was organized in the fall of 1865 by Rev. Willoughby and a frame church built in 1857. Present church was built in 1893.

There was a reformed Lutheran congregation organized in Anna in 1859 with Rev. P. H. Kroh as pastor. A brick

building was erected in 1872. The Trinity Lutheran was organized in 1930.

The First Presbyterian Church was organized on April 29, 1866, with Rev. David Dimmon as its first pastor. The first church building was dedicated June 28, 1866. Present structure was completed in December, 1898.

Episcopal services were held as early as 1860. St. Anne's Episcopal Church was erected in 1886.

In 1869 the Campbellites or Christians also held regular services. The present Christian Church was organized January 15, 1903.

The Oneness Pentecostal Church was organized, and the present building was erected in 1927.

From these beginnings we shall see the spiritual growth of the community with the addition of other churches, whose organization is not available, as portrayed in the histories of the present churches in Anna which will follow in succeeding chapters.

A ministerial alliance of Anna-Jonesboro, including twelve ministers, sponsors a three-hour community service on Good Friday and World Day of Prayer; it supervises the Chaplaincy at the Anna State Hospital and recently has made an extensive religious survey of the City of Anna.

EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS

Through 100 years of development the City of Anna has ever been justly proud of her public schools. The first schoolhouse, built in 1854 on the corner of Franklin and Monroe streets, was destroyed by fire. In 1860 the city then built a frame schoolhouse on Lot 23, donated by Winstead Davie. In this building the youth of the city was educated from 1860 to 1870. In 1869 the city felt the need of a new building and larger accommodations. The district directors issued bonds as needed and erected a three-story edifice on the site of the present Junior High School, on South Green street.

On January 5, 1870, the children were moved from the small frame building to the new institution where the enroll-

ment increased to 237 pupils. The school was thoroughly graded and became well known in the educational circles of Southern Illinois. On January 5, 1880, just 10 years from the opening of the new building, the total enrollment had increased to 350 pupils. This pressure was relieved by the opening of an academy school known as Union Academy, under the charge of W. W. Faris and C. W. Sifford. (Part of this school's development is still in existence as part of the Anna-Jonesboro Community High School.) A building for same was constructed on South Main Street in 1884. Later on, Benton Hall and Willard Hall, located on several acres of land donated by C. W. Willard, became the school plant. Union Academy and the Public High School on Green Street served the youth of this community from 1883 to 1918, at which time the present High School came into being.

Anna-Jonesboro Community High School is located on the heights between the twin cities of Jonesboro and Anna and has a campus of 20 acres. The grounds and buildings, including Benton and Willard Halls of the present school, are those which were used by Union Academy, having been donated, along with endowment funds, to the newly formed high school. Bar-San Hall and the new building on Main Street complete the school plant today.

In 1900 the population had grown to such proportions that the present Lincoln School was erected on Monroe Street in the north part of town. In 1910 the needs for the public school system brought about the present structure of the W. Davie School on the site previously given by W. Davie in 1860. With the addition of these two plants, the older building on South Green Street was used exclusively for High School classes. The new Junior High School was constructed on this site in 1939.

The old Lincoln School has been replaced the past year by an all modern, one story brick and stone building; additions have been made to the Davie school building; and a new building has been recently added to the Community High School plant.

This expanding building program together with the modern methods of teaching that have kept pace with the

times have given to the youth of this community educational facilities that rank among the finest in the state.

The Anna City Schools and the Community High School are governed by their respective Boards of Education. The members of these boards are motivated by one obligation to provide the best educational system possible for the boys and girls under their jurisdiction. They aim to equip the schools with good teachers, curriculum, and equipment that will best serve the interests to the community.

The Parent-Teacher's Association is perhaps the best organized and most constructive unit working for the welfare of the children in the school community. Each school has its separate organization and each functions for the good of the District as a unit. The most outstanding achievements of these P. T. A.'s has been the underwriting of the school lunch program.

Stinson Memorial Library was dedicated and opened on August 14, 1914. Its many shelves of reference material have been of immeasurable value to the students of the community since that date. Captain Robert Burns Stinson, bequeathed to the city of Anna \$50,000 for the purpose of establishing and maintaining a public library.

The State Library Bookmobile has left thousands of books on deposit at the library here for the use of Union County borrowers.

Part 2 of this volume gives detailed histories of these institutions.

FRATERNITIES AND SOCIETIES

Membership in fraternities and societies included a large proportion of the population of the City of Anna as early as 1856.

Egyptain Chapter No. 46, of Royal Arch Masons was instituted October 5, 1858, with 18 charter members.

Anna Lodge of A. F. & A. M. No. 502 was instituted October 1, 1867, with 19 charter members.

Hiawatha Lodge No. 231 I. O. O. F. was established by

the Grand Lodge of Illinois on October 11, 1880, with five charter members.

Anna Encampment No. 69 I. O. O. F. was established October 10, 1876, with seven original members.

Lodge No. 5217 of the Modern Woodmen of America was organized December 1, 1897, with 25 charter members.

Ionette Lodge No. 315 of Knights and Ladies of Honor was organized May 25, 1880.

Anna District Court of Honor was organized September 8, 1896, with 25 charter members.

The Anna Court of Tribe of Ben Hur No. 104 was organized December 19th, 1900.

Anna Star Chapter No. 522 was organized under dispensation granted pursuant to a petition dated No. 25, 1903, and with 20 original members was instituted December 10, 1903.

A. G. A. R. Post was organized soon after the Civil War about 1867. The decline of the Post began about 1890 and would have died but for the efforts of Capt. R. B. Stinson, G. W. Norris, W. W. McCoy, and B. Nash. Union County furnished her full quota of soldiers in the war of the rebellion, the 109th Illinois Volunteer Infantry being made up of men from this county. In addition many Union County men enlisted in other regiments. A Union County Soldiers and Sailors Association was formed and annual reunions held at the Anna Fairgrounds.

Other societies came into being the latter part of the 19th century. The People's Library Society was organized in 1879 with Rev. C. W. Sifford, President, and Walter Greer, Secretary.

An organization of a "Reform Club" in the interest of temperance was instituted November 20, 1877, which soon had 150 members. Upon the eradication of saloons from the city, the work of the Reform Club was gradually taken over by the Women's Christian Temperance Union, organized in 1878, and the club ceased to exist.

The Anna Literary Society and Lyceum held debates weekly and was organized as early as 1860.

The Nineteenth Century Club was organized in the fall of 1882 and held meetings every Sunday afternoon to discuss religious topics and for free interchange of opinion. Oliver Alden was first president.

The Anna Driving Club was organized in 1881, and held annual races on the 4th of July. E. H. Finch was first president. This club was auxiliary to the Southern Illinois Fair Association.

On the completion of the brick schoolhouse in 1869, classes in music were formed, glee clubs were formed, concerts given by music pupils, and an organ purchased and placed in the high school room. A taste for music rapidly developed and church choirs were filled with young singers.

Under the leadership of J. E. Terpinitz, a fine brass band was formed, which for years furnished music at all celebrations and public meetings.

The Anna Dramatic Society was formed in 1870. Two years later the Anna Choral Society was started. Both societies produced dramas, cantatas, and operettas in a very creditable manner.

The first reed instrument used in town was a melodeon belonging to Lewis W. Ashley in 1855.

The first piano in the city was a wedding present to Mrs. Daniel Davie and brought from New York in 1859.

Many of these fraternities and societies filled a very definite need at the time of their organization, played their part in the city's history, and then gave way to newer organizations. Many of them have continued to this day and contributed much to the progress and growth of the city. These and many newer organizations are described in detail in following chapters.

NEWSPAPERS

The progress of newspapers parallels that of their trading areas. The history of the Gazette-Democrat, Anna's only newspaper at this time, parallels the histories of the cities of Anna and Jonesboro, Illinois.

Few newspapers can boast of a history of more than a century of progress in a community and of having instigated progress of an area during a smaller period of time. Yet this has been the privilege of the Jonesboro Gazette, which, combined with the Democrat of Anna and later with the Anna Talk, has given the combined newspapers the advantage of 100 years of service and experienced knowledge of this area.

The Jonesbroo Gazette was established in 1849 by John Evan and Thomas J. Finley with Rev. H. Hempstead as the first publisher. It was a Democratic weekly paper, and was the first newspaper in the county. A copy, dated June 12, 1850, is still in existence and the property of Ira O. Karraker of Jonesboro. The paper continued publication until absorbed by the Democrat of Anna in 1939-40 and became the Gazette-Democrat. A. J. Tibbets was connected with the paper for 64 years, 40 years as editor, until his death in 1937.

The Union County Democrat was started in Jonesboro as a Douglas paper in 1858 by a joint-stock company composed of L. P. Wilcox, W. A. Hacker, Mr. Toler, and other leading Democrats. After the election of 1858 the offices were moved to Anna. As late as 1897 the paper was known as the Union Democrat. A. Ney Seeions purchased the Democrat of Anna, as it was known by this time, in 1902. Jackson Hammond became associated with this paper in 1897, and was named editor in 1902. In 1917 Mr. Hammond and other prominent business men of Anna purchased the Democrat as a company, and he continued as manager and editor. By 1924 he had purchased all the stock and was sole owner until his death in 1937. Following his death his wife, Martha E. Hammond, his son, Joe A. Hammond, and his daughter, Mary H. Kent, continued publication until it was sold to H. Clay Reppert in 1939.

The Talk was started by Rev. W. W. Farris in the spring of 1835. Edgar E. Davie was owner and editor of the Anna Talk until his death on Oct. 26, 1945. Mr. Davie was the great nephew of Winstead Davie, after whose wife the City of Anna was named. Following his death the paper was combined with the Gazette-Democrat in 1945, as will be shown later in detail.

Other Anna newspapers that flourished for a few months or years and then died or moved to other localities include:

The Anna Union started in 1874 by A. J. Alden and published less than a year. The Adverites as known then in 1870 and published by Dougherty and Galigher for about 2 years. Farmer and Fruit Grower, H. C. Bouton's agricultural paper, was started in 1877 with Dr. J. H. Sanborn in charge of the horticultural department. It continued publication for a decade or more (records not available). Union County News by Hale, Wilson and Copau was first issued in 1880 and continued publication for about two years. It was also known as the Southern Illinois Advocate. The Missionary Sentinel by Rev. S. P. Myers was published first in 1879 in the interests of the German Reformed Church. It was moved to Dayton, Ohio, about one year later.

All these publications, their founders, and editors have written an indelible page in the history of Anna. Their contributions have immeasurably promoted the growth of the community.

Dedicated to produce newspapers to boost the city and aid in the upbuilding of its financial, social, educational, and moral resources, they have confidently and happily written "30."

MILITARY HISTORY

Records from 1828 reveal the names of several early settlers who served in the Revolutionary War, as they applied for pensions in the Union County Circuit Court. Among them were Elias Moiers, Joseph C. Edwards, Christopher Lyerle, Jacob Frick, Peter Meisenheimer, and Travers Morris. A marker in the Anna cemetery today shows the burial place of some of the Revolutionary heroes.

On May 11, 1846, Congress declared a state of war with the Republic of Mexico. Illinois was called on for three regiments of infantry. Within ten days 35 full companies were organized and reported. Union County furnished Co. F. of the 2nd Regiment, Capt. John C. Hacker. The company was discharged June 18, 1847, at Comargo, Mexico. On Feb. 23,

1847, the battle of Buena Vista resulted in complete victory for the American Forces; in this the 2nd Regiment, Co. F., included, covered itself with glory.

From the best information gathered, Union County gave 3,000 men to the army during the Civil War. The records show that in addition to the full 109th Regiment furnished Capt. Mack's Company, there were a number of men in the 18th Regiment. The county also furnished a large number of men to the 6th cavalry. The 60th Infantry Regiment was organized at Anna, Feb. 17, 1862, Col. Silas C. Toler of Jonesboro and Adjutant Thomas C. Barnes, Anna. The regiment fought in eleven battles in the March on Atlanta to the sea. The 109th Regiment was recruited from Union County. Col. Alexander, J. Nimmo, Lt. Col. Elijah A. Willard, Major Thomas A. Perrine, and Adjutant, James Evans, and others were mustered in at Anna Sept. 11, 1862. It was armed with inferior guns and later consolidated with the 11th infantry. About 1800 of the men were killed in action or died in hospitals or prison camps. Barracks for soldiers were built on the present site of the Anna State Hospital and a hospital unit erected. The St. Nicholas Hotel in Anna was also converted into a hospital for the wounded. Civil War veterans sleep in a special memorial plot at the Anna Cemetery.

As a result of this great loss women began to appear in the business world, replacing the men in industry.

IN MEMORIAM

Upon a stone statute at the entrance to the Anna Cemetery there is this tablet, dedicated to the sacred memory of these men who gave their lives in

World War I

Bean, Everett	Hicks, Jesse	Manning, Frank
Caveness, Frank	Hunsaker, Dallas	Mattingly, Randall
Dodd, Townsend F.	James, George	Rich, Charles
Freeman, Fred	Jessen, Hubert	Richardson, Oard
Gregory, Ernest	Johnson, John	Sitter, Troy
Hall, Dorris	Kirby, Dennis	Treece, Roscoe

"In Flanders Fields, the poppies blow"—

IN MEMORIAM

Upon the wall at the American Legion Community Center Townsend F. Dodd Post, there is a marble plaque which bears these following names, consecrated to the memory of these men who gave their lives in

World War II

Stanley Aldridge	Roger C. Hancock
Woodrow Aldridge	William A. Hansil
Oren M. C. Allen	Thomas E. Hill
Collan Appel	Clyde Keller
William J. Bass	Ford Kelley
Murrell L. Blaylock	Francis Kimmel
Kelvie Bryant	William R. Ligon
Truman Claxton	William Mayberry
Jack R. Crews	Fred P. Meisenheimer
Donald E. Davis	Lloyd P. Menees
Grover M. Davis	Ray Oliver Penrod
Leo D. Davis	James L. Randles
Ross Dillow	George T. Sanders
Wayne I. Eaton	Donald L. Standard
Gerald Eaves	Robert Tolbert
Joseph Q. Edwards	Carl Tripp
Harold H. Ford	Frank Weidlocher
Carroll P. Foster	David D. Williams
Carl N. Garrott	Charles B. Winn

"And be it resolved that these
Honored dead shall not have died in vain."

KOREAN CONFLICT

Company "B", 135th Engineer Combat Battalion, stationed at Anna, Illinois, was activated on January 27, 1948 with three officers and 37 enlisted men. Captain Aurel Rendleman served as commanding officer until October of that year. Lt. Hobart R. Clutts served as CO until December 2, 1949. At that time Captain Wm. L. Casper assumed command and took the unit into Federal Service on February 15, 1952. The unit consisted of five officers, 1 warrant officer and 76 enlisted men when it entered Federal Service.

The unit, as a part of the 45th Infantry Division trained at Camp Cooke, California, for about five months, when individuals were ordered overseas. On late fall of 1952 the Division was transferred to Fort Lewis, Washington, to complete its Federal Service. More than 60 of the officers and men saw duty in Korea, Japan, and Germany during the period of February 1952-1954.

It is noteworthy that there were no reductions en grade for any of the men of Company "B", and most of the men received promotions during their service overseas. All of the members were discharged by February 15, 1954. The men from this community served their country well in a time of critical need. All of these men were voluntary members of the Unit and carried on the tradition of their founders, the "Minute Men," who were first to fight to protect our country. Our community can well be proud of these men. In addition to Company "B" there were many other voluntary enlistments and drafted men serving during this period from Anna, but that information is not available at this time.

SIGNS OF PROGRESS — 1890

This era in municipal growth and prosperity begins in the early nineties. As the city moved with progress, it gave its citizens improved streets, all stone sidewalks, street cars water works, and good lights.

1896—Anna had needed an electric light system and ice plant as well as motor driven transportation for many years. The construction of these enterprises is traceable directly to the pluck and business sagacity of Arnaud A. Fasig, who came to Anna at the turn of the century. He married Sarah De Bow Perrine, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Perrine, (Mrs. Fasig is a granddaughter of Winstead Davie) and established a home here on its present site in 1893.

He saw these needs and in 1896 the Fasig-Perrine Company was organized for the purpose of erecting a plant in Anna for the manufacture of ice. They soon erected distribution and ice storage houses in many of the surrounding towns. In 1900, F. S. Peabody of Chicago bought the outstanding stock of the company except for the holdings of Mr. Fasig and a new corporation was organized, known as the Fruit Grower's Refrigeration and Power Company. They acquired the electric light plant here from E. A. Nordling. The company obtained a franchise from the city to furnish lights and construct an electric railway, extending from Anna State Hospital on the north, passing through Anna to Jonesboro on the south. In June, 1903, the Union County Traction and Power Company was incorporated.

During the next two decades Mr. Fasig obtained contracts from the Illinois Central for supplying them with ice and icing their refrigerator cars, and built other plants for this purpose. These properties were later sold to the Central Illinois Public Service Company and were the foundation of the immense structure of utilities operated by the company in Southern Illinois. In 1908 he purchased an undeveloped clay property five miles northwest of Anna and organized the Illinois Kavlin Company, and became a major factor in the cement manufacturing industry.

THE HALF-CENTURY MARK

"The Egyptian Hustler"

The Egyptian Hustler was an organization promoted by traveling salesmen in this territory, perfected on May 19, 1903, in Anna, Ill. In this organization all met on a common ground—wholesaler, manufacturer, merchant, traveling and retail clerk—for the purpose of exchanging ideas, presenting grievances, compromising difficulties, as well as learning to know each other better in order to work more harmoniously together.

In tribute to the good will fostered by the organization from which many benefits were derived, the women of Anna published an edition of the Democrat on June 8, 1905, with Mrs. C. H. Wiley, editor and Mrs. J. B. Alden, business manager. The paper contained display advertising and professional cards showing the above mentioned groups functioning in Anna at the time. It gave a representative picture of that era in Anna's history. It and other newspaper files showed the progress the community had made in the past few decades, as new industry, new business places presented new lines of merchandise for the citizens of Anna.

The loose frock reaching half way down to the knees with its large cape, made of buckskin, the moccasins, the coonskin cap of the pioneers were gone. There were tai'ors, shoemakers, and stores of men's furnishings to outfit the well-dressed man of this day. The linsey petticoat and the bedgown of the pioneer women were replaced by the elegance of the dress of the gay nineties. It was the period of the large plumed hat, the tight waist, the long flowing skirts, and the pompadour. Milliners, dressmakers, and a plentiful supply of materials on many merchants' shelves gave milady a choice and variety of costume. The few pewter dishes, wooden bowls, gourds, trenches, and noggins of the early settlers had vanished as the hardware and furniture stores supplied the home furnishings.

The citizens had leisure time to give to the arts and recreation. Miller Opera House on the top floor of the present Anna National Bank building was a favorite rendezvous. Stock

companies presented road shows weekly during certain seasons. Such productions as "DuBarry," "Peck's Bad Boy," "Uncle Tom's Cabin," and others were given. Many of the citizens owned good fast driving horses, and the Driving Clubs held races at the Fairgrounds. Dances were held at the Anna State Hospital. Picnics to Cave Spring Park and fishing expeditions to Goodman's Ditch were pleasant diversions.

The youth of this period were encouraged in the arts. Art exhibits were held frequently and some of the more accomplished artists were Amy Kirkpatrick and Daniel Perrine. Dr. and Mrs. Sanborn deserve credit for much of Anna's musical development. Many fine voices were developed in the church, school, and choral groups. Concerts, operas and operettas were presented by local talent in the opera house, and included such productions as "Pinafore," "Trial by Jury" and others. Members of the Dodds and Kroh families were especially talented. John B. Miller, who was one of the finest tenors of his time, went on to study in London and Paris and later gave concerts all over America. He toured with the Chicago Opera Company and Symphony orchestra. Helen Brown will be remembered by many of our readers for her excellent voice. W. H. Taylor came to Anna as the first paid choral director.

The "arc lights" were replaced by electric lighting, the foot path, wooden sidewalks, and dirt roads by stone sidewalks and graveled streets, the horse and buggy by the street car.

Agricultural implements brought new prosperity to the farmers by increasing production, and better transportation gave access to larger markets. Trades and professions showed a marked increase. The first half century of toil, privation, and sacrifice had given way to a new and different mode of life. Instead of the log cabin with its dirt floors and crude furniture, beautiful homes and gracious hearths stood overshadowed by graceful trees and surrounded by spacious lawns.

People no longer lived independently as the early settlers did, when each family was its own carpenter, blacksmith, weaver, shoemaker, and miller. After fifty years of progress industry provided necessities as well as luxuries.

The task for reconstructing for our readers this period of the history of the people of Anna is not an easy one. Printed sources are few except for the newspapers of that day, which reflect the life of business; business reflects the growth and prosperity of a community which in turn reflects the life and times of the people who comprise the community in the trading area it serves. A representative picture of the times then can be given by listing the business establishments, professional men, industries, etc., found in the newspapers during this era. From the files of the Democrat of 1901-1902 and the Directory of 1897 we submit such a list.

Agricultural Implements

Dewitt, James
Stokes, W. W.

Attorneys

Edwards, J. E.
Rich, Wm.
Phillips, A. J.
Sessions & Hileman
Dood & Pickrell
Lingle, James
Crawford & Sons
Ware, Jesse

Bakers

Union Bakery
Brown, Warren T.
Shaddrick, J. D.
Osgood, Mrs.
Sperry, Ed

Banks

Anna National
First National

Barbers

Ellis, W. C.
Bellows, H.
Miller, J. N.
Morgan & Travis
Spence, E. R.
Cook & Hileman
Shaffer, Fred

Bright, Wm.

Blacksmiths

DeWitt, James
Bissell, A. J.
Ligon, John
Reagan, J.
McConnell & Fierke
Stokes, Sam

Boots & Shoes

Sifford, T. P.
Gam, B.

Carpenter, Builders, etc.

Lippard, T. C.
English, E.
Mangold & Shipley
Robinson, A. W.
Robinson, L. F.

Clothing

Johnson, R.
Hirschorn, H.
Kohn, H. H.

Coal, Lime, Cement

Hebenberger & Sims
Finch & Shick
Wiggins, W. L.

Confectionary

Finch's
Stephen, W. J.
Shaddrick, A. J.

Dentists

Willard, F. W.
Walser, C. R.
Perrine, T. N.
Shafer, C. H.

Druggist

Webb Drug Co.
Opera House Drug Store
Bussey, H. F.
Parks, Geo. C.
Otrich, O. O.

Dry Goods

Alden Store Co.
Singer Bros.
Mattheis, G. & Co.
Dickinson, J. N.
Gear, F. P.

Express & Drayage

American Express Co.
Southern Express

Flour & Feed

Boyce & Hunsaker
Phoenix Roller Mills
Boswell, J. H.
Anna Roller Mills
Edwards, W. A.
Eureka Rolling Mills
Union Roller Mills

Fruit Brokers

Corlis, N. W. & Co.

Furniture

Spire, J. & Co.
Williford, J. W.
Williford, C. H.
Bacon's

General Stores

Dickinson, J. N.
Alden Store Co.
Eaves & Miller
Willard, Walter
Moore, John W.

Otrich, C. L.

Grocers

Corzine, J. J.
Ussery, M. V.
Kelly, John
Grisham, L. D.
Bohannon, A. D. & Co.
Brown, S. A.
DeWitt, J. C.
Shaddrick, J. A.
Carlile, E. T.
Parks, C. K.
Lufkin, J. E. & Son
Dillow, B. W.

Hardware

Norris, James
Kerth, E. G.
Lingle, Nelson
Mangold-Alden
Baker, W. E.

Harnessmakers

Masska, W.
Matchleith

Hotels

Otrich House
Farmer's Hotel
Eureka House
St. Charles Hotel
Verble House
McLain House
Roberts House
Anna Hotel, R. L. Willis

Insurance

H. P. Tuthill
Otrich & Rhodes
Henderson, W.

Jewelers

Henderson, W.
Gear, John
G. A. Heidinger
F. P. Anderson

Physicians

Keith, L. D.
Finch, A. D. & G. L.
Dodd, F. S.
Hale & Martin (S. C.)
Sabin, F. A.
Farris, R. E.
Eddleman, Wm.
Agnew, T. Lee
Hale, I. V.
Hale, E. Vincent
Stewart, J. C.

Printers & Publishers

Republican Union County
The Talk
The Democrat
Hammond & Detrich
Rushing, M.

Ladies Furnishings

Bouton, Mrs. A. D.

Laundries

Anna Steam Laundry

Liveries

Warren & Penninger
White & Co.
Kenilworth-R. Tuthill

Lumber

Anna Lumber Company
Gear, Walter

Meat Markets

Coleman Bros.
Coleman, F. M.
Mattheis, J. D.

Milliners

McKinney, Miss S. E.
Steers, Emma
Feuss, Miss Sophia
Crowell, Mrs. A. H.

Paints, Painters

Spire L. & Son
Metzger, Fred

Trades Building, Masons, etc.

Coffman, J. N.
Carlile, Robert
Chase, John
Davis, Geor. W.
Drummond, Wm.
Fowler, S.
Green, John
Hill, G. A.
Hunsaker, J. W.
Jenkins, B. J.
Johnson, Calvin
Mullins, J. N.

Photographers

Atkins & Albertson
Mattheis, J. D.

Restaurants

Bump, Joe
Eddleman, G. E.

Shoemakers

Ussery, John
Yarborough, W. T.
Britton & Son
Kinney, H.

Tailors

Duncan Bros.
Whipperman, Chas.
McNaughton, A.

Tinners

Sharp, J. A.
Cook, A. V.

Utilities

Fasig & Perrine
Union Co. Traction & Power
Co.

Veterinary

R. E. Brown

Undertakers

Norris, G. W.

Wagonmakers

Fierke, J. B.

HIGHLIGHTS OF GROWTH SINCE 1900

The following high lights in the growth of the city were taken from the files of the City Hall and Gazette-Democrat.

1901—Main Street graded and macadamized with crushed rock and topped with gravel. Citizens carried water from troughs due to water shortage. Disastrous fire included loss of following buildings: R. C. Kirkpatrick, R. Johnson, Joe Bump, Brown & Edwards, Wesley Henderson, M. V. Brown, E. C. Finch, Opera House Drug Store, and post office.

1903—James Davis, who had a gasoline lamp on corner of Main and Railroad Streets on exhibition, proposed the city put up 20 lamps to light the streets for \$60.00 per month; business house and office rates 50 cents per month per light, residences, 35 cents per month per light, and this would include all night service. Accepted by city. Ordinance passed to restrict sale of cemetery lots to citizens of the City of Anna. Congressman Geo. W. Smith helped secure establishment of free rural delivery. Anna city light plant bought by A. A. Fasig to supply lights and construct an electric street car from Anna State Hospital through Anna to Jonesboro. Other main village streets and those leading out of town gravelled. Old wooden sidewalks replaced on leading streets by stone walks. Proposal to establish a library considered. Organization of Business Men's League to promote business welfare and general interests. Flood of Mississippi River, highest water in 50 years, low lands from Alton to Cairo submerged reaching a distance in some places of 10 miles; Anna contributed \$647 to flood sufferers. Captain R. B. Stinson, with the exception of \$15,000, left his entire estate of \$55,000 to the City of Anna for the purpose of establishing and maintaining a library, the principal to be used as an endowment and building to be built when sufficient amount shall have accrued from the income of the trust. Accepted by the city Jan. 4, 1904. First Board of Directors for the Stinson Memorial Library were John Spire, president; H. L. McGill, vice-president; Oliver Alden, Secretary; John B. Jackson, A. Ney Sessions, J. E. Lentz, C. L. Otrich, H. F. Bussey, and E. E. McLaughlin.

1905—First temporary street car tracks laid on Freeman street to hold franchise to State Hospital.

THE FIRST STREET CAR IN 1905

The first street car to turn a wheel in Anna started its initial trip over the hill to Jonesboro in August, 1905. Miss Arnaud Fasig, daughter of Mr. A. A. Fasig, turned the lever to start the car on its first run. Those who were in the car and took the first ride were Mr. and Mrs. Fasig and daughter, Mrs. J. B. Alden, A. Ney Sessions, John B. Jackson, J. L. Hammond and daughter, and E. A. Davie. Those who paid the first fares were Millard Rushing, W. F. Neibauer, A. Ney Sessions, William Treece, J. Will Laws, S. H. Frost, and R. L. Hileman. The car was scheduled to make the trip from Jonesboro to the Anna State Hospital every fifteen minutes. Street car service was discontinued in 1922 and a bus line served the same territory. The bus line was discontinued in 1953.

1907—Resolution accepted creating first paving districts --Main, Jackson, Washington, and W. Railroad Streets. Electric light plant erected near Phoenix Mills—Wesley Henderson and Bob Henderson, operators. First sewer district constructed in alley back of Anna Hotel.

1912—First pound master appointed, W. J. Trammel, to enforce ordinance providing it shall be unlawful for any horse, cow, hog, pig, sheep, goat, or goose to run at large or go unrestrained within corporate limits of city of Anna. Amusements of games or any activity causing disturbance on the Sabbath were definitely forbidden, such as dance halls, pin and ball alleys, or moving picture theaters or labor on Sunday within the city limits.

1916—Ordinance passed restricting location of livery stables, blacksmiths, foundaries, machine shops, and garages within city limits. Second Lewis Addition added to the city of Anna. Designated certain members of the city council and the mayor as a board of Local Improvements. Addition of sidewalks on outlying streets north of railroad.

1917—Ordinance passed regulating use of paved portions of streets by motor trucks to protect streets from damage. Ordinance creating the plumbing and sewer, providing for

alterations, installation and supervision of plumbing and drainage in city. Salaries of city employees: superintendent of streets, \$60.00 per month; chief of police, \$50.00 per month; sexton, \$60.00 per month; health officers, \$25.00 per month; laborers 20 cents per hour.

1919—Under consideration was the proposed route from Anna to Cairo by Egyptian Hard Road Association. More sidewalks were added to outlying streets on both sides of the railroad.

1920—Resolution adopted that the city purchase a motorcycle to be used in curbing reckless driving in the city. Also public health ordinance providing quarantine on premises where there are contagious or infectious disease.

1921—Change from aldermanic to commission form of government. Petition from East Side Apartment Corporation signed by R. E. Brown asking permission to wreck old brick building and erect three-story brick building on Lots 111-112 of original plot. Contract let for water supply between City of Anna and Central Illinois Public Service Company. Submission to Division of Waterways for District 2 to 7. Kohler addition to city of Anna.

1922-23—Sewer District No. 2, 3, 3, 5, submitted. Waterworks—Districts 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9. Paving Districts—5, 6, 7.

1924—Plot known as the Daniel Sifford Heirs added to the city. Plot known as the Gattinger's added to the city. Sewer District 6 created. Agreement between C. I. P. S. Company and city for discontinuing the street car service between Anna State Hospital and Jonesboro. Passenger busses to be in operation within 90 days to replace cars. Ordinance to establish present fire department system. Ordinance providing for the purchase of the Hale-Willard Sanitorium for \$13,000 from Dr. E. V. Hale, in accordance with the wishes of his father, to be converted into Hale-Willard City Hospital. First trustees of hospital: R. L. Shannon, C. H. Bruchhauser, and H. C. Sifford, M. L. West appointed on resignation of Sifford. Special election to approve 3 1-3 mills no dollar annually for public hospital. Tax approved.

1925—Fire Department organized—Elmer Stevens, Ray

Penrod, Don Crabtree, Marry Brown, Ralph Mattheis, and Russell Abernathy. Ordinance granting franchise to Southern Illinois Telephone Company.

1930—Special election provided for showing movies on Sunday.

1931—Resolution endorsing Forest Preserve advocated in Southern Illinois.

1933-1937—Plans made for the construction of Anna Municipal Market, completed in 1935. Resolutions passed to construct new water wells. Wells were to be drilled and necessary electrical control equipment installed for filtering.

Under W.P.A. (formerly C.W.A.) the federal government for the first time furnished men and money for public works. These facilities were used by the city and the county in building the Anna City Market, country roads, Ravine Theater at Community High School; repairs on Anna City Hall and County Court House and paving on George and Douglas streets and others. Also a cistern and filters program was undertaken for rural sanitation. A C. C. C. camp was built at the Anna Fairgrounds in 1937 and later moved to the forest preserve. During the flood of that year the camp was used to house hundreds of refugees from Cairo, Mounds, and Mound City; all resources were turned over to the Red Cross for the emergency. Later a W. P. A. cannery was located here; W. P. A. furnished cans and labor selected from the unemployed on the relief rolls of the county.

1937-39—Completed water works improvement from 3 deep wells. Addition of modern filtration and water softening plant. Erection of joint sewage disposal plant with the State of Illinois with Clarence Mattheis, Supt. of disposal plant. Removal of old street car tracks. Installation of crossing gates at Main crossing of Illinois Central.

1942—Franchise granted Truman Keller and Earl Carter for operation of a bus line within the city of Anna. Later became Anna Cab Company, operating from Anna State Hospital to Jonesboro.

1943—Ordinance providing for a local registrar of vital statistics.

1944—City deeds 12 lots in cemetery to Townsend F. Dodd Post of the American Legion for Memorial plot. Adopted resolution accepting provisions of the trust and bequest created in City of Anna, contained in last will and testament of A. Ney Sessions. Funds to be used in construction of a City Hospital. Board of Directors appointed was G. R. Corlis, C. Parks, William Smith, and Ford Rendleman, attorney.

1945—Kohler property on N. Main bought for city hospital site.

1946—Paul Miller addition to City of Anna accepted. Ordinance passed providing for establishment, maintenance, and conduct a playground and recreation system for city. First Board of Directors: Hugh Pinkstaff, Robert Jean, and L. H. Moore. Provision made for city garbage collections and trucks purchased.

1947—Police Department provided with car without cost by Pearl Motor Co.

1950—Resolution adopted authorizing lease with Southern Illinois Fair Association for land to be used for park and playground purposes. Election carried for installation of parking meters.

1951—Anna City Hospital dedicated June 10, 1951. Electric signal gates installed at Main Street crossing of Illinois Central. City Civil Defense ordinance passed.

1952—Resolution adopted authorizing Anna City Park Board to negotiate for purchase of Southern Illinois Fair Association land for playground and swimming pool. Property conveyed to city for same with provision Fair Association would continue to hold fairs each year and have use of barns. City Council accepted bid as submitted by Anna-Jonesboro Community High School Board, Dist. No. 18 (\$10,000) for Hale Willard Hospital site.

1953—Paving Districts 13-15 and Sewer District 9 completed—Finch Addition, Miller Heights, Casey, and W. Davie streets. City Civil Defense ordinance passed. Polio clean up campaign—City sprayed. Resolution adopted providing for eligible employees of city to secure social security effective

June 1, 1954. Accepted proposal of Mid-West Security Company to make survey of water works improvements.

1925-1926

During the past twenty-five years much advancement has been made in the industrial and economic life of the community. New industry, new business houses, new inventions, new homes, new faces and new fashions, all combined to give a new life to the community. Types of business had changed to meet the times. Instead of the old general store there were stores specializing in a particular type of merchandise. The harness and wagon manufacturers had been replaced by garages, and automobile and farm implement sales companies. Life had become more comfortable with the introduction of modern conveniences. Modern lighting, waterworks, paving and many other improvements followed in rapid succession.

Again the newspapers of that time gives a representative picture of our modern civilization. Many new establishments were serving the community, as the demands of the public were supplied. Many older firms continued their business operations. The files of the Democrat for the year 1926 showed the prosperity of the "roaring twenties." The increasing demands of a larger population in a progressive society were met by these establishments, and by others that were not available through this source. The following list identifies the men and women of this period who were serving the people, supplying their needs, and building a better community in which to live:

Agricultural Implements

Lee Implement Co.

Attorneys

Chas. C. Crawford

George W. Crawford

Russell E. Townsend

Bakeries

R. P. Johnson & Son

Banks

Anna National Bank

State & Trust Bank

First National Bank

Books and Stationery

Wiley's

Cleaners & Tailors

Royal Cleaners, G. E. Seibert

Duncan & Boyce

Coal & Building Material

West & Ligon

Confectionery

Britton's

Davis, formerly Anna Candy

Kitchen

Dairy & Poultry Products

Anna Creamery—R. R. Godard

Drummond's Hatchery

Dentists

H. B. Shafer

E. C. Kimbro

O. E. Johnson

K. K. Kelley

Drug Stores

Park's Drug Store

Kimbro Drug Store, Arville

Owen's Drug Store, E. P.

Krack's, formerly Dillow

Flour & Feeds

Bruchhauser Bros.

Anna Flour & Feed Co.

Weidlocker & Sons

Phoenix Flour Mills

Furniture

Bacon's Furniture Store

Bennett Furniture Co.

W. H. Taylor—Furniture & Music

Funeral Directors

Norris Funeral Home

H. R. McCarty

Groceries & Meats

C. L. Sitter & Son

Gold Band Store — Walter Vaughn, Prop.

Krogers

Hileman's, H. C. — Groceries & Seeds

Atlantic-Pacific Tea Co.

S. D. Joiner—Groceries, Dry goods

The Daniel Grocery

C. B. Menees

General Merchandise

Matthes Bros.

Dougherty Variety Store

Alden's Store Co.

Sanford's

G. L. Sitter & Son

Appliances

J. A. Douglas—Easy Washer

A. J. Dougherty—Furnaces

Delford Walser — Fuller Brushes

Heating & Plumbing

C. O. Halterman, Heating

Charles Slightom, Heating

John F. Norris, Plumbing

Dougherty & Grantham, Heating

Insurance & Securities

Anna Mutual Relief Assn.

John H. Wood

Anna Loan & Improvement Assn., J. H. Ligon, R. E. Brown

John R. Gattinger, Securities
L. B. Tuthill

Anna Building & Loan Association

Jewelers

Jas. L. Wahl & Son

H. C. Lentz

Hardware

Kerth-Mangold Co.

John W. Moore & Co.

A. W. Walter Jr. & Co.

Ladies Furnishing-Milliners

The Style Shop

Seeger's, Iowna Seeger, Milliner

Mrs. S. E. McKinney, Milliner

Men's Furnishings

Kohn's Clothing Co.

Lumber

Ligon Lumber Co.
Union County Lumber Co.

Physicians

W. J. Benner
L. J. May
H. O. Taylor
Glenn J. Tygett
Wm. R. Eddleman
C. A. Hunsaker
Roy Keith
D. B. Stewart

Printing & Publishing

Will English—Job Printing
The Democrat
The Talk

Radios

P. E. Avitt
Patterson & Cruse

Restaurants

Tut's—R. Tuthill
Pat's Place

Oil Companies, Car Dealers, Etc.

McFadden Oil Co.
Hess & Penrod — Hudson
Dealers
Carey Jones Motor Co. —
Overland Dealers

Hal Bishop—Used Cars
Fred Roberts Motor Co. —
Chevrolet Dealer

Buford Motor Co. — Ford
Dealer

Van E. Crane—Buick Dealer
Penrod's Garage

Anna Auto Laundry — J. E.
Hill, Prop.

Auto Tires—Russell Tuthill

Theaters

Yale—H. H. Henderson, Mgr.

Utilities

Central Illinois Public Serv-
ice Co.

Bus Line

Wholesalers

Anna Products Corporation

Veterinary

R. H. Crowell

Optometrist

James F. Wahl

Chiropractor

J. C. Kincaid

Fruit & Vegetable Packages

J. H. Wood
Union Fruit Package Co. — J.
C. DeWitt

CITY OFFICIALS 1871-1954

As a matter of interest to all and for the public record we submit the list of city officials from 1871, under the first trustees to the present time. The City of Anna has been fortunate in its selection of men for public office,—(and this reflects on the good judgment of the citizens), men of wisdom, deep integrity and vision. By their diligent application to the duties of their respective offices and by their persistent efforts for the advancement of the city, politically, financially, morally and spiritually, their contributions to the city's 100

years of progress are incalculable. Living ex-mayors as of this date are Rad Burnett, J. K. Walton and Ben Green.

1871—President, Joseph P. Bohannon; Trustees, C. Shick, W. Kirkpatrick, J. G. Sublett, M. V. B. Harwood; Clerk, E. A. Freeman; town constable, T. W. Bowen; attorney, T. H. Phillips; street commissioner, M. M. Dougherty; police magistrate, Joseph Levy; treasurer, J. F. Lentz.

1872—Mayor, Cornwall Kirkpatrick; aldermen, William M. Brown, Christian Nordling, Andrew D. Finch, Ford S. Dodds; clerk, J. L. Meisenheimer; constable, M. M. Inman; treasurer, M. V. Eaves; street commissioner, J. E. Lentz; attorney, T. H. Phillips.

1873—Mayor, Cornwall Kirkpatrick; treasurer, John Blackburn; attorney, T. H. Phillips; clerk, Newt Meisenheimer; marshal, J. W. Coleman; superintendent of streets, Nicholas Kohler; aldermen, J. G. Sublett, William M. Brown, T. M. Perrine, J. L. Inscore, P. H. Kroh, P. P. Barlow, J. P. Bohannon (to fill vacancy, resignation P. H. Kroh).

1874—Mayor, Cornwall Kirkpatrick; treasurer, C. M. Willard; attorney, T. H. Phillips; clerk, M. V. Eaves; marshal, A. P. Rector (resigned, and vacancy filled by James I. Toler); street commissioner, P. M. Coleman; police magistrate, Joseph Levy; aldermen, James I. Hale, William M. Brown, John E. Lufkin, J. L. Inscore, W. H. Trent, J. P. Bohannon.

1875—Mayor, Cornwall Kirkpatrick; treasurer, C. M. Willard; attorney, John A. Treece; clerk, M. V. Eaves; marshal, James I. Toler (removed, and vacancy filled by J. A. Stults); superintendent of streets, P. M. Coleman; police magistrate, Joseph Levy; aldermen, William M. Brown, J. G. Sublett, J. E. Lentz, C. M. Willard, Jr., J. P. Bohannon.

1876—Mayor, Cornwall Kirkpatrick; treasurer, T. M. Perrine; attorney, John A. Treece; clerk, A. G. Britton; marshal, M. M. Inman; superintendent of streets, M. M. Inman; police magistrate, Joseph Levy; aldermen, William M. Brown, J. G. Sublett, J. E. Lentz, C. M. Willard, Jr., J. P. Bohannon, William H. Trent.

1877—Mayor, William M. Brown; treasurer, C. K. Parks;

attorney, W. C. Rich elected, not eligible; T. H. Phillips appointed and resigned and James W. Coleman appointed; clerk, Con. O'Callaghan; marshal, M. M. Inman; superintendent of streets, M. M. Inman; police magistrate, Joseph Levy; aldermen, M. M. Henderson, J. G. Sublett, R. Johnson, C. M. Willard, Jr., J. P. Bohannon, William H. Trent.

1878—Mayor, William M. Brown; treasurer, C. K. Parks; attorney, J. W. Coleman; clerk, Con. O'Callaghan; marshal and superintendent of streets, James A. Wells; police magistrate, Joseph Levy; aldermen, M. M. Henderson, R. W. Carlile, R. H. Johnson, M. V. Ussery, J. P. Bohannon, E. H. Finch.

1879—Mayor, John Spire; treasurer, H. F. Bussey; attorney, W. C. Moreland; clerk, A. G. Britton; marshal, M. M. Inman; superintendent of streets, P. M. Coleman; police magistrate, Joseph Levy; aldermen, Charles L. Otrich, R. W. Carlile, Moses Goodman, M. V. Ussery, J. P. Bohannon, E. H. Finch.

1880—Mayor, John Spire; treasurer, H. F. Bussey; attorney, W. C. Moreland; clerk, A. G. Britton; marshal, M. M. Inman; superintendent of streets, Nicholas Kohler; police magistrate, Joseph Levy; aldermen, J. W. Williford, Charles L. Otrich, M. V. Ussery, Moses Goodman, E. D. Eddy, J. P. Bohannon.

1881—Mayor, John Spire; treasurer, C. K. Parks; attorney, W. C. Moreland; clerk, A. G. Britton; marshal, Zadoc Elms; superintendent of streets, Nicholas Kohler; police magistrate, Joseph Levy; aldermen, J. W. Williford, James A. Wells, M. V. Ussery, J. F. Williford, E. D. Eddy, M. V. Eaves.

1882—Mayor, John Spire; treasurer, C. K. Parks; attorney, W. C. Moreland; clerk, A. G. Britton; marshal, Zadoc Elms; superintendent of streets, Nicholas Kohler; police magistrate, Joseph Levy; aldermen, James A. Wells, J. W. Williford, James DeWitt, M. V. Eaves, J. I. Hale.

1883—Mayor, Cornwell Kirkpatrick; treasurer, H. P. Tut-hill; clerk, Will C. Ussery (resigned, vacancy filled by H. F. Bussey); marshal, H. W. Henley; superintendent of streets, B. W. Pulley; police magistrate, P. H. Kroh; aldermen, J. W.

Williford, D. W. Brown, James DeWitt; R. B. Stinson, J. I. Hale, J. W. Hess.

1884—Mayor, Cornwall Kirkpatrick; treasurer, H. P. Tuthill; attorney, T. H. Phillips, (resigned, vacancy filled by A. J. Nisbet); clerk, H. F. Bussey; marshal, H. W. Henley; superintendent of streets, B. W. Pulley; police magistrate, P. H. Kroh; aldermen, D. W. Brown, John Pickrell, R. B. Stinson, A. G. Britton, John W. Hess, J. W. Dandridge.

1885—Mayor, Daniel W. Brown; treasurer, C. K. Parks; attorney, J. E. N. Edwards; clerk, H. F. Bussey; marshal, Zadoc Elms; superintendent of streets, B. W. Menees; police magistrate, P. H. Kroh; aldermen, W. T. Boon, R. W. Carlile, James M. Hileman, A. G. Britton, J. W. Hess, J. E. Dandridge (resigned).

1886—Mayor, Daniel W. Brown; treasurer, C. K. Parks; attorney, J. E. N. Edwards; clerk, H. F. Bussey; marshal, John S. Jones (resigned, and the vacancy filled by Calvin H. Davis); superintendent of streets, C. F. Grace; police magistrate, P. H. Kroh; aldermen, B. F. Mangold, W. T. Boon, R. B. Stinson, James M. Hileman, H. F. Richardson.

1887—Mayor, H. F. Bussey; treasurer, H. P. Tuthill; attorney, J. E. N. Edwards; clerk, A. W. Sims; marshal, Calvin H. Davis; superintendent of streets, James Gibson; police magistrate, Hugh Andrews; aldermen, James I. Toler, B. F. Mangold, D. W. Goodman, R. B. Stinson, James Dickinson, H. F. Richardson (resigned).

1888—Mayor, H. F. Bussey (resigned and M. V. Eaves elected to fill vacancy); treasurer, H. P. Tuthill; attorney, J. E. N. Edwards; clerk, A. W. Sims; marshal, C. F. Grace; police magistrate, Hugh Andrews; aldermen, J. Will Hunsaker, James I. Tolor, J. C. DeWitt; D. W. Goodman, T. B. Rhodes, James Dickinson.

1889—Mayor, M. V. Ussery; treasurer, Charles V. Nordling; attorney, H. F. Bussey; clerk, S. E. Fowler; marshal, Thomas R. Mullins; superintendent of streets, B. W. Menees; sexton, Isom Aldrich; police magistrate, Hugh Andrews; aldermen, D. W. Brown, J. C. DeWitt, T. M. Perrine, J. Will Hunsaker, A. J. Hunsaker, T. B. Rhodes.

1890—Mayor, M. V. Ussery; treasurer, C. V. Nordling; attorney, H. F. Bussey; clerk, S. E. Fowler; marshal, Thos. R. Mullins; superintendent of streets, B. W. Menees; sexton, James Baldwin; police magistrate, Hugh Andrews; aldermen, Wesley Henderson, D. W. Brown, I. C. Piersol, T. M. Perrine, George L. Spire, A. J. Hunsaker.

1891—Mayor, J. Will Hunsaker; treasurer, J. C. DeWitt; attorney, A. Ney Sessions; clerk, S. E. Fowler; marshal and superintendent of streets, C. F. Grace; sexton, Henry Fritz; police magistrate, James M. Hileman; aldermen, Wesley Henderson, J. I. Toler, I. C. Piersol, W. H. Treece, George L. Spire, R. W. Rushing.

1892—Mayor, J. Will Hunsaker; treasurer, J. C. DeWitt; attorney, J. E. N. Edwards; clerk, S. E. Fowler; marshal, K. F. Grace; superintendent of streets, Elijah Slankard; sexton, Wesley Carlile; police magistrate, Hugh Andrews; aldermen, James I. Toler, Daniel Sifford, J. F. Williford, W. H. Treece, R. W. Rushing, W. C. Rich, Jr.

1893—Mayor, M. V. Eaves; treasurer, George Spire; attorney, W. C. Moreland; clerk, George T. Hileman; marshal, John I. Rooney; superintendent of streets, B. W. Menees; sexton, James Lowery; police magistrate, Hugh Andrews; aldermen, C. E. Kirkpatrick, R. A. Carlile, J. E. Lufkin, Walter Gear, J. T. Moreland, G. Mattheis.

1895—Mayor, Taylor Dodd; treasurer, F. H. Kroh; attorney, W. C. Moreland; clerk, Thos. Piersol; marshal, A. T. Thompson; superintendent of streets, I. G. Dale; sexton, Frank Henry; police magistrate, Hugh Andrews; aldermen, R. A. Carlile, D. W. Brown, A. Craver, John Brooks, G. Mattheis, E. Babcock.

1896—Mayor, Taylor Dodd; treasurer, F. H. Kroh; attorney, W. C. Moreland; clerk, T. Piersol; marshal, A. T. Thompson; superintendent of streets, B. W. Pulley; sexton, Thos. Webster; police magistrate, A. J. Hunsaker; aldermen, B. C. White, J. B. Fierke, George L. Spire, R. A. Carlile, John Brooks, A. Craver.

1897—Mayor, W. M. Eddleman; treasurer, J. C. DeWitt; attorney, W. C. Rich; clerk, J. C. Peeler; marshal, John Elms;

superintendent of streets, E. F. McLafferty; sexton, Cornelius Pelley; police magistrate, A. J. Hunsaker; aldermen, J. B. Fierke, James Green, D. W. Goodman, B. C. White, George Spire, A. Seger.

1898—Mayor, W. M. Eddleman; treasurer, J. C. DeWitt; attorney, W. C. Rich; clerk, J. C. Peeler; marshal, John Elms; superintendent of streets, J. Will Hunsaker; sexton, M. P. Webster; police magistrate, A. J. Hunsaker; aldermen, J. I. Toler, S. F. Scott, G. L. Spire, A. W. Sims, D. W. Brown, A. Seger, James Green, D. W. Goodman.

1899—Mayor, A. W. Sims; treasurer, W. Bruchhauser; attorney, A. J. Pickrell; clerk, S. E. Fowler; marshal, J. W. Green; superintendent of streets, Henry Hertz; sexton, M. P. Webster; police magistrate, A. J. Hunsaker; aldermen, D. W. Brown, B. W. Dillow, J. I. Toler, J. N. Wood, J. B. Fierke, S. F. Scott, James Coffman, Jerre Sabra.

1900—Mayor, A. W. Sims; treasurer, W. Bruchhauser; attorney, A. J. Pickrell, clerk, S. E. Fowler; Thos. Piersol appointed to fill vacancy, John W. Roy appointed to fill vacancy; marshal, N. O. Colby; superintendent of streets, Henry Hertz; sexton, M. P. Webster; police magistrate, A. J. Hunsaker; aldermen, George Sanford, D. W. Smith, B. L. Boyce, W. T. Miller, J. N. Wood, Jerre Sabra, J. B. Fierke, B. W. Dillow.

1901—Mayor, W. M. Eddleman; treasurer, John Spire; attorney, H. F. Bussey; clerk, J. L. Hammond; marshal, Thomas R. Mullins; W. H. Treece to fill vacancy; street commissioner, L. D. Massey, Henry Kohler to fill vacancy; sexton, M. P. Webster; aldermen, Logan Boren, J. B. Fierke, T. A. Carlile, J. M. Coffman to fill vacancy, B. W. Dillow, George Sanford, D. W. Smith, W. T. Miller. (No police magistrate listed in records for 1901).

1902—Mayor, W. M. Eddleman; treasurer, John Spire; attorney, H. F. Bussey; clerk, J. L. Hammond; marshal, W. H. Treece (to fill vacancy); street commissioner, Henry B. Hertz; sexton, Jacob C. Wells; aldermen, George Sanford, D. W. Smith, George H. Huggins, Henry Kohler, Logen Boren, J. B. Fierke, T. A. Carlile, B. W. Dillow. (No police magistrate listed 1902).

1903—Mayor, W. M. Eddleman; treasurer, Frank H. Kroh; attorney, H. F. Bussey; clerk, J. L. Hammond; marshal, B. W. Menees; street commissioner, Thomas Pelley; sexton, J. W. Wheeler; police magistrate, J. D. Browning; aldermen, J. N. Wood, John N. Mullins, John Bacon, Elmore Henley, George Sanford, D. W. Smith, George H. Huggins, Henry Kohler.

1904—Mayor, W. M. Eddleman; treasurer, Frank H. Kroh; attorney, H. F. Bussey; clerk, J. L. Hammond; marshal, B. W. Menees; superintendent of streets, Henry Hertz; sexton, M. P. Webster; police magistrate, J. D. Browning; aldermen, M. D. Harpending, Al Brady, A. Seger, A. W. Sims, J. N. Wood, John N. Mullins, John Bacon, Elmore Henley.

1905—Mayor, James N. Wood; treasurer, James K. Walton; attorney, L. B. Tuthill; clerk, J. L. Hammond; marshal, James W. Kimbro; superintendent of streets, Henry B. Hertz; sexton, M. P. Webster; police magistrate, J. D. Browning; aldermen, George Sanford, August F. Bruchhauser, James M. Coffman, Henry L. Kohler, Al Brady, A. Seger, A. W. Sims.

1906—Mayor, James N. Wood; treasurer, James K. Walton; attorney, L. B. Tuthill; clerk, J. L. Hammond; marshal, James W. Kimbro; superintendent of streets, Henry Hertz; sexton, M. P. Webster; police magistrate, J. D. Browning; aldermen, Logen Boren, J. B. Fierke, Russell Tuthill, B. W. Dillow, George Sanford, August F. Bruchhauser, James M. Coffman, Henry L. Kohler.

1907—Mayor, E. S. Alden; treasurer, F. H. Kroh; clerk, J. L. Hammond; attorney, L. P. Tuthill; marshal, Ben Green; superintendent of streets, Thomas Pelley; sexton, M. P. Webster; police magistrate, A. J. Phillips; oil inspector, Ben Green; aldermen, Edward Boswell, August F. Bruchhauser, Charles H. Wiley, John I. Rooney, Logen Boren, J. B. Fierke, Russell Tuthill, B. W. Dillow.

1908—Mayor, E. S. Alden, treasurer, F. H. Kroh; clerk, J. L. Hammond; attorney, L. P. Tuthill; superintendent of streets, Thomas Pelley; marshal and oil inspector, Perry D. Parker; sexton, M. P. Webster; police magistrate, A. J. Phillips; aldermen, Henry F. Yost, Al Brady, Allen Hargrave, Wil-

liam A. Davis, Edward Boswell, A. F. Bruchhauser, Charles H. Wiley, John I. Rooney.

1909—Mayor, W. M. Eddleman; treasurer, Robert L. Willis; clerk, J. L. Hammond; attorney, Lewis P. Tuthill; marshal and oil inspector, Perry Parker; superintendent of streets, Thomas Pelley, Henry Hertz to fill vacancy; sexton, C. C. Bird; police magistrate, A. J. Phillips; aldermen, Logen Boren, J. B. Fierke, T. A. Carlile, Henry Kohler, Henry F. Yost; Al Brady, Allen Hargrave, Wm. A. Davis.

1910—Mayor, W. M. Eddleman; treasurer, Robert L. Willis; clerk, J. L. Hammond; attorney, Lewis B. Tuthill; marshal and oil inspector, Perry Parker; superintendent of streets, Henry Hertz; James Lynn to fill vacancy; sexton, C. C. Bird; police magistrate, A. J. Phillips; aldermen, Ben Green, Al Brady, J. M. Coffman, B. W. Dillow, Logen Boren, J. B. Fierke, T. A. Carlile, Henry Kohler.

1911—Mayor, E. S. Alden; treasurer, Rad Burnett; clerk, J. L. Hammond; attorney, J. E. N. Edwards; marshal and oil inspector, Perry Parker; superintendent of streets, James Lynn; sexton, J. C. McCuan; police magistrate, A. J. Phillips; aldermen, Andrew M. Finch, W. L. Wiggins, L. C. Reese, John I. Rooney, Ben Green, Al Brady, J. M. Coffman, B. W. Dillow.

1912—Mayor, E. S. Alden; clerk, J. L. Hammond; treasurer, R. Burnett; attorney, J. E. N. Edwards; marshal and oil inspector, Thomas R. Mullins; superintendent of streets, James Lynn; sexton, O. C. Campbell; poundmaster, W. J. Trammel; police magistrate, A. J. Phillips; aldermen, A. M. Finch, L. M. Boren, W. L. Wiggins, D. W. Green, W. C. Mangold, J. I. Rooney, P. W. Baker, L. C. Reece.

1913—Mayor, E. S. Alden; clerk, R. L. Shannon; treasurer, F. H. Kroh; attorney, J. E. N. Edwards; marshal and oil inspector, C. G. Thornton, resigned, vacancy filled by H. H. Woods; police magistrate, A. J. Phillips; superintendent of streets, James Lynn; superintendent of water works, Ed Ward; sexton, T. E. Treece, resigned, vacancy filled by John Cooper; poundmaster, N. N. Curtin; aldermen, A. M. Finch, W. L. Wiggins, Harry Cover, J. I. Rooney, L. M. Boren, W. C. Mangold, D. W. Green, P. W. Baker.

1914—Mayor, E. S. Alden; clerk, R. L. Shannon; treasurer, F. H. Kroh; attorney, J. E. N. Edwards; marshal and oil inspector, H. H. Wood; police magistrate, A. J. Phillips; superintendent of streets, James Lynn; superintendent of water works, Ed Ward; sexton, John Cooper; poundmaster, N. N. Curtin; aldermen, E. C. Lind, W. L. Wiggins, D. W. Leib, W. A. Davis, James McFadden, George W. Davis, J. K. Walton, George Sanford.

1916—Mayor, James Norris; clerk, F. H. Kroh; treasurer, R. Burnett; attorney, J. E. N. Edwards; police magistrate, J. M. Bolen; marshal and oil inspector, James S. Mullins; superintendent of streets, John Oliver; superintendent of water works, Ed. Ward; sexton, J. C. McCuan; poundmaster, Wesley Trammel; aldermen, E. P. Owen, G. W. Davis, John Bacon, C. E. Kirkpatrick, E. C. Lind, W. L. Wiggins, D. W. Leib, W. A. Davis.

1917—Mayor, Rad Burnett; clerk, C. E. Watson; treasurer, L. G. Richardson; attorney, George H. Gear; police magistrate, A. J. Phillips; marshal and oil inspector, Harry Wood; superintendent of streets, W. C. Bishop; superintendent of water works, Ed. Ward; pound master, Frank Womack; sexton, J. C. McCuan; health officer, Dr. J. C. Stewart; aldermen, Fred Roberts, C. C. Thomas, D. W. Leib, W. C. Rayburn, E. P. Owen, G. W. Davis, John Bacon, C. E. Kirkpatrick.

1918—Attorney, J. E. N. Edwards; poundmaster, N. N. Curtain; superintendent of streets, M. D. Harpending; aldermen, E. P. Owen, Edward Lehr, O. J. Carlock, Charles Mills, Fred Roberts, C. C. Thomas, D. W. Leib, W. C. Rayburn. (Other officers same as 1917).

1919—Mayor, Rad Burnett; clerk, C. F. Watson; treasurer, J. W. Roy; attorney, Geo. W. Crawford; police magistrate, A. J. Phillips; superintendent of streets, M. D. Harpending; marshal and oil inspector, H. H. Wood; superintendent of water works, Ed. Ward; sexton, J. C. McCuan; pound master, N. N. Curtain; aldermen, W. J. Corzine, Geo. W. Craver, Robert Choate, Van E. Crane, E. P. Owen, Ed Lehr, O. J. Carlock, Charles Mills.

1920—Aldermen, J. H. Hodge, J. H. Leyerle, Gus Thomas,

R. H. Sitter, C. G. Parkman, Geo. W. Craver, Robert Choate, Van E. Crane, police magistrate, J. W. Worthington. (Other officers same as 1919).

CHANGE TO COMMISSION FORM OF GOVERNMENT

1921—Mayor, James K. Walton; Commissioners, Ernest S. Alden, Robert M. Choate, Ben Green, R. L. Shannon; police magistrate, John Worthington; clerk, C. F. Watson; attorney, Geo. W. Crawford; treasurer, Geo. W. Davis; marshal and oil inspector, Sam Kohler; sexton, J. C. McCuan; pound master, N. N. Curtain; health officer, Dr. W. M. Eddleman; superintendent of streets, Wm. A. Davis; superintendent of water works, Ed. Ward.

1922—Treasurer, Lynn D. Sifford; attorney, Russell E. Townsend; marshal, T. F. Cox; superintendent of water works, Clifton A. Kimbro; commissioner, H. D. Lawrence (to replace E. S. Alden, resigned).

1923-27—Mayor, James K. Walton; commissioners, R. L. Shannon, R. M. Choate, C. H. Bruchhauser, W. P. Tracy; clerk, C. F. Watson; treasurer, R. L. Rich; attorney, Russell E. Townsend; marshal and oil inspector, James S. Mullins; sexton, Robert Walker; superintendent of streets, James Lynn; superintendent of water works, C. A. Kimbro; health officer, Dr. W. M. Eddleman; pound master, Rolla Miles. (Fred Baldwin replaced C. A. Kimbro; Dr. Glen J. Tygett replaced Dr. W. M. Eddleman); fire chief, Elmer Stephens; Ray Penrod, assistant.

1927-1931—Mayor, E. C. Kimbro; commissioners, Thornton Clark, S. M. Hults, E. G. Kerth, Ralph H. Sitter; police magistrate, John Worthington; (Edgar I. Hartline); clerk, C. F. Watson; treasurer, Lester C. Standard; attorney, Russell E. Townsend; marshal, Ben Green; oil inspector, Harry Wood; superintendent of water works, Van E. Bizzel; superintendent of streets, W. P. Tracy; sexton, Robert Walker; health officer, Dr. H. O. Taylor; fire chief, Ben Green; Harry Wood, assistant; (R. L. Shannon replaced Lester Standard and Walter Grammer replaced Robert Walker).

1931-1935—Mayor, Thornton Clark; commissioners, Joe A. Hammond, H. R. McCarty, G. H. Rippetoe, Claude C. Treece;

clerk, C. F. Watson; treasurer, R. L. Shannon; (replaced by Roy H. Rudolph); attorney, Charles C. Crawford (replaced by Ford L. Rendleman); sexton, James K. Walton; collector of special assessments, Robert W. Brown; health officer, Dr. Roy Keith; chief of police, H. H. Wood; police officer, Ben Green; superintendent of water works, Van E. Bizzel; superintendent of streets, W. P. Tracy; fire chief, Charles Henley.

1935-1939—Mayor, R. L. Shannon; commissioners, W. J. Benner, C. H. Bruchhauser, Guy A. Henry, Geo. H. Rippetoe; treasurer, R. H. Rudolph; attorney, Ford Rendleman; clerk, C. F. Watson; sexton, J. K. Walton; superintendent of streets, Jack Manus; superintendent of water works, Van E. Bizzel; chief of police, Floyd L. Gray; police officer, Jasper Douglas; health officer, Dr. Roy Keith; collector of special assessments, Robert W. Brown; fire chief, Gibbs Chase; assistant, Don Crabtree.

1939-1943—Mayor, R. L. Shannon; commissioners, C. H. Bruchhauser, Guy A. Henry, Rayburn Ice, Geo. H. Rippetoe; clerk, C. J. Watson (John F. Norris and Elizabeth Walser); attorney, Ford Rendleman; treasurer, Roy H. Rudolph; collector of special assessments, John Wingate; marshal, Floyd L. Gray (Earl C. Carter); police officer, Jasper Douglas; superintendent of streets, Jack Manus; superintendent of water works, Van E. Bizzell; sexton, J. K. Walton; health officer, Dr. W. J. Benner (Dr. D. B. Stewart); superintendent of water treatment plant, John S. Brown; superintendent of sewage treatment plant, Clarence Matthews; fire chief, Gibbs Chase, assistant, Robert Graham.

1943-1947—Mayor, A. C. Lewis; commissioners, W. H. Bishop, R. M. Choate, J. F. Keistler, John H. Wood; police magistrate, Edgar I. Hartline; attorney, Ford Rendleman; clerk, Elizabeth Walser; treasurer, W. P. Harper (E. E. Curtis); collector of special assessments, John Wingate (E. E. Curtis); chief of police, J. A. Douglas, police officer, William Rayburn (Clarence Norris); superintendent of streets, Jack Manus (Harrison Sadler); sexton, Jerome Lutz; superintendent of water works, Van E. Bizzell; health officer, Dr. D. B. Stewart; superintendent of water treatment plant, John Bacon; (John Tripp); superintendent of sewage disposal plant,

Clarence Mattheis; fire chief, Gibbs Chase; assistant, Robert Graham. (Ben Green appointed mayor for unexpired term of Lewis).

1947-1951—Mayor, Ben Green; commissioners, R. M. Choate, Floyd L. Gary, J. Frank Keistler, John H. Wood; attorney, Ford Rendleman; clerk, Elizabeth Walser; treasurer, E. E. Curtis (Amos Sanford); chief of police, J. A. Douglas (Clyde McIntosh); police officer, Clarence Norris; superintendent of streets, Harrison Sadler; sexton, Jerome Lutz; superintendent of water works, Van E. Bizzel; health officer, Dr. D. B. Stewart; superintendent of water treatment plant, John Tripp; superintendent of sewage disposal plant, Sam Hults (Daryl Bishop); fire chief, Gibbs Chase, assistant, Robert Graham; police magistrate, Paul Baker; Park Board, Normal Eahl, Paul Fowler, Walter Cherrick, L. H. Moore, O. E. Johnson; Hospital Board, Dr. C. D. Nobles, George Rippetoe, Geo. A. Hill, Russell Corlis, Kendall Willis.

PRESENT ADMINISTRATION

1951-1955—Mayor, Dale Denny; Commissioners, Howard Casper, finance; R. J. Lewis, health and safety; Roy Elam, streets and water; Walter Ashcraft, Public Improvements and Buildings. (Ashcraft resigned in Nov., 1954, and Roy Davis was appointed to fill vacancy); clerk, Mary Whitney; attorney, John H. Carter; treasurer, A. F. Sanford; health officer, Dr. D. B. Stewart; police force, chief of police, Clyde McIntosh; Moses M. Stokes, Fred Horn, Roy Hogue; fire department, chief, Gibbs Chase; H. E. Douglas, Paul Groner, Albert Groner, George Whiting; maintenance fire equipment, John West (one Mack and one GMC truck); superintendent of streets, water department, Frank Mangold; maintenance, John Groves, Sam Brimm, Vernie Proctor; night maintenance, Lester Pitts; night watchman, Oliver Cruse; water department, water plant operator, John Tripp; assistant, Fred Anderson; maintenance, Elbert Cash and Jess Brimm; disposal plant, operator, Roy Hogue; assistant, Mark Keller; cemetery, sexton, John Brown; assistants, Will St. John and Francis Morgan.



Mary H Kent

In seeking someone locally who could, and would, assume the task of compiling and editing the facts essential to this volume of history, the committee recognized the talents of Mrs. Mary Hammond Kent.

Mrs. Kent is a native daughter of our city, being born and reared in Anna with her parents, the late Jackson and Martha Aden Hammond.

She was educated in Anna City Schools, graduated in 1918 from Southern Illinois Normal University, and was a school teacher in Anna for four years.

In 1921 she was married to Mr. Gaylon C. Kent of Olney, Illinois, and they resided here for twenty years, where Mr. Kent was connected with the Norris Funeral Home. Following his death in 1940, Mrs. Kent became actively associated with the Norris Funeral Home.

Mrs. Kent has had a career of well rounded community interests; she has given generously of her time and talents to the several organizations and clubs of the city: viz: Past President Anna Women's Club, Junior-High Parent Teacher's Association, American Legion Auxiliary, Past President of Illinois State American Legion Auxiliary, a patroness of Delta-Theda-Tau and Anna Junior Women's Club; a Girl Scout Councilor, and has been constantly active in Mount Moriah Lutheran Church.

Following the death of her father, Jackson Hammond, in 1937, Mrs. Kent assumed active management of the Anna-Democrat, our weekly newspaper, for two years, sustaining the high standards of journalism always present in this paper.

There are two children, Mrs. Donald E. Grinter (Barbara) of Kansas City, Mo., and Gaylon Hammond Kent of Anna; one grandchild, Miss Barbara Jean Grinter.

For her tireless efforts in this hurried task of assembling the materials and adapting the matter for this press, the Committee takes this means of expressing thanks and acknowledging a great indebtedness to Mrs. Mary Hammond Kent.

Anna, Illinois.
April 9th, 1954.
Anna Centennial, Inc.
Book Committee.

ANNA OF THE PRESENT

This survey has covered certain periods in the growth and progress of the City of Anna. It would have been an impossible task to record the complete history of the city in one small volume. These periods have been recorded, briefly, and with the full knowledge that much has been left unrecorded. Our city was born of courage and hardship. It grew on the fearless spirit of the pioneer and has become an outstanding community in every respect. It is with great pride in the accomplishments of our forefathers that we have recorded this infinitesimal portion of their history. We ask the indulgence of our readers, as many important dates, events, places, improvements and personalities have been omitted for lack of time, space, and access to material required for the survey. However, an attempt has been made to record a part of each phase of development, discovery, settlement, and stages of growth.

The following pages present a survey of the present time in the history of our city by individual contributors. These contributors, who are sponsoring this publication of 100 YEARS OF PROGRESS, portray more intimately the last few decades in the personal and business histories which they have submitted. It will be noted, as our readers follow the listings, that three, and sometimes four, generations of the same family have completed a century of progress and service to the community.



1954 — OUR OFFICIAL FAMILY

In compiling the history of Anna for the past 100 years much credit must be given, as previously recorded under city officials, to the men whom the citizens have chosen to guide the destiny of the city during the respective administrations. Each has given to the city the best that opportunity afforded in every field of endeavor. On this occasion, the celebration of the centennial of the city, the citizenry points with pride to its official family, to the men and women they have selected to fill the halls of government, and those selected by them to fill the many offices connected with the operation and maintenance of its various agencies. It is with their consent and full cooperation that the City of Anna prepares to celebrate 100 years of progress. With gratitude for and appreciation of their fine support and encouragement we proudly present "our official family," our friends and neighbors, good citizens all.



ANNA CITY COUNCIL

Left to right: Roy Elam, Commissioner of Streets and Waterworks; Roy Davis, Commissioner of Public Works and Buildings; Mary B. Whitney, City Clerk; A. F. Sanford, City Treasurer; Dale Denny, Mayor; John H. Carter, City Attorney; Howard H. Casper, Commissioner of Accounts and Finance; R. J. Lewis, Commissioner of Public Health and Safety.



ANNA CITY POLICE

Left to right: Clyde McIntosh, Chief of Police; Moses M. Stokes, Policeman; Fred W. Horn, Policeman; Roy Hogue, Policeman.



ANNA FIRE DEPARTMENT

Left to right: John West, Driver and Operator; George Whiting, Captain; Paul Groner, Fireman; Albert Groner, Fireman; H. E. Douglas, Assistant Fire Chief; J. G. (Gibbs) Chase, Fire Chief.



WATER PLANT

Left to right: John Tripp, Plant Operator; Fred Anderson, Assistant Plant Operator; Frank (Red) Mangold, Supt. of Waterworks; Elbert Cash, Maintenance; Jess Brimm, Maintenance.



STREET DEPARTMENT

Left to right: Manford Brimm, Foreman; Johnie Graves, Maintenance; Sam Brimm, Maintenance; Vernie Proctor, Maintenance; Frank (Red) Mangold, Supt. of Streets.



DISPOSAL PLANT

Left to right: Mark Keller, Assistant Plant Operator; Frank (Red) Mangold, Supt. of Waterworks; Roy Hogue, Plant Operator.



ANNA CEMETERY DEPARTMENT

Left to right: Francis Morgan, John Brown, Sexton;
Will St. John.

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Chamber of Commerce

ANNA, ILLINOIS

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The Anna-Jonesboro Chamber of Commerce is an outgrowth of the old "Union Club" organized April 11, 1906, which was a semi-social-business organization functioning prior to 1925, and a merchant association organized about 1921 as a purely business organization. While the Union Club, with its club rooms, enjoyed a very pleasant and useful existence, it was felt that a more aggressive organization was needed to serve the business interests of Anna so the Union Club and the Merchants Association were merged into the Chamber of Commerce on December 21, 1923.

From the date of organization the Chamber of Commerce has been very actively engaged in projects to better the community. It is largely through its efforts that Anna has come to be known as one of the outstanding communities of Southern Illinois.

The first major project attempted by this organization was the construction of a factory for the Marx & Haas Clothing Company, which occupied the quarters now being used by the International Shoe Factory. The Chamber of Commerce raised approximately \$34,000.00 locally to finance the construction of this plant. The building was completed in 1925. The Marx and Haas Company operated in Anna until 1930.

Upon the withdrawal of the Marx and Haas Company, Anna and the Chamber of Commerce were confronted with the task of interesting some other company to locate in the community. The Chamber of Commerce, through their committees, contacted the International Shoe Company and made an agreement with them thereby making it possible for a factory to come to Anna. At that time \$20,000.00 was raised to assist in building the addition to the factory building. The factory started operation in December 1931.



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Throughout its thirty years of existence the Chamber of Commerce has been very active in securing more and better roads in Union County. It played a major role in the location of Route 146.

During the existence of the old Hale Willard City Hospital the Chamber of Commerce helped that institution through some of the financial difficulties usually prevailing in small hospitals and now stands ready to assist our fine new hospital should occasion arise.

The Chamber also took an active part in making the Municipal Market a reality, subscribing some \$2,500.00 toward its construction.

The Anna Wood Heel Manufacturers, which supplies heels for the International Shoe Company, is located in Anna in a building which was constructed by funds raised by the Chamber of Commerce.

Many retail promotion ideas have been planned and worked out by the Chamber of Commerce in cooperation with the merchants of Anna-Jonesboro. One of these was a "Share the Profit" project in which thousands of dollars in prizes were given to the consumers of the surrounding area.

PAST PRESIDENTS OF THE ANNA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

1921—Walter C. Mangold
 1922—Walter C. Mangold
 1923—L. B. Tuthill
 1924—L. B. Tuthill
 1925—John B. Jackson
 1926—Dr. C. R. Walser
 1927—Dr. C. R. Walser

1928—Oliver Alden
 1929—C. R. Ford
 1930—G. R. Corlis
 1931—J. F. Norris
 1932—Lynn D. Sifford
 1933—P. M. West
 1934—W. P. Harper

1935—L. G. Richardson
1936—Geo. E. Parks
1937—Gaylon Kent
1938—Ford Rendleman
1939—Robert L. Rich
1940—A. W. Walter
1941—Robt. Brown
1942—John Carter
1943—Ryland Pearl
1944—Ryland Pearl

1945—Norman Wahl
1946—Leonard Stearns
1947—R. J. Lewis
1948—E. A. Peters
1949—James Rich
1950—Kenneth Jobe
1951—Clarence Campbell
1952—Clarence Campbell
1953—Glenn Mattheis
1954—Adolph W. Walter

In writing the History of Anna for the past twenty-five years much credit must be given to the Men of the Anna Chamber of Commerce, men who remain unsung in name, but who have met the challenge of the times, the opportunities as they arose, and the crises which have developed. To such Men we dedicate this section of our History. They have been Good Citizens, have done their work unselfishly and in character with such situations. Their efforts are seldom rewarded and often are pointed to with scathing criticism. Our town has grown, our people have prospered, and lives have been made happy because Men have co-operated in the common cause and unselfishly. That the Future Years shall find a community leadership and sincerity of purpose equal to, or better than that of the Anna Chamber of Commerce, is our earnest wish in this year of 1954!

ANNA-JONESBORO ROTARY CLUB



SECOND CLUB

“HE PROFITS MOST WHO SERVES THE BEST”

The original charter from Rotary International was issued to the Anna-Jonesboro Rotary Club under the sponsorship of the Rotary Club of Cairo, Illinois, in the year 1923. Its members and their classifications were:

President, Harris Schulze; Chief Clerk, State Hospital; Vice President, Dr. H. B. Shafer, Dentist; Guy Dillow, Drug-gist; Bob Willis, Sr., Hotel owner; Al Tibbetts, Jonesboro Gazette; J. L. Hammond, Anna Democrat; Frank Hess, lumber retail; Oliver Alden, Department Store; H. C. Hileman, grocery retail; G. R. Corlis, banking; L. G. Richardson, life insurance; James L. Wahl, jewelry; L. B. Tuthill, general insurance; A. W. Walter Jr., hardware; Charles C. Crawford, attorney; Emery H. Davis, men's clothing; Dan W. Leib, fruit grower; H. R. McCarty, undertaker; John Robinson, contractor; Dr. C. H. Anderson, Superintendent of State Hospital; W. Davie Wiley, book store; Dr. W. J. Benner, physician; M. L. West, coal retail; Rad Burnett, Illinois Central agent; William Bruchausser, milling; and Rev. John H. Gardner, protestant minister.

The Anna-Jonesboro Rotary Club was a well rounded organization from the start. It learned and followed the prin-

ciples upon which Rotary International was founded. It could play well together and work as well together. Fortunate indeed is a club which has a wealth of musical talent in its membership as it had. Several members played the piano but none so well as "Trot" Alden who was a master. With him as a sparkplug, the Anna Club became known wherever it went for its fine singing. Rarely did a visitor fail to comment upon this fine club quality.

The fine harmony of club fellowship was evident throughout its activities. Ladies Night at least once each year was long to be remembered. Many an uninitiated member or visitor can recall his effort to work on a rubber weiner or account for the drippings from a dribble glass.

In Community service the club was outstanding for two major fields of activity. Through its "Boys work" Committee, it sponsored the Boy Scout Organization in Anna and furnished both leadership and guidance. It was noted throughout Southern Illinois for its work with crippled children. Each year during the big "Anna Fair" the Rotary booth for crippled children was looked for and was always well patronized. The entire membership worked by roster and each prided himself in doing his share without stinting. The club enjoyed steady growth until its membership was above sixty. Then started the dark days of the depression of the thirties. Many of the work horses had departed our community, death and political dissention parted us from other fine men and finally the roster dropped too low for maintenance of a charter. Dark indeed were those days.

A second Rotary Club of Anna-Jonesboro rose from the ashes. Sponsored by the Rotary Club of Herrin, Illinois, sparked by George K. Critchton and his committee, it was chartered in 1946 with Dr. James F. Wahl president, H. Clay Reppart, vice president and members (picture—page 88):

L. G. Richardson, abstractor; L. B. Tuthill, general insurance; George Hall, fraternal orders; Howard Holtz, electric repairs; Dr. C. D. Nobles, Supt. State Hospital; Leonard Stearns, implements; A. W. Walter, 3rd., hardware retail; Hugh Pinkstaff, public schools; Norman M. Wahl, jewelry; H. Clay Reppart, Anna Gazette-Democrat; Albert Joiner, furniture; Sam Duty, auto retail; Jack Lewis, bakery; E. A. Peters, garage; Dr. James F. Wahl, optometrist; Bill Horrell,

photographer; Ira Spires, grocery; Ebb Young, shoe repairs; James W. Rich, men's clothing; E. A. Bierbaum, farm advisor; Paul Fowler, auto-implements; and Howard Henderson, theatres.

This club too has become well known as a "singing club." It is fortunate in having Byron Koehn, another master of the piano. "Boon Coon" has sparked, trained and produced several of its annual minstrels. These are part of its Community service work as the entire proceeds go into play ground equipment, or more recently to the growth and development of the swimming pool in the city park. This club too works well together, it maintains and staffs by roster its soft drink stand in the city park near the soft ball diamond. The proceeds from all its activities are dedicated to making Anna a most healthy and harmonious place for youth of today to develop into the citizenry of tomorrow.

The roster of members, (picture page 91), shows evidence of the healthy growth which this club has enjoyed and hopes to continue:

James W. Rich, men's clothing; Stan Hoyer, garage; Russell D. Rendleman, County Supt. Schools; Ray Larsen, department store, (President elect); John Paul Davis, States Attorney (President); James Dent, City Hospital administrator (Secretary); Earl Lingle, banking (Treasurer); Ward Simpson, utilities Supt.; John Carter, attorney; Albert Marks, groceries retail; Bryan Lovelace, administrator State Hospital; Dr. James F. Wahl, optometrist; Dr. R. C. Steck, Supt. State Hospital; Rev. Hugh Paton, protestant minister; Donald Jones, cleaning clothing; L. B. Tuthill, general insurance; Robert L. Rich, shoes retail; Dr. C. D. Nobles, past active; F. G. Anderson, fruit inspector; Owen Lloyd, variety store manager; Norman M. Wahl, Jewelry retail; Everett H. Smith, ice sales and manufacture; Dr. John Keith, oral surgeon; Sam Duty, auto sales retail; Harry Curtis, visitor, Carbondale; Frank E. Cochran, electric equipment; Paul Fowler, implements; Dr. Russell Casper, dentist; Jack Lewis, bakery; Byron Koehn, securities sales; Glenn Mattheis, appliances; Francis Woesethaus, auto accessories; Ira Spires, cafeteria; Harold Smith, shoe manufacturer; Dr. M. S. Sloane, Asst. Supt. State Hospital; Howard Henderson, theatres; Lawrence Smith, life insurance sales; Paul Houghton, High School Principal.



ROTARY CLUB OF 1954

BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL WOMEN'S CLUB

The Business and Professional Women's Club is an organization to promote the interests of women in the business and professional world. On April 7, 1932, 35 of the business and professional women of the Anna and Jonesboro community met at the Stinson Memorial Library with Mrs. Myrtle Thetford of Murphysboro, District Chairman, present to outline the purpose and aims of the organization. On April 14, 1932, the organization meeting was held at the M. E. church with Mrs. Thetford and Miss Ruth Pulley of Marion in charge. Seven members of the Carbondale club were present. They presented the Club with a beautiful gavel made of red cedar obtained from a tree in the Woodlawn Cemetery at Carbondale. Mrs. Helen Howenstein Haywood, the first president, presided two terms. There were 55 charter members of the club and seven of these are still active members, namely — Clara A. Bartow, Elizabeth Coffman, Kate Coffman, Jennie Moore, Georgia Norris, Iowna Seger and Laura Yost.

The Club maintains an educational fund for aiding worthy girls in obtaining a college degree and several girls have taken advantage of this offer. Each year when the Educational and Vocations Committee have charge of the program they arrange for the High School Senior girls to be our dinner guests.

At the State Convention of Business and Professional Women's Clubs in 1949 a Celia Howard Scholarship Fund was established to advance the education of women selected as capable of policy making posts.

The Club sponsors an annual card party and the proceeds are placed in the Educational Funds. Other activities include commercial classes which were held for the Club in 1932 and in 1942 study courses were conducted each month. In 1937 an instructor was appointed to conduct a Recreational Program for girls between 8 and 20 years. They were taught knitting, crocheting, block printing, plaque making and swimming. Our members are always ready to help with all Civic affairs and emergencies that may arise.

During World War II we had charge of the Surgical Dressings, and also maintained the Honor Roll Board.

The Club organized a Community council composed of a representative and alternate from civic clubs, schools churches, lodges, etc. The purpose of this Community Council is to determine steps by which all organizations can act together for the betterment of Anna and Jonesboro. The Anna Jonesboro Business and Professional Women's Club has a present membership of 47 with the following officers:

President—Pauline Clark

Vice-President—Opal Stephens

Recording Secretary—Helen Mangold

Treasurer—Doris Hoyer

Corresponding Secretary—Ruth Esther Hill

Parliamentarian—Clara Bartow

THE WOMAN'S CLUB OF ANNA

The Woman's Club of Anna was organized in 1912 with the following fifteen charter members: Mesdames George Hess, A. L. Bruce, R. A. Carlile, Louie Cook, C. C. Crowell, J. N. Dickinson, J. L. Hammond, C. E. Kirkpatrick, E. A. Krause, Anna K. Marks, James Norris, George C. Parks, W. L. Wiggins, Miss Amy Kirkpatrick and Miss Dona Samson.

The presidents have been: Mesdames George Hess, C. E. Kirkpatrick, Anna K. Marks, Sam Stokes, J. N. Stokes, J. W. Roy, H. L. Baggott, J. C. Stewart, Minnie Fink, George Spire, J. L. Hammond, G. R. Corlis, S. C. Martin, Lynn Sifford, George C Parks, S. F. Walton, Roy Keith, C. R. Walser, Gaylon Kent, W. L. Wiggins, W. C. Mangold, E. A. Bierbaum, O. E. Mangum, Miss Bertha Heller, Mrs. Charles Kelley, Mrs. Frank Ziegler and Mrs. R. C. Gurley.

The Club now has 80 members. Mrs. R. C. Gurley is president and the others officers are Mrs. C. Earl Hughes, Mrs. Witt Venerable, Mrs. Ralph Runge, Miss Blanche Britton, Mrs. Berry Rife, Mrs. Lilly Rife and Mrs. Charles Kelley. Mrs. John Boswell is the newly elected president for 1954-55.

Three 25th District Presidents have been members of the Club: Mrs. George Hess, Mrs. Lilly Rife and Mrs. O. E. Mangum.

The object of the Club is mutual help, intellectual improvement, social enjoyment and united effort for the welfare of the community. All of these aims are incorporated in the year's program.



KIWANIS CLUB

Reading from left to right, First Table on left: Roy Smith, Harvey Isom, William Sanas, Tom Morgan, Eugene Snick, Fred Fritizenger, Newt Williams. Right Hand Table, left to right: LeRoy North, Orba Woods, Fred Brooks, Wilbur George, John Burhorn, William Wetherington, Bruce Wills, Donald Odum. Back Table, left to right: Dellis Buzbee, Leon Whitney, and Joe Kupferer.

KIWANIS CLUB

"KIWANIS"—Anna's newest service club was organized in March, 1953, and received its charter in April, 1953.

The rapid progress of this organization has been wonderful. Many innovations of this club have contributed directly toward the betterment of the citizens of this community.

Anna had its first clean up and anti-poliomyelitis campaign under the supervision of this club. More than \$800.00 was contributed by the good people of Anna toward the eradication of this terrible scourge.

The club also purchased a Sno-Kone machine in the summer of 1953 and from the operations of this machine contributed over \$125.00 to the swimming pool fund as well as pay \$280.00 for the machine.

On Halloween of 1953, we established the precedent of conducting an annual Pan Cake Supper. The results of this project were amazing not only from the standpoint of an enjoyable affair but profit-wise, it contributed greatly to our budget.

The primary purpose of Kiwanis is to assist the youth of this community and throughout the nation. Our secondary purpose is to be of civic betterment to the community and last, we have the fellowship and enjoyment of weekly meetings which changes our daily routine and broadens our horizons of the happiness and pitfalls of our fellow men.

Based upon these principles and the principles of Kiwanis International, we feel that Kiwanis of Anna, will be a solid institution when we mark the 200th Anniversary.



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH (new building)

The First Baptist Church of Anna was organized on January 15, 1859. Rev. H. H. Richardson and Rev. J. L. Settle-moir assisted in the organization. There were twenty-seven charter members, who in December of 1858 had been granted letters from the Jonesboro Baptist Church for the purpose of "being organized into a Baptist Church at Anna, Union County, Illinois." These charter members were: Tolbert A. Brown, John Hunter, Thon Mangold, Daniel Williams, M. W. Inman, John Humphrey, Josiah Bean, E. C. Green, D. L. Phillips, Charlotte Phillips, Martha Inman, J. W. Hunsaker, A. J. Read, S. R. Brown, Rhoda Hunter, Mary E. Musgraves, Mary A. Simonds, Mary A. Musgraves, Susan Mangold, Anna E. Mangold, Sara I. Maginnis, Nancy Williams, Barbara Mitchael, Sophrona A. Brown, Eliza Humphrey, March C. Clary and Almy Boyd. These family names are still nearly a full century later, common names on the register of our church.

From the time of its organization until 1865, the church met in the schoolhouse which was located on the site of the present Davie School. In 1868 the first house of worship, a frame building, was constructed on the present site. The lot was donated to the church by Mr. Winstead Davie.

By 1876 the congregation realized that the original building was inadequate to meet the needs of the growing church. A building program on enlargement was begun and the re-modeled frame building continued to serve the congregation

until 1923 when the first unit of our present plant was built, at a cost of \$45,000.00.

This building served until 1949 when another building program was inaugurated. This unit was designated the 'Educational Plant' and was built at a cost of approximately \$74,000.00.

In addition to the house of worship a commodious brick parsonage was built in 1930. In 1947 additional ground adjacent to the church and parsonage was acquired and is now used for parking facilities.

During the 95 years the church has been served by twenty-seven different pastors, each of whom must have served well and laid carefully the foundations. These brethren with the years of their pastorate are:

PASTORS

H. H. Richardson	1859-64	J. S. Johnson	1902-03
F. W. Carathers	1865	J. A. Carter	1904-05
S. L. Wisner	1866-68	No Pastor	1906
H. H. Richardson	1868-72	J. B. Webb	1907
J. W. Hunsacker	1872-74	J. W. Smith	1908-10
J. A. Rodman	1874-78	J. B. Webb	1911
J. M. Bennet	1878	C. W. Culp	1912-14
D. R. Sanders	1879-88	L. J. Hill	1915-16
C. Allen	1889	R. H. Thorpe	1917-19
J. B. Weber	1890-92	John Ferrell	1920-23
M. Culp	1893	R. A. Morris	1924-28
G. L. Talbot	1894	E. B. Abbingtion	1929-30
No Pastor	1895	W. K. Sisk	1930-36
L. L. Stierwalt	1897-98	J. L. Wells	1936-39
J. S. Johnson	1899-00	W. T. Waring	1940-44
C. W. Bebb	1900-01	L. H. Moore	1944-53
Bruce F. Wills		1953-	

During these years the following have been called into the ministry: James W. Hunsaker, W. W. Hunsaker, J. J. Corzine, Floyd Lacy, Herman McGill, John Corbitt, Alonzo Parker, Allen E. Miller, Olan Nalley Jr., Donald Manus and Louis Hickom. J. L. Corzine is State Sunday School Secretary of South Carolina.

Date	Membership	Av. S. S. Attend.	Total Gifts
1859	27	--	No figures
1889	111	50	No figures
1899	187	115	443.50
1909	311	129	1,031.00
1919	344	145	2,234.00
1929	629	165	8,196.00
1939	843	265	6,098.00
1949	1259	461	44,848.86
1954	1493	575	43,695.20

DEACONS

The Deacons of our church are as follows: H. E. Douglas, Chairman; C. Earl Hughes, Secretary; K. L. Willis, Clarence Whitnel, Mark Keller, W. A. Reeves, J. A. Corbitt, Clyde Karraker, Oel L. Bean, Clarence F. Campbell, Orval D. Page, Norman L. Gunn, Ralph R. Goddard, Charles Bean, John H. Wood, Eugene Smick, Clyde McIntire and Billy Peeler.

CHURCH OFFICERS

Lowell Eddleman, Clerk; Oel L. Bean, Treasurer; Lorene Lainer, Office Secretary; Richard Mallams, caretaker; Dr. George Earl Casper, Music Director; Etoille Casper, organist; Mrs. Amos Baggott, Nursery Mother.

TRUSTEES

Roy G. Carlile, Roy Poole, John D. Rayburn, Orval D. Page, Ralph R. Goddard and George Gray.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

General Superintendent, Kendall L. Willis; Associate General Supt., Carl Williams; General Secretary, Laura Yost; Associate Secretaries, Velma Roberts and Lorene Lainer.

Departments	Superintendents	Enrollment
Adult No. 2	Orval D. Page -----	383
Adult No. 1	Oel L. Bean -----	108
Young People	Mrs. Mark Keller -----	86
Intermediate No. 2	Mrs. Edward Jenkins -----	67
Intermediate No. 1	Mrs. K. L. Willis -----	59
Junior No. 2	Mrs. Roy Glenn Dillow -----	71
Junior No. 1	Mrs. Harold S. Bauer -----	46
Primary No. 2	Mrs. E. Eugene Smick -----	54
Primary No. 1	Mrs. Claude A. Davis -----	37
Beginner No. 2	Mrs. Donald W. Casper -----	37
Beginner No. 1	Mrs. Ward Woodard -----	31

Nursery Supervisor	Mrs. Elbert Cash -----	
Nursery No. 4	Mrs. Claude Mays -----	32
Nursery No. 3	Mrs. Clarence Gillespie, Jr.-----	20
Nursery No. 2	Mrs. Glenn Hayes -----	11
Nursery No. 1	Mrs. Roy Pratt -----	6
Cradle Roll	Mrs. Richard Mallams -----	137
Extension	Mrs. Lewis Treece -----	72
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Total -----		1263

TRAINING UNION OFFICERS

Director—Warner H. Hileman
Secretary—Miss Lorene Lainer
Nursery—Mrs. Richard A. Mallams and Mrs. Marvin Barnes
Beginners—Mrs. Warner H. Hileman and Mrs. Glenn Hayes
Primary—Mrs. Lloyd Fuller and Mrs. George E. Casper
Juniors—Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Gillispie
Intermediate No. 1—Mr. and Mrs. James G. Brown
Intermediate No. 2—Mrs. Edward Jenkins
Young People—Mr. and Mrs. Mark D. Keller
Adult No. 1—Eugene Smick
Adult No. 2—W. A. Reeves

BROTHERHOOD

President, C. Earl Hughes; Vice President, Glenn Dempsy.
Program Vice President, J. Lowell Eddleman; Membership
Vice President, R. J. Lewis; Activities Vice President, Mark
Keller; Secretary-Treasurer, Carl W. Boyd; Social Chairmen,
Roy E. Poole and Norman Gunn; Choister, Carl A. Williams;
Pianist, George Earl Casper. Total Enrollment 93.

WOMEN'S MISSIONARY UNION OFFICERS FOR 1954

President, Mrs. C. Earl Hughes; Young People Director,
Mrs. Erlene Nicholson; First Vice President, Mrs. Roy E.
Poole; Second Vice President, Mrs. C. O. Halterman; Secretary
and Treasurer, Mrs. W. A. Reeves; Community Missions Chair-
man, Mrs. Carl Cunningham and Mrs. H. E. Douglas; Mission
Study Chairman, Mrs. James Brown; Stewardship Chairman,
Mrs. D. H. Smith; Margaret Fund and Training School Chair-
man, Mrs. Mildred Cunningham; Social Chairman, Mrs. Tom-
my Lawson; Co. Chairman, Mrs. Glenn Dempsey; B. W. C.
Advisor, Mrs. Bruce Wills; Publicity Chairman, Mrs. J. A.
Douglas; Chairman of Sunshine Committee, Mrs. Ethel Wil-
son.

Circle Chairmen and Counselors—Carlock Circle, Mrs. George Brown; Craighead Circle, Mrs. J. A. Douglas; Hathaway Circle, Mrs. Loren Hinkle; Ruth Ford Circle, Mrs. Eugene Smick; B. W. C., Miss Alma Wilson. Counselors—Y. W. A., Mrs. D. H. Smith; Intermediate Girls Auxiliary, Mrs. Erlene Nicholson; Junior Girls Auxiliary, Mrs. Alma Sams and Electa Hayse; Junior Royal Ambassadors, Mark Penninger; Sunbeam, Mrs. Helen Rendleman.

PASTOR

On December 1, 1953, Bruce F. Wills came to be our pastor and with him came his wife, Rachel, and sons, Michael, Daniel and David.

The present generation is greatly indebted to the legions of workers of the past; but above and beyond all else, we give all glory and praise to the Lord who has guided us and cared for us and gave His Son to die for us.



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH (old building)

ST. MARY'S CHURCH

The Catholic Church at its present site on Freeman St., was the first church in Anna, Ill. Before and during the Illinois Central construction, priests from St. Vincent's at Cape Girardeau, Mo., ministered to the spiritual needs of Catholics in Anna and vicinity. After railroad transportation became available, priests from Cairo, Ill., came to Anna regularly and offered Sunday Mass at the Michael Brady home on the Big Creek farm.

The first church was built by Father Thomas Walsh with the help and cooperation of such zealous workers as Col. L. W. Ashley, Jeremiah O'Connor, John Halpin, Michael Brady and others. A deed, dated March 27th, 1857, signed by Winstead and Anna Davie, gave title to the property on Freeman St. to the Catholic Church, and made possible the erection of a church edifice. St. Mary's was attended by priests from Cairo and Mounds City for a time, but in 1861 Father Theodore Elshoff became the first resident pastor. A comfortable dwelling adjoining the church had been built by this time.

In 1877 the bell tower of St. Mary's was completed. As early as 1879 a school was being conducted by Father John Herlitz, assisted by Miss Mamie O'Connor. However, on June 13, 1893, all these buildings were razed by a disastrous fire. For thirteen years this mission was attached to the monastery at Wetaug. The Rev. Alto Heer, O. S. B. rebuilt the church, but moved his residence to Cobden. The new church was dedicated upon the arrival of the new pastor, Rev. Father Christopher Goelz, and continued as a mission of the church at Cobden.

This frame structure, completed in 1894, still serves today as the house of worship. In September 1948, upon the appointment of Father Fred H. Renschen as resident pastor, the church was restored to its independent parochial status. A comfortable brick dwelling was erected in 1949, adjoining the church; its large basement serving as a meeting hall for social activities.

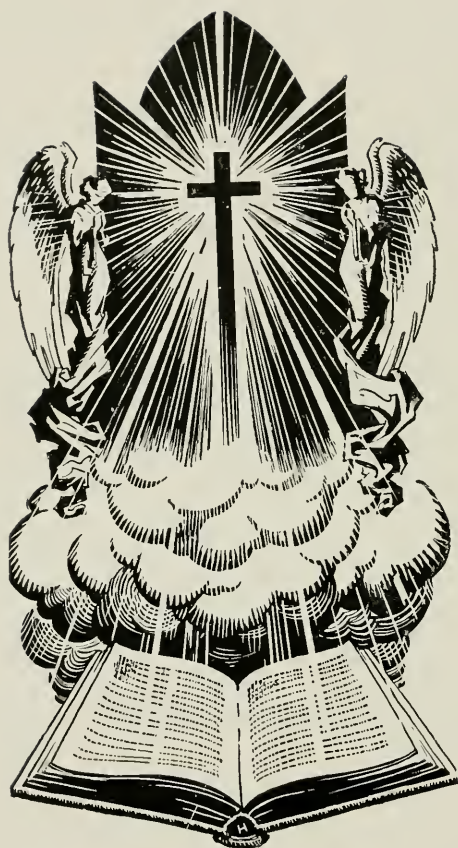
Throughout all these years an Altar and Rosary Society,

now known as the Immaculate Conception Sodality, has functioned continuously to care for the altar, vestments and linens of the church. This society was organized in 1861 with nineteen members; it now has over eighty members, characteristic of the continuous growth of the parish. St. Mary's congratulates Anna and this community! This has been a wonderful place to live and grow.

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ANNA CHRISTIAN CHURCH

The First Christian Church, Anna, Illinois, was organized in 1891, and met for about three years in Rhodes Hall, West Vienna Street. The church then rented the building presently used by the Trinity Lutherans on Jefferson Street and met there for about three years. When the Presbyterian Church vacated their old meeting house on South Street, that building was used by the Christian congregation for about three years. The house presently occupied by the Christian Church, 204 North Main Street, was purchased from the Congregational Church in 1902. The building burned March 2, 1941, was rebuilt, using the old masonry which was undamaged, and was dedicated July 20, 1941. The parsonage, 211 Lincoln Street, was purchased 1944. In 1951, the building adjoining the church building was bought and is presently used for Bible School class rooms. The present membership of the church is 270. Average Bible School attendance for 1953 was 188. On Sunday, April 4, 1954, a new Bible School record attendance was set with 367 present.

No name but the Divine
No creed but Christ
No book but the Bible
In Faith, Unity
In Opinions, Liberty
In all things, Love.
We speak where the Bible speaks
We are silent where the Bible is silent.

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Rev. Hugh Paton, Pastor.

James West, Fin. Sec'y. — W. H. Lefler, Sec'y. & Treas.

Church Council: Lynn D. Sifford, Roy A. Brown, E. H. Smith, Jas. W. Rich, Corlis West, C. O. Boyd, Clayton Walser, Leon Vincent, Clifton Hankla and Ollie B. Davis, Supt. Sun. School.

Mt. Moriah Evangelical Lutheran Church was organized February 9, 1869, by the Rev. John R. Schoffner, pastor of the St. John charge, with twenty-two communicant members. The meeting was held in a hall on East Davie street, and afterward services were held in the frame school building that stood on the present site of the Davie school.

At a Congregational meeting, called for the purpose, a constitution was adopted on February 19, 1869. By a vote

of the congregations concerned, namely, St. John, Union and Mt. Moriah, a charge was formed of these three churches and the same was confirmed at next meeting of Synod.

In June, 1871, Rev. Schoffner resigned the St. John charge and accepted a call to the Lutheran Church at Lionville, Pa. The charge remained vacant until February 4, 1873, when the Rev. L. C. Groseclose, of Mt. Pleasant, N. C., accepted a call to the charge and remained pastor until July 1, 1874, when he resigned because of ill health.

The charge was without pastoral oversight until May 8, 1875, when a call was extended to the Rev. C. W. Sifferd, at that time a student in the Theological Seminary at Philadelphia, who accepted and entered upon his duties.

Mt. Moriah at this time numbered but eighteen communicant members and was without a church home, holding its services in the German Reformed Church when the building was not occupied by that congregation.

In October, 1877, it was determined by this little band of earnest workers to erect a House of Worship suitable to their needs. The pastor, Joseph Trees, and Samuel Knupp were appointed to superintend the building, and work on the church began on May 1, 1878, and was completed and dedicated the second week in August of the same year.

Thanksgiving and presentation services were held in the completed building on Saturday evening, August 10, 1878, with an address by the pastor in which he presented the building to the Trustees. Dedicatory services were held Sunday, August 11, 1878. The sermon for the morning was delivered by the Rev. D. M. Henkel, of Nokomis, Ill., and the building was dedicated to the service of God by the pastor. The Revs. W. Pruett, of Dongola, Ill., E. Swartz, of DeSoto, Ill., and A. L. Yount, of Murphysboro, Ill., assisted in the services. The total cost of the lot and building was \$1,500.

On August 7, 1884, Mt. Moriah withdrew from the St. John charge and extended a call to the Rev. Mr. Sifferd to become its pastor. He resigned the St. John charge and accepted the call of Mt. Moriah and remained its pastor until June, 1886, when he accepted a call to St. Paul's Lutheran Church, of Newark, Ohio.

Rev. T. Earnheart served the church as a supply from January 1, 1887, to January 1, 1888.

The church then remained vacant until the calling of the Rev. C. Baird, who entered upon his duties as pastor November 1, 1889. In September, 1890, application was made to the Board of Home Missions to be received as a Mission Church. The request was granted and \$100.00 was contributed to the support of the pastor. After one year the church again became self-supporting. During the two year pastorate of the Rev. Mr. Baird the Church building was remodeled at a cost of \$500.00.

After the resignation of Rev. Baird on November 1, 1891, Mt. Moriah was without a pastor until May 1, 1892, when a call was extended to the Rev. H. C. Grossman, of Columbus, Ohio. Rev. Grossman left after two years to accept a call to the German Lutheran Church of Cairo.

After a vacancy of six months a call was extended to Rev. H. L. McGill, of Louisville, Ky., who accepted and held his first service in the church on July 1, 1894. He was installed into office on Friday evening, November 16, 1894, by the Rev. Charles T. McDaniel, of St. Louis, president of the Southern Illinois Synod. The charge to the congregation was made by the Rev. J. G. M. Hursh, of Jonesboro, Illinois.

During the next year the church building was wired for electricity, the chancel was remodeled, and new worship books and Bibles procured. Improvements were made upon the parsonage to the amount of \$500.00.

At a congregational meeting on January 1, 1899, Mr. and Mrs. R. Johnson proposed to furnish funds for the erection of a new church building, provided the congregation would secure a suitable location and furnish the completed building. Their offer was accepted and by January 21, 1900, the lot fund had grown to \$800.00. To this sum the congregation pledged \$1,500.00 additional.

On March 28, 1900, the residence property of Dr. J. I. Hale, Main at Jefferson street, was purchased for \$2,200.00 as the site of the new church. The residence was moved to the rear of the lot and altered at a cost of \$300.00 to be used as a residence for the church care-taker.

The building committee, R. Johnson, D. Sifford, J. M. Shipley, and T. P. Sifford employed J. W. Gaddis, of Vincennes, Ind., as architect. His plans were adopted January 6, 1901, and on April 28, 1901, the contract for the erection of the building was let to Mr. E. C. English, Sr., of Anna, Ill.

The first part of the corner-stone laying ceremonies on July 21, 1901, were held in the old Church on South street. Rev. J. G. M. Hursh, of Cairo, Ill., preached the sermon and was assisted in the altar service and at the site of the new church by the Revs. J. W. Breitenbach of Murphysboro, Ill., and T. Earnheart of Jonesboro. Dedication services for the completed building were conducted on August 31, 1902, by the pastor, assisted by the Rev. E. H. Kitch of DeSoto, Ill., and the Rev. M. L. Webb of Murphysboro. The dedication sermon was preached by the Rev. M. Rhodes, D. D., pastor of St. Mark's Lutheran Church of St. Louis. The feast of dedication continued through the following Wednesday with the Revs. J. G. M. Hursh of Cairo, T. Earnheart of Jonesboro, and C. W. Sifferd, D. D., of Carthage taking part.

The new building of pressed brick with stone trimming consisted of an auditorium, Sunday School room, two class rooms and a pastor's study on the main floor and a completely furnished kitchen and dining room on the basement floor. A handsome Moeller pipe organ was presented to the congregation by Mr. and Mrs. Johnson.

During the summer of 1907 the parsonage was completely remodeled and a full basement, steam heating plant, and modern plumbing were added at a total cost of \$2,200.00.

The seventy-fifth anniversary of the congregation and the fiftieth anniversary of Dr. McGill's pastorate were celebrated together in 1944. On January 7, 1945, Dr. McGill retired as minister after 50½ years of service to the church. On this date a call was extended to the Rev. William H. Swarbrick, then a senior student at the Chicago Lutheran Theological seminary, who began his pastoral duties at Mt. Moriah March 1, 1945.

During the first year of Rev. Swarbrick's pastorate church societies were revived or organized and church activities placed on a departmental basis under the direction of committees.

In 1947 the basement and heating facilities were improved at a cost of \$3000.00. A new constitution was adopted for church government. Other advancements under Rev. Swarbrick's pastorate included reorganization of the Sunday School, a system of planned benevolence, and a marked extension of missionary activities. On July 31, 1951, he resigned the pastorate to accept a call to St. Mark's Lutheran Church at Dubuque, Iowa.

Services were continued under the leadership of supply and trial pastors and laymen of the church until November 4, 1951, when the congregation voted to call Pastor Hugh Paton, assistant Pastor of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Hillsboro, Illinois. Installation service was held on November 25 with Synod President Harmon McGuire conducting and delivering the sermon.

On March 16, 1953, Dr. McGill, Pastor Emeritus of Mt. Moriah died after a long illness. Funeral services were held at the church with Rev. Paton, Rev. Moore of the First Baptist, and Rev. Louis F. Rodenbeck of Meradosa officiating.

The late summer and fall of 1953 were a period of building for Mt. Moriah. The parsonage was completely renovated and modernized during the month of July and on July 16 ground was broken at the rear of the old church for a new addition. The unit consisting of assembly rooms and classrooms on three floors, second floor kitchen, offices, and the McGill Memorial Library, and additional restrooms on two floors was completed on Jan. 1, 1954, and first classes were held in the building.

The present congregation of Mt. Moriah in looking back over 85 years of their history as a church feels that God has smiled upon them, has helped them with His guidance through trials and disappointments to a place where they look toward the future with bright confidence for the furtherance of His work.

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

The congregation traces its origin to the efforts of Mr. Karl Schlichting and Mr. William F. Bruchhauser to procure the services of a Lutheran pastor of their persuasion in the community of Anna. Upon their request the Rev. F. J. Schneider of Murphysboro began to conduct divine services in Anna in June, 1930, under the auspices of the Southern Illinois District Mission Board of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. The services were held in the local Evangelical church.

The congregation held its organizational meeting on July 6, 1930, and chose the name of Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church as its official title. Charter members were: Karl Schlichting, Elmer O. Schneider, W. F. Bruchhauser, Arthur Schlichting, and Walter Schlichting. The following officers were elected: Karl Schlichting, chairman; Elmer O. Schneider, secretary; and W. F. Bruchhauser, treasurer. The infant congregation number 14 souls and 8 communicant members.

Trinity's house of worship was purchased from the Evangelical Association during the early part of 1931. The building was dedicated on March 1, 1931. The parsonage was dedicated March 2, 1942, on the tenth anniversary of the dedication of the church. On the fifteenth anniversary of the church dedication, March 3, 1946, a project was launched to redecorate the interior of the church. This was an extensive project which took two years to complete. It included applying new roofing, painting the exterior woodwork, redecoration of the interior walls, the installation of art glass windows, sanding and refinishing of the floor, and rebuilding the heating plant. The renovated building was rededicated on February 8, 1949. In 1949 the congregation purchased a new Baldwin Electronic Organ to replace the old reed organ which had been in the building for decades.

The first resident pastor of Trinity was the Rev. H. W. Gockel, who was ordained and installed August 9, 1931. Pastor Gockel served the congregation until the close of 1937. Since that time Trinity has had four pastors: N. G. Schumm

(1938-1942), L. F. Rodenbeck (1943-1944), G. K. Schmidt (1945-1949), and L. M. Waechter, who was installed May 29, 1949.

The present officers of the congregation are: Mr. Karl Schlichting, chairman; Mr. Adolph Koelling, secretary; Mr. Elbert Michels, treasurer; Mr. Kenneth Mueller, financial secretary; Mr. Lawrence Hartsock, head usher. The elders are Messrs. B. J. Meyer, E. C. Diefenbach, and A. Schlichting. Serving the congregation as trustees are Messrs. Emmett Mueller, Melvin Schlichting, and Carl Eiselmeier.

The congregation has prospered in recent years. In 1953 it liquidated its debt and made extensive repairs and improvements to its church property. At the beginning of this year it became completely self-supporting. Trinity now numbers 160 baptized members and 94 active communicants.

—L. M. W.

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HISTORY OF THE FIRST METHODIST CHURCH

The First Methodist Episcopal Church of Anna, Illinois, was organized in the year of 1857 by Reverend Willoughby, and was composed of the following charter members: Mr. and Mrs. James Homes, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Sessions, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Spence, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Goddard, Mr. and Mrs. Robertson Brown, Mrs. Nancy Nobles, Mrs. Isabell Brown, Mrs. Elizabeth Jones, Mrs. Lucinda Pullen, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Blick and Mrs. Sarah Toler.

For the first year after this class was organized they worshipped in a small two-room dwelling, situated on Franklin Avenue. In 1858 a small frame church, 28 feet by 36 feet, was erected at 111 West Monroe Street. Three years later because of the growing attendance it was necessary to add a 10 foot addition to the south side of this structure. The first church bell was presented to the church by Mr. Willard, a prominent business man of the city.

In the year of 1892-93 the frame church was torn away and a new brick church was erected. In the erection of the new church building there were many difficulties encountered. Through many earnest prayers, tears and great self-denial, the fears from within and the foes from without were conquered. This beautiful temple of our God was brought to a triumphant completion on the last day of January, 1894. The first worship service was conducted on a very cold Sunday morning, February 4, 1894. Just one month later, on March 4, 1894, the beautiful church was dedicated to the worship of God, by Bishop Thomas Bowman.

Through almost a century now the Methodist Church has made her stand for righteousness and for God's love in the community. There have been many hundreds of souls converted at her altar, many of whom have consecrated themselves for special service of preaching or teaching the wonderful story of Christ's redeeming love.

From a small beginning of 17 charter members the First Methodist Church has grown to the present membership of 385 members. In this year of 1954 the spiritual guidance is

under the leadership of Reverend LeRoy Pittman and the following members of the Official Board:

Trustees: Messrs: Samuel Hoffmeier, Ray Penrod, Glen Richey, Ralph Bradley, William Thompson, A. W. Walter Jr., Harold Smith, Larel Sitter and Willis Belcher.

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First Methodist Church

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Corner East Jefferson and
South Streets

The new church — 1898-1954



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1866-1954

On April 29, 1866, sixteen determined men and women began a church. They could not have foreseen the tremendous changes that would occur within the life of their community during the decades to follow, but the work of their hands and their hearts was established in the First Presbyterian Church of Anna.

The first services were held in the Methodist Episcopal Church and later in a store-room converted into a chapel, but before the year was out, a frame church building was erected on South Street, costing nearly \$4,000.00.

The Woman's Aid Society, predecessor of the Woman's Association, was organized around 1880, followed by several missionary societies within the same decade. Christian Endeavor, the predecessor of the present Westminster Youth Fellowship, was also begun in 1883.

Ten years later, the need for a new building more adequate for the needs of a growing church was apparent. The old frame church was torn down in 1897, and for a time the congregation met for services in the city hall. The new building, built of native grey limestone, was completed in December, 1898, at a total cost of \$16,500.

During the pastorate of Dr. J. R. Henry (1914-1920), the Presbyterian Men's Club was organized, and has continued to grow through the years, claiming an inter-denominational membership of over 100 men.

In these important years the church did more than grow physically. From its bounds the Rev. and Mrs. Wallace S. Faris departed for mission work in China, to mention only two of the many persons for whom First Church, Anna, was the gateway to full-time Christian service.

Recent years have witnessed a partial remodeling of the church sanctuary, including installation of a new Moeller organ, and a slow but steady growth in the program of church and church school.

In an account such as this, however, we can only deal with facts; the real story of this church and its activity through the years is written in the hearts and minds of those thousands who have passed through its doors, and in the lives of those generations yet to come.

“And let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us;
And establish Thou the work of our hands upon us;
Yea, the work of our hands, establish Thou it.”

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ONENESS PENTECOSTAL CHURCH

The Oneness Pentecostal Church, located at the corner of W. Chestnut and Green Sts., Anna, Ill., was built the fall of 1927. Willie Howell, now of Jonesboro, was the head carpenter, and he and many others donated more than half of the labor. The following charter members are still active in the church: Mrs. Lottie Jackson, Mr. Robert Brimm, Mrs. Samuel Allen, Miss Jessie Allen, Mrs. Flora Hinkle, Mrs. Robert Wall, Mrs. Lena Hinkle, Mrs. Ava Covitt.

Former pastors of the church were: Rev. Elmer Cook, Rev. Raymond Tripp; Rev. Tommy Stephens, Rev. Oscar Sanders, Rev. Marion Hileman. Rev. Bennie Jones, the present pastor, accepted the pastorate Nov. 18, 1940. The building was remodeled inside in the spring of 1937. And again in 1943. All indebtedness of the church building was paid off and special note burning services were held April 20, 1944. The parsonage on the adjoining lot was purchased in 1944 and has been completely remodeled. The new addition of five Sunday School rooms and other improvements were made in 1953. The church is now debt free.



ONENESS PENTECOSTAL
CHURCH
1927



ONENESS PENTECOSTAL
CHURCH
1945



ROY E. SMITH
Supt. of Schools



Principals: Claude Davis,
R. Lee Williams, Collin Penninger

100 YEARS OF EDUCATION IN ANNA

From 1854, when the first public school was built in Anna, until the present time, the citizens of our community have had many reasons to be proud of their schools. The early settlers realized the importance of good educational facilities for their children, and a small one-room school was one of the first buildings erected in this young community.

This first school was located on the corner of Franklin and Monroe Streets, and it was here that the early children of Anna learned their three R's for four or five years until the school was destroyed by fire. When this catastrophe came, Winstead Davie, the husband of the lady for whom Anna was named, gave a lot on Freeman Street to the city of Anna for the new school, and a small frame schoolhouse was built in 1860.

For nine years this building was adequate for the community, but Anna was growing, and soon there were too many children for that small school. Then, as now, the far-sighted citizens looked into the future and could foresee a great demand for a better and larger school system, and plans

were made for a new building. A fine, new, three-storied, brick building was built on South Green Street at the present site of the Junior High School. The total cost of the building, including all of the furnishings, was \$22,500.00, which in those days was quite a sum. Today's Junior High has an evaluation of twenty times that amount!

On January 5, 1870, the 126 children were moved from the small frame building on Freeman Street to this large new school which was then one of the finest schools in Southern Illinois. Anna was growing rapidly, and just ten years later, the school enrollment was increased to 353 pupils, and it was necessary to employ six teachers for the eight grades. This school, which was so optimistically built for the future, was now overcrowded, and once again the city's leaders had to think of more adequate school facilities.

This pressure was lessened somewhat with the founding of a school which became known as Union Academy, but by 1900, the population of Anna had grown to such proportions that a large two-storied brick building was erected in the



THE OLD JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL
Closed Monday, March 14, 1938

northern part of the city on Monroe Street and was called the Lincoln School. From 1900 until 1953, the boys and girls of Anna came to know and love this landmark, and during that fifty year span more than 3,000 children started their education in this building.

As Anna grew, the schools became more crowded, and in 1910, a new school was built on Freeman Street and was named the Winstead Davie School in honor of the man who gave this plot of ground to the city in 1860.

At this time the children began to attend the school on the side of town where they lived, and the three-story brick building on South Green became a Junior High School and was used exclusively for the sixth, seventh, and eighth grades.

For many years then the school facilities were adequate for the community, but time marched on, the city continued to grow, the buildings grew older, and the old Junior High Building was declared unsafe for occupancy, and on March 14, 1938, it was closed. The pupils moved to the gymnasium just east of the old building where classes were held for the remainder of the year and a wrecking crew started to dismantle this well-known landmark which was to be replaced by a new modern Junior High School. This new two-story modernistic building was, and is, one of the beauty spots as well as the outstanding educational center of Union County.

Lincoln School. Anna, Ill.



LINCOLN SCHOOL

Because of the broader educational opportunities offered to their children in the Anna City School System, many parents outside the district began to bring their children to the Anna schools. Soon the rooms were crowded once more, and a decision had to be made. Should just the boys and girls within the city limits be permitted to attend the Anna schools, or should the district become a consolidated one? After much discussion pro and con, an election was held on July 28, 1951, as to whether the Ellis, Nimmo and Murphy Districts would consolidate with the Anna District. The proposition carried and the district became known as Community Consolidated District No. 37. With consolidation came the problem of transporting pupils to and from schools. Three large yellow school busses were added to bring the boys and girls from their homes to school and take them back in the afternoon.

In September of 1951, Knupp also joined the district, and due to the overcrowded conditions in the lower grades at both the Lincoln and Davie Schools, the Board of Education decided to have kindergarten, which was first started in 1946, at the dwelling owned by the district and located just east of the Junior High Building.

Realizing that the city of Anna could not progress if their schools stood still, the residents of Community Consoli-



WINSTEAD DAVIE SCHOOL

— Photograph by Wiggs

dated District No. 37 went to the polls on February 9, 1952, and approved a building program for the district.

A new Lincoln School building was completed on the same lot as the old building; however, it was placed to the east of the old building and facing on Warren Street. This new structure was built to accommodate a minimum of 350 students. This school, one of the most modern in school design, has ten classrooms, a kindergarten, a large all-purpose room, a cafeteria, special purpose rooms for speech correction and the nurse's use, a teachers' lounge, administration offices, storage rooms, a modern heating plant, and everything that the model school could have.

At the same time that the new Lincoln School building was constructed, the Davie School was completely modernized and a new addition was added to the existing building. In this addition there were two classrooms, a kindergarten, an all-purpose room and cafeteria, special purpose rooms, and administrative offices. The interior of this school, as well as those of Lincoln and Junior High, has been decorated with restful, pastel colors; new adjustable desks have been added; and the buildings are just as beautiful on the inside as on the outside.



PRESENT JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

— Photograph by Wiggs

These new buildings were ready for occupation in September of 1953, and the boys and girls of the Mackey District joined hands with the pupils of Community Consolidated District No. 37 to increase the enrollment to 847. All three of the grade schools have the most modern and up-to-date equipment, and the boys and girls of this community receive their education in pleasant, cheerful surroundings from friendly, happy teachers who are well-trained for their positions.

The schools are governed by a Board of Education composed of seven members—Glenn Dillow, Joe North, Orval Page, Jim Smith, Ned Walton, Jim West and Lowell Williams—and a superintendent of schools—Roy E. Smith. The citizens of this community are indeed very fortunate to have a Superintendent and School Board Members who take such great interest in the welfare of pupils and teachers. These Board Members give their time freely, without pay, because they are primarily interested in the educational welfare of the boys and girls of this area. At all times Mr. Smith and his School Board are concerned with what will best serve the interest of their community, and their actions are governed by these needs.



ROBERT M. CHOATE

In tracing the history of the schools of Anna, there are many persons who should receive recognition for the contributions they have made to the educational progress of this community. There have been many teachers and superintendents who have given long years of service, and there have been many persons who have served on the board and spent tireless hours in the long struggle our schools have made to reach the high standards they have today. One of these persons is Mr. Robert M. Choate, better known as "Bob" Choate, who, according to the information we have been able

to obtain, has served on the grade school board longer than any other citizen of Anna, having been on the board for thirty-two years.

The teachers and personnel for the three schools are as follows:

Lincoln School—Principal: Claude Davis. Teachers: Esther Mary Ayers, Juanita Crowell, Shirley Davis, Fayette Elkins, Teressa Horner, Edith Hunsaker, Fern Manninger, Mabel Ury, Mildred Vicenzi and Mary Ann Willis.

Davie School—Principal, Collin Penninger. Teachers: Margaret Booth, Virginia Blood, Mamie Hertz, Ruth Howerton, Kathryn Loomis, Alice Mae McCree, Fred Pickles and Julia Plemon.

Junior High School—Principal: R. Lee Williams. Teachers: Juanita Angell, Mary Helen Benefiel, Dora Lence, Susan Jobe, George Otrich, Luther Parr, Mildred Rendleman, Emma Jane Weiss and Clifford Williams.

SPECIAL TEACHERS:

Music Teachers—Etoile Casper and John Gaal.

Speech Correctionist—Elizabeth Coffman.

School Nurse—Marie Belcher.

PERSONNEL:

Secretaries—Janet Choate and Kathy Gill.

Cooks—Mary Allen, Carrie Cross, Eva Dillow, Dovie Lacy, Alline McCommons and Edna Williams.

Custodians—Leon Allen, Ira Dillow, John Fear, Charles Miller, Elmer Rader, Melvin Smith and Bob Wall.

The schools of our community have no superiors in the state of Illinois in educational opportunities offered to their pupils. From the time a youngster of five enters kindergarten until he graduates from the eighth grade, he is given a well-rounded education where he is helped to grow and develop mentally, socially and emotionally.

In co-operation with the high school, the grade schools employ a full time nurse who supervises the health program of the schools. She makes daily visits to the schools and confers with parents, doctors and teachers in regard to the health of each pupil in the school system. Under her supervision immunizations, vaccinations and physical examinations

are given regularly to pupils. As another phase of the health program a speech correctionist has been employed to help boys and girls to overcome their speech defects.

During the noon hour hot lunches with both eye and taste appeal are served daily to an average of 560 pupils. In modern, up-to-date kitchens, the cooks prepare a nutritious Grade A meal which assures the children of a balanced diet. Thus, the children of all three schools are provided a warm lunch which is eaten in a pleasant homey atmosphere.

Throughout the entire system the pupils of the Lincoln, Davie and Junior High Schools are given adequate opportunities to develop their musical ability. Two talented music instructors—one vocal and one instrumental—are always employed to direct the musical activities of the schools. Under their guidance the pupils have won many honors in this field.

The athletic program of the Anna Schools is a well-rounded one. From the time a youngster enters kindergarten, he learns to play with other children, and good sportsmanship is stressed at all times. Each school has a gymnasium, and each pupil has a chance to enjoy it in supervised play. When the pupils reach Junior High age, there are competitive sports



PRESENT LINCOLN SCHOOL

in which pupils participate—namely, softball, basketball, boxing and track.

All children are given an opportunity to express themselves in art from the kindergarten on through school. In the Junior High art is an elective subject, and about one-third of the Junior High pupils continue in their art work. During the past several years many students have won distinction as a result of the work begun in the grade schools. In the Junior High School there is a homemaking department for the girls where they get experience in cooking, sewing and social training, and an industrial arts department for the boys, where they receive special training in handicraft, woodwork, welding, metal work, drafting and finishing.

In regards to Visual Education no schools surpass those of Community Consolidated District No. 37. All three schools have a 16 MM projector with a regular schedule of films shown to supplement and correlate the regular classroom work. Each school has a slide and filmstrip projector and a tape recorder. There are radios and phonographs in each room at Lincoln and Davie Schools, and in the Junior High School there is a television set, where pupils may view firsthand the important televised events of the day.

Each room at each school has its own library suited to



PRESENT DAVIE SCHOOL

the age and grade level of the boys and girls who are in that room, and there are ample maps, pictures, globes, newspapers, and magazines throughout the school system.

The pupils of this district are receiving a well-rounded education in the varied activities as offered by the teachers of our schools. A systematic plan of giving standardized tests to determine their mental development is in effect, and according to these tests our pupils always rate very high on the national average.

As the city of Anna has grown, so have the schools of Anna from that small one room building in 1854 with an assessed evaluation of \$1500.00 to our three beautiful new buildings in 1954 valued at \$800,000.00. An adequate school system is essential to the growth and prosperity of a community, and Anna is fortunate in having just that—A SCHOOL SYSTEM EQUALLED BY FEW AND SURPASSED BY NONE.—Written by Mary Helen Benefiel.



1953-1954 SCHOOL BOARD

Left to right: Superintendent Roy E. Smith, Lowell Williams, Ned Walton, Glenn Dillow, Orval Page, Jim Smith, Jim West. Inset: Joe North.

THE ANNA HIGH SCHOOL

In 1869 the three-story brick building on Green Street, the site of the new Junior High School, was erected for the grade schools of Anna. About 1888 the high school was organized, and its classes were held on the upper floor. Several small fires in that building are probably responsible for the lack of school records—if not burned, they were presumably lost in the confusion.

The first commencement exercises of the Anna High School were held May 8, 1892, with a class of these seven people: J. Caldwell Elrod, Emory A. Elrod, John A. Henly, Murphy Inman, Carrie J. Walter, Mamie E. Walter Keith, Wiley J. Webster. The school principal was Mr. F. C. Dever and the teachers were: Mrs. Eva Worley Dever, S. D. Rogers, Leona Andrews, Louise Sims, Miss Teeter, Mrs. Minnie English Sifford.

In 1894 Mr. Dever, Mrs. Dever, Miss Mary Feeley, Elnora Davie, Leona Andrews, Louise Sims Wiley, S. D. Rogers composed the faculty. Captain Hugh Andrews was the first County Commissioner of Schools, elected that year. The name of the office was changed to County Superintendent of Schools during his administration.

The final commencement for the Anna High School was in 1918, with these young people in the class: Louis Davis, Lucille Blanchard Sitter, Carl Halterman, Ralph Mattheis, Iverne Watson Peeler, Lillian Wheeler, George Wynn.

The number of graduates from 1892 to 1918 is 261.

The Anna High School became a part of the Anna-Jonesboro Community High School in 1918.

THE JONESBORO HIGH SCHOOL

Records of the beginnings of the Jonesboro High School have proved to be very elusive. Interviews with members of the first graduating class reveal the following facts:

The grade school of Jonesboro held sessions in the old hotel building on the square across from the present Norris & Son Funeral Chapel. High school subjects were added to the course of study, probably in 1888 or 1889, for the first an-

nual commencement of the Jonesboro High School was held March 26, 1892. The program on that occasion gives the names of these graduates: Lena Baker Green, Georgia Brown Davidson, George Crawford, Harry Dougherty, Kate Dougherty Sarsfield, Lou Mozley Robinson, Clara Rendleman Sams, Augusta Sams Perrine, and May Willard Jones. The faculty that year was composed of Principal George W. Clendenin and Miss Della Chase, and the members of the school board were: Monroe C. Crawford, Alvin Cook, W. C. Lence, J. H. Hilboldt, Alfred Lence, C. E. English and C. H. Chase.

In the fall of 1904 school opened in a new building on what was known as the Frick site at the west edge of town. There were seven teachers, to handle both grade and high school work. In 1916-17 the 7th and 8th grades were organized with the high school under the 6-6 plan: 6 grades in the elementary and 6 grades in the high school classes.

The members of the final class of the Jonesboro High School were: Bryan Ballard, Clara Lence Smith, Frances Morris, Cecil Norris, and Paul Reese. The list of graduates through the years from 1892 to 1918 numbers 114.

The Jonesboro High School was then united with the Anna High School, thenceforth called the Anna-Jonesboro Community High School.

THE ANNA-JONESBORO COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL

Not often through the beginnings and development of public schools are so many people concerned as is the case with the Anna-Jonesboro Community High School. From the little grade school house on Freeman Street in Anna and the grade school on the square in Jonesboro, through the 35 years of Union Academy (also beginning in the little house on Freeman Street), and the years of the high schools in the two towns, to the uniting of all the high schools in District No. 81, the number of people who helped to make possible this important educational plant is beyond calculation.

When in 1917 the Directors of the Union Academy of Southern Illinois realized that the high schools of Anna and Jonesboro were now adequate for the care of the young people of high school age, they turned over to the combining schools Benton Hall and the campus of 20 acres, with Willard Memorial Hall, willed to Union Academy by C. M. Willard.



ENTRANCE ANNA-JONESBORO COMMUNITY HIGH

Entrance gates at A. - J. C. H. S., with Bar-San Hall on the left and Benton Hall on the right.

The Board of Directors of the new Anna-Jonesboro Community High School, needing more room for the great increase in the number of students, arranged in 1923 for the construction of Bar-San Hall, named in 1948 for Miss Clara Bartow and Mrs. Ella Jane Pickles Sanders. With each year more students came, again more room was needed, so in 1950 Union Hall was built, west of Willard Memorial Hall, and facing Main Street. This hall houses a large gymnasium, the cafeteria, which serves 250 people, the Commercial and Music Departments and the Farm Shop rooms.

Since the founding of the Anna-Jonesboro Community High School the campus has been greatly improved. Its natural Ravine Theatre (a cherished dream of the Reverend Mr. Craighead in Union Academy days), the many trees of many varieties, the shrubs and the ornamental class gifts, make this as beautiful a campus as can be found in Southern Illinois.

The first Board of Directors of the Anna-Jonesboro Community High school in 1918 was composed of these men: President, A. Ney Sessions; L. D. Keith, T. P. Sifford, Charles C. Crawford, Ira O. Karraker.

The faculty of the school in 1918 number 11 men and women, some of whom had been teaching in the Anna and Jonesboro High Schools. Their names: Principal, Harry M. Thrasher; Miss Clara Bartow, Edith J. Anderson, Ella Jane Pickles Sanders, Nora Harris, Genevieve Stillwell, G. R. McGhee, S. M. Orr (the janitor), Karl J. Hopp, Ray J. Friant, Clara Drusch.

There were 19 members in the first graduating class in 1919: Mildred Alden Lies, Robert Brady, Pearl Chamberlain, Leroy Cover, Tullie Davis, Forrest Dillow, Virginia Fulenwider Baker, Estelle Mangold McKibbin, Baxter Harter, Teresa Horner, Zelma Karraker, Helen Lentz Young, Naomi Reese Treece, Lurena Perrine Allen, George E. Parks, Carl Robinson, Gladys Turner, Anna B. Wittman Bush, Pearl Zwahlen.

The classes of 1952 and 1953 numbered 104 and 106 respectively.

The curriculum development of A-J has been from a limited program of college preparatory subjects to a broad inclusion of many vocational subjects, as well as to the retaining of the traditional ones.

A look at the Annual Report on the Course of Study of the Anna Public Schools of 1910 shows subjects in the following fields: English, Science, foreign language, history, mathematics, music and spelling (two lessons a week).

Moving to 1954, there are now given many commercial courses, shop courses, vocational agriculture, extensive home economics, foreign language, diversified sciences and mathematics, speech and English, music, social studies, a good physical education program and driver education.

A guidance program was introduced a few years ago, and A-J was one of the first high schools in this area to have a full time guidance director.

A well-stocked library and a visual aid program help the students to round out their academic life.

In 1910 the following extra-curricular activities were a

part of the program: music and literary societies, drills and a class in Indian club swinging. About \$10.00 was spent on playground equipment (swings and bars) for the high school grounds. Twelve years later, in 1922, A-J's activities included five clubs of which three were of a musical nature, and one each in home economics and agriculture.

The present day extra-curricular program has been expanded considerably to include many varied fields of interest. Of the twenty clubs, there are two in the language field, two in business, five in athletics, home economics is now Future Homemakers; agriculture is Future Farmers. There are also three honor societies. New fields of interest include Future Teachers, Foreign Relations, Hi-Y and Tri-Hi-Y, Library and a dramatic club, National Thespians.

The National Honor Society and the Student Council were organized in 1936-1937 and are still operating in an important role today. The present annual publication, An-Jo-Co-Hi, has been in existence since 1939.

Anna-Jonesboro Community High School was one of the first high schools in Illinois to have Vocational Agriculture. A large number of former students are now farming in the county and their boys are in the present agriculture classes. "Ag" students from A-J have won a large number honors, such as: firsts in sectional judging, firsts in public speaking, firsts in corn growing and other contests. The department is now housed in the new building and contains a large modern school shop and class room.

Some of the work of the department has included G. I. training, adult courses, shows and fairs, and a great many Future Farmer activities.

The vocational homemaking department includes three years of home economics and a course in family living.

Closely associated with the department is the chapter of Future Homemakers of America. Each year several girls are sent to the State Leadership Training Camp at Bloomington. In the past years, the club has had state officers, a state chapter mother, and girls from the local chapter were elected section presidents.

Physical education has become an integral part of the

educational system today. Two fields have developed: first, the athletic for those boys with exceptional ability, and secondly, the intramural that allows both boys and girls to compete.

A well-rounded physical education and intramural program has been in operation at A-J for a number of years. Noon-hour competition runs high between homerooms in such activities as: volley ball, basket ball, badminton, table tennis and softball. An inter-class tournament is played, followed by a play-off of class winners.

A Girls' Athletic Association takes the place of varsity athletics for the girls. They participate in a variety of sports, attend playdays, workshops, clinics and camps. Friendship is stressed more than competition. A week-end camping trip, inaugurated last year, will continue to be a yearly event.



ANNA-JONESBORO COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL
Union Hall, opened in Sept. 1952 and Willard Hall, part of
the original Union Academy.

The Science Department has promoted numerous campus improvements, which center around conservation and beautification of the ravine area. This program was inaugurated

during the depression years and has since been intensified to include the planting of most native and many exotic species of plants. Erosion control is practiced by actual project work.

The Science Club has maintained membership in the Illinois State Junior Academy of Science, competing quite successfully in both district and state science fairs and receiving several first place awards.

Anna-Jonesboro had the honor of organizing the first Future Teachers' Club in the Southern Division in 1949. It is affiliated with the Illinois Education Association and National Education Association. The twenty charter members named their chapter the Charles M. Willard Future Teachers' Association, in honor of the man whose endowment fund adds several hundred dollars annually to our community for educational purposes.

For two years delegates have attended the state meeting. This year the Future Teachers were very happy to have one of their members elected to a state office.



ANNA-JONESBORO RAVINE THEATRE
A-J's Ravine Theater with Benton Hall in the background.

Since its organization Anna-Jonesboro Community High School has participated in a well-rounded program of Inter-scholastic sports.

From 1918 to 1954, A-J has been a member of at least three different conferences: The Egyptian High School Conference in the twenties, Big Eleven during the thirties, and at present, the Southwest Egyptian Conference. Changes in affiliation were brought about largely by the growth and expansion in the various systems.

A-J's teams have competed with others in intellectual meets, football, basketball, baseball, track and field, tennis. These teams have been very successful, as the many trophies, banners and citations in possession of the school so well indicate.

Invitation, district, regional, conference and sectional championships have been won by teams representing A-J. Several sportsmanship awards dot the shelves of A-J's trophy cases.

During these years many of A-J's athletes have won All-State, All-Conference and All-Area recognition and honors. Anna-Jonesboro is justly proud of the accomplishments of the teams and boys who have participated, for they have brought honor and glory to the community.

Anna-Jonesboro's musical activities were first recognized in 1920-21. During those years the first Boys' and Girls' Glee Clubs were organized, and also the first orchestra. However, it was not until 1930-31 that the first band, containing 25 members, made its appearance. This is quite a contrast to the now 70 member band, both concert and marching.

Through the years the Music Department has been very active. In 1939 it won a second place in the National School Music Competition Festival, held in Indiana. The Girls' Glee Club won first honors in the State Contest in 1947; and in 1951 there were three firsts again, all instrument ensembles.

In the last several years the Girls' Chorus has given a yearly presentation of The Messiah, and the department gives a concert by its combined organizations.

In 1918 the assessed valuation of the District schools was \$1,534,789. This included twelve districts, from District 34 to District 47.



A. J. BOARD OF EDUCATION FOR 1953-1954

Seated, left to right: Ralph Bradley, President Claude J. Boyd, Ruel Hindman, Bill Mallams, Secretary Joe Brown, Carl Cunningham, John Rayburn, and Principal Paul J. Houghton.

In 1954, with 20 Grade School districts added, the assessed valuation was \$17,249,054.—38% of the actual value.

The school bus has been in operation for three years and the cafeteria in Union Hall for two years.

The Board of Directors of Anna-Jonesboro Community High School in 1954 is composed of these men: Claud J. Boyd, President; Joe L. Brown, secretary; Ruel Hindman, Carl Cunningham, Bill Mallams, John D. Rayburn, Ralph Bradley.

The present faculty—1954: P. J. Houghton, Principal; William Abernathy, Carl Blood, Emma Brickey, George E. Casper, Mrs. Jewel Choate, Martha Crawford, Mrs. Kathryn Davis, Mrs. Diana Dodd, Mrs. Mary L. Francis, Ruth Esther Hill, Mrs. Lucille Howell, Ira Large, Robert Lewis, O. K. Loomis, James Martin, Otto Ohmart, Mrs. Arsicel Reese, C. B. Roels, Mrs. Ella Jane Pickles Sanders, Mrs. Frances Sitter,

Mrs. Mary Evelyn Sivia, Jack Stephens, Mrs. Opal Stephens, Richard Taber, Mrs. Inez Waechter.

Office: Mrs. Maxine King, JoAnn Gollon; Nurse, Mrs. Marie Belcher. Custodians: Fred Smick, Sam Weiss, Guy Elkins, Lester Kaufman, Lester Simmerman.

Cafeteria: Frank E. Womick, Lucille Womick, Beulah Earnhart, Iva Pierce.—Compiled by Mrs. Marion F. Wiley.

SENIOR CLASS



This class originated the Senior Trip—to points of interest in the South—instead of the traditional Junior-Senior banquet and prom.

First row, left to right: Larry Larsen, Russell Davis, Harold Hubbs, Randall Benson, Danny Gill, John Nicholas, Fred Chamness, Carter Partridge, Paul Hileman, James Boomer, Charles Daisy, Luther Fear, Larry Lam, Jim Norris, Jim McIntire, Dave Jay.

Second row: Joyce Page, Gene Brimm, Bob Brook, Tom Brown, Irvin Harvey, James Rinehart, Kenny Winn, Gilbert Dillow, Mary Lou Manus, Jaunita Millis, Barbara Sue Modglin,

Shirley Linson, Pat Robertson, Lucille Eddleman, Louise Hileman Ligon, Deans: Mrs. Arsicel Reese, Miss Emma Brickey.

Third row: Shirley Wall, Mary Ann Groner, James Honey, Billy Hudgens, Richard Davis, Gene Seats, Jack Brimm, Billy North, Donald Schlenker, Bobbie Ayers, Lois Groves, Virginia Davie, Mary Helen Ligon, Jane Lee Bauer, Wreatha Cruse, Dorothy Glasford, Verna Crowell.

Fourth row: Joyous Jones, Dean Bittle, Dick Lyerla, Paul Earnhart, Gene Rothschild, Leon Davis, Everett Ury, Delia Elam, Beverly Sams, Martha Stephens, Shirley Womick, Valerie Scrutchfield, Ladonna Boyd, Larry Swain, Jane Boyd, Viola Eastman.

Fifth row: Jeanette Hoyle, Ronald Bean, Bill Jackson, Carroll McIntire, Glenn Heisner, Jack Hubbs, Carl Stanton, Fawn Follis, Dareld Davis, Kathryn Orr, Carol Lee Holtz, Pam Hindman, Annetta Dale, Mary Lou Stephens, Bud Brimm, Deans: Mr. Jack Stephens, Mr. O. K. Loomis.

Sixth row: Dick Isaacs, Alli Beth Nalley, Howard Hubbs, Charles Ellis, Bob Pecord, Junior Clardy, Wayne Thomas, Carl Cruse, Wayne Miller, Faye Fuller, Loretta Davis, Gayle Lirely, Helen Evans, Pat Manninger, Dean: Mr. James Martin.

Seventh row: Barbara Basler, James Basse, Bobbie Casper, Patti Lacy, Dixie Peeler, Delores Kelly, Shirley Romine, Larry White, Wesley Boie, Bob Williams, Ceilia Kacanauskas, Barbara Miller, Barbara Houseman, Shirley Treece, Nina Newman.

STINSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Captain Robert Burns Stinson, Co. F, 60th Illinois Veteran Volunteer Infantry, Civil War, was born in Montgomery County, Pa., December 6, 1930, and died in Anna, October 11, 1903, leaving in his will his estate (aside from some bequests to relatives) to the City of Anna for the purpose of establishing and maintaining a free public library. Only the income of the principal (which amounted to \$50,082.00) was to be used for erecting the fire-proof building and for the expense of running the library.

The first Board of Directors of the Stinson Memorial library was composed of the following business men of the City of Anna: President, the Rev. Dr. H. L. McGill; John Spire, Oliver Alden, H. F. Bussey, John B. Jackson, A. Ney Sessions, E. E. McLaughlin, Jesse E. Lentz and C. L. Otrich.

In ten years sufficient earnings had accumulated and the library was then built and dedicated August 14, 1914, with Dr. McGill delivering the dedicatory address.

The unique, attractive building, of native limestone and concrete, was designed by Walter Burley Griffin, who was born in Maywood, Ill., in 1876, and after graduation from the University of Illinois, became a pupil of Frank Lloyd Wright in Chicago, working independently after 1905. Millikin Place, Decatur, Ill., was landscaped by Mr. Griffin. He won the competition for plans for the new capital of Australia, Canberra, and was placed in charge of the work in 1913. After eight years he assumed the management of greater Sidney Development Association, building new harbors and suburbs. He died in 1937 while working on a great library in Luckow, India.

Mr. Griffin's plan for Canberra was designed to make full use of the natural beauty of the site and the materials available and this was the idea he carried out in planning the Stinson Memorial Library building.

The cost of the building was \$25,000. The endowment fund, still intact, is handled by the Finance Committee of the Board of Directors. The personnel of the Board for 1953-

54 is as follows: President, Russell Rendleman; Secretary, P. M. West; Russell Corlis, L. B. Tuthill, Mrs. G. E. Parks, Mrs. C. H. Wiley, Vesta Alden, George E. Fager and W. H. Lefler. The librian is Miss Mary Bacon and the custodian Sam M. Hults.



STINSON LIBRARY

THE UNION ACADEMY OF SOUTHERN ILLINOIS

The story of the Union Academy of Southern Illinois begins in 1861 when William Wallace Faris taught in an academy in Sacramento, California, gaining experience that was to prove very valuable. Ten years later, after army, college and seminary, he was pastor of the Presbyterian Church in Cape Girardeau and came often to Anna (once at least on foot) to visit his father, the Reverend John M. Faris, who owned Sunny Side Farm, a few miles southeast of Anna. The town appealed to the young minister, as did the people with whom he became acquainted. One day at the railroad station he met Walter H. Willard, taking his daughter to the Normal at Carbondale, because Anna had only the eight grades in her school.

The men recognized the need of a school of higher education in Anna, and, to state it briefly, that school, Union Academy, was opened in September, 1883, on Freeman Street in an outgrown school building of two rooms, that had been used as a storage place for hay.

Union Academy had 47 students on its first day, with two teachers—the Reverend Mr. Faris and the Reverend C. W. Sifferd, pastor of the Anna Lutheran Church. In the spring E. R. Jinnette joined that first group of teachers. The first women teachers were Miss Mary Scott and Miss Gertrude Whiteman. The attendance in the months following increased and a new building was needed. John H. Spann gave 1 1-3 acres on the hill between Anna and Jonesboro, the site of the present G. R. Corlis home; money was contributed by the citizens of the two towns; the contract was let to B. F. Mangold (\$3,000.00 on foundations) and the building was ready October 20, 1884. The women of Anna and Jonesboro gave a dinner in the assembly room, clearing \$185.00 for furnishings.

Charles M. Willard died in 1893, leaving to Union Academy his home on Main Street and the surrounding acres overlooking the foothills of the Ozarks, and some other property, the proceeds from the sale of which started an endowment fund for Union Academy.

In 1894 Union Academy took possession of the property and used Mr. Willard's home as a girls' dormitory. About this time a large frame residence was built west of the then new Academy building, and, as West Hall, became the boys' dormitory.

In 1906 a new academy building was erected on the property received from Mr. Willard, with the funds contributed by citizens of Union County. This building was named Benton Hall, in honor of Jacob Benton of Dongola, Illinois, who had contributed \$5,000.00 to the building fund, permitting this building to be erected free of debt.

Many prominent men in Southern Illinois were active in the affairs of Union Academy; among them were the Honorable D. W. Karraker of Jonesboro, Illinois, and the Reverend James R. E. Craighead, one time pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Anna, Illinois. Additional endowment funds were solicited to augment the endowment realized from Mr. Willard's estate.

Through the years men and women of sterling character and integrity served as teachers in Union Academy, and young men and women (200 of them graduates) passed through its halls to become worthy citizens of the developing world—teachers, doctors, lawyers, bankers, ministers, business men—not only in Illinois and other states, but beyond the sea.

When the public schools in Anna had enlarged to include high school work, permission was granted to the High School to use the Union Academy Property. In 1917 the Anna-Jonesboro Community High School was organized and in 1921 received all the property which Union Academy had been given by Mr. Willard, including his residence, called Willard Memorial Hall, and Benton Hall.

The endowment fund, other than the Willard endowment fund, was returned to the donors on their request, many of whom chose to leave their gifts with Union Academy. These funds, together with the Willard endowment fund and over \$10,000.00 left to Union Academy by Mary Ann Sowers Scott, constitute a fund in excess of \$30,000.00, the income from which is paid to Anna-Jonesboro Community High School annually, making it one of the few endowed high schools in the state of Illinois.

The first Board of Directors of Union Academy in 1884 was composed of these men: J. I. Hale, W. H. Willard, W. W. Faris, C. W. Sifferd, A. D. Finch, John B. Miller Jacob Hileman, Oliver Alden, Wm. S. Day, John E. Lufkin, J. E. Lentz and A B. Rohrbaugh.

There were five graduates in the first class—1886—as follows: John A. Hale, John W. Hartline, Margaret Hubbard, W. Frank Lingle, Harry E. Lufkin.

The last class of Union Academy—1917: Dorothy Davie Grant, Frederick Duschel, Jay W. Grear, George Keller, Marjorie Mangold Griswold, Lee Earl Walker, Isabel Wiley Grear, Zelma Rushing Lamer, Sidney Goodner, Lillian Lainer Baushke.

The members of the Board of Directors in 1954 are as follows: President, Lynn D. Sifford; Secretary, Sam M. Hults; Collin J. Penninger, James L. Fuller, G. Russell Corlis, Mrs. W. C. Mangold, Mrs. Charles H. Wiley, Mrs. W. A. Cooper, Russell D. Rendleman.
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UNION ACADEMY

TOWNSEND F. DODD POST NO. 344 THE AMERICAN LEGION

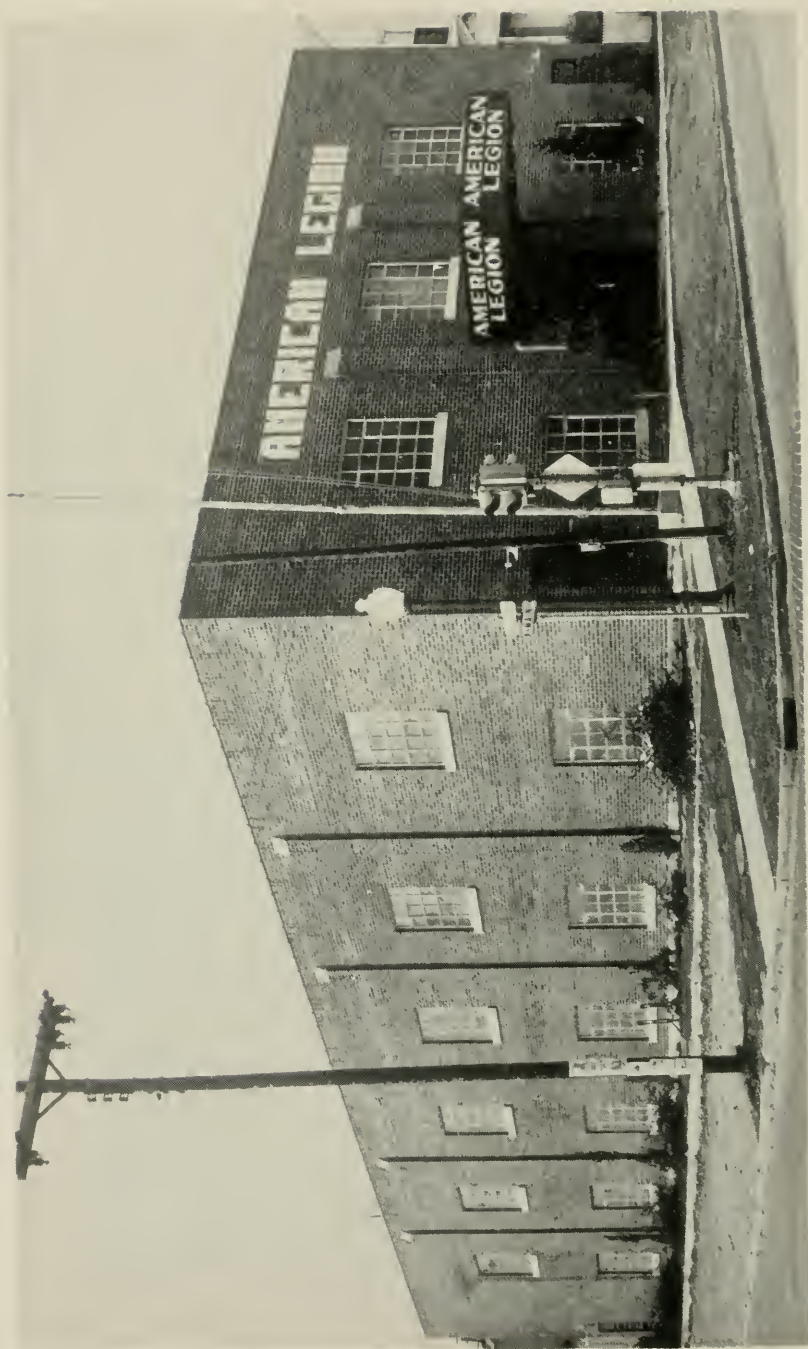
Few organizations have reached such a high level of importance in local and national affairs as has the American Legion since its inception 35 years ago.

Townsend F. Dodd Post No. 344 was organized here in 1920 with the following charter members: Roy C. Parker, Lester L. Lingle, Ralph H. Sitter Sr., R. Wallace Karraker, William J. Benner, Russell W. Williford, Paul R. Green, Earl C. Kimbro, A. M. Carter, Lynn D. Sifford, J. Francis Lentz, Dr. J. H. Cody, Arthur R. Lewis, R. C. Walker, Elmer C. Campbell, H. E. Randolph, G. E. Singleton, R. M. McDonald, Leland Berger, Robert R. Lence, Robert E. Hunsaker, Manley W. Casper, Oscar L. Lippard, James K. Walton, Jr., Arthur L. Rees, Robert L. Rich, Paul D. Reese.

Including the year of 1954, the following have been Commanders of the Post: Dr. J. H. Cody, Lynn D. Sifford, Al M. Carter, Dr. W. J. Benner, Paul Green, Lester Standard, Harry O. Davis, Conrad R. Casper, Melvin Snedeker, Dr. James F. Wahl, C. O. Halterman, Ralph G. Sitter, Sam Peeler, Amos Johnson, Owen Holshouser, E. A. Bierbaum, Gaylon Kent, S. A. Treece, Jess Boyd, D. F. Lamden, F. E. Davis, Royal Trees, A. L. Cherrick, Paul Reese, Corlis West, O. V. Huber, Glenn Eddleman, Fred Cunningham, Clarence Boyce, Jerome Lutz, F. W. Fink, Walter Cherrick, P. M. West, Dorris L. Hankla, Hal McCarty, Amos Sanford, John H. Fuller.

The Post met at the Stinson Memorial Library, the third floor of the Anna National Bank Building, the basement of what is now the Elks Club, then on W. Jefferson Street, and now the Modern Community Center at the corner of South Main and Jefferson, where the entire community has access to a meeting place large enough to accommodate any group that meets in our County.

Truly a worthwhile organization striving to serve on the highest level for "God and Country."



AMERICAN LEGION HALL

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY OFFICERS

Townsend F. Dodd Unit No. 344

Anna, Illinois



1954 Officers: Mary Keith, installing officer; Lorene Sanford, outgoing president; Ruth Penrod, president; Selma Cherrick, 2nd vice-president; Margaret Cauble, treasurer; Irene West, recording secretary; Mary H. Kent, corresponding secretary; Jean Ellen West, historian; (not shown, Mary Hoffmeier, 1st vice-president; Kate Coffman, chaplain; Cecil Penrod and Wanda Hartline, sergeant-at-arms.)

The organization meeting of the American Legion Auxiliary was called by the Post Adjutant, A. M. Carter, and was held at the Stinson Memorial Library in Anna, March 17, 1920. Fourteen members signed applications for membership and the temporary Unit charter, which was issued April 2, 1920. The first officers were: Mrs. Roy Walker, president; Mrs. J. H. Coady, vice-president; Mrs. L. D. Sifford, secretary; Mrs. Van E. Crane, treasurer; Mrs. J. B. Alden, Mrs. C. H. Wiley and Mrs. L. J. May, executive committee. The permanent charter was dated July 31, 1920, and the charter roll included thirty-three members. The Auxiliary held its meetings first in the homes of members, moving to the Legion Home when it was established. Today meetings are held at the new Legion Home, and have been held on the second Tuesday of each month since the inception of the organization. At the present time the membership is 204; of these 84 are World War I and 120 World War eligibles, including 32 junior members and 12 Gold Star members. Last year honor guards for continuous

membership were presented by the Unit: 30-year guards to seven members, 25-year guards to twelve members and 20-year guards to seven members.

The Auxiliary was formed for the purpose of aiding the American Legion in carrying out the great program of peace time service to America and promoting its work in serving the disabled veteran and his family and the widows and orphans of deceased veterans. To this great Rehabilitation and Child Welfare the Unit has contributed thousands of dollars in the past thirty-four years. The money derived from the distribution of the Memorial Poppy has been used exclusively for this work. As the organization grew such programs as Americanism, Community Service, National Security and many others were added. These many programs have given opportunities for service in varied phases of the Auxiliary program, one of which should interest every eligible wife, sister, daughter or mother of men who served in World Wars 1 and 2 and the Korean conflict. Participation in the Legion's "Back to God" movement is another important program.

Under its Americanism program the Unit presents School Award Medals to outstanding graduates and essay contest medals. Each year a Junior girl from the high school is sent to Illinois Girls State, where they are taught the functions of government. Three of these girls have represented the Unit at Girls Nation, held each year in Washington, D. C., Jane Rendleman, Charlotte Mattheis and Barbara Boyd.

The Unit has been privileged to give several of its members to the District, Department and National Organizations in various capacities: Department Hospital Chairman at the Anna State Hospital have been Mabel E. Good, Ruby Russell, Zella Davis, Mabel Cunningham and Mary Keith. Mrs. Keith is now serving as Department vice-president of the 5th Division. Mary H. Kent served as President of the Illinois Department in 1933-34 and later as National Executive Committeewoman and National Membership Chairman.

Mrs. Ray Penrod, 1954 Unit president, is the first Gold Star Mother to honor the chair. Her son, Lt. Ray Oliver Penrod, gave his life for his country in World War 2.

Past Unit Presidents in the order of their service are:

Mrs. Roy Walker, 1920; Mrs. C. H. Wiley, 1921; Mrs. Lynn D. Sifford, 1922; Miss Mabel E. Good, 1923; Mrs. Ford Rendleman, 1924; Mrs. Manley Casper, 1925-1943; Miss Ruby Russell, 1926; Mrs. James Ladd, 1927; Mrs. Oscar L. Lippard, 1928; Mrs. Gaylor C. Kent, 1929-1946; Miss Helen Howenstein, 1930; Mrs. Wallace L. Casper, 1931; Mrs. J. C. Boyd, 1932; Mrs. Louis M. Davis, 1933; Mrs. A. A. Adams, 1934; Mrs. Roy Keith, 1935; Mrs. Louis McDaniel, 1936; F. Everett Davis, 1937; Mrs. Percy M. West, 1938; Mrs. James Shepard, 1939; Mrs. Fred Cunningham, 1940-1947; Mrs. Wilbert Eastman, 1941; Mrs. Claude Hill, 1942; Mrs. Paul Reese, 1944-1945; Mrs. E. A. Bierbaum, 1948; Mrs. John R. Keith, 1949; Mrs. J. Scott Grant, 1950; Mrs. Ralph Mattheis, 1951; Miss Bonnie Rayburn, 1952; Mrs. Amos Sanford, 1953. The Past Unit Presidents are organized as a Parley to contribute to the welfare of hospitalized ex-service women.

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V. F. W. HALL

HISTORY OF CARROLL P. FOSTER POST V. F. W.

A group of overseas veterans met at the City Hall in Anna on January 10, 1946, for the purpose of organizing a V. F. W. organization. Their first order of business was to name the post, and immediately Carroll P. Foster was selected as the name for the newly organized veterans. Foster was the first Union County veteran killed in World War II and was the only son of Mr. and Mrs. Carroll B. Foster of Anna.

The V. F. W. received their charter on March 14, 1946, with 77 members.

In September of 1946, Fred Chamness donated one acre of ground to the V. F. W. and then loaned the overseas veterans the money to erect their present home. The building was started in November, 1946, and was completed in April, 1947.

The consolidation of the Union County Post No. 3455 of Jonesboro and Carrol P. Foster Post No. 5149 was made in 1948. With the consolidation, the post name, Carroll P.

Foster was retained, and the post number 3455 was taken from the Jonesboro Post.

With the merging of the Anna and Jonesboro post, a new charter accounted for 342 members, the largest in the State and possible in the United States.

A dedication ceremony of the post home was held in 1948 with one of the largest and most colorful parades ever staged in Anna.

1949 was a year of improvements around the post home. A new addition was added and two additional lots were purchased, for future expansion, play-ground facilities and parking area.

Since the beginning of the post in 1946, when only 77 members joined, the Carroll P. Foster has steadily grown to a record total of 450 members in 1954. The V. F. W. prestige has grown with the membership and is now regarded as one of the leading organizations in Union County.

The V. F. W. has contributed to hospitalized veterans, charities and communiy service in the amount of approximately \$20,000, in the immediate area. This was given in true spirit, by the motto of our organization, "Honor the Dead by Helping the Living."

The history of the Carrol P. Foster Post would not be complete without mentioning two outstanding members who have been given Lifetime Membership Cards by the post. Clyde L. Choate, of Anna, was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor for outstanding heroism in France during World War II. George Pengress holds the distinction of being the only blind commander in the history of the V. F. W. Pengress was blinded by a land mine on the Rhine River while fighting with the Engineers during World War II.

Post Commanders of the Carroll P. Foster Post, Veterans of Foreign Wars include: Milas Grisham, Dorris L. Hankla, Harold N. Lingle, Clarence E. Britton, Joe Dillow, Ted Womick, Joe Moschenrose, George Pengress and Albert Lence. The present commander is Gilbert Knupp.

If you are an overseas veteran, we invite you to join the Carroll P. Foster Post. No. 3455, V. F. W.

LADIES AUXILIARY

The following is a copy of the Charter of Ladies Auxiliary :

Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States of America. Be it Known that:

Coretta Adams	Wanda Lee Dale	*Helen Jean
Beulah Alcorn	Fern Davis	Maude Kinder
Ethel Appel	Leona Davis	Agnes Lemons
Anna Aldridge	Ruby Davis	Blanche Linson
Ora Bass	Rua Dillow	Adah Martin
Hulda Bowen	Jean Dirden	Bertha Mathis
Clara Brimm	Agnes Eastman	Afton McCain
*Mary E. Boyd	Ruth Elam	Verna Messamore
Mildred Boyd	Pauline Eubanks	Nora Meyer
Zona Campbell	Leora Ferguson	Rhoda Miller
Isabel Cavender	Helen File	*Wilberta Morrison
Bertha Cealey	Emma Foster	Mary Parker
*Anna Cerney	Lois Foster	Martha Pengress
Alice Chamness	Gussie Freeman	Ruth Robinson
Eva Chamness	Ruth Grisham	Esther Sadler
Irene Chamness	Flora Haire	Margaret Sadler
Pauline Clark	Nellie Hileman	Oma Terpinitz
Mabel Clutts	Kate R. Hill	Minnie Treece
Mary Clutts	Kathleen A. Hoss	Ina Winn
Mary Dale	Viola Hoss	Anna Yerkes
		*Now deceased

being the mothers, wives, sisters and daughters of the men of the United States Army, Navy or Marine Corps whose service created eligibles for the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States and women members of the Armed Forces of the United States who are American citizens and who have had Foreign Service in time of war are hereby authorized to organize and are constituted an Auxiliary to be known as

Carroll P. Foster Auxiliary of Post 3455
to be stationed at Anna, Illinois

In witness where we have hereunto set our hands and seal this 14th day of June, 1936.

Anna and Jonesboro Consolidated Sept. 15, 1948.

Grace H. Davis,
National Secretary

Gladys Mooney,
National President.

Carroll P. Foster Auxiliary of Post 5149 was first organized April 20, 1946, with Miss Louella Fraser of Carbondale, President of Southern Illinois district, as installing officer. Virginia Quinn was installed as president. In September Mrs. Quinn moved from Anna, and Mrs. Beulah Alcorn, the Senior Vice was made president. In 1947 the late Anna Cerney was elected president. Early in her term as president Anna resigned because of ill health and Bertha Mathis, senior vice president, acted as president for the remainder of the term.

The Jonesboro Auxiliary received a charter June 14, 1936, and then consolidated with Anna Auxiliary on September 15, 1948.

After consolidating, the Carroll P. Foster Auxiliary of Post 3455 took up residence at the new V. F. W. home north of Anna. Wanda Lee Dale was elected as president for the first year. In 1949, Fern Davis was elected president. Anna Yerkes was next elected to serve in 1950. Helen Garner served as president in 1951. Evelyn Moschenrose was elected president in 1952, and when she moved from Anna, Geneva Wilson took over the duties of president. Martha Pengress was elected president for the year 1953, and served till April 6, 1954, when Esther Sadler was installed as president to serve in 1954.

Each year the Auxiliary does an average of \$1,000.00 in work for the Veterans of the Anna State Hospital. This work consists of parties given for the veterans with entertainment, refreshments and gifts. Another yearly project is the refreshment stand at the Anna Fair. This year the Auxiliary sponsored an essay contest among the five high schools of the area with cash prizes awarded to three winners.

Other than these yearly projects, the Auxiliary is always ready with a helping hand for any community sponsored project. One of the greatest aims of the Auxiliary is full co-operation with all civic organizations with the ultimate goal, a bigger and better community giving the best advantages available to its citizens.

UNION COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT

The Union County Soil Conservation District was organized by local farmers in 1947. The State of Illinois Certificate of Organization was issued July 1, 1947.

The district, a local organization, is governed by a board of directors consisting of five men, all landowners within the district. The first board to serve the district included: Dan R. Davie, M. D. Bottom, Ellis Penrod, P. D. Dillow, Ralph Spring.

The present directors are: I. D. Hogue, Robert Nicolaides, Adolphus Dillow, Elbert Miller, Tim Stokes.

The purpose of the district is to assist farmers to develop good land use programs on their farms and to put into effect needed conservation practices. Soil Survey maps are the basis for helping determine conservation needs on each individual farm. The district directors have developed a program and work plan outlining conservation needs and ways of assisting cooperating farmers in accomplishing the work. Cooperation with the district is voluntary. To get the assistance available, farmers need only to make application to the district board.

In order to have specialized assistance to aid local farmers to "Farm the Conservation Way," the directors requested the Soil Conservation Service of the U. S. D. A. to provide technicians, especially trained in soil conservation work, to aid them with their program. Cooperating in this request, the SCS has assigned the following technicians to aid the district: Fred B. Alcorn, Soil Conservationist; Ray H. Houseman, Conservation Aid; Bill Bullock, Conservation Aid.

Anna is also the location of an Area Office which provides supervision of Soil Conservation Service operations in connection with nine soil conservation districts, covering eleven counties in the southern part of Illinois. The Area staff consists of: George E. Fager, Area Conservationist; George O. Walker, Soil Scientist; Robert L. Smith, Field Engineer; Ervin E. Rogers, Engineering Aid; Sybl A. Thompson, Clerk-Typist; Velma R. Beisswingert, Clerk-Typist.

UNITED STATES POST OFFICE Anna, Illinois

The Anna Post Office was established in 1855 through the efforts of D. L. Phillips, who was appointed the first postmaster. Postmasters chronologically following Mr. Phillips are John B. Jones, Rev. John McConnell, Nathan Dresser, Mrs. Nathan Dresser, Thomas H. Phillips, John B. Miller, H. F. Bussey, P. C. Willoughby, Andrew J. Pickrell, Thomas W. Medlin, Mrs. Thomas W. Medlin, Charles A. Jean, L. B. Tut-hill, Mrs. Sybil Walton, Raleigh C. Gurley and J. Frank Keistler, Sr.

Prior to the completion of the Federal Post Office Building at 201 North Main Street and occupancy on July 31, 1937, the office at various times was located on South Main, East Davie, and West Davie Streets.

Anna was without delivery service for 61 years after the establishment of the post office. It was not until October 1, 1916, that city delivery service was started, with Paul R. Green and Roy C. Parker as the first city carriers. Parcel post delivery was begun in August, 1923, by push-cart with Floyd L. (Rocky) Davis as the first parcel post carrier. At one time there were four rural routes with the carriers traveling 20 to 25 miles by horse and buggy; but now two carriers serve the rural area on much longer all-weather routes by automobiles.

The office has been first-class since July 1, 1946, with the exception of the fiscal year 1948, and for the last few years receipts from stamp sales have been between \$55,000 and \$65,000.

PRESENT PERSONNEL

J. Frank Keistler, Sr., Acting Postmaster

Kendall L. Willis, Assistant Postmaster

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ANNA CITY HOSPITAL

The Anna City Hospital, completed and placed in operation March 1, 1951, is a modern 70-bed hospital, of fireproof construction and functional design, furnished with the latest equipment for the care and treatment of all types of illnesses and injuries. Its surgeries, delivery room facilities, laboratory and X-ray equipment are outstanding. A 19-bassinet nursery is provided. Hospital services include complete diagnostic service, with BMR and EKG laboratory tests; surgery; medical service; obstetrics and nursery; contagion; neuro-psychiatry; and therapeutic obstetrics. The hospital staff, averaging about 50 employees, provides highly trained specialists as heads of the various departments. The medical staff embraces 11 active staff physicians, four courtesy staff members, and approximately 20 consulting staff specialists drawn from the surrounding territory.

During its first year of operation, the hospital admitted 1,328 adult and child patients and 339 new-born babies, a total of 1,667 admissions. Its 1,000th baby was born to Mrs. Bruce McFadden on November 1, 1953.

HOSPITAL PERSONNEL

Board of Trustees:

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Medical Staff:

Berry Rife, M.D. Chief of Staff

Historical Sketch By

JOHN H. LIGON

Member First Hospital Board

Since the beginning of time, all life on Earth has been ruled by the laws of nature, and violation of this law has been punished accordingly. Man has tried many ways to establish himself above these laws, but failed. As far back as history goes, there has been need of help to ease the penalty for violations, so we find mention of Doctors down through the ages. Much knowledge has resulted from many centuries of study and experiments in surgery, medicine, and nursing care to help nature bring the sick and injured back to health.

Dr. James I. Hale was an M.D. in Anna as far back as my memory goes. He was a man of good judgment and realized that proper care of a patient was very important in treating

disease. He also knew that very few homes were equipped to give the kind of care needed, so he built the Hale Sanatorium on S. Main Street in Anna a little more than 50 years ago. It was operated by him for several years, and later on was sold to the City of Anna by Dr. E. V. Hale, son of the founder, at a very low price, with the understanding that it should be used as a hospital and operated by the city of Anna. Funds were provided by the C. M. Willard estate were used in the establishment of the hospital. In honor of Dr. J. I. Hale and Charles M. Willard, it was named the Hale-Willard Hospital. It was operated by a board of three members, appointed by the Mayor and approved by the City Council. Due to limited finances it had to be very careful in making obligations for equipment much needed to keep up with standards set up by the state board, which rules over all public hospitals.

A. Ney Sessions, a man much interested in his home town's welfare, served many years on the local school board and was very active in the establishment of the Anna-Jonesboro Community High School. Mr. Sessions believed a community needed good schools, good churches, and a good hospital to be a good place to live. In order to help provide the good hospital, he provided in his will for most of his estate to go to the city for a start toward a new hospital. The provision was that the city assume the management of the property, and when the value should equal \$100,000.00, the real estate was to be sold and the proceeds used to start a hospital, to be known as the Anna City Hospital. The will provided that if the city did not carry out the provisions of the will, then the bequest should go to the school district. The city officials accepted the offer, and after selling the property realized approximately \$180,000. Under the Hill-Burton Act, the Federal Government and the State each agreed to contribute an amount equal to what the city would raise. So the City Council (Ben Green, Mayor, John Woods, Robert Choate, Floyd Gray and Frank Keistler) qualified under this act and held two elections for bond issues totaling \$240,000. Both bond issues carried, giving the city an available amount of \$420,000. With the Federal and State funds, a total \$1,200,000 was provided with which to build and equip the hospital. In 1950, the City Council appointed a board of five members—George H. Ripetoe, G. R. Corlis, George A. Hill, Kendall Willis and John H.

Ligon who were in charge of equipping and opening the new Anna City Hospital at 517 N. Main Street. The hospital was opened on March 1, 1951. The building was designed by Charles Spencer, a St. Louis architect. Supervising the new hospital's final construction details and selection of equipment was Mr. E. A. Ryberg of Chicago, the first administrator, who suffered a stroke on the opening day of the beautiful building for which he was working so diligently, and passed away within a few days.

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HISTORY ANNA STATE HOSPITAL

R. C. STECK, M.D., Superintendent

Anna State is a modern, well-equipped, psychiatric hospital dedicated to the care and treatment of the mentally ill citizens of the twenty-five southern counties of the State. It is located about two miles from the center of the City of Anna, and consists of 827 acres of land, with 96 buildings. Its 600 employees are paid approximately \$136,000 per month and this, together with what is spent for commodities necessary to the operation of a 2,400 patient hospital, makes a sizable contribution to the well-being of the area.

In 1869, the Legislature passed an act approving the construction of an: "Asylum for the Insane in Southern Illinois" and authorized a Board, headed by Lieutenant Governor John Dougherty of Jonesboro, to determine the site. In 1879, the Legislature appropriated \$125,000 for the land and buildings. The City of Anna voted \$6,885 toward the project. The original tract of land contained 290 acres.

Dr. R. H. Dewey was selected as the first Superintendent. The initial group of patients were received in December, 1873, in the first structure erected, the North Wing of the Main Building.

The Centre Building was occupied in 1875, and the South Wing in 1877. In 1881, a fire consumed the North Wing with the loss of one life. This wing was rebuilt and re-occupied in 1882. In 1895, a disastrous fire destroyed the Centre Building and the North Wing; however, no lives were lost. These buildings were restored in 1895 and 1896, and are in use today.

In 1874, there were fifty patients — 30 men and 20 women — representing 28 counties. Employees were paid \$27 per month, and were expected to sleep on the wards. There were no eight-hour shifts. Contracts were awarded in 1879 for meat: beef 5½ to 6½ cents per pound; pork 3 cents; and mutton 3½ cents per pound. Telephone service was installed in 1880 and electric lights in 1886.

An early problem faced by the Hospital was an adequate and safe supply of water. In 1879, connection was made with a "big spring" about 1 1/3 miles southeast of the building. A severe drought in 1887 required the sinking of an artesian well. Drought conditions in 1953-54 have recently necessitated another deep well near Dug Hill in the Mississippi basin to assure an adequate supply of water.

Transportation is not as great a problem now as in the past. Early social workers frequently had to spend two days on a trip to visit a patient's family only 22 miles from Anna. In 1881, trustee W. B. Bruner resigned because of the difficulties in getting to Anna. He usually made the trip by boat to Cairo and then by train to Anna, but that year the Ohio River was frozen and he telegraphed, "No boats running, therefore, I cannot come."

The Annex Building, recently renamed Hamilton Hall in honor of Dr. Angelina Hamilton, who devoted 39 years of her life to the patients of the Hospital, was built in 1890. Women's Cottage was built in 1894, and Male Cottage in 1899. In 1914, Dewey Building, which was known as Male Infirmary, was dedicated. The Nurses' Home, (now Employees' Building B), was built in 1920.

In 1923, the population was 1,174 patients and 300 employees. The institution consisted of a total of 35 buildings. Physicians and nurses were hard to obtain, but then, (as now), other help was plentiful. The fact that the patient population was increasing rapidly was because many counties were abandoning their alms houses and transferring their charges to state hospitals.

In 1933, five brick cottages for staff members were added. An expanded Hospital building program was begun in 1937, with the aid of federal funds. The Acute Hospital building was completely rebuilt and enlarged. Athon and Lence Cottages for infirm patients were built. Employees Building A and Goodner Hall — a large recreation building — were added in 1936-37. In 1940 the Tuberculosis Hospital was occupied.

In January, 1937, Anna State Hospital stepped forward to help care for flood refugees. The Hospital served an aver-

age of 1200 meals per day to the refugees for about a week, until United States Army units arrived.

As new techniques for the rehabilitation of mentally ill patients have been developed, they have been instituted at Anna State Hospital, some at an early date, some only recently. Occupational therapy activities — arts and crafts, weaving, woodworking, and the like — were begun early and still are used to help a large number of patients. Recreational activities were presented for many years as entertainment for patients, but only recently have been accentuated to the point where they are an important factor in the treatment program.

Two very scenic outdoor recreation areas for patients have been developed; the Starlight Bowl; and a large picnic area west of Jonesboro at Wilson Spring.

Industrial activities have been used to help patients for years, but only during recent times have they been planned and organized to the point where the improvement of the patient through his work assignment is a major hospital goal.

Developments in recent years have generally been in the direction of: (1) addition of more professionally trained personnel, (2) extensive rehabilitation of existing buildings and construction of new ones, (3) expanded training programs for personnel, and (4) inauguration of new services for the people in the region.

The Hospital now has the services of two registered, graduate dietitians who are responsible for ordering, preparing, and serving approximately 8,000 meals every day. They supervise the work of 50 employees. Patients' Cafeteria No. 1 was opened in 1936 and was recently redecorated and soon will have all new furniture. Patients' Cafeteria No. 2 and the new Employees' Cafeteria, both completely modern units, were opened this past Spring. The job of completely renovating the central kitchen, which is located at the rear of the main building, will soon be completed. All dietary employees are trained in sanitation and proper food handling.

A major step in recent years has been the elimination of

two separate menus for patients and employees. Now, the same basic food items are prepared together, although individual items like salads and desserts may be different. By cooking in larger quantities much time is saved and less food is wasted.

The Nursing program of the Hospital has been completely reorganized. Ward Attendants who show promise are given advanced psychiatric aide training and promoted to more responsible positions. The number of trained Hydrotherapists has been doubled within the past two years, resulting in a large increase in the use of this form of therapy for the patients. The Registered Nurses have been relieved of much routine and clerical work, and five new Nurses have been added, altogether making quite a significant contribution to better nursing care of the patients.

For many years Anna State Hospital had a training school for Nurses, but it was discontinued in 1936. Plans are now underway to establish an associate school of nursing at the Hospital.

The medical staff of the Hospital has been doubled within the past three years. The consultant staff has been greatly expanded. As a result of the increased use of physical therapy, insulin and electro-convulsive treatments, and other newer modes of treating mental illnesses, a larger number of patients go home as "improved" or as "recovered."

Individual testing and counseling, psychotherapy, and other psychological services are now available to the patients. One complete ward is now being used as the site for sessions in group psychotherapy. In 1951, an Intern program in Psychology was arranged in cooperation with Southern Illinois University.

Recent major changes in the physical plant include: Veterans' Building completed in 1950; four new ward buildings at the side of the Main Building occupied in 1950 and 1952; new fire station in 1952; and four duplex apartments for staff members and their families occupied in 1953. Extensive rehabilitation has been completed in the Bakery, Cold Storage, Butcher Shop, Hamilton Hall (Annex), and Women's Cottage.

The institution employs tradesmen of almost every description, in order to have all maintenance needs cared for properly and promptly.

Attention has been given recently to improvement of the clinic facilities offered in the Southern Illinois region by the Hospital. Additional professionally trained social service workers have helped make this possible. Steps are being taken to expand the mental health clinic facilities so that persons in need of counseling or other assistance can be referred to a central clinic. Oftentimes if a person is seen early, the period of later hospitalization can be avoided or shortened. Such a facility is now open at Carbondale on a limited basis.

A chaplaincy program has been instituted to provide full-time counseling and other religious services for patients.

Efforts to interest the general public in what is being done for patients at the hospital have been launched on a large scale. Many women's clubs and other groups in the area "sponsor" wards to which they bring gifts, parties, and other favors, thereby contributing to the recovery of the patients and also learning much about the Hospital and its work. Many volunteer workers come regularly. Many groups of visitors are shown through the institution during the year. Open House of all facilities is held for the public each May, but visitors are welcome at any time.



ANNA STATE HOSPITAL

Throughout the years your State Hospital has worked toward improving the care and treatment given the mentally ill of this region. With proper public support, we can reasonably expect to see the following developments come to pass in the next few years:

Better facilities for patient care.
 More and better-trained professional staff.
 A more dynamic attack on the problem of emotional ill health in the whole region, with special emphasis on prevention.

DENTISTS OF ANNA-JONESBORO

	School	Started Practice in Anna	Deceased
1. Dr. Andrew D. Finch		1867	1904
2. Dr. George Finch		1898	1901
3. Dr. C. H. Shafer		1881	1921
4. Dr. Frank Willard		1891	1936
5. Dr. Thomas Perrine		1899	1942
6. Dr. C. R. Walser	Louisville University	1898	1946
7. Dr. T. J. Brentlinger		1895 Jonesboro	
8. Dr. W. H. Lence	Washington University	1905	" 1953
9. Dr. H. B. Shafer	University of Illinois	1910	
10. Dr. E. C. Kimbro	Washington University	1915	1946
11. Dr. Robert Hunsaker	Washington University	1916	
12. Dr. K. K. Kelley	Barnes Dental College	1923	
13. Dr. O. E. Johnson	Washington University	1924	
14. Dr. John R. Keith	Washington University	1934	
15. Dr. Robert Lence		1943	
16. Dr. H. R. Casper	St. Louis University	1947	
17. Dr. Hiley Davis	St. Louis University	1953 Jonesboro	

Of the seventeen dentists practicing their profession in Anna-Jonesboro, Dr. Andrew D. Finch was the first to locate in Anna. Dr. Hiley Davis located in Jonesboro 1953. Dr. H. R. Casper spent three and a half years in the navy, his rank being Lieutenant Commander. Dr. Robert Hunsaker served several years as a First Lieutenant and Dr. John Keith served four years and was a captain in the Air Corps. Dr. E. C. Kimbro was a Captain in the army.

Submitted by Anna-Jonesboro Dentists.

100 YEARS OF MEDICINE

In 1854 the practice of medicine in Union County demanded a combination of courage, stamina, and knowledge which might well have discouraged any practitioner. The distances which separated a doctor from his patients often meant long rides on horseback over half-wild country with creek beds as highways. Saddlebags slung across the doctor's horse were the only drug stores. Often the pay was chickens, canned vegetables, cords of wood or quilt tops.

Yet doctors' came to Anna, and many of their sons joined them in practice. Such father-and-son relationships included Ford L. Dodds, Sr., and his son, Sam; James Hale and his sons Vincent and John; William M. Eddleman and his son, William Ralph; Leander Keith and his son, Roy; and James C. Stewart and his son, Don.

In 1870 the State of Illinois constructed the first of many buildings at Anna as a hospital for the insane. As this institution grew, the doctors who came to work there made their homes in Anna.

To represent this area in the national organization of their profession, the doctors in 1875 formed the Southern Illinois Medical Association. The first meeting was held in Dr. James Hale's office on Main Street in Anna.

Need for a local hospital led Dr. James Hale to build the Hale Sanitorium in 1901. The thirty bed sanitorium was purchased by the City of Anna in 1925 and re-named the Hale-Willard Memorial Hospital. There were fourteen doctors on the Staff, and a two year nursing course was offered under the direction of Sara E. Allen, R.N. The old building was torn down in 1952 to make room for an addition to the high school.

The Anna City Hospital was completed in 1952, and opened with eighteen doctors on the Staff. It is a seventy bed hospital, with nineteen bassinets to accommodate the youngest patients.

THE PIONEERS—1854-1880

Among the first doctors to practice in Anna were Sidney

S. Condon, Van Harwood, and James I. Hale. These three men did much to aid others in the study of medicine and pharmacy.

Sidney Condon was a resident of Union County long before Anna was platted. In 1841 he served as county clerk at Jonesboro. In the Mexican War, he went with the other Union County men to Mexico in Company F, 2nd Regiment of Illinois Riflemen, serving as first lieutenant from 1846 to 1848. He practiced medicine primarily in Anna, refusing to ride in a buggy or wagon but making all his calls, both business and professional, upon horseback. He encouraged James I. Hale to study medicine, and gave him the benefit of his library and experience after the younger man's return from the Civil War. He also encouraged his namesake, Sidney Condon Martin, in his struggles to become a doctor.

Luther Kitchell Parks was born in 1819 on a farm near Lawrenceburg, Indiana. He made several trips from his father's farm to New Orleans, flatboating farm produce and earning twelve dollars a trip. After seeing the effects of the great cholera epidemic of New Orleans in 1832-1833, he determined to study medicine and read with Dr. N. H. Torbet for three years. He attended St. Louis Medical College, and graduated from that institution. He did a post graduate course in Philadelphia, and later took a special course in St. Louis to learn tooth extraction. He married Amira Clay, a cousin of Henry Clay, in Missouri, and came on one of her father's steamboats to Willard Landing in 1846. He was practicing medicine in Union County when Anna became a town; he spent twenty-five years as a doctor in Anna. Both he and his wife were active members of the Presbyterian Church. For a time he lived in Dr. Condon's house on South Street. In his diary he records many trials of a pioneer doctor, the greatest of which was a lack of ready cash. In July, 1868, he wrote, "Cash receipts for practice amount to just 2 bits today." Three of his sons became pharmacists, operating Parks' Drug Store. His grandson, George Edwin Parks, is the third generation of the family to serve Anna and the medical profession in this eighty-two year old firm.

David Allison Parker was born in 1820 in North Carolina. He attended medical school in Nashville, Tennessee,

and began practice in Anna about 1856. He continued to practice in Anna until his death in 1898; his son-in-law, Leander Keith, joined him in Anna during his last two years.

Van Harwood practiced in Anna in the 1850's. He married Flora Whiteman, whose sister was married to Dr. Stocking of the State Hospital Staff. He not only practiced medicine but also operated a drug store in a frame building near the present site of Wiley's Book Store. The Parks boys studied pharmacy under him. He was active in the Presbyterian Church.

Ford L. Dodds, Sr., practiced in Anna as a doctor and pharmacist. During the Civil War he treated the soldiers who camped on Lincoln Street, much to the delight of his small son, Sam, who attempted to ride every troop train to the big Army camp at Cairo. C. K. Parks studied pharmacy with Dr. Dodds, and bought half interest in his drug store in 1873. Dr. Dodds sold his remaining interest in the store to the Parks family in 1877.

James I. Hale was born in a log cabin on Miller's farm in 1844. He was a farm apprentice at the age of six, receiving a common school education. He served as an Army orderly during the Civil War, and was wounded at the Battle of Vicksburg. After his discharge he determined to study medicine. A short term of college work at Carbondale was augmented by study with Dr. Sidney Condon. In 1868 he attended Chicago Medical College and returned there in 1874 to complete his medical work. He was a partner of Dr. Sidney Condon Martin from 1885 to 1910. Dr. Hale was the first president of the Southern Illinois Medical Association, the founder of Hale Sanitorium, and the father of two sons who became doctors. Dr. John Hale practiced in Hurstbush; Dr. Vincent Hale was taken into partnership with his father and Dr. Martin.

Other doctors who practiced in Anna in its earliest days were Wallace E. Sabin, Thomas J. Rich, Francis William Willard, Almon K. Ives, Simon P. Ives, and John W. Parmely.

1880-1910

After the Civil War a larger group of young men went into the practice of medicine in Union County. Many of

them were from Anna. These men not only practiced medicine, but took an active part in the economic and political life of the community.



Dr. Wm. Eddleman



Dr. W. R. Eddleman

William M. Eddleman, a son of Eli and Mary Eddleman, was born in 1858 near Dongola. After attending Union School he entered Ewing College, and then in 1878 went to Indiana Normal School at Valparaiso, graduating in 1880. After pre-medical work at the Kentucky School of Medicine and the Hospital College at Louisville, he graduated from the University of Tennessee in 1882. He moved to Anna, where he practiced medicine from 1882 to 1925. He was elected mayor of Anna four times, and each term gave the city a splendid business administration. He also served as Health Officer, was county coroner for one term, and was active in the Southern Illinois Fair Association, being president at one time.

Sidney Condon Martin was born in 1851 on a farm east of Anna. He was the eldest son of Samuel and Matilda McElhaney Martin; his parents were from two of the first families to settle in Union County. He was named for Dr. Sidney Condon. Refusing to become a farmer as his father wished, he worked at the Anna State Hospital and later taught at the Nimmo School for a number of years in order to finance the years of study necessary to become a doctor. He was

a graduate of Chicago Medical College, Northwestern University (1884). He returned to Anna to practice, and became a partner of Dr. James I. Hale. He was extremely interested in education and served as a member of the school board for many years. For a time he was president of the First National Bank; he was also president of the Union County Lumber Company. He was a member of the Presbyterian Church and of the Masonic Order. In 1898 he bought the home of Dr. R. E. Farris, residing there with his wife, Minna Boettner Martin, until his death in 1928. His daughter and granddaughter now live there.

Samuel Dodds, the son of Dr. Ford Dodds, was born and reared in Anna. He graduated from Union Academy and took his pre-medical work at Rutgers. He was a graduate of Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, in 1880. He practiced in Anna, and there married Ella Backus Wemple in 1900. They had three children. He was made assistant superintendent at the State Hospital in Anna, and later worked in several similar institutions. He specialized in tuberculosis cases. He died in 1928.

Dr. R. E. Farris moved to Anna from St. Louis in 1890. He built a large home at 301 W. High Street, with a specially built speaking tube so that patients might call from the front porch to his bedroom without disturbing the rest of the household. He moved to New Mexico, where he died.

David Watson Gear was born just south of Jonesboro in 1862, the son of Jacob and Rebecca Gear. After a high school education in the public schools of Union County, he attended Missouri Medical College, St. Louis, graduating in 1890. He practiced in Anna and Jonesboro for thirty-three years. He married Ethel Robinson of Anna; they had four children, Norma, Jean, Jay and Joe. For sixteen years he served as county coroner. Dr. Gear was very fond of music and played in the deservedly noted Gear family band.

Frank A. Sambin was born in 1835 in Berkshire County, Mass., the son of Dr. Millen Sabin. He was a graduate of the College of Physicians and Surgeons, New York City, in 1860. He came to Anna in 1892, after years of service as an Army doctor. He bought the home in which Dr. Condon and Dr. Parks had lived.

Leander Keith was born in Union County in 1865. After attending country school and graduating from the Anna Academy, he taught various schools in Union County for ten years. He attended the Hospital College of Medicine at Louisville, Kentucky, graduating in 1896. He returned to Anna to begin medical practice in 1896 and continued for thirty-eight years, until his death in 1934. He was the father of three children, Roy Keith, M.D.; John R. Keith, D.D.S.; and May Keith Galloway, R.N., of St. Louis.

Esculapius Vincent Hale was born on a farm near Saratoga, the son of Dr. James I. Hale. He attended Union Academy in Anna and then took his medical training at Beaumont Medical School, St. Louis University. He did post-graduate work at New York University. He returned to Anna in 1897 to become a partner with his father and Dr. Martin. He helped build and run Hale Sanitorium, remaining on its staff throughout his life. He had one son, Norbert, who is connected with Burroughs-Wellcome Drug Company. Dr. Hale was very active in the Presbyterian Church, serving as treasurer for fifty years. He died in 1950.

James C. Stewart was born in 1876, the son of T. B. and Sarah Stewart. He graduated from high school and attended S.I.N.U., later teaching school for a short time. He graduated from Medical school in 1893, and was married to Ada Pearl May. They had one daughter and three sons, all of whom died by the age of ten, except one son, Don. Dr. Stewart began practicing medicine in Goreville in 1894. A year and a half later he became ill and lived with his parents in Carbondale until 1897. He then began to practice in Anna, having his office over Park's Drug Store. He was local surgeon for the Illinois Central Railroad. During the administration of Governor Emerson, Dr. Stewart was managing officer at the Alton State Hospital. He was a member of the American Medical Association, the Illinois Medical Society and the Union County Medical Society. He was also active in the Moose Lodge, the Masonic Order and Shrine. After returning from Alton, he re-entered practice with his son, Dr. Don Stewart, using his original office until his death in 1938.

1910-1925

During this period **The Democrat** ran a series of articles

by the Union County Medical Society concerning the advances of medical science, mentioning the recent discoveries concerning malaria, smallpox, diphtheria, and scarlet fever. Emphasis on public health, vaccinations, pre-natal care, and the developing of specialists in particular fields of medicine brought doctors into public notice.

Leon J. May was born in 1876. After finishing college he taught in grade schools in Indiana and later in high school in Terre Haute. He entered the Kentucky School of Medicine, graduating after his internship. He located in Cobden, where he practiced for three years. He married Stella May Stout in 1908; they had one son, Robert Leon May, who is a dentist in Peoria. Dr. May did eight months of post-graduate work in Chicago, and then moved to Anna in 1911, where he spent thirty years in general practice. In 1941 he was appointed by Governor Dwight Green as managing officer of the Anna State Hospital; he died in office in 1944.



Dr. Norris

Samuel B. Norris was born in 1882 in Anna, the son of James and Emily Norris and the great grandson of Winstead and Anna Davie. He attended the public schools, graduating in 1904. He later graduated from the University of Illinois Medical School, where he became a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon. He married Gwendolyn Beaubien; they had one son, James Edward Norris, who was killed in a Marine plane crash in 1931. Dr. Norris moved to McClure, Illinois, for his first five years of practice. He practiced in Anna from 1913 to 1916. In 1916 he went to Tuscon, Arizona, where he was on the staff of a tuberculosis sanitarium, St. Luke's-in-the-Desert. He died in Tuscon in 1930.

William John Benner was born on a farm near Bunker Hill, Illinois. After a public school education, he took his pre-medical training at Shurtleff College. He graduated from Washington University, St. Louis, in 1903. He interned at Missouri Baptist Hospital, where he met and married Etta Peeler, R. N. They had three sons and three daughters. Dr. Benner worked in Willow Lake, South Dakota, and was the only doctor in the county until 1917. He was an officer in World War I, and came to Anna to practice in 1919. He died as a result of X-ray burns in 1941.

Curtis A. Hunsaker was born in 1887 in Union County. After a public school education he attended St. Louis Medical School and the University of Illinois, where he graduated in 1908. He worked for many years as a doctor on Indian reservations, coming to Anna in 1923. He was coroner for eight years. He moved to Danville, Illinois, to work at the Veterans' Hospital.

Charles D. Nobles was born in a log cabin in Johnson County in 1880. His grandfather, John B. Nobles, lived in Anna during its earliest days; his father, William, was born in Anna, but moved as a child to a farm in Johnson County. After a rural school education, Charles attended Vienna High School. From 1901 to 1905 he was a student at the College of Physicians and Surgeons in St. Louis. After graduation he returned to practice for seventeen and a half years in Vienna and Buncombe. In 1905 he married Hattie Milborn of Mt. Vernon. He became a member of the staff of the Anna State Hospital in 1923, and for twenty-eight years served in this capacity. He was assistant superintendent for ten years and superintendent for six years. He has one son, Arthur, a social studies teacher in Calumet High School, Michigan. He has two granddaughters and one great-granddaughter. Now enjoying so-called retirement, Dr. Nobles is active in the Union County Medical Association, the Illinois Medical Society, the American Medical Association, and the American Psychiatric Association. He is a member of the Presbyterian Church, the Masonic Order, and the Shrine.

Glen J. Tygett was born five miles east of Cobden in 1897, and attended Anna High School. After his graduation in 1917 he went to the University of Illinois Medical School,

graduating in 1924. He practiced in Anna from 1924 to 1926. After special work in Chicago, he did post-graduate work in opthamology at the University of Vienna, Austria. He is now practicing in Cape Girardeau, Missouri. His two sons, Joe and Tom, are studying medicine.

William Ralph Eddleman was the son of Dr. William and Dora Eddleman, and was born in 1888 in Anna. He attended the city schools in Anna, entered medical school in Nashville, Tennessee, and was graduated in 1911. After graduation he practiced medicine in Tennessee. In 1917 he became a Government surgeon, working four years at the Rosebud, South Dakota, Indian Reservation. In 1925, following the death of his father, he returned to Anna and took over his father's office, where he practiced until his death in 1934.

1925-1954

The decades after 1925 saw a great increase in the population of Anna and of Union County. In proportion, the number of doctors has grown smaller, so that there has been little time for the types of activities enjoyed by the doctors of the past. The pressure of work can be lightened only by the coming of more young doctors into Anna to practice.

Roy Keith was born in Anna in 1896. After attending the Anna city schools, he took a B. S. degree at Northwestern University in 1918 and an M. D. degree at the Northwestern University Medical School in 1924. He joined Phi Chi medical fraternity. In 1921 he married Hazel Reed of St. Louis, a medical technician; they have one daughter, Helen Keith Metheny. Dr. Keith interned at Missouri Baptist Sanitarium (1923), St. Louis Childrens' Hospital (1924-1925), and St. Louis Maternity Hospital (1925-1926.) He began practice in Anna in 1927. He is a member of the American Medical Association; the American Trudeau Society; the Illinois Medical Society; and the Union County Medical Society, having at one time been president. Dr. Roy Keith, his father, Dr. L. D. Keith, and his maternal grandfather, Dr. D. A. Parker, have practiced medicine in Anna and Union County continuously for the past ninety-eight years.

Don B. Stewart was born in Goreville, Illinois, in 1896. His family moved to Anna when he was only a year old. He

attended the Anna city schools and graduated from Union Academy in 1912. He enrolled at Northwestern University, joining Sigma Nu fraternity; and in 1919 he graduated from Northwestern University Medical School in Chicago with B. S. and M. D. degrees. He interned at the Illinois Central Railroad Hospital in Chicago in 1919, becoming resident physician there from 1921 to 1923. In 1923 he moved to Ziegler, Illinois, where he ran the Bell and Zoller Hospital. He did post-graduate work at Tulane University in 1925. In 1926 he married Helen Perry of Mt. Vernon. After a three month post-graduate course in surgery at the Post Graduate Hospital in Chicago, he came to Anna to go into partnership with his father. He has been in practice in Anna for twenty-seven years, with exception of five months in 1950 due to a gastrectomy. He has two daughters. Dr. Stewart is a member of the American Medical Association; the Southern Illinois and Union County Medical Societies; the Academy of General Practitioners; and the Railroad Surgeons Association. He has been local surgeon for the Illinois Central Railroad since 1923. He is a member of the Elks, the Masonic Lodge, and American Legion Post No. 344. He is a member of the Presbyterian Church, serving as a trustee. He has been consultant surgeon at the Anna State Hospital since 1944 and has served as president of the Union County Medical Society. He was President of the Staff of the Anna City Hospital during its first year.

Harry Phillips, who was born in Michigan, graduated from the Chicago Medical College in 1930. He interned at St. Luke's, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. He came to the Anna State Hospital Staff in 1931; he left the staff to establish a general practice in Anna in 1937. He married Melba Magidson of St. Louis in 1937, and they have three children. In 1952 he relocated in East St. Louis.

Berry Valney Rife was born in 1897 at Villa Ridge, Illinois. He was the eldest son of Dr. William C. and Lilly Royall Rife. His father and maternal grandfather practiced medicine in Pulaski County; his mother was a registered pharmacist. After graduating from Mounds Township High School, he attended S. I. N. U. at Carbondale, leaving his schooling to enlist in the U. S. Army in 1918. Following his

discharge he attended Southeast Missouri State Teachers College at Cape Girardeau. He took his medical training at the St. Louis University School of Medicine, graduating in 1927. He is a member of Phi Rho Sigma medical fraternity. He interned at Missouri Baptist Hospital in 1927-1928. He married Charlotte L. Ledden of St. Louis in 1927 and has three sons, Berry, Charles, and James. He practiced medicine in Mounds, Illinois, for seven years and in San Mateo, California, for one year. He came to Anna to establish a general practice in 1937. He is a member of the Staff of the Anna City Hospital and is President of the Staff for 1954. He served on the Anna-Jonesboro Community High School Board of Education for twelve years, and was president of the board for four years. He is a member of the Presbyterian Church, and is a trustee. He belongs to the Masonic Lodge, the Elks Lodge, the American Legion, and the Anna Chamber of Commerce.

Walter A. Schroeder was born in Pinckneyville, Illinois, in 1911, attending grade and high school in that City. He graduated from the University of Illinois in 1938 with a B. S. in Education and from the University of Illinois College of Medicine with an M. D. degree in 1942. He is a member of Phi Beta Pi medical fraternity. He interned at the U. S. Naval Hospital in Quantico, Va., and spent four years in the Medical Corps of the Navy during World War II (1942-1946.) He saw overseas duty and action as a battalion surgeon with the Fifth Marine Division in the South Pacific, and was awarded the Presidential Citation Ribbon for being a member of the assault force on Iwo Jima. He started the practice of medicine and surgery in Anna in 1947. He is married to the former Jane Osburn, daughter of the late Dr. E. E. Osburn of Broughton, Illinois. He has two children, Emily Jane and Walter A. Schroeder, Jr.

Adrian L. Ashworth was born in West Virginia, and was a graduate of Rush School of Medicine. He interned at Swedish Covenant Hospital in Chicago. He practiced in Cobden until World War II, when he entered Army service. He returned to Cobden to live after his discharge, but had his office in Anna, where he practiced until 1954. He is now working in a mental hospital in West Virginia.

Waldo Jerome Houghton graduated in pharmacy and was

registered in 1910. He practiced pharmacy until he entered medical school in 1919. He enlisted in the Army Medical Corps in World War I, returning to medical school and graduating with an M. D. degree in 1925. He opened an office in Chicago, where he continued to practice for twenty-five years. He is married and has a son who is now serving his fourth year in the Navy. He is a member of the Oak Park Presbyterian Church, Chicago. In his own words, Dr. Houghton explained his move from Chicago to Anna in 1951: "After looking over all the towns from Urbana down to Cairo, we picked Anna because of the friendliness of its people, the civic pride shown in their homes, and the scenic beauty of its rolling countryside."

John Ronald Boswell was born on a farm near Mt. Pleasant in 1922, the son of Charles Lester and Jettie Boswell. His father was named for a great uncle, Dr. Charles Boswell of Mounds. John attended the Anna public schools and entered S. I. U. at Carbondale in 1939. He served in the Army Medical Corps from 1941 to 1945. He was a laboratory technician at Walter Reed Hospital, and with the 116th Hospital Division, moving from England to France to Nurnburg, Germany. He returned to S. I. U. to finish an interrupted education, graduating in 1947. He entered the University of Illinois College of Medicine in Chicago in 1947, and graduated in 1951. There he became a member of Alpha Kappa Kappa medical fraternity. He interned at Indianapolis General Hospital (1951-1952). He married Patricia Anna Murrie of Vienna in 1951; they have one daughter, Rebecca Lou. He is a member of the Baptist Church; the American Academy of General Practitioners; The American Medical Association; and the Illinois and Union County medical societies, serving as secretary of the local medical society.

Charles D. Nobles, M. D.
Esther Mary Ayers.

OPTOMETRY IN ANNA

At the time of the passage of the Optometry Law in Illinois, 1919, there were three optometrists then practicing.

H. C. Lentz, his son J. Fred Lentz and Thomas J. Glasscock. J. Fred Lentz moved to Texas in 1921.

In January, 1924, Dr. James F. Wahl moved his practice from Abilene, Kansas, to Anna. Dr. Wahl had graduated from Needles Institute of Optometry in Kansas City, Missouri. During his practice in this community, he has had some of Anna's sons return to associate with him. Dr. John C. Lockard graduated from Northern Illinois College of Optometry and joined Dr. Wahl in practice in 1934. He has since moved to North Carolina. Dr. John D. Slightom graduated from Southern College of Optometry in Memphis, Tennessee, was associated with Dr. Wahl for a year and since 1949 has practiced in Harrisburg, Illinois. At present Dr. Don C. West a graduate of Southern College of Optometry in Memphis, Tennessee in 1949 is associated with Dr. Wahl in practice.

Dr. George E. Casper of Anna graduated from Southern College of Optometry in Memphis, Tennessee in 1949. While practicing in Tennessee he served as a faculty member of the college until 1952 when he moved to Anna, where he now practices.

Dr. Jean Jones and Dr. John R. Pickrell also practice in Anna.

At the time of this Centennial, Anna, Illinois is honored in having one of its optometrists, Dr. James F. Wahl serving as President of The American Optometric Association which is the national organization.

In the year of 1895 Chiropractic was founded by Dr. D. D. Palmer at Davenport, Iowa.

Chiropractic is a philosophy, Science, and Art of things natural; A system of adjusting the articulations of the spinal column, by hand only, for the correction of the cause of disease.

Dr. B. J. Palmer, D.C., Ph. C., his Son, developed and furthered Chiropractic by building a college known as the Palmer School of Chiropractic, the fountain head of chiropractic, which is located at the top of Brady Street Hill.

Hundreds of students from all parts of the world are graduated and leave this school to better serve sick and suffering humanity.

Dr. James C. Kincaid, D.C., brought Chiropractic to Anna, Illinois, November 15th, 1921. Setting up office in the Alden building at 307½ South Main Street, at which place he practiced Chiropractic until moving his office to Metropolis, Illinois, about September 1st, 1948. Dr. Kincaid, being a pioneer in Illinois Chiropractic, is honored and respected throughout the profession and will be remembered for years to come for his strict adherence to Chiropractic principles. He is the oldest practicing Chiropractor in this State.

Dr. Donald G. Odum, D.C., after serving in the U. S. Navy and graduating from the Palmer School of Chiropractic and attending the Missouri College of Chiropractic, came to Anna and opened his first office at 105 West Chestnut Street, October 15th, 1948.

Dr. Fred. G. Odum D.C., father of Donald G. Odum, also a graduate of Palmer School joined practice with Donald to form what is known as ODUM & ODUM now located at 501 South Main Street, Anna, Illinois.

DR. CHARLES SHAFER

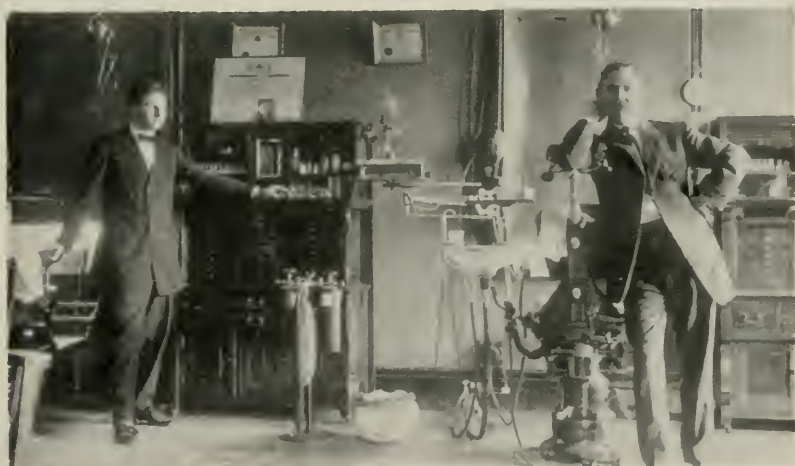
Dr. Charles Shafer was born in Dayton, Ohio, January 28, 1857. He was the youngest of nine children, three of whom were practicing dentists.

Dr. Shafer was married November 16, 1887 to Miss Ellen Jenette Burns of Anna. He is survived by one son, Dr. Harry B. Shafer.

He came to Anna in 1881 and practiced forty years and died in 1921. He was a member of the Presbyterian Church, the Men's Club, Union Club, and served as a director in the Anna Building and Loan Association. Other activities were in the American Dental Association, The Illinois State Society and The Southern Illinois Dental Society.

Dr. Harry B. Shafer was born December 16, 1888, at Anna, Illinois. He graduated from Union Academy in 1906 and received his DDS Degree at the University of Illinois in 1910 in Chicago, Illinois. He practiced with his father for ten years in the Alden Building. In the picture of their office (below) are shown the first Fountain Cuspidors and electric drills installed in Union County.

Dr. Shafer married Dr. Alma Schlosser June 8, 1915. They have one son, Charles H. Shafer of Anna, and one daughter.



DR. CHARLES SHAFER

ter, Mrs. Martha Ann Leifheit of DeKalb, Illinois, and there are five grandchildren.

In 1940 Dr. Wahl and Dr. Shafer built the office on Main Street, and Dr. Shafer is practicing in this location at this time and is in his forty-fourth year.

He served as President of the Rotary Club, the Men's Club, The Southern Illinois Dental Society and Past Master of the Masonic Lodge.

His hobbies are numerous, including fishing, hunting, golf, and for ten years flying. He gave 67 lectures and clinics on children's dentistry in Illinois and neighboring states; and published fourteen articles and gave seven radio talks.

He is a member of the Presbyterian Church, served as a deacon for years and now is a trustee.

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Dr. Harry P. Stout, Veterinarian, was born in Cobden, Illinois May 21, 1892. He attended Water Valley Grade School and Cobden High School, and was graduated from McKillips Veterinary College, Chicago, Illinois, in 1913. He practiced in Cobden for four years, and served in World War I as Lieutenant in Veterinary Corps, assigned to 2nd Division and attached to Marines, served 3 years of which 29 months was spent overseas.

In 1921 I spent one year with Dr. J. DeVine, Goshen, N. Y., taking post graduate course in sterility work. Re-entered government work as Milk Inspector for one year at Rouses Point, N. Y., transferred to Meat Inspection Division, Union Stock Yards, Chicago for 12 years.

In 1939 I came to Anna, entered general practice of Veterinary Medicine with my wife, Matilda Clemens Stout, as my assistant and office manager.

“KRATZINGER HOLLOW”

A familiar spot near Anna is Cave Spring, which is a bountiful underground stream flowing out of a cave, about one and a half miles north of Anna, and three fourths of a mile west of the Illinois Central railroad. In an early history of Alexander, Pulaski and Union counties, an account of the building of the railroad states “water for the engines was obtained from a large spring about a mile and a half north of Anna.” Thus it is reasonable to presume that this spring was used as a source of water from about 1854 until its known discontinuance in 1894.

A pump house, with a large brick chimney, and a tank house covering a cistern-like reservoir, were situated a few yards east of the cave. From here the water was pumped across country to a tank on the right-of-way, opposite what is now the Abernathy place. A second tank was built near the old depot, to which the water flowed by gravity from the first tank. When a plentiful supply of water was obtainable from deep wells in Anna, the pumping station at the spring was abandoned.

Mr. William Kratzinger was the engineer at the pumping station for many years, and lived with his family in the two-story house near the spring; the valley roundabout came to be called “Kratzinger Hollow,” and is still designated this way.

Mr. Charles Otrich leased the spring area and set up a picnic ground which he called “Vale of Avoca.” Residents of Anna reminisce about buggy rides to the “Hollow,” and leading citizens tell of exploring as far back as the fifth and sixth rooms of the cave, when they were small boys.

The spring area was sold in 1931, and, after several changes, now forms the central part of Dr. Roy Keith's farm. A dam has been built inside the mouth of the cave, raising the water level, so that water flows by gravity to various pens and buildings; this water may be used for irrigation if needed. Electric lights inside the cave and out play on the water as it flows over the dam down to the creek, and a loud-speaker in-

stalled in the cave gives intensified sound effects, as favorite records are played on a near-by record changer.

Once again the old spring, beside being harnessed for utilitarian purposes, serves as a source of relaxation and enjoyment to its owners, and their friends.

ANNA KNITTING CLUB

At the beginning of World War Two, The American Red Cross sent out an appeal to the women of this country to knit sweaters, helmets and other garments for our boys in service. In our town the late Mrs. Della Walser was contacted to supervise this work; so she and her daughter, Mrs. Edith Wells, formerly of Anna, instructed a knitting class every Wednesday at the Library. From this class a social club organized, and thus began the Knitting Club.

Among the charter members was the late Dora Treece, "Miss Dora" as we all knew her. She was one of the outstanding knitters and had more than seventy-five sweaters to her credit. Several of the charter members have moved away and new members have come into the Club from time to time. We now have fourteen members who meet every two weeks for a social get-together. At Christmas a special party is planned with a dinner and gift exchange.

Present members are as follows: Mesdames Ruth Boyd, Ann Bussey, Margaret Cauble, Mabel Davidson, Hilda Gollon, Emma Lee, Jennie Moore, Ethel Richardson, Lillie Rife, Laura Rudolph, Agnes Tripp, Fannie Walter, Evelyn Wiedlocher, Alberta Willis.

THE HISTORY OF BETA SIGMA PHI

Zeta Sigma Chapter No. 2994, Anna, Illinois

In the spring of 1948 the Epsilon Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi of Carbondale, Illinois, organized a new chapter in Anna, through a friendly venture. The Chapter was given the name, Zeta Sigma No. 2994 and held the first initiation in Anna, on Tuesday, April 20th, 1948, in the Methodist Church with twenty-three members being initiated.

Beta Sigma Phi is not exclusive, but is selective; a pledge is admitted into the organization by invitation only, and qualifies her for the Ritual of Jewels in six months.

Zeta Sigma rushes once each year, and meets twice monthly from September through May.

Our annual social calendar usually provides for two or three formal events and several seasonal parties and programs, all of which are planned by members. Beta Sigma Phi observes Founders Day each year with a formal banquet.

There are three degrees in Beta Sigma Phi; Pledge, Ritual of Jewels, and Exemplar. Each degree is distinguished by its own particular pin or badge. Our colors are black and gold, our flower the yellow rose.

Beta Sigma Phi is a non-academic organization, social and cultural in nature.

The past presidents of the Chapter are as follows:

Jane Schroeder	...1948-1949
LaWanda Hindman	1949-1950
Margraet Ann High	1950-1951
Marcella Sorrels	..1951-1952
Doris Hoye	.....1952-1953
Adeline Best	.....1953-1954
Anna Novack	....1954-1955

In the past years a number of the members have taken a membership at large or inactive memberships, and many have transferred into other chapters in various towns and cities, having moved from Union County.

The present officers are:

Adeline Best	.....President
Pat Steck	.....Vice-President
Alean Gale	.....Treasurer
Audrey Coleman	.....Secretary
Bernadine Cochran	.....Recording Secretary
Margaret Ann High	.....Extension Officer
Edna Kimbro	.....Sponsor
Edith Jarvis	.....Sponsor
Margaret Harrelson	.....Director

Additional active members are:

Helen Mangold	Ann Novack	Doris Long
Doris Hoye	Marcella Sorrels	Virginia Blood
Ferne Duncan	Tommie Huie	Madonna Choate
Ruth Robinson	La Wanda Hindman	Christine Ladenheim
Marie Odum	Helen Jones	Betty Jacobson
Eva Harris	Virginia Farmer	Virginia Casper
Vertis Lam	Wilma Rubel	

Zeta Sigma is very active in service projects of a civic and philanthropic nature. One of Zeta Sigma's projects has been to furnish a room at the New City Hospital. When the American Cancer Society organized in Union County they requested Zeta Sigma Chapter to have charge of the service program. This consists of making and distributing dressings, etc of various forms for cancer patients of Union County.

The greatest contribution has been to help support two scientists in Cancer Research at the University of Colorado. This contribution is a living memorium to Mildred Hudgens, deceased Honorary Member and Sponsor of the Zeta Sigma Chapter. A plaque also in honor of Mildred Hudgens has been placed on the door of the hospital room furnished by the Chapter.

Zeta Sigma has also been very generous in contributing to the Red Cross, National Endowment Fund, Girl's Town U. S. A., and many local projects.

Each year Zeta Sigma presents the Arion Award to the

most talented music Senior at the Anna-Jonesboro Community High School. The award offers a life time membership in the Arion National Foundation and entitles the recipient to participate in the Arion Club as a college student.

Zeta Sigma Chapter organized a Chapter in Dongola, Illinois in March 1950 through a friendly venture. The Chapter was given the name Eta Tau and nine members were initiated.

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Delta Kappa Chapter of Delta Theta Tau Sorority was installed in Anna on June 18, 1929. Charter members were Jane Clark, Helen Frances Alden, Eloise Lamer, Estella Lamer Davis, Julia Robinson, Lucille Taylor and *Alice Carita Vernon. Jane Clark Brown is still an active member.

Delta Theta Tau, a national organization, is incorporated as a philanthropic sorority. In addition to the national philanthropic work in which they share, this chapter has furnished a room at the old and the new city hospitals, purchased a fracture bed and an operating table at the old hospital, equipment for the new hospital, generous donations to the swimming pool, Teen Town, Little Grassy campsite, and other local and national fund drives.

Active Membership:

Minnie Alcorn
Patricia Boswell
Louise Boyd
*Jane Brown
Willadene Brown
Jeanne Butterfield
*Jan Carter
Etoile Casper
Marge Coffman
Charlotte Dent
Mary Beth Diefenbach
Dorothy Dillow
Anita Ferguson
Catherine Fowler
*Betty Garrott
Joan Gollon
Mary Evelyn Hill
*Lewida Hoyle
*Ruth Anne Keistler
Imogene Koehn
*Maxine Larsen
Jo Lewis

*Kathleen Lutz
Judy Martin
Betty Mattheis
Helen Meyer
Frances Morgan
Sue Partrige
Janet Peters
Margaret A. Petty
Pauline Rich
*Christine Roe
Pat Shafer
*Frances Sitter
*Mary Evelyn Sivia
Marge Smith
Nancy Sorrels
*Thelma Stearns
Jean Taber
*Peggy Walter
Buena Walker
*Alice K. Williams

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Eloise Bean

Rosella Casper
Jane Coombs
Marge Grantham
Betty Gray
Billie Hancock
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Ruel Hindman1946	Hal R. McCarty1953

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John L. Wingate1944	Ernest Ryberg1951
S. J. Rendleman1944	Homer Campbell1951
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Fred H. Elmore1944	Dr. T. W. Cogger1951
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John F. Norris1946	George A. Hill1951
C. Lester Boswell1943	Walter A. Sinks1952
Fred Hammock1948	O. L. Lippard1952
Lester E. Bishop1949	Manley W. Casper1953
Murray Steagala1950	Ernest Guy Martin1954

The faults of our Brothers we write upon the sand
 Their virtues upon the tablets of love and memory.

History of the Lodge

The Anna-Jonesboro Benevolent & Protective Order of Elks Lodge No. 1641 was granted a charter by the Grand Lodge of Elks, July 17, 1941, with one hundred and nine charter members duly installed. The lodge first had their quarters upstairs at 310½ S. Main Street and upon the continued growth and prosperity of the lodge, bought the old Union Club Building from Miss Vesta Alden on October 5, 1947, for the sum of \$35,000. The entire Elks quarters of this building were completely remodeled with Past Exalted Ruler R. L. Shannon supervising the entire program. R. L. Shannon was later honored by the lodge on April 5, 1949, when a 'Bob Shannon Night' was held, presenting him with a Life Membership in the lodge and also giving him an Elk's ring. The lodge has always been indebted to Mr. Shannon for his untiring efforts in making the Anna-Jonesboro Lodge one for everyone to be proud of. On this same night Mr. Shannon was given the honor of burning the mortgage on the home. The lodge has continued to grow and make improvements through the years and recently they have completely remodeled the dining room and air conditioned the Club Rooms.

The Anna-Jonesboro lodge has always had an enviable record since the institution of the lodge and through the years has given thousands of dollars for benevolence. More recently they donated \$5,000 to the Anna Park Board towards a swimming pool and \$1,000 to the Little Grassy Lake Scout project. Last year the Anna-Jonesboro Lodge was 2nd in the State of Illinois for their benevolent gifts per capita member. Elks have always been known for their generosity to the less fortunate and especially for their work among Crippled Children.

HISTORY OF "EGYPTIAN CHAPTER NO. 45, ROYAL ARCH MASONS," FROM MAY 26, 1858

At a regular meeting of Shawneetown Royal Arch Chapter No. 6, located at Shawneetown, Illinois, on May 26, 1858, a communication was received from ten Companions of Jonesboro, Union County, Illinois, requesting that Chapter to recommend them to the Grand High Priest, and consent to their petition to form a Chapter in Jonesboro, by name of Union Chapter No. 45. On motion it was resolved "that the Chapter recommend the Companions according to their request." The Secretary, James H. Hart, was then ordered to make out and forward the recommendations. In pursuance of this order, on the 15th day of June, 1858, James A. Hibbard, then Grand High Priest of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Illinois, issued his dispensation authorizing the following named companions to open and hold a Royal Arch Chapter, under the name of Jonesboro Chapter, U. D., to-wit:

Silas C. Toler . . . M. E. H. P.	Cyrus G. Simmons . . . R. A. C.
Jos. H. Samson E. K.	Louis W. Ashley . . M. 3rd. V.
John Q. C. Searle E. S.	J. Frank Smith . . . M. 2nd. V.
H. A. Sikes C. H.	Wm. C. Gleason . . . M. 1st. V.
Murphy M. Inman P. S.	Nathan O. Gray

The first meeting was held in the Masonic Lodge room, in Jonesboro, Illinois, on July 8th, 1858, in the name of Jonesboro Royal Arch Chapter U. D., Companion S. C. Toler, E. H. P., J. H. Samson, Secretary. At this meeting the By-Laws copied by S. C. Toler, were adopted for the time being, and a committee appointed to draft permanent By-Laws. The committee presented the permanent By-Laws at a meeting on August 26, 1858, which were adopted.

On October first, 1858, a charter was granted by the Grand Royal Arch Chapter, the same to be known and designated as "Egyptian Chapter No. 45, Royal Arch Masons," and the following Companions are shown as "Charter Members:" Silas C. Toler, J. Q. C. Searle, M. M. Inman, J. F. Smith, J. H. Samson, H. A. Sikes, L. W. Ashley, W. C. Gleason, N. O. Gray, J. M. Spiller, W. H. Willard, A. F. W. Burmaster, J. V. Brooks,

F. J. Chapman, Adam Harvic, W. M. Hamilton, L. W. Hogg, Samuel Hess.

On September sixth, 1872, Egyptian Chapter No. 45 voted to move their place of meeting from Jonesboro to Anna, Illinois. Permission to do this was granted by the Grand Royal Arch Chapter on November 2nd, 1872. The above Chapter held its first regular meeting in Masonic Hall in Anna on December 27, 1872.

Past High Priests now living are: John W. Roy, E. E. Conyer, Frank R. Penrod, Ray Penrod, A. J. Daisy, Everett H. Smith, C. E. Penninger, Guy A. Henry, George H. Daisy, Larry Dillow, Howard Lam, Paul Miller, Oscar Anderson.

Present officers of the Chapter are: Guy A. Henry E. H. P., F. W. Fink, E. K. Larry Dillow E. S., C. E. Penninger C. H., Oscar Anderson P. S., Floyd L. Davis Treas., Howard Lam Sec'y., George H. Daisy R. A. C., Earl C. Butterfield M. 3rd. V., Merrill Bottom M. 2nd. V., Frank Zeigler M. 1st. V., Everett H. Smith Chap., A. J. Daisy Sent., Maynard Martin Steward.

Two members of Egyptian Chapter, John W. Roy and Everett H. Smith, served a number of years as District Inspectors of the 27th District.

The present membership of Egyptian Chapter No. 45, is 91.



HISTORY OF ANNA LODGE NO. 520 A. F. AND A. MASONS

By E. E. Conyer

On the evening of October 10, 1866, when our City of Anna was just a youngster of 12 years, twenty-two of its citizens held a meeting under a dispensation from the Masonic Grand Lodge of Illinois to organize Ariel Lodge A. F. and A. Masons. Unfortunately they left no record of the location of the meeting, however, prior to their death several of the older members told me that it was somewhere on Railroad Street, now Davie Street. Our records are also vague regarding those twenty-two men, telling little more than their names, but from other authoritative sources we have learned enough about them to know that they were men of prominence in our little town and that the group was truly a cross section of its citizenry at that time. Here are the names of those men and their occupations as far as we could determine. Dr. M. V. B. Harwood, Druggist; W. H. Willard, Dry Goods Merchant; J. P. Bohannon, General Store Owner; Nathan Dresser, later became Post Master; Cyrus Shick, Quarry and Lime Kiln operator; E. H. Finch Quarry and Lime Kiln operator; Cornwall Kirkpatrick, owner of the old pottery and, incidently, elected the first Mayor of Anna, when the City changed its form of Government in 1872; Jas. I. Toler, Business Man; John Harwood, Business Man; P. H. Kroh, Minister; J. Frank Ashley, Surveyor; E. Day, Farmer; A. W. Robinson, Carpenter; E. A. Freeman, Town Clerk; M. M. Inman, Peace Officer; C. M. Willard, Jr., Banker; I. A. McKinney, J. D. Smith, F. E. Scarsdale, F. M. Davidson, Jas. I. Kiger and James Roberts.

At this meeting Dr. Harwood, having been appointed Worshipful Master, appointed and installed the other officers, and thus began the Anna Masonic Lodge, now the oldest Fraternal organization, originating and still functioning in Anna. An organization whose first requirement is a belief in God; whose purpose is not to take the place of any man's church, but to teach the moral and social virtues, which should lead men to church.

On the evening of October 16, 1867, Mr. Joseph H. Samson

of Jonesboro Lodge No. 111 met with the Masonic brethren of Anna and, acting for the Grand Master of Illinois, presented to them a Charter. He then installed Mr. Nathan Dresser as Worshipful Master. The other officers were then installed, thereby completing the organization of Anna Lodge No. 520, A. F. and A. Masons, as a regular Lodge of Masons.

During the years Anna Lodge moved its meeting place several times. It is difficult to determine from the records the exact location of each. However, it continued in its first location until April 1, 1872, when it moved to the C. H. Williford Hall, a two-story brick building, still standing on East Davie Street. The annual rental was \$50.00. On February 12, 1873, Egyptian Chapter Royal Arch Masons, which was Chartered in Jonesboro in 1859, moved to Anna and paid Anna Lodge \$25.00 per year for the use of Williford Hall. In 1878 the Lodge sold to the Chapter such furniture as the Chapter needed for \$55.00 and moved to Peeler Hall. July 10, 1889, was moving day again, this time to the Knights of Pythias Hall. In 1891 it was moved to the hall of Egyptian Chapter, R. A. Masons which, according to old timers, was in the old Dry House on West Davie Street; a three-story brick building which stood where the Western Auto Store now stands, and finally to 326 South Main Street, in the two story brick building, which was built by the late Judge E. S. Alden and Mr. Geo. C. Parks expressly for the Masons. This has been its home for the last 47 years or more.

Sixty-six years ago Anna Lodge built a comfortable cottage on W. Monroe Street for one of its members. The cost of lot, contractor's bill for material, labor, building cottage, fence and digging and finishing cistern totaled \$367.50. Contrast that with the present cost of a similar home, then go back 88 years for a greater contrast and we can realize how far we have come.

As Anna has grown, The Masonic Lodge has grown with it. The names of many prominent and influential men have been on its membership roll. Civic minded men, many serving as City Officials, all interested in the community's welfare. Many have served our nation as well, some giving their lives; as did Lt. Ray Oliver Penrod, who in World War II, bravely went down with his ship when it was sunk in the

Pacific by Japanese bombers; and Col. Townsend F. Dodd, who was in the Air Corps in Europe in World War I, and died in the service when his plane crashed in one of our Eastern States.

The present 270 members are of the same caliber and form a group which is as much a cross section of our citizenry today as was the group of 88 years ago. Two have been members for 50 years, Mr. J. W. Roy and Mr. D. H. Atkins.

Anna Lodge has had 61 Worshipful Masters, as follows:— 31 deceased. M. V. B. Harwood, Druggist; Nathan Dresser, later Postmaster; Cornwall Kirkpatrick, operator of pottery; W. H. Willard, Dry Goods Merchant; John Spires, Furniture Store owner and painting contractor; Asa Harmon, Farmer; John B. Miller; Jas. I. Hale, Physician; J. F. Williford, General Store manager; Jas. Norris, Stationary Engineer; F. W. Willard, Business Man; Geo. L. Spires, Painter; Wesley Henderson, Jeweler; Jas. R. Hogue, Engineer; H. F. Bussey, Attorney, L. E. Wheeler, Ry. Agent; Ed Samson, Banker; E. S. Alden, Clothing Merchant and later County Judge; W. W. Thomas, Plant Nursery owner; R. A. Carlile, Painting Contractor; J. S. Perrine, Jeweler; R. L. Shannon, Telegrapher and Ry. Passenger Agent; H. A. Schultz, Bookkeeper and Accountant; Oliver Alden, Dry Goods Merchant; D. W. Grear, Physician and Surgeon; C. R. Walser, Dentist; Robert E. Blaylock, Farmer; Edgar I. Hartline, Justice of the Peace; Russell E. Townsend; Attorney; H. E. Corzine, Painter and later Clothing Clerk; C. E. Hertel, Florist.

Past Masters now living, 30. C. E. Halterman, Farmer; W. L. Ashcraft, Mechanic; F. A. Benner, School Teacher; Rad Burnett, Ry. Agent; Carl Boyd, Farmer; E. E. Conyer, Electrician; G. R. Corlis, Banker; F. L. Davis, Postal Clerk; E. H. Davis, Merchant, Men's Clothing; Joe B. Dillow, Garage Mechanic; Wayne Dusch, Barber; F. W. Fink, Oil Dealer; Inman Harrelson, Auto Parts Store manager; Guy A. Henry, Telegrapher and Ry. Passenger Agent; Glendale Hudgens, Traveling Salesman; Howard M. Lam, Insurance Salesman; W. H. Lefler, Express Agent; A. L. Manus, Service Station operator, now Chiropractor; C. A. McGinnis, School Teacher; C. E. Penninger, Men's Clothing Merchant; Ray Penrod Garage Owner; J. L. Rader, Ry. Signalman; Earl Rader, Shoe Fac-

tory Employee; J. W. Roy, Sec'y. of Building and Loan Ass'n.; H. B. Shafer, Dentist; E. H. Smith, Refrigerating Engineer; D. L. Treece, Cafe owner; Levi Ury, Blacksmith; Jas. F. Wahl, Optometrist; Walter H. Cherrick, owner and manager of Shoe Store.

Fifteen Secretaries have served Anna Lodge. Those serving for long periods were: J. E. Terpinitz, a well known Musician, 12 years; J. F. Williford, 16 years; E. E. Conyer, 25 years.

The present officers are: Walter H. Cherrick, Worshipful Master; Wilbur Grisham, S. W.; Jas. R. Robins, J. W.; Floyd L. Davis, Treas.; Howard M. Lam, Sec'y.; Harlan Davis, S. D.; Leroy North, J. D.; Don West, S. S.; Robert High, J. S.; Ray Elliot, Chaplain; Joe A. Maier, Marshal; C. E. Penninger, Tyler.

Not only has the Lodge grown in membership, but it has grown in proficiency. It has seven Grand Lecturers on its membership roll. They are: Jas. F. Wahl, Floyd L. Davis, C. E. Penninger, Paul F. Miller, Guy A. Henry, Levi F. Ury and Walter L. Ashcraft. Three of its Grand Lecturers are deceased, W. H. Peak, W. W. Thomas and Russell E. Townsend.

Many things have changed since that evening of October 10, 1866. The Lodge no longer convenes according to a certain phase of moon, but according to the calender; the members no longer trudge down muddy streets or ride horseback to a meeting, but come in streamlined autos; the meetings are no longer conducted in the dim light of kerosene lamps, but in the brightness of modern electric fixtures; but its principles and purpose have never changed. It continues to insist on a belief in God, to promote harmony among men and encourage righteous living.

So we close our story of Anna Lodge No. 520 A. F. and A. Masons to now, knowing it will continue as hereotfore and remain an integral part of our City of Anna.

ANNA STAR CHAPTER NO. 522, ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR OF ILLINOIS

In 1903 in the old Dry House Building on West Davie Street, which stood where the Western Auto Store now stands, the Anna Star Chapter under dispensation from the Grand Chapter of Illinois with 20 charter members, was instituted by the then Worthy Grand Patron of Illinois. In October of 1904 the Charter was received with the names of its charter members who were: Nellie Spire, H. F. Bussey, Mary M. Roy, Lizzie Batts, Ruth Dodd, Edna S. Hawk, Ella Crain, Emily A. Norris, Mary M. Dickerson, Ella Rhodes, Cora Shannon, Mary C. Andrews, Carita Alden, Taylor Dodd, J. W. Roy, L. E. Wheeler, W. P. Miller, Wesley Henderson, John Spire and George L. Spire. Thus came into being Anna Star Chapter No. 522 Order of the Eastern Star of Illinois. Of these charter members Mary C. Andrews and J. W. Roy survive.

The first Worthy Matron was Nellie Spire with H. F. Bussey Worthy Patron, who with Emily A. Norris attended Grand Chapter Session and received the Charter.

In about 1907 the Masonic Lodge moved to 326 South Main Street and it is here that the Eastern Star continues to hold its meetings.

In the year of 1953 this Chapter celebrated its 50th anniversary with an Official Visit of the Worthy Grand Matron and members of her official family. Although, Anna Star started with 20 members it has grown through the years, and now has a membership of 158.

The following is a list of the Past Matrons who have served this Chapter since its institution. Nellie Spire, Mary M. Ryo, Emily Norris, Jacob Ward, Mae B. Carlisle, Georgia Norris, Mary C. Andrews, Amy Kirkpatrick, Mary Dickenson, Ellen Duncan, Gussie Perrine, Mary M. Sabine, Grace Medlin, Marguerite Shipley, Hattie Barnhart, Edna Foehr, Lula Jean, Mary Anderson, Ethel Bird, Mabel E. Good, Zella Davis, Lydia Stout, Isabella Andrews, Belle Wooten, Essie Cherrick, Rose Henry, Emma Hoffman, Emma Thompson, Lillian Boyce, Carrie Keller, Nell Powell, Zetta Horrell, Ruth Penrod, Minnie

Boyd, Gladys Bizzel, Gretta Brasel, Margaret Harrelson, Juanita Warren, Lola Kelly, Edith Graham, Alice Dusch, LaWanda Hindman, Verna Keller, Lillian Ziegler, Vertis Lam, Myrtle Townsend and Selma Cherrick. Ann Gilliam is the present Worthy Matron.

To be a member of the Eastern Star one must first believe in the existence of a Supreme Being. Those eligible are Master Masons, their wives, daughters, mothers, widows and sisters. The teachings of the Eastern Star are derived from the Holy Bible and the lessons taught are to assist in building our own individual character.

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THE MEN'S CLUB, FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The Men's Club of the First Presbyterian Church of Anna was organized in June, 1914, its object being "to promote the growth and development of the Sunday School and Church, for better acquaintance, entertainment and improvement of its members, and to inaugurate and support those things which stand for civic righteousness and the betterment of the community." These objectives are still the club's policy and program, and through the fifty years of its existence the church and community have been greatly benefitted by the ideals and purposes set forth in its constitution.

Dr. J. R. Henry, then pastor of the church, was chairman of the club's first meeting and the officers elected were: Harris A. Schulze, president; W. C. Mangold, vice-president, and Sam M. Hults, secretary-treasurer. Other charter members included G. R. Corlis, A. L. Bruce, Dr. J. C. Stewart, R. H. Alden, Rad Burnett, W. D. Wiley, J. S. Perrine, Oliver Alden, E. A. Davie, W. H. Dowling, J. B. Alden, C. H. Wiley, Dan W. Leib, Dr. L. J. May, Dr. H. B. Shafer

The first concern of the club's members was the welfare of the boys of the church and town—a ball club was planned. The first Father and Son banquet was held four years later and before long became an annual affair. The attendance at that first banquet was 130.

An early project of the club was the signing for a Lyceum course of entertainments for the winter, the first of many years, when musical and varied programs were presented by concert groups and lecturers. There were 239 seasons tickets sold the first year. Programs by the members enlivened many of the regular meetings; one evening Dr. H. L. McGill made a talk after the dinner, and was at once voted in as an honorary member of the club, which procedure was followed with other speakers. The dinners were prepared and served by committees of the men in turn, with no help from the women except on special occasions.

The speakers at the monthly meetings have come from

the staff of the Southern Illinois University, and from all fields of activity—ministers, physicians, judges, army officers, politicians, engineers, writers; and among the writers was Cyrus W. Karraker, who in January, 1924, told the club members of a trip he had made to England. Mr. Karraker is a professor of history in Bucknell University.

This club has assumed many responsibilities, and now its program carries the annual banquet given in May to honor the football squad and its coaches; the selection at a spring banquet of members to WauWauTaug from the classes in the Junior High and the Anna-Jonesboro Community High schools, on the basis of scholarship, citizenship and school service; Ladies' Night, and the Father and Son banquet. Contributions are made to Boy Scouts, the Red Cross and municipal objectives, such as the swimming pool, and the Christmas baskets.

While the club is sponsored by the First Presbyterian Church of Anna, the membership is made up of men from all the various denominations in Anna and the vicinity. The present membership is 128.

The officers for 1954 are: President, Guy A. Henry; Vice-president, James W. Jay; Secretary-treasurer, James C. Martin.





Mooseheart's House of God

ANNA LODGE NO. 1346, LOYAL ORDER OF MOOSE

The Loyal Order of Moose is one of the greatest of the several organizations which fall within the general category of fraternal societies which have helped so materially to make the world a better place to live in for vast numbers of people. With a membership numbering over one and one-quarter million men and women in the United States and Canada, the Moose fraternity is also well established in England and Wales. The degree to which the nearly 1700 lodges in the United States and Canada alone perform noteworthy public and community service is phenomenal, and extremely praiseworthy.

During the past year, the Loyal Order of Moose celebrated four anniversaries, it was the 65th anniversary of the founding of the Order, the 40th anniversary of the founding of Mooseheart, the "Child City," the 30th anniversary of the founding of Moosehaven, the "City of Contentment," and the 5th anniversary of the Anna Lodge No. 1346.



Mooseheart Children

Mooseheart, Illinois, is a city unto itself, located on the banks of the beautiful Fox River, 38 miles west of Chicago and occupying 1200 acres of fertile Illinois prairie.

It is known all over the world as the "Child City." It has its own homes, schools, church, fire department, hospital, bank, post office, stores, farm, and stadium, representing an investment of more than six million dollars.

Mooseheart was founded upon the educational concept that: "Every child is entitled to at least a High School education and instruction in a trade." This concept of education is accepted by the educative world as axiomatic.

Mooseheart's purpose is to provide a home and school for the dependent children of deceased members of the Order. Whenever possible, the mother is admitted to Mooseheart along with her children. There are no uniforms, the children being permitted free expression of their individual personalities in the selection of clothing. Living conditions of the children



Residents of Moosehaven

at Mooseheart are like those in a fine American Home. Small groups live in modern, home-like surroundings, not in dormitories. Two or more adults in each resident act as counselors and home-makers. Training for citizenship includes a well-rounded program of civic activities for both boys and girls.

A beautiful "Children's Cathedral," believed to be the only religious edifice in the world built for the use of children primarily, graces the campus of the Moose "Child City." At this House of God and in their daily lives, every student is morally trained in the religious faith which prevailed in their former homes.

On the beguiling banks of the St. John's River, fifteen miles south of Jacksonville, Florida, the fraternity has established a home for its aged dependent members and their wives. For the newly admitted residents of Moosehaven life begins anew, whether he is sixty-five, seventy-five or in his eighties. Moosehaven is a self-contained community operated by its residents and known as the "City of Contentment." Here in this beautiful, happy and healthful background, many have



OFFICERS OF ANNA MOOSE LODGE NO. 1346

From left to right: Jean Fulenwider, Trustee; Don De-Witt, Prelate; Earl W. Lingle, Secretary; Albert S. Harris, Governor; John H. Fuller, Past Governor; Clarence Vaughn, Trustees; W. A. Cooper, Trustee; Floyd Weiss, Jr., Governor; and Robert Stroehlein, Treasurer.

spent their declining years in a friendly, relaxed and secure atmosphere.

The Anna Lodge No. 1346, Loyal Order of Moose, was organized December 19, 1948, and opened its Club in April, 1949, in the Wm. Smith building on South Main Street. It has maintained a membership of approximately five hundred members from Anna, Jonesboro and surrounding communities.

In addition to a full program of Lodge activities, the Anna Moose have been very actively engaged in Community Service Programs. Some of the various projects in which the Anna Lodge has participated during the past few years were: baseball and softball teams, Boy Scouts, Teen-Town, Red Cross, Salvation Army, Tuberculosis, March of Dimes, Heart

Fund, Cancer Fund, Christmas baskets, Christmas parties for children, swimming pool, crippled children, blood donations, City hospital, Halloween program for children and many others. In recognition of its outstanding Civic Affairs work the Supreme Lodge recently presented a Citation to the Anna Lodge.

The Past Governors of the Anna Lodge are Louie Miles, Rev. Louis F. Rodenbeck, Wayne Claxton, Vernis Deming and James H. Fuller.

The Anna Chapter No. 1181, Women of the Moose, was organized May 28, 1950. Its object is to carry Mooseheart standards into the home and community. Officers are: Senior Regent, Mrs. Elmer Isaacs; Jr. Graduate Regent, Mrs. Frank Pitts; Jr. Regent, Mrs. Eli Eddleman; Chaplain, Mrs. C. S. Whiting; Recorder, Mrs. Everett Westbrook; Treasurer, Mrs. Perl Inman and Pianist, Mrs. W. A. Cooper. Past Senior Regents are Mrs. Elmer Isaacs, Mrs. Jim Tygett and Mrs. Frank Pitts.

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THE ANNA FAIR

Playing an important role in the agricultural, economic, educational and social development of the City of Anna for three quarters of the century of its existence, has been this 75-year old institution. Originally incorporated as the Southern Illinois Fair Association, it has always been known as "The Anna Fair;" and since time before memory of all but the very elder of the inhabitants of this community, its annual exposition has been looked forward to by young and old alike.

The Fair was incorporated in December, 1879, by a group of prominent and influential citizens; the Articles of Incorporation setting forth the purpose for which it was formed as, "The advancement of Mechanical and Agricultural Art and Science, the encouragement of home manufacture of mechanical and Farm implements, to encourage stock raisers to introduce finer breeds of stocks, to use the grounds as a salesy and for the sale of all stock to which may be brought there for that purpose."

Subscribers to the applicaton for charter were M. V. Ussery, Oliver Alden, J. M. Perrine, R. B. Stinson, John E. Lufkin, Jesse E. Lentz, and M. M. Inman; their signatures were notarized by Thomas H. Phillips, Notary Public, and the original subscribers for shares included most of the well-known names among the early settlers, so that from the beginning it has been truly a community project.

A site was acquired at the same location that the Fair is now held upon; and the early Fairs appear to have been held as a sort of celebration of the end, or nearing end, of the harvest season; with an exposition of farm products, crafts, the culinary arts and domestic skill of the ladies, and contests of speed and strength. A race track was constructed early, and many fine horses were produced and trained in Union County. Among them were the harness horses of Dr. Will Eddleman and those of the Walton clan, whose Walton Boy set a track record on the old track which still stands to the best of our knowledge.

The history of the Fair, its exhibitions, premium statements, and receipts from all sources, would record very accurately the transition from the old agricultural practices to the new; as it would record the effect of the coming of the mechanical age to our economy. Where rows of stalks used to be filled with draft animals and exhibits of horse-drawn machinery, we now see the latest in farm mechanical equipment. The space where horses and buggies, or farm wagons, used to be hitched under the shade trees, now cannot provide room for the automobiles of patrons of the Fair.

Closely identified for many years with the Fair was the Norris family—Mr. James Norris having been secretary and manager until his death, at which time his son, John F. Norris, took the offices which he retained until his death in 1946.

In 1952 an arrangement was entered into with the City of Anna whereby the grounds, which had always been available for any community recreational purpose, were transferred to the City for a City Park. The City now maintains the grounds and is completing the creation of a modern recreational park, with a community swimming pool and supervised playground facilities. The Fair maintains a perpetual lease of the grounds for purposes of the annual Fair, in August of each year.

Officers of the Fair at the present time are E. P. Owen, president, Robert W. Brown, secretary, and Floyd (Rocky) Davis, treasurer. Directors include A. F. Bruchhauser, R. M. Choate, Robert Kohler, L. E. Hinkle, Roy A. Brown, Robert L. Rich, James W. Rich, Ned Walton, James K. Walton, Amos Sanford, L. B. Tuthill (who served several terms as President), C. O. Clark, Glendale Hudgens, Arthur Bigler, Lloyd Ballard, Ruel Hindman, and Charles A. Jean.

Approximately \$30,000.00 in premiums is paid out each year to exhibitors at the annual Fairs.

The Fair has always had as its motto "Bigger and Better Every Year," and the management has striven to keep alive this tradition. The 1953 Fair was no exception and much comment was received that it was the best Fair on record. The stock show, in particular is noteworthy, and it is a matter of some pride that several of our Grand Champions also led their

classes at the Illinois State Fair and at the DuQuoin State Fair held one week following the Anna Fair.

Thus, with a record of seventy-four years of straight Fairs, with all the memories of past fairs, of home-comings, and meetings of old friends, family re-unions, and plain, simple, down-to-earth folk, it is no wonder that the stock farewell at each Fair is, "See you next Fair."

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RODGERS THEATRE

HISTORY OF ANNA THEATRES

The I. W. Rodgers Theatres, Inc., are the pioneers of theatres in Anna. On July 1, 1923, Rodgers leased the Yale Theatre on South Main St. The beautiful Rodgers Theatre on West Vienna St., was built in 1937. Then, on July 1, 1953, they opened the Anna Drive-In Theatre on Route 146, one miles east of Anna.

After approximately 50 years of theatre business, Mr. and Mrs. I. W. Rodgers (The founders of the I. W. Rodgers Theatres, Inc.) have retired from active participation in the

management of their theatres. Mr. C. W. Rodgers, their son, is now the General Manager of the Rodgers chain of theatres.

THE YALE THEATRE. This theatre was built and opened in 1914, and was known as the "Main Theatre." It was operated by local stockholders until 1922, and was then leased to the Illmo Amusement Company of Illmo, Missouri. The name was changed by this company to the "Yale Theatre." I. W. Rodgers leased the Yale in 1923, and continued its operation until 1933, when he bought it. At the time of purchasing the Yale, Mr. Rodgers enlarged and completely remodeled the building, making it a modern theatre in every respect.

THE RODGERS THEATRE. In 1923, Mr. Rodgers bought the Lyric Theatre from Ed. Lind. The Lyric was torn down in 1937, and the beautiful new Rodgers Theatre was built. The Rodgers Theatre, with a seating capacity of 700, was opened in February, 1938. At the time of construction, the Rodgers Theatre was the finest in southern Illinois.

THE ANNA DRIVE-IN THEATRE. This Drive-In Theatre was built by the Rodgers Theatres, Inc., and had its grand opening July 1, 1953. The Anna Drive-In Theatre has speakers for 452 cars on gently sloping ramps. Room has been provided for 200 more cars to be parked in the rear, to wait for the second show. A huge screen gives the theatre patrons a large, clear picture, 44 feet high and 58 feet wide. The projection machinery is the finest obtainable for this type of outdoor theatre. For patrons who enjoy refreshments while watching a movie, a modern clean concession stand is located in the center of the theatre. Here hot dogs, popcorn, snow cones, and an assortment of cold drinks may be purchased. All entrance, exits, and ramps are clearly lighted and marked, for the safety of the patrons.

LOCAL EMPLOYEES. Howard L. Henderson came to Anna in 1923, as manager of the Rodgers interests. It is his opinion that much of the success enjoyed by the local theatres is due to the loyal service given by those who have worked under his supervision.

Kenneth Sherrill, who is now house manager at the Rodgers Theatre, is Henderson's first assistant. Sherrill started to work for the organization in 1923 and, with the ex-

ception of three years spent in Military Service during World War II, has been continuously employed.

Sybl Thompson has been chief cashier and Henderson's secretary since 1930.

Van Stokes has been Custodian since 1933, except three years in military service.

Bea Moore has been assistant cashier since 1945.

Robert Neely has been chief projectionist since 1945.

Bill Navin has been second projectionist since 1951.

Other employees include: Clifford Williams, Drive-In Manager; Joan Mueller, Shirley Linson, Carmen Cross, Shirley Romine, Roberta Thorne, Shirley Wall, Beverly Sams, Kathryn Johnson, Judy Lutz, Pat Groves, Bob Murray, Jim Linson, Billie Dee Hudgens, Tom Schaeffer, Tom Albright, Richard Chamness, Phillip Boyd and Lee James.

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SUMMARY OF THE BOOT & SHOE WORKERS UNION LOCAL NO. 711

Greetings:

The Boot & Shoe Workers' Union Local No. 711 affiliated with The American Federation of Labor was organized early in 1941. A Charter was issued June 16, 1941.

Officers were as follows: President, Alva Duskey; Vice-President, Walter Hill; Financial Secretary, Kert Jones; Recording Secretary, Mae Stokes. Chairman of Executive Board, Kent Jones; Vice-Chairman, Conrad Brown; Secretary, Pauline Horn. Trustees & Auditors, Hal Scarsdale, Gene Lyerla and Paul Dillow.

The purpose of this organization was to organize shoe workers for better working conditions and promoting their interests from time to time, keeping pace with industrial development.

We believe that organized labor has a developing future in mind and is chiefly responsible for our high standards of life. The hours, wages and working conditions are the culmination of years of effort guided and controlled by the movement of Labor. Our forty hour week average provided productive efficiency plus more leisure to do the things we like to do. These changes were brought about by unions working together with fair employers under the American system of private enterprise, through collective bargaining. Through this system unions have gained many objectives. Wage earners who joined the union did so because they believed in the union way of life, which enabled each worker, through his union, to have a voice in determining the terms and conditions under which he toiled.

Since the starting of this Local Union No. 711 many gains have been won through Negotiations and arbitrations with a number of grievances being settled from day to day.

The five major accomplishments are a seventy percent wage increase, six paid holidays per year, one to three weeks vacation per year with pay according to length of service, time and one-half the rate of pay for all hours of work performed over the daily basis of eight hours and all hours of work performed on Saturday. A Health & Welfare Plan was won in November, 1953, after three years of effort. We hope to enlarge this program before the expiration of the contract.

Present officers for 1954 are as follows: President, Corlis Davis; Vice-President, Ferdinand Sauerbrunn; Financial Secretary, Elizabeth S. Lence; Recording Secretary, Pauline Horn. Chairman of Executive Board, Ferdinand Saurebunn, acting; Trustees: Earl Brimm, George Schumacher and John Lott.

Officers and members of The Boot & Shoe Workers' Union Local No. 711 join together in "thanks giving" for our above record of achievement and in the sincere hope that all who celebrate this Great Anna Centennial will be blessed with strength and courage to meet and successfully solve the many problems which lie ahead.

Sincerely,

ELIZABETH LENCE,

Financial Secretary.

ANNA MUNICIPAL PRODUCE MARKET

The Anna Municipal Produce Market is the result of wise, long range planning by the City Council during the early thirties. Union County being located in the center of the fruit industry of Southern Illinois, and the City of Anna being among the largest markets in the County, had been confronted for some time with the lack of proper facilities to handle the problem of marketing. It was the practice for the growers of fruits and vegetables to bring their products to Anna, and sell it to the buyers who would come here from all parts of the United States. This marketing was done principally on West Vienna Street, opposite the Illinois Central Depot, which was also U. S. Highway No. 51. It was a common sight to see wagons and trucks massed along the street for several blocks. In view of the increasing traffic on the highway, this was a hazardous practice.

In 1932, the City Council, consisting of Thornton E. Clark, as Mayor, and Joe A. Hammond, H. R. McCarty, George H. Rippetoe, and Claude C. Treece, as Commissioners, being cognizant of the above situation, with its attending hazards to our citizens, formulated preliminary plans for a Municipal Produce Market, with proper facilities. It was apparent that such a site should be carefully chosen. It would need to be accessible to both the Highway and Illinois Central Railroad. After due consideration, the present site of the Market was tentatively selected. The Council employed Engineers to prepare permanent plans and specifications for the market.

It will be recalled that during this period, we were in the midst of the "depression," and the question of financing this project was paramount. It was estimated the Market would cost approximately \$25,000.00.

In the month of March, 1933, the United States Government set up what was then known as the "Civil Works Administration," which later became the "Works Progress Administration." A meeting was called in the City of Chicago, at which all municipalities in the State, who had any plans for municipal projects were requested to bring them in, for the purpose of examination by Government Engineers. If feasi-

able, provision would be made for the immediate commencement of work on the project, through absolute grants made by the Government. As a result of this request, T. P. Sifford, Chairman of the County Board of Union County, P. M. West President of the Anna Chamber of Commerce, and Ford L. Rendleman, City Attorney, went to Chicago, taking with them the plans and specifications for the Market. They met with the Government representatives, and the project was tentatively approved. Shortly thereafter, Mr. Rendleman, again went to Chicago, and the Government Engineers gave their final approval, and an absolute grant of over \$19,000.00 for the construction of the Market was granted the City. The fact that the Council had available the permanent plans and specifications, played no small part in obtaining the immediate approval, and securing the grant.

The present site was acquired from John H. Ligon, by the City, at a nominal cost. Since then additional land has been acquired and the facilities of the market increased, due to the growth of the market. It is located between U. S. Highway 51 and the Illinois Central Railroad, in the Eastern area of the City.

The Market was constructed. On May 9th, 1934, the Council passed and adopted the necessary ordinance establishing the market, and providing for the operation thereof. A Market Board was established to consist of three members. The Council appointed James L. Fuller, Robert L. Shannon and Percy M. West, as original members. Mr. Fuller and Mr. West are presently members of the Board, having served continuously since their original appointment. Mr. Harvey L. Ligon is now the third member of the Board.

The Market has been a great asset to the City of Anna, and benefit to the farmers of the area it serves; it has provided a place where the farmer may take his products and market them for cash. In 1944 over a million dollars was paid at the Market to the farmers for their products sold there. The Anna Municipal Produce Market may be considered among the important achievements of Anna's "100 Years of Progress."



Union County Farm Bureau



On October 19, 1917, ninety-five alert citizens who envisioned a real need for farmers to work together to improve their status, organized the Union County Farm Improvement Association. March 1, 1918, they changed the name to the Union County Farm Bureau and declared their policy to be the betterment of rural life by means of education, legislation, extension and recreation.

The first officers were: Charles Ware, President; Claude Rich, Vice-President; L. G. Richardson, Secretary, and R. S. Dillow, Treasurer. The Board of Directors was composed of Charles Ware, Claude Rich, W. W. Davie, L. L. Casper, George J. Hailig, R. S. Dillow and T. P. Sifford. On the Executive Board were: Charles Ware, Claude Rich, L. G. Richardson, R. S. Dillow, C. C. Crawford, C. H. Wiley and Ed Samson. The first Farm Advisor was C. E. Durst.

Since those early days the Union County Farm Bureau has become a strong vital organization with its roots firmly entwined in rural interests. In the thirty-seven years of its existence its membership has increased to 1263, a phenomenal growth which can be accounted for by the fact that the Union County Farm Bureau is always ready to help its members and others with farm problems.

Not only does the Farm Bureau provide such advice and counsel as complex, modern living makes necessary but it also offers many other services such as notary service and soil testing. It operates a creamery and sponsored locker plant service in the county. An affiliate of the Farm Bureau is the Fruit Belt Service Company, which deals in tires, batteries, fuels and foods. It handles fertilizers. It offers cholera serum, virus and Tru-Vac service.

One of the most valuable of all the services given by Union County Farm Bureau is its insurance program. Conceived of and planned to cover the interests of farm people it issues at an attractive price policies covering loss of and by auto and truck, general liability, fire and wind on buildings, life, polio, accident, hail crop and growing grain crops.

The present farm advisor is S. B. Pierson, who is the fifth such person employed. His predecessors have been: R. C. Broom, E. A. Bierbaum, J. J. Doerschuk and C. E. Durst.

The Board of Directors includes: Wayne Vaughn, President; Vern Gurley, Vice-President; Carlos Norton, Secretary-Treas.; Frank Kimber; Orris Mosby; Dorris Ballance; John Barringer; M. D. Bottom; Marvin Englehart; Edwin Flamm; Dennis Hindman; Mark Otrich; Ellis Penrod; John Sullivan; Ferdinand Sweitzer; James Treece. Other personnel is Carl C. Orr, General Agent; William Casper, Special Agent and Fount B. Griffith, Organization Director.

LOCAL UNION 141, PAINTERS AND DECORATORS

Local Union 141, Painters and Decorators of Anna, Illinois, secured their charter from Painters Headquarters on January 19, 1938. At that time the Local consisted of five members. Our present membership consists of thirty-five members. We have always pledged to give our full support toward any worthy community enterprise and our past record of civic activities may well show our loyalty to the community. It is our utmost desire to continue, as an organization of well trained painters, to bring to the people of this area the best and most up-to-date in painting methods.

BRICKLAYERS, MASONS AND PLASTERS INTERNATIONAL UNION

Bricklayers, Masons and Plasters International Union Local No. 62 of the city of Anna was organized April 10th, 1924.

The following officers were elected: President, A. J. Coffman; Vice President, Calvin Johnson; Fin. Secretary, John M. Coffman; Rec. Secretary, W. A. Davis; Deputy, Geo. W. Davis; Treasurer, Geo. E. Farrer; Cor. Secretary, W. H. Casey; Door Keeper, Lawrence M. Boren.

The purpose of this local was to promote better working conditions, better workmanship and a standard wage scale.

This local has jurisdiction over Union, Pulaski and Alexander counties. John Coffman is the only surviving charter member and he is also a gold card member, having served at the trade for 50 consecutive years. 3 generations of the Coffmans have been members of this local. Local 62 at the present time has 19 members with the following officers: President, Ray Coffman; Fin. Secretary, John M. Coffman; Treasurer, John Coffman; Recording Sec., Ernest Rosenthal; Deputy, Peter J. Bernhard; Door Keeper, Chas. Spurlock.



Progress in Anna with
ERNEST S. ALDEN
Mayor 1907 thru 1915
County Judge 1922-1926-1934



ERNEST ALDEN

Ernest Sumner Alden was born in Jonesboro March 20, 1866, a son of Oliver Hayward Alden, merchant. He was third in a family of six boys and five girls. The first son.

He was educated in the Jonesboro and Anna Schools and Union Academy, with special training in higher subjects under Mr. John Dean, School principal of that time. In later years he took up the study of Law.

In January, 1887, he was made a partner with his father in a merchandising store in Anna. The firm name was O. Alden and Son. Later as other brothers reached maturity a corporation known as Alden Store Company, was formed.

Ernest Sumner Alden was elected Mayor of Anna for two terms, 1907-1911. During these terms a comprehensive water and sewerage system was executed and a brick paving program was inaugurated. Many cement sidewalks were built in these years.

In 1921 when the commission form of government was adopted he was again elected, and become commissioner of Streets and Public Improvements.

In his administrations as Mayor of Anna Mr. Alden replanted trees, at his own expense—on the streets where trees had been cut down to make way for street paving and new side walks. Also he gave gratis a long term lease on land on which to erect the water tower.

In 1922 Ernest Sumner Alden, a life-long Democrat, was elected for his first term as County Judge, and in this year he resigned as commissioner of Anna. He was re-elected County Judge in 1926 and again in 1934, the term he was serving at the time of his death.

Agriculture was one of his interests and he had many farm holdings in the county.

On July 3, 1888, he was married to Miss Jennie Kroh, a daughter of Reverend Phillip Henry and Diana Bowman Perry Kroh. Mr. and Mrs. Alden had one daughter, Vesta Diana Alden.

Judge Alden had been a member of the Presbyterian Church since 1888, and was a member of the Masonic Blue Lodge and Chapter, also he was a member of the Farm Bureau.

COLONIAL PACKAGE LIQUOR STORE

Located on Highway 146 between Jonesboro and Anna

Owned and Operated by
Frank and Enola Alden

Judge Alden saw many changes in Anna and he accounted for a full share in her progress. He was a person of humanity and integrity, and he had a great affection for his neighbors and friends.

Death came suddenly, near midnight, June 6, 1936, and a warm and friendly personality passed into the great beyond.

OLIVER ALDEN

A mercantile company which was to become one of the largest department stores of Southern Illinois—"The Little Marshall Field's of Southern Illinois"—as Field's own traveling salesmen called it, was founded in 1863 by Oliver Alden.

Oliver Alden—of Pilgrim descent—was born near Brockton, Massachusetts, August 7, 1828. His parents were natives of Massachusetts; his father, a farmer, fought in the War of 1812. At the age of 12, Oliver became a member of the family of his half-brother, Sumner Hayward, in Brockton. Young Alden's education was of the schools of that day. Under the tutelage of his half-brother, he became a blacksmith and wagonmaker. Possessed of his trade, he came west. The winter of 1850 saw him conducting a blacksmith shop near Willard's Landing, Union County, Illinois. He did work connected with the building of the Illinois Central Railroad. In 1856, still following this trade, he moved to Jonesboro. After three years, he decided to try a new field. He was a clerk in the store of John E. Nail; also, he worked for the C. M. Willard Company. In 1863, he bought out the stock of John E. Nail and began business for himself.

Oliver Alden was married in 1853 to Miss Sarah Tripp, daughter of William and Frankie Grammer Tripp, early settlers of Revolutionary stock. Mr. and Mrs. Alden's family consisted of six boys and five girls. In 1879, Mr. Alden moved his store from Jonesboro to Anna. In January, 1887, he took his oldest son, Ernest, as a partner; the firm was O. Alden and Son. In February, 1889, O. Alden and Son became the Alden Store Co. Members of the new firm were Oliver Alden, Ernest S., John B., Thomas S., Oliver Alden, Jr., Robert M., and Everett H. Alden. Oliver Alden died May 7, 1893. In the following years, the sons continued the business. In 1932,

J. B. Alden bought the Alden Store Company's stock with the exception of the shoes. He operated the store until he retired in 1946.

Everett H. and his wife, Bess, bought the shoe department, and today their business is known as the Alden Shoe Company. It occupies the same building where the original shoe department was begun.

Oliver Alden's family regarded him with love and respect. In the evenings, "Pa" led the family in group singing and read Dickens and other authors aloud.

Abby, the eldest child, helped her father in his first store in Jonesboro, where she managed the millinery department; later, Allie (Alice) joined her father in his business. Then much later, after Allie's husband, Harvey Bouton, died, her father established her in a store of her own.

Mr. Alden, Abby, and Allie sang in the church choir and at church entertainments. As the family grew, the other children shared their father's love of music. Betsy, Mary, Trot (Oliver Alden, Jr.) and Everett, all had musical ability.

Mary, the youngest child, studied in Massachusetts under a teacher of the New England Conservatory of Music. However, she chose to return home rather than follow a career as concert pianist. Later, she combined her career of homemaker with that of teaching music. Her music pupils presented some of her compositions at programs in the community.

Trot was organist of the First Presbyterian Church for forty years.

Oliver Alden was a recognized civic leader. He organized a band, led community singing, and was president of the Nineteenth Century Club, an organization devoted to the discussion of religious subjects. A notation in his diary, June, 1889, shows he was active in philanthropic work: "Sent . . . \$90.35 to the Governor of New York for sufferers of Johnstown Flood. This was collected from the citizens of Anna." He was an elder of the First Presbyterian Church.

His children followed his example as leaders in community life. The Alden brothers founded the first Volunteer Fire

Company with a large hand pump. Tim was the first captain. The fire alarm was a lusty yell—"FIRE."

Mr. Alden's skill in crafts and design was perpetuated in his son, Bob, who for many years decorated the windows of the Alden Store Company.

In 1941, Oliver Alden, Jr., was employed in New York as administrator of a Japanese silk firm, and had just received an appointment in Washington with the Treasury Department at the time of his death in 1942.

One daughter, Lora, died in early childhood. Abby married Zachary Thomas Cook; Allie married Harvey Bouton. Two daughters are living: Betsy is Mrs. W. C. Mangold, and Mary is Mrs. W. H. Lence. Of the sons, Robert H. and Everett survive.

Oliver Alden's family are Mayflower descendants. Several of them have verified their lineage and are members of the National Massachusetts Mayflower Society.



One fifth of a century of beautifying femininity in Anna and vicinity.

From the Marcel wave of yesterday to the very latest in Coiffure design — Always striving to keep in step with the newest trends.

ALMA'S MILADY BEAUTY SHOP

319 South Main Anna, Ill.

Alma Cracker, Owner



ANNA TRACTOR SALES

On March 18th, 1954, Oscar Williams and Merritt Johns purchased the Ford Tractor and Dearborn Farm Equipment Agency from Ryland Pearl and Paul Barringer.

1953 was the Golden Jubilee for the Ford Tractor Business and the Anna Tractor Sales are proud of the fact that they are a part of Anna, and they hope that fifty years hence they can celebrate their Golden Jubilee in business here in Anna.

Grant Holt is parts man, and Bill Simmerman is the mechanic. These men are qualified to handle any type of farm equipment business.



THE ANNA CAFE

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Riley Hindman purchased the Anna Cafe in 1945. It was owned and operated as a restaurant by the Casper Brothers, Howard and Adolphus, for 30 years previous to that time.

Glenn tells of his grandfather, Riley Hindman, driving an ox drawn cart through the streets of Anna 85 years ago. He was born in 1847 and died at the age of 96 at his home in Anna. His stock farm, with the three story red brick home, is still a land mark six miles east of Anna. Glenn's maternal grandfather, "Zac" Davis, also a native of Union County, was born in 1850 and died at the age of 94. His grandmother, Mrs. Annie Davis, still lives in Union County and has just celebrated her 93rd birthday. His mother, Mrs. Lottie Hindman, lives in Anna and is only 73. Glenn's Dad, Frank, died at the early age of 79.

The Glenn Hindmans have two children, Rebecca Jane, age 7, and Michael William, age 10, who is the only great grandson of the late Riley Hindman to carry on the family name.

HALF CENTURY OF PROGRESS IN TAXI SERVICE



1904 Taxi Service



1954 Taxi Service

Call on by telephone or two-way radio with which each car is equipped. This gives instant pick-up of passengers.

Presently operated by Truman Keller, wife, Valda, and daughter, Nancy Jo, and son, Mike.

Yellow Cab has been operated by Truman Keller for twelve years.

ANNA CLEANERS



Made to Measure Clothing

Mothproofing

Tailors — Hatters

(A Complete Dry Cleaning Service)

This establishment has been serving the public for over a quarter of a century. This business was started by Charles Joram, and was known as the Joram Cleaners until 1941, when Mr. Joram sold his interest in the business.

The business name was then changed to Anna Cleaners, and is owned and operated by Robert A. Stroehlein and Troy S. Winters.



P. N. HIRSH & COMPANY

operating

THE ANNA DEPARTMENT STORE

This retail organization, today consisting of forty department stores in four midwestern states, was founded July 15, 1930, in Jonesboro by Philip N. Hirsch.

This first store, known as "The Bargain Store," was managed for Mr. Hirsch by William Hess.

In April, 1931, the Anna Department Store was opened in The Anna State Bank Building. This store was under the managership of Leo Caldwell. In 1932, it was moved to the Hess Building and then in 1934 to its present location. As additional stores were opened by the Hirsch company, Mr. Caldwell was transferred to Metropolis, Illinois.

At this time, Irv Gittelman became manager of the Anna store. Mr. Gittelman, now a vice-president of the company, is the shoe, hosiery and glove buyer in the St. Louis office. Following Mr. Gittelman as manager of the Anna Department Store was the present incumbent, Ray Larsen. Mr. Larsen has had charge of the store since 1942.

First sales clerk to be employed by the Anna store was Mrs. Myrtle Craiglow, who remained with the company for many years. Among the other loyal and valued employees during the early years of the store were Mrs. Agatha Sitter, Mrs. Lorene Henson, Mrs. Sadie H. Gray, Mrs. Maxine McGee and Mr. Harry Corzine.

The P. N. Hirsch & Company organization is very proud to be identified with the growth and progress of Anna for the past twenty-four years and extends hearty congratulations on the occasion of

THE ANNA CENTENNIAL — 1954



ANNA FLOUR AND FEED COMPANY

Carl Wiedlocher, doing business as the Anna Flour & Feed Company, is celebrating his thirtieth anniversary. Mr. Wiedlocher came from a family of millers. His father started in the milling business in 1881 near Springfield, Illinois, when mills were powered by water wheel.

In 1924 Mr. Wiedlocher purchased a flour and feed business from R. M. Choate of Anna, on the site now occupied by Kroger Super Market, where he maintained his office and warehouse until 1949. The increased volume of business, and the modern methods of manufacturing commercial feed required the construction of a mill and elevator in 1940 on the I. C. Railroad. The plant has grown extensively making several tons of Union Feeds daily, which are distributed throughout Southern Illinois.

Rolla Atherton, general superintendent of the plant, has been with the firm for twenty-five years, Carl Wiedlocher Jr. joined the business in 1951 as millwright and salesman. Mrs. Winstead Tucker is cashier and bookkeeper, George Dangbar assistant superintendent, Earl Dirden and Winstead Tucker are in charge of trucks.

ANNA HOTEL



Robert Lee Willis and Stella Alberta Willis at the turn
of the Century.

Robert Lee Willis, son of Nancy Agnes Willis and Nathan Willis of McCracken County, Kentucky, and Stella Alberta Dillow, daughter of Washington W. Dillow and Octavia Dillow of near Dongola, Illinois, were united in marriage, September, 22, 1898. In June, 1899, they opened the Anna Hotel and operated same until the death of Mr. Willis in December, 1925. After this date the Hotel has been operated continuously by Mrs. Willis. It is the second oldest business in Anna operating at its original location.

The original Hotel had nine sleeping rooms, and a dining room which seated fifteen. The property was leased from Captain Stinson. In 1905 the property was purchased from the Board of Directors of the Stinson Memorial Library. Over the years numerous modernization and building programs changed the Hotel, and at present it has sixty sleeping rooms, and three rooms occupied by other business concerns.

The Operation of a small hotel was not complicated. The key to success was long hours, and hard work. One "hired girl" was the only help that was employed. All food in season was canned and prepared by Mr. and Mrs. Willis for winter use. They baked all bread and pastries, prepared all meals, purchased their meat locally and processed and carved the meat. They were waiter, waitress, bell hop, room clerk, and manager. Mr. Willis met all incoming trains with a hand operated cart and transported the incoming guests' baggage to the Hotel. Guests arrived by train. The salesman often had as many as ten trucks which contained their samples of merchandise. The samples were displayed in the Hotel sample room for the local merchants. The salesman on his trip to Anna would rent a team of horses and take their samples to Dongola, Cobden, and to the stores which dotted the rural sections. The Hotel was "American Plan" for many years. The rate for three meals and room was \$1.50. Augmenting the income were lunches furnished to the Illinois Central train crews for twenty five cents. A typical lunch, fried chicken, potatoes, two vegetables, salad, strawberry short cake, and beverage. Mrs. Willis prepared the lunches in baskets, and they were delivered by Mr. Willis. The meals in the dining room were much more elaborate, quite often there would be as many as fifty items awaiting selection of the guests. You were at fault if you left the table hungry. These meals were also twenty-five cents.

The Anna Hotel was known as one of the best small hotels in the middle west. Many prominent people were guests and friends of Mr. and Mrs. Willis. They visited Anna during the hunting seasons. Officers of large corporations, big league baseball players, and numerous others headquartered at the Anna Hotel. Mr. and Mrs. Willis were active members of the American, and Illinois Hotel Associations, and Mr. Willis was an officer in both.

It was always a source of pleasure to Mr. and Mrs. Willis that when they opened the original hotel, their first local guests for meals were people who continued as guests until their death. They became prominent in many ways, to mention a few, John Jackson, A. J. Pickrell, Dr. Walser, E. Sampson, A. Ney Sessions, and John Pelly.

The Hotel discontinued the serving of meals in 1942. There are many things to be remembered prior to this time, such as the serving of 900 meals a day for three consecutive days during a convention of the Egyptian Hustlers, serving 500 meals at noon Thursday of the Anna Fair. During the Fair all trains were met by the combined uniform band of Anna-Jonesboro. One of the reasons for the wide popularity of the hotel was Fulton Sherrill, who was known as the best head waiter in the middle west. He had many lucrative offers but declined them all, and worked at the Hotel until his death. Fulton liked Anna. His widow, Addie, daughter, Nellie, son, Kenneth, still reside in Anna. He has a daughter, Dortha Sherrill Carlson, who resides in Blue Island, Illinois.

Mr. and Mrs. Willis purchased their first home from Aunt Jo and Charlie Mangold, this was originally the Joseph Treece residence, and is at present known as the Poole home and apartments. In the early nineteen twenties they built a new home at the corner of Kohler and North Main. This property was purchased from an aunt of Mrs. Willis, Mrs. Jacobi Dillow Lewis. This continues to be the home of Mrs. Willis.

The only portion of the original Hotel property, purchased in 1905, that was sold is the lot which was purchased by the Norris Funeral Home, and is still occupied by this concern.

Before the marriage of Stella Alberta Willis, she attended the original Anna High School. The Junior High School now occupies this sight. During these years she left her farm home near Dongola and resided during the school term with her aunt, Mrs. Jacobi Dillow Lewis in Anna. The Lewis home is now occupied and owned by Dr. O. E. Johnson. During the summer months she returned to the farm near Dongola. Mrs. Willis has one aunt, who still resides in Anna, Mrs. Octavia Dillow Davis, who was ninety-three years of age in February, 1954.

Stella Alberta Willis has always been a civic minded business woman, and feels that Anna has been very good to her and her family. She has been a member of many local organizations, and is particularly proud of her long and active

membership in the Lutheran Church of Anna. She thanks God for her many friends, and for a bountiful life.

Mrs. Willis' family consists of three children: R. E. Willis of Springfield, Illinois, Mrs. Helen Marie Thornton of Elgin, Illinois, and Mrs. Alice Mae McCree of Anna. There are seven grandchildren, Mrs. Jerry Penninger of Mansfield, Illinois, Mrs. Arlynn McCree Rife of Hawaii, Linda McCree of Auburn, Alabama, Martha and Sarah McCree of Anna, and Pamela and Robert T. Willis of Springfield, Illinois. There are three great grandchildren, William, Craig, and Trina Penninger of Mansfield.

The children of Robert Lee Willis, and Stella Alberta Willis, had a wonderful father, and still have the most loving and understanding mother of all times. We thank God for our lives with them.

THE ANNA BUILDING AND LOAN ASSOCIATION

In 1885 the State of Illinois issued a license to nine men, as Commissioners, to open books for subscription to the Capital Stock of the Anna Building and Loan Association, Incorporated. These Commissioners: H. C. Bouton, W. H. Simpson, James Norris, Edgar A. Finch, Wm. C. Rich, M. V. Eaves, J. L. Coleman, A. J. Hunsaker, Wm. Roberts, met and elected E. A. Finch, President; W. H. Simpson, Secretary; C. E. Kirkpatrick, Treasurer. They started business at No. 1 Union Block, Anna, Illinois, where the business continued until 1913, when it was moved to a building erected by John W. Roy at 117 West Vienna (which was the location of the former A. W. Sims Box Factory).

Mr. Finch remained President until 1894, when James Norris succeeded him.

In 1930 George L. Spire was elected President, and in 1932 John W. Roy became President and is still in office. Simpson remained Secretary until 1905, when John W. Roy was elected. In 1924 Lynn D. Sifford was elected Secretary, and has served efficiently for thirty years and the Association has enjoyed a steady growth through the years. Selma Bauer has been a loyal employee of the Association since 1922.

THE ANNA LOAN AND IMPROVEMENT COMPANY

One of the oldest financial institutions in the City of Anna, quietly but efficiently serving the needs of her citizens for some 63 years, is the Anna Loan and Improvement Company, a savings and loan association located for the past 25 years on the first floor of the Anna State Bank Building, 102 East Vienna Street.

This Company was incorporated April 27, 1891, under the Building, Loan and Homestead Association laws of Illinois. The "Company" part of the name is an oddity, since it is the only such association in the State with "Company" in its name; all others using the word "Association" instead.

The incorporators were W. H. Simpson, M. V. Ussery, W. C. McCarty, A. J. Phillips, and F. H. Kroh. The first Board of Directors included Simpson, Phillips, Ussery, W. M. Eddleman, J. C. DeWitt, and A. J. Nesbit; the last named being also the attorney for the Company. The first office was located in the Ussery Opera House, on the first floor, which also housed several other business and professional enterprises.

The first officers were A. J. Phillips, president; W. H. Simpson, Secretary-Treasurer, and M. V. Ussery, Vice-President. Later in the year 1891, F. H. Kroh replaced W. M. Eddleman as Board member. In 1892, the late A. Ney Sessions, then a young and promising attorney, replaced Mr. Nesbit as lawyer for the Company.

Later in 1893, A. W. Sims was elected to the Board, and J. W. Williford replaced J. C. DeWitt. F. M. Coleman took Mr. Simpson's place in 1894.

By 1910 several changes in directorate had occurred because of death or resignation, and the Board was composed of J. B. Fierke, J. I. Toler, H. L. Hess, John B. Jackson, A. Ney Sessions, M. V. Ussery, and A. J. Phillips. At the annual meeting of shareholders in May, 1911, J. H. Ligon was elected director to fill a vacancy; then because of the resignation of M. V. Ussery as secretary, Mr. Ligon resigned as director and R. E. Brown was appointed to fill his term and also appointed

secretary and manager of the Company. This position he filled until his death in 1939.

In 1913 the Company office was moved from the Miller Opera House Building, where it had been moved in 1911, to the Keith Building on North Main Street, and in May, 1914, J. H. Ligon was again elected to the Board of Directors; being named president in July of that year. At the same time, Jas. K. Walton was elected to the Board to fill a vacancy, and these two men have now served the Company in their respective offices as president and director continuously for 40 years.

Our prominent citizens who served long and distinctive terms on the Board of Directors include Paul W. Baker, S. M. Dillow, E. P. Owen, George A. Hill, Rad Burnett, and Fred Roberts.

The Company office was moved to the Anna State and Trust Bank Building in 1922, in the room which is now the safety deposit booth room; and in 1926 was removed to its present location on East Vienna Street. An interesting feature of this location was the fact that in it was displayed the collection of fire-arms of R. E. Brown, secretary of the Company from 1911 to 1939. This collection was recognized as one of the best private collections in this area, and visitors from all over the United States frequently called to inspect it with the owner.

Present management of the Company is vested in the Board of Directors, including in addition to Messrs. Ligon and Walton, Harvey L. Ligon, son of J. H. Ligon, John D. Rayburn, local contractor, F. Wayne West, proprietor of Mowery Electric Shop; George W. Hill, son of former director George A. Hill, and distributor of Bakery Products; and Robert W. Brown, secretary-treasurer, the son of R. E. Brown, who became associated with the Company as a director in 1932, and who is acting manager for the Company.

The business of the East Side Apartments Building Corporation, on North Main Street, and the Robert W. Brown Insurance Agency, established in 1928, is conducted from the same office; both businesses being directed by the proprietor with the assistance of his secretary, Miss Farris Lee Bishop.

ANNA SHEET METAL WORKS

The Anna Sheet Metal Works is owned and operated by Mr. and Mrs. Merle O'Daniel, and was established on April 1, 1949. For eight years prior to this, Mr. O'Daniel had been employed in heating and sheet metal work and had gained valuable experience which qualified him to set up in business for himself. He and his wife, Esther, decided to open a shop in Anna, which they did at their present location, 128 E. Vienna Street.

Mr. and Mrs. O'Daniel have one son, Leon, who is a Junior in the Anna-Jonesboro Community High School. He helps in his father's shop during his summer vacation. They have one full time employee, Mr. Floyd Landis, who has worked for them for the past four and one-half years. Mrs. O'Daniel takes care of all the office work.

Mr. O'Daniel is the exclusive dealer for Iron Fireman Furnaces, Stokers and Air Conditioners in Union, Johnson, Pulaski, Alexander, and Massac Counties. He also does any kind of job requiring sheet metal work.

The business has been prosperous due to the expanding growth of the City of Anna and the surrounding communities in the building of new homes and the modernizing of old ones. We are very grateful for having had the privilege of working with such fine people who have made our business a growing one.

ANNA - JONESBORO LUMBER COMPANY

1879

1954

The history of the Anna-Jonesboro Lumber Company extends back approximately to 1879, located on the corner of East Vienna and North Main Streets.

The Anna Lumber and Manufacturing Company was incorporated in 1890 and soon after moved to buildings and yards at the corner of North Main and Chestnut Street.

The Anna Lumber and Manufacturing Company was consolidated with the Jonesboro Lumber and Supply Company and incorporated in 1924 as the Union County Lumber Company with yards in Anna and Jonesboro.

The company sold the North Main and Chestnut Street corner location in Anna to the United States Government in 1935 for construction of the present modern post office building, and moved to the present location which adjoins the post office grounds at 104 West Chestnut Street.

The Union County Lumber Company's name was changed to that of the Anna-Jonesboro Lumber Company and incorporated in 1941.

The policy of the Anna-Jonesboro Lumber Company through the decades has been to give the best quality merchandise and most courteous service to patrons and a service toward the promotion of the community at all times.

The Anna-Jonesboro Lumber Company includes an immense building which provides office space, work shops and vast sheds. Also included is the large storage yard on the opposite side of West Chestnut Street from the main buildings.

The company's motto is "Everything to build anything."

Phone 29

Phone 875

Lowell A. Young, Manager



ANNA-JONESBORO LUMBER CO.

THE ANNA NATIONAL BANK BUILDING

In 1853 there were only four buildings in what is now the City of Anna, which was known at that time as "Jonesboro Station." One of these buildings was located on the lot now occupied by the Anna National Bank Building and was erected by Winstead W. Davie, who moved his store from Jonesboro to Anna.

After a few years he moved his store across the railroad and sold his building to his son-in-law, Thomas M. Perrine. The building was a large frame building covering most of the lot between West Davie and Washington Streets. The West part of the building had three stories, with an opera house on the second floor and a dance hall on the third floor. The building had large porches along the first and second floors, and there were several steps up to the first floor. This building burned in 1876 and a large board fence was built around the lot, which was used as a billboard.

The present Anna National Bank Building was erected by the late Caleb M. Miller in 1892. The first floor was occupied by various business concerns, and an opera house known as Miller's Opera House, used the second and third floors. The Anna National Bank at that time occupied the room on Main Street now being used by his bookkeeping department.

The Opera House was one of the finest in Southern Illinois. Many home talent shows were given in it, as well as excellent shows produced by stock companies. Many distinguished men appeared on its stage, among them the late John Philip Sousa with his band, William Jennings Bryan—lecturer and statesman, John B. Miller—a native son who became one of Chicago's leading tenors, and many others. In its day the opera house contributed much to the entertainment and edification of the residents of Union County.

The Anna National Bank Building was purchased by the Anna National Bank from Mr. Miller's estate in 1911, and the second floor was converted into offices, with a dance hall and



THE ANNA NATIONAL BANK

offices on the third floor. The bank at that time moved into its present quarters.

On July 24, 1900, the Anna National Bank received its Charter and took over the business of the "Bank of Anna" which started in 1899 as a private bank, being a partnership of David W. Karraker, John B. Jackson, Dr. William C. Lence and Pleasant T. Chapman.

The original paid-in capital of the Anna National Bank was \$25,000.00. The capital was increased in 1913 to \$50,000.00 by a stock dividend and was again increased by a stock dividend to \$100,000.00 in 1950. The surplus is now \$100,000.00 and the undivided profits reached \$120,079.45 on March 31 of this year, both having been built up out of the earnings of the bank. In every year of its existence the Anna National Bank has paid a dividend to its stockholders. There have been no assessments against the stockholders and no restrictions have ever been imposed by the bank on withdrawal of deposits.

It has been the feeling of the management of the Anna National Bank that a bank is a service institution. With that policy in mind and due to the increase in business the banking quarters have been enlarged and the most modern equipment has been provided for better service for our customers. Air conditioning equipment has been installed for the comfort of customers and employees. In 1950 the Anna National Bank celebrated its 50th Anniversary, and in this Centennial Year looks to the future with the utmost confidence in the progress of the City of Anna and the Anna National Bank.

The following men have served as president of the Anna National Bank:

David W. Karraker	John B. Jackson	L. Jasper Hess
George C. Parks	G. R. Corlis	

The office of cashier has been held by John B. Jackson, G. R. Corlis, E. E. Curtis, and A. F. Sanford.

The following men have served as directors:

David W. Karraker	William C. Lence
John B. Jackson	Pleasant T. Chapman

I. O. Karraker
 James K. Walton
 L. Jasper Hess
 A. Ney Sessions
 Henry H. Kohn
 George C. Parks

R. Wallace Karraker
 John E. Lingle
 Harry H. Wood
 G. R. Corlis
 A. F. Sanford

Below is a list of the present directors, officers and employees. A copy of our report of condition as of March 31, 1954, and comparative statements showing growth in capital accounts and resources for the past thirty years follow.

Directors: G. C. Parks, R. W. Karraker, H. H. Wood, G. R. Corlis, and A. F. Sanford.

Officers and Employees:

G. C. Parks	Chairman of Board
G. R. Corlis	President
R. W. Karraker	Vice-President
A. F. Sanford	Cashier
Monica Schumacher	Asst. Cashier
Elmer E. Chamness	Asst. Cashier
Earl W. Lingle	Asst. Cashier
Deana Wiggs	Teller
Katy Maloney	Teller
Marcia Boyd	Bookkeeper
Audrey Webb	Bookkeeper
Jane Gore	Clerk
Kenneth Sherrill	Custodian



PRESENT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

H. H. Wood, G. R. Corlis, G. C. Parks, R. W. Karraker, A. F. Sanford

GROWTH OF CAPITAL ACCOUNTS

April 28, 1921	\$ 48,851.98
June 30, 1930	100,649.16
April 4, 1941	117,660.39
July 28, 1943	128,172.32
July 28, 1945	142,983.82
June 30, 1950	241,944.52
Oct. 27, 1951	280,694.73
March 31, 1954	320,079.45

GROWTH OF RESOURCES

April 28, 1921	\$ 447,396.91
June 30, 1930	746,652.07
April 4, 1941	1,143,615.84
*July 28, 1943	2,010,535.96
*July 28, 1945	3,016,153.17
June 30, 1950	3,344,652.90
*Oct. 27, 1951	4,026,777.36
March 31, 1954	4,248,692.56

*On July 28, 1943, our resources reached the Two Million Dollar mark.

*On July 28, 1945, our resources reached the Three Million Dollar mark.

*On October 27, 1951, our resources reached the Four Million Dollar mark.



PRESENT EMPLOYEES

Left to right: G. R. Corlis, Marcia Boyd, Jane Gore, Audrey Webb, Deana Wiggs, E. E. Chamness, A. F. Sanford, Earl Lingle, Monica Schumacher, Kenneth Sherrill. Katy Maloney not in picture.

No. 5525

Condensed Report of the Condition of the

ANNA NATIONAL BANK

Anna, Illinois

At the Close of Business March 31, 1954

RESOURCES

Loans and Discounts	\$1,404,810.21
United States Bonds	1,605,191.00
State and Municipal Bonds	408,037.05
Other Bonds and Securities	37,780.00
Banking House and Fixtures	11,036.80
Other Real Estate	5,000.00
Cash and Due from Banks	776,837.50
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	4,248,692.56

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock	\$ 100,000.00
Surplus	100,000.00
Undivided Profits	120,079.45
Deposits	3,928,613.11
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	4,248,692.56

MEMBER FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

Member Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation



ANNA QUARRIES, INC.

The Anna Quarries, Inc. had its inception about 1855, when E. H. Finch and Cyrus Shick, as a partnership, began to dig stone for lime burning at a spot just north of the present quarry pit. The children, then the grandchildren of these two men who dug the rock by hand, inherited the property. Robert Burns Stinson, a relative of one of the original owners, finally came into possession of the pit, and at his death in 1903, it, together with entire estate, was passed on to the City of Anna. The city sold the quarry and over a period of eighteen years it was under several different owners including Central Illinois Public Service Company. In 1921 Geo. H. Rippetoe, who had been working for C. I. P. S. in another capacity, bought an interest in the quarry and became the manager. It began to grow in value and importance to the surrounding territory until 1936, when this firm known as the Anna Stone Company was reorganized as the Anna Quarries, Inc. The following are the present members of the firm: Geo. H. Rippetoe Manager; Ben Vallenga, President; Fred Person, Vice President; Ben Vallenga, Jr., Secy., and John Benson, Treas.

Quarrying, like farming or any industry, has made great improvements in this 100 years. The first stone was dug and loaded by hand. Mules pulled cars from the pit to the mill where the stone was crushed. Now, by the use of air hammers, holes are drilled, sometimes as much as seventy

feet deep in which tons of dynamite are placed for a "shot." Next comes the breaking up process, where large man wielding sledges are no longer used but secondary shots are used to break up the large fragments of the "big shot" to where they can be loaded into cars that are pulled by electrically operated hoists that bring the large stone from the pit to the mill. In the mill a giant gyratory crusher breaks the stone into usable sizes. It is then carried over a series of screens, sized and carried to different bins where it is then taken to stock piles ready for use as rip-rap, concrete or building stone, road stone or agricultural limestone.

No living person remembers the first stone being quarried here, but all who have lived in Anna, associate the word "Quarry" with the city for it is indeed a part of Anna.

When we walk on the sidewalks, drive on one of the many paved streets, visit the Stinson Memorial Library or view the beautiful structure of the Presbyterian Church, we are reminded and can appreciate in a small way the part the Anna Quarries has played in the building of a modern city as we have.

The present capacity of the Quarry is over 3000 tons per day, which is delivered throughout Southern Illinois, parts of Kentucky, Tennessee and even states farther south. The Gilmore Asphalt Products, Inc., adjacent to the Quarry, is a large consumer of the limestone during construction season.

Many of the faithful, efficient and industrious employees, including the Mill Foreman, Claude Treece; and the Pit Foreman, Robert Treece, have virtually become fixtures at the Quarry due to their many years of association with it. Besides the Manager Geo. H. Rippetoe; the office personnel are: Clarence Campbell, Bookkeeper, secretaries, Afton Garrott and Bernice Hileman.

Progress at the Anna Quarries has indeed been "A Century of Progress."

LEONARD C. BITTLE, CONTRACTOR

Excavating & Truck Hauling
152 E. Vienna St.
Anna, Ill.

In the year of 1954 I began business in Anna as a Filling Station Operator, on West Vienna Street. I was in this business about three years and decided to go in trucking. I operated in timber trucking for a couple years; then started hauling creek gravel. I had a '39 Chevrolet truck and fifth interest in a Case High-Lift Dozer.

My brother-in-law, Ervin Emrick, and I bought the Case to ourselves and within a few months traded it for a new Crawler A-C. Then we began doing excavating work along with our trucking. Within a year we had added three new trucks and our business was steadily increasing.

In March, 1952, I bought Emrick's share and have been operating myself ever since. During most this time my family, which consists of my wife, Helen Friese Bittle, and son, Lindell Larry Bittle, and myself, lived on our farm, located about one mile southwest of Anna.

In April, 1953, we moved into Anna and live at the present address, 152 E. Vienna Street. During this period of years I have, by hard work and the cooperation of so many people giving me work, added to my equipment until I have the following: Two tandum trucks, three short base trucks, pick-up, float trailer, two High-Lift dozers, and one T. D. 14, with blade. I employ three truck drivers, two dozer operators, and have extra help during the busy season.

I wish to express my appreciation to all the people of Union County who have helped me to establish a successful business. My slogan is: "Keep busy being honest and you won't have time to be dishonest."



ANNA - JONESBORO MOTOR CO.

Anna-Jonesboro Motor Co. was organized in 1945 by Clay E. Tudor and Sam S. Duty, to sell Ford Cars, Trucks and Parts. The Garage opened in the Russell Tuthill Building on E. Vienna St. They also operated the City Service Station on the corner of McKinley and E. Vienna St. Mr. Duty's Son-In-Law, Leonard Hopkins, and Daughter, Bernadean Cochran, was parts Mgr. and Bookkeeper.

After a one year period, Mr. Duty decided to expand his business. In doing so he built a 60x160 ft. completely modern brick building. He installed all new modernized equipment, with a fully equipped Body Shop. They now have 19 employees. The location of this building is at the Corner of Green & Davie Streets.



Mr. and Mrs. Sam Duty have been racing horses for several years. In the picture above is Mr. Duty with Trotter Party Line and Pacer Allegro Lady. They are in training at DuQuoin Fair grounds. They have also raced other horses, A-B-C-D., Mary E. Dale, and Holly-Rood Janith, and several others. Below is Mr. Duty with Trotter Guy Happy Thoughts. Mr. and Mrs. Duty live north of Anna on Highway 51.





ANNA STATE BANK



Officers, left to right: C. Earl Hughes, L. Oard Sitter, Carl W. Boyd, P. M. West, B. J. Meyer, A. F. Bruchhauser, R. E. Pearl.

As in the lives of men, so in the history of institutions and municipalities, certain events and characteristics stand out vividly in retrospect.

Herein are portrayed only a few milestones marking the career of the Anna State Bank.

To our many loyal stockholders, depositors, customers and friends, these pages are gratefully dedicated. We pledge ourselves anew to maintain the ideals of co-operative service to you and to our community.

THE ANNA STATE BANK

ANNA, ILLINOIS

Your strong friendly bank owned and operated by home people opened for business September 18, 1930, having a capital structure of \$65,000.00 and total resources of \$302,004.59 with the following officers and directors.

Officers:

President, A. W. Walter	Vice President, Fred Roberts
Cashier, W. P. Harper	Assistant Cashier, B. J. Meyer

Directors:

A. W. Walter	Homer Boyd	Hal H. Spann
P. H. Walter	C. W. Mowery	Fred Roberts
L. Oard Sitter	D. F. Rendleman	Oscar D. Williams

Steady progress of the new financial institution can be traced through the early months and years with the first major change in officers recorded in January, 1934, when P. M. West succeeded A. W. Walter as president and Homer Boyd succeeded Fred Roberts as vice president. The number of the directors was reduced from nine to seven at that time.

On January 4, 1934, the officers and directors elected were:

Officers:

President, P. M. West
Cashier, W. P. Harper

Vice President, Homer Boyd
Assistant Cashier, B. J. Meyer

Directors:

A. W. Walter
C. W. Mowery
Homer Boyd
P. M. West

L. Oard Sitter
B. J. Meyer
Phil H. Walter

At this time the total resources were \$320,556.47 and the capital structure was \$60,000.00.

W. P. Harper was elected to the board of directors in January, 1938, replacing A. W. Walter.

Ryland E. Pearl was elected to the board of directors in January, 1944, in the place of Phil H. Walter.

The bank suffered a severe loss when its cashier, W. P. Harper, passed away in July, 1944.

Mr. Harper had served the bank faithfully and well since its organization.

Paul V. Schafer of Carlyle, Illinois, was elected cashier by the Board of Directors to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Mr. Harper. At that time the total resources were \$1,496,592.06 and the capital structure was \$85,000.00.

Mr. Schafer was elected to the board of directors in January, 1945, and resigned as cashier and director in June, 1946.

C. Earl Hughes of Grayville, Illinois, was employed by the Board of Directors as cashier July 9, 1946. At that time the resources were \$2,149,573.21 and the capital structure was \$90,000.00.

Mr. Hughes was elected a member of the board of directors in January, 1947.

At the organization meeting January 13, 1948, Mr. Hughes was elected Executive Vice President and Cashier.

The passing of directors Homer Boyd and C. W. Mowery in 1951 was a great loss to the bank as both of these gentlemen had been directors since the organization of the bank and had been two of its strongest pillars through the years.

January 8, 1952, A. F. Bruchhuaser and Carl W. Boyd were elected to the board of directors to fill the vacancies caused by the death of directors Boyd and Mowery.

The passing of Phil H. Walter in 1950 was very regrettable and his absence is sorely felt since he had been a prominent figure with the bank since its organization.

Roy T. Carlisle was employed as Assistant Cashier January, 1946, which position he held until June, 1951, when he resigned to accept the position of cashier of the Bank of Moroa, Moroa, Illinois.

On May 1, 1947, H. Don Otrich was employed by the Board of Directors and was elected Assistant Cashier in January, 1953.

Grace Bauer was employed by the Board of Directors in May, 1948, and was elected Assistant Cashier in January, 1953.

President P. M. West has served the Bank faithfully and well since he was elected president in January, 1934, for which the Bank and the people of our community are most grateful.

B. J. Meyer, Active Vice President, is the only officer or employee who has been with the Bank continuously since its organization. The Bank has been Mr. Meyer's life as he has placed it first during all of these years.

L. Oard Sitter is the only director who has served continuously since the Bank's organization. This statement speaks for itself as to his value to the Bank during these many years.

During "Anna Centennial 1854-1954" we are wont to reminisce and make comparisons.

Under the supervision and management of the officers and directors previously mentioned the Bank has made steady

growth in all phases of sound banking, particularly in its capital structure which is now over \$200,000.00, with resources of \$2,500,000.00.

During the last few years the banking quarters have been modernized and the safe deposit box vault enlarged and new boxes added until we now have 522.

An attractive neon sign has been placed in front of the bank building and an air conditioning unit has been installed for the comfort of our customers and employees.

The second floor of our building has been reconditioned and redecorated and the stairways leading thereto have been rebuilt and recovered. Offices and rental units are occupied by desirable tenants.

The services of this bank reach out like power lines into every home and industry in this community, serving the farmer, the business man, the wage earner, the housewife—every one. This bank has the facilities for serving everyone and the strength to protect their interests.

The continued inflated era in which we operate has given us unusual opportunities for growth but, as would be expected, has brought with it a more than normal complement of operating problems. This growth provides an opportunity and a challenge which the Bank is meeting progressively but conservatively by enlarging its existing facilities, thereby extending its services to an ever-increasing number of people.

The total amount of loans has steadily increased through the years. This represents a sound increase based on the needs of our customers to meet their legitimate requirements. Our effort is to supply the credit needs of our customers in the proper conduct of their business. At the same time we do not hesitate to decline a credit which we feel represents an over expansion or speculation and would, therefore, carry with it danger of loss to our customers and stockholders.

We are fortunate to be living and working in the era which our bank serves. Its growth and development in the future will create, as it has in the past, unusual opportunities

for those institutions which properly serve the needs of this growing country. This places upon us a great responsibility to recognize these opportunities to the end that our institution will soundly but steadily and progressively grow with the community which we serve. In this way we shall firmly and soundly build for the future.

The present officers and directors are:

Board of Directors:

P. M. West, Chairman

L. Oard Sitter	Ryland E. Pearl
B. J. Meyer	A. F. Bruchhauser
Carl W. Boyd	C. Earl Hughes

Officers:

P. M. West, President
B. J. Meyer, Active Vice President
H. Don Otrich, Assistant Cashier
C. Earl Hughes, Cashier and
Executive Vice President
Ryland E. Pearl, Vice President
Grace E. Bauer, Assistant Cashier

Employees

Mamie DeWitt	Florence Davis
Sarilda Jackson	Helen Head
Betsy Bacon	Betty Brimm

These are the present stockholders. Those marked with an asterisk were among the original stockholders.
Andrew F. or Kathryn Barnett

Carl W. Boyd	Robert W. Brown*
S. H. or Pauline Bear	Roy A. or Ellen L. Brown*
Charles Boyd*	A. F. Bruchhauser*
Earl A. Boyd	Robert B. Porter
Glenn E. Boyd	Mabel B. Poole
J. J. Boyd*	Katie R. Hill
Della P. Brown	C. Earl Hughes
J. R. Brown	Frank Highland
Florence A. Brown	Earl J. Kesler*

Henry J. Kesler*
 Harvey Ligon*
 John Earl Ligon
 C. W. Mowery*
 Geraldine Williams Melton
 Sarah McLafferty*
 Theresa McLafferty*
 E. P. Owen
 Ryland E. or Blanche B. Pearl
 Ryland E. Pearl
 Ray Penrod*
 H. A. Plott*
 Velma Roberts
 Paul D. Reese
 Joseph Ransmeier*
 Frank Rapsilber*
 Laura Rapsilber*
 Walter Ray*
 Jane Mary Rendleman
 Angella Ruth Rendleman
 George Rendleman, Jr.*

Helen Rendleman Meyer*
 Marie B. Hankla
 Mildred P. Rendleman*
 Russell D. Rendleman*
 August Schmitt
 L. Oard Sitter*
 Beulah R. Sitter
 H. A. Spann*
 J. V. Vernon
 George Van Horn*
 A. W. Walter*
 Cora S. Walter
 James E. West
 James L. Wahl*
 Mrs. Ellsworth William
 Roy Glenn Williams
 Mamie K. Walter*
 Percy M. West*
 Mrs. Pauline Wilkins
 Myrtle Womick



From Left to Right: C. Earl Hughes, Sarilda Jackson,
 Mamie DeWitt, Betty Brimm, Helen Head, B. J. Meyer, Grace
 E. Bauer, Betsy Bacon, H. Don Otrich

Like all business institutions, the future growth and success of our bank are largely dependent on the many men and women who individually make their separate contributions and who combine as a working unit to make our institution the live, pulsating and sound but progressive bank which it is today and which we must collectively strive to continue into the future.

ANNA BEAUTY SALON

Serving the Beauty Needs of Anna, Union County, Women in the Same Location Continuously Since 1926.

Adornment of the head by various arrangements of the hair has been practiced by man from pre-historic man on down through the present day.

With the entrance of women into the business world after World War I, hairdressing became a more specialized art. Salons became very popular and prices were so arranged that almost every woman today finds the services offered by the modern salon a necessity rather than a luxury.

The Anna Beauty Salon was opened in July of 1926 by Mrs. H. R. Brown and Mrs. Ruth Emerson. In 1932 Mrs. Brown moved to Chester and Mrs. Emerson purchased her interest.

In 1936 Miss Plumba Hindman joined the salon as an operator.

The salon has been in the same location in the Keith Building since its opening.

Mrs. Emerson is a graduate of the Moler Beauty College in St. Louis with the class of 1925. Miss Hindman was graduated with the class of 1932 from Marinello Beauty School in St. Louis.



Pictured from left to right: Roella Miles, Janitor; Stanley Boswell, Sr., Mrs. Stanley Boswell, Jr., Stanley Boswell, Jr., Harold Menees, Bartender. Front Row: Karen Jean and Lou Anne Boswell.

BOSWELL'S TAVERN

Boswell's Tavern was issued a license by the City of Anna May 7, 1933. It was owned and operated by Stanley Boswell, Sr., until the year of 1946, at which time Stanley Boswell, Jr., was made a partner in the business upon his return from service in World War II.

We are now celebrating our 21st year in the Tavern business.

To our knowledge we have the oldest set of bar fixtures now being used in the entire United States.

Our best wishes to the City of Anna upon its 100th Anniversary.

Stanley Boswell, Sr.
Stanley Boswell, Jr., and Family

BROOK'S PAINT & WALL PAPER STORE

322 S. Main Street

Phone 603

Anna, Illinois

Paints

Wallpaper

Enamels

Ladders

Varnishes

Brushes

Draperies & Drapery Hardware

GREETINGS

from

BIB & TUCKER

Children's Wear

314 South Main

Charlene Simpson — Sada K. Lewis

Employees

Norvie and Betty Vaughn — Owner and Operators

COUNTRY LIFE INSURANCE CO.

Country Life Insurance Company celebrates its Silver Anniversary with over \$600,000,000.00 of insurance in force this 9th of April, 1954. Country Life has amazed the insurance world by its sensational growth, which is a reflection of the confidence of the rural and urban population of Illinois.

The Country Life Agency Force congratulates the city of Anna on its 100 years of progress.

Fount B. Griffith
Special Agent

Carl C. Orr
General Agent

Wm. L. Casper
Special Agent



MR. AND MRS. C. J. BOYD & FAMILY

First Row: Mr. C. J. Boyd, Homer, Minnie, Mrs. Minerva Boyd

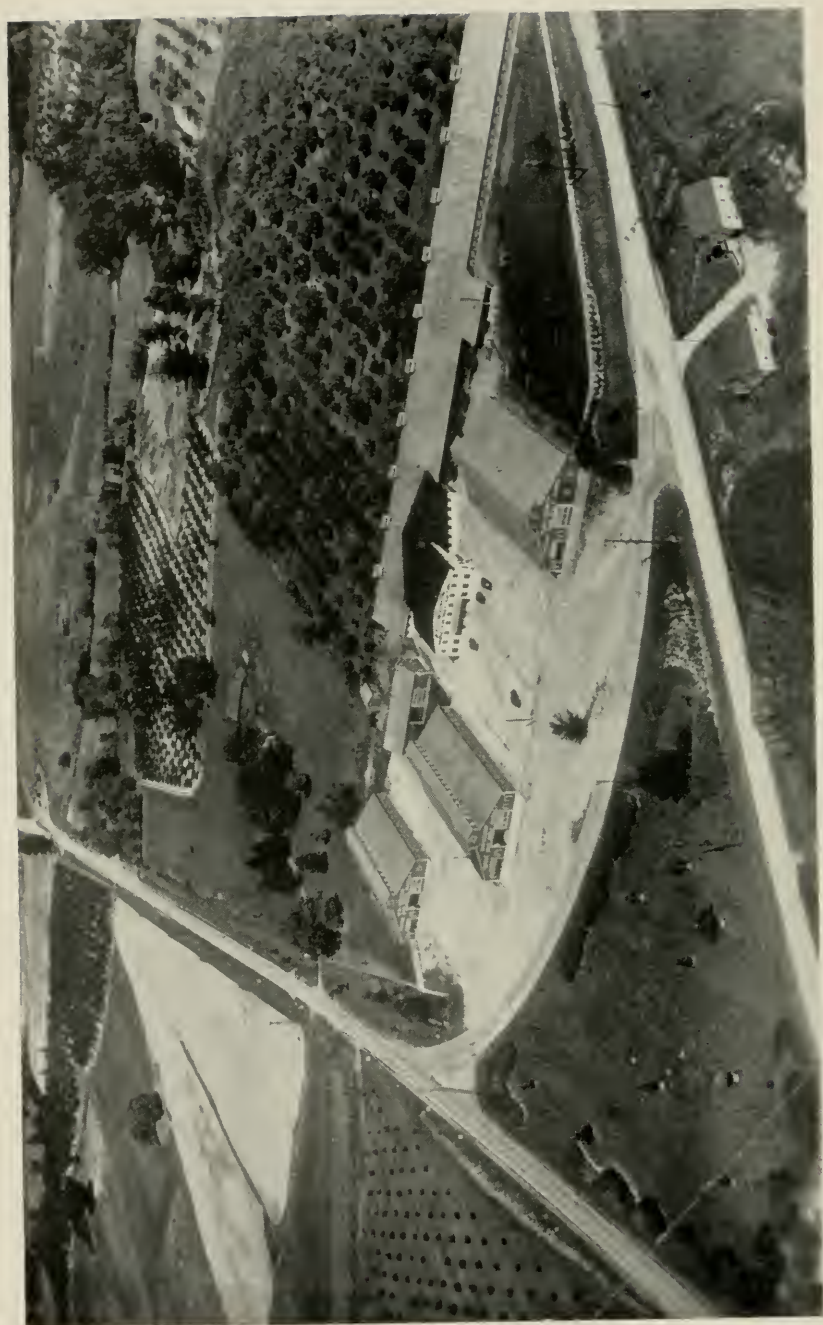
Second Row: Ernest, John J., Charles, Herbert, T. Van

Picture was made 65 years ago

Mr. Boyd came to Illinois from east Tennessee with his parents before the Civil War, at the age of fifteen, by ox team and covered wagon, crossing the Ohio River by ferry at Galconda. They located on a farm near Anna, lived in a log house with fire place, used grease lights, then candles and kerosene lights. His father died while serving in the Army at Cairo, leaving him, the oldest of four children, to care for the family. He married Miss Minerva Hess.

He traveled by horseback through the woods to the grist mill at Flaughtown to get corn ground into meal. He and his sons hauled gravel to fill mud holes in the street near Gamm's Shoe Store, in Anna. Planks were used to walk across street to team and wagon. Rubber boots were needed if a plank wasn't near.

He was one of the first to grow strawberries, fruits and vegetables. Helped organize Anna Shipper's Association, Box Factory, Anna Fair Association, and he and Homer helped organize the Anna State Bank, Homer remained an active member. Mr. and Mrs. Boyd helped build and were members of the Anna Baptist Church.



W. L. BISHOP FARM

W. L. BISHOP

W. L. Bishop, one of Union County's oldest citizens at this writing, came to Union County in 1906 in a survey, with his wife, Ada R. Bishop, and his family. They came here from Saline County to make this their home because they had heard it was a good place to live.

He and his wife opened a grocery store in 1910 and stayed in this business for close to 20 years before they sold out. Then they went into the Dry Goods business and ran this business for 5 years.

They, then sold this business in order to assist their son, W. H. Bishop, who was by this time operating a Horse & Mule Market at the out-skirts of Anna.

This turned into a very profitable business for W. H. Bishop and he turned it into a Horse & Mule Auction in 1938, which was the largest individually owned business of its kind in the World. The Auction held every Tuesday attracted several hundred people to Anna on that day and on many Tuesdays there were more than a thousand horses and mules sold at these Auctions.

In 1945, W. H. Bishop sold out his Auction to enter a much larger field, that of Horse Racing, which he now operates full time. He has been Leading Trainer in Illinois each year since he entered this field. He still maintains the retail barn here which is operated by his Father, and keeps his offices here, from which his bookkeeping, banking, etc. is done.

Also in this building, which is now known as the Bishop Barn Building is housed the Bishop Furniture Store (new and used) owned and operated by Daryl Bishop. This business was formerly started by N. D. Bishop in 1948 and sold to Daryl in 1951.

The B. & B. Loan Co. owned and operated by Mamie B. Biggs, was started in February of 1950 and is also in the Bishop Barn Building.

So this place of business is always a very busy place in Union County.



COCHRAN APPLIANCES

TV and Appliance Headquarters

145 E. Vienna Street

Anna, Illinois

We are proud to be a part of Anna since October 1st, 1952.
We believe that the next one hundred years in Anna will be
good.

UTILITY HISTORY OF ANNA

The first plant for electric public utility service in Anna was a direct current, 125 volt generator, installed about 1887 by Henderson and Son in a flour mill. A steam engine operated the mill during the day, and the generator at night. The story is told how boys held hands in a semi-circle with the two end boys grasping the terminals of the generator for the thrill of the shock.

In 1892 a new building was erected and the plant modernized with an alternating current, 2,200 volt generator and a direct current arc machine for street lighting. Incandescent lamps at that time were for operation at 50 volts.

A. A. Fasig, who had been in the ice business in the partnership of Fasig and Perrine, acquired the Anna Electric property from the firm of Nordling and Henderson. Shortly after the purchase, the plant burned down, and almost immediately Francis S. Peabody purchased the ice interests of Mrs. Perrine.

In 1905 construction was started on an enlarged ice plant, Fasig and Peabody organized the Fruit Growers Refrigeration and Power Company and the Anna-Jonesboro Street Railroad was built. The line went into operation December 15, 1905, and had two cars which ran regularly between the Anna State Hospital and the Jonesboro Courthouse. Power for the trolley line and lighting service was generated at the new ice plant.

Fasig later sold his interest to Peabody, and after a time the Peabody interest had gained control of the Anna Quarries, Inc., Anna-Jonesboro Electric Railroad, ice plants at Anna and Marion and electric light business at Anna, Jonesboro and Mounds. The company previously had leased the Jonesboro municipal plant. These properties were purchased in 1912 by the Central Illinois Public Service Company.

The generating plant at Anna was used as a principal source of power until 1920 and from 1920 to 1927 as standby power. The plant was shut down after construction of a transmission line from Grand Tower Power Station to Anna, because it was found that power could be generated at a large

station such as Grand Tower Station with much greater efficiency, with greatly improved continuity of service and could be delivered at substantially lower cost to customers.

Busses were substituted for electric cars by the transportation utility in 1925 and the line was abandoned in 1931 when increased use of automobiles made it impossible to maintain adequate service schedules.

WE SALUTE
ANNA



on her

Centennial
Anniversary

Reddy is Ready NOW—with Plenty
Reddy will Keep AHEAD for the Future

MORE POWER TO and FOR YOU

Reddy is Ready NOW—with Plenty
Reddy will Keep AHEAD for the Future

Central Illinois
Public Service Company

Low Cost Essential Service To
Industry, Business, Farm and Home

THE BEE LINE

In the year of 1936, on November 5, I, William J. Leader, moved with my family, to the City of Anna, Illinois, with my Model A Ford, and all our worldly possessions hooked on behind in a little trailer.

I came to this locality to establish the first Bee-Line equipped wheel-alignment shop. In the beginning, the people were unacquainted with this type of service, and were slow to respond. But, as time went on and automobiles were improved, and a travel-safe automobile was required, my services became more of a necessity to car owners in the vicinity.

Due to the willingness of the townspeople to advance and aid progress, my business grew and I was enabled to live comfortably for the past eighteen years and rear my young family into adulthood.

The encouragement I have received from this fair city and surrounding community for these many years, has been sufficient to cause me to remain in my original frontier.

During the past many years I have strived to gain and retain the friendship of all my patrons and friends.

It is of a surety, that if the backing which was given to me, is offered to all new ideas of advancement and progress started in this city, the City of Anna, will be 100 years from now, 100 times greater than at present.

William J. Leader
Owner and Operator of
The Bee-Line Garage

CITIES SERVICE OIL CO.

Cities Service Products first became known to this and surrounding communities in 1936. At that time Joe W. Graves, Clayton K. Walser and Jess C. Boyd formed a partnership. They opened with two tank wagons and one service station at the corner of McKinley and E. Vienna.

Mr. Boyd passed away in 1937 and the agency continued on as Walser and Graves till 1941, at which time Mr. Graves bought Walsers' share; and has continued throughout the years as agent for Cities Service.

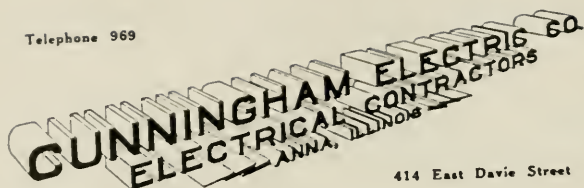
Joe has represented major oil companies for over thirty-five years.

Mr. Graves family consists of his wife, Lena, who is bookkeeper at the plant office, Joan, his daughter, and H. L. Wohlwend, son-in-law, also an employee of Cities Service in Bloomington. His grandson, Louis Joe, who claims to be Joe's right hand man in the oil business.

Mr. Graves wishes to express his appreciation for your patronage throughout the years.



Telephone 969



414 East Davie Street



The Cunningham Electric Company was organized by Fred Cunningham in 1935.

Fred Cunningham, the son of T. E. and Laura Cunningham, was born November 15, 1897, at Jackson, Missouri. His childhood was spent in Blodgett, Missouri. At the close of World War I he received his discharge from the U. S. Marine Corps. On July 2, 1919, he was married to Mabel Norman. They had two sons, Norman, who passed away in 1945 at the age of 25, and Bill, who is a member of the Cunningham Electric Company.

The father, T. E. Cunningham, selected Anna from a list of towns that did not have a battery station as a place to locate. They came to Anna August 12, 1919. Fred worked for his father until the following spring when he and Emiel Brase opened a garage in what is now the Anna Cleaners. In 1921 he went to work for the Murphysboro Telephone Company and in 1923 was made Local Manager. It was during this time that the Jonesboro Exchange was combined with Anna and the telephone system was changed from the magneto or hand crank system to the present common battery system. In 1928 he was transferred to Carbondale, where he continued to work until 1935. He then returned to Anna and organized the Cunningham Electric Company. In 1950 his son, Bill, joined the Company.

During the past nineteen years, the Company has grown to be one of the largest Electrical Contracting firms in Southern Illinois. The major contracts have been the Anna Junior High School, Anna City Hospital, Anna-Jonesboro Community High School, American Legion Community Center, Shawnee High School at Wolf Lake, Illinois; the Life Science, Library,

Physical Education and Animal Buildings at the Southern Illinois University in Carbondale; Texas-Illinois Natural Gas Compressor Station near Jackson, Missouri, Additions to City Power Plant at Metropolis, Illinois, and the State Office Building at Springfield, Illinois.



The present key employees, left to right: B. H. Ferrell, Paul Cunningham, Carl Hubbs, Bill Cunningham, William R. Hartjie, Vance Peterson. Seated, Mary Moos, Fred Cunningham.

CAMPBELL AND DENNY

Business was started August, 1941, as a partnership, composed of Dale Denney and Charles Campbell and the equipment consisted of one 1941 Chevrolet Truck and Trailer, and business was transacted from the Hamilton Oil Co. station on West Vienna Street.

Dale Denny is now Mayor and family consists of wife, Juanita, sons, Dale Jr., Donald Wayne and daughter, Evelyn Mae.

Clarence Campbell's family consists of wife, Zelma, son, Donald Lee, and daughter, Helen Ruth.

Today Campbell and Denny are located on East Lewis St. Lime Kiln Road and Sycamore Ave., having recently purchased the entire block No. 10 in Forrest Place Addition and constructed a Concrete Block Garage 42 feet wide and 60 feet long on the east end.

In 1952 we hauled in one day from the Charles G. Gilmore Asphalt Products Inc. a total of 1600 tons of Asphalt Mixture to Route 13 North of Murphysboro, and in which we hired about 50 trucks to move this hot material. Then in 1953 we hauled on one job to one contractor a total of 5004 tons of stone in one day, also in 1953 we delivered to the Anna Drive In Theatre in one day from the Anna Quarries Inc. a total of 4200 ton of stone. These are records yet to be broken.

Our present fleet of trucks consists of one Tractor and Low Boy, Eleven Ten Wheelers and two single Trucks. We are equipped to haul Heavy equipment, Crushed Stone, Sand and Hot Asphalt Mixes.

Of our Twelve employees, some have been with us since we started and most of them shortly thereafter as additional trucks were added. J. Guy (Brownie) Craft was driving when we owned the 1941 Chevrolet and started business. Our Employees are as follows: Edward L. Briner, Ual King, Harold F. Cross, Otis C. Dirden, Lawrence J. Boyer, Louie E. Willyerd, Thurston Burris, James Boomer, Harry Lingle, J. Guy Craft, Cecil W. Craft and Jack Mull.



CAMPBELL AND DENNY FLEET



FRANK CAVANESS

Frank Cavaness Tin Shop opened for business August 1st, 1937, located at 113 West Davie St., the business was operated at this location for one year, then it was moved to 106 La-Fayette St., which is the present location.

Frank Cavaness, the owner, has been operating in Anna 18 years, I work at the roofing, heating and sheet metal trade for 8 years previous to the date which I opened my own business.

I have three employees, namely: Henry Tripp of Jonesboro, Ill., Earl Tripp of Jonesboro, Ill., Fred Merriman of Anna, Ill. When I opened the shop on Davie St. I started with one employee, Bryan Lessar, who worked for me for a period of 5 years, Fred Herriman and Henry Tripp have been employed for the past 11 years. Earl Tripp has been employed for the past 5 years, Merle O'Daniel was a former employee of the Cavaness Tin Shop, for a period of 8 years.

I have been selling and installing for several years the following heating equipment, Combustioneer Oil & Gas Furnaces, Combustioneer Stokers & Oil Burners, Manufactured by the Steel Products Engineering Co., Springfield, Ohio, the Weir-Meyer Coal, Oil & Gas Furnaces, Manufactured by The Meyer Furnace Co., Peoria, Ill.

THE CAIRO COCA-COLA BOTTLING CO.

The Cairo Coca-Cola Bottling Company was founded in 1906 by the late W. E. McCarty, known as Mac to his many friends in Southern Illinois. The Early days of this little business reads like many of the old romance with which we are so familiar with today. The business just didn't start and mushroom into the present day business. It took much hard work, long days and many nights, perpetual faith in the product and faith in the future of the little towns in which Mac did business with. Constant improvement in the product, more advertising, profits put back into the business were all factors that contributed to the success of Coca-Cola in bottles. Early in the progress of this company it was found that demand made it advisable to establish warehouse facilities in the city of Anna. This was done and as time passed larger quarters were needed and the present block concrete building was erected. This building serves as office and warehouse with Mr. Henry Don Dillow in charge of the Anna operations. The Coca-Cola Bottling Company is proud to be a part of Anna and looks forward to celebrating the centennial in a bang-up way.

HALL FAMILY

Frank H. Hall, born in Commerce, Missouri, on February 4, 1840, came to Jonesboro in 1844. He was educated in Jonesboro and Cape Girardeau, Missouri. Hall was associated with A. C. Caldwell of Jonesboro as a tinsmith until 1861, at which time he moved to Cairo to work on Federal Gunboats. Shortly after he joined the 145th Illinois Volunteer Infantry, with whom he served at Vicksburg and the lower Mississippi until discharged in 1865.

Hall was married to Flora Ann Elkins of Vienna, Illinois, on November 21, 1866. In 1868 he returned to Anna and opened a general merchandise store and the town's first tin-shop. Hall was actively engaged as a tinsmith and slater until his death in 1909. Among his projects were roofing the main building at the Anna State Hospital in 1869; the Annex in 1890; and various city churches. Hall was among the group to ride on the first train to pass through Anna.

Frank and Flora Hall were the parents of six daughters and two sons. Surviving are two daughters: Margaret Hickcox of Cairo and Emma Carter of Anna, together with five grandchildren.

Frank Hall was a member of the G. A. R.; the Vienna Masonic Lodge and Oddfellows; the Republican Party; and affiliated with the Presbyterian Church.

CLAUDE E. LEE,

The Old Reliable

Grain Dealer Since 1907

We buy and sell grain at all times. Call us at 881. We will call at your farm and pick up. If you want to buy, call 881. We will deliver.

EMERY DAVIS

Our business was established, at this address, in March, 1936, by Emery Davis and wife, Josie Fulenwider Davis.

Our policy has always been "to give our customers courteous service and sell only reputable merchandise at the lowest possible prices, and to sell nothing that we cannot replace without charge, if an item fails to give proper service."

This policy has been of very great help to us in developing our business.

We have made lots of fine friends and loyal customers, to whom we are constantly grateful for their loyalty and friendship.

It is our intention to continue serving our customers with good service and good merchandise through our part of the next hundred years, and may our town and community prosper in the future in proportion to the earnest effort put forth.

DAISY'S BEAUTY SHOPPE

Following graduation from E. Burnham School of Beauty Culture in Chicago in 1931, I was employed in the Haas Beauty Salon in Evanston, Illinois, until I moved to Anna in 1933. I was employed by Jennie Dillinger, and later by Alma Crocker, when she purchased the Anna Lee Beauty Shoppe from Jennie.

Daisy's Beauty Shop came into being when I opened the shop at 319 South Main under this name, and continued in this location until I sold it to Alma Crocker in 1941.

Daisy's Beauty Shoppe was reopened in the Anna State Bank Building in 1944, where it continued to operate until it was moved to its present location in the Old Thompson residence, 105 W. Monroe Street, Anna.

Any one desiring an appointment for almost any type of Beauty Culture may call 283, and may rest assured that the results of these years of experience will be shared with the patrons.

Daisy Alice Thompson



Buick the Beautiful Buy

DICKERSON BUICK SALES

121 W. Davie

Phone 260

THE CHOATE FAMILY

The Choate family were among the earliest settlers of Southern Illinois. Green B. Choate, three times a volunteer in General George Washington's Army and a direct descendant of John Choate of Ipswich, Massachusetts (1642), passed away in Gallatin County, near Equality in 1842. Squire Choate settled near Vienna in 1808, when Illinois was still a territory, and died in 1861 on his farm which is now the C. B. & Q. station of Choate near Metropolis, Illinois. Isaac Choate, son of Jesse and Elizabeth, came to Union County from Golconda in 1868 and spent the remainder of his life in and about Anna. In his own words, "I found two Republicans here beside myself—C. E. Kirkpatrick and Wilburn Smith. Little mention was made of our politics!"

Isaac Choate was foreman of the Finch and Shick Lime Kiln and Farms (now Anna Quarries) for 38 years. The family of Isaac and Hannah were: Elizabeth, Luann, James I., John and Bessie (Mrs. James T. Lokey), deceased; Ethel (Mrs. Ed Hargrave), and Robert M. of Anna.

Robert M. Choate has been active in Civic and community affairs of Anna, serving as Alderman and City Commissioner for 24 years, as director of the Anna City School Board for 32 years, 12 years as president, and as director on Anna Fair Board for 35 years, as chairman and board member of the First Christian Church for 26 years, and was on Anna's first Factory Committee. In 1915, he established the firm of Choate and Co.—Flour and Feeds (now Anna Flour and Feed Co.), and in 1925 became Area Distributor for Sinclair Oils. In 1902 he married Mary Ellen Coffman, daughter of James M. and Margaret Simmons Coffman, both also early settlers in Southern Illinois. J. M. Coffman, contractor, erected most of the principal buildings in Anna, and at the Anna State Hospital.

Children of Robert M. and Mary E. Choate are: H. LaVerne, associated with International Shoe Co. of Anna; Murray M., employee of C. I. P. S. Co. of Anna; Dr. Rovelle C., offices in Lexington, Kentucky; Dr. Robert A., formerly supervisor

of Music of schools in Spokane, Washington, and Oakland, California, and member of faculties of California, Stanford, and Northwestern Universities, and at present Dean of the Boston University College of Music, Boston, Massachusetts; M. Margaret, at present Supervisor of A-J Teen Town; and two foster daughters, Mrs. Bertha Corbitt Keller, wife of Lt. Corliss D. Keller, U. S. N., retired, and Mrs. Evelyn Coffman Berry of Nashville, Illinois. There are sixteen grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

JOE DAVIDSON BARBER SHOP

Joe and Ruth Davidson moved to Anna from Carbondale in 1946. Joe was manager for Ralph Gray Motor Company until 1949. He then purchased interest in the Motor Company. In the year 1950 he sold his interest in the Motor Company and remained as manager until 1951.

In May, 1951, he opened Davidson Motor Company at 150 E. Vienna Street. Joe's son, Bob, moved to Anna with his wife, Myra Jean, and daughter, Shirley Ann, who joined Joe in his automobile business. They enjoyed a profitable and pleasant business until the summer of 1953.

At this time they leased the car lot to Gamber Motor Company which is still in operation.

Bob accepted a position as sales manager at Cochran Appliance and Joe built his all modern barber shop at 150 E. Vienna Street and has resumed his regular trade as a barber. Joe is a Union barber of 34 years.



DAIRY QUEEN of ANNA, ILLINOIS
Homer C. Holland
Owner





DAVIS SHELL SERVICE

S. Main & E. Davie St.

Anna, Ill.

Phone 624

The Shell Oil Company opened this station in 1928 and it was operated by Hershel Russell. The original station was located midway of the E. Davie Street Parking Lot, operating with two hand pumps.

Alvin W. Adams leased the station in 1933 and sold 32 gallons of gas and two quarts of oil the first day. John Hubbs took over in 1934 and Paul Elam in 1937.

Adams again took charge in 1938 and stayed until 1942. His average monthly gas sales was 16,000 gallons—a far cry from his opening day in 1933. Adams was benefitted by a new, modern station built in 1942 by Shell Oil Co.

M. J. Ward operated the station from 1942 to 1944 and sold out to Lester Davis, who stayed until 1950. Vern Deming operated the station until October, 1953.

John C. and Bill Davis, brothers of a previous owner, Lester Davis, are now in charge of the station. Others working at the station include: Harvey O. Childers, Dareld E. Davis and Clifton Hankla.

THE DAVIS PASTRY SHOP

is proud to be a part of the Anna Centennial.

OUR SPECIALTIES

Wedding Cakes

Hot Breads

All kinds of Pastry

Owned and operated by Ora L. Davis and Son.

312 South Main Street

Phone 95



Dale Denny, owner
Dale Denny Construction Co.

DALE DENNY CONSTRUCTION CO.

Dale Denny Owner

Dale Denny started in the construction business in 1933 as a partner of J. D. Barter, naming their company the Barter and Denny Construction Co. with offices at Harrisburg, Illinois. The Barter and Denny Construction Co. operated a large fleet of trucks as well as a large number of pieces of earth moving equipment.

Dale Denny worked all over Southern Illinois and was in and out of Anna, frequently and in 1941 purchased property and moved with his wife, Juanita, and son, Dale Jr., Dale Jr. having been born when they were living in Metropolis. Evelyn Mae and Donald Wayne being born after they moved to Anna.

In 1945 the Dale Denny Construction Company was formed and the Barter and Denny Construction company was dissolved and Mr. Denny has continued to increase his equipment until now he has equipment for any size job of Earth moving. His past work consisted of Building Roads, Levees, Air Ports, digging ditches, ponds, and reclaiming farm land by terracing and all kinds of Earth moving. The smallest job done was 1/2 hour with D7 Tractor & Dozier and the largest was \$365,000.00. So no job is too large or too small.

In the Construction work it is necessary to hire many of the employees in the territory where the work is being done. but the Key employees, some of whom has been with the company from its inception and most of them for several years. They are: Milton Roberts, Emmett Mueller, Joel Martin, Louie Kelley and Carl Wright.

H. E. DOUGLAS

H. E. Douglas of Anna operates the only surviving blacksmith shop in the city of Anna on the date of the city's Centennial Celebration July, 1954.

The blacksmith shop, for many years referred to as the Seger Shop, is located on the corner of Washington and Morgan Streets, and was built in 1894 by A. Seger.

Homer Hartline purchased the business in 1921 and A. Stadelbacher and son became the owners in 1926. Mr. Douglas was employed as manager in 1926, and in 1936 he and Levi Ury purchased the shop. Douglas became sole owner in 1944. He is assisted at this time by Herschel Landess.

Horse-shoeing, which was the main business of the shop during the early years, has become a business of the past as Douglas states he has not shod a horse since 1950. However, horse shoes are made in his shop for the few horses which are now in use and the owners shoe their own horses.

The making of wagons was a good business many years ago, but this work has been followed by the making of truck bodies. However, the few wagons which are in use in the area are repaired in the Douglas shop.

The open forge is still in use but the torch has been added to the blacksmith equipment for welding. Work at this blacksmith shop, which is now approximately sixty-years old, includes sharpening plows, repairing farm machinery and general blacksmithing.

There is "no spreading chestnut tree" under which Douglas and his assistant may carry on their work, as the trees of the vicinity have long ago been cut down to make way for the modern age of concrete walks and paved streets.

Mr. and Mrs. Douglas have two children, Mrs. Kenneth Crawford of Frankfort, Germany, and Captain Darrell Dee Douglas at Fort Richard, Maryland. Also two grandsons, James D. Crawford and Darrell Dee Douglas Jr.

HISTORY OF ELKINS APPLIANCE SALES

133 W. Vienna St.

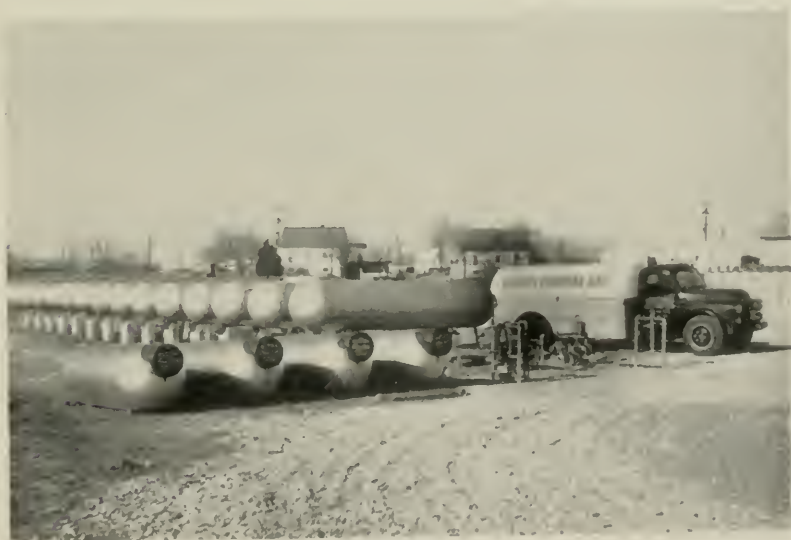
Anna, Ill.

Elkins appliance sales was open for business for the first time in November, 1939, on South Main St., Anna, Ill. At that time it was the only appliance store in Anna, selling only Home Appliances. The exclusive franchise for all Philco products was obtained at this time, and the first Philco refrigerator was sold in Union County.

The Bottle Gas part of our business was started in 1940 with 25 customers. This part of our business has grown steadily through the years to 800 customers.

In 1946 the Bendix Automatic Washer and Dryer franchise was acquired. This was the first Automatic washer and dryer ever produced.

The year of 1949 opened a complete new field in our bottle gas business by using Propane gas for home heating. This part of our business has grown by leaps and bounds to a record number of satisfied customers who heat their homes, cook, and heat hot water with ELKINS PROPANE GAS. We operate our own bulk plant and truck, and install large tanks for home and commercial use.





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Buyers of Poultry, Eggs & Cream

Dixie Better Feeds

Anna, Illinois

Phone 243

144 E. Davie St.

Gerald Rion, Mgr.



THE EGYPTIAN NASH CORPORATION

The first Nash automobile sales and service dealership ever located in Anna was opened on August 13, 1951, at the temporary location near the corner of South and Lafayette streets in the building known as Fear's Garage. This business was started under the name of The Egyptian Nash Company with Charles J. Lewis as owner. Since Mr. Lewis was actively engaged in the Lewis Bros.' Bakeries business at that time, Mr. Glenn Dempsey was employed as general manager of the automobile business, with Lester Fear, Frank Blessing, and Clarence Williams as the other initial employees.

On March 14, 1952, this business was moved to its permanent location at 200 N. Main Street where a completely new sales and service department had been built with all the most modern equipment available to better serve their customers. A very successful Grand Opening was held at that time with over 3000 people in attendance during the 3 days of March 14-16.

A new organization was formed on July 1, 1953, as the business was incorporated under the name of The Egyptian Nash Corporation with Charles J. Lewis as president, Lester Fear as vice-president, and Mrs. Jewel K. Lewis as secretary. Frank Blessing, Wellman Gunn, Dorothy Hileman, Lawrence Hinkle, Jesse High, Lloyd Perkins and Virtus Wiggs were other loyal employees at this writing.

THE EASTMAN FAMILY

One of the oldest and best known truck gardeners and dairymen in Southern Illinois was Mr. H. T. Eastman. He was born in New York in 1819 and moved with his parents to Michigan, then to Ohio. It was in Ohio that he learned the carpenter's trade and also that of a millright. In 1847 he was employed in the Mad River and Sandusky Railroad shops in Sandusky, Ohio. It was in these shops that he invented the first locomotive pilot from his own plans. This invention took the place of what was used at that time and was called a "cow-bunter." In recognition of his invention he was given a pass for free transportation over many roads as well as a silver pilot for his watch chain.

He was an ardent Republican, casting his first vote at the age of twenty-one for William Henry Harrison in 1840, and voting for every Republican candidate thereafter. His proudest vote was his last. He expressed himself as being proud he helped make Theodore Roosevelt president. During the rebellion he was one of the Union league's strongest supporters in this hot-bed of opposition to the Union cause.

In 1856, Mr. Eastman moved to Anna, Illinois, and bought a farm which is still known as the Eastman homestead. He began to cultivate small fruits, and was among the first to ship strawberries to Chicago and the very first to supply this northern market with blackberries, raspberries, cantaloupes, and green onions. He originated the system of starting melons in boxes and transplanting them to the field by simply cutting away the box. In 1878 he established a dairy known as the Willow Springs Dairy. During his twelve years in the dairy business he shipped more than 200,000 gallons of milk to Cairo, supplying one of the leading hotels.

Mr. Eastman was a gifted poet. His productions in the last few years were many and readable. He had prepared an anniversary poem which he intended reading on his 87th birthday, but passed away just two hours before it. In his last moments he expressed himself as being desirous of living just one more day to round out his eighty-seven years. He never wore glasses, could read the finest print, never used liquor or tobacco and was noted for his charity and abstemious habits.

In 1896 upon the death of his devoted wife he gave up his business and turned the management of his farms to his sons, one of whom was the late Harmon Eastman. Harmon was noted over a vast area for his large acreage of improved watermelons and was known as the "King of Watermelons."

In 1920, he too, retired from farming and bought a home in Anna. He had five children, Morton, Wilbert, Edith, Beulah, and Velma. Wilbert was the first Anna boy drafted into service in World War I in September, 1917. He, too, is a staunch Republican and a carpenter. He has been precinct committeeman for several years and is now head carpenter at the Anna State Hospital and a member of the Anna Methodist Church.

After the death of his father and mother he bought the Eastman home where he now lives with his wife and daughter, Viola. He has one son, Evan, who after serving some time with the Eighth Air Force in England during World War II, received his degree from Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, Illinois, married, and moved with his wife to St. Charles, Missouri, where he is now a tool designer at the McDonnell Air Craft Corporation.

The latest addition to the Eastman family is Roger Evan, the two-month-old son of Evan. He is named for the first Eastman who came to the United States from Wales, Roger Eastman, and for his father, Evan.



H. T. EASTMAN

FOLEY'S DRUG STORE

Started March, 1934, by

L. E. (Ned) Foley and A. S. Kimbro, R. Ph.

Personnel employed at the store through the years:

Anderson, Rodney
Barker, Candy
Boyd, Martha
Bean, Eloise Yates
Bohannon, Marcelline
Bolen, Al
Brooks, Lawrence
Coffman, Mary Ellen
Coffman, Roy
Davis, Fred
Dougherty, Noel
Eddleman, William
Eaves, Helen
Elam, Dimple
Evans, Bernita
English, Mary Brooks
Foley, Donald
Foley, Patricia
Freeze, Gladys
Ferrill, John
Flam, Helen
Fuller, Myron
Gray, Jack
Grammer, Virginia
Hamilton, Hilda
Hennard, Harold
Isom, Yvonne

Keller, Patricia
Keistler, Frank Jr.
Kimbrow, Robert
Kohler, Mildred
Kaufman, Mable
Lingle, Lazelle
Murphy, Donald
McKinney, Lovella
Moye, Betty Emerson
McLane, Earl
Niblock, Charles
Navin, Mary Ann
Otten, Evelyn Boyd
Otrich, Susan
Rushing, Uba Gay
Rife, Berry L.
Rife, James B.
Raybon, Norma
Romine, William
Sivia, Paul
Stearns, Opal M.
Stroehlein, Eddie
Wadley, Vernon
Winters, Frances
Whitnell, Shelby
Wood, Dorothy

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Phone 1037W

313 South Main Street

Anna, Ill.



E. W. FILE SUPPLY COMPANY

This business was organized April, 1951, under the trade style—E. W. File Supply Company. Operates as a co-partnership comprising E. W. File, Byford L. Lowry and Martha Jean Riggs.

The premises in occupancy at R. F. D. 2, Anna, Ill., comprise quarters in a one-story brick building—60'x100'. The plant is situated approximately one mile from the business district.

Activities are confined to the distribution of plumbing supplies, hot water heating, hot air heating, air conditioning, pipe, fittings, and plumbing and heating specialties.

The company is at present serving Little Egypt, Southeast Missouri, and Western Kentucky, employing Byford L. Lowry and James Thomas as outside salesman; Edward Sauerbrunn and Milford Davis as house salesman; and Patsie Barringer as bookkeeper and typist. Sales are made to well drillers, plumbing and heating contractors, and industries.

FASHION SHOP

108 N. Main Street

Anna, Illinois

The Fashion Shop of Anna had its grand opening December 9, 1950. This shop was a branch of the Fashion Shop of Benton, Illinois, which was established since 1924 by Mr. I. Bass. Mr. Sam Bass, a son of I. Bass, took over his father's business after his death in 1948. Several years later Mr. Sam Bass opened the Anna branch store. In August, 1953, Mr. Bass closed his Benton store so that he could devote his full time to the Anna store.

The Fashion Shop of Anna caters to the most up-to-date ladies apparel in Junior, Misses, and half-sizes. This shop features nationally advertised merchandise seen in all the leading fashion magazines, and is known for its quality merchandise.

Mrs. Vida Mull, manager of the Fashion Shop, has been employed with this shop since its opening. Other employees are Mrs. Glenna Fox of Anna; Billy Sue Norris of Jonesboro, and Mrs. Madge Nalley of Anna.

ANNA NEWS COMPANY

In 1936 Mr. and Mrs. Robert M. Hagler purchased the Anna News business from Fred Wells, which he has operated for many years at 313 South Main Street.

In 1946 they moved to their new location at 116 North Main Street. They are now operating a complete news service handling all St. Louis and Chicago newspapers which are delivered daily to homes in Anna. They also carry a complete line of leading magazines and other interesting reading material.

Many men in and around Anna, earned their first money delivering papers for the Anna News Company.

GODDARD STORAGE

Boxes and Baskets

Anna, Illinois

Entered business in 1922. Purchased the old Anna Creamery from J. L. McFadden in 1922. Bought cream and made butter until 1925, then went into the Cream Buying, and Poultry, Egg and Feed Business. Also Stock Hauling to St. Louis. Then went into Sweet Potato Business.

Employees through the thirty-two years of business:

George Litton
H. A. Russell
Raleigh Dover
Leasel Schlenker
Murvin Casper
Rufus Williams
Beryl Goddard

Claud Wright
Truman Williams
Clyde Goddard
Joe Goddard
Delbert Hood
Carl Cavitt
Clyde Hinkle

GODDARD SEED & PRODUCE

Distributor of Asgrow Garden Seeds

Fescue & Red Clover Seed Cleaning a Specialty

Buyers & Wholesalers of Field Seeds

Phone 96-R and 96-W

Anna, Illinois

The Goddard Produce was formed in 1942 when R. R. Goddard's interest in the produce and livestock hauling was purchased by Clyde Goddard. Under the new management, produce hauling was added along with the livestock hauling. This business was active until 1946 when the livestock and produce trucks were sold, and mill and seed processing machinery were bought to replace the hauling industry, thereby, the trade name of Goddard Seed and Produce was adopted. This business is still very active in seed processing and the produce business. With seed processing and the produce business. With seed processing machinery, we feel that we have helped farmers of a thirty mile radius progress greatly. To our business we have added Asgrow Garden Seed, which we distribute in southern Illinois. Although this is far from a century of progress, we feel that we have easily done our share and will continue to do so.

GAMM SHOE COMPANY

124 E. Davie St.,

Walter H. Cherrick, Prop.

The Gamm Shoe Co. was established in 1895 by Barney Gamm, whose family consisted of his wife, Fannie, and daughters, Lena, Ollie and Annie. For a number of years this was the only exclusive shoe store in the county. Mr. Gamm owned and operated the store for 10 years and sold it to Louis Block, a nephew. Mr. Block was assisted by Dave Sloan. These two men managed the store for about 3 years and sold it to Ed and Bess Lehr, they continued its operation for 9 years. Bess Lehr was a niece of the original owner. The Lehr's had one daughter, Mildred.

After having served in World War I, and upon receiving his discharge, A. L. Cherrick, a nephew of the Gamm's, and father of the present owner, purchased the store from the Lehrs on July 18, 1919. After being in business about a year Mr. Cherrick was married to Miss Essie Magidson of St. Louis, Mo. They were the parents of two sons, Walter and Gilbert. Mr. and Mrs. Cherrick were active in civic affairs in Anna. Essie Cherrick passed away in 1938 and A. L. Cherrick continued to operate the store until his death in 1944. At this time his son, Walter, was in service and Gilbert operated the store until he was called to serve his country in 1945. Gilbert was assisted by Daisy Wells. Upon Gilbert's leaving for service, Mrs. Wells managed the store until Walter was discharged from the army in 1946, after which he resumed management of the store. Prior to returning to Anna, Walter was married to Selma Goldstein of New Brunswick, N. J. They have one son, Alan Lee.

During the time that the Gamm Shoe Company has been owned by the Cherricks the following have been employed by them: Helen Brown, Laura Masska, Ruth Penrod, Kate Coffman, Maude Coleman, Mary Hileman and Daisy Wells. Mrs. Wells has been a faithful employee from March, 1923, through the present time, making a total of 31 years to date.

The Gamm Shoe Company has been in continuous operation in the same location since it opened its doors 59 years ago. It has always been, and will continue to be the policy of this store, to present to the public quality merchandise at reasonable prices.



Present Building Occupied by The Gazette-Democrat



The Gazette-Democrat Staff in 1954

Standing, left to right: John Vicenzi, plant superintendent; James Mueller; James Hoyle, advertising manager; Gideon Vivrett, Jr.; Hobart Earnhart; Lowell Cooley; David Boyd; Fred Fritzinger; (Inset), Lewida Reppert Hoyle, publisher. Seated, left to right: Clorene Rixleben, society editor and bookkeeper; Clyde Treece; Mrs. Virgil Smith; Irene Hartline, Deon Davis.

THE GAZETTE-DEMOCRAT

The Gazette-Democrat of Anna, Union County's weekly newspaper, has served the city of Anna and Union County for the past ninety-six years.

The newspaper was established in Jonesboro in 1858, as The Democrat, and was moved to Anna within a few weeks when the name was changed to The Anna Democrat, thus joining other progressive enterprises which were to promote the expansion of the city and its trade territory.

The progress of the city is recorded on the pages of this newspaper, as the various changes took place. Legal publications of all periods follow each other through the pages, providing a true history of the growth of the city.

A. N. Sessions, widely known for his political influence, purchased The Anna Democrat in 1902. An able attorney at law, Sessions was considered an authority on many questions of the area and his editorials were anticipated with pleasure.

J. L. Hammond, politician, writer and editor, was associated with the newspaper from 1897 until his death in 1937. The Hammond family was in control of the newspaper until 1939 when it was sold to H. Clay Reppert, who had previously owned and operated newspapers in Kansas and Michigan.

The name of the newspaper was changed to the Gazette-Democrat and The Anna Talk after the purchase of The Jonesboro Gazette and The Anna Talk.

Following the death of Mr. Reppert in 1951, his wife, Lewida Reppert, has published the newspaper with the assistance of John Vicenzi, who came to Anna from Michigan when Reppert purchased the newspaper.

The Gazette-Democrat has been a major factor in the promotion of many proposals for advancement in the city and county, in consolidation of schools, construction of the Anna City Hospital, establishing the Anna City Park and other activities of the city and community, serving as an accurate

source of information whereby readers might be advised of current events in their communities.

A modern building was constructed a few years ago on ground adjoining the building which had been used for many years to house The Anna Democrat and later, The Gazette-Democrat.

The newspaper is at this time in the new and attractive building which stands at the corner of LaFayette and South Street. The building is the low, modern type, well suited to the operation of a newspaper.

The general office is spacious and well lighted. The private office for the editor is located at the rear of the general office and adjacent to the newspaper plant. The plant of the newspaper is equipped with the most modern and efficient machinery available, making it the most modernly equipped newspaper and job shops in southern Illinois.



Former Gazette-Democrat Building

LYNN D. SIFFORD

Lynn DeWitt Sifford Sr., a native of Anna, Illinois, was born January 8th, 1896, the son of Thomas Peter and Minnie English Sifford. His early life was spent on the farm one mile East of Anna. His early schooling was received at the Nimmo Country School, the Anna Public Schools and the Union Academy.

At the age of 16 he was enrolled in the Georgia Military Academy at College Park Georgia, from which he graduated in June, 1916. That fall he entered law school at Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tennessee. In April, 1917, one day after World War "I" was declared he enlisted in the armed service, and was assigned to the 122nd Infantry of the 31st (Dixie) Division, of the United States Army. He attended the First Officers Training School held at Fort Ogletrorpe, Georgia, and was commissioned a First Lieutenant, and at the close of the Camp ordered to the Second Officers Training School at Camp Wheeler, Macon Georgia, as an Instructor.

October, 1918, he left Fort Dix, N. J., on the "Saxonia" for over seas duty in France, returning to the States in March, 1919, aboard the "Mauretina" and soon after returned to Anna. On April 9th, 1919, he was married to Anna Roy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Roy, also of Anna, and in June of that year he started in the Insurance business and continued the agency known as "Insurance of All Kinds" for 35 years, at the same location, 117 W. Vienna Street.

Mr. and Mrs. Sifford have two children, a son, Major Lynn DeWitt Sifford Jr., a graduate of West Point Military Academy, now serving on the Joint Brazilian United States Military Commission of the United States Air Force in Sao Paulo Brazil, and a daughter, Nancy, wife of D. J. McGarry, an attorney, located in St. Petersburg, Florida. The Siffords are members of Mt. Moriah Lutheran Church. Mr. Sifford is now Vice-President of the Church Council, having served also as financial Secretary for eight years, and teacher of the Men's Class for five years. Mr. Sifford has been active in civic af-

fairs, serving as Commander of the American Legion, The Townsend F. Dodd Post, and on the President's Special Board of Review of Veterans Claims, President of the Anna Chamber of Commerce, President of the Board of Education of the Anna Jonesboro-Community High School, was Co-Chairman of Four of the Bond Drives during World War "2", and is now serving his eighth year as a member of the State Rehabilitation Commission.

MRS. MOORE'S FLOWER SHOP-GREENHOUSE

206 E. High Street

Phone—Anna 42

Mrs. Moore's Shop was established in Anna in 1928. During this time she has been a member of the Florist Telegraph Delivery Association. This membership has enabled her to deliver flowers world wide.

It has been a great pleasure to service the fine people of Anna.

GAMBER MOTOR CO.

“See Guy Before You Buy”

Chrysler — Plymouth



Parts — Sales — Service

346 South Main

Phone 670

GUY GAMBER, Owner

William Hileman

Fay Johnson

Lester Darnell

GILMORE ASPHALT PRODUCTS, Inc.

The beginning of the Chas. G. Gilmore Asphalt Products, Inc., dates back to 1939, when Chas. G. Gilmore, Ben Vallenga and George H. Rippetoe formed a partnership known as the Chas. G. Gilmore Asphalt Products. They set up an asphalt plant on ground adjacent to the Anna Quarries and began the manufacture of asphaltic concrete, which they used in paving municipal streets and state and federal highways.

Through the knowledge and past experience of the Manager, Chas. G. Gilmore, in asphaltic products, and because of the nearness to and availability of some of the raw products, the business grew rather rapidly. Two of the major materials, stone from the Anna Quarries, and fine sand from Dug Hill, have been available in unlimited quantities.

Because of the growing business, it became necessary in 1947 to add a portable plant to the equipment. It is being used on jobs which are located 50 or more miles from the Anna plant.

In 1951 the partnership became a corporation and is now known as Chas. G. Gilmore Asphalt Products, Inc.

After the death of Mr. Gilmore in 1951, the following became the officers of the company: Geo. Rippetoe, Pres.; Ben Vallenga, Vice Pres.; Clarence Campbell, Sec.

In order to take care of the expanding business, it became necessary in 1952 to set up another new and larger plant along side the original plant.

Through the use of their three modern asphalt plants and the latest and best equipment which the company now owns, they are prepared and qualified to handle any size and type of asphaltic work throughout Illinois and Missouri.

During construction season they maintain a force of 30 to 60 men, the annual payroll being from \$75,000 to \$150,000.

Besides the officers of the company, the managing personnel are: Dellis Buzbee, Office Manager, Hubert Steinhoff, Engineer, Clyde Casper, Plant Superintendent, and Herbert Mathis, Road Superintendent.

Some of the older employees in years of service with the company who have contributed towards its success are: Clovis Messamore, Leo Mann, Edward Henderson, Chas. Dover, Aquilla Nicholson, John Sims, Geo. Bell, Harry Bailey, Roscoe Schierbaum, Owen Webb, Cecil Webb, Chas. Goodman, Carl Eddleman, Raleigh Peeler, Orvil Brown, Clyde Baggott, Ervil Spurlock, Vivian Jackson, Woodrow Gulley, Basil Roher, Frank Phillips and Pete James.

The following were faithful employees for many years but now deceased: Royal Mathis, deceased 1950. Fred Smithson, deceased 1953. Guy Martin, deceased 1954.



GILMORE ASPHALT PRODUCTS PLANT

tying the nation together

General Telephone Company of Illinois



*A Member of One of the Great Telephone
Systems Serving America.*

General Telephone, serving 21 states, is one of
America's fastest-growing Utilities

We congratulate our community in celebrating one hundred
years of progress.

Frank Shepard

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Millie Brown	Wanda Johnson	Betty Rendleman
Shirley Cates	Thomas G. Lilley	Hazel J. Sauerbrunn
Nellie Clements	Mable Mattheis	Joy Spradlnig
Imogene Cooley	Jeanetta McClure	Oma Treece
Lanita Cross	Jewell Miller	Elmer O. Wilson

Employees of General Telephone Company of Illinois, Anna, Ill.

HILEMAN SEED STORE

Seed Specialists

115 N. Main St. — Phone 67 — 307 E. Davie St.

Hileman Seed Store, now operating at 115 N. Main Street in Anna, was formerly owned and operated by Harry C. Hileman. Mr. Hileman left the employ of the Illinois Central Railroad in 1905 and bought half interest in a grocery store operated at the corner of North Main and West Vienna Streets, known as Crane and Eddleman. He bought his interest from his wife's grandfather, Adam Eddleman, and later bought the other half interest from Van Crane, his brother-in-law. About 1911 the building was damaged by fire, and during the rebuilding, the business was conducted at 111 W. Davie, then returned to 105 W. Vienna Street, where he continued in business until 1934. At that time, the grocery store was moved to the present building, and Mr. Hileman started handling a few field and garden seed. In 1940, the grocery part was sold out, and Mr. Hileman continued in business, selling seeds until his death Jan. 1, 1945. His niece, Betty Eagle Garrott, who had worked for him in the store for a number of years, continued to operate the seed business for Mrs. Hileman for one year, then purchased the business. Jeff Garrott was in service during World War II, and had been farming with his father prior to entry in service. Jeff came into the seed business in July, 1946. Betty and Jeff, now assisted by Owen Miller and Dan Schlenker, have a store where they try to handle everything for field and garden needs. They have purchased and are remodeling the old "box mill" at 307 E. Davie St., and will move into their new location late this fall.

Betty's grandfather, W. H. Crane, was sheriff of Union County in 1898, and later operated a grocery store in Anna. Betty's parents are Helen Crane and Fred Eagle, and she is the youngest of three girls. Jeff's family are farmers south of Anna, and he is the youngest of the five children of Carrie Sinks and George H. Garrott. Betty and Jeff have two children, Carolyn, 12, and Freddie, 5.

Hamilton Radio & TV Sales Service

Although not natives of Anna, Illinois, the name Hamilton has been associated with this city since 1917 when C. E. Hamilton opened the first gasoline service station in town. This was managed for several years by E. J. Ingersoll, better known as "Zeke," who continued to work at the station after it was purchased by F. O. Hamilton, a brother of C. E. Hamilton. Upon the death of F. O. Hamilton in 1934, the station was operated by Miss Fern and Miss Crete Hamilton, daughters of F. O. Hamilton. The Hamilton sisters sold the oil business in 1947. In 1938 they opened a Radio Sales and Repair Shop in the old station building. In 1949 they demonstrated the first television in Union County and sold the first television set. Associated with the Hamilton sisters is W. E. Murrie, who is manager of the radio and television service department. We deem it a great privilege to participate in celebrating the 100th anniversary of this city.

ROBERT HALL — ATTORNEY

104½ North Main Street

CONGRATULATIONS CITY OF ANNA

FOR 100 YEARS OF PROGRESS

May the City continue to grow and prosper

Hight's Texaco Service Station

153 E. Vienna Street

Anna, Illinois

1935—1954

Hight's Texaco Service Station was started in September, 1935 in the Bizzell Building, located at 145 E. Vienna Street. In 1941 there was a new station erected at 153 E. Vienna in the most modern design for service stations, with sales room and two bay service department. The new station was equipped with the latest equipment to attract both the tourist and local business. It has been and always will be my policy to give full measure of service and to have many satisfied customers.

Ervie Hight, Owner



HINKLE FOOD MARKET

128 E. Davie

Anna, Ill.

Since 1948

All Fresh Vegetables, Fruits and Meat
Owned and Operated by Clarence Hinkle



HOTEL BARBER SHOP

Opened for business July 29th, 1939

Louis Miles, owner, has been barbering since 1914. George Simpson has worked at his trade since 1928. Came to the Hotel Barber Shop in 1945.

Fred Halterman, shoe shiner for the past 44 years, is the best in Anna.

HOYE PONTIAC COMPANY

108 E. Vienna St.

Phone 405

Anna, Illinois

Our firm began operating in October, 1948, as the Hoyer-Garrard Pontiac Company; a partnership arrangement between Henry O. Garrard, Sr., and Stanford L. Hoyer. In August, 1949, Mr. Garrard sold his interest in the business to us and we have continued, since that date, to operate as the Hoyer Pontiac Company. Our material blessings have been many and we are very grateful; however, the most rewarding part of our experience has been the many fine friendships and wonderful associations we have had with the people of this community. We haven't lived here a hundred years—I wish we had. I am confident that my parents would have enjoyed living here as much as we do.

Robert Keenan and Homer Eddleman have worked with us since our beginning. Philip Sadler has been associated with us "in between vacations" for several years.



Harold's Paint and Wallpaper Store

Among the newcomers in the business field in Anna, there is the Harold's Paint and Wallpaper Store, located at 318 South Main Street. Gone are the days when Paints were handled as a "side-line" by many stores. Harold handles an exclusive line of Phelan's fine paint and wallpaper supply whereby ample stocks are carried in all the new, popular lines of color, size and designs of wallpaper.

This business, established in 1949 by Harold Meisenheimer and operated jointly by him and his wife, Pearl Rendleman Meisenheimer, has taken an accepted place in the business enterprise of the community.

Harold Meisenheimer, son of the late Jasper V. Meisenheimer of Mill Creek, and Pearl Rendleman Meisenheimer, daughter of the late David F. Rendleman of R. F. D., Anna, devote their time to this business. Mrs. Meisenheimer is a school-teacher of many years experience in Union County, having completed thirty-five years of active teaching.

This well known couple have two children, Mary Frances Ray of Anna and J. D. Meisenheimer of Anna. Mary Frances has two children, Donna Jean and David Harold, and J. D. has one child, Judy Meisenheimer.

Visitors in the city will always find a warm and generous welcome at Harold's, in this Centennial Year the Meisenheimers invite visitors to call and talk over old times and old family lines.

Honey Heating and Air Conditioning

LeRoy and Felma Honey, Owner

This firm is in a position to supply heating and air conditioning units for large or small buildings and install and maintain these units.

LeRoy Honey entered this field of business soon after discharge from service with the armed forces, following the close of World War II. He received technical training through the educational program of the Veterans' Training Service, and completed his practical training and experience while employed by A. J. Dougherty, who established the business, and D. L. Treece, second owner of the business.

The Honey Heating and Air Conditioning Shop is a "young" business from the viewpoint of Anna's Century of Progress, having been in existence only a few years and operated by Honey since March, 1953. Yet this business has a definite prospect of rapid development and expansion in the increasing demand for modern and automatic heating and air conditioning equipment in all homes and business buildings.

HELEN'S FABRICS

333 S. Main — Anna, Illinois — Phone 1035

Helen's Fabrics came into being when Roy Mangold decided to come back and settle in his boyhood home, Anna.

He was the youngest of twelve children of Willis Mangold and Laura Blick Mangold, who were also born in Union County.

Many of the homes built by Willis Mangold are still standing and one of Roy's brothers, Fred, was one of the men known for the advancement of the peach growing industry that has made Union County famous.

After Roy finished high school, he moved to Cincinnati, Ohio, and from there to St. Louis, Missouri, where he was a roofing contractor. Then getting the urge to return to Anna, he with his wife, Helen, opened a fabric shop at 333 South Main Street in August, 1952.

This shop, Helen's Fabrics, has grown and prospered and is now considered one of the permanent shops of Anna.



JOHN W. HILL

Plumbing, Heating & Air Conditioning
by

Licensed, Bonded & Insured Plumbers
Phone 374-W

301 W. Jefferson — Anna, Illinois

John W. Hill, a native of Anna, is a member of a family of builders. Early in life he worked with his father, George Allen Hill, Sr., in the construction of homes and other buildings, and later with his brother, George A. Hill, Jr., also a building contractor.

Hill started his own business in 1930 and has constructed many homes and buildings over a period of several years.

The field of plumbing, heating and air conditioning demanded an increase in the number of skilled men for this service and Hill discontinued his work as a general contractor several years ago and has, since 1940, specialized in this field.

Hill's work shop and storage department are located on West Jefferson Street, adjacent to his home, and he operates a truck which is fully equipped with tools, parts and other materials in anticipation of any type repair or installation needed in this field.

Robert W. Hill, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hill, represents the third generation of this family to enter the building field. A registered plumbers' apprentice, Robert has assisted his father since his discharge from service in the Armed Forces in 1946.

Hill's policy is to serve the public in the repair or installation of any unit, from the smallest detail to a complete installation.

Winstead, second son of the Hill family, is a high school Freshman, and anticipates joining his father and brother within a few years.

The Hills have a daughter, Mrs. Thomas Longo, a registered nurse, of Brooklyn, New York.



John W. Hill

“Holsum Bread”

An old established industry sends its newest branch to Anna in the year of the Anna Centennial to add to Anna's Historical Memos.

MASTER BAKING COMPANY

Introduces

John Crawford—District Manager

Lena C. Keller—Office

Salesmen

George (Bud) Hill

Ernest (Friction) Coffman

George Sitter

Ralph Creath

Frank Ziegler

Audry Loryder

Phil Ziegler

“BE HOLSUM, LOOK HOLSUM, BUY HOLSUM BREAD”

JACKSON L. HAMMOND

"Jack" Hammond, owner and publisher of the Democrat of Anna, wrote "30" to his career as politician, writer and editor on December 30, 1937. He was born in Hagerstown, Maryland, November 30, 1865, the son of Rev. J. L. and Mary Summers Hammond. He was two years old when his family moved to Illinois. Mr. Hammond received his education in the public schools and Carthage College, Illinois. He taught school several years in Iowa. When his father received a call to the Lutheran Church in Murphysboro, Illinois, in 1891, he worked there on the Independent, which was his first newspaper experience. In 1893, he was appointed Chief Clerk at the Anna State Hospital and served four years.

In 1897 he became associated with the Democrat of Anna as editor, a position he held until 1913 when he accepted a position in the office of the Secretary of State in Springfield. He returned to Anna in 1917 and edited and published the Democrat until his death. He was elected to the General Assembly of the State of Illinois from the 50th District on the Democratic ticket in 1918 and re-elected in 1920. He served six consecutive years as clerk of the City of Anna prior to 1913.

On September 11, 1894, he was married to Miss Martha Aden of Dongola, Illinois, by his father in Mt. Moriah Luthern Church in Anna. They had three children: Grace Elizabeth, who died in 1899; Mary Hammond Kent, co-partner of Norris Funeral Home in Anna; Joe A. Hammond, who is associated with a publishing firm in San Francisco, California. Other members of his family include three grandchildren: Mrs. Betty Hammond Brewer of St. Louis, Mo.; Mrs. Barbara Kent Grinter of Kansas City, Mo.; Gaylon H. Kent of Anna and four great grandchildren.

Mr. Hammond was active in all civic affairs and the policy of the paper he edited for almost forty years was reflected in his every day living. "The policy of the paper will be to boost the City of Anna and Union County, generally, and aid in the upbuilding of its financial, social, educational and moral resources. Politically the paper will be Democratic. Local matters will be given first consideration and will be treated independently of political preference or prejudice."



Jackson L. Hammond

JOHNSON'S FEED AND PRODUCE

I established my business at 130 East Vienna Street in May, 1943; buying poultry, cream and eggs and selling feeds. I first started selling Critic feed but later changed to the Nutrena line.

In 1949 I installed a poultry dressing plant, dressing all types of wild and domestic fowls.

My help has been principally, my wife, Etta; two daughters, Virginia and Dora; three sons, Logan Jr., now serving our country in the U. S. Army, and David Lee and Dorris Gene.

W. O. Bird now operates the cream station.

We have enjoyed serving our many customers the past years and hope to be of greater service in the coming years.

Nutrena Feeds for all Poultry and Livestock Needs
Dressed Poultry at All Times

Logan Johnson, Owner and Operator



HINDMAN HOMESTEAD

Homestead of Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Hindman, located 2 miles east of Anna, Illinois, on Route 146. This home was purchased by Mr. and Mrs. Hindman in 1908; the farm is noted for the raising of pure bred Polled Hereford cattle.

BESSIE'S BEAUTY SHOP

403 S. Main

Anna, Ill.

Phone 143 for Appointment

Patronize the shop that display N. H. C. A. Emblem.
Member of Little Egypt Guild No. 34.

Our Specialty—Cold Waving, Shaping and Hair Coloring.

Our Motto—"Look Your Best at All Times."

ANNA ICE PLANT

The Anna Ice Plant at 153½ E. Vienna Street was built in 1896 by Mr. A. A. Fasig and associate and operated as The Fruit Growers Refrigeration & Power Co. This plant was steam driven, using distilled water. It had a capacity of twenty-five tons and storage space for one thousand tons.

About 1916 this plant was sold to the Central Illinois Public Service Company and operated by steam power until 1928. Due to increased demand for ice for railroad car icing and domestic use, the Hamilton Ice Company on West Vienna Street was purchased. This plant was operated while the first one was being rebuilt, after which the Hamilton Plant was shut down. This new plant used electricity instead of steam and treated city water. It had a fifty ton capacity and a storage room for seventeen hundred ton.

In 1948 this plant was purchased by Mr. Everett H. Smith of Anna, Mr. John T. Purcell of Muphysboro, Mr. A. J. Borchers and Mr. Don T. Lacey of Springfield. It is now being operated as The Public Ice Service Company with Mr. Smith as general manager.

Due to the increased demand for icing trucks, transporting fresh fruits and vegetables from this community and southern states, an ice crushing machine and blower was installed in 1949. In 1952 a self-service vending station was built to give twenty-four hour service for block and crushed ice.

As the car icing decreased in 1948, the storage room was converted into an apple storage capable of holding seventeen thousand bushels for the fruit growers and wholesale houses of this area.

S. D. JOINER'S GROCERY

Red & White

Been in Business 34 Years

Employees and years service:

Everett Lingle, 33 years, Butcher

Carl Williams, 18 years

Keller Joiner, Grew up with Business

William Sivally, 14 years

Dixon Day, 10 years

Edmond Davidson, 1 year

Ruth Tweedy, 5 years

Clyde Karraker

James C. Karraker

KARRAKER OIL CO.

Mobilgas — Mobilheat — Mobiloil

115 East Vienna St.

Anna, Ill.

The KARRAKER OIL CO. was established Jan. 1st, 1934, at 115 E. Vienna St. by Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Karraker and James C. Karraker, their son, as distributors for Socony-Vacuum Oil Co.

All have been active in the business from the beginning except James C., who entered the military service Nov. 23, 1943, and was discharged March 14th, 1946. He served in the South Pacific and Japan.

James C. and Moneada Karraker now have three children, James Larry 6, Wesley Eugene 3, and Sandra Kay 1 year old, and live at 209 Lincoln St.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Karraker also have one daughter, Carol Frances, who married Walter G. Kimmel, and they have three children. Walter James 13, Carol Ann 10, and Ralph Gear 6 years old, and live at 1715 25th St., Rock Island, Ill.

Walter G. Kimmel is superintendent of the heating and ventilating department for Deere & Company, Moline, Ill.



INTERNATIONAL



ANNA SH

INTERNATIONAL SHOE COMPANY

The International Shoe Company was organized in 1911 by the merger of the Roberts, Johnson & Rand and the Peters Shoe Companies.

For this original merger it has grown and developed until today it leads the industry in production and sales, operating fifty-eight shoe factories having a capacity based upon operating experience of approximately 225,000 pairs per day. In addition the company has six tanneries and twenty-three other plants producing soles, heels, rubber, boxes, chemicals and other materials used in the manufacture of shoes. They also operate eight large warehouses. Shoes are distributed through seventeen separate sales branches.

About 34,000 men and women are employed in the plants and departments of the company.

International makes shoes for the entire family. Its manufacturing department is divided into three divisions, each operating under a general superintendent.

MANUFACTURING DIVISIONS

The Juvenile Division makes infants' and children's shoes in practically all accepted constructions, namely: Goodyear



FACTORY

welts, Stitchdowns, ISCO, Pre Welt, Cements, Slip Lasted, Turned Soft Soles, and Cement and Soft Sole house slippers.

The Men's Division makes Men's shoes, each plant specializes in a certain type of grade of shoe. It not only makes men's fine dress shoes and leisure shoes, but heavy boots, steel capped safety shoes and heavy nailed work shoes as well as hand sewn moccasins.

The Women's Division uses three constructions in the making of women's shoes—Goodyear Welts, Cements and Slip Lasted.

SALES DIVISIONS

International shoes are sold through the following branches: Accent, Conformal, Continental Shoe Makers, Dorothy Dodd, Friedman Shelby, Florsheim, Great Northern Shoe Company, The Hampshire Shoe Company, Pennant, Peters, Queen Quality, Roberts, Johnson & Rand, Sundial Shoe Company, Vitality, Winthrop, Hy-Test, Sentinel and Export.

Two manufacturing plants of International Shoe Company are located in Anna; a shoe factory making women's novelty type shoes of medium grade, and a women's wood heel covering plant. International employs approximately 550

citizens of the Anna trading area. More than \$1,200,000 was paid in wages to employees of the two plants in 1953. Nearly \$14,000,000 have been paid Anna employees since the shoe factory was opened in 1931.

Both the shoe factory and the Wood Heel Plant are organized under the Women's Manufacturing Division of the company under the supervision of Virgil Jeffers, General Superintendent.

SHOE PLANT

The Shoe Plant employs 471 men and women with an annual payroll of more than one million dollars. In 1953 690,406 pairs of women's novelty shoes were produced for the sales branches. In early 1931, the Industrial Committee of the Anna Chamber of Commerce began negotiations with International Shoe Company to locate a plant in Anna. The Industrial Committee and the Company reached an agreement, and construction of an addition to the former Marx and Haas garment factory building began in the mid-summer of 1931. Construction of the addition was under the supervision of Mr. Walter L. Ashcraft, who remained in Anna as Chief engineer of the plant until transferred in 1953 to a similar position at Bryan, Texas.

Actual production of shoes began in November, 1931, under the supervision of Mr. John L. Stockman, superintendent and with the arrival of a supervisory force from other ISCO plants.

Mr. Stockman began work with International Shoe Company in November, 1911, at Belleville, Illinois, in the Lasting and Stock Fitting Department. He remained at Belleville until the latter part of 1918, at which time he was transferred to St. Louis and worked at the 13th and Mullanphy Street Factory for approximately 10 months in the Lasting and Stock Fitting Department.

In 1919 he was transferred to the Paducah, Kentucky, Factory as foreman of the Stock Fitting and Lasting Departments. In 1922 Paducah started making Stitch Down shoes, along with their Welt construction and he was put in charge of the Stitch Down Lasting and Bottoming Departments and also Welt Stock Fitting Department. He remained in this capacity

until the latter part of 1924, at which time he was appointed assistant superintendent of Paducah Factory.

In the early part of 1929 he was transferred from Paducah Factory to Steelville, Illinois, Factory as superintendent, where he remained until the latter part of 1931, when he was transferred to Anna, Illinois, to start operations at that factory.

While in Anna, he was a member of the Chamber of Commerce and was an active member of the new Industries Committee of this organization.

Mr. Stockman remained at the Anna Factory until September, 1946, when he was transferred to Mt. Vernon, Illinois, as superintendent.

Mr. Joe L. Gollon, present superintendent, who came to Anna as the original supervisor in the cutting department, started with International Shoe Company in 1917 at Chester, Illinois, Transferring to Perryville, Missouri, as Assistant Foreman of the cutting department in 1924. In 1931 he transferred to Anna as cutting room foreman and served in that capacity until 1946, when he was promoted to superintendent of the Anna Plant.

Mr. Harold S. Smith, assistant superintendent, began his career with the International Shoe Company at Flora, Illinois, in 1928, as an edge setter. He was promoted to assistant Packing Room Foreman at Flora in 1932. He was transferred to the Anna Factory as Packing Room Foreman in 1934, and was promoted to assistant superintendent in 1953.

Mr. Ernest C. Diefenbach, Office Manager, started with the International Shoe Company in 1924 in the Stock Fitting Department at the Chester, Illinois, factory. In 1926 he transferred to the office at the Chester, Illinois factory as an Office Manager Trainee. In 1927 he was promoted to Office Manager at the Steelville, Illinois, factory. He was transferred to the Anna factory as Office Manager in 1931.

Mr. Paul D. Sivia, Personnel Manager, came with the company as an inspector in the Bottoming Department in 1934 and left the company in 1935. He returned to International Shoe Company in 1943, when due to the pressure of war and the tremendous turn-over of employees, the company es-

tablished a Personnel Office at the shoe plant to employ workers for both the Anna factories.

The present supervisory personnel consists of the following:

Mr. Francis P. Miller—Cutting Room Foreman with Mr. Arthur Stohlmann as Assistant.

Mr. W. Ivan Troutman—Fitting Room Foreman with Mr. Homer Henderson as Assistant and Miss Ruth Lowrance, Mrs. Bessie Swain, Mrs. Bea Ferguson, Mrs. Hassie Lingle and Mrs. Maude Miller as Instructors.

Mr. Dean Draper—Stock Fitting Foreman with Mr. Clifford Coleman as Assistant.

Mr. Clarence A. Tweedy—Lasting Room Foreman with Mr. Ben Koonce and Mr. Truman Reagan as Assistants.

Mr. Otie McGee—Bottoming Room Foreman with Mr. Harry Boyd as Assistant.

Mr. Clarence C. Speck—Packing Room Foreman with Mr. LeRoy Lasley as Assistant.

Mr. Earl Steinkamp, Jr.—Chief Engineer with Mr. Leonard Wiley as Assistant.

Mrs. Lorraine Little—Nurse.

The Anna Shoe Plant now employs 471 people—152 male and 319 female, producing 3060 pairs of shoes daily, with a weekly payroll of \$18,000 based on a 5 day week.



WOOD HEEL PLANT

WOOD HEEL PLANT

In 1938 International Shoe Company and Mr. John L. Stockman were instrumental in influencing Vulcan Heel corporation, from whom the company purchased wood heels, to open a branch plant in Anna. Negotiations were handled by the industrial committee of the Anna Chamber of Commerce and a building was erected by the Chamber in 1939.

In 1943, with the heavy pressure of the war, Vulcan Heel Corporation closed its Anna Plant. At this time ISCO leased the building from the city of Anna and used it in the manufacturing of gloves for the Army and Navy and boot collars for Army combat boots. Immediately following V-J day in 1945 ISCO converted this plant into a wood heel covering plant to supply Anna and Jackson, Missouri, and other plants with heels.

Mr. Charles Thomas was transferred from St. Louis, Missouri, to Anna as superintendent in 1945. In February, 1946, Mr. J. E. Henderson was transferred to Anna Wood Heel as superintendent relieving Mr. Thomas to accept another position. Mr. J. E. Henderson was superintendent until November, 1950, at which time he accepted another position.

Anna Wood Heel plant produces 6500 pairs per day, employing 65 people with a payroll of approximately \$13,000 per month.

Mr. Everett E. Smick is Superintendent of the plant at the present time. Mr. Smick was born in Union County on August 5, 1919, and has been a life-long resident of Anna and vicinity.

In 1938 he accepted a position with Vulcan Wood Heel Corporation in Anna and worked there until he was called into service in 1941. He served four years in the U. S. Airforce.

Upon his discharge in 1945 he went to work for International Shoe Company in the Anna Wood Heel Plant as color matcher. Also, he was united in marriage this same year to Miss Bernice Brown of Jonesboro, Illinois. They have two children, namely, Beverly Ann and Kent Wayne.

In 1946 he was made supervisor of the Spray and Dip

Department, where he remained until 1948. At this time he received a transfer to the Belleville Shoe Factory as Wood Heel Foreman, where he worked for two years.

In November, 1950, Mr. Smick was promoted to Superintendent of the Anna Wood Heel Factory and was transferred back to Anna, where he is now employed.

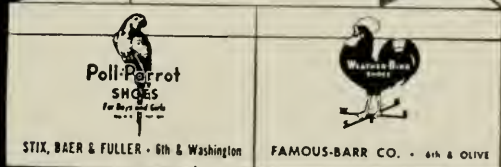
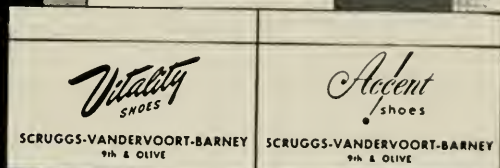
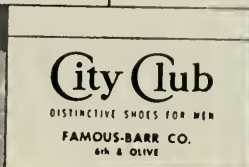
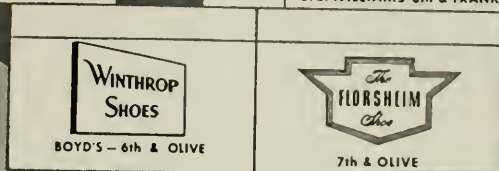
Mr. Carol Belcher is General Foreman. Mr. Belcher was born in Union County and has been a life long resident of Jonesboro and vicinity. He accepted employment with ISCO in 1946 as a color matcher, was made supervisor of Spray and Dipping Dept. in 1951. He was promoted to General Foreman in 1953.

Miss Ann Coffman is office manager. She was educated in the public schools of Anna, Illinois, and is a graduate of Southern Illinois University. Miss Coffman is a native of Anna. She accepted employment with ISCO in 1932 and transferred to office work at the Shoe Factory. In 1943, she was made Office Manager in the Wood Heel Factory during the time Boot Collars were being made.

Mr. Floyd Powell is Engineer of the Plant. Mr. Powell was born in Smithland, Kentucky, in 1894, moved to Anna in 1932, and accepted employment with International Shoe Co. as electrician. In 1933 he was made assistant Engineer of the Shoe Factory. In 1945 he was transferred to the Anna Wood Heel Factory as engineer.

Mrs. Henry LaVerne Choate is Supervisor of Sanding and Final Inspection Dept. Mrs. Choate is a native of Anna, accepted employment with ISCO in 1943 as top stitcher during the time Boot Collars were being made. In 1948 she was made Supervisor of Sanding and Final Inspection Dept.

Mrs. Benjamin Miller is Supervisor of the Covering and Top Lift Department. Being born in Union County, she has lived in Anna and vicinity all her life. She accepted work with International Shoe Co. in 1939 in the Fitting Department of the Shoe Factory. In 1943 she was transferred to the Wood Heel Plant as supervisor of packing during the time gloves were being made. In 1945 she worked in the Wood Heel Covering Department as embossing operator, and in 1952 was made Supervisor of covering and top lift Department.



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dependable style,
quality,
workmanship

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INTERNATIONAL SHOE COMPANY
ST. LOUIS 3-MO.

Mr. Harold Bass is Supervisor of the Spray & Dipping Department. He was born in Union County, living in Jonesboro most of his life, and he accepted work with ISCO in 1947 in the Spray Department. In 1953 he was made Supervisor of the Spray and Dipping Departments.

International Shoe Company counts as its most valuable asset the loyalty, cooperation, and craftsmanship of employees who are engaged in the various tasks incident to the manufacturing and sale of shoes. The majority of men and women in high positions in the Company have come through the ranks step by step and by loyalty to an ideal, the development of their ability, and hard work, they have risen to the management of this great company.

The strength and stability of International Shoe Company lies in the honesty of its purpose, sound judgment, fair dealing, and the loyalty and craftsmanship of its workmen.

JEAN INSURANCE AGENCY

Anna National Bank Building

Anna, Illinois

It has been our pleasure to serve the good people of this community since 1940.

On this, the 100th anniversary of the founding of the City of Anna, we are proud of any small contribution we may have made to the welfare and progress of the community.

We extend to our friends our sincere good wishes, our gratitude for their support of our own business, and our profound appreciation for their important share in the development of this community.



JO-ANN CLEANERS

We are very proud to be a part of this great era of growth of our fair city of Anna, Illinois, even though we were but a small part of this one hundred year mile stone.

Our business can be summed up pretty well by a brief analysis of our name and trade mark.

The Jo of the Jo-An signifies that our establishment really originated in Jonesboro and originated from what was known as the H. A. Mohler Cleaners. After the purchase of this plant by Francis E. Sorrels it was moved to Anna, Illinois, and at that time we completed the name to what was known as the Jo-Ann Cleaners, located at 111 No. Main.

The business was carried on at this location by Francis E. Sorrels but a short time, when he was called into the service at the beginning of World War II, at which time his wife, Marcella, took over complete operation.

Through the grand supervision of Marcella Sorrels and a great and still faithful employee Mrs. Helen Cundiff this business had grown to the point where a larger building was necessary, so upon the return of Francis E. Sorrels from the service of his country, this great project was undertaken and a new and most modern building was completed.

It was at this time that another partner was accepted,

he being Billy Dean Sorrels, a brother of Frances E. Sorrels, also was added a new and most modern laundry department. The name was then changed to the Jo-An Laundry & Cleaners.

The business continued to grow by leaps and bounds, and it was necessary to hire more employees, which now has a total of twenty-three with a weekly payroll of well over one thousand dollars a week.

The Jo-An Laundry & Cleaners also has brought under its wing many sister and brother offices and plants, the Jo-An Laundry & Cleaners of Cairo, Ill., located on the corner of 10th and Poplar St., The New Charleston Cleaners, located 114-116 No. Main in Charleston, Mo., and will soon be proud to announce the opening of the new and most modern White Swan Laundry & Cleaners of Carbondale, Ill., which is a Corporation.

THE HOTEL NEWSTAND

Compliments of The Hotel Newsstand, located in the Anna Hotel, is Anna's oldest, most reliable, with a complete line of magazines, books, daily and Sunday newspapers. Also subscriptions accepted for all leading magazines.

Open Monday thru Saturday from 6:45 a. m. until 7:30 p. m.

Open on Sunday from 5:45 a. m. until 6 p. m.

Now owned and operated by Ann Henard Ryan.

THE KROGER COMPANY

The history of the Kroger Company in Anna dates back to the early 1920's, during which period one small store was operated and directed from St. Louis, Missouri. In 1929, the Kroger Company, known then as the Kroger Grocery and Baking Company, purchased two Thrift Stores in Anna—closed one and operated the other one under the Kroger name. During that year, 1929, branch headquarters of Kroger Southern Illinois stores was moved to Herrin, and then a few years later to Carbondale, where there is now a modern distributing warehouse, employing over 175 people, several of which reside in the Cobden-Anna-Jonesboro area.

The Kroger Company operated two stores in Anna and one in Jonesboro until the present modern store was opened in August, 1950.

The Kroger store is presently operated under the leadership of Roy Marks, Manager, with the capable aid of Gilbert Knupp, head meat cutter; Walter Menees, head clerk; Walter Dillow, head clerk; Neal Gilliam; head clerk; Ruth Corbitt, cashier; Marie Davie, dairy clerk; Billy Dillow, clerk, and Ralph Isom, apprentice meatcutter. In addition to this regular staff, Mr. Marks is assisted by three part-time clerks, Donald Schlenker, Violet Foreman, and Larry Lam.

RUEL A. LINGLE

I came to Anna in 1931 and purchased a Sinclair Service Station on the corner of S. Main and E. Jefferson, and operated it until October, 1949.

In 1944, while operating the service station I bought out Anna Parker's coal business, and then in 1946 I purchased a lot at 146 E. Davie St. and erected a building. I am now at this present location selling coal and also a dealer for Willys and Kaiser.

RUEL A. LINGLE

146 E. Davie St.

Anna, Illinois

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key to progress

The economic future of our country is in the hands of the consumer. Only by buying and consuming can our economy be sustained and new higher levels attained in our standard of living.

The high level of consumption can not be supported by cash purchases alone. To provide the necessary buying power for the products of our mass production is the dynamic function of consumer credit. Thus CONSUMER CREDIT is the . . .

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Limerick Finance Corp.

211 S. Main St. — Anna, Ill.

Tom Morgan, Mgr.

MOWERY ELECTRIC SHOP

115 W. Davie St.

Anna, Ill.

Established 1926 — Glenn L. Mowery

One of the oldest established Electric Shops in Southern Illinois still offering the best in Electric Motors and Auto Electric Service.

Employees: Earl Coleman and Claude Tucker.

Owners Since 1948: Edward D. Modglin and F. Wayne West

LIGON LUMBER COMPANY

Anna, Illinois

The old saying that "Time changes things" is true in the lumber business, just as it is in other things.

John H. Ligon has been on the job and has seen many changes in the retail lumber business here in Anna during the last fifty-five years.

He was born in Kentucky, near Marion, on December 10, 1877, and moved to this section of Illinois with his father, mother, and three sisters in 1880. He has lived in this community since then. After spending a few years in box factory work, he started in the lumber business in 1899 with the Anna Lumber and Manufacturing Company, where Walter Grear was manager. He worked his way up from extra help around the yard to position of manager, which he held for six years. Leaving this company in 1923, he organized the Ligon Lumber Company, a corporation, where he served as manager for the twenty years of its existence. Then he bought out the other stockholders and operated the yard as an individual business until 1946 when his two sons, Harvey and John Earl, took over the operation of the yard as a partnership. Harvey started work in the yard in 1924, and John Earl in 1928. John H. Ligon is still on the job every day, but is active in affairs of the business only as the spirit moves him. His time is fully occupied looking after his rent property and visiting with his many friends. Meeting his friends and visiting with them brings him much joy and pleasure. He and Birdie West were married on September 2, 1903, and celebrated their golden wedding anniversary last year. They look forward to each new day and the things that it brings, not letting the thoughts about old age spoil their joy of today; for, with them, old age is still in the future.

There have been many changes in the lumber business in the last fifty-five years. Then, much of the lumber used was native wood, cut by the local saw mills and hauled to the yard by wagons. At the yard it was put on sticks, dried, graded; then, practically all the lumber for finish lumber and

siding was taken to Abernathie's Planing Mill (located on the corner of Morgan and Washington Streets) where it was worked into the type of lumber needed. Gradually Yellow Pine from the South replaced the native lumber, and now the West Coast woods have replaced most of the Yellow Pine.

Delivery in the early days was by team and wagon, and delivery was confined to a very small area. Now, with trucks, lumber is sent all over the county. In 1899, lumber, sash and doors, mouldings, and wood shingles comprised the merchandise carried for sale. Now the retail lumber yards carry practically everything that goes into a house, with many additional sidelines that seemingly have very little connection with a lumber yard.

In the early days most of the homes were built on piers, with no sub floors, storm boxing, plumbing, heating, electrical conveniences, closets, cabinets, basements, and many other things that we now think of as absolute necessities. Quite a change, and no wonder the homes of today cost so much more than those of 1899.

In the operation of the lumber yard today, we have with us Ernest F. Tripp, who has been with us nearly fifteen years, and who has charge of the glass shop, where he specializes in installation of windshields and door glass in cars. Artemus Hoffner has been here with us for twelve years helping with whatever needs to be done. John J. Ligon has been with us two years, doing most of the delivery work and helping around the yard and office. Mary Ligon does the book work. Present owners, Harvey and John Earl Ligon, have had many years service in the lumber business, helping their friends to solve their building problems, and look forward to many more years. They appreciate the opportunity of serving you.



Loomis Brothers Equipment Co.

BURTON P. LOOMIS

C. H. LOOMIS

Loomis Brothers Equipment Company was organized in 1950. It is operated by Burton & Charles Loomis, along with five employees. We are distributors for the leading manufacturers of Laundry & Drycleaning Machinery. We cover the Southern half of Illinois, Southeast Missouri, and Western Kentucky.

In November, 1952, and September, 1953, we held demonstrations here. The demonstrations were conducted by factory representatives and enabled the plant owners and their employees to see the latest equipment in operation.

Exhibitors were: Detrex Corp. of Detroit, Michigan; R. R. Street & Co., of Chicago; Kisco Boiler & Engr. Co. of St. Louis; Wichita Precision Tool Co. of Wichita, Kans.; Cissell Mfg. Co. of Louisville Ky.; Spix Products Co. of Pittsburgh, Penn.; Dow Chemical Co. of Midland Michigan; Olson Filtration Engrs. of Chicago and Killebrew Engineering Corp. of St. Louis.

Jack Lewis owner of the Bunny Bread Co., discussed advertisement methods at our 1953 Clinic.

"Congratulations to the numerous organizations, committees, and individuals who have worked so tireless so that our Centennial Celebration could be the success that it is."



HISTORY OF MAC'S SHELL SERVICE

McIntire's Shell Service, located on East Vienna Street, was purchased from Ernest Lence on September 15, 1949.

The history of my service station work goes back to 1930. While a student at the Anna-Jonesboro Community High School, I started work for M. H. Penninger at the Standard Oil Service Station.

In 1931, I accepted employment with the Tuthill Oil Co., where I spent seventeen and one-half years until I purchased my present business.

The picture above shows the station as it stands today. The employees standing from left to right are: My son, Jimmie McIntire; O. R. Nalley; myself; Carl Northern, who has had twelve years experience; Glenn Woods.

Jo Ann McIntire, my daughter, assists with the book-keeping, but at present she is attending college at Southern Illinois University.

During my twenty-four years at the gas pump, I have serviced most every make and model of car, including the Model T Ford.

My friends and customers have made my business a success, and I want to express my appreciation to all.

Glenn D. McIntire

THE McCARTY FUNERAL HOME

The McCarty Funeral Home, located at 301 W. Spring Street, has been serving the community here for over 40 years; from the Horse Drawn Hearse days of McCarty, Cash, and Jackson, until 1916, when H. R. McCarty bought out his partners and continued the business under his name until his passing on May 31, 1949. Since then the business has been under the direction of Mrs. H. R. McCarty and Hal R. McCarty, Jr.

H. R. McCarty came to Anna in January of 1914, from Lawrenceville, Illinois, and started the firm of McCarty, Cash, and Jackson. On September 15, 1915, Mr. McCarty was married to Pearl Roberts, who has assisted with the business since their marriage. Two children were born to this couple, namely, Margaret McCarty Lutz and Hal R. McCarty, Jr.

The present funeral home on Spring Street has been used by our firm for twenty years now and through the years, added improvements have been continually made to offer the public the finest in a residential type of funeral home, away from the congestion of the down-town area. Our funeral home offers an electric organ and a skilled organist for those desiring the use of our home for their services. Last year the entire funeral home was Air Conditioned for the comfort of our patrons and friends. The very finest of motor equipment has always been maintained and instant Ambulance Service is offered by merely calling us at anytime, day or night.

The members of this firm have always been active in Civic, Church, and Charitable organizations, never denying anyone the use of our services for lack of means.

Through the years this firm has always offered the finest in funeral service, ever conscious of the need to serve the living as well as caring for the deceased.

The present staff of the funeral home consists of Mrs. H. R. McCarty, Mr. and Mrs. Hal R. McCarty, Jr., and Lloyd E. Sitter.

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OUR 40TH YEAR OF SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY

Funeral Home Completely Air Conditioned



MARTIN OIL COMPANY

The Martin Oil Company Service Station in Anna is No. 2 in a chain of stations extending into the six states of Illinois, Missouri, Kentucky, Tennessee, Indiana, and Arkansas. The station located at the Corner of Grove & Vienna Streets in Anna was opened in 1928, which was about one year after the Martin Oil Company was formed by T. W. Martin and his son, Harold. This station has undergone some face lifting down through the years, but is substantially the same as the original construction.

The personnel employed at this station, down through the years, have mostly been local Anna men. The Martin Oil Company is very proud of this fact because it shows a very fine relationship between company, employee, and consumer. Many of the old time employees, and even some still employed, well remember the frequent visits from Mr. T. W. Martin. The station in Anna was Mr. Martin's favorite, consequently he took every available opportunity to inspect it. On many Sunday afternoons, during the summer months particularly, Mr. Martin, could be seen driving into Anna for a look at his favorite station. His day was complete when he made sure the station and its personnel were clean, and he had talked to his many fine customers.

The Anna Station has had the usual amount of break-ins and hold-ups, but none were too successful in gaining the object of their intent, and in most instances were caught and suffered the penalty of their crime.

Gasoline and Kerosene were, for many years, shipped into Anna by railroad tank car and unloaded by pipeline from a spur of the I. C. Tracks. Motor oil and greases are still delivered to this station from the Carbondale Bulk Plant. Gasoline and Kerosene now however are received by transport direct from the Cairo Modern River Terminal on the banks of the Ohio River just North of Cairo, Illinois, on U. S. Route 51.

Gasoline, Fuel Oils and Kerosene are transported up the rivers from the largest and finest refineries in the Southwest

in the Martin Oil Company's own barges for distribution from this modern river terminal. This has been proven to be the most economic means of transportation and distribution of petroleum products. The savings effected by the Martin Oil Company's system is passed on to its many fine customers in the form of highest quality petroleum products at a lower cost.

The Martin Oil Company has enjoyed these many fine years of business and cooperation in the City of Anna. We hope to move forward with Anna toward another Century of Progress.

MAC'S BARBER SHOP

The barber shop now located under E. P. Owen's Drug Store, is known to all the people of this community as Mac's Barber Shop, owned and operated by Ray McIntire. This three chair barber shop has given service to several thousand people in good old Anna, Illinois, of Union County.

I purchased the three chair shop from Fred Ray in September, 1928, and I moved to the location where it is now July 8, 1931. During those twenty-six years I have worked with sixteen different barbers. I learned the trade under Milas Grisham. I worked about seventeen years with him.

During these twenty-six years I have had over one hundred different shoe shine boys. The two that worked the longest periods were my brother, Don McIntire—four years, and none other than Bobby Hall—seven years.

I have really appreciated all of your patronage, and I have had a lot of fun with all the good people of this community who have made my barber shop a success. I could name several people who have traded at my shop ever since I started. Thanks to everyone.

MAC'S BARBER SHOP
Ray McIntire

MIDWAY BARBEQUE

Since 1937 to 1954

In the Spring of 1937 Mr. Emery Cates constructed this building and began operation of a "Barbecue Stand" known as the Midway Barbecue. Mr. Cates continued operation of this business until he sold it to Mrs. Anna Novak, who operated it until March, 1952.

On April 1, 1952, after extensive re-modeling and redecorating, Mr. Jamie McFadden re-opened this business, featuring Hickory Smoked Barbecued Pork. In May, 1953, in addition to the Barbecue business, Mr. McFadden enlarged this building fifty percent and took in the Bus Station for Dixie Greyhound Lines and The Gulf Transport Company, who operate 5 busses daily North and South. At about this time the place was completely Air-Conditioned and later the interior of the restaurant was completely lined from the floor to the ceiling with Stainless Steel, for cleanliness and a more cheery atmosphere for the customers.

Prior to this Mr. McFadden was associated with his two Brothers in the operation of McFadden's Cafe. This partnership lasted from 1949 to 1952. While serving in World War 2 in Michigan, McFadden met and married Miss Vivienne Cislser of Niles, Michigan, and this couple have three children, James LeRoy (Nick) 7 years old, Michael Joseph (Mike), 6 years old, and Mary Martha (Molly), 4 years old.

McFadden is a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post of Anna-Jonesboro, Anna-Jonesboro Elks, and is No. 1 Member of the Anna-Jonesboro Moose Lodge. McFadden and his family are all members of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Anna.

We have been striving for two years to improve our equipment and to help our customers be more pleased. It is our belief we now operate one of the most up to date, clean and pleasant Drive-In Restaurants in the country. It is thru the loyalty of our customers that we have been able to make all these things possible and we sincerely thank everyone for

their business and will never stop trying to make all things we have, even better.

James L. McFadden, his wife, Lola Baggott McFadden, and one-year-old daughter, Ruth Margaret, moved from Ullin, Illinois, to Anna in the spring of 1908.

On December 12, 1909, a son, Noel Fulton, was born, and at this time "Jim" was employed at the Anna Rock Crusher as a laborer, earning \$1.25 a day.

Another son, James Baggott, was born on March 3, 1913, and his father was working for Herman Jean and Wade Medlin, who were the proprietors of the Anna Poultry Co. This same year Mr. McFadden bought the Poultry Co.

A daughter, Bonnie Louise, was born on December 11, 1915, and "Jim" had added to his business, dealing in junk, coal, fur and roots of all kinds.

Another son, Bruce Leroy Wade, was born August 13, 1920. "Jim" had become engaged in the creamery business, which he later sold to Ralph Goddard.

In 1921 "Jim" began the operation of an oil company and sold it to the Shell Petroleum Corp. in 1929. In the same year he entered the mercantile business, with stores in Jonesboro, Grand Tower, Nashville, Hayti, Mo., and Anna, which was located on West Davie St.

During the next few years "Jim" was employed by the State of Illinois and the U. S. Government.

At the present, Mr. McFadden is Police Magistrate of the city of Anna, and is assisting his youngest son, Bruce, who is the proprietor of McFadden's Cafe on W. Vienna St. In 1947, Noel F. joined his brother, Bruce, forming a partnership in this business, which continued until 1949, when James B. joined the two brothers, this partnership lasting until 1952. At this time James B. started the operation of the Midway Barbecue, and Noel F. resumed his work as a printer.

Mrs. McFadden passed away March 28, 1951, leaving her husband and five children, all of whom survive. There are also fifteen grandchildren and two great grandchildren, namely:

By Ruth and Guy Casey: Robert Leroy, Paul Elam, John Paul and Charles James Elam.

By Noel and Anna (nee Stearns): Gerald David.

By James B. and Vivienne (nee Cisler): James Leroy, Michael David and Mary Martha.

By Bonnie and Ed Rich: Patricia Delves, Sandra and Bruce.

By Bruce and Frances (nee Kirkpatrick): Margaret Montez, Harriet Wade, Frances Isabel, Kirk and Bruce, Jr.

By Robert Casey and Nicki (nee Kahn Casey): Sandra and Shawn.

MALLAMS BROS. MARKET

Mallams Bros. Market dates back to the early days of grocery business in Anna. One of the first owners was John W. Moore. The store has been operated in its present site for more than 60 years.

R. C. Mallams and Bill Mallams purchased the market in November, 1947. At the time of the purchase by Mallams Bros. long counters, running the length of the store, were used to display merchandise and wait on customers. Since that time, the store has been remodeled and modernized for self service.

One of the oldest clerks in Anna, Ora Dillow, is employed at Mallams Bros. He has been associated with the grocery business since 1917. In his younger days, Mr. Dillow delivered groceries with a horse and buggy.

Mallams Bros. carries a complete line of groceries, meats, vegetables and frozen foods. Mallams Bros. has a credit and delivery service.



MOORE'S FOOD CENTER

Reading from left to right: Robert Emmerson, meat Dept. Mgr.; Jimmy Page, Future Manager; James M. Moore, Owner; Tommie Moore, Cashier; Oley Hines, Produce Dept. Mgr.; Harold Page, Assistant Manager; Mattiline Page, Cashier.

Moore's Food Center was founded in March, 1952, by Jim and Tommie Moore. Our policy from the beginning was to give the public the very best in merchandise, plus the convenience of shopping and parking. We like for our customers to feel that this is a friendly place, dedicated to your food needs, plus a pleasant experience in shopping.

With the dedication of service, we feel that Moore's Food Center will always be known as the friendly economical place to shop.



Our Grandfather, Dr. Luther K. Parks came to Egypt in 1845, moved from Jonesboro to Anna in 1861 and practiced medicine in Anna until his death in 1872. His diary rebounds with interesting tales of years when Medical practice was a poor venture financially, one day his cash receipts were 25c. He watched the village grow, accumulated some property, passed away in 1872 leaving three sons, George, age 4 — John age 6; and Clarence K. who was older, started the first Parks' Drug Store in 1872. All three sons became Registered Pharmacists.

JOHN WATSON PARKS 1866-1953, who loved the drug business well. Never married, he devoted his years happily to the family drug store, associated with his Brothers, and later with his Nephews. Passed away in 1953 at 87 years of age, was active in "coming to the store" till his final months.



GEORGE CLAY PARKS, 1868- a druggist of Anna for 43 years, built the business from 1891. Had two sons who are also druggists, Guy C. Parks and Geo. E. Parks. In 1928 entered into retirement, has travelled widely, interested in Banking and Building & Loan circles, mostly enjoys knowing and meeting people.



Parks' GEO. E. PARKS
YOUR DRUGGIST
206 S. MAIN ST. ANNA, ILL. - PH. 122



GEORGE EDWIN PARKS, 1902—graduate of U. of I., 1922, married **Ruth Barringer** of Jonesboro. Junior partner with Father 1922 to 1928, operated business since. Mrs. Parks associated herself in store during the War Years and liked it so well she stays on. This couple reside at 405 So. Main since 1926.



J. LESTER DAVIS with us since 1922, the man with the steady, friendly disposition. Married **Estella Lamer** 1929. One son — **Richard**, student S.I.U.



AFTON GURLEY with us since 1943. Our efficient Bookkeeper and Office Manager. Married **Hollie Gurley** in 1931. One son: **Ronell**, student S.I.U. presently in U.S. Army, Signal Corps.



VIRGINIA BAKER with us since 1945. The girl with the smile! Handles customers smoothly. Married 1936 to **Joe Baker** (deceased 1954). One son **Larry-Joe**, Freshman A.J.C.H.S.



LOIS PENNINGER with us since 1951. **Lois Boyd Penninger** knows everyone! Specializes in sale of toiletries-cosmetics. Married: 1938 to **Clarence Penninger**, one daughter: **Susan** of A.J.C.H.S., one son: "**C. E.**" of Junior High.

PARKS' DRUGS operates an up-to-date, well stocked merchandising Pharmacy. Here the field of Medicine and Prescription work is carried on with diligent care, the success of this business has been the policy of either having what the customers want, or being willing to get it very promptly. The **REXALL** system of merchandising has been used since 1914 in this store.



"When I started in the drug store, the common sale was 5c worth of Epsom Salts, sometimes they asked for 2c worth and a 15c package was plain extravagance!

"I grew up under the tutelage of my Father, whose cardinal principles were: the necessity of always being on time, and that a good clerk can always find something to do. Good training for any generation.

"The depression years were rough, the forces of competition were savage, all rules of trade conduct were pushed aside and the drug store became variety or small-style department stores. Hours were long, full days, including evenings and Sundays.

"The War Years exerted a refining influence upon Pharmacy, science developed anti-biotics and many new medicines, the dispensing of drugs took on a renewed pride, boys became interested in going to College and getting the degree. In my own thirty-odd years of business I have only sent two apprentices to Pharmacy College, and these in the past four years. It appears that with shortened hours, better pay and specialized service, the Pharmacist of tomorrow will have better working conditions.

"There will never be anyone who has enjoyed the privilege of working in a drug store more than have I, this is truthfully said after these years at 206 So. Main St., Anna. To have worked a lifetime among kindly, gentle people is a pleasure not accorded to every man. We are grateful for every year of it."

April 6th, 1954.
George E. Parks

Parks' GEO. E. PARKS
YOUR
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Congratulations —

CITY OF ANNA!

We are happy to congratulate you on your 100th Birthday! We are happy, too, to know that we have played a small part in the progress and growth of this fine American community. We shall strive to continue that progress and to provide a shopping service to the people of Anna and vicinity that is a credit to the community and to the Morris store.

MORRIS

Anna's Friendly Store

SUBSIDIARY OF G. C. MURPHY COMPANY

MOWELL STORES

130 E. Davie Street

Phone 509

Since 1932

We Deliver

Operated by Mr. and Mrs. Albert Bohannon

M. R. T. SIGN SERVICE

Anna, Illinois

The M. R. T. Sign Service, the name under which it is now operating, was originally begun by Mr. E. A. Ryan in 1931, at which time it was called the Anna Sign Service. It was operated by Mr. Ryan until the beginning of World War II. Mr. Thomas of Cobden, Illinois, then bought half interest in the shop. At the close of the war, Maurice D. Metzger, upon his discharge from the armed forces, also bought an interest. The shop was then composed of three partners, hence the name M. R. T. Sign Service originated. It has functioned under this title to the present date. Its primary purpose in the community has been to offer the local merchants the best and most-up-to-date in out door advertising and sign displays. Twenty-three years of continued service to the community attest its value.

THE FABULOUS STORY OF BUNNY BREAD

Lewis Brothers Bakery was established Feb. 1, 1925, in a log building at the rear of property on West Chestnut Street.

At that time, all the kneading and moulding of bread was done by hand. The only machinery consisted of a dough mixer and a dough brake. The oven was home made brick, fired by wood. The work was done by the Lewis family.

Our business grew and in 1926, was moved to 111 North Main Street, as shown in the picture below.



The bakery operated four trucks, three of them driven by the Lewis Brothers, A. C., A. S. and Jack.

New equipment was installed in the bake shop, bringing production up to 400 loaves per hour. The new oven was coke fired and the bread was put in and out of the oven with a long peel.

At that time the bread was named "Milk Maid" and was baked in twin loaves, unsliced and wrapped by hand. Buns were made in sheet pans, five dozen to the pan, and were unwrapped. Beside the Lewis Brothers there were five employees.

In June, 1929, Lewis Brothers moved to 200 North Main Street. The following picture shows the new location and also the new name "Sunlit Bakery." The name was changed to Butternut.



More new equipment was installed in this plant. It consisted of two peel ovens, one new mixer, new flour equipment and an automatic bread wrapper which wrapped unsliced bread.

In 1930, sliced bread came into the picture, and bread was sliced on an old type meat slicer packed in trays and then wrapped in wax paper.

In 1933, our first bread slicer was installed to an automatic wrapper, which gave us the combination of slicing and wrapping bread, as we find it in the grocery stores today.

In 1937, a new loaf of bread was added to the Lewis Brothers production, and was called "Big Boy." More trucks were added and the number of employees were increased. In



1941 the building was purchased from A. A. Crowell and considerable remodeling was done.

On May 8, 1944, A. C. Lewis, general manager, died after a long illness. The business was reorganized with Jewel and Charles Lewis owning the building and brother, Jack Lewis, becoming owner and operator of the bakery. In 1947, the business was incorporated with R. Jack Lewis, President; Charles Lewis, Vice President; Josephine Lewis, Secretary and Treasurer. New equipment was added and we were operating twelve bread routes, fifty people were employed, and weekly production of 75,000 loaves of bread had been reached.

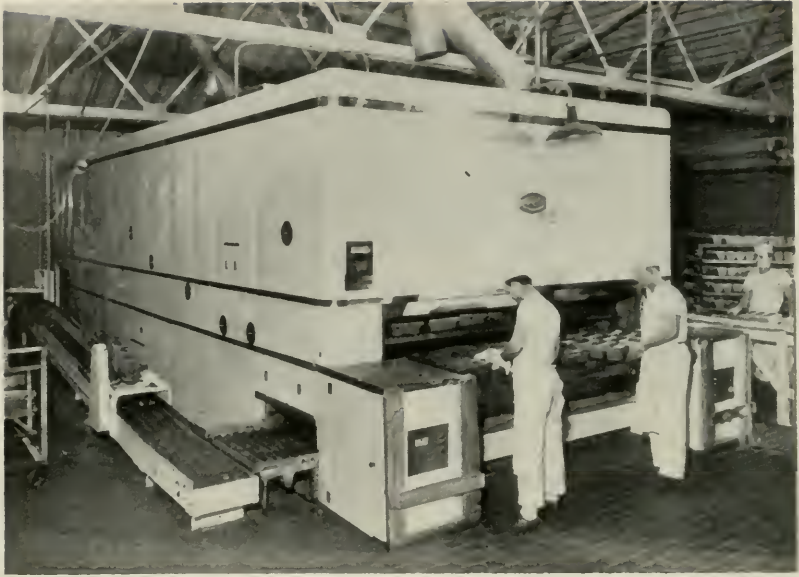
To avail our good customers of the most modern technique in fine bread baking, we employed the services of the C. J. Patterson Laboratories of Kansas City, Mo. and also bought the picture of the rabbit to go on the bread wrapper, calling our loaf "Butternut."

With the new equipment we had purchased we decided we were ready to go into new territory and in 1950 purchased a site and built a building in Harrisburg, Ill., opening five new routes, making a total of 17 routes in Southern Illinois.

"Bunny" become so popular and well known throughout the entire territory that, consumers begin calling for "Bunny Bread," and the decision was reached that the trade name "Bunny Bread" should be used on all Lewis Brothers Bakery products.

During the year we found that we had outgrown the capacity of our location and plans were instituted to build. We





purchased a site for our new building at the intersection of highways 146 and 51 at the eastern city limits. Work began on our new building April 1, 1951, and was completed for us to move in Feb. of 1952.

Probably the greatest public tribute to our initiative and perseverance was accorded us during the Gala opening of the new Bunny Bread Bakery, when an estimated 35,000 good people from Southern, Ill., attended a 3 day celebration.

During the year 1952 several new routes were opened and production was the highest ever.

Jan. 1, 1953, we purchased the distribution Dept. of Kirschhoff's Bakery, Paducah, Ky., and opened our Kentucky territory consisting of 12 routes.

We purchased the oven shown above, baking 80 loaves per minute or nearly 5000 loaves per hour. Our automatic wrapper is now geared to wrap 120 loaves per minute.

At the present time we are able to give employment to 116 employees and have 40 bread routes in Southern Illinois and Western Kentucky.

We feel like only our constant endeavor to bake the finest in "Bunny Bread" and the loyalty of our customers. All make this fabulous story of "Bunny Bread."

MARIAN SHOP

"The Shop of Individuality" is the trade-mark used by the Marian Shop on South Main Street. This popular center for the ladies' accessories is owned by Mr. and Mrs. Louis O. Lien and managed by Mrs. Lien, nee Marian Isbel Green. Marian was born in Cobden, the daughter of Robert F. and Susan M. Green. Her grandmother, Belle Crowell, and her grandfather, Silas R. Green, were pioneers of Union County. They were born south of Jonesboro, Illinois, and after their marriage they established their home in Cobden and Mr. Green owned a general merchandise store at South Pass between Anna and Cobden. Later opened another store in Cobden.

In 1911 Marian was married to Louis O. Lien, a man of Norwegian birth but a citizen of America for many years. Mr. and Mrs. Lien traveled all over the world and then came back to Anna, Illinois, in 1951. Mr. Lien has often stated that the beauty of these Anna surroundings reminds him of his birthplace in Norway.

"It was good to be back home again," says Marian, "so we decided to move our shop from Richland, Washington, home of the atomic bomb, to Anna and on Feb. 25 we rented the building at 335 South Main Street from William Cerny." The Liens remodeled the building for a Lingerie and Corset Shop, later expanding it for Ready to Wear clientele, and on January 17, 1953, purchased the building from Mr. Cerny. "And do you know" added Mrs. Lien, "it was exactly three years ago today—April 7th—that I formally opened my shop. We are very happy here, back among friends, and we are looking forward to our city's future success and prosperity."



Twenty-four Years Ago

DOTTY'S VOGUE SHOP CAME TO ANNA
And Happy We Did!!

Having started our enterprise at Cairo in 1924 we always eyed Union County as one of the best in the state and our faith has been warranted since 1931 . . . We have been in the same location serving our hundreds of valued and loyal customers thru the years and hope to continue for ages to come.

ONWARD ALWAYS —ANNA!!

THE SANOFSKY'S

Although we haven't been in business one hundred years, we hope that our service will be available to you for the next century.

Our best wishes to the community for another ten decades of progress.

Flowers From

RODMAN & ROBINSON

331 South Main

Anna, Ill.

Phone 889



NORRIS AND SON, FUNERAL DIRECTORS
(Jonesboro)

Norris and Son, Funeral Directors, Jonesboro, has been an established business in this area more than a half-century, serving the Anna-Jonesboro area and much of the rural areas of Union County, including the western section of the county which lies along the Mississippi valley.

The business of "undertaking," as it was termed in the early days, was actually established in Jonesboro in 1846 by Henry Clayburn Williford, who, being a cabinet maker, manufactured "coffins" entirely by hand from the rather crudely finished lumber which was obtainable at that period.

The coffins were completed with an interior which was a sharp contrast with the shirred silken linings and nylon lace of the present day, and the rectangular coffin resembled not at all the polished metal caskets of today.

Tom Norris purchased the business in 1898, following the death of Mr. Williford, and continued the business of "undertaking," adding a line of furniture in order to be in a position to serve families of the county with home necessities during their normal, every-day lives, as well as to serve them when death entered their homes.

A funeral service in the early 1900's was a sharp contrast with that of today. This was an era preceding the motorized vehicle when all vehicles were drawn by horses or mules.

This firm, at that time, kept two teams of handsome, high-stepping horses, a white and a black team. The pure white hearse, drawn by the white team, was placed into service for



the funeral of a child, and the black hearse, drawn by magnificent black horses, was used for the funeral service of an adult.

"The simple contacts with customers in handling their daily needs, as well as more serious needs, brought about a relationship with the people which has been far-reaching and long-lasting," states Cecil Norris, who has managed the business since the death of his father, Tom Norris, several years ago. "Business requirements of the early part of the century were based upon two things—being on hand to take of

folks, and, having something to sell them for daily needs," concluded Norris, pointing out that it continues the policy of this firm to serve patrons to the best of their ability.

Changes in this field of business advanced with the progress of the community and, in 1917, the motor hearse replaced the horse-drawn hearse, and at the present time this firm includes in its service the most modern ambulance available, which is equipped in a manner best suited for the conveying of the sick or injured, or for funeral services.

Prosperity followed the close of World War I and, upon the increased demand for an improved line of furniture, this firm increased its stock to include approximately any article of household furnishings demanded by the public, and at the same time, made extensive improvements to the Funeral Home, including an improved Chapel.

The Norris and Son Funeral Home underwent extensive remodeling during the early months of 1953 which converted the former building into a spacious structure which includes sufficient space for the handling of a funeral service in a manner required of the present era.

The entire building was almost replaced, wall by wall, floor by floor, until nothing but the original outline remained to remind the public of the former building.

Entrance to the Funeral Home is through a beautiful reception room with tiled floors, pastel tinted walls and attractive draperies. The spacious chapel is just beyond the reception room, a beautiful, restful chapel with wall-to-wall carpeting, attractive furniture, pastel-tinted walls and soft draperies.

The Chapel has a seating capacity for an estimated three hundred persons, and, by the use of folding doors, three services may be in progress simultaneously.

A covered driveway is included in the building which permits the loading and unloading of caskets without hindrance from inclement weather.

A spacious hallway connects the Chapel with modern rest rooms, two or three lounges and the business offices, and

basement areas provide storage space for equipment, caskets, and laboratories and preparation rooms.

The furniture business was discontinued early in 1953, with the exception of a complete stock of floor coverings, wall paper, venetian blinds and paints. These are offered to the buying public with the same courteous service as that given when the firm carried the full line of household furnishings.

Norris and Son, Funeral Directors, continue the pledge of a simple, kindly service to all people, and the hope that they may continue to serve their patrons through the coming years.

Members of the staff are Earl Weiss, George Bauman and Harvey Knupp.

NORRIS FUNERAL HOME

Anna, Illinois

In few professions have more changes or greater progress been made than in mortuary science. From the old days of home built coffins and lumber wagons used to convey them to the cemetery to the modern funeral home with its sanitary, scientific methods and its modern equipment is a long step; as was the change from the old days to that of the later popular combination of livery barns and "Undertaking establishments." It was here the Norris Funeral Home had its origin.

About 1890 George M. Norris, father of Miss Georgia Norris, established and operated in connection with his two story brick livery barn, "The George W. Norris Livery, Undertaking and Embalming Establishment," which was one of the most modern in Southern Illinois. He was the first person in this territory to receive an embalmer's license. In those days the correct dress for undertakers was the Prince Albert coat, silk hat, black bow tie and always black kid gloves. The rolling stock consisted of a white hearse for the young; a black country hearse, which was built high and light to enable it to get through the hub-deep mud on the country roads; the black "town" hearse, massive and ornate and equipped with rubber tires; a pall bearer's coach, which had two seats



running the full length with steps in the rear, and a horse drawn ambulance which was used primarily to take stretcher patients from the Illinois Central station to the State Hospital. The perfectly matched teams of both black and white horses were covered with nets lavishly trimmed with tassels. On each funeral the pall bearers were given white gloves and fancy arm badges, either black or white, depending on the age of the deceased.

In 1920 Miss Georgia Norris, one of the present owners, purchased the funeral business from her brother, Robert M. Norris, and employed Gaylon C. Kent of Olney, Illinois as funeral director and embalmer with Mancil Keistler as assistant. the present day needs. The modern funeral home has quiet equipment. In 1922 the present modern funeral home was built and the firm became known as the Norris Funeral Home. Many improvements were made and customs changed. The drab cold colors were removed from the funeral furnishings, until today they are warm and colorful. The modernly equipped preparation room, display rooms and chapel meet the present day needs. The modern funeral home has quiet dignity and provides every comfort for the bereaved with a

staff trained by experience to render a sincere service to the community.

After the death of Mr. Kent in 1940, Mrs. Kent assumed his interest in the firm. Funeral directors associated with the firm since that time have been Harley Queen, who conducts his own establishment now in Centralia, Ill.; Mark Miller, who has his own funeral home in Vandalia, Illinois, and Joseph B. Moos, who resigned recently on account of ill health. Besides Miss Norris and Mrs. Kent, the present staff consists of funeral directors, Mancil Keistler and Gaylon H. Kent. While the City of Anna prepares to celebrate a century of progress, Norris Funeral Home, growing with the city, goes into its sixty-fifth year of service in the community.

O. K. BARBER SHOP

Clifton (Tip) Williams, owner and manager of the O. K. Barber Shop, 109 North Main, has served his patrons almost a quarter-century. He married Daisy Winebarger in 1910.

Many youngsters of Anna, who received their first haircuts at "Tip's" have continued their patronage through the years.

Tip's Shop is often the first place visited by patrons when returning to their home city; where friends meet and exchange ideas and latest news.

The Shop was purchased by the present owner in 1933, a two chair Shop, and a third chair was added when Walter Arbuckle returned from service and joined the forces in 1947. Prior to this, Williams was assisted by W. A. Caraker, who continues his work with the Shop.

Tip's most popular "helper" has been his grandson, Ronell Gene Gurley, son of Hollie and Afton Gurley. Ronell began his career in his grandfather's shop at the age of nine, when he helped with chores about the shop. He graduated from High School, and Southern Illinois University, Carbondale. He is now giving a bit of time to the service of his country as a member of the Signal Corps at Camp Gordon, Georgia.



MYRTLE NIMMO

Mrs. Myrtle Nimmo, is owner of the historical Morgan farm, four miles west of Jonesboro, on Highway 146.

The farm was bought by Thomas Nimmo when it sold at Master-in-Chancery sale, and was owned by Mrs. Nimmo's grandfather, James Morgan.

There was at one time a grist mill on Dutch Creek, where Mr. Morgan ground grain for people miles away. He also ground grain for the Cherokee Indians while they were camped on this farm en route to Indian Territory, waiting to cross the Mississippi River, as it was full of floating ice. This was about 1838.

Mrs. Nimmo has three children, George, Robert Nimmo, and Mrs. Mary K. Forsythe. She lives at 159 East Vienna Street.

E. P. OWEN, DRUGGIST

E. P. Owen, druggist of Anna, has served his patrons in Anna and Union County during almost half of the city's Century of Progress.

A graduate of the University of Illinois School of Pharmacy in Chicago in 1912, he opened his business at his present location upon returning to Anna and has continued to serve the public from this same location since that time.

Prior to enrollment at the University, Mr. Owen was associated with Frank Kroh in the Opera House Drug Store (present location of the Anna National Bank). He is a native of Union County, education in the county schools, and taught in the schools before entering the field as a druggist.

Mr. Owen opened his business when the city of Anna was only beginning to expand, attracting many people to the city with its increasing prosperity and improved living conditions.

As the city entered its second half-century, Owen was filling prescriptions and providing other druggist's services with the same accuracy as he offers today. He has increased his supplies to include every available drug or medical supply of this modern age, in order to give to his patrons a service which equals that of any community, either large or small.

E. P. Owen has been active in many civic and county programs which include his service as a member of the Anna City Council, a director of the Anna State Bank, and president of the Anna Fair Association. He has served three terms as president of this organization and is holding this office at the present time.

He has extensive farming interest in the eastern section of Union County, owning a large farm on which he raises and maintains a large herd of registered Hereford cattle.

Supervision of his farm and cattle occupies much of his time when he is outside his store.

Mr. Owen's staff in the store includes several efficient persons throughout the year. James Pickrell of Anna has been associated with the store over a period of twenty years, with exception of four years which were spent in the service of the armed forces. Pickrell is well known in Anna and Union County and, as in the case of his employer, is capable of giving his patrons the best of service possible.

PAGE AUTO & HOME SUPPLY

Coming to Anna in 1928, Orval Page began an illustrious career in the business world which has spanned more than a quarter of a century. Then he was manager of the Thrift Store which was located on South Main Street. At that time everyone came to town on Saturday to do their "tradin'," and the Thrift Store with its genial manager was not only a good place to get the weekly groceries but also to get the weekly news. It was here that Page began to make his wide circle of friends which have followed him from business to business.

A couple of years later, the Kroger Stores bought the Thrift Stores and the Page family moved from Anna to Harrisburg, where Mr. Page operated a Variety Store; however, the pleasant memories and warm friends made in their short stay here, caused them to want to return and in 1933, Mr. Page did return as manager of a Daniel Store on South Main, a position he held until 1946.

Wishing to be on his own, Mr. Page left the Daniel organization and bought the Bill Smith Grocery Store which he operated until the fall of 1947, when he opened the Auto and Home Supply Store on West Davie, which specializes in Hot-point electrical appliances, paints, and auto supplies.

The Page family—including Mr. and Mrs. Page, their son, Donald, and their daughter, Joyce, who is graduating from high school this year—is a very devoted family group which enjoy doing things together and their Auto and Home Supply is a family enterprise with each member doing his part. During his son's absence while in the armed forces, Mr. and Mrs. Page carried on the business by themselves, but as soon as Donald returned, he went into the business also, and the store was enlarged to include the building next door.

The Pages are active in the Baptist Church, where Mr. Page has been a Deacon of the Church for about fifteen years. Mr. Page has also served on the Grade School Board for seven years as he has always been interested in the welfare of the community. When any community project is undertaken, a firm always willing to cooperate and do its part has been the PAGE AUTO AND HOME SUPPLY.



COMPLIMENTS OF
HARRY PARTRIDGE

PAUL PEARCE BARBER SHOP

Anna National Bank Building
101 West Davie Street
Anna, Ill.

I came to Anna September, 1894, opened my Tailor Shop in the present Keith Building. Married an Anna girl, Miss Ellen Robinson, on October 30, 1901. I have seen the town grow into a very fine city amidst the wonderful fruit farms of Southern Illinois. A wonderful place to live.

ROBERT B. DUNCAN

Tailor
Anna National Bank Building



Pygett's Superette was constructed at the corner of Spring and Green streets in the year 1950. The building was designed from a plan to incorporate the services of a super market on a scale suited to the needs and operation of a neighborhood store. This resulted in the establishment of the first "superette" in the city of Anna. The store was officially opened to the public in October, 1950, under the ownership and management of Avat and Velma Pygett with Floyd Miller in charge of the meat department and with Miss Millie McMahan, cashier. Mr. Miller was succeeded by Verne Proctor, now employed by the city. Due to the wonderful acceptance of the superette by the people of Anna an addition to the original building was constructed to facilitate handling the increased volume of business. This was completed in 1952 with enlargement of the parking area for further convenience of our patrons.

With Don Roe now employed as assistant manager, Pygett's Superette will continue to contribute to the high standards of the city of Anna and offer only those products which we know to be of the best quality and a credit to our reputation which we strive constantly to maintain.

PYGETT'S SUPERETTE

Spring and Green Streets

Phone 907

PHOENIX FLOUR MILLS, Inc.

1885 — 1954 — 69 Years



THE FIRST MILL

The original mill of the Bruchhauser Family was purchased by the Senior William Bruchhauser in 1885. This plant was operated as the Anna Roller Mills, first by Mr. William Bruchhauser himself and later in conjunction with his three sons. Grinding or milling in the plant at the time of its purchase by the family was done on heavy stone burs imported from France. Very soon after the purchase of the plant, it was remodeled and the new Roller Process type of equipment was installed. Other improvements were made from time to time to keep pace with modern developments as they were introduced. From this plant flour and meal prod-

ucts were shipped over all the South, as well as to an ever increasing list of dealers in Southern Illinois.



Wm. Bruchhauser
Founder of
Phoenix Flour Mill

The history of Pheonix Flour Mills is entirely a history of the Bruchhauser Family in America. It must necessarily begin with the life of the father of the present owners whose active life and vision were responsible for the founding of the business.

William Bruchhauser was born August 15, 1838, in the Province of Waldeck, Germany. At the age of thirty-one years the driving ambition which was the guiding force of his life induced him to leave his homeland for the wider opportunities which he foresaw in the development of the United States.

Settling first in St. Louis, Missouri, he later moved to Red Bud, Illinois. Shortly afterwards he became associated with a Mr. Melzer at Worden, Illinois. During this partnership Mr. Bruchhauser moved to Jonesboro, Illinois. There in 1885 the association was dissolved and Mr. Bruchhauser located in Anna, establishing the Anna Roller Mills at 216 East Davie Street, where the Pearl Motor Company is now located. Thus began the history of the Bruchhauser Family in the milling business.

Three sons had, in the meantime, been born to the family,—William F. in St. Louis, Missouri, 1873; August F. in Red Bud, Illinois, 1875; and C. H. in Worden, Illinois, 1878. Much of the success of the Family-Company has been due to the entry of these young men into their father's business at the time of the establishment of the first mill. Though young, the three junior Bruchhausers soon showed that they had inherited the characteristic thrift and industry of the Senior



W. F. BRUCHHAUSER

A. F. BRUCHHAUSER

C. H. BRUCHHAUSER

member of the firm and dedicated themselves wholly to the conduct and expansion of the business. It may be truly said that they were associated with their father from the first day of his business experience in Anna.

William Bruchhauser was a charter member of the Southern Illinois Millers' Association.

Between the time of the establishment of the business in 1885 and the death of the father in 1911 the three sons had received a thorough training in their chosen field. With their father's guidance they shared the wealth of his knowledge and

experience, which had grown rich with the passing of the years. The problems of the mill were the problems of the family, and those of the family were the problems of the business. They worked together, planned together, and learned together. Absorbed by their close contact with the industry and encouraged by their father's faith and indomitable zeal, as well as by his splendid example of honesty and fair play, they were prepared to assume important roles not only in the conduct of their private business but also in the commercial and industrial development of the community as a whole.

It was therefore a most fortunate circumstance and an equally unusual one when all three sons joined their father in the building and expansion of the Anna Roller Mills. The plant and equipment were steadily improved and enlarged, no opportunity being missed to introduce modern methods as soon as they had been proven practical. An increasing number of merchants and farmers learned that good equipment plus good management insured them products of the finest quality at the rapidly growing mill.

In 1906 the three sons—W. F., A. F., and C. H.—purchased the plant of the Phoenix Flour Mills at 140 East Vien-



na Street, from the Union County Milling Company, operating it as Bruchhauser Brothers until 1933, when the business was incorporated as Phoenix Flour Mills, Inc. Thus, though the business name has been changed and the scene of activity has shifted, the history of the Bruchhauser Family, as millers,—with its record of progress and achievement—continues to unfold; and another name is added to that growing list of those who came to America seeking opportunity, whose initiative and industry found that opportunity, and whose lives of honest toil and labor remain as monuments of faith and courage and pioneering enterprise.

In the meantime the business and its owners had been active in the civic affairs of the community. The Bruchhauser Brothers were active as promoters and stockholders of the Southern Illinois Fair Association, the Anna Fair becoming one of the best known and best attended fairs in this section of the state.

They were among the principal organizers of the East Side Apartment Corporation and the Anna State Bank.

The three brothers have at various times served as members of the city council—W. F. Bruchhauser as city treasurer, A. F. Bruchhauser as city alderman, and C. H. Bruchhauser, city commissioner.

By their active interest and intelligent participation in all projects which rebounded to the public good they strove to emulate the example of their father in serving others as well as themselves.

A. F. Bruchhauser is the only survivor of the brothers as W. F. passed away November 5, 1941, and C. H. June 24, 1945.

A. F. Bruchhauser is President of Phoenix Flour Mills, Inc., President of East Side Apartments Corporation, a Director in the Anna State Bank and an Elder and Charter Member of the Trinity Lutheran Church of Anna.

Since the passing of W. F. and C. H. Bruchhauser, W. A. Bruchhauser, son, and Elbert O. Michels, son-in-law of A. F. Bruchhauser, have become part of the corporation.

Today the Phoenix Flour Mills, Inc., are better prepared than ever before to serve an ever increasing list of customers.



W. A. Bruchhauser Elbert O. Michels A. F. Bruchhauser

Considering its modest beginning in 1885, its many years of service, this organization has every reason to feel justly proud. It may also take legitimate pride in the fact that its friends and customers today still receive the same quality of service and merchandise that built the business and carried it successfully through more than half a century.

Today the Phoenix Flour Mills, Inc., covers very intensively a trade territory within a fifty mile radius around the City of Anna. Besides its original line of merchandise it carries a complete line of high quality wholesale groceries and all kinds of seeds. Salesmen contact its customers regularly and trucks make weekly deliveries in this area direct to retail and wholesale trade.

A branch elevator located at Ullin, Illinois, serves to increase the facilities of the company for the buying of grain within their local territory. This policy of purchasing all kind of grains from the farmers in this area is now, as it has been in the past, a cardinal principle of the operation of the business.

The Phoenix Flour Mills, Inc., and the Bruchhauser Family pause at the milestone of Sixty-nine years of their milling career,—pause to reflect upon over a half century of effort completed, upon the many trials and vicissitudes of almost seven decades, so crowded with achievements and reverses,

joys and sorrows and rewards,—and active and intensely busy Sixty-nine years.

As the swiftly sweeping panorama of seven decades of service passes in retrospect, we wish to grasp this opportunity to express our gratitude for the friendships and loyalties these many years have brought. It is with a sense of deepest gratitude to Almighty God that we dedicate these pages as a token of our appreciation of having been privileged to work and live and triumph in the most eventful period the world has ever known.

Standing upon the threshold of another span of opportunity and service, we pledge to our many friends and customers everywhere our utmost effort to maintain the high standards of former years and to improve upon these standards in the years to come through the determined efforts of the youngest members of the corporation, W. A. Bruchhauser and Elbert O. Michels.

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CULP OIL COMPANY

In February, 1953, Woodrow Culp established an oil company, known as the Culp Oil Company, selling and distributing Phillips 66 Products on E. Vienna Street at the location formerly known as Hindman Filling Station. The station operator, Bill Stout, is assisted by Wesley Boie. Woodrow is the exclusive dealer for Phillips 66 Products in Union County. He resides at 310 E. Vienna Street with wife, Wanda Penninger Culp, and son, Quentin Delaine. Business phone 933; residence phone 972-W.

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IN MEMORIAM
JOHN JEREMIAH PELLEY

“Track-hand to railroad president”

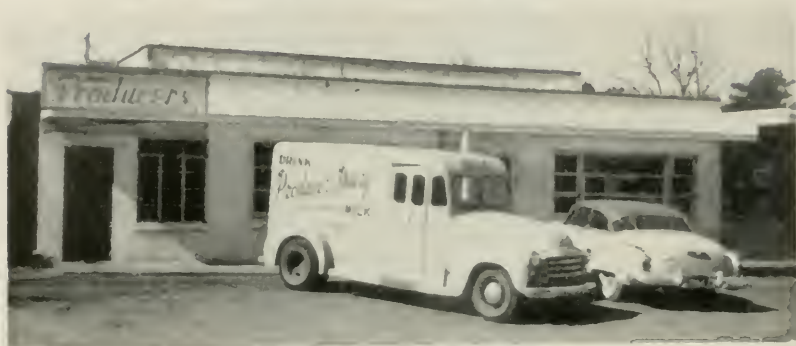
One of many of our native sons who have contributed much to the American picture. As head of the Association of American Railroads, John Pelley held the biggest job—the most significant—in the history of U. S. Railroading; he was the first man to hold this position of Super-Director of all of the great systems of railroads.

Born in Anna, Illinois, in 1878, captain of Anna High School football team, he began his railroad career as a baggage-buster at the little Anna Station. Up through most divisions of two railroads and landed as President of the New York, New Haven and Hartford after having been president of the Illinois Central's largest subsidiary, the Central of Georgia.

John Pelley was feted upon his return visit to Anna; a memorable event was the Banquet given at the gymnasium of the A. J. C. H. S. in 1937, a capacity crowd of citizenry, officials of railroading and relatives of John Pelley made a never-to-be-forgotten occasion.

He died in 1946 at the age of 68 years and takes his place as an honored son of the community, a man of example and unforgotten character, a man for the youth of the tomorrow to follow!

ANNA PRODUCERS DAIRY



December 15, 1929, a fine springlike day and the only one that entire winter, saw Roy Brown and associate, Loel Verble, take over the Leonard Dairy, composed of 6 cows, a milking machine, and some bottles and cases. Late that afternoon the first delivery to customers was made by the so-called "Home Dairy," and so an operation was started that for nearly 25 years has never missed a scheduled delivery. On January 15, 1930, the Ed Tripp Dairy of Jonesboro, composed of 7 cows and some bottles and cases, was added to the going business.

A few months operation convinced the management that milk should be pasteurized, so after many months of discussion arrangements were made for the opening of a pasteurizing plant.

In May, 1931, a new firm headed by H. E. Grundman, a Dairy Supply salesman, and Roy Brown, opened a small modern plant in the Goddard Building on E. Vienna St., processing and delivering milk formerly delivered by Walton's Dairy, Bizzel's Dairy and the Home Dairy. The new firm operated under the name Producers Dairy. In the arrangement L. A. "Friday" Boyer, who had delivered for Walton's for many years came with the new firm, and has been continually employed as deliveryman all these years.

Acceptance of pasteurized milk was slow in coming and the firm had a real struggle for existence. Grundman went back on the road and Brown assumed active management, finally buying out Grundman in January, 1933. At this time there

were three employees, namely L. A. Boyer, Frank P. Shepard and Jesse Bizzell, Jr. In late 1933 the State started buying milk for the State Hospital and the C C C Camps came into being, also buying milk. Producers Dairy was able to get a good part of this business, and it was a timely boost. Added business called for more employees, among whom was Wilbert Page, who has continued with the Dairy for 21 years.

By 1936 the building on East Vienna St. had become too small, so a new plant was planned and built on the Brown farm north of the State Hospital—a spot labeled by the employees, as the coldest in winter and the hottest in summer.

In the spring of 1937 the business of Hindman's Dairy was bought and added to the now respectable volume enjoyed by the firm.

More or less normal, dairy operations were carried on until World War II, when shortages and rationing forced a change in deliveries which until that time had been on a 7 day a week basis. It was found 6-day wholesale and 4 day retail deliveries were practical, and how those Sundays off were enjoyed!

Business increased—more room was needed—but war-time restrictions prevented building until 1946 when a new plant was built at 131 W. Chestnut and occupied on December 18th of that year. Down through these 20 odd years, equipment has been added, or replaced as needed, to keep the Dairy modern and efficient.

As we approach the quarter century mark in service to our fellowmen, we try to feel we have been of some small benefit to our community, and do pledge our continued support of all worthy causes for civic betterment as we have supported all such causes in the past.

We pay high tribute to all the fine employees we have had without whom there could not have been a Producers Dairy, and herewith list the fine group now working: L. A. Boyer, Wilbert Page, Earl Lacy, Tullie Dillow, Roy Powell, Paul Treece, Carroll McIntire, Jewell Henderson, Lester Manus, Elizabeth Walser, Roy A. Brown, R. E. Lence, Roy Stark, Gene Brimm.

Another 25 years? Who knows?



THE DRIVE-INN

March 19, 1948, Robert M. Williams and his wife, Jane West Williams, opened a Drive Inn restaurant, calling it "The Williams Drive Inn." Located on West Chestnut, in the Producers Dairy building, the Williams Drive Inn specialized in Toasted Sandwiches, Thick Malts and Shakes, and delicious Sodas and Sundaes.

December 24, 1950, The Williams Drive Inn closed down so Mr. Williams might continue his army training.

April 19, 1951, The Williams Drive Inn re-opened under the name "The Drive Inn," the new owner being the Anna Producers Dairy, Inc., and a Dairy Employee, Chales H. Shafer, named manager of the enterprise. Sandwiches, Ice Cream and Fountain Service continued to be the main items offered. Continued and featured at all times are ten to sixteen flavors of quality "Producers" Ice Cream and Sherbets produced under the supervision of Wilbert Page.

December 20, 1953, The Drive Inn closed for remodeling, an addition being built which more than doubled the size and seating capacity, and called for a complete re-arrangement of equipment. Re-opened January 18, 1954, the Drive Inn continues to feature Sandwiches, Shakes, Malts and Sodas and Sundaes.

The growth of this business can largely be attributed to the friendliness and grooming of the operators, as well as to quality products.

Present Employees: Brooksy Stidham, James B. Woodard, Helen Evans, Pat Robertson, Raymond Sweet, Charles H. Shafer, Betty Baggot, Doris Rodgers, Kenny Wilkerson, Paul Carnell.

FORD L. RENDLEMAN

JOHN S. RENDLEMAN

Rendleman & Rendleman

Attorneys-At-Law

Hale Building

ANNA, ILLINOIS



Compliments of
RENDLEMAN'S STANDARD SERVICE

RICH'S SHOE STORE



The name RICH is not new to the community of Anna of Union County. However, as a business name, RICH'S had its inception in the year 1934 when R. L. "Bob" Rich opened his first business venture under the name of "RICH'S SHOE STORE." This store located on South Main Street brought to Anna the finest quality merchandise obtainable and continued to grow and serve the people of the community.

At the close of World War II, after new fronts and complete new interior were installed, RICH'S SHOE STORE moved to its present location at the corner of South Main and Lafayette Streets.

RICH'S SHOE STORE

200 So. Main St.

Phone 138

TWO GOOD STORES

RICH'S CLOTHING STORE



At the close of World War II, a second store, operating under the trade name R & W for a period of two years and then changed to RICH'S CLOTHING STORE, was opened as a partnership. This operation brought to Anna one of the most modern completely stocked men's store in Southern Illinois, featuring brand names of quality clothing and furnishings for men and boys.

The continued prosperity of both these fine stores has been perpetrated by the generous purchases and continued patronage of the people of the community.

RICH'S CLOTHING STORE

214 So. Main St.

Phone 673

TWO GOOD STORES



SOUTHERN BARBECUE

147 E. Vienna St., Anna, Ill.

Phone 458-W

Southern Barbecue built in 1923, by "Nip" Bowen, hotel operator, Duquoin, Illinois. He built 13 Southern Barbecue establishments in Southern Illinois, and operated them all successfully. The above being one of the few originals still in operation.

PREVIOUS OWNERS

1923, "Nip" Bowen; 1926, John Slightom; 1940, Aurel "Pug" Rendleman; 1941, Louise Rendleman; 1945, Clyde Choate, Melvin Walker, Bill Rayburn; 1946, John Davis, Cornie West.

Southern Barbecue purchased in 1951 by present owners Harold and Joan Bartruff, Courtney and Zoe Ann Bartruff. Employees working now or recently are: Mrs. Lela Bartruff, Mrs. Christine Adams, Miss Peggy Brimm, Donald White and Earl Milton.

**"WE ENJOY SERVING YOU
THE ORIGINAL SOUTHERN BARBECUE"**



John W. Roy



Mrs. John W. Roy

JOHN WILLIAM ROY

Born December 4th, 1857, on a farm midway between Grand Chain and the Ohio River in Pulaski County, Illinois. He lived here until he was 14 years of age, at which time his father, Robert J. Roy, sold his farm and moved to Grand Chain for better school facilities. After completing High School, he attended college in the Teachers' College at Carbondale. He taught school from 1875 until 1881, resigning to accept a position as Station Agent and Telegraph Operator for the Cairo and Vincennes Railroad Company. Soon he transferred to the Illinois Central R. R. Company and served as Station Agent and Telegraph operator in several towns, coming to Anna in 1895. Later he was made General Manager for the W. W. Stokes Implement Company, remaining with that company until 1905, when he was elected Secretary of the Anna Building and Loan Association. In 1924 he was made President of this association, a position he still holds.

Mr. Roy was married to Mary Missouri Gaunt June 23rd, 1880, and to this union five children were born: R. O. Roy, Shreveport, Louisiana; J. L. Roy, Long Beach, California; H. M. Roy, deceased; Rose Roy Myers, El Paso, Texas; Anna Roy Sifford, Anna, Illinois.

Mr. Roy is a faithful member of St. Anne's Episcopal

Church, having served as treasurer through the years. He is a Mason and a member of Knights Templar. He served on the Board of Education for many years and maintains a vital interest in Anna's progress.

MRS. JOHN W. ROY

Mrs. Roy was also a loyal member of St. Anne's Episcopal Church, active in the Eastern Star and White Shrine, also is a past president of the Anna Woman's Club. Mr. and Mrs. Roy celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary in 1930, with all of their children and grandchildren present. Mrs. Roy passed away July 9th, 1931.

BELCHER ELECTRIC SERVICE

Willis L. Belcher, Prop.

127 Lafayette Street

Anna, Illinois

Started business Jan. 10, 1949, at 115 Lafayette St. Moved to larger building at 127 Lafayette St., January, 1954. Present employees:

William Thomas, started working as motor repairman in February, 1952.

Clifford A. Kimbro Jr., started working as Electrician's helper in September, 1953.

Past employees:

John Warren, August, 1949, to August, 1951.

Roy B. Belcher, May, 1952, to Sept., 1952.

Carroll G. Belcher, May, 1953, to Sept., 1953.

Patricia Woodard

Lela May Watkins

Our work consists of repairing and rewinding all kinds of Electric Motors, wiring residences, industrial buildings and automatic controls.



Anna, Illinois

The name of SANFORD'S is one of the best known of the several business houses in Anna, in fact it is the oldest home-owned "Ready-to-Wear" store in the city.

Originally formed in 1903, and occupying the double store room on South Main Street (now occupied by the Davis Hardware and Brook's Paint Store) the firm began a merchandising career under the operation of the late Amos Sanford, Sr. The signature style of name-plate was adopted early and the slogan "Where Quality Counts" has always been appended to the firm's trade-name.

In June, 1914, the business was expanded and a partner was added, this was Mr. J. Fred Corzine and wife, Mary Norris Corzine. To this new association came a period of growth and increase, the business was moved to the present location,

having purchased the mercantile stock and clothing stock of the old established J. N. Dickinson & Co. and for almost forty years the business has been a prominent establishment of the city. Mr. Fred Corzine died in 1933 and Mrs. Corzine stayed with the store.

In 1952 the business was modernized with new fixtures, air-conditioning and improved show-windows. Following the death of Mr. Sanford in 1942 the management was assumed by Mrs. Mary Norris Corzine. The success of the business is due to the complete merchandise lines of nationally known goods, and especially for the personal service and attentive care given to every customer.

Already three generations of patrons have passed thru the doors of this establishment, Anna is justly proud of this business which reflects well the general type of stores to which people, from miles around, like to come to shop and look.

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SEGERS HAT AND GIFT SHOP

This shop was started by Miss Sophia Feuss in the year 1899—Miss Seger having purchased the stock June 15, 1912. Now, forty-two years under the name of Segers Hat Shop—The oldest in retail merchandising in Anna.

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TUTHILL INSURANCE AGENCY

During the year 1880, H. P. Tuthill, father of the present owner, became the first fire insurance agent in Union County, Illinois. This agency has been in continuous and active existence since that date and now has become a general insurance agency, taking care of all the insurance needs of its customers and having paid more than two million dollars in claims.

In 1905, the son, L. B. Tuthill, entered the firm and since the death of his father in 1909, became the sole owner of this agency.

During the tenure of this agency the personnel of this firm has changed but little.

John L. Wingate, son-in-law of the owner, served for about ten years as solicitor. The same was terminated by his death in 1944.

This agency is now composed of L. B. Tuthill, owner, Laura Yost as assistant and head of the Office, and Howard Lam, solicitor for the agency.

We strive to take care of the needs of our insurance customers and see that the losses are settled satisfactory.

This is the largest general insurance agency in Union County.

PEARL MOTOR COMPANY



R. E. Pearl, left
H. E. Pearl, right,
Pearl Motor Co.,
Mexico, Mo.

Ryland E. Pearl began his career in the automobile business in Mexico, Missouri. He attended Mexico School and Westminster College, Fulton, Missouri, being associated with his father, H. E. Pearl, in 1922, as the Pearl Motor Company, Chevrolet, Cadillac and Buick Dealership. After fourteen years in that organization, Ryland Pearl purchased the Pontiac, Cadillac and GMC Truck franchise, operating as the Ryland Motor Company until June, 1939, at which time he purchased the Chevrolet, Oldsmobile and Cadillac franchise at Anna, Illinois. Mr. Pearl began operation in a building located at 204 East Davie, remaining in that location until 1941, at which time he moved to the present location.

Chevrolet Under New Management

Ryland E. Pearl
Purchases Agency
And Equipment

Mr. Ryland E. Pearl, President of Ryland Motor Co., has recently purchased the Chevrolet Agency and Equipment from the late Mr. J. H. Smith, who has been in the automobile business for over forty years, and is a well known expert in the field of automobile sales and service. Mr. Pearl is the present owner and operator of the business.

Mr. Pearl is a member of the Chamber of Commerce, Mexican Consulate, and is a resident of Mexico, Mo.

Pearl arrives in Anna



Ryland Motor Co.,
Mexico, Mo.—1936



Pearl Motor Co. Organization—June 1, 1939

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Annual Organization Christmas Party

PEARL'S ORGANIZATION—1954



Present location of Pearl Motor Company, 216 East Davie Street, Anna, showing new car sales showroom and service department at right, with used car lot, body shop and lubrication department at left. 18,396 square feet, total square feet.



Pearl's Present Organization of 27 Employees



THREE GENERATIONS OF PEARLS IN THE GENERAL MOTORS ORGANIZATION

The above picture showing Jim Pearl with his father, Ryland E. Pearl and grandfather, H. E. Pearl, is being congratulated by Mr. T. J. Hart, Zone Manager, St. Louis Division, Chevrolet Motor Company, as one of the youngest Chevrolet Dealers, his dealership being located in Vienna, Illinois, and also being one representing these generations of active Chevrolet Dealers and to our knowledge it is the only combination of this kind with General Motors today. Recognition was given the Pearls in several nation wide publications and special recognition from General Motors. Mr. H. E. Pearl is Chevrolet, Buick and Cadillac Dealer in Mexico, Missouri. Mr. Jim Pearl is Chevrolet and Oldsmobile Dealer in Vienna, Illinois. Mr. Marion Pearl, younger brother of Ryland Pearl, is associated with his father in Mexico, Missouri, with the youngest brother, Jack Pearl, located in Paris, Missouri, as the Chevrolet and Oldsmobile Dealer.

Ryland Pearl has made famous the slogan "PEARL TRADES WILD," using it consistently in his advertising since first coming to Anna in 1939, with people from distant states calling for the WILD TRADER at Anna. Jim Pearl is known as the KING OF TRADERS.

TREECE'S CAFETERIA

DON & ELOISE TREECE, Owners

Assisted by daughters Carol Lee & Donna

Originally operated as "Treece's Sweet Shoppe"

In Business since 1928 — Operate under the slogan

"THE BEST IN FOUNTAIN AND FAST FOOD SERVICE"

— Air Conditioned —

322 S. Main St.

Phone 83

Anna, Ill.

TWIN CITY CLEANERS

Don & Billie Jones, Owners

Phone 735

111 North Main St.

Anna, Illinois

The Twin City Cleaners was started in 1926 by Mr. Harvey Mohler and Charley Schumacher. And has been in continuous operation since that time.

It was purchased in May of 1953 by Don and Billie Jones. New equipment has been added until it is one of the most modern cleaning plants in Southern Illinois.

Donald C. Jones, who has had twelve years cleaning experience, moved to Anna in 1938, and married Billie Rippetoe, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George H. Rippetoe.

The Jones' reside at 103 Sanburn Drive, and have one daughter, Donna Kay Jones.



Harlan P.

Emma

Russell

Lewis

Sophronia

THE TUTHILL FAMILY—1897

The Tuthill Family

One of the earlier settlers in this county was Harlan P. Tuthill, who served for four years in the Armed forces of the United States Government during the Civil War in the eighteen sixties.

Soon after the Civil War he came to this city working for Charles M. Willard, his brother-in-law, who at that time owned a general store in this city. His marriage to Emma Sophia Hubbard took place in this city during the eighteen seventies and to this union five children were born, two were deceased in the earlier years of their lives and three now living. Russell, Lewis B. and Sophronia Smith.

Mr. Harlan P. Tuthill was a leader in this community for his entire life and was elder in the First Presbyterian Church of Anna, Illinois, for a great number of years. He was the prime factor in building the stone edifice of the First Presbyterian Church which now stands as a monument to the architecture of that day.

In 1909, Harlan P. Tuthill passed away leaving surviving his widow who lived for some years and three children, Russell, Lewis and Sophronia. In the year of his passing Russell and Lewis had established themselves in business and later Sophronia was married.

During the career of these sons Russell was owner of a large farm near Tamms, Illinois, and after the sale of this farm entered the business of selling automobile tires and ac-

cessories. At that time this was an entirely new business as automobiles were a rarity on the road and business was good in repairing and selling the same.

His business acumen along this line and real estate deals provided him with enough capital that he might retire some years ago and now is residing as a bachelor in his own home in Miami, Florida.

Lewis B. Tuthill was married in 1904 to Leeta DeWolf and to this union three children were born. The son, Harlan Page Tuthill, passed away in his infancy and Mary DeWolf Grant and Ruth Tuthill survive. Mary DeWolf Grant has three children, Merridee, Lewis and Paula.

During the life of Lewis B. Tuthill he was admitted to the bar and was married in 1904. Practiced law for about six years and on the death of his father became the owner of a general insurance agency and is still conducting the same. He has had many honors conferred on him by the people of this city and county. The voters of this community have elected him to the office of city attorney for three terms and have twice elected him County Judge which honor made him the only Republican Judge ever elected Judge in Union County, Illinois.

He served as Postmaster of the City of Anna, Illinois, for 13½ years and belongs to the Masons, Elks, Moose, and Rotary Club an elder in the First Presbyterian Church in this city.

Miss Sophronia Smith of this city now lives in the old home place on South Main Street and is employed as a nurse at Anna City Hospital.



Union County Implement Co.

The Union County Implement Company, 350 S. Main St., Anna, Illinois, was established August 2nd, 1939, by Mr. and Mrs. Leonard T. Stearns, for the purpose of retailing all the products manufactured by the International Harvester Co.

Mr. L. T. Stearns, the son of Samuel and Martha Stearns, was a native of Marion, Illinois. He was raised just west of Marion on a farm. A part of the original Stearns farm is now the site of the Veterans Hospital and a part of it the site of the Crisp estate. His higher education was received from the Marion Township High School and the University of Illinois.

We had been associated with the International Harvester Company in St. Louis, Mo., for several years prior to contracting with said company to purchase their Dealership in Anna, Illinois.

Mrs. L. T. Stearns (Thelma) was also a native of Williamson County, being the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Fowler, and was born at Herrin, Illinois. She, also, had been employed in St. Louis, Mo., by the Chrysler Corporation, which position she left to become a partner in the Union County Implement Company.

In January, 1942, Mr. Paul Fowler, brother of Mrs. Stearns, who up until that time had been associated with Weber Implement & Automobile Company in St. Louis, Mo., left that firm's employ and with his wife, Catherine, and daughter, Sharon Ann, joined the firm of Union County Implement Company. April 25th of that year their second child, Paula Kay Fowler, was born. In 1943, Mr. Fowler purchased a partnership in the firm and has continued as a partner since that time. Mr. Fowler was the only son of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Fowler. He and Mrs. Stearns were both grandchildren of Mr. Silas and Mrs. Amanda Fowler, of the Wolf Creek settlement, which borders on the line of Union and Williamson counties. The Silas Fowler family, with their children, of whom H. E. Fowler was the eldest, migrated to Herrin, Illinois, and Mr. Paul Fowler was born there. Paul's wife, Catherine, was also a native of Williamson County, being born at Herrin, Illinois, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Hale.

In 1946, the members of the firm, Union County Implement Company, established the Anna Automobile Company, located in the Penrod Bldg., 346 S. Main St., next door to the implement and Tractor Agency, and there operated a Sales and Service Agency for Chrysler and Plymouth Automobiles until August of 1950. The Automobile Agency was managed by Mr. Paul Fowler during that time and the Implement Company was managed by Mr. L. T. Stearns. Due to ill health on the part of Mr. Stearns in 1950, the partners sold the Automobile Agency to Mr. Raymond Huie, and Mr. Fowler came back into the active management of the Union County Implement Company.

During the fifteen years of continuous service to the community the firm has always operated at the same location, known as the "Tuttle Bldg." 350 S. Main St. The members of the firm, the Stearns and Fowler families, each and every one, including the children have always taken a very active part in all community and civic projects.

During the years the firm has been fortunate in having some very loyal and capable employees, many of whom are now the company and have been associated with it almost from its inception.

The employees now with the company are: L. T. Stearns, Paul Fowler, Thelma Stearns, the owners and management, and Raymond Cates Sr., Geraldine Kohler, Don Corzine, Lee Hartline, Ammon Lacy, Herman Penninger, Walter Truman Lence, Everett Modglin, Thomas Kinder and Lowell Hileman.

A HALF CENTURY OF MUSIC IN ANNA

The name of W. H. Taylor has been associated with music in Anna for the past fifty years.

“Prof” Taylor arrived in Anna in June, 1904, to teach music and direct the orchestra, chorus, and cantatas for Union Academy. In 1920 he organized and taught in the music department of the Anna High School. Meanwhile, having sold pianos in this area. Mr. Taylor opened a music store in Anna in 1909, which has been in continuous existence since that time.

As a young boy on a farm in northern Missouri, Bill Taylor early showed a talent for music and had his first pupils when he was only 16 years old.

After attending Maryville, Mo., Teachers’ College and doing graduate work at Valparaiso College, he taught at Blackwell, Oklahoma State Baptist College before coming to Union County—but once here he decided he liked it and stayed. He married Bertha M. Alden in 1908 and had one daughter, Margaret Aldythe.

Mr. Taylor has given private music lessons for almost 50 years (including riding horseback through the county to his pupils’ houses) and there are few old Union County families who have not had at least one member that was once a pupil of “Prof” Taylor.

A bit of digression—A “Fruit Packer” for ring packing fruit in bushel baskets—a Peach grader and an Apple grader invented and patented 1922.



SPIRES SUPER MARKET

SPIRES CAFETERIA

120 West Davie Street

Anna, Illinois



NORTH'S JEWELRY

114 N. Main St.

Phone 761

North's Jewelry started in business Sept. 1947.

Pete being disabled in World War II, decided to take advantage of the G.I. Bill of Rights, left Anna for school to prepare himself for the Jewelry Profession.

Mildred and Pete were born and raised in Anna. Graduated in the same Class at A.J.C.H.S.. Little then did they realize that some day they would be in business together in their home town. Through the help of God and the good people of this city they have gone forward in the little time they have been in business.

Pete has installed the latest of watch repairing equipment that modern science has to offer so as to give faster service and make his work easier.

Beside studying through the "Gemology Institute of America" he finds it a pleasure being in the Jewelry business.

Mildred and Pete are "on the ball" when it comes to selling a diamond or a watch. They feel that what effort they have spent in studying has paid off the short time they have been serving the public.

North's Jewelry carries a complete line of fine Jewelry.

Their "Hats" are off to Anna on its "One Hundredth Anniversary" and may many more blessings be Anna's in the coming years.

History of the Union Tire Service

In the midst of the depression a blue Ford roadster rolled into Anna with three boys, John H. and George W. Whiting, and their brother-in-law, J. L. (Doc) Newberry. They were prospecting for a location to start a tire business. They had been granted a franchise from the Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company. The search ended with a frame building at 130 East Vienna Street.

The boys organized an equal partnership and the Union Tire Service was born. The Ford roadster was overhauled into a pickup truck; with a few tires in stock, some batteries on consignment, plus a shingle which read, "We Fix Flats—25c." They opened for business on January 1st, 1932.

Word was passed along that the Union Tire Service vulcanized the patch on tubes instead of using a cold patch. Business was placed on a twenty-four hour basis. The boys did road service, which helped to bring in customers.

During the first year it became increasingly dangerous, due to traffic, to change tires in the street. The building next door was rented to enable cars to drive in to be serviced. In 1934, the boys became agents for the Harley Davidson Motorcycle Company. They organized the Little Egypt Motorcycle Club. The Union Tire Service offered the people quality merchandise, plus service at all times and they were able gradually to add more stock to their shelves.

Then came the never to be forgotten night in January, 1940. The Anna Products building, two doors up the street, burned. The tireless efforts of the fire department and volunteer help in sub-zero weather helped to save the Union Tire Service from being razed also.

In less than a month the ruins from the fire on a sixty-five foot lot was offered for sale. The Goodyear boys, with the support of the Anna State Bank, bought the lot. The filling of the lot was done by Cerny and Dickerson's Truck Company hauling dirt from Anna's Rock Quarry. A blueprint was drawn for a new brick building and the contract was awarded

to Edgar Stephens and Sons. The construction began at once. In the early spring of 1941 the white porcelain brick front building was completed and the Union Tire Service moved into their new and present location at 124 East Vienna Street.

They now have modern, up-to-date equipment, three trucks, and a car which belongs to the company. In 1952, the Union Tire Service purchased the old Woods' Building. This frame building has been a landmark around Anna for sixty-six years. The removal of the building will enable them to have a large parking lot for cars and trucks being serviced.

This has been only the first phase in the life of this company. In the next twenty-two years, with the continuation of quality merchandise and outstanding service, the Union Tire Service shall continue to serve its customers as it has done in the past.

VERA'S BEAUTY SHOPPE

Vera Fae Casper, Operator

113 Lafayette St.

Anna, Illinois

Opened Faye's Beauty Shoppe September 8th, 1953.

Graduated from Baker's Beauty Culture School, Carbondale, Illinois, in 1946.

In the past seven years I have worked for Groves Beauty Shoppe, Carbondale; Marian's Beauty Shop, Dongola; Pauline's Beauty Shop, Anna; Fain Stone Beauty Salon, Kankakee, Illinois.

I am an active member of National Hairdressers and Cosmetologists Association. Also have had advanced hair styling and hair shaping at the American Studio of Hair Fashion School in Chicago, Illinois.

WRIGHT GRAIN CO.

Grove Avenue and Sheridan Road

Anna, Illinois

Wright Grain Co. was founded by Charles E. Wright, whose family came to Union County in 1928. In 1931 he and Wilma Irene Arnold of Jonesboro, Illinois, were married. To them six children were born: Jewel in 1933, Delmus in 1936, Lula Belle in 1938, James in 1940, Mitchell in 1943 and Louis Merle in 1951. At this date two of the children were married, Jewel to Mary Evalane Berry in 1952 and Delmus to Shirley L. Pippins in 1954. In June, 1953, a son, Cary Lance, was born to Jewel and Mary Wright.

From 1931 to 1942 C. E. Wright was engaged at various times in trucking, in the coal business, in the timber business, as a car dealer, and farming. From 1942 to 1944, while hauling Government Supplies he began buying grain in Southeast Missouri as a return load for his trucks. In 1944, after moving back to Union County from Kennett, Missouri, he began farming and buying grain each fall until 1949, when he established in Anna the business known today as Wright Grain Company. Each year since 1949 additions have been made until the original 50 ft. building has now been extended to a length of 400 ft. It contains nearly 10,000 sq. ft. of floor area and is equipped for any operation, including grain loading, or unloading truck or rail, corn shelling and corn cob loading, the grinding, crushing, and mixing of grains into livestock feeds, and storage space for stocks to operate a complete farm service company. In 1953 a new fifty foot platform scale with a capacity of 100,000 pounds was installed.

Personnel at this date are Chas. E. Wright, owner, general manager, and in charge of grain purchases and sales. J. L. Wright, as manager of feed, seed and fertilizer departments. Henry Grundman, as Field Supervisor for farm service departments. Delmus Wright, in charge of farm supplies and trucking, and Raymond Treece in charge of equipment operation and feed mixing department. From six to as many as fifteen persons are employed at various seasons of the year.

Some of the products sold at this date are: Staley, Pillsbury and Enterprise feeds, Swift and V. C. Fertilizers, Swift and Black Leaf Spray Products, DeKalb and Funk's Seed Corn, American Fencing Supplies, J. I. Case equipment, Wards Riverside Tires, etc.

This Company was founded and has prospered and grown through the trust and business given it by the citizens of Union County. The citizens may depend on receiving the same honest and courteous attention to any farm problems in the future that they have justly expected and received in the past.

E. R. JONES

Auto Painting and Dent Work

300 East Vienna Street

Telephone 550

For twenty-five years the Jones Body Shop has been in the auto repair and painting business. They are now located at 300 East Vienna Street.

They appreciate the opportunity they have had of serving the people in this area over these years. They hope to be serving and pleasing you for another twenty years.



W. E. Womick, General Transfer & Coal

107 W. Chestnut—Phone 855

In 1905, F. E. Womick began the transfer and coal business in Anna, Ill., with a horse and wagon, progressing steadily, buying his first truck in 1922. In 1936, his son, W. E. Womick, purchased a half interest and they expanded the business to local and long distant movers, as F. E. Womick and Son. Due to ill health, F. E. Womick was retired in 1949, selling his interest to W. E. In 1951 a half interest was sold to his brother-in-law, Leroy Fox. In 1954, they are operating as W. E. Womick, General Transfer and Coal, a successful transfer and coal business with ten (10) trucks, operating in Anna and traveling throughout Illinois and other areas. They have 6 experienced employees, Russell Walters, Bill Kelley, Frank Millis, Jr., Robert Murray, Leon Randolph and Earl Verble, Mr. Verble being a Womick employee since March 4, 1922. They specialize in moving furniture, local and long distant hauling. Their trucks include three closed, modern moving vans, one refrigerated, three dump, one winch or "A" frame, and two smaller trucks for city deliveries. They are operating under the authority of the Illinois Commerce Commission, Ill. Permit No. 4506, Ill. S. No. 18776, and Interstate Commerce Commission permit No. 98896.



JAMES

WAHL and SON Jewelers



NORMAN

Established in Anna, June of 1922, this institution has continuously furnished the community and Southern Illinois the finest in jewelry merchandise and superior service in watch and jewelry repairs.

Jas. L. Wahl, senior partner, was born in Elkton, Kentucky, September 1, 1856. He was engaged in the jewelry business in Kentucky and New Orleans, La., prior to coming to Anna in 1922.

Norman M. Wahl was born March 27, 1903, in New Orleans, La., and came with his father from Princeton, Kentucky, to establish this firm, at its present location, in 1922.

On the passing of Jas. L. Wahl in 1936, his interest was assumed by Dora L. Wahl, his widow, and continued until her retirement from business in 1946.

The store was remodeled in 1948 into the present modern, air-conditioned establishment, which is pictured below. Lucille Shelton Wahl, wife of Norman M., has been active with her husband in the business since 1946. The Norman Wahls have two children, Nancy, age 13, and Edward, age 9.





LEON WHITNEY AND COMPANY

Accountants—Auditors

Anna State Bank Building

Anna, Illinois

Leon Whitney and Company was organized in April, 1949. The purpose of this organization is to assist business enterprises with their bookkeeping and tax problems. Today it is our distinction to maintain the books and records of many many Union County business houses as well as many business organizations in adjacent counties.

Ours has been a pleasant experience. Mrs. Mary B. Whitney assisted greatly in the establishment of this business and Mrs. Vera Toler Cook and Miss Faye Tucker, have all played a great part in the continued growth of this company. Their loyalty has been a gratifying experience and through this wonderful co-operation and the co-operation of our clients, we are proud of our associations.

LEON WHITNEY INSURANCE AGENCY



Reading from left to right: Leon Whitney, Mary B. Whitney, Faye Tucker, Joe Kupferer, Vera Cook.

Leon Whitney Insurance Agency was established in 1951. At our inception, we adopted a policy of offering the best possible insurance protection to our clients. We represent only old line stock companies and today we are proud of our association with some of the oldest and largest insurance companies in the United States. Mr. Joe Kupferer, became associated with this agency in July, 1953. Through Joe's diligent efforts and sincerity of purpose, we are happy to state that our list of satisfied customers is constantly growing. We advertise with the slogan, "We Protect You," and we shall continue to abide by the foundation of that slogan through the years remaining.



Ralph

MATTHEIS



Glenn

MATTHEIS AND GENERAL ELECTRIC HAVE BEEN TOGETHER FOR MORE THAN TWENTY-SIX YEARS

The first General Electric refrigerator for domestic use was produced by the G. E. Company in 1927, and Ralph Mattheis was selling General Electric appliances with the Central Illinois Public Service Co. in 1928. The first electric water heater to be installed in the city of Anna was sold by Ralph Mattheis. Yes, it is very true that Ralph Mattheis and General Electric are old, old friends.

From 1928 to 1933, Ralph was selling G. E. appliances at the C. I. P. S. Company.

From 1933 to 1945, Ralph had the supervision of the sales and service on General Electric appliances as Group Superintendent of the C. I. P. S. Company.

On December the eighth, 1945, General Electric moved with Ralph Mattheis and established their own business, known as MATTHEIS GENERAL ELECTRIC at 108 Davie Street. In May of 1946, Glenn Mattheis, after returning from Naval Service, joined with his Father and General Electric in the appliance business.

During the month of September, 1952, Mattheis General Electric moved from 108 Davie Street to 307 South Main Street, where they are still operating the G. E. Appliance Store.

Anna is the birth place of Glenn & Ralph Mattheis; Glenn is one of five generations all living in Anna.

Mattheis' say, "Thanks" to the people of this area, and we hope to serve them for many years to come.

WESTERN AUTO ASSOCIATE STORE

"Everything for the Automobile"

Tires, Tubes, Batteries, Accessories

Francis Woesthaus, Owner

124-26 West Davie Street

Anna, Illinois

In March of 1939, fifteen years ago, my wife, Mary Edythe, and I moved to Anna from East St. Louis, Illinois. I had been in the automobile business there for several years with my father and two brothers. This background was helpful to me in opening my Western Auto Associate Store here.

My store is an individually owned and operated business, and the greater part of the merchandise is purchased from Western Auto Supply Company.

I opened my store in March of 1939 in the Alden Building, 325 S. Main Street, Anna, and occupied that location until September of 1944. Due to the need of more room and wishing to expand my business, I moved to my present location at 124-126 West Davie Street in Anna. At the present time I have two employees, Sam Harvey, and his son, Irvin Harvey.

With the growth and continued success of my business, I purchased a home at 617 South Main Street in Anna, where I reside with my family, which consists of my wife, Mary Edythe, and three daughters, Rita Ann, Mary Edythe, and Joan Woethaus. We are all proud to have been a part of this community for the past fifteen years, and hope to be for some time to come.

We wish to extend our heartiest congratulations to this community on the celebration of its one hundred years of progress, and hope that it will continue to flourish in the future.

Best Wishes and Thanks to All.

BOB'S TAVERN

SINCE 1932

Owned and Operated by Bob Hepburn

122 E. Davie

John Navin — Grover Speaer

C. O. BOYD

Painting & Papering

30 Years Experience

408 Morgan St.

Phone 47R



Left to Right: Jess Jenkins, Fred Hurst, Dan Hurst, Charlie Dillow, Ernest Dillow, Percy West, Jim West, Matt Stanish, Carl Cain, George Barker.

WEST BROTHERS

Its excellent location has made West Brothers known perhaps to everyone in the area—whether customers or not. The small office building facing one of Anna's large free parking lots; its warehouse extends behind the office to the Illinois Central Railroad's freight depot; on the West, across Davie Street is the City Hall and several of Anna's thriving businesses; to the East are the Illinois Central tracks that play such a vital part in the company's business.

The business now known as West Brothers, was originally known as West and Ligon: When in 1913 Mike L. West and J. H. Ligon bought the Vancil Coal and Building Supply Company, this business was progressing. When in 1920 Percy M. West returned from service in World War I, he bought Mr. Ligon's interest and joined his brother in the newly named firm of West Brothers. This partnership continued through the years, until the death of Mike in 1950 following two years of illness. Following his brother's death, Percy bought from Mrs. M. L. West his brothers one-half interest in the business.

In 1951 James E. West joined his father in the business. Before entering the business Jim served four years in World War Two. As a member of the Eighth Air Force

he was awarded the distinguished flying cross and other medals. He also taught two years in the Dongola public schools.

Each year sees the business expand and new equipment added. In 1952 the Anna Ready-Mix Concrete Plant was purchased in order to give customers a more complete hard material service. At this time Matt Stanish joined the firm as manager of the Ready-Mix Concrete Plant.

West Brothers was begun primarily as a retail and wholesale coal and building supply company, but in 1924 the Niagara Sprayer & Chemical Company of Middleport, N. Y., selected the firm as area distributors for their products. The addition of these orchard supplies brought new business and new friends to the firm. The Niagara Company sent J. W. Vernon to Anna to aid in sales and promotional work. After 14 years as mid-west sales manager, Mr. Vernon was called into the home office and made assistant to the general sales manager. He is now president of the company. S. H. Bear was sent to Anna as the new district manager. After twelve years he was called back to the home office as assistant to the general sales manager. Mr. Bear is now sales manager.

Following Mr. Bear's departure, Mr. Ray A. Williams, a local resident, was appointed as Niagara representative. He remains in this position today. West Brothers are now the second oldest distributor of Niagara products in the United States. Knowing that Service to God and Service to the community go hand in hand—with service to self, the men in the organization have always been active in civic affairs and in the work of their Church. They have been active in such organizations as the American Legion, the Chamber of Commerce, are serving as board members for the Stinson Memorial Library Board, the Anna Produce Market, the City School Board and have always tried to support every worthwhile cause.

Much credit for West Brothers continued success through the years is due to the faithfulness of their employees, their devotion to their work, their dependability and their ability to do their work well. Without such men West Brothers' history might be a different story. One of these employees, Ernest Dillow, has been with the company 32 years, another,

Charley Dillow, 22 years, Fred and Dan Hurst 15 years each; Jess Jenkins, Marvin Howell, Matt Stanisha 3 years each; a former employee, Ira Dillow was with the company for 36 years before leaving in 1953 to accept lighter work. These men along with the founder of the company, Mike L. West, all play an important part in West Brothers past and in their future.

Compared to the City of Anna, whose Centennial year we are celebrating, West Brothers seem young, but it is the hope of the firm that we may grow and prosper together—for what would our business be without the fine folks that make up the City of Anna, and what would the City of Anna be without firms like ours that strive to grow day by day.

—Submitted by Allegra West Nash.

JEAN & COMPANY for 27 years
*Merchandise
Brokers*

Anna, Ill.

Extend congratulations to the citizens of Anna, now celebrating the 100th anniversary of a city that has been a wonderful place in which to live and to do business.



Walter Hardware Store in 1916

1916 — **WALTER HARDWARE** — 1954

The hardware firm of A. W. Walter Jr. & Co., Inc., oldest in Anna, was founded February 7, 1916, by Adolph William Walter, Jr., when he and Mrs. Walter came to this city from Golconda, Illinois, and brought the hardware stock of Mrs. Festus Dillow which was located in part of what is now the Morris Store building. Mr. Walter, known generally now as A. W., is the son of A. W. Walter, Sr., who established and operated for forty-four years a general store in the village of Waltersburg not far from Golconda. In this store, which stocked everything from sewing needles to threshing machines, A. W. got his first experience in merchandising, and there he got the love of hardware in his veins.

The early days of Walter Hardware were not auspicious. "The sum total of the first month's sales," says Mr. Walter, "was less than a good half day's business today." The future looked dark. Then the building was rented 'from under' the business, necessitating a move. The second location of Walter Hardware was in the Northern Building at 330 North Main Street. It was there that the business began to prosper.

In 1917, Mr. Walter purchased the stock and building of Mr. James Norris at 207 South Main Street. At that location the two stocks were combined; and there, after thirty-eight years, the store still operates. It has, of course, been enlarged and modernized several times. In 1927, after the destruction of the First National Bank building by fire, the store front was completely remodeled as it was badly damaged by the fire. Later the Davie Street entrance was improved. In 1947, the adjoining Sessions building was purchased and a complete display of Frigidaire and major home appliances was installed. The store as it now stands, occupies some ten-thousand square feet of floor space and fronts on three streets—a far cry from the days when quarters were so cramped that screen wire had to be carried out on the sidewalk to be measured and cut.

The continuous growth of Walter Hardware is due to a number of factors. First on the list is the loyalty of its patrons, for which the owners are truly grateful. Next is the fact that Walter Hardware has always accented quality merchandise; third, the unceasing effort on the part of the management to live up to the well known saying, "You can always find what you want at Walter's."

Through the years, the progress of Walter Hardware has been aided immeasurably by many loyal employees. The first of these, being Fred Williford and Jesse Bizzell, who are still residents of Anna. Clifford Hileman has been with Walter Hardware for twenty-seven years, Mrs. Ed. (Blanche) Cerny for nearly twelve, and Arthur Karsteter for six years. More recent employees are Mrs. Frank (Sula) Lingle, Miss Virginia Rinehart, and Floyd Hinkle.

Closely associated with the success of the store, is the dean of hardware salesmen, Mr. Warren Moore of Belknap Hardware and Manufacturing Co. Mr. Moore has been calling on the store for thirty-eight years and has never missed a bi-weekly order!

No account of Walter Hardware would be complete without mention of the late Mr. Philip Walter, brother of A. W., who served in the store from 1920 until 1948, when ill health forced his retirement. His courtesy and patience, and his wonderful ability to comprehend and solve the problems of

his customers, will be long remembered. Also beloved and equally loyal, was Miss Berenice Sauerbrunn, who, in 1927 entered the service of the store as secretary and remained there until her untimely, accidental death in 1947.

In 1946, Adolph Walter III and James A. Smith, son-in-law of Mr. Walter, were released from the Armed Services, and they joined Walter Hardware, later becoming co-partners in the business. The firm was incorporated in 1953 and is now A. W. Walter, Jr. & Co., Incorporated.

Thirty-eight years have wrought many changes in hardware, from wood or coal ranges to electric stoves, from bacteria laden, wooden ice boxes to porcelain, fully automatic Frigidaires; from palm leaf fans to air-conditioners; from hand saws and cross cuts to gasoline and electric driven saws; from tubs and wash boards to automatic washers; from straight edge razors to electric razors, from the old oaken bucket to water on tap at the kitchen sink with its disposal and dish washer. The cast iron wares of those early years have been supplimented by the introduction of housewares in aluminum, copper, silver, and plastics.

Mr. A. W. has had the distinction of serving as president of the Illinois Retail Hardware Association. He was one of



From Left to Right: A. W. Walter, Jr., Adolph W. Halter III, James A. Smith, Clifford Hileman, Floyd Hinkle, Arthur Karsteter, Mrs. Ed. Cerny, Miss Virginia Rinehart, and Mrs. Frank Lingle.

the organizers of the Anna State Bank and served as its first president. He is a thirty-second degree Mason. Adolph W. Walter III also is a thirty-second degree Mason and is now president of the Chamber of Commerce. James A. Smith is serving on the school board. The three, with their families are active in the Methodist Church and in civic affairs.

Walter Hardware has served this community for more than a third of Anna's century. The management expresses its appreciation of the loyalty and confidence its patrons have shown throughout the years. They of the firm say, "Hats off to a fine town in a wonderful community; may Anna's second hundred years be as successful as its first!"

A. W. Walter Jr. & Co., Inc.

KIMMEL AUTO SUPPLY

Wholesale Auto Parts Jobber

104 East Vienna

Anna, Illinois

Inman Harrelson, Mgr.

Established 1937

Phone No. 309

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UNION HOUSE
FURNISHING COMPANY

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We Deliver



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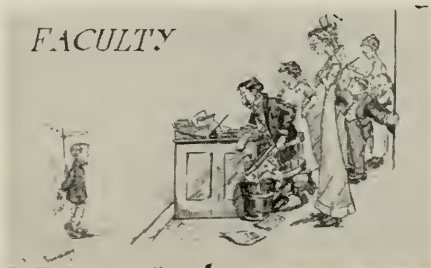
Frank Henry Willard

Born Anna, Illinois, Sept. 21, 1893, to Dr. Frances William and Laura (Kirkham) Willard. Entered Union Academy, Illinois Academy of Fine Arts, Chicago, 1913, Cartoonist Chicago-Herald 1914-1918.

Entered U. S. Army 1917, served with American Expeditionary Force in France 1918-19. With King-Features Syndicate 1919-1923. Joined Chicago-Tribune News Syndicate 1923. Creator "Moon Mullins" and "Kitty Higgins" Comic Strips. Member National Cartoonist Society. Two children, Priscilla and Frank Henry Jr. Home: Los Angeles, California.

In honor of Frank "Doc" Willard, who by his clever cartoons during the past thirty-odd years, has brought smiles and cheer to the lives of untold millions of people, this page is affectionately dedicated.

These four cartoons represent the fruits of "Doc" Willard's earliest efforts. They are reproduced from the Union Academy Year Book "Reflector" of 1912.



WILEY'S BOOK STORE

The Wiley Book Store has for over 60 years kept pace with the growth of the City of Anna, being one of the few present local businesses that was started by a direct descendant of the original settlers of Union County. It has continued to the present day, 64 years later, in the hands of the same family.

William W. Wiley, son of Ben. L. Wiley and Emily Davie Wiley, was born in 1851, and lost his sight in early life as the result of caring for a civil war soldier whose infected eye he tended. Five years at the Jacksonville Institution for the Blind, taught him the trade of broom making, and he eventually came to Anna from his farm home near Makanda and opened a small broom factory, to which he soon added candy, tobacco and cigars; and later included books and school supplies. His ability to find every item in his store and to tell the prices was a source of wonder to his customers, who seldom took advantage of his lack of sight. The store became one of the most successful in Anna.

Mr. Wiley married Mrs. Mary Grear Glasco in 1881, and his son, Winstead Davie Wiley, helped his father in the store until the latter's death in 1917, when he became sole owner. In 1935 the store, located on Main Street, was badly damaged by fire. It was rebuilt into two store rooms, one for the book store, the other for the millinery stock of Miss Iowna Seger.

W. D. Wiley died in 1941 and the business of the Book Store was continued by his wife, Mrs. Floyd Halstead Wiley, until 1945, when it was taken over by Mr. and Mrs. Floyd R. Griffith. Mrs. Griffith is a daughter of W. D. Wiley and a great-great granddaughter of Winstead Davie.

The A. J. West Family

By 1854 some West family ancestors had been in Union County half a century; Peter Sifford coming from Pennsylvania in 1804. Others, including the Sitters, Dillows and Treeces, came here from Rowan County, N. C.

At the time the City of Anna was founded, Benjamin West and wife, Mary, were living near Covington, Indiana, and there Andrew Jackson West was born December 18, 1855. They migrated to Verona, Mo., in 1872, and from there to Union County, Illinois, in 1873.

In 1879 A. J. West married Lucinda Treece, a member of third generation Union County settlers. To them were born nine children: Harry, not married; Mayme m.—R. E. Brown; Birdie m.—J. H. Ligon; Sarah m.—J. O. Plemon; Mike m.—Cecile L. Baggott; Ben m.—Marie Thompson; Percy m.—Lona Rainer; Corlis m.—Ferbias Waller; Cornie m.—Maude Murphy. All the children were born and reared on the family farm north of Anna, which farm is still operated by two of the grandchildren as Westrees Farm, a combination of the family names.

There were 19 grandchildren: Roy and Robert Brown, Harvey, Eugene, John E. and William R. Ligon, Doris Otrich, Martha Page and Joseph Plemon, Jane Williams, Wayne West, James West, Allegra Nash, Don, Jack and Lynn West, Shirley Davis, Norma Lee and Cornelia West. Thirty great-grandchildren include Patricia Brown Shafer, Michael, Marianna, Beverly Brown; Barbara, Mary, Jane, John J., Jeanie, William Ligon; Harold, Richard, Dannie Page; Janice, Mary Lynn, Joseph Plemon; David Williams; Jennifer and Alice K. West; Deborah and David Nash; James, Andrew and Betsy West; Andrea, Jacqueline and Douglas West; John, Thomas and Don Davis. Three great-great-grandchildren are Steven and Susan Shafer and James Page.

A. J. West was of a family of eight children, his wife one of 11 children. She had 90 first cousins, most of whom lived in Union County.

Descendants of the A. J. West family have had an active part in the building of the community, and retain a deep interest in its affairs. Many of the children and grandchildren are now engaged in occupations, trades and professions in Anna. They work, not only in business and civic affairs, but also in the Churches of the City—for the betterment of the Community both materially and spiritually.

WEST - TREE

*There are trees that grow in gardens
There are those that stand by the sea.
But the one I cherish most
Is my own family tree.*

*It grows and grows throughout the years
nourished by God above.
Happiness, heartaches, smile and tears,
hope, laughter and love.*

*If I had one wish to be granted,
It's that God will always bless,
This tree that he has planted
and given the name of West.*

Allegra West Nash



LINCOLN MOTEL

While visiting or passing through our twin cities, stay at the New AAA Approved Lincoln Motel located on Route 146 between Anna and Jonesboro.

We opened our doors to the public on September 15th, 1952. Sanitary tile used on the floors and in baths, complete with tub and shower. Mengel furniture, Beautyrest mattresses, lounge chairs, reading lamps, luggage racks, and radios. Air conditioned and thermostat controlled hot water heat for your winter and summer comfort.

We hope your stay may be a pleasant one to remember.

Owned and operated by Mr. and Mrs. Dan Novack.

A Good Store In A Good Community

That's

HERB COLES' QUALITY MARKET

154 E. Vienna Street

Anna, Illinois

Phone 554

Good meats have built our business. Also fine food and vegetables.

Home owned by Herb Coles, and run by Herb and his wife, the former Betty Ledbetter, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Ledbetter. Also assisted by two very fine children, Mike and Eugenia.

WILLIAMS REPAIR SERVICE

Phone 521-W

Lowell Williams, Mgr.

113 Grove Ave.

Lowell Williams, owner and manager of the Williams Repair Service, has been in the automobile repair business for twenty five years. He now has his own business established at 113 Grand Avenue, where he specializes in any type of automotive repair. He is assisted in the shop by his son, Bobby J., and in the office by his wife, Verna V.

This industrious family firm appreciates all the business which they have had from people of this trade territory and are optimistic about the future of the City of Anna.



ANNA, ILLINOIS

Clarence D. Boyce entered business in Anna Illinois in the year of 1923. He purchased one-half interest of the Robert B. Duncan Tailoring business, with whom he had been employed as a tailor for a number of years. They cut and made, in their shop, suits and overcoats for a good many Union County citizens; employing one and two journeymen tailors each season. The firm was known as Duncan and Boyce. They decided to devote more time to their dry cleaning part of their business, so in 1925 they erected a building in the rear of 307½ South Main Street and a modern dry cleaning plant for that time was installed. As the years passed, less time was devoted to their tailoring and more time devoted to their dry cleaning. About 1930 they discontinued making garments in their own shop, having them made in the cities, their dry cleaning business had grown so that it required all their time.

They remained in partnership until 1945 when Duncan sold his interest to Boyce. The business taking the present name of Boyce Cleaners.

The dry cleaning business still growing, a fire proof building was erected in the rear of 307 South Main Street and a modern cleaning plant suitable for future years was installed, making it one of the most up-to-date plants in Southern Illinois.

The business since 1945 has been conducted solely for dry cleaning and the basic services expected of an establishment of that kind including a free pick-up and delivery service for Anna, Jonesboro and the State Hospital.

Since 1945 Boyce has been assisted by his wife, Lillian, and with five to six loyal employees, each one skilled in their particular line of duties. The present personnel consists of

the following: Claude E. Davis, presser of wool garments; Frank Merlin Dillow, in charge of cleaning plant; Eva Miles Pickel, in charge of silk garments; Bonnie Eudy, in charge of checking in and out of garments; Ron Bittle, maintenance man.

The main office and finishing department of the business is located at 102 Lafayette Street. A tailoring and cleaning business has been operated at the same location since 1909.

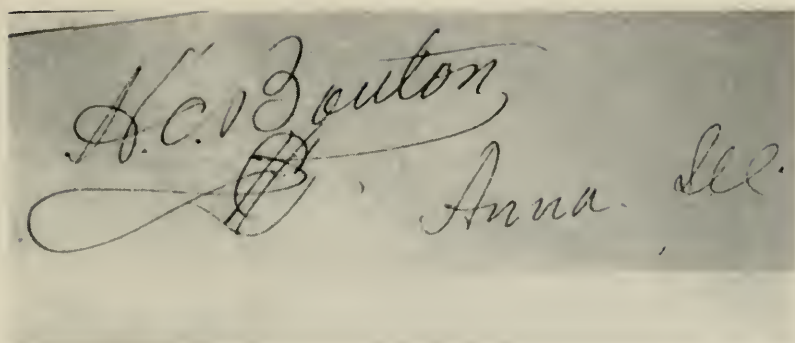
SWAIN'S SHOE SERVICE

334 South Main

Anna

Owned and operated by

Mr. and Mrs. James Swain

A photograph of a piece of paper with handwritten text. The top line reads "H.C. Bouton" in a large, flowing cursive script. Below this, there is a large, ornate flourish that appears to be a stylized "B" or "H". To the right of this flourish, the word "Anna" is written in a similar cursive script, followed by "Sec." in a smaller, more formal hand.

In 1877 Harvey Cady Bouton established the Farmer and Fruit Grower, in Anna, Illinois. It was the first agricultural and horticultural journal published in Southern Illinois. Mr. Bouton received his early newspaper training in the office of his father, Thomas F. Bouton, owner of the Jonesboro Gazette. The first home of the Farmer and Fruit Grower was in the Lufkin Building on Railroad Street, but in 1879 his father-in-law, Mr. Oliver Alden, erected a two-story brick building and the business was moved to this building, Mr. Bouton and his family living upstairs above the printing establishment. Later it was in its own building, the present site of Foley's Drug Store. Quoting from Union County History, published in 1883, "Mr. Bouton's agricultural and horticultural paper was started in March, 1877, as a modest little experiment, issued semi-monthly. A four-column, eight page paper devoted exclusively to agricultural and horticultural interests of Union County and Southern Illinois. In the fall of 1877 it was changed into a five column quarto and was then published as a weekly, and then again the demands upon its columns were such that its size was increased to a six-column quarto. Started as an experiment and rather a daring venture, its success has been great and the good influence it has exerted upon this entire Southern part of Illinois has been wide and lasting. Farmers and fruit growers all over the country deeply appreciate this as their friend and organ, and all over the State it is already well known and highly valued. The horticultural department is in charge of Dr. J. H. Sanborn, who renders his department valuable to the horticultural and fruit growing interest."

Other contributors were Dr. F. M. Agnew ("Uncle Fuller") of Makanda, Mr. Thomas Holcomb and Mr. Parker Earle of Cobden, Dr. Condon, J. W. Fuller, H. R. Buckingham to name a few. Mr. Earle may be remembered as the man who made the first refrigerated shipment of strawberries to Chicago on the Illinois Central. The first telephone in Anna was in the office of the Farmer and Fruit Grower and was connected with the office of the State Hospital! Mr. Bouton died in 1886.

Harvey Cady Bouton was married to Allie D. Allen in 1877 and to them were born three daughters. Susan Sarah, Mrs. Charles V. Seastone of Madison, Wisconsin; Winifred, Mrs. Edward L. Karraker of Jonesboro, Illinois, and Ada Frances, Mrs. Willis A. Hartline of Anna, Illinois, deceased.

When widowed Mrs. Bouton with the aid of her father and brothers established a successful business known as "Mrs. A. D. Bouton's Ladies' Furnishings," which continued until 1909, at which time she sold the Alden Store Company but continued to work for them. Mrs. Bouton died in 1917.



CASPERS OF UNION COUNTY

The original Casper family to settle in Union County was that of Peter Casper who came to the county in 1818, driving his team and wagon from Rowan County, North Carolina. Some of the land which he held was originally granted to him by the government. To this he added a considerable acreage lying north of Anna and Jonesboro. A part of this tract was what is now the site of the Anna State Hospital. The land was heavily wooded with magnificent timber. Peter Casper was married to Esther Fullenwider on September 17, 1803, and to this union nine children were born. Of this group Peter Houston Casper was born, November 25, 1822 after the family had settled on the home farm which later was known as the Appel farm and which lies about one mile west of the old Ellis school site.

Peter H. Casper grew up in the original log cabin built by his father and later became the owner of the home farm and several tracts adjacent. He was married to Elizabeth Henderson in 1848. Her family came from Tennessee and she was the daughter of Rev. Rollins Henderson, who was a cousin of General Thomas Henderson, and a close friend of Abraham Lincoln. To this union seven children were born who lived to adult life. These were Walter J. Casper who later farmed in Johnson County, America Josephine Casper who later married John T. Ussery, and Stephen Douglas Casper, known as Doug and who was associated with the Horticultural Industry in Union County, Addie L. who became the wife of Dr. J. H. Appel, Lincoln Lester who became one of Union County's best known Horticulturists, and who lived on one of the original Casper tracts of land half way between Anna and Cobden, John Rollin, and Oscar H. Casper who lived on the farm adjoining the L. L. Casper farm on the east and also pioneered in Horticulture.

The first Peter Casper donated the land for a Community cemetery and a site for a school and church now known as the Casper Church and Cemetery. He was one of the pioneer Horticulturists of the County and was one of the first to ship strawberries to the Chicago market from this

area. His interests in his vocation was deep and left a heritage of interests in this vocation which endures to the present time. In fact the fourth generation of Casper fruit growers are still engaged in this profession and are recognized as leaders in the field of quality production of apples, peaches, and nuts. Two of the original tracts of Casper land are still in fruit production and operated by the fourth generation of Caspers. These farms are Conrad R. Casper and son farm, originally the Oscar H. Casper farm. Orchard Home, now operated by Wallace L. Casper, along with Donald W. Casper who lives on an adjoining farm. This farm is known as the L. L. Casper and sons, and until recently was owned and operated by Wallace L. and Manley W. who passed away in 1953. Ralph Casper is also engaged in Horticulture in the eastern part of the county.

L. L. Casper married Blanche Waite, and to them were born a family of seven children, Helen, now Mrs. R. C. Walker, Wallace, Mildred, now Mrs. Collan Walker, Manley, Donald, Ralph, and Elizabeth, now deceased.

O. H. Casper married Ida Hartline and to them were born three children, Cecil, now Mrs. Floyd Davis, Conrad R., and Glen D., all of whom still reside in the county.

The original Peter Casper was known as a hunter and lover of the woods and streams. This devotion to the rod and gun has persisted to the present. The Casper family has always been known for its interest and participation in public affairs. The family has been influential in the development of the Union County Farm Bureau, and The Illinois Horticultural Society. The name "Casper" is a symbol of quality in the production of fruits.



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The company first began selling Barnsdall products and represented this supplier until Mr. Randall purchased the bulk plant of the Mid-Continent Petroleum Corporation of Anna, in April, 1941.

The Tuthill Oil Co. was purchased by the Union County Oil Co. on November 16, 1949. This business was organized by Russell Tuthill, and was incorporated with Ben Green, Dr. E. C. Kimbro, and W. H. Bishop as stockholders. The station was opened to the public on Feb. 16, 1932. Since Mr. Randall became the sole owner he has built a modern station in 1950 and the name of Tuthill Oil Company was changed in favor of Union County Oil Station. The station is presently leased to Harold Fink.

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