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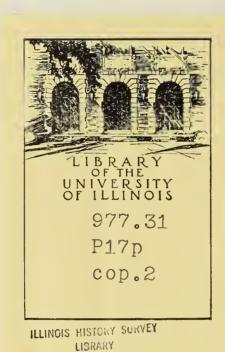
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### **FOREWORD**

The publication of this book is part of the Palatine's observance of its Centennial. It was 100 years ago that the Village of Palatine came into being when the railroad pinpointed a station stop in the center of Palatine township.

This Centennial Book tells the story of the township and the growth of the village from farmland to a young city of 6,500 inhabitants.

The Centennial celebration is being planned as this book goes to press and includes a six day event with many features. They include a Centennial Ball with music by Dick Jurgens, a big parade on Sunday with many bands and floats, a pageant telling the story of Palatine, the dedication of Palatine's new swimming pool, homecoming receptions, pet parade, a Queen contest and the annual Lions-Legion carnival.

The publication of this Centennial Book is a Memorial to the early settlers who had a part in the birth of Palatine and helped it grow down through the years.

A celebration on such a scale as being planned, will require the help of many people, but we will only mention here the chairmen of the several Centennial committees:

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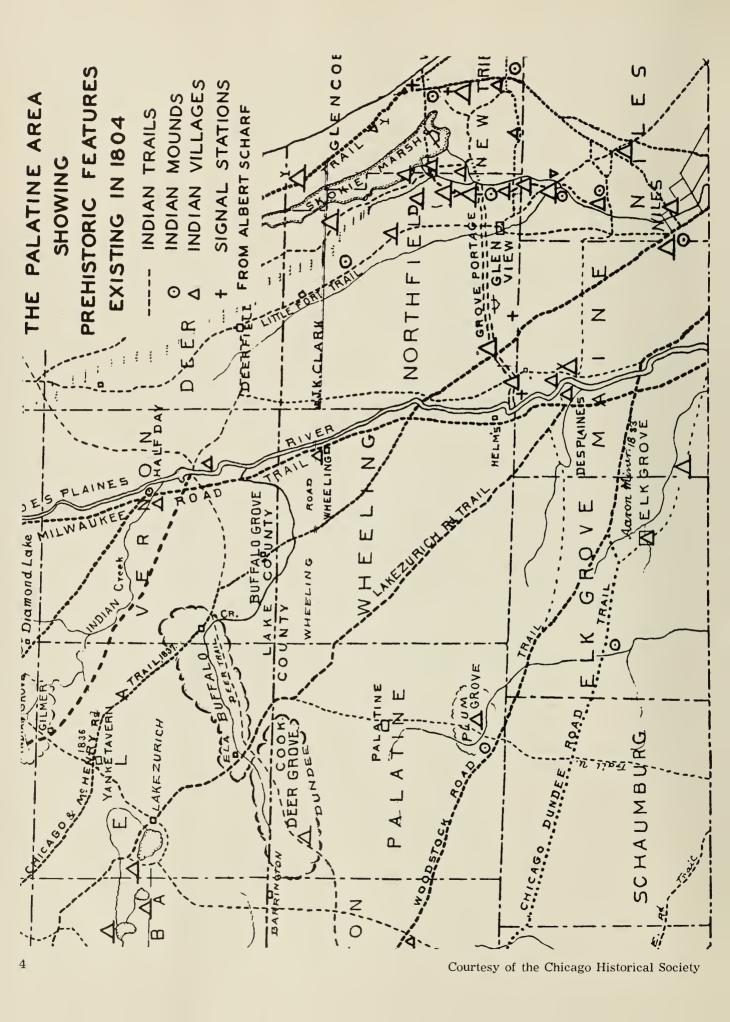
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All descendants of pioneer settlers and our fellow townsmen who graciously answered questions, supplied biographical material, pictures and encouragement.



## Introduction

Our story starts back in the year 1810. At that time most of the mid-western area of the United States was woods and wilderness.

Around that time the land was being divided into states. The original boundaries for Wisconsin were to where the northern boundaries are now and then south to the southern tip of Lake Michigan and across to the Mississippi River. But by a mistake a surveyor made, the land from the tip of Lake Michigan and about 50 miles north went to the state of Illinois. The mistake was not noticed till it was too late to do anything about it.

Illinois was entered in the union as a state on December 3, 1818.

Later counties were formed. Cook County was formed in 1831.

In general, the first settlers around here were New Englanders who couldn't make a living on the New England soil. If you have ever been to New England you could see that the land is very rocky.

When they first came they had to go around Lake Michigan to get up here. Therefore, they had to pass through Chicago or go around it.

At that time Chicago was a large swamp. The settlers called Chicago a "pest." The Indians called it a "skunk." The Indians named Chicago which is the Indian word for skunk.

When George Ela and the others took certain sections of Deer Grove for their own about 1835, it was quite evident to them that this had been an important Indian culture center. Stories told to them by the Pottawatomies, who occasionally came this way to visit neighboring burial mounds, were substantiated by the trails and relics in the surrounding forests

Trails made by the Indians were invaluable to the first inhabitants, and the "Indian Tree Trail Markers" led more than one worried traveler to the safety of his home. "Every winding or diagonal road was in all probability originally an Indian trail. The red man was not governed by the surveyor's compass, and made his way from one village to another by following the streams or the most convenient trails. Where the trail might be difficult to follow, he bent a sapling and fastened its upper end in the ground. As the sapling grew it formed a pe-

culiar horizontal ''z'' that pointed to the next village or point of interest.''  $^{\rm 1}$ 

The frontispiece map² shows Lake Zurich and Woodstock Trails, which are now known as Rand and Algonquin roads; Indian villages, signal stations, and burial mounds. "When an Indian died he might be buried in the ground, on the ground, or in the air. If he had been a chief, he was probably placed in a sitting position on some mound. A wall for protection was then built around his body. At regular times members of the tribe came to worship and to mourn. At the end of seven years his bones were buried in the ground with a mound raised over them."

This explanation helps us to understand why John Wilson's son, Ray, remembered in later years having seen a band of Pottawatomies gathered around the house as his mother prepared the evening meal. The Indians expressed friendliness and told the Wilsons that they were on their way to visit a burial mound in Plum Grove. It is not at all unreasonable to suppose that the Wilsons watched them depart with a great sigh of relief.

The last time Indians were seen in a group in Palatine was Sept. 24, 1920. That day had been set as American Indian Day by the legislature for appropriate exercises in commemoration of the American Indian. One of the features was a real Indian camp in Deer Grove. Indian chiefs from surrounding states representing all the tribes which formerly roamed Illinois pitched their tepees near Camp Reinberg, and held their various ceremonies and dances for three days.<sup>4</sup>

One may speculate as to whether settlers, whose graves have not yet been located, lived in Palatine before 1835. Remains of a fort were found south of Old Plum Grove bridge. Was this used for protection against marauding Indians whose attacks were successful, or did some early Plum Grove settlers take what proved to be a tragic refuge in Fort Dearborn? Be that as it may, the recorded history of Palatine begins about 1835.

Statements made above come from

- 1. Winslow—Indians of the Chicago Region, Chicago, Ill. Charles S. Winslow, 1946, page 118.
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# PALATINE TOWNSHIP AS OF 1835-1850 SHOWING

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### EXISTING ROADS-WATERCOURSES

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### CHAPTER I

### BEGINNING OF PALATINE

More than a century ago, the territory comprising Palatine Township in the northwest part of Cook County, was largely prairie; dotted with several prominent groves: Deer Grove, in the northwest part of the township, which is now a county forest preserve; Englishman's Grove, Plum Grove, and Highland Grove.

The gently-rolling countryside and the cool shade of wooded groves seemed like home to the newcomers who had left green hills and fertile river valleys to begin this adventure in the west. The stretches of soil showed such promise that neighbors and relatives "back east" were sent for; and the cleared sections began to make a pattern on the prairie.

Little settlements grew up in the four wooded areas of the township. The first chapters in this Centennial book tell the stories of their settlement and short sketches of some of the families.

### DFFR GROVE

Perhaps George Ela was the first white man to locate in this area. About 1835 he built a cabin and cleared a field in Deer Grove, one of the several groves of this region. This grove is believed to have been named before the coming of the white settlers. Early county histories indicate that Ela moved just across the county line into Lake County and became the first postmaster of the town of Ela, so named because of his prominence as a state representative. In the same year, Russell Andrus settled just to the south of Ela. Asahel Harris brought his wife and two infants and settled southeast of Andrus.

Alexander H. McClure, who had settled at the west side of Deer Grove in 1837, later surveyed the first road leading from this grove to Chicago. Four Elfrink brothers settled to the south of McClure near an old Indian burial mound. Asa Dunton lived just north of that mound. One of his sons, William H. Dunton, located several miles to the southeast of Deer Grove and the town of Arlington Heights had its beginning on his farm. The town was called Dunton Station until 1874. Others in the neighborhood included Loren Edgerton, David Boynton and John Robertson, whose daughter, Lydia, later married William Hicks of Lake County. Of these earliest settlers little is known but scattered names and dates. Those who followed left a more legible track.

Until trees could be felled for a log or frame home, the original dwelling places were often just sod houses; but each was furnished with a few precious possessions that could be accommodated in a covered wagon or on a lake barge. Lack of suitable buildings was no deterrent to holding regular school sessions and church services. There were no luxuries and the old rules of trade and barter were used to obtain the necessities for which money was not usually available.

Women made their own soap and candles. Wool for clothing, socks and blankets had to be sheared, carded, spun and woven at home. Even the little girls—so young that we would consider them almost babies—learned to knit. In order to save many men an arduous four day journey, each man took his turn in driving the produce from all families into Chicago. The other men at home would take care of the absent farmer's chores until he returned with salt, powder, lead, whiskey, bars of iron, light cloth, boots and occasionally boards,

A spirit of neighborliness drew all these people

together on many occasions. Men and women alike looked forward to corn huskings, chimney settings and religious services, since the social contact which these occasions provided, more than compensated for the hours spent in preparing food which was set out on long, rough wooden tables. The ladies wore their prettiest gowns and the men made certain that the rifle sights were clean for after the work was done, there usually was a chance to dance and men and boys could show their prowess in the shooting and wrestling matches.

The first white child born in what later became Palatine Township, was Clarinda Cady. The year was 1838. Her parents, Ezekiel Cady, his wife, Adaline, and their children started their journey with horses, a wagon and a cow from Central New York State to seek their fortune in the far west. When they got as far as Lake Michigan, they traded their horses for two yoke of oxen and arrived at Deer Grove in June 1837, settling on 240 acres in the southwest part of the grove.

They lived in their covered wagon for several weeks before building a house. Mr. Cady, anticipating a journey to Chicago, built a shack of logs and bark to shelter his wife until his return. The flint tock gun, important to pioneers for lighting a fire as well as for protection, naturally accompanied Mr. Cady on his trip. During the first night of his absence, a severe storm blew up and Adaline stood all night wrapped in her husband's big cape to keep the precious fire from going out. Her frightened children had to console themselves as best they could in the cabin. There were nine children in the Cady family:

Arad, who died in the Civil war; Fannie, who married Milton Fosket; Wilbert, John, Madison, Thursey Ann, who married Beala Abbott; Jane, who married Homer Galpin; William Benton and Nelson.

In 1853, Clarinda married Morton L. Pinney who came to Palatine with the railroad and worked as superintendent of grading between Palatine and the Fox River. They had five children. One son, Morton, was killed on the railroad in Palatine. A daughter, Addie, lived with her parents and died in 1954 at the age of 97 at the Methodist Home on Foster Avenue in Chicago. A reminiscent interview with Mrs. Clarinda Pinney in 1922 follows:

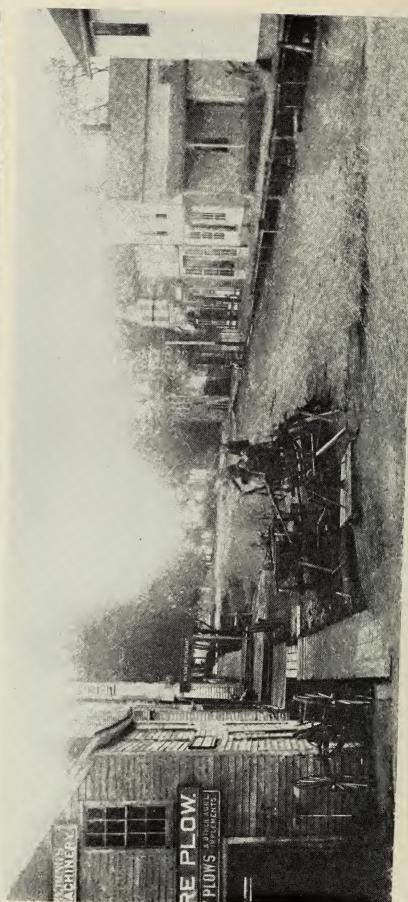
"The nearest neighbors to the Cadys when they first settled were at Lake Zurich, Long Grove and

Here are two views of N. Brockway st., taken from Slade st. 10 years apart, says F. F. Danielsen, who remembers the lower picture because he is one of the boys on the cultivator. With him are Bill Mundhenke and

Frank Knigge.

Identified business place in lower picture: At the left Loges and Schultz Blacksmith Shop, Kublank Market, Wilson's restaurant (Andermann residence at corner). At the right: Matthei's Store, residence and jewelry shop, Richardson Drugs, Mundhenke Tavern. Stores and sidedrainage.





Wickliffe (near Dundee). The Elfrink families came the next year and settled north of the present viaduct. Other early settlers were the Palmer Websters, McClure and Ela families, all New Yorkers. There were few Germans here in those early days. The first barn in this part of the country was built by Mr. Cady and received a lot of attention.

"Mrs. Pinney was born in a log cabin which afterward was used as the first schoolhouse in this part of the country. The first teacher was Nancy Boynton and pupils came from as far away as Lake Zurich.

"The Cady cemetery originated in the early forties when Mrs. Pinney's brother, Wilbert, died. There was no cemetery in existence and Mr. Cady buried his son upon a little knoll on the north side of his farm. When other families needed burial lots they came to the same place.

"The villages of Palatine and Barrington did not exist in those early days and Mrs. Pinney says that the first depot of the railroad, 'Illinois & Wisconsin', was located at Deer Grove. But as Mr. Elfrink was not willing to donate sufficient land, the station was moved to the place where Barrington now stands.

"When people were sick in those early days, there was no doctor, but Mrs. Cady used herbs for medicine and was always willing to give what she could to the sick of the neighborhood. In later years Doctor Hale of Dundee was the nearest doctor.

"A circuit rider held Methodist church services in the log schoolhouse every third Sunday, but Sunday School was held every week. Deer Grove got its name correctly. There were many deer there, who would fearlessly come to the cabin to eat with the cattle.

"If a friend in New York wanted to address a letter to the Cadys it read "Salt Creek Precinct, Chicago." Three times a week a stage would go to Dundee leaving the letters for the Deer Grove settlers at the Diekman farm, then called Wickliffe."

Following in the footsteps of Cady, John Fosket started from Arcadia, N. Y., by way of the lakes to Toledo. From there he drove a team and wagon to Cook County where he located just south of the Cadys. His log cabin was finished in two weeks with logs loaned by Mr. Cady. His son, Milton, staked a claim nearby. There were three other sons, Azel H., J. Henry, and Ransom B.; the latter died in Palatine. Mr. Fosket died on a trip east with Milton in 1842 at the time of the Harrison campaign. His grave was added to the Cady cemetery.

Milton Fosket married his neighbor, Fannie Cady, and three of their grandchildren now live in Palatine. Mortimer and Gilbert Fosket are sons of Charles Fosket and Zelda Daniels Bennett is a daughter of Belle Fosket Daniels. Mrs. Bennett has one of their original land grants in her possession.

Other New Yorkers, Edward Castle and a younger brother, Lester, came with their parents, Phineas and Jerusha, to Deer Grove in 1843. Lester was graduated from Waukegan Academy and taught school ten winters to secure funds for the purchase of half the old homestead. The Castle names appear often in village records of later years.

That first school teacher, Nancy Boynton, came from Meredith, N. H., with her brother-in-law, Mr. Hill, in the fall of 1838. They joined her brother, David Boynton, who had settled in Deer Grove the previous spring. He had one of the best log houses

in this section. The floor was made of sawed logs and it had a shingle roof. Miss Boynton had taught school at Bangs Lake, northwest of Deer Grove, before coming to the Cady cabin. Her wages were \$1 a week and she "boarded round." In 1843 she married one of the Vermont boys, Mason Sutherland. Mason and his oldest brother, Aldridge, came to Deer Grove in 1837, but Aldridge became homesick in a short time and went back east. Later he returned to the frontier and located in the old neighborhood. After farming many years, Mr. Sutherland moved to a home in the village on the corner of Benton and Slade streets, and his three daughters married Palatine boys. Jane married Warren married Palatine boys. Jane married Warren Bissell whose son, A. D., was killed in the Klondike gold rush; Emily married William Wilson, the son of Andrew and Jane Wilson; Laura married George Sawyer.

The names, Silas and Sidney Sutherland, appear of an in early township records. They were brothers of Mason and Aldridge.

In 1849 the California gold craze struck the settlement. Mason, Sidney and Silas Sutherland, William White, Joe Webster, brother of Harris and Seth, and Charles Hecocks, a cousin of the Sutherlands, started overland to California. They nearly died of starvation on the way and became so hungry at one time that Mason walked back three miles to an old camp where he found some bones which had been thrown away. They were boiled over and their hunger was appeased for a time.

Hecocks died in California, Mason and Silas returned as soon as possible. Eight years later Silas started back to California by water. He was put off the ship at a gulf port and his money was kept by the crew. He was refused shelter in Mexico and began the homeward journey on horseback. The horse died from exhaustion and Silas continued on foot, returning home several months later after having been given up as dead by his wife and other relatives,

When the Mason Sutherlands came to town they lived in the brick part of the residence at 123 North Bothwell Street. After Capt. Sutherland died near Vicksburg in the war between the States, his wife kept up the home on Bothwell Street until her death. The Sutherlands had six children: Charles M., Edward H., Maria, Emma and two who died in infancy. Emma married Henry Matthei and her granddaughter, Mae Howes, has the little handbell her great-grandmother, Nancy Boynton Sutherland, used to call school to order. Mrs. Howes' mother, Anna Matthei Brockway, lives with her.

The Sutherland children did not want for playmates. Their cousins, the four Staples children lived nearby. Mary Sutherland had married Lyman Staples back in Vermont and in 1837 the young couple came by way of the lakes to Chicago. They walked out Milwaukee Avenue and started across the prairie with its sloughs and sink holes and its dangers from snakes and wolves. After walking eight miles they came to a house near the present location of Jefferson Park. They were urged to stay here but continued on until they came to the second house this side of Chicago, located on the Des Plaines River. This was Mr. Rand's place and was located a half mile north of the present site of the village of Des Plaines. As it was nearly sundown, they were persuaded to stay here overnight and finish their remaining eight miles in the morning.

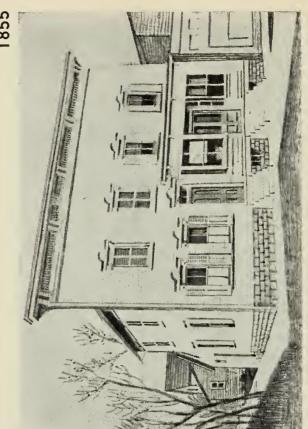
They arrived at the Asahel Harris place, their destination, the next morning at eleven o'clock.



At the left, two views of the west side of North Brockway st. between Slade and the railroad. They were taken 53 years apart. Mr. Robinson took an active part in the formation of the village in 1866.

earlier stores. Following its completion the builder held a housewarming in which he invited the entire community. in this building. It occupies the present site of the Palatine National Bank. The original building now faces south on Slade Street and is occupied by William Roper. Below: Building erected by John Patten one of the The family of John Flury resided and operated a bakery

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will remember Jim Toynton who is standing in front of his drug store, now Coleman's. The hardware store was operated by Henry Meyer in 1900. It was purchased by W. H. of the older residents of Palatine today and many people Brockway and William Ost who formed a partnership. About 1910 Brockway became sole owner. All earlier Picture at the left will be easily recognized by many stores in Palatine were built above street level. Here they found their temporary lodgings to be a one-room structure. The floor boards covering the earth had no nails to hold them down. The windows were holes cut through the sides, and there was a door at each end of the room. The boards were so warped that windows were unnecessary, since the light streamed through the cracks. Their first dinner was made up from a larder containing flour, water, salt and potatoes.

There was no furniture of any kind. The first project they undertook was to build a bed, after much labor, with an axe and an auger which a neighbor, Harris Webster, had provided. This was the first bedstead in the settlement, and it was proudly exhibited to the neighbors.

The Staples claimed land near what appears on current road maps as Staples Corner, (locally known as Kitty Korner) and settled down to dairying and stock raising. The improved homestead (now asbestos shingle covered) stands on the north side of Dundee road between Quintens and Route 53.

An anecdote is told about Aunt Mary Staples (Mrs. Lyman Staples) which explains why the Indians referred to her as a "she devil." She was rendering fat for lard one day when she saw some Indians approaching. She climbed up into the rafters and as the Indians entered the cabin she poured the hot grease on their bare backs. The terrified Indians left in great haste, howling with pain. It is said they never ventured near her home again as they believed she was possessed.

Lyman Staples served on the school board for 30 years and as road commissioner for 17 years. Their children were Mason L., who married Clarentine Waters, daughter of Ben Waters; Merritt A.; Francelia (Mrs. Andrew Fosket), and Emily, who married John Wilson of Palatine. A brother, James T. Staples came later and married Delia Bellows in 1854.

Grove Bennett and his younger brother, A. J., took up their government claims in Deer Grove in 1837. A. J. was a carpenter and builder. After the Civil War, in which he served with the 10th Wisconsin volunteer infantry, he returned to Palatine and worked on the lakes as a steward with Captain Cherry.

Grove staked his claim and like many others was attracted by the quick money on the Illinois Canal and in the Galena lead mines. He returned in a few years and farmed until 1873 when he purchased the house at 222 North Benton Street in the village.

He and his wife, Hannah McKee Bennett, had three children, Albert L., Austin, and Delia.

Albert's son, Richard, lived in Palatine until his death in 1954. Delia Bennett Anderson is still living in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

A letter written in 1899 by Seth Webster gives an authentic account of the Webster family. An excerpt follows:

Harris Webster was born in Lenox, Madison County, New York, on March 17, 1815. He came to Illinois March 11, 1837, with his brother, Palmer and wife, settling on a farm of 80 acres with 20 acres timber on the south side of Deer Grove. Both brothers staked out their farms and then worked hard to obtain the money to purchase the land at the government sale. Harris worked at teaming on the canal at Summit.

I believe he worked there nearly two years and

even then had to borrow \$10 in order to have enough to pay for the farm. The price of the land was \$1.25 an acre. Other settlers would step in and attempt to stake the same claim and they had quite exciting times.

Harris and Palmer each cut the timber and split the rails to fence their farms. Harris cut all the timber to build his house. It was made of logs, of course, and considered very good at that time, the logs being hewn on both sides and plastered.

Their dinner in the woods often consisted merely of buckwheat cakes which had to be chopped before they could be eaten. Provisions were scarce and hard to get even for those who had plenty of money. Pork was 25 cents a pound and so poor that it would not fry without butter or lard. Harris thought he would like to have some fowls so at the beginning brought a hen from Elk Grove tied in a pocket handkerchief. He walked the 8 miles as they had no teams then, simply oxen.

The country was then an unbroken prairie, crossed and recrossed by Indian trails. There were many prairie-hens and quail, and they did not seem much afraid, often coming around the door for crumbs. Wolves and deer were plentiful—the wolves howling around the house at night for something to eat. One night a hungry wolf, more venturesome than the rest, grabbed a two-month old pig from the pen and ran. Hearing the pig squeal, Harris and Palmer gave chase. Before long the wolf dropped the pig and they picked it up and brought it home. It was hurt scarcely at all, simply scratched where the teeth held it.

The few neighbors depended on each other to obtain supplies from Chicago. So when one went, although he might not have a cent to start with, he would soon have from \$1 to \$25 to buy things for the rest. Everyone was friendly and willing to help each other. And though the friendly visits were not made often, they were enjoyed much more than the fashionable calls of today.

Harris Webster was married November 17, 1844, to Charlotte A. Jones of Bloomington. Three children were born to them, all at Palatine: Arminda Caroline, born November 30, 1845, married on September 9, 1868, to Colonel L. Whitcomb; Seth, born April 16, 1849, married on July 13, 1873, to Ellen P. Patten. She died February 5, 1885. Seth married Clara F. Johnson December 24, 1893; Ida Bell, born February 16, 1857, married March 11, 1880, to James A. Whitcomb.

Harris Webster kept the home farm until 1874 or '75 when he sold it and built a house in Palatine. He was the first assessor of the township and held the office for 18 consecutive years. He also served one-year-terms as collector and supervisor. He was enumerator for the district comprising the township of Palatine in 1880, being at that time the oldest inhabitant of the township.

One spring he went with Lyman Staples over muddy and bottomless roads to Elgin to borrow money, \$50 each, of a man whom they heard had some to loan, but when they got there they found to their dismay he had loaned it at 25 per cent.

Harris Webster's wife wrote this description of an impromptu dance:

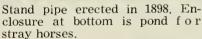
One day, I think in 1838, a man came along and asked for some dinner. (I think nowadays people would have called him a tramp). Of course they gave him some and were glad to see someone.

Palatine's famed brick block erected by Henry Batterman in 1884. Palatine bank of C. H. Patten occupied the corner. The first offices of the P. L. Z. & W. then called Wauconda, Rockford, & Elgin Traction Co. occupied corner office on the second floor. The upper floor provided quarters for Palatine Maennerchor and the Palatine Opera House.

The fountain, made possible by public subscription of \$100 provided water for horses and the public. A small bowl at its base took care of the dogs. Across the street at the right is a tavern which is now the Starck building, the ground floor is today occupied by the Palatine Drug.









Shown is the Matthei store about 1890 at the present Schoppe corner. Previously the store was operated by Matthei and Schierding. Mr. Matthei was married to a sister of his partner. The small store attached to the residence was a photograph gallery 60 year ago. It was, also, the office of the Palatine Enterprise 50 years ago.



Palatine's first depot was a freight car. It was followed by a one room building in which early public meetings were held. The depot at the left is supposed to have been erected about 1860. In the days when train dispatching was done by telegraph, an operator was stationed in the "bay window" and no train could pass through Palatine unless the semaphore so indicated. Trains stopped at Palatine for water and many freight trains took to sidings to allow fast trains to pass.

Everyone was friendly in those early days. Well they found he had an old violin with him, would he stay and play for a dance that night? Of course he would, so Harris jumped onto his horse and went to invite the guests.

First he went to John Robertson across the grove, found him with his face all bundled up with tooth-ache. Would he come to the dance? Yes, tell Nancy I will be after her. So he did the errand and went around among the few and invited all. When he got home it was dark and the guests began to arrive. They had a fine dance and the fiddler went on his way. Quite a contrast to the dances of the present day, but I will venture to say much more heartily enjoyed. At that time Harris lived with his brother, Palmer, in a small house of two rooms. The kitchen, a lean-to with floor of split logs they smoothed as best they could, called a puncheon floor. They were still living there when Harris and I were married.

### (Signed) Mrs. Harris Webster.

James Morris was the son of George Morris a former British soldier who had taken the oath of allegiance to the United States. In 1845, James came to Cook County from Washington County, N. Y. He claimed land and built a home several miles east of Staples Corner where he and his wife, Sarah Beebe Morris, raised their six children. Until it burned some years ago, this house was at the intersection of Dundee and Wilke Roads. His son, Charlie, lived there until his death in 1941. This was also the birthplace of Charlie's daughter, Edith Morris Chidley, who now lives on the Sunset Turkey farm. The three granddaughters of Charlie's oldest brother, George, are Mae Gibbs and Dorothy Gibbs Mair of Palatine, and Madge Gibbs Skidmore of Arlington Heights.

The intersection of Quintens road and the North Western railroad even today is often referred to as Clay's Crossing because Ed and John B. Clay settled there with their parents in 1846. Both boys were born in England and came to America in their infancy. They lived a few years in New York state before coming west to Wheeling Township and finally to Deer Grove. Ed recalled when he and some other children were playing in an unfinished school house near Wheeling that a large band of Indians approached and surrounded the building. The Indians pushed their guns through cracks between the logs, but after thoroughly frightening the children, they withdrew without harming anyone. Both Ed and John B. married and raised their children on their original piece of land. Edwin's children were Newton J. and Irving O. Clay. John married Laura L. Campbell in 1853 and they had a daughter, Linnie. Mrs. Clay died in 1853 and Mr. Clay married Clara Martin. Cassius Clay was his son by the second marriage. Clay's Crossing later boasted of a store operated by Smith Pratt and a blacksmith shop run by Warren Bellows.

Baldwin Road is named for the family of John and Lydia Root Baldwin, who came by covered wagon from New York state to Wheeling about 1844 and to Deer Grove two years later. John and his brother, J. Granger Baldwin, located on opposite sides of this road about ½ mile east of the Quintens Road intersection. Anson married a Michigan girl who came to visit her uncle, Thomas S. Clark of Highland Grove. Their daughter, Edna (Mrs. Henry Heise) and her daughter, Mercie, live in Palatine at 49 N. Hale Street. Mrs. Heise's other daughter,

Priscilla Heise Oswald, also a Palatine resident, has two children, Winifred and Charles.

Elisha Pratt and his family were neighbors to the west of the Baldwins. They came from Onondaga County, N. Y., in 1840. After renting the Harris Webster farm for three years, they located on 160 acres of prairie, land now owned by Jack Denyzer, where they built their home and a store. The store was moved to the village in 1855. Elisha Pratt's family consisted of two sons and one daughter by his first marriage and two daughters and a son by his second wife. His son, Smith, married Cordelia Baldwin, sister to Anson Root Baldwin.

When he was a boy of thirteen, Smith Pratt recalled driving to Dundee with oxen to have some wheat ground into flour. As soon as he returned the next evening, his mother hastened to bake some biscuits. They came from the oven black as coal and even the hogs wouldn't eat them. His father realized that the disaster was probably caused by wheat smut. He dumped the remaining grain into large tubs of water and was able to separate the good kernels from the bad. After the grain was dried and a second trip made to Dundee for grinding, the long awaited biscuits were pronounced most palatable.

### ENGLISHMAN'S GROVE

Thomas Falls Wilson and the Atkinson brothers were early settlers in Englishman's Grove. This district, southwest of Deer Grove, included land each side of Palatine Road between Ela and Roselle Roads. Thomas Bradwell, two Swick families, and John Kitson were other residents of this grove.

Thomas Wilson, who claimed sec 9 in 1840, came from North Ireland with his parents, Andrew and Jane (Falls) Wilson, as a boy. During the time the family lived in Schenectady County, N. Y., two more sons, James and William, were born. The three brothers came to Illinois about 1838.

Thomas and James worked the Asa Dunton farm of 40 acres. In 1840 James returned to New York state to bring his father and mother out to Illinois. James and his father each bought 40 acres, Andrew Sr. afterward purchased 80 acres more from the government, all located near sec. 9. (present location of four silos).

Thomas Falls Wilson was licensed to preach in 1849, and served on the Lake County circuit for five years. Older Palatine residents remember hearing his "beautiful, but long" prayers, when they were children. Mr. Wilson's first wife, Mary (Norton) whom he married in New York state in 1832, died at Palatine in 1850. In his later years Mr. Wilson lived in the house which his children built for him at 200 N. Bothwell street.

Thomas and Mary's son, John, born in Palatine in 1841, became a noted veterinarian. He used part of his father's farm for breeding and training carriage horses for New York and Chicago customers. The map\* indicates the circular track which was outlined by silver maples. Old time neighbors used this track, too, for their sulky races. Animals which pulled the horse cars in Chicago were sent to Dr. Wilson's farm for rehabilitation. Emily Staples, daughter of Lyman and Mary Staples, married Dr. Wilson in 1861. Their children were Ray, Ben Wesley, and Lyman Thomas.

<sup>\*</sup>Township map 1886.

When Ben was a child, the farmhouse burned; and Dr. John built the house in the village which faces the west end of Slade St. at Cedar. His greatgrandchildren Mary, Paul and John live there now.

Dr. Wilson's large acreage extended east a considerable distance and to the railroad tracks on the north. Wilson St. is named for him.

Ben Wilson, a veterinarian like his father, married Jenny Williamson, daughter of Rollin Williamson. They lived in the house at 356 W. Slade St.

Ray Wilson and his wife, Lorena (Husson) of Elgin, lived at 338 W. Slade St. Their children were Paul and Olive.

James Wilson sold his farm and moved into Palatine in 1870. He operated a 76 acre nursery in the north section of the village. Mr. Wilson built a brick house which stood at the end of N. Bothwell St., when that street ended at Richmond St. About the beginning of the century this street was opened, the house turned and moved to the east side of Bothwell, No. 255. Two conspicuous remnants of the Wilson nursery are the trees at Sherman and Plum Grove and the grove of hemlock and larch on the east side of Plum Grove, south of Robertson. James' first wife was Sophia Fulkerson. There are no descendants in Palatine.

The third Wilson brother, William, remained a farmer. His wife was Emily Sutherland. Their children were Dolly, William (a former postmaster), and Lizzie Pahlman.

Although it appears that the three Atkinson brothers scattered in later years, it is possible to locate their original holdings. No descendants have been found in Palatine. Thomas Atkinson lived at the northeast end of the grove, and an Inverness road is named for him. Archibald located at the south end; and Ralph in the center of the grove on the east side.

Tom Atkinson worked at his carpenter's trade to finance the journey across America, after he landed at Quebec from England. He and his family took a flatboat from Fort Pitt to the Ohio, following the river route to Chicago. For a while Tom and his brothers worked in the lead mines at Galena. This was the customary way to get "quick and easy" money for land purchases. While Tom lived at Englishman's Grove quarterly church meetings were held in his large barn. His wife, called a "ranter," preached here, and also in the log school house. About 1848 Tom built a fine new house; and the original Kitson bricks still serve in the foundation under the improved residence owned by Stanley F. Pepper.

Ralph Atkinson was persuaded by Thomas Bradwell to sell his home to an Englishman, Stephen Hailfrink. Instead of clearing away trees, Mr. Hailfrink set out pines and cedars either side of a long drive leading to an English-type farmhouse which he built for his bride in 1847. This house still stands, with additions made in 1926, when it became the home of Arthur T. McIntosh.

The story of Archibald Atkinson's house is furnished by papers\* at the Palatine Public Library. One is the original Land Grant, dated March 10, 1843, signed by President Tyler, conveying 80 acres to Archibald Atkinson. The price was about \$1.25 an acre, probably. The second paper is an indenture between Archibald and Philis Atkinson, dated Feb. 14, 1846, conveying the property to John Swick for \$337.50. The third indenture, dated Jan. 2, 1866,

\*given by Edith L. Duncan, Pasadena, California

executed by R. S. Williamson, conveyed the property to Mary Vogt of Chicago for \$2,644.98. Mrs. Duncan, former owner of this home, adds this bit of history:

The house is in three parts: the oldest probably built by the Atkinsons right after they acquired the 80 acres. In the late '60's the Vogts added to the east of the original building, and in the '20's we added the shingle addition. The present kitchen, breakfast room, and hall were in the original building; also, of course, the rooms above over the corresponding lower rooms. The dining room and library, and two bedrooms upstairs over them were the Vogt's addition. The ceilings were only 6'9' in the oldest part. I believe the bricks in the Vogt addition were Kitson bricks but those in the oldest part probably not. All are hand made.

John Swick and his wife, Sarah (Van Valkenberg), the second owners, were both born in 1797. Their son, Martin, married Charlotte Rollins, whose son, John, married Helen McCabe. Their children are Lee and Helen Swick of 105 N. Bothwell St., Palatine.

The first John Swick's cousin, Thomas, was born in New Jersey in 1809. He settled on 60 acres in Englishman's Grove in 1846. It is fairly certain that his original holdings included the second farm east of the Palatine and Ela roads intersection, on the south side. Thomas married Catherine Fulkerson in 1836. Their sons were Hiram, Henry, Hudson, and Thomas. There are no direct Palatine descendants.

These farmers and others were often advised by Thomas Bradwell. He was landed gentry and maintained servants to run his property which he claimed in 1844. (sec. 17). This was west of Bradwell school and road, both named for him. He is said to have had law offices in Chicago; and the authority to perform marriages. If a man needed money for the purchase of land he could usually obtain it from Bradwell. No note or mortgage was given; but Bradwell required that the land be placed in his name as well as the borrower's. The frequency with which his name appears in the chains of title in this area is an indication of the number of forfeited loans. Thomas Bradwell's granddaughter, Annie Lytle, married Charles S. Cutting.

John Kitson Sr., and his wife, Ann, came to America from Haddersfield, England in the 1840's. They lived in Michigan and Des Plaines before moving to Palatine, about 1848. They had several children, including Carrie (Kitson) Smith; James and John Jr. Ethel V. Kitson, James' daughter, lives in Barrington. The only descendant living in Palatine is Ruth Wilson, 350 W. Wilson St.

The elder John Kitson had learned the pottery trade in England and with his sons' help ran a brick-yard in Palatine at his property on N. Quintens Rd. Carrie (Kitson) Smith recalled\* that as a child of 7 she had spent the summer of 1855 trimming the wet brick clay, preparatory to firing it. These beautiful bricks, which possess an unusual color were used to build "the Kitson house," now owned by Mr. and Mrs. Avery Wolfrum. The seven years previous to the building of this house in '55, were spent by the Kitsons in a log cabin on the hill northwest of the present home. As nearly as can be determined, John Kitson's clay pits were in the slough at Palatine Road and Crescent St., which is being filled at the present time.

\*This anecdote related to Mrs. Wolfrum by Carrie's son.

### PLUM GROVE

The first settlement south of the present site of Palatine was made at Plum Grove. That is the wooded area, now approximately two miles south of Palatine, on both sides of Meacham road. Most of these pioneers emigrated from Vermont near the town of Stockbridge. A modern travel guide describes Stockbridge as "a simple crossroads community on a little hummock in a valley."

One of the earliest persons to arrive was James Whitcomb, who reached Plum Grove in the fall of 1837. He immediately leased about a section of land in order to hold it for other Vermont people who he knew would follow later. His brother, Benson, came the next spring and established himself on the east side of the grove. Others of that family followed, and by 1840, Lot Whitcomb and his cousin, Justus, were also settled on large sections nearby.

Being a man of wealth, Lot built a fine home which was considered one of the finest residences in the area in those days. Later, he got the Oregon fever and headed overland to that territory with six yoke of cattle and three wagons. Six months afterward he became a prominent captain of a large steamer on the Portland river.

Justus Whitcomb was also wealthy. The land which he staked out covered two square miles. At the start of the present century, the land was better known as the property of Charles Hartung.

Justus' sister and her husband, Mark W. Sawyer, with their son, James, had arrived three years earlier, the same year as James Whitcomb. The Sawyers routed themselves through Chicago, which at that time was a thriving village of over 4,000 which had just been incorporated. After reaching Plum Grove, he purchased about 160 acres from Orange Smith. The Sawyers' immediate neighbors in that first winter were some Winnebago Indians who were encamped there. These redskin neighbors left that camp the following spring and never returned.

During the first winter, the Sawyers lived on wild game which was abundant in the grove. In the spring of 1838, Mark Sawyer commenced tilling his soil.

In June, 1838, four other families left the vicinity of Stockbridge, Vermont, and started a trek west. This party included Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin B. Lincoln and their two sons, Julius and Fayette; Mr. and Mrs. Ira Coleman and son, Julius; Mr. and Mrs. David B. Strong with their five children, Charles L., George, Harriet, Mary and Ellen; and Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Converse. The first leg of their journey was by stagecoach to Rutland, Vermont. Eventually, they arrived in Chicago after traveling by stage-coach, canal boat on the Erie Canal, and by lake steamer.

Upon reaching Chicago, the Colemans remained there where the father opened a shoe store which he ran for many years. The son, Julius, moved to Palatine some years later.

The rest of the party pressed on northwest by stagecoach. The Strongs and the Converses settled at Elk Grove, but the Lincolns continued on to Plum Grove. They arrived there 39 days after they had left Vermont.

Wild game was the menu for the Lincolns' first meal in Plum Grove. It was served on a makeshift table provided by an old red chest which contained many of their belongings. Ben Lincoln took up a squatter's claim of 200 acres adjacent to Mark Saw-yer's property.

David Strong died in the early 1840's while working on the Illinois Canal. His widow then moved to Plum Grove where she lived with the Ben Lincolns. Her two sons returned east to live with an uncle. George Strong was graduated from West Point in the class of 1856. While serving in the War Between the States, he was mortally wounded at Fort Waggoner. He received his commission as a Major-General on his death bed from President Abraham Lincoln.

Other Plum Grove pioneers known to have originated in Stockbridge, Vermont, included the Durkees, the Slades, the Putnams and the Porters. Moses Durkee settled on 120 acres east of the grove with his wife and daughter, Eunice. A few years later, his brother, Albert, arrived and settled temporarily in the center of the grove. He moved to Bloomingdale for a few years but returned to Plum Grove, married and made that his permanent home.

John Slade, wife and five children, Martha, Joseph, Rebecca, Sarah and John reached Plum Grove in 1838 and took up their government claim. Mr. Slade had \$10 and a set of carpenter's tools when he reached Chicago. He rented a log house from Ben Lincoln and traded with the Indians for some corn which he planted the next spring and produced a good crop. Mrs. Slade died in 1847, and three years later John returned to Vermont, remarried and brought his bride to Plum Grove. They bought a farm north of his former claim and built a house there. His wife's brother and family lived there with them. Rebecca Slade married Henry Schierding who came to Palatine in 1864 and started a general merchandise store. They had two children: Mary, who married Dr. Wadham, and Henry Schierding. Joseph Slade married and had two daughters, Bessie and Emily May. Bessie married Calvin Sefton and lived on her father's farm north of town. Emily married Wesley Comfort whose father, Josiah Comfort, had come to Palatine from Canada in 1855, the year Wesley was born.

Their sons, Wesley and Clarence Comfort, continue the lumber business founded by Joseph Slade and Wesley Comfort I in 1874.

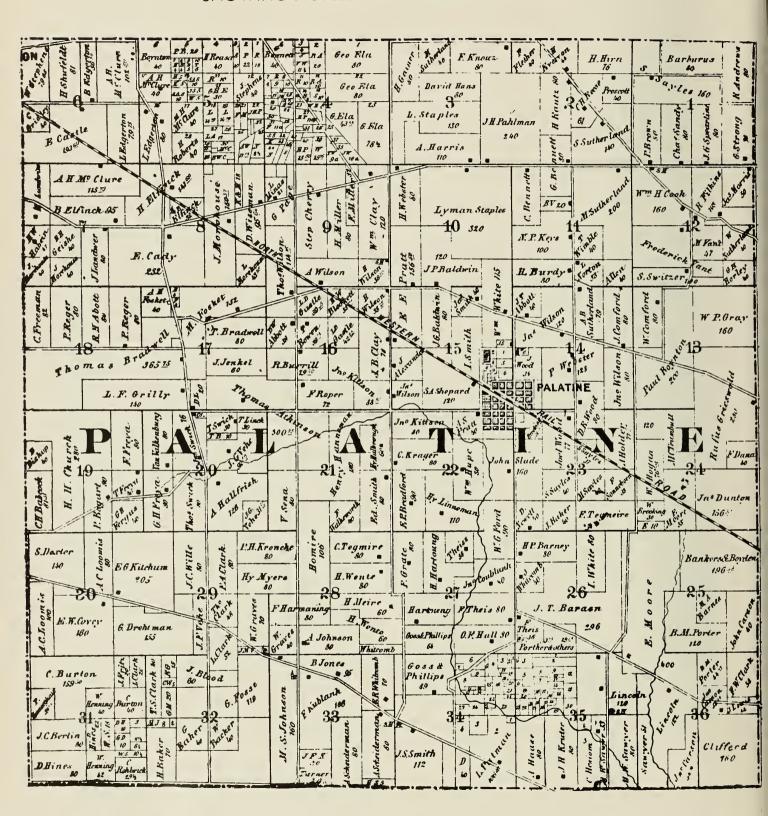
Laban Putnam and his wife, Elvira Jones Putnam, came to Plum Grove in 1839. For the next two years he labored on the Illinois Canal. He farmed many years and also worked in a Michigan lumber camp. Later he moved into the village where he kept a boarding house and took an active part in public life until his death in 1893.

Benjamin M. Porter bought 160 acres from Ben Lincoln in 1840. Until then, he and two other bachelors, E. Moore and Cooper, had shared a home known as "Bachelors' Hall." The residents of "Bachelors' Hall" even had their own cook, a mulatto, Charley Lansing, who had arrived from Vermont with John Barden.

John T. Barden had purchased 300 acres from Justus Whitcomb. A wealthy cheesemaker, Barden also shipped corn and beef to New York. He was married and had two sons named Gustavus and William.

One of the earliest claims in Plum Grove was that of Orrin Ford in 1836. He and his second wife settled on 160 acres in the northwest part of the grove. From his first marriage, he had two sons, William and John, and two daughters, Harriet and Eunice. His wife had also been married previously

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and had four children from that marriage. Those children were Warren, Arthur, Austin H., and J. Francis Young.

From Ayshire, Scotland, John Carson brought his bride in 1842, and made claim to 200 acres in section 36. The Carsons farmed, and like many others in Plum Grove, hauled their produce all the way to Chicago. In 1845, John Carson sold 48 acres to Ben Lincoln for \$135—less than \$3 per acre. The Carsons had six children, a daughter, Mary, married Dr. W. M. Dyas of Arlington Heights.

Other early settlers in Plum Grove included Abram Howe who had 80 acres in the eastern part of the grove, Ebenezer Church who located on 300 acres in sections 34 and 35, James Stanton who purchased some land from Albert Durkee in 1844, and Amos Bailey with his sons, Bancroft and Orange.

Land north of Plum Grove was first claimed by Joel and Darius Wood who came from Pennsylvania in 1847. Their original claim was east of the present site of the village of Palatine. Darius Wood, anxious to get what was thought to be the last patch of government land available in the area, rode horseback all the way to Chicago through spring floods in the dark of the night so that he would be the first to reach the land office.

Actually, the last of the government land grants proved to be a portion of the Benjamin Porter farm. It was thought that Porter's entire farm had been entered by the government. In 1855, Joseph Barnes of Elk Grove discovered that a small part of that farm had been omitted from the government entry. He made immediate claim for it and sold it to Ben Porter at the then current market price of \$1.25 per acre.

It is unfortunate that more personal information concerning Joel Wood is unavailable. He held many offices, and his name appears in village records with great frequency.

It is known that he made the original plat of the town. The north part of the town originally was known as the Joel Wood Subdivision. His many land donations revealed his generosity and civic interest. One of his earliest gifts was the land for the Hillside Cemetery where his wife was among the first to be buried.

The first school building in the village was erected on land which he donated. It is fitting that the street on which this site is located was named in his honor, Wood Street, and that the school is known as the Wood Street School.

Israel Smith with his wife, Caroline Baker Smith, arrived from Maine in 1840 and claimed government land. The land was south of what is now Algonquin road and a little east of the intersection with Quintens road. In 1851 he purchased the Joe Kitson farm. The house today has the address of 56 North Smith Street. There he continued to farm for some time. Israel Smith had three sons: John W. and twins, Edward, who became a doctor in Nebraska and Albert L.

Albert married Matilda Hahnke of Long Grove. For many years, he had a tin shop and hardware store. Later, he developed an extensive mail order business. The large home, which he built at the corner of Benton and Chicago Avenues, burned. He then rebuilt at the same location, and this home at 5 North Benton Street is now the Harry Tharp home. Albert's son, Bert, kept Palatine as his home and presently resides with Dr. Louis Smith, one of his sons. Bert Smith's other two sons, Clifford and

Howard, also are Palatine residents.

Life was not dull for these early settlers. The rigors of pioneer life created a kinship that lessened the distance between neighbors. The few legible tombstones remaining in the surrounding cemeteries bespeak a high mortality rate, especially for the children.

Every effort was made on the frontier to continue their accustomed standard of living. As soon as homes were completed, churches and schools were begun. There was even a dancing school which was conducted by Dan Carpenter. The first school held in Plum Grove was in a log house built in 1840. It was located between the homes of Mark Sawyer and Ben Lincoln. Church services, conducted by traveling preachers, were held nearly every week in the same log houses. Later, church worship was at the Sam Smith home. Mr. and Mrs. Sam Smith and their three children, Sam Jr., Joseph and Harriet, lived near the intersection of Old Plum Grove road and Algonquin road.

Early in the 1840's, a dam was built across Salt Creek (probably just east of the bridge on Meacham road), and a saw mill was erected. The mill was run by Lot Whitcomb. This enterprise was apparently a financial success, but immediately following a misunderstanding among the owners, it was completely destroyed by fire in the early 1850's. Although suspicion arose at the time, it was never determined whether the fire was of incendiary origin. The pond formed to get the water power for the mill was about a half mile long and several rods wide. During the winter, it proved to be a popular place for the ice skaters of Plum Grove.

A cheese factory was operated where Old Plum Grove road crosses Salt Creek. At that time the road continued north along the creek bank to connect with an extension of what is now Kirchhoff road and which then continued northwest to the Deer Grove settlement. Old maps reveal that an Indian burial mound was located just west and north of the intersection of Old Plum Grove and the Woodstock road (now Algonquin road).

The settlers were law-abiding and took active part in the political life of the community. Ben Lincoln was appointed as the first Justice of the Peace in 1840. Amos Bailey, a settler in section 26, followed him in that office.

The first national election for the Salt Creek precinct, which included five or six towns, was held at the home of William George in 1840. That was the election in which President Van Buren was defeated for re-election by William Harrison (Tippecanoe and Tyler, too). Almost 100 votes were cast in the Salt Creek precinct.

William George, in whose home the election was held, lived south of the grove with his wife and two sons, Edwin and William. He was an excellent gardener and probably had one of the first truck farms of the area. It was said that his onions brought 75 cents to \$1.00 per bushel.

Wolves roamed between the Des Plaines river on the east and the Fox river on the west destroying livestock and provisions. In 1839, the men in the district all joined in a great wolf hunt determined to rid the district of animals. The commander-inchief of the group was Dr. Miner of Elk Grove.

One account states that snow was on the ground as the men began the round-up at sunrise. The hunters made a great circle and converged on Plum Grove. As they neared the grove they held their fire because sharpshoooters had been stationed on scaffolds to slay the animals as they were driven into the trap. Some of the men lacked rifles and used knives and pitchforks. Wolves were scarce that day. There was community effort, a good time and a total kill of one wolf and one deer by William Clay.

### HIGHLAND GROVE

Early settlers in the southwest corner of the township include Luman and Thomas S. Clark whose land claims dated back to 1842; Elias E. D. Wood who arrived the following year; Daniel and Morgan S. Johnson, in 1844; and Bradford and Orange Kent. The latter kept a tavern and hostelry on the Chicago-Dundee stage road now Algonquin road.

Mr. Daniel Bergman whose family has owned this property for the past several decades, states that the hotel was located just east of his present home. The Kent House was especially well known because it was the halfway stop between Chicago and Woodstock. As the Highland Grove population grew, it became a popular place for dances and community gatherings.

Old settlers long remembered how Milton Kent met his death back in 1840. Mr. Kent, father of Bradford and Orange, had a claim dispute over a house in Meacham's Grove, now Bloomingdale, in DuPage County. He was dispossessed but returned with his sons the following night to regain possession by force. The occupant was awaiting him with rifle, pistol and a butcher knife. In the struggle that followed Milton Kent was stabbed and staggered into the yard to die. His son, Bradford, after being stabbed in the back with the same knife, rallied and with the help of his brother managed to overcome the possessor.

Years later Bradford Kent who then resided in Chicago acquired an infectious disease and was removed to the Kent House still run by his brother, Orange. His death was also unusual as is disclosed by the following report of it:

"The sick man was not allowed in the tavern but was taken to a little shanty in the wheat field. He died and was laid out by Morgan Johnson and two other farmers. Some hours afterward his brother, Orange, went to the little shanty to see that no evil betided the corpse. To his astonishment, the corpse raised up in bed and said, 'Orange, where is my wallet? It was in my pantaloons' pocket and had \$63 in it.' The pants were found, but the wallet was missing.

"Morgan Johnson was sent for and advised that the other two farmers should be sent for, but that they should not be told what had happened until they arrived. When they arrived Mr. Johnson told them what had taken place and proposed that they all three should be searched. Whereupon one of them said, with an oath, he would not be searched. Mr. Johnson then said: 'You are the man who stole the money, and we will get a warrant for your arrest.' Then the accused said, 'I supposed he was dead, or I never would have taken his money; here is \$53 of it, the other \$10 I have spent.' The money being found, the corpse lay back in bed and did not again come to life.''

Morgan Johnson came from Yates County, New York and purchased the farm owned for several years by Gustavus W. Southworth. Mr. Southworth kept a tavern called the 'Wickliffe House.'' When Mr. Johnson moved in he took down the sign and said he would not keep transients. However, so many travelers stopped and asked for lodging that Mr. Johnson was compelled to keep them overnight and at last kept the tavern as his predecessor had done. It was a popular stop and often during the summer as many as ten or fifteen covered wagons would be lined up in a string, loaded with new settlers from the east. People from Rockford and Dundee, on their way to Chicago, always stopped here to rest themselves, their oxen or horses.

Morgan Johnson donated the land for the site of the St. John's church located on Algonquin road immediately west of Roselle road. Prior to the construction of that church worship services were held in private homes and in the school house of what was then school district No. 2. Being a carpenter and builder by trade, Johnson built a beautiful home in Palatine and moved there in 1861. For two years he served as Palatine supervisor on the county board and subsequently held many other public offices. He had two sons, Willis and Jay J.

This little community, including the St. John's church, the school, and the Kent Hotel, became known as Highland Grove and still retains that name. The Diekman store was established across from the church and became the important trading center for the farmers in the neighborhood. It was there that the mail was brought from town every two weeks and the farmers would come to call for it. Later, Cuthbert Richmond opened a creamery and cheese factory immediately to the west of the Diekman store.

#### ORIGINAL LAND GRANTS

Andreas History of Cook County, 1844, names the original claim holders to Government land in Palatine township.

1836—George Ela, sec 4; Orrin Ford, sec. 27; A. H. McClure, sec. 5; Asa Dunton, sec. 9; Asahel Harris, sec. 3; Russell Andrus, sec. 4.

1837—Amos Bailey, sec. 26; Ezekiel Cady, sec. 8; Palmer Webster, sec. 9; Harris Webster, sec. 10; Grove Bennett, sec. 2 and 11; John Fosket, sec. 17; James Whitcomb, sec. 26.

1838—Samuel Smith, sec. 34; B. B. Lincoln, sec. 35; M. W. Sawyer, sec. 35; Loren Edgerton, sec. 6; Mason Sutherland, sec. 11; Silas Sutherland, sec. 2.

1839—Lyman Staples, sec. 10; John Slade, sec. 22; Joseph Slade, sec. 22.

1840—Thomas F. Wilson, sec. 9; Elisha Pratt, sec. 10; Israel Smith, sec. 34.

1841—Edward Castle, sec. 6; John H. Foster, sec. 29.

1842—Thomas S. Clark, sec. 29; Luman Clark, sec. 29; John Carson, sec. 36.

1843—Elias E. D. Wood, sec. 29.

1844—Thomas Bradwell, sec. 17; Daniel Johnson, sec. 32; M. S. Johnson, sec. 32.

1846—Bradford Kent, sec. 29.

1847—Joel Wood, sec. 23; D. B. Wood, sec. 23; James E. Morris, sec. 1 and 12.

1855—Benjamin M. Porter, sec. 25.

# Voters Name Township Palatine

In 1850 the Illinois Legislature passed an act compelling each county to be divided into townships of 6 miles square as near as possible, and each township was to be named. It is said that the principal men of township 42 met at a school house opposite the site of what is now known as the Wittenberg school house, to choose a name for their township in advance of the organization meeting.

There were many names suggested — among them: Yankton, Deer Grove, Marion and Palatine. Deer Grove and Marion were dropped, and Harrison Cook's suggestion was officially chosen. It is a fairly well established fact that Harrison Cook came from Palatine, N. Y. He was of Swiss origin and the surname was originally spelled Koch.

The first officers of the township were required by law to take this oath upon assuming office: "You do solemnly swear that you have not fought a duel or accepted a challenge to fight a duel, the probable issue of which might be death to either party, and to uphold the Constitution of the United States and of the State of Illinois, and that you will faithfully execute and perform all the duties of your office to the best of your knowledge and ability, so help you God."

The first entry in the Palatine Township minutes is dated April 2, 1850. Between the hours of 9 and 10 o'clock the electors of the above named town met and organized with John Slade, chairman, and D. B. Wood, secretary. Elias D. Wood acted as moderator.

Elected were Thomas S. Clark, supervisor; D. B. Wood, town clerk; Harris Webster, assessor; Milton Fosket, collector; John Slade, overseer of the poor; Daniel Stanard, Ezekiel Cady and Luman Clark, commissioners of highways; Milton Fosket and Fleming Gaines, constables; Thomas Bradwell and J. N. House, justices of peace.

The commissioners of highways divided the township into nine road districts each two miles square. The following officers were chosen by uplifted hands: 1. A. Ford, 2. Wm. Clay, 3. E. P. Castle, 4. Milton Fosket, 5. John Kitson, 6. Joel Wood, 7. M. W. Sawyer, 8. Justus Whitcomb, 9. E. W. Covey.

Sheep and cows were allowed to run at large, but when they broke into enclosures, the owners were required to pay the damage, and on sheep, three cents a head additional, half of which went into the town fund,

Ownership of the sheep was determined by markings, some of which were: "A square crop from the right ear and a round hole through same;" "the shape of a half moon cut from the underside of the right ear;" "a square crop from the right ear and a split through same." The markings had to be filed with the town clerk.

Ten years later, in 1860, cattle and horses were no longer allowed to run at large. Owners had to pay 25 cents a head and 10 cents a day to the man who fed them.

Plum Grove and Ela roads were among the first roads laid out. There were more petitions for roads in those days than there are roads today. Three highway commissioners had direct charge of all roads and bridges, but the care and maintenance of the roads fell upon road overseers to whom the male adults were supposed to report to work out their poll tax or pay for the time of some other person to do the work.

The township was later divided into 25 road districts. The overseers were supposed to file with the highway commissioners a report of all work done on roads in their territory and make an accounting of funds collected.

A town meeting in 1870 directed that suit be brought against any road overseer who did not make such a report and turn over money he had collected.

Laying out of new roads was the major activity of the highway commissioners and required voluminous records in the minute books on the part of the town clerk.

The road commissioners did not always accept a road petition and did not allow their official acceptance to permit an excessive claim for damages.

One paragraph in the minutes reads, "We the commissioners have decided not to lay out the road under petition on account of the uncertainty of the law, it being not well understood by lawyers of courts and we cannot settle with Timothy Dean without such law or give four times its value as we verily believe."

When board of auditors turned down a town bill, against the town, the creditor could appeal to the electors at the town meeting and force payment. This occurred in 1861.

Town meetings were held in the homes, the first few years. When somebody tried to stuff the ballot boxes, the moderator would draw out sufficient votes so that the number of voters and ballots agreed. The polls were closed for one hour at noon.

A caucus to select township candidates was first attempted in 1871. No further mention is made of such caucuses, but later a Republican club "took over."

The railroad depot was built in 1855, and its waiting room was used for town meetings until the Masonic Hall was built in 1860. When the Masons began charging \$10 for the one day rent, the meetings were transferred to a hall adjoining one of the taverns, where rent was free because of business attracted to the drink emporium.

The above "sidelights" cover the first 25 years of the existence of Palatine township.

SUPERVISORS—B. B. Lincoln, 1851; Thomas Bradwell, 1852; Harris Webster, 1853; Thomas S. Clark, 1954; L. D. Castle, 1855-56; Thomas S. Clark, 1857; M. S. Johnson, 1858; J. H. Pahlman, 1859-62; M. L. Pinney, 1863-65; J. H. Pahlman, 1866-70; Granville Peck, 1871-74; Henry C. Batterman, 1875-77; John B. Clay, 1878-80; M. C. Batterman, 1881; Lyman Staples, 1882-89; John Loges, 1890-91; Herman Reed, 1892; Milan Reynolds, 1893-98; Mason Staples, 1899-01; J. G. Horstman, 1902-15; A. W. Timmerman, 1916; J. H. Meyer, 1927-47; Albert DePue, 1948.

TOWN CLERKS—D. B. Wood, 1851; Leander Grilly, 1852; L. Castle, 1853; D. B. Wood, 1854; John B. Clay, 1855-56; L. A. Shepard, 1857; John B. Clay, 1858; G. W. Hawks, 1859; R. S. Williamson, 1860-61; Crawford Wood, 1862-63; William Dickinson, 1864; A. S. Jackson, 1865; S. Barber, 1866-67; Granville Peck, 1868; F. J. Filbert, 1869-70; George C. Whipple, 1871-72; F. J. Filbert, 1873-74; Dennis Morgan, 1875-82; J. B. Clay, 1883-92; Ira Frye, 1893-1900; Henry Grebe, 1901; Ira Frye, 1902; Harry Schoppe, 1903-32; George W. Howes, 1933—



North and south side of Slade street. The Vehe Harness Shop later became Bruhn's Market. The A. G. Smith printing office and later the Mosser Studio occupied the building at the right between 1900 and 1915. It was the first office of Arthur T. McIntosh in Palatine. C. Urhammer started his men's furnishing store on this site.

Below: John Torgler, father of Mrs. N. L. Thompson, owned this shop prior to his death. The present brick block occupied by Sanitary Market and the quarters of the Country Cobbler are on the site of one of these buildings. 



### CHAPTER II

### DEVELOPMENT OF PALATINE

### FOUNDER'S OWN STORY

The late A. G. Smith received from Joel Wood in 1900 the following account of his part in establishing the village of Palatine.

"I bought my farm in the vicinity of Palatine in February 1847. The railroad survey, I think, was made in 1850 and the railroad station was located and built in 1855. Elisha Pratt removed a small store building onto the village site the same year. Mr. Thurston built the first house. I surveyed the village into lots, blocks and streets in July, 1855.

"I built the store now occupied by A. S. Olms (Coleman's) in 1858. The house south of the old Christian Lutheran church was built by Dr. Keeler in 1855 (present Lutheran parsonage). In 1855 Elisha Pratt built a home and store and Messrs. Shirding and Slade built the store they jointly occupied (Schoppe location).

"I presented to the village, sites for school building, Methodist church and Christian church, and the cemetery property on N. Smith st. (Note: First burial probably Mrs. Joel Wood). Later I presented to the Christian minister a five acre block in the eastern border for a parsonage (Benton st. north of Slade).

"When the railroad station was located, grounds surveyed, platted, and building commenced, it was seen that a postoffice was necessary. The township of Palatine had two offices, one in the northern part; the other in the southern part of the township. The signature of postmaster Cook of Chicago was obtained to a petition to the post office department to discontinue one of the offices and establish one in the village which was done. D. B. Wood was appointed postmaster.

"A grist mill was thought to be necessary. Mr. Baley proposed to build one and a site for a mill was given him and a mill built in the west part of the village by Mr. Baley which operated for a time, but misunderstandings arose and unfortunately for the community it was burned.

"These notes are intended to assist the historian of the village of Palatine and are submitted to be culled and used if desired."

### (Signed) Joel Wood

Joel Wood and Elisha Pratt had the vision to see where the business center of the rural community would be. Even one train a day meant days saved in the marketing of merchandise.

Mr. Wood presumably owned the land which is north of present Chicago Ave., and Elisha Pratt owned the land south of that street. But not everyone was so optimistic about the future of Palatine. Hiram Thurston is said to have laughed in Joel Wood's face when he offered him what is now the center of downtown Palatine for \$10. It was a slough filled with cattails and green water.

Elisha Pratt became Palatine's first merchant when he moved his store from Clay's crossing to the right of way facing the railroad track in 1855, Later Mr. Converse's house was moved in and added to the store for a dwelling. Mr. Pratt is said to have

written his accounts receivable on the beams overhead. In course of time either by fire or white-washing these accounts were destroyed. When someone asked "Uncle Elisha" if he could remember to whom he had charged the original accounts, he said, "No. But I have them charged to someone just as good."

After Mr. Pratt sold his store it was occupied by a cabinetmaker, named Nickrum, and for many years by Ernest Prellberg, a tailor. The building still serves as a residence on Railroad Ave.

In the same year that Pratt moved into his store, John Guthrie had a blacksmith shop at the southeast corner of Wilson and Bothwell.

Darius Wood operated his general store at the southeast corner of Plum Grove and Slade St. (Present Schrage residence). At that time the structure faced Plum Grove and had a platform and staircase in front. This was probably the first location of the post office after it was moved into the town of Palatine from Deer Grove.

Among the first houses in town were: Babcock house (11 W. Chicago), Dr. Keeler's house (14 W. Wood), Smith Pratt's house (149 S. Brockway), and the Thurston house (19 S. Bothwell).

A Cook County map for 1862 lists these businesses: Rothschild, clothing and dry goods; E. Pratt, drugs and groceries; T. Dean, stoves and hardware; I. Smith, hotel; B. A. Bailey, flour mill; A. T. Thurston, cabinet maker; H. P. Galpin, deputy sheriff; G. W. Hawks, E. W. Fenton, H. T. Thurston, carriage makers; G. W. Hawks, smith; J. Guthrie, smith; R. S. Williamson, R. R. and Ins.; H. L. Webster, livery stable

Streets named on this same map are east and west: Wood, Wilson, Slade, Chicago, Granger, Washington. North and south streets are: Benton, Hale, Plum Grove; Bothwell, north of Chicago, (south Medinah); Brockway, north; (south, Fremont); Greeley north, (south, Monroe); and Janson street which had the same name north and south.

James Daniels' farm account books shows these prices for 1867: 12 pounds of butter, \$3; 5 pounds wool, \$2.50; 2 calves, \$17.50; 8 bushels of onions, \$10; 1 hog at 9c a pound. Mr. Daniels purchased supplies from these firms: Slade and Schirding, nails; lime from Lytle and Slade; bricks from Wright Kitson; in 1875, lumber from Slade and Comfort; horseshoes in 1878 from Houghteling (Guthrie), and flour in 1880 from Fred Schrader at 116 S. Plum Grove.

The town experienced a slow, steady growth, and the first development on a large scale started about 1920. In 1925 farms were selling for \$400 an acre, a sewer system had just been completed, all streets had been or were being paved with reinforced concrete, and elaborate street lighting had been installed.

In 1950 there were 1158 dwellings in Palatine village, Census figures read as follows:

A count of business services offered this year, 1955, shows 234.

### OPEN PALATINE POSTOFFICE

At first there was a post office at both the north and south sections of the grove settlements, namely at Deer Grove and Wickliffe. The first and only appointment for the former was held by Mr. and Mrs. Mason Sutherland. A letter from J. D. Bristow, Ass't. P.M. Gen., dated in 1899, says that Wickliffe was the original office established and Gustavus W. Southworth appointed Postmaster in July 1842. Mr. Southworth ran the "Wickliffe House" tavern at Highland Grove. The post office was probably a box with pigeonholes in it at the rear of the establishment. Morgan Johnson served as deputy postmaster for four years after he purchased Mr. Southworth's property. T. S. Clark received the Wickliffe appointment in 1844 and 1850.

After the location of the depot in Palatine, citizens petitioned the department to have one of these offices closed. The decision was that the Deer Grove office in the Sutherland home be discontinued and an office be established in Palatine at D. B. Woods' store. Since March 1931, the post office has been in leased quarters at 45 W. Slade St. In the '80's and'90's the office was in the stores of F. G. Robinson, A. S. Olms, and H. C. Matthei. Other locations were 21 N. Brockway and the northwest corner of Brockway and Chicago Ave.

In Southworth's day it cost 25c to send a letter anywhere in the U. S. There are no records of business transacted in those early days. The present postmaster and 15 employees handle a \$66,000 volume of business annually.

The first R.F.D. service was started in 1904. Clark Keyes delivered Rte. 1 and Henry Wildhagen, Rte. 2. There are now 3 R.F.D. Routes and 2 Mounted Routes. Walter Witt has carried mail 18 years. City delivery has been in effect about 10 years.

### ARRIVAL OF RAILROAD

When the Illinois and Wisconsin R.R. began to build west of Dunton Station (Arlington Heights) in 1853, three settlements along the line demanded a side track. The company countered by promising a track to the group which took the largest share of stock. Clay's Crossing, a mile west of Palatine subscribed \$3,000 worth of stock; Palatine's amount was \$10,000. No record has been found of how much stock Glendale, a mile east of town, agreed to take.

Joel Wood and Mason Sutherland were told that the \$10,000 was not enough when they went to Chicago with the offer. They indignantly left the office; but they were called back before they reached the street and their offer accepted. The side track was put in June 10, 1855.

The road was single gauge. Service started with one freight train a day. It came out in the morning and returned in the afternoon. The crew of the first train over the road were all from Elk Grove: Jack Tripp, engineer; Mr. Russell, conductor; Mr. Cole, brakeman, baggageman, and fireman.

After two weeks the company hired Julius Thurston of Palatine to attend to the freight, check bills, and turn the switch. In addition to these duties, Julius, along with Will Dickinson and Hiram Cadwell, was supposed to fill the water tank. This tank stood west of Brockway street and was filled with a hand pump. For all this work "Superintendent" Thurston was paid \$15 a month.

The first depot agent was James Sawyer, son of a pioneer Plum Grove settler. He was followed by Mr. Sheppard and Rollin S. Williamson, whose assistant was Martin Swick,

In Dec. 1855, passenger service was inaugurated when a large crowd went to Chicago on a free excursion. The railroad company failed, and the stockholders lost everything. A new company was formed, the name changed to Prairie du Chien and Fond du Lac, and in 1859 the present title of Chicago and North Western was adopted.

The North Western is unique among American rail systems. It is left handed. Purchase of the original engines from England is one of the reasons which has been suggested for this.

The first depot at Palatine, later used as a freight depot, was built in 1855 by Hiram Thurston. The site and lumber were both given by Joel Wood.

In 1948, Bothwell Street was closed to vehicular traffic at the tracks, and the new station built on the Bothwell Street crossing. The former depot, which stood between Brockway and Bothwell was razed. This old depot was the subject of an etching by Morris Hobbs, former resident, which is included in "American Prize Prints of the Twenteth Century" collection.

### FARMER PREVENTS BANK BOBBERY

Dateline Sept. 20, 1899

The most desperate attempt at robbery and murder ever attempted in Palatine occurred September 18, 1899. Fred Filbert, cashier of the Palatine bank of Charles Patten, was seriously injured and was never able to return to work. Henry Plagge, an aged farmer, living a few miles west of the village was the hero. He was badly cut about the head by the assassin.

Last Wednesday afternoon a tall, well-built and neatly dressed man alighted from the Lake Geneva train which arrives here from Chicago at 2:05. He was unnoticed and, it seems, failed to attract any attention. He went into the bank a little before 3 o'clock while Cashier Filbert was alone. As Filbert attempted to locate an alleged farm on the map, the stranger hit him on the head with a hammer. He pulled Filbert behind a counter. At that moment, Henry Plagge entered the bank door saying, "I want to see Mr. Filbert."

The stranger called attention to Mr. Filbert who was lying on the floor, saying, "He is sick or hurt." Plagge, suspecting nothing, went behind the desk and as he approached the prostrate form of the cashier, was hit on the head by a large tack hammer. Plagge grabbed the robber around the lower part of the legs and threw him to the floor. The robber fell on top of him and commenced to beat Plagge with the butt end of a revolver.

In the struggle, the gun was discharged, the bullet entering the assassin's groin. The noise attracted pedestrians. The robber was fatally wounded and died within a few days.

Mr. Filbert's son, William J. Filbert, an officer of the U.S. Steel Corporation, used a special train to get to his father and called in some of the foremost doctors of Chicago in an effort to save his father's life.

If the robber had not been interrupted, he would have escaped on the 3:19 train with over \$5,000.

# Early Streets And Roads

Familiarity with the names of the early settlers in the township gives meaning to most of the road names still used today.

Freeman Road, which begins at Ela Road and meanders along the southwest township line, is so named because of the Freeman homestead which is situated a little beyond the first bend in the road. The house and barn are on opposite sides of the road.

Ela Road led to the early settlement of Ela, named for George Ela in the township of that name. Judge Bradwell's former acreage was at the intersection of Bradwell and Ela Roads and Baldwin Road, also beginning at Ela, at one time separated the farms of J. G. and J. P. Baldwin.

Hicks Road passes the old Hicks farm just northeast of town, while Staples Road, an extension of Smith St. in the village, ends at the original Lyman Staples farm at Dundee Road. The east township line, Wilke Road, passes Fred Wilke's farm north of Northwest highway on the west side of Wilke Road.

Residents who grew up in Palatine remember Quintens Corners at the meeting of Rand and Quintens Roads, where three Quentin brothers ran a creamery, store, and hotel, one on each of three corners. The homestead was on the fourth. The family name is spelled Quentin, while the vowels have been reversed in the road spelling. The change was inadvertently made by the county highway department.

Spring floods and mud became serious handicaps in the early days. Once each week the Quentins took butter from their creamery to the railroad at Palatine in time for the Chicago Express. Sometimes four horses were needed to get through the slough at Deer Grove.

James Daniels' farm was just south of Daniels Road and west of Plum Grove. A little farther south a Glade farm explains Glade Road. A map of 1886 shows H. Kirchhoff owning 355 acres north of Kirchhoff Road bordering Rohlwing. Fifty years ago the Wilde farm, now Rolling Meadows, belonged to William Kirchhoff. All these farms were on Kirchhoff Road, while the Kirchhoff homestead was a mile west of Mt. Prospect on Central Road. Rohlwing Road, which ends at Baldwin, originates near the John Rohlwing homestead in Elk Grove township.

Chicago Ave. used to be called Kitson Road and Lucy Flake, who grew up west of town, well remembers the difficulties in crossing Kitson's bridge when Salt Creek was on the rampage. The following is a remonstrance against laying of the road now known as Chicago Ave., and is given verbatim, showing that the spirit of opposition existed just as strongly then, as now.

Palatine, Sept. 17, 1855

"To the honurabe the Commitionors of Palatine County of Cook state of Ill. We the undersighted Beg Leeve Respectfully to submit our Remonstrance against the Petition of Joel Wood & others Disiring to Lay a Road across our Lands & through the town of palatine on the Grounds First we think that the Publick Good Doas Not require it But that it is a

skeem got up By a few for Dollars & sents, secand That it will put the Town & Those that own the Land to a good Deal of unnesseary Expence and truble.

Thos. Atkinson	D	Myron H. Lytle	D
Fredrick Roper	D	Thos. Bradwell	
Hr. Heinemann	D	John Swick	D
G. Heinemann	D	Peter Bogart	
John Kitson	D	Henry Wilson	
Heinrich Halber		Andrew Wilson	
H. Heinemann	D	John Rieger	
F. Theo. Frye	D	Henry Rieger	
M. C. Merill		Chas. Freeman	
Thomas F. Wilson		A. H. Fosket	
Lorin Edgerton		E. Cady	
Friedrich Roper		John George Vehe	
Thos. Freeman		F. Freund	
David Lytle	D		

N.B. those of ous that has the Letter D atached to our Names will Clame Damag in case you think good to Lay the said Road.

Respectfully Yours &c''

A township minutes book reveals that Old Plum Grove Road was officially dedicated in 1876 after having been used as a highway for over twenty years.

Delving into old records brings to light many interesting facts and some puzzles. From a comparison of the 1861 map included elsewhere in this book one concludes that the road dedicated "Plumb Grove Road" Oct. 21, 1850, was located one-half mile east of the present Plum Grove Road, at what is now Hicks Road. The dedication reads as follows:

"The undersigned commissioners of highways for the town of Palatine in the county of Cook on the application of D. B. Wood and others, did on the 21st day of October cause a survey to be made of the following route to wit: commencing at a point on the Dundee and Wheeling road at the center of the north line of sect. 11 thence running south between lands owned by Mason Sutherland and Grove Bennett, Sidney Sutherland and William B. Alford, Aldrich Sutherland and James Wilson, P. Webster and D. B. Wood, Joel Wood and Sumner Sayles, to that E. corner of Jonas's Baker's land . . . . "

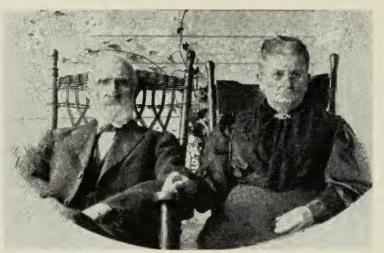
According to early accounts, tree branches and straw were used in making the road-bed,

Many of the streets in the village likewise preserve the memory of early citizens such as M. S. Johnson, John Slade, John Wilson, Joel Wood, B. B. Lincoln, Richmond and Robertson. Smith St., formerly Cemetery Road extended from Hillside Cemetery to the home of Israel Smith, now N. Smith St. Wooden sidewalks were used for pedestrians and the street crossings were made of planks with a sloping rarty connecting the sidewalk and crossing. In muddy weather after a team and wagon went by, a storekeeper would often go out and sweep the mud from the crossing to keep it from being tracked into his place of business. One suspects that these storekeepers were particularly agreeable to the paving assessments in later years.



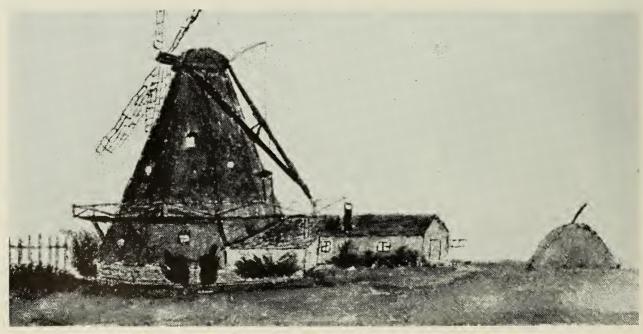
FLAX MILL ERECTED IN 1878. DESTROYED BY FIRE IN 1892

1878



MR. AND MRS. M. L. PINNEY
Mrs. Clarinda Cady Pinney (1838-1932) was the first
white child to be born in Palatine township.

1885



OLD PALATINE LANDMARK DISMANTLED IN 1900 — Wind provided the power to grind the feed for farmers. Above is taken from an oil painting by Lottie Hart when she was 16 years old.

# EARLY PALATINE INDUSTRIES

The various mills in Palatine in the '80's and '90's competed for the business of the surrounding area.

The Batterman enterprises included a flax mill, planing mill, and grain elevator. The first flax mill, owned by this firm, built about 1878, was located south of Chicago Ave. and west of Greeley St.

Local farmers who raised flax delivered loads of flax straw here after the flax was threshed. They were paid \$3-\$6 a load. Some of the straw was allowed to lie on the ground until it reached the proper stage of decay. Then it was shipped on to the rope factories.

Other straw, from which fibers were to be obtained for upholstery, was cut and shaken to remove the chaff. It was then shipped in bales to Chicago and eastern city manufacturers.

In 1882 Mr. Batterman built a planing mill on property adjoining the flax mill. August Abelman and Charles Ost were members of this firm which was then known as Abelman & Co. Abelman was a son-in-law of Batterman; Ost was a retired Lake county farmer.

A planing mill did a thriving business in those days of solid lumber. Flooring, sash, doors, blinds, and Palatine's fence pickets were all made there.

A grist mill and lumberyard were also part of this Abelman mill. After these buildings were destroyed in the fire of 1892 the members of the firm acquired property adjoining the railroad, west of the Comfort yard, between Greeley and Smith Sts.

They also purchased the Lytle grain elevator which stood on the east side of Brockway, about opposite the old depot.

Fred Haemker, who lives at 317 W. Chicago Ave., remembers that his father undertook the job of moving this structure which was too large to be taken through the streets. Mr. Haemker obtained permission from the North Western to use their track from 9 p.m. to the following 6 a.m. That was a busy night for all the men and boys, and waiting train crews, who watched the building on timbers, rolled along the tracks to its new location. Mr. Haemker made good his promise and the track was cleared for trains at 5:30 a.m.

A grist and flour mill was built south of the elevator at its new location. After a bank of flour and grain grinders were installed, farmers brought their grain and wheat from great distances, taking home ground feed for their animals and flour for their families.

Miss Grace Beutler's father, Ernest, was in charge of the planing mill situated west of the grist mill. This building was torn down when the planing mill was closed. The other buildings burned in the big fire of 1904, when townspeople joined the firemen, carrying water in washtubs to try and save the business as well as the surrounding buildings.

W. R. Comfort Sons, named after its founder, was started in 1874 when it was known as Comfort & Slade. Farmers brought loads of wheat, corn and barley in their big timber wagons. The grain elevating machinery in this elevator was operated by horsepower, propelled by a blindfolded horse traveling in a circle. The wagon loads of grain were driven onto a ramp and securely fastened. When this ramp was tipped, the endgate of the wagon opened allowing the grain to flow into a large hopper be-

neath the ramp. The machinery for raising the grain to storage bins in the upper part of the elevator was the horsepower which set in motion wide belts to which were fastened cups. These cups scooped up the grain, and on reaching the top threw it in a bin. When the market price seemed right the elevator operators shipped the grain into Chicago.

The mill which held the most fascination for children probably was the mill operated by the wind, built by William Jahnke, in the vicinity of Benton and Sherman streets, which he operated from 1879 to 1894. In fact, a former resident, Alma Frye Miller, Stockton, Calif., tells this story of her childhood spent at the mill:

"The mill really was a great attraction. It seemed to be on a barren knoll, no trees, naturally, around the mill; about ½ block from Benton street and 200 feet or so behind the house. It was on a 'dead-end' road which was very muddy in the spring. Horse-drawn wagons loaded with grain moved to the platform where 'the dusty miller' helped them unload. When a good strong wind arose, whether it was from east, west, north, or south, the big fans would go lickety split, and we knew the grain was being ground into flour.

"Sometimes Mr. Jahnke's children, Alvina and Albert, would take us into the mill. We loved to gaze at the pile of filled bags and hear the rumble of the fans going round and round.

"The mill was very clean, not a speck of dirt, and a pleasing odor of ground meal and grain permeated the air. Never were we allowed to go out on the circular platform when the fans were going. There was a story that one of the miller's small boys had been out there when the big fans swooped down and threw him across some rocks, killing him instantly."

G. Peck and M. S. Johnson each operated cider mills within a block of each other on South Plum Grove and Johnson.

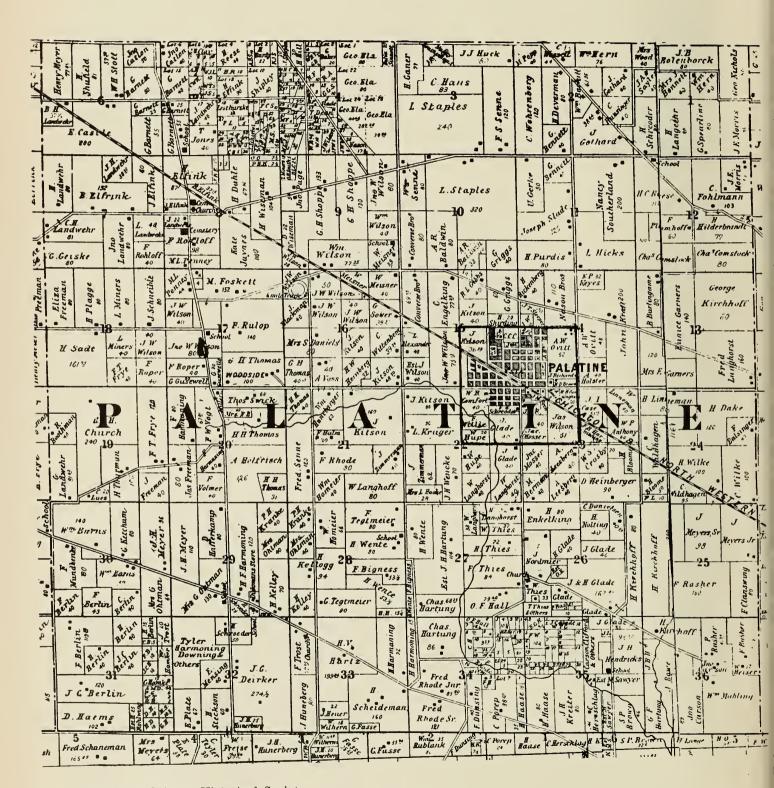
The Richmond creamery was opposite on the southwest corner, Mr. Johnson also sold "pure cider vinegar" and his ad in the paper specified that the price was 15c a gallon.

The Palatine Maennerchor, famous German singing society in Palatine in the '80's and 90's, was more than a social organization in those days. It was a community power, as among its members were representatives of the leading German-American families. Following the erection of the brick block in 1884 by H. C. Batterman, the Maennerchor had the honor of planning and arranging the dedication of the building, which was held on Nov. 27, 1884.

Henry Batterman, son of the builder, had in his possession a poster, advertising the event, which was, of course, printed in the German language with a short English translation at the bottom. The poster, free translated reads:

"Great Opening Ball. Batterman's Hall Palatine, given by Palatine Maennerchor Thursday, Nov. 27, 1884, commencing at 6 o'clock. The opening will be by singing, music and speeches, also the Palatine brass band. A ball and dance will follow to which all friends from near and far are invited to have a nice, enjoyable evening. For good eats and drinks, everything is provided for. Arlington Heights band will play. Gents \$1; ladies free."

### TOWNSHIP LAND OWNERS IN 1886



-Courtesy of the Chicago Historical Society

# Organize Village of Palatine

The story of the organization of the village of Palatine is told here in chronological form. It appears that Palatine had three forms of government. The first, in 1866, was of short duration. It was probably based on state statutes then in effect. It was replaced three years later by a special charter issued by the legislature. Reorganization under the cities and villages act took place in 1888.

The village of Palatine as an incorporated village received its start March 19, 1866, at a "meeting of resident voters of the town of Palatine, Cook County, Illinois, at Slade and Schirding Hall to hold a consultation in reference to incorporating said town in accordance with the provisions of the statutes of the State of Illinois," so reads the minutes of R. S. Williamson, clerk, and D. Newcomb, chairman.

Following the posting of an official 10-day notice a meeting of the legal voters was held April 2, 1866, "to vote by viva voce for or against incorporation." Rev. J. A. Halleck was elected president and R. S. Williamson clerk. The vote was 73 "for" and 20 "against."

On April 4, 1866, a meeting was called for April 9 by posting a notice in three "most public places," the Turner & Robinson store, Slade & Schirding store and the postoffice, to elect by viva voce vote five residents and freeholders of said town for trustees and one resident for police magistrate."

The five trustees elected were Joel Wood, Myron H. Lytle, Henry Schirding, Solon M. Johnson and F. G. Robinson; R. S. Williamson, police magistrate.

The first meeting of the trustees was held April 10 when Myron H. Lytle was elected president and R. S. Williamson was appointed clerk.

The village board found many problems facing them. Early action taken includes:

Horses prohibited from running at large.

No member shall vote on a question in which he is directly interested.

A committee composed of Trustees Wood, Johnson and Robinson was directed to prepare a plat of the town which was done by C. T. Brockway for \$27.50

County refunded to village \$50 license fee for tavern, paid to the county by Jacob Mosser.

Sleight of hand performances prohibited without a license.

The second election was held April 9, 1867, at 2 o'clock at which existing board members were all defeated.

R. S. Williamson received \$15 as village clerk for the past year.

A poll tax of 3 days' labor or payment of \$1.00 required.

First realty tax levy was fixed at 50c on each \$100 valuation.

Ordinance prohibiting ball playing on streets repealed.

The happenings of succeeding years follows:

#### 1866

No state, cities and villages act had been passed when village was organized in 1866.

#### 1868

Israel Smith and Granville Peck appointed a committee to "attend to the copying or printing or forwarding to the next legislature a request for a charter for the corporation of the village of Pala-

tine."

#### 1869

By virtue of an act passed at the last session of the Legislature of the State of Illinois to incorporate the town of Palatine and approved March 25, 1869, Israel Smith, Joel Wood, Laban Putnam, H. C. Batterman and Timothy Dean were incorporated first board of trustees of said town.

Street crossing 3 feet wide with hard wood on each side of plank.

Town gets new charter by special act of legislature.

No selling or giving away of liquor or gambling on Sabbath Day.

Cows giving milk may run at large, 5 a.m. to 7 p.m. from May 15 to Sept. 15.

Police paid \$1 for night duty.

Collector allowed 5% for collecting town tax.

Amend ordinance; only one cow per family can run loose.

Sidewalk on Smith street to cemetery must be 5 foot wide and set on well driven posts through slough.

#### 1870

Trustees exempt themselves from poll tax.

#### 187

Order 12 street lanterns from Charles Taege, Arlington Heights (grandfather of Mrs. N. L. Thompson). Let contract to Henry Baker to fit and paint lamp posts at 48c and to Mr. Wolford to "set" the posts properly at 20c each.

Charles Taege raises price of lamps from \$2 to \$3. Committee directed to get someone to extinguish and trim lights as cheaply as possible.

#### 1879

Hire lamplighter at 50c a night.

Tavern owners post bonds as required by new law. Open Brockway street from Chicago ave. to Washington.

Hire 6 policemen and board members to keep order on July 4.

E. C. Lytle paid \$11.90 for lamp-lighting.

#### 1873

M. S. Johnson given permission to shoot wood-peckers.

Special election to purchase land for park defeated.

Public meeting held in Mosser's hall, approve sinking, of artesian well, paying for same with a \$4,000 bond issue.

Well contract awarded at \$4 per foot for first 800 feet; then \$4.25.

Sink well at Bothwell and Wood. Vote additional \$1,000 well bonds.

#### 1874

Vote 81 to 28 against organization under general law. Issue another \$1,000 water bonds.

#### 1874

Not enough water in Artesian well for public use. Ordered a ditch dug and piping installed to pipe water from well to reservoir on Brockway St.

#### 1875

Saloon licenses were raised from \$50 to \$200. A brick and cement cistern was built at Artesian well. A vote on Village Organization was defeated 57-35.

#### 1878

New meeting rules were passed that no member could speak more than 10 minutes without the consent of the Board. Non-board members must obtain board's permission to address them at meetings. Constable Babcock was ordered to provide lodging at the corporation's expense for tramps.

#### 1879

Saloon license fees were reduced to \$150. Minutes for June 7 have first mention of ENTERPRISE in printing bill. The board accepted the flag and cannon in trust for the citizens of the village. Eavespouts were placed on Schierding's store to fill fire cistern near corner of Brockway and Slade streets.

#### 1881

Another special election was held to vote on Village Organization results: pro 29 con 29. Proposition lost.

A Public Health Ordinance was adopted re infectious and pestilential diseases.

Fire apparatus was bought and a Fire Department formed.

#### 1883

Board voted themselves yearly compensation of \$15 and the clerk \$50 (this to include his fee as attorney). "Lock-up" site purchased in lot 6 Block "A" for \$30. Each saloon was furnished by Board with a list of people to whom liquor could not be sold under penalty or fine.

#### 1884

License fees for saloons raised to \$500, this included the right to have one billiard table and one pool table without extra charge.

#### 1885

Henry Bicknase hired as night policeman for \$1 a night. Dr. Wadhams named village physician. "Lock-up", 12'x14' ordered built.

#### 1887

Village organization carried under general law of Ill. 65 to 0. J. H. Schierding elected president, and trustees drew lots for terms of office.

A fire engine was purchased also hose cart and hose for \$1,000.

F. G. Robinson was elected first fire marshal unlil an ordinance could be passed regarding election to that office.

Village rents Hunnerberg hall for meeting place at \$12 a year.

Hired street commissioner and his team for \$3 a day.

Owner of cow attacks poundmaster with a pitchfork as the animal was being led away.

Henry Bicknase hired as night watchman, taking care of lighting street lamps and earing for engine, \$1 a night.

Vote to buy fire engine.

#### 1888

Rent Hunnerberg's hall for village board meetings at \$12 a year, including light and fuel. Fiscal year starts July 1, closes June 30.

Appropriation for year \$3,700.

Purchase 33x66 ft, of land from Charles Vehe for \$360.

#### 1889

H. C. Batterman offers to serve as village treasurer without pay.

New village hall opened to entertainments and political meetings.

#### 1900

Park Ridge Arc Light and Power Co. asks electric light franchise.

Public caucus held to nominate candidates for village offices.

J. H. Schierding defeats Charles S. Cutting 120 to 46 for village president.

Substitutes \$500 dram shop fee in place of \$1,000. Dr. Owen deeds land for opening Wood st. from Fremont to Hicks rd.

Bid of \$240 by Maynard to prepare plans for sewer system accepted.

#### 1891

Secure bids for hook and ladder truck.

Fred Schrader gives right-of-way for sewer for \$25.

Order C&NW R.R. to provide crossing protection.

#### 1892

Deluge Fire Company reorganized. Board votes 3-3 on raise of clerk's salary to \$100 a year; president votes "no." Finally approved

a salary of \$80 a year.

#### 1894

Robertson & Patten subdivision annexed.

#### 189

Rent hall to band at \$5 a year.

Fire Dept. reorganized; 12 on engine, 6 on hose cart.

#### 1896

Build cisterns for fire protection at northeast corner Bothwell and Wilson.

R. H. Lytle fire marshal.

#### 1897

Call citizens' mass meeting to consider water works

Petition presented for \$15,000 water works; pump standpipe \$9,500; building \$6,970.

#### 1898

Franchise granted Chicago Telephone Co. John Bergman hired water works superintendent. Free water to school; service to residents up to engineer.

#### 1900

Yearly report reports 35 taps and consumption of 1,627,000 galons of water; year receipts from users \$325.

### 1901

Franchise granted Highland Grove Telephone Co. Accept bid of C. W. Maynard to make plans for sewer system for fee \$240.

Advertise for sewer construction.

#### 1902

Franchise granted Wm. D. Ball to construct interurban through Palatine.

#### 1903

Buy 20 gasoline street lamps. Authorize sale of fire engine.

Build cement sidewalks at 14c a foot.

Northern Illinois Traction Co. granted extension of franchise.

#### 1904

Voters reject \$6,000 bond issue for sewer construction 108 to 21.

Night police to care for lower hall; day police upper hall.

Franchise for gas mains presented.

Authorize new water reservoir to cost \$3,300.

Granted franchise to Northwestern Gas, Light & Coke Co.

Granted franchise to Chicago, Des Plaines and Fox River R. R.

Mr. Olms, president. Salaries of Night Police Henry Law, Police and Lamplighter, \$45.00 a month, raised to \$50.00; Herman Schrader, assistant, \$30.00 a month, raised to \$35.00.

Stuart Paddock, Village Clerk, \$20.00 per quarter. Sidewalks cost 14c a sq. ft.—Village paid 1/3. First Board of Local Improvements appointed in 1906.

#### 1907

Sealed proposal for addition to pump station and new equipment; C. H. Patten bid \$3,279, Accepted.

Petition signed by 150 property owners wanted Rose street open between Slade and Chicago ave. New addition at Hillside.

Mr. Olms presented plat for Greendale cemetery for approval by the Board. Accepted.

Sidewalks cost 12c per sq. ft.

Ordinance restricting saloons to 5 until such time as the ratio shall be 300 inhabitants to 1 saloon. Baseball teams ordered to provide a police officer for ball games and no trespassing on property of citizens adjoining the park.

Village hall painted—cost \$72.00.

#### 1909

Palatine looks for appropriate place for septic tank for sewage disposal.

Plat of Richmond Subdivision was approved. (North of Colfax between Plum Grove and Brock-

John H. Schierding elected mayor in April by 20

Night policemen were given 1 week vacation. Mr. Abelman was asked to put outside stairway

on the hall.

In 1910 a fire escape was put on the south. A limit of 354 persons was allowed in the hall at any one time.

#### 1910

Poultry running at large a nuisance, owners were notifed through the Palatine Enterprise that offenders will be dealt with according to law. Regular Fire Department of the Village was established by ordinance. The appointment of a Fire Marshal is approved by the Village Board.

The old cannon in possession of the Village was do-

nated to the W.R.C. with the understanding that they care for it in the future.

Recommend a new well be sunk.

Petition with 33 signers asked that Palatine Theatre be permitted to produce moving pictures on Sunday. Motion lost.

Night police salaries raised \$5.00 each. raise in 6 years.

#### 1913

Saloons limited to 6.

Chemical engine requested by the Fire Department. Its members were willing to pay half of the expense.

Village clerk bond raised from \$1000.00 to \$5000.00. Oil purchased for the streets cost \$3.62 per hun-

Ordinance regarding saloons amended to read: "1 saloon to every 250 of population instead of 1 to every 200."

Notice served on several residents for the removal of board walks and placing cinders in their place. Ordinance, providing for the health of the Village of Palatine and creating a Board of Health therefore, and designating its powers and duties and declaring nuisances, and providing penalties for offenses, etc.
First Village Board of Health appointed November

1914 by President Taylor. Members of board: Drs. Starck, J. L. Black, F. A. Gibbs, Mr. Schering and

A, S. Olms.

#### 1915

All gambling devices such as punch boards, raffles, and raffle cards are prohibited in the village.

#### 1917

Palatine joins Illinois Municipal League, formed to increase maximum tax rate from 12 mills to 20 mills.

Ordinance was passed licensing pool rooms and pool tables.

Republic fire truck purchased; 35 h.p. for \$2635.00.

Donation of \$100.00 toward uniforms of Palatine Home Guards.

#### 1919

Vote favorable for \$10,000.00 bond issue in favor of new pumping station.

Proclamation issued requesting all citizens to assist in observing Memorial Day May 30, 1919, and refrain from all amusements.

Palatine plans "Welcome Home Celebration."
Construction of connected system of sewers, probable cost \$147,000.00.

#### 1920

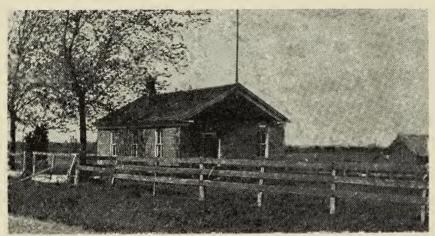
William Garms appointed police marshal by President Taylor; wages to be \$115.00 per month. Sewer problems increase.

(Note: In order to insure publication of this book in time for the Centennial celebration, research was necessarily halted as of the year 1920. story of the sewer litigation is interesting. administration was swept out of power and the village was divided along political lines several years. The much needed sewer was ultimately installed and Palatine again became one happy family).

### VILLAGE OFFICERS

Village Presidents—Myron Lytle, 1866; Barber, 1867; Smith, 1868; Wm. Richards, 1869; Putnam, 1870-74; Israel Smith, 1875; John Loges, 1876-77; Henry Schierding 1878-85; J. H. Schirding, 1886-87 (incorporated as village); Frank G. Robinson, 1888-89; J. H. Schirding 1890-92; A. S. Olms, 1893; C. H. Patten, 1894-95; Henry C. Batterman, 1896-98; A. S. Olms, 1899-1908; John H. Schirding, 1909-13; C. D. Taylor, 1914-20; Henry Pahlman, 1921-22; Frank Danielson, 1923-26; William S. Dollinger, 1927-30; E. H. Oltendorf, 1931-32; Adolph R. Godnecht, 1933-41; William H. DePue, 1942-48; George Voss, 1949-51; Lyle McKown, 1952-53; Charles F. Wittenberg, 1954; Howard Olson, 1955—.

Village Clerks—Rollin S. Williamson, 1866; G. VanValkenberg, 1867; Granville Peck, 1868-70; F. J. Filbert, 1871-78; Charles S. Cutting, 1879-83; F. J. Filbert, 1888-89; I. O. Clay, 1890-92; Henry J. Stroker, 1893-96; J. H. Otto Engelking, 1897-98; Albert G. Smith, 1899-1900; Harry Schoppe, 1901; Albert G. Smith, 1902-04; W. H. Brockway, 1905; Stuart Paddock, 1906-13; John H. Toynton, 1914-17; Walter Stroker, 1918-19; W. A. Danielson, 1919; W. A. Mundhenk, 1920-22; T. C. Hart, 1922-33; E. P. Steinbrinck, 1934-54; Warren Kohler, 1954-



BRADWELL SCHOOL, NAMED AFTER PIONEER

Practically all of the early schools in Palatine township were similarly constructed. This one and two others were replaced by brick structures. Due to school consolidation, they have now been remodeled into residences. School District 18, Ela road, near Algonquin, is the only one-room rural school in Palatine still in operation.



ORIGINAL WOOD STREET SCHOOL — 1869-1912

# Early Settlers Start Public Schools

As early as 1846 there were three school districts in the township. By 1850 these had increased to eight districts with a total enrollment of 409 children, and in 1883 there were 1,011 children enrolled from nine districts. George C. Whipple, the first school trustee, was elected in 1869.

Exact location of Palatine's first school is obscured. Andreas, in his "History of Cook County" published in 1884, says, "A schoolhouse was erected just outside the present limits of the town sometime previous to its commencing to build up. In 1855 or '56 it was moved within the corporation. The first teacher after the removal was Miss Lucina Spring." Another early account stated, "The first building used in Palatine for a school was the Haase house on Chicago Ave."

Undoubtedly the first school built in the village, about 1860, was located on the present Wood St. site, on land donated by Joel Wood. This was a one-story frame building. During the war years (1861-65), it became crowded and the older children went to classes in the lower floor of the Masonic Building, then located at Bothwell and Wilson.

In 1869 a two-story frame building containing four rooms and a basement was constructed on the same site. It stood a few feet to the rear of the present red brick building. The graded system was adopted at this time. B. L. Dodge was the first principal, 1869-73, followed by Joseph Barnabee and C. C. Dodge. Charles S. Cutting was principal from 1875-80. During his principalship he organized the Palatine High School which was housed in one room of the grade school building on the second floor.

The four room wooden schoolhouse was enlarged to six rooms when an addition was constructed on the north side of the building in 1888. When this building was outgrown, additional property in the block was purchased, the highly prized elm trees were cut down, and the present brick building was erected in 1912. Ben Wenegar was the builder. The old frame building was razed with great difficulty. Lumber was cheap when it was built and the wreckers found four thicknesses of boards in the floor. They had been coated with several inches of clay to deaden the sound.

The following brief entries were found in an old minute book:

"April the 5th, 1873, at an election held at the schoolhouse of Dist. No. 6 in town of Palatine. The meeting was called to order by S. P. Brown. The account of the directors for the past year was read and approved. The time of B. Waters as director had expired. According to notice given, one new director had to be elected. Mr. B. Waters was reelected to serve as director for three years. It was also voted that nine months' schooling should be held for the ensuing year."

#### Expenses

June 7, mending clock July 2, Abbot	\$ .75 18.00
Nov. 4, American Ins. Co.	22.50
Nov. 17, M. G. Abbot, janitor May 15, Peck, treasurer	$19.63 \\ 36.13$

\$97.01

This is a balanced account of expenses for the entire year excluding teachers' salaries. The receipts totalling the same amount consisted of tuition payments from the following persons: Gareson, B. Boget, G. W. Freise, G. W. Ford, D. Putnam, Roberts, H. Freise, Clay, Barnabe and George Schneible.

The average pupil attendance during the quarter was 33 and board member H. Schirding visited the class once. The following teachers were on the payroll: Joseph Barnabee, Miss Julia Loomis, M. H. Patten, Dodge, Mrs. Wilson and Anne Lytle.

C. H. Austin, who was principal in 1883, was assisted by Walter Harrower, grammar department, Miss Frances E. Swick, intermediate, and Miss Eva Castle, primary. The enrollment was approximately 200 pupils. Principals following Mr. Austin were H. L. Merrill, W. L. Smyser, M. L. Smyser, Mr. Hughes, Charles Lowman, Allen B. Morris, E. L. Kimball and George C. Butler, who was principal of grade school and the high school 8 years.

With the completion of the high school building in 1928, the administration of the two schools was separated and John J. Reusser became principal of District 15. He was followed by Mr. Rolfs, Mr. Gustafson, Joseph Clettenberg and Mark Riedel. Marion Jordan, the present superintendent, came to Palatine in 1947.

The Community Consolidated School District 15 was organized in 1946, comprising the following districts; No. 13—Wittenberg School; No. 14—Staples corners (Kitty Korners); No. 15—Wood st. (village); No. 16—Hillside; No. 17—Bradwell; No. 19—Plum Grove. The first Board of Education of the new district was elected on April 13, 1946, with G. M. Sanborn president. Twenty teachers were hired.

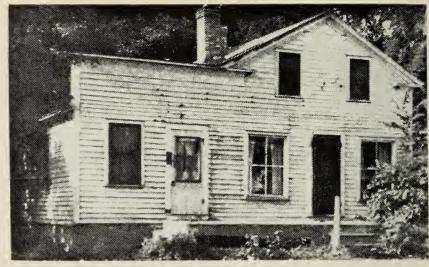
Immediate action was required to erect a new building. Approximately six acres were purchased following voter approval, February 15, 1947. Two months later a bond issue of \$600,000 was voted favorably. The new Oak Street School was built and ready for classes in the fall of 1948.

Rapid growth of the town demanded another school building. A site of nearly 12 acres was secured on the south side of town. In the spring of 1953 bonds of \$706,000 were approved by the voters and progress began on a new 23-room school. In September, 1954, it was opened as the Stuart R. Paddock School.

The community of Rolling Meadows which began development late in 1953 substantially increased classroom needs. It was soon evident that the addition of the Paddock School would be inadequate even before its completion. Kimball Hill, the developer of Rolling Meadows, donated land in that area and began construction of a school. The Kimball Hill School now consists of 18 rooms and a total of 30 rooms is contemplated when the school is completed.

At the close of school in 1955 there were 85 teachers employed and an enrollment of approximately 2,100 pupils.

This building still standing on South Railroad Drive was the first Palatine business house. It was moved from Clay's crossing to its present site by Smith Pratt. Seventy years ago it was a cabinet shop, then followed fifty years as a tailor shop. The Methodist church used it a number of years as its Thrift Shop. It is now a residence.



FIRST BUSINESS BUILDING IN PALATINE

1912



SLADE STREET FROM BOTHWELL TO BROCKWAY



Matthei store at the right. The post office was in adjoining building to the south. Other buildings are Odd Fellows hall, Prellberg building, Meyer residence (site of former Meyer's tavern.)

Masonic hall in distance.

# THE STORY OF PALATINE HIGH SCHOOL

Voters of Palatine township quickly gave their approval in 1914 to the formation of a township high school district which began to collect taxes and operate at once.

A three cornered court battle involving Palatine, Arlington Heights and Mt. Prospect required several years of litigation over jurisdiction.

The "battles" started when Arlington sought to organize a district, taking in two sections of the town of Palatine and Mt. Prospect.

The litigation lasted several years and at its end Palatine had lost the two sections adjoining the village of Arlington Heights which now include the race track. In recent years Palatine has also lost part of its northwest area to the Barrington high school district, but has annexed Schaumburg township.

### 1914

Members of first Palatine Township High School Board—R. L. Peck, president; A. G. Smith, secretary; H. S. Heise, F. J. Rohde, P. M. Matthei, William Reese, I. M. Kuebler.

Rented space in grade school building until 1928.

### 1917

William B. Johnson was elected assistant high school principal at \$1,000 a year. His request in January for release was refused until March when a replacement was secured. Johnson later became superintendent of Chicago schools.

### 1921

One third of Principal George Butler's \$3,300 salary was paid by grade school. He served both district 211 and 15 boards. The high school paid \$1,500 annually for space rented in the grade school building on east Wood street.

Referendum for school site—Selected Dean site but later built on Comfort site.

### 1922

Referendum for building (Feb. 11)—Failed 381-316. Referendum for building (June 17)—Failed 414-310.

### 1924

Committee named to approach Schaumburg residents on possible annexation to Palatine Township High School district. For a year, or more, committee kept reporting no action and finally stated that Schaumburg was not interested. Schaumburg finally joined in 1953.

Resolution of board to require 15 units of credit for graduation including four years of English, two math, one history, and one science.

Judge Cutting donated \$150 for library books.

### 1925

Refused tuition bill from Barrington for three students at \$145.24 each until itemized statement of school expenses was filed. Minutes contain from time to time many references about trouble with Barrington over tuition inasmuch as county superintendent had given students of area in N.W. part of township, permission to go to Barrington.

### 1926

Board voted to pay \$10 a month toward publication of the school paper "The Spotlight."

Seips hall rented for basketball — \$140 for the season.

Referendum for building (Dec. 18)—Carried 360-

238, including \$125,000 bond issue.

### 1927

Joined state school board association.

Rented Arlington Heights high school gym at \$3.00 for practice and \$15 for games.

### 1928

Bought 10 lots east of building for \$13,375 with understanding that injunction against finishing the building be lifted by objecting group.

Rental schedule for Cutting Hall set at \$50.00 a night and \$5.00 for rehearsals and gym at \$35.00 with evening practices \$10.00. (Present rates about half this amount).

### 1928

First faculty in new building—G. C. Butler, principal; Harrison Kincajd, Elizabeth Miller, Mercie Heise, Verna Jumps, Gladys Schwartz, Esther Smith, Pieter Vervloet.

### 1929

Judge Cutting donated \$1,000 for library books.

### 1930

Board acted to stop rental of Cutting Hall for pay activities where admission was charged after charging Booster Club \$50 plus \$5 for janitors.

### 193

Harrison Kincaid resigned to teach in Chicago; Carl Megel hired to coach and teach science. (Megel is present president of the American Federation of Teachers of the AF of L.)

G. A. McElroy, present principal, hired at \$1,500.

### 1932

Board cut all salaries 10% effective at once and voted not to pay the \$100 part of the salary held to last pay check to guarantee teacher not resigning during the year. Teachers had no written contracts.

Some of the Board members and teachers have served the high school many years, Noteworthy:

William Fremd, member of board, 18 years.

G. A. McElroy, faculty, 24 years, principal 11 years.

G. C. Butler, principal 12 years. M. E. Plate, member, 14 years. Charles Malody, member, 14 years. Dan Bergman, member, 25 years. Mercie Heise, faculty, 26 years. Verna Jumps, faculty, 26 years. Mae Gibbs, faculty, 20 years.

BOARD PRESIDENTS—R. L. Peck, 1914-20; Tom Hart, 1920-24; C. B. Morris, 1924-29; L. L. Mc-Masters, 1929-30; Tom Hart, 1930-32; Elvin Skibbe, 1932-35; Harrison A. Kincaid, 1935-42; William G. Ost, 1942-43; Charles Malody, 1943-48; R. S. Williams, 1948 (Sept. to Jan.); Martin E. Plate, 1949 (Jan.-Apr.); William Fremd, 1949.

PRINCIPALS—Mr. Hughes, 1914-15; Charles W. Lowman, 1915-16; Allen B. Morris, 1916-19; E. L. Kimball, 1919-21; G. C. Butler, 1921-33; Ernest Iler, 1933-34 (Died Dec. 1934); John L. Reusser, 1935-44; Gerald A. McElroy, 1944.



Palatine's Railroad Park was a show place of Palatine during the days when the railroad section men did the grass cutting. When their pay was raised the North Western sought ways to economize and park care by the North Western ended. At different periods civic bodies assumed the responsibility but it was usually not until the grass was knee or waist high that some public-spirited individual came to the rescue. The width of the park was reduced by the installation of the third track. The North Western finally deeded the property to the village and the present parking area has removed any need for park care, except for a narrow strip that is now under the care of the Plum Grove Garden Club.



After Henry Godknecht, cigar maker, was burned out at the time of the Chicago Fire in 1871, he came to Palatine and started to make cigers in the tailor shop of Ernest Prellberg. Two years later he purchased the property at the northeast corner of Wood street and Plum Grove avenue, where he continued his business. That building is now the home of his daughter, Margaret Godknecht. It has the same appearance today that it had 80 years ago, except the Indian that was the "business card" of all cigar makers in those days is not on the porch and the store window and fence have been removed.

# Palatine Gets A Library

The idea of starting a library was suggested by George Miniberger to the other members of his Boy Scout troop in the spring of 1923. The Scouts approved this idea for a civic "Good Deed," and appointed a citizens' committee to assist in a financial drive.

The financial committee chose Mrs. Marvin Greener, J. A. Burlingame, and C. V. Julian to administer the \$1,000 which had been collected. Mrs. Nordal Thompson, William Ost and Frank Danielsen were added to the administrative committee. This temporary board rented the Scout room, in a small building at the rear of the H. C. Matthei store. (3 S. Bothwell Street).

Miss Lottie Hart, who had been chosen as librarian, was assisted by Robert Schoppe and Harry Kleinsmith, in shelving the 300 books, which comprised the initial collection. The room was furnished with draperies, two sections of oak shelving, three small tables, and twelve chairs. This was the setting when the grand opening was held on September 8. Four days later the library opened for regular business. The hours were 3:00 to 5:30 and 7:00 to 9:00 Wednesdays and Saturdays. Margaret Schering (Mrs. Jack Winn) was the first customer and requested "Our National Parks." Sixty-two borrowers were registered the first day.

The library was so successful that a special election was held May 31, 1924, and the proposition to establish a library board and to levy a library tax was carried by a small majority. A second fund drive was conducted in 1924, because public money would not be available from tax collections until 1925.

In the regular election of 1925, a library board was elected, comprising Mrs. Marvin Greener, Mrs. Edna Senne, Mrs. Bertha Thompson, J. A. Burlingame, C. V. Julian and William Ost.

The library went through a fire in 1934. Shelving, which is still in use, shows fire damage and some books were destroyed. Within the month the library reopened, after repairs had been made on the building and the furniture.

In December 1946, quarters became crowded and the library was moved to 55 W. Wood Street. An open house was held there October 6, 1948, to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the library and to pay tribute to Miss Lottie Hart who had served as librarian since its beginning. In 1950 Miss Hart resigned because of ill health. She was voted the title "Librarian Emeritus" by the Library Board. Among the many gifts of appreciation which she received was a tribute to her years of service from the Palatine Lions Club. This group annually gives a sum of money to be spent specifically for books on the Lions Shelf established in recognition of Lottie E. Hart." Mrs. Wilfred Muller was appointed librarian to succeed Miss Hart.

As a first step toward physical expansion of the library, representatives from all organizations were invited to meet with the library board in March 1950. Through their splendid cooperation and financial contributions two lots opposite Oak Street School were purchased for a possible future building site. Because of the generous response, not only was the \$1700 supplied for the acquisition of the lots, but also an additional \$1500 which has been deposited in the building fund. In May 1950, the Friends of The Library was organized with these officers: Mrs. Arthur Filkins, president; Emory Moore, vice presi-

FIRST LIBRARY BUILDING

> Used as post office during terms of H. C. Matthei and Wm. Wilson



dent; Mrs. Horace Gilbert, secretary; Mrs. T. K. Johansen, treasurer. This group conducts an annual membership drive. All proceeds, excepting budgeted expenditures, are used to buy books, furniture, and provide attractive library surroundings. 1954-55 president is Mrs. Joseph Goddard.

In 1951 the library again moved to larger quarters at the Masonic Temple. Current report figures show that the library, now open every day but Sunday and Monday from 2-8, has approximately 6,000 volumes, and circulation figures for the past year total 28,000.

The present Board has as its president, Walter Rennack, who has served on this Board since 1929. Other members are Mercie Heise, treasurer; Mrs. Edward Davis, secretary; Mrs. Arthur Bergo, Edwin Ellis and John Morris.

### LOTTIE HART LIBRARIAN EMERITUS

When Miss Hart celebrated her 25th anniversary as librarian for Palatine Public Library, the following tribute was written to her by the Library Board:

We acknowledge with gratitude and affection the contribution which Miss Lottie E. Hart has made toward the success of the library during these years.

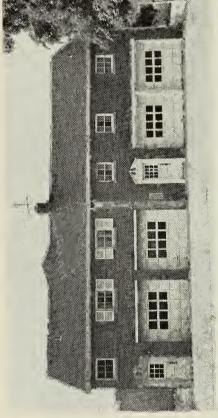
Sir Wilfred Grenfell said, "The service we render to others is really the rent we pay for our room on this earth." Anyone who has enjoyed the seasonal window displays utilizing unique flower arrangements, and her own pictures will affirm that she has earned her rent many times over. The earnest search for an answer to an endless variety of questions; the patient guidance of all in the paths of good reading; and the ability to select books which please the cosmopolitan taste of the library public comprise a fraction of the services which Miss Hart gives so willingly.

The steady progressive growth of the library, has been due in great measure to her unstinted efforts.

Miss Hart came to Palatine in 1889 from Batavia, New York. She was born there February 19, 1874, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Hart. She was a former schoolteacher; and in addition to her interest in books, was a discerning collector of antiques. The Woman's Club of Palatine made her an Honorary member in 1942, because of her interest in that organization's activities from its beginning.

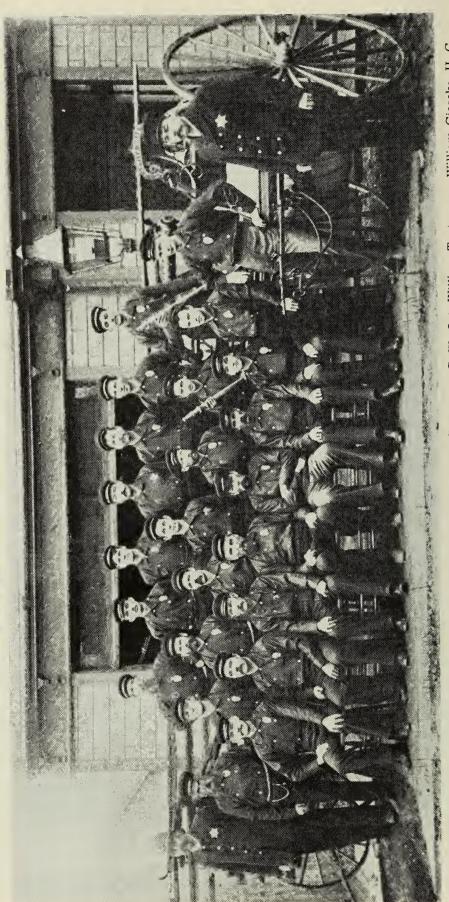
Ill health forced her to retire in 1950, and she was given the title Librarian Emeritus. Miss Hart died in 1953.

Palatine Fire House, recognized as one of the best equipped in the metropolitan area. It is a complete gift to the village of Palatine by the firemen, who in order to complete building, also purchased the east half of the original lot owned by the village.



Equipment of this station includes a fleet of 6 trucks, one of which is for emergency use. Three trucks are provided by the Fire Protection District. They are serviced by the village fire department.

1890



First row: Henry Lair, Dick Lytle, H. C. Hitzeman, A. L. Hanns, A. C. Bennet, C. W. Ost, William Tegtmeyer, William Gieseke, H. C. Schoppe, H. Schroeder.
Second row: William Heiber, J. W. Kuebler, C. L. Blohm, Con Boerge, H. F. Botterman, H. Gieske.
Top row: L. Flentge, F. Bartels, W. A. Mundhenk, Carl Straus, Hy. Wienecke, J. Engelking, W. G. Ost.

# Hand Pump Is First Fire Engine

Palatine fire company is 78 years old in reality. The Deluge Fire Company was organized July 7, 1877, with F. G. Robinson as chief and H. W. Harmening secretary. The organization was sponsored by village trustees H. C. Matthei, R. N. Putnam and S. W. Swazy. It numbered 45 men.

May 25, 1887, a motion to purchase a hand pump fire engine was defeated. A month later the motion carried. The price was \$1,000. During their service members of the fire company were exempt from poll tax.

A fire engine was not much good without water supply. Each family in those days had a cistern, but to protect the business district, a large brick cistern connected to downspouts of adjoining stores was constructed at the intersection of Broadway and Slade streets. Wooden cisterns were constructed at Bothwell and Wilson and Bothwell and Wood, where an artesian well costing \$4,000 had been drilled in 1873.

Fire chiefs in the 1890's included R. M. Putnam, Henry Mundhenk and R. H. Lytle. The equipment included a hose cart and a two wheel ladder truck which was remodeled into four wheels in 1896.

With the installation of water mains in 1897, the fire company was reorganized. Firemen were paid 60 cents, but if they failed to attend a drill they were fined 50 cents.

The village records do not record yearly appointments of fire chiefs until 1907 when C. W. Ost, an alderman of the village, was elected to that office. Ten years later, in 1917, his son, W. G. Ost, took over the position and held it until April, 33 when Wesley Comfort became chief, serving until his retirement in 1949. William Gaare was his successor, retiring in 1953, when Orville Helms, the present chief, was chosen.

The sounding of the fire bell was a call to the nearest drayman or Comfort delivery wagon. Their horses came on the run. The first to arrive received \$5 for hauling the engine to the fire. Otherwise the firemen and spectators grabbed hold of the rope hauling the fire fighting equipment. They were so exhausted when they arrived at the fire, volunteers had to man the handles of the pump.

The purchase of the first automotive fire engine was made possible by public subscription of \$900. It was a Republic hard tire and was the only such equipment until 1932 when a Diamond T chassis was purchased. An American LaFrance followed in 1937.

Members of the Palatine fire department have always been civic minded. They used the greater share of the profits of carnivals and other ventures to purchase extra equipment. In 1938 they presented the village with a Chevrolet fire truck. In 1946 they asked the village to go half way on the purchase of two General trucks. The firemen paid cash for their truck. The village financed their truck by putting

both trucks in hock for a loan. That loan was repaid with monthly payments.

Following the erection of a new village hall on S. Brockway street, which provided only two stalls for fire equipment, the firemen were anxious to have a home of their own with adequate space for all fire fighting equipment which now also included a truck owned by the Palatine Fire Protection League.

They were given permission to tear down the old village hall on the site of which they erected the first



section of their present building. Due to the volunteered labor, its cost was only \$8,500, entirely paid by the department.

In 1953 the firemen purchased from the Vehe estate for \$3,000, an adjoining half lot, 33x132 ft., upon which they erected an addition costing \$40,000. The second floor of the entire building provides a well equipped community auditorium which is available for public gatherings, dances, weddings and family celebrations.

Present equipment under control of the village are two General fire trucks. One has a 500 gallon pumper with 750 gallon storage tank. The other is a 750 gallon pumper and a 200 gallon storage tank.

The emergency truck recently acquired is equipped with radio. The major items carried are resuscitator, masks, two stretchers, home light generator, smoke ejector, fog extinguisher, two oxygen tanks, flood lights, first aid kit, blankets and a score of other items.

The Palatine fire department also services for the Palatine Fire Protection District three trucks including a '46 Dodge, '53 Ward La France and a '55 Chevrolet.

With five trucks and the emergency truck at their disposal, Palatine has as complete fire fighting equipment as any municipality in Northern Illinois.

### **CEMETERIES**

Sayles cemetery, a pioneer cemetery, sometimes called Staples Corner Cemetery, lies unfenced and overrun with lilies of the valley on a little knoll north of Rand road and east of Route 53. A few of the early names to be found there are:

Mary E. Kisor d. of J & L Kisor d. July 1845. Sarah D w. of Ephraim Berry d. Nov. 20, 1847. Wm. Fleming died Dec. 5, 1849, age 63 years. David Boynton d. Mar. 18, 1854, age 69.

Hillside cemetery on N. Smith st. was given by Joel Wood, whose wife, Hannah, is buried there as are many of the New England pioneers and their descendants. A few of the early dates include: Reuben Putnam, 1854, age 76; Jonathan Ketchum, 1854; B. B. Lincoln, 1855, age 49.

When A. S. Olms subdivided the former Downing property, a section called Greendale, adjoining the cemetery on the east, was laid out and recorded

in 1909.

Memorial Day services are held at Hillside each year before a Civil war cannon and a granite stone bearing the inscription, "To those who sleep in unknown graves."

Union cemetery, better known as "South Side" or "German" cemetery is on S. Greeley st. It was originally dedicated by the Lutheran church and was enlarged in 1882. The additional land was donated by H. C. Batterman. The north half was reserved for the Immanuel Lutheran congregation and the south half for members of St. Paul Evangelical and Reformed church.

Cady cemetery came into being when Ezekiel Cady buried his son, Wilbert, on his farm in 1841. In years to come neighbors and friends brought their dead to be buried there. Its location in respect to present roads is west of Ela and a little south of Dundee roads. The following inscriptions taken from the tombstones identify some of the earlier burials:

John Fosket 1842

John A. Hall son of G. & E. Hall died Aug 3, 1843. Mix, Milton 1842-1846.

Samuel Freeman Dec. 16, 1849 age 61 years.

Warren Bellows died July 10, 1854.

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A short distance northeast of the bridge across the creek on Old Plum Grove Road, there are some tombstones from an old burial plot on the hill, known as Old Plum Grove cemetery. One of the names, Moses Durkee, appears later in the records of Palatine township. Three of the legible inscriptions are:

Fredericka Parkhurst, died July 9, 1841, age 42 yrs. Charles H., son of Moses and Rosetta Durkee, died

April 23, 1840, age 6 mos.

Isabel C. Clapp, died April 16, 1858, aged 19 years. Thomas Torrance died July 25, 184—, age 46

years, 5 months, 3 days.

These stones are probably near their original location. An 1851 township map indicates a road along the bank of the creek. The daughter of an early pioneer recalled traveling along such a road to attend a burial here, and that the markers at that time were wooden. Thus it seems that there are unmarked graves here as well as graves from which the stones were taken by a farmer who put them in the creek bottom for a wagon ford. When the creek was widened by blasting, a number of these stones were blown out.

### THE MILK TRAIN

Before the days of truck transportation, when farmers sold milk wholesale, unpasteurized, at 3 cents a quart, the C.&N.W. milk train picked up two milk cars each morning at 8:30 a.m., returning them with empty milk cans unwashed at 2:30 p.m. The cars were parked until the next day alongside the milk platform. The transportation charges on each can were 16 cents. Sometimes the conductor would allow credit when the farmer did not have time to buy the tickets.

Of course, dairymen could take their milk to the creamery which paid on butterfat, about 2 cents a quart. After delivering his milk to the creamery, the farmer would fill his cans with whey to be fed to the hogs.

### FIRE TAKES OLD LANDMARK

Meyers Hotel, built over thirty years ago, was burned to the ground in the most destructive fire of Palatine history. The fire started in the shed adjoining Prellberg's shop and soon spread to Frank C. Collier's store directly south. Every effort was made to save the adjoining buildings owned by Mayor H. C. Batterman and Mrs. Meyer.

Although the fire started about 2 a.m., the fire department was on the scene before the fire gained much headway and the blaze seemed to be under control. Suddenly the water ceased to come and it was found that the cistern from which the water was being pumped held no more water. In the delay necessary to run a hose to Mundhenke's well, the fire spread to the hotel, barn and Batterman's building. People in the vicinity turned out quickly and helped in removing household goods. The fire loss was estimated at over \$5,000.

# Justice of the Peace Record Book Covers Fifty Years

A single Justice of the Peace Book was large enough to record the mortgages and court cases over a fifty year period.

Probably the largest sum of money mentioned in the book is the \$100 which was awarded the heirs of Mr. Boyington in 1874. Both the Boyington heirs and Timothy Dean brought suit against the county and Palatine village highway department for damages to their farms in establishing Palatine road. Justice Granville Peck presided and the jury returned the verdict in favor of the Boyingtons; and no damages to Mr. Dean.

Court costs were low, as can be seen from this 1864 case:

Plaintiff costs: Summons, 25c; Docketing suit, 20c; swearing in three witnesses, 15c; entering judgment, 25c; 3 summonses by constable, \$1.80; 3 witness fees, \$1.50

Defendant costs: 2 subpoenas, 50c; swearing 5 witnesses, 25c; 2 subpoenas by constable, \$2.05; 5 witnesses, \$2.50.

Other totals for cases were \$2.88, \$7.18, and \$5.63.

One notice of sale on Nov. 10, 1863, concerns the red oxen Henry Broadhorner sold to John Harmening.

Among the J.P.'s signatures appear these personalities: Granville Peck (1861-1877; J. B. Edgerton (1877-1884); F. J. Filbert (1900-1910); C. H. Patten and S. R. Paddock (1910-1914).

# Palatine Churches

### FIRST METHODIST CHURCH

First Methodist church of Palatine had its beginning in 1835 when William Royal was assigned to the Fox River Circuit including Deer Grove, Plum Grove and Elk Grove. Numerous circuit riders held meetings monthly for the Deer Grove settlers. One of these was Rev. John Nason whose grandson, Charles Nason, later served as a member of the official church board for 61 years.

The coming of the railroad defeated the plans of building in Deer Grove and in 1857 the first religious services in Palatine were conducted by circuit rider Rev. Thos. Cochran in the village school. The congregation consisted of over 50 members.

The first church building was erected the following year on land donated by Joel Wood, the site of the present church. It cost \$1,500, and was enlarged in 1867 under the pastorate of Rev. Henry Lea. The present parsonage was built in 1885 just south of the church. Former ministers had lived across the street west, in a red brick house, since torn down.

The present brick church was designed in 1895 by the Rev. William Smith, minister at that time, and was built by Jacob Wenegar. The grandchildren of both Rev. Smith and Mr. Wenegar are active

in the church today.

The old frame church was sold and moved to the rear of 207 N. Hale and used as a pigeon loft by Robertson. A large addition was added to the east of the building in 1952 for more adequate Sunday School facilities. Within the past two years the northeast section of the block and a lot directly south of the parsonage were purchased to enable further building expansion. The present membership is 835.

Memorials in the church include a G.A.R. alcove over the main entrance to the Civil War regiment that was recruited there; windows in memory of former pastors Henry Lea, William Smith, lay preacher Thomas Falls Wilson and Rollin S. Williamson, Sunday School superintendent for over 24 years; a Margaret (Young) Paddock room in memory of a former Sunday School teacher, the daugh-

ter of Rev. Young.

The first resident minister was Rev. Lucius Hawkins and among the more recent of those who followed were: Henry Lea, 1884-87; M. H. Plumb, 1887-92; William H. Smith, 1892-96; J. C. Butcher, 1896-98; D. J. Holmes, 1900-04; George S. Young, 1904-08; H. Olin Cady, 1909-12; J. S. Robeson, 1912-14; K. E. Grose, 1914-16; L. E. Foster, 1916-19; S. E. Pollock, 1921-22; A. M. Krahl, 1923-26; J. P. Stafford, 1927-32; Sidney Bloomquist, 1932-36; Rev Schnell, 1937; Theo Potter, 1938-43; Leon Hammitt, 1944-46; William H. Fetz, 1946-53; Harold E. Olson, 1953-—.

DEER GROVE EVANGELICAL CHURCH

The Evangelical congregation at Deer Grove was organized in 1845 by Rev. G. A. Blank of the Des Plaines Circuit. There were fourteen charter members including Henry, Bernhardt and G. H. Elfrink; L. and Gerh. Listhartke; L. Meiners; Herman, John and Lambert Landwehr; L. Bauman; B. Gieske; Peter Rieger and H. Miller. Henry Elfrink was chosen as class leader and held the office until his death.

The meeting place was a log cabin owned by the

Elfrink brothers, or in the homes of members. For many years Peter Rieger was the Sunday School superintendent,

The first church was built in 1854, J. Schaefle, pastor. The site is identified today by the old cemetery just southwest of the viaduct of Dundee Road over the C.&N.W. Ry. In 1863 a parsonage was built in the village of Barrington and a church was built there in 1865. Thereafter Deer Grove gradually receded in relative importance and the name of the circuit was changed to Barrington in 1876.

Camp meetings were held every summer and continued to be held in Deer Grove until 1894, on Father Elfrink's land, now Deer Grove Forest Preserve. Undoubtedly the meetings there were much the same as those described in the Centennial His-

tory of the Church.

"The audience sat under the open sky, except as sheltered by the trees . . . The people lived in tents, or in temporary booths, roughly constructed of boards. For lighting the grounds fire stands were reared of small logs of cord wood lengths, which were laid in squares to a height of about four feet, and the interior space filled with earth. On top of these earth stands fires were kept burning at night to light up the edges of the encampment. Light for the audience at best was far from perfect. But in those days people did not need hymn books for singing at camp meetings. Everyone was familiar with the jubilant and rousing revival choruses. Usually the meetings lasted ten days or more, and people traveled long distances to be present. All work was laid aside as far as possible and the camp meeting was given the right of way." (Schwab and Thoren "Hist. of Ill, Conference.")

The old cemetery may still be visited near the site of the original church. In the oldest section burials were made by date of death rather than by families. Some of the earliest inscriptions are as follows:

Hana W. H. Landwer d. Feb. 7, 1851. Lambert Welmers d. Dec. 11, 1859. Martha Plagge 1796-1863. Caroline Miller d. Jan. 1862, age 70 yrs. Hannah Lagerschulte starb. 29 Jan. 1866. Lambert Elfrink gest. 1867.

# ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL & REFORMED CHURCH, PLUM GROVE

The Centennial of St. John Evangelical Church, Plum Grove, Ill., was observed Aug. 29, 1948. This was held two years late in order that it might coincide with the re-dedication of the renovated building.

The church was organized in 1846 and formally named in 1850 the United Evangelical Congregation, Wickliffe, Cook Co., Ill. Two sites one-half mile apart formed the basis of much controversy during the early years. The parsonage was built on the Ottman site, but the church was built on the site donated by Morgan S. Johnson, ½ mile east. In 1865 a schoolhouse was built near the parsonage. Ten years later a new church building was dedicated on the Johnson site and renamed St. John.

In 1882 a newly constructed parsonage and school were destroyed by fire and the congregation agreed to erect new buildings on the church site.

A few years after the dedication, the new church

was struck by lightning and burned, August 1885. In December of the same year, despite icy roads and snow drifts, a new building was dedicated. This building completely renovated in 1948 serves the congregation today.

The church affiliated with Immanuel of Hanover Township in 1944 and Rev. R. Beecken has

served both congregations since 1945.

Other pastors who have served the congregation

during its long history include:

Rev. J. S. Dumser, 1846-49; Rev. P. Lehmann, 1854-57; Rev. Richard Krueger, 1869-80; Rev. H. J. 1834-37; Rev. Richard Rrueger, 1809-80; Rev. H. J. Dorjahn, 1884-95; Rev. V. Ziemer, 1902-06; Rev. M. Weber, 1906-09; Rev. G. H. Stanger, 1909-17; Rev. F. Ernst, 1917-25; Rev. C. Schulmeistrat, 1925-31; Rev. F. W. Buehler, 1932-37; Rev. A. Kalkbrenner, 1938-43; and Rev. P. Beecken, 1945-—.

The cemetery to the east of St. John's church has the name Mount Hope on its entrance. The little section directly east of the church is the oldest part and here the burials were made chronologically, as the people died, rather than in family plots. Many of the German farmers who settled in the neighborhood are buried here. Most of the inscriptions are in German and are so eroded as to be illegible on many markers. The newest section of the cemetery is located directly east of the parson-

Some of the earlier burials include: Vehe, kinder John M. Vehe d. 1853.

Kersting d. 1865.

Wilhelm Schrader, kinder, Friedrick and Sophia Vehe d. 1863. \* \* \*

DISCIPLE CHURCH

The Disciple Church was organized at Palatine November 5, 1858, with 25 members. At first they worshiped in a private house and also in the schoolhouse. A church building was erected in 1865 at a cost of \$2,600, on a lot donated to the society by Joel Wood. At this time the church was in a prosperous condition, having a membership of 70, From this time the membership gradually diminished by removals and deaths, and in 1870, the society, being unable to support itself, sold its church property to the Evangelical Lutheran congregation for \$2,000. \* \*

### SALEM EVANGELICAL CHURCH

Circuit riders from the Des Plaines circuit of the Evangelical Church held services among the early Plum Grove settlers. Their first church was built on land donated by John Nordmier, north of Kirchhoff at Plum Grove Rd. There is no record of when this first church was built, but a few people recall when it was struck by lightning and burned in the early 1890's. Another church was built on the same location where services were held until 1912 when a lot was purchased in Palatine on Plum Grove at Lincoln St. and the building was moved into town.

Until 1912, when it became a separate mission, the church was served from Barrington. Early pastors include Rev. Strickfaden and Rev. Suhr and all services were held in German. Since coming to Palatine Revs. C. C. Fuessle, J. C. Schwab and I. W. Lageschulte served the congregation. Rev. Landwehr was the last resident minister. The congregation disbanded in 1955 and the building was sold to the Lutheran church.

A cemetery adjoined the church at the old location. Long ago there were tombstones on the south

side of Kirchhoff road as well.

### IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

In February, 1869, eleven families met on the platform of the C&NW depot to discuss formal organization of a Lutheran congregation. Before that time Pastor Richman of Schaumburg had held services every other Sunday in a building on the southwest corner of Wilson & Bothwell, owned by the Masonic Order. In March, a week later, the following membership was formally organized:

H. C. Batterman, Conrad, Henry and Otto Engelking, F. Grebe, L. Hartung, H. Knickrehm, E. Prellberg, F. S. Senne, H. Schirding and H. Schroe-

Pastor Roeder of Dunton (now Arlington Heights) conducted services for them in this same location.

One year later four acres were purchased west of the present Greeley St. and south from Chicago Ave., including the cemetery. The cemetery was formally dedicated and plans progressed for a church building on that site. Lack of funds made building inadvisable and the land was sold to H. C. Batterman for \$2,000. With this capital they purchased a church building on N. Plum Grove, formerly used by the Disciple's Church and the site of the present brick Lutheran school building.

A parsonage was built to the north of the church and Rev. Rathjen came in 1870 as the first resident pastor and school teacher.

In 1873 the congregation joined the Ev. Lutheran

Synod of Missouri.

The present teacher's home at 148 N. Hale st., was built for a parsonage in 1898. It cost \$1,300. Services were held in German until after the turn of the century when English services were held the first of every month. Since 1943 services have been held in English every Sunday.

The present church building was built on the new corner location in 1914 and the old church was moved to a farm on Algonquin Rd. The house on the corner, was moved to the next lot west and remodeled into the parsonage being used today. The present 2 story brick school was built in 1926 and the former school building was sold and moved to 350 W. Johnson. Anticipating future expansion, the west half of the block occupied by the church, school and parsonage, was purchased in 1946.

The church building across the street north, formerly owned by the Salem Ev. congregation, was purchased in 1955 to be used as a youth center by

the Walther League.

A school expansion committee has completed plans for a proposed new school building. The very active Ladies Aid celebrated their 50th anniversary

in 1952.

The church has been served by the following pastors: Rev. Rathjen, Rev. A. Pohl, Rev. Wm. Graff, Rev. Adolph Pfotenhauer, 1887-94; Rev. J. Droegemueller, 1895-1910; Rev. Daniel Poellot, 1910-1940; Rev. W. C. Koester, assisted by Rev. Ernest Runge, 1940-1951; Rev. Hilmar Th. Rosenberg, 1951... Membership in 1540. 1951— Membership is 1540.

### ST. PAUL EVANGELICAL & REFORMED CHURCH

Twenty-five years after the founding of St. John's Church at Plum Grove, many of the members of that congregation had moved to the busy community of Palatine. In order to serve them and newcomers to the village from other congregations, Pastor Krueger of Plum Grove began mission work in Palatine in 1870. Services were held bi-monthly in the old Masonic Hall (southwest corner Wilson and Bothwell). The following year the congregation was organized and named the German United Evangelical St. Paul's Congregation.

The charter members were: Gerhard Horstmann, Friedrick Langhorst, Heinrick Blume, Wilhelm Hupe, Wilhelm Jahnke, George Schweitzer, Heinrick Bicknase and A. Drozkowski.

Fifty years later two of these men, Mr. Horstmann and Mr. Langhorst, were present at the Golden Jubilee of the Church.

The first church building was dedicated October 1872 and a parsonage was purchased. A schoolhouse was built in 1888 and was used as a school and later for Sunday School and meetings, until 1925, when it was sold and converted to a residence on Route 53. The parsonage was partially destroyed by fire in 1897 and was replaced with a new building the same year.

The present brick church was dedicated in 1925 and an extensive new unit is being added to the north of the church building this year (1955). Since 1940 the church has been called St. Paul's Evangelical and Reformed Church. It has 550 members.

Pastors include: Rev Jacob Furrer, 1872-73; Rev. Krumm, 1874-78; Rev. F. W. Rodenberg, 1878-82; Rev. J. A. F. Harder, 1895-98; Rev. J. C. Hoffmeister, 1898-1912; Rev. L. F. Kurz, 1912-16; Rev. Theo. Bierbaum, 1916-21; Rev. J. C. Voeks, 1921-39; Rev. W. F. Huebner, 1940-44; Rev. G. G. Gumm, 1945-—.

### ST. THERESA CATHOLIC CHURCH

On April 6, 1930, Palatine Catholics attended their first mass on the second floor of the old village hall with Father John T. Wagener of St. James, Arlington Heights, officiating.

Catholics in Palatine had previously journeyed to neighboring towns to worship. Through the aid and encouragement of Father Peter Gall of Arlington Heights, plans for the mission church were formed in the decade following the first World War.

Father George Stier followed Father Wagener, and funds were directed toward a building program. This was realized in November 1941 when St. Theresa Church was formally dedicated at the new site on Wood St. Father William L. Murray came to serve the parish in that year followed in 1949 by Father Arthur O'Brien.

A new school was ready for use in September 1954 on North Benton St. and the school chapel was dedicated the following Easter. Membership is 700.

### NORTHWEST SUBURBS BIBLE CHURCH

Prior to the organization of the Northwest Suburbs Bible Church February 20, 1946, services for this new congregation were held in the village hall and later the I.O.O.F. Hall. The new brick building on the Wood St. site was dedicated September 19, 1949. The church has 125 members and has been served by the following pastors: Rev. Floyd Gephart, Dr. Leonard Webster, Dr. H. Wilbert Norton, and Rev. Emil C. Wittig.

### ST. PHILIPS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The mission of St. Philip was formally established on June 19, 1947, and its first services were held in the Masonic Temple, Plum Grove and Chicago. Soon the present property, four lots at Wood and Schubert, was purchased and plans were drawn for a first-unit frame structure.

The first service was held in the new building on March 6, 1949, and two months later St. Philip's was admitted as a parish. Rev. Rob Roy Hardin was called as the first rector followed by Rev. Michael Ray Becker and Rev. Sheldon B. Foote. The church has 230 members.

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### CHRIST EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

With the increased growth of Palatine as a suburban community, many residents felt the lack of a church from the National Lutheran Council. Upon application to the council the American Lutheran Church was able to organize a mission in June, 1953.

First meetings of the mission church were held in the cafeteria of the Oak Street School. The congregation ceased to be mission at the beginning of 1955 when it became self-supporting.

Rev. John E. Keller came in 1954 to be the first resident pastor for the congregation which has grown to nearly 300 members.

The new building was formally dedicated June 12, 1955.



ST. PAUL CHURCH-1872-1925

# HLLIMOIS VOLUMTEERS. April 19/1186 .. Springfield, Ills., To all to whom These Presents Shall come, Exceting: Know De, That Maring been duly Of received Coflain of Company - 183"-On runded and history I. RICHARD YATES. GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS. FOR AND ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE OF SAID STATE, DO COMMISSION HIM TO TAKE Hank as Clip Trine from the First day of October 1862. Ho is, therefore, carefully and diligently to discharge the dulies of said Office, by doing and performing all manner of things thereunto belonging; and I do shietly require all Officers and Soldiers under his command to be obedient to his orders; and he is to obey all such orders and directions as he shall receive, from time to time, how his Commander-in-Chief, or superior Officer. In Westimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the GREAT SEAL OF STATE to be affixed. Done at the City of Springfield, this Ohn leveltday of Och her in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty- and of the independence of the United States, the eighty- Proceed O.M. Hatch Registered in Book 3, Page 116. Miller & Rell

### CHAPTER IV

# THEY ANSWERED THEIR COUNTRY'S CALL

CIVIL WAR ENLISTMENTS



Co. E—113th Regiment was enlisted in the old Palatine M. E. Church where 37 volunteered Aug. 11, 1862, and left Palatine for Chicago. Nearly all the surrounding territory turned out to bid them farewell. Their captain, Mr. Sutherland, was presented with a sword, the gift of the Palatine ladies.

A window in the Methodist church commemorates the organization by Mason Sutherland, captain, of the men into Co. E in the 113th Regiment of the Illinois Infantry Volunteers, August 11, 1862. The church in which this organization meeting was held has been replaced by the present structure, but was then also located at Wood and Plum Grove.

Judge Bradwell was active in organizing the Company, which was known as the Bradwell guard. The Company was part of the 4th Board of Trade Reg., comprised of men from Kankakee, Iroquois, Cook and Lake Counties.

Veterans of the Regiment held many reunions of which A. R. Baldwin was the secretary and treasurer.

The 26th Annual Reunion was held in Palatine Sept. 1910.

The names of men from this area who served in the Civil War were obtained from records of the late A. G. Smith and Miss Addie Filbert of Barrington.

Only Palatine men are listed below, although Chicago and Barrington were represented on the original rolls.

Capt. Mason Sutherland; 2nd Lt. C. D. Trumbull; Sgts. John G. Day, Richard F. Lintleman, Byron W. Cadwell; Corporals Charles A. Chatfield, James T. Sleeper, Hezekiah W. Worth, Charles C. Rogers, Robert P. Barrows.

Privates: Ira D. Buck, Walter Brookins, Josiah Blood, Henry Bacon, Louis Bergman, Anson R. Baldwin, Frederick Boller, Arad Cady, William B. Cady, Arthur Davis, Aci Day, William H. Dobell, Isaac B. Edgerton, John B. Elfrink, F. J. Filbert, Charles Fosket, John Filbert, Andrew J. Goodell, Diedrich Grote, Watson W. Hal, John Hamilton, George W. Hawks, Frederick Homeyer, Elias S. Jones, Henry Jackson.

Edwin S. Kemp, Christian Kublank, Wm. Bennett, Thomas H. Lamb, John Mason, James Morley, James Mooney, Orange S. Norton, Wesley E. Nichols, Henry Rander, Lorenzo Runyan, John W. Runion, Garrett Searles, Edwin Stanford, Nelson Sayles, Phillip Schick, Nathaniel Sayles, Hiram L. Swick, Henry E. Smith, George E. Slade, Julius W. Thurston, Louis Theis, Ferdinand Tegtmeier, Robert Thirsk, George Voss, Albert J. Webster, Colonel L. Whitcomb.

Palatine men assigned to other regiments are as follows:

18th Reg.: Charles Bogart, Henry Swick, Tunis Swick, Gilbert Boyce, Wm. Atkinson, Silas Sutherland, Winfield Sutherland, Thomas Gothard.

Co. B. 3rd. Wis. Cavalry: Solon Johnson, Wm. Babcock, Fayette Lincoln, Fenton, Charles Hutchinson.

8th Ill.: F. H. Fenton, Wallace R. Thurston Bridges Battery, Ill.

### PALATINE MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION

Palatine Memorial Association has kept alive the observance of Memorial Day down through the years. Memorial Day was probably properly observed from the adoption of that day by the U. S. government, but the earliest record of minutes of the association is dated May 1901, when a constitution was adopted.

Article II reads: "The objects of this association are to renew and keep alive the tender memories of the brave men whose courage and sacrifice of life gave us the heritage of liberty and perpetual national unity and by fitting ceremonies bear tribute to their sacred and honored memories upon each recurring Memorial Day."

The founders and attendants at the early yearly meetings include A. R. Baldwin, W. L. Hicks, Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Heise, Mr. and Mrs. Julian, Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Arps, Mrs. H. C. Matthei, and Mrs. Lily Schierding.

Sutherland Corps No. 89, W.R.C., was the mainstay of the association many years, its members serving on its numerous committees.

### 50 IN SERVICE IN WORLD WAR I

These names were taken from the Memorial Plaque that was originally in the First National Bank of Palatine later on a stone at the flag pole now is at the entrance of the American Legion building.

Babcock, Benjamin
Babcock, Charles
Babcock, William
Baker, Arthur
Bauer, Frank H.
Behling, Irving P.
Bergman, Harry
Blohm, Benjamin
Blohm, Fred
Blum, Benjamin
Briggs, Lloyd
Cavanaugh, Albert
Dahle, Henry
Daniels, Howard P.
Dean, Ben
Deverman, Herman C.
Dreyer, Alfred
Dreyer, Benjamin
Dreyer, Otto
Ebbeson, Paul
Fell, George
Fiehn, William
Fosket, Mortimer
Fosket, Robert

Fraser, Frank T.
Freise, Frank J.
Freise, Frank J.
Freye, Leslie H.
Fruchs, Alexander
Gainer, John
Harmening, Fred
Harmening, Frederick
Hawk, Leo
\* Heide, William
Heiden, Fred
Heims, Fred
Heims, Herman
Heinz, Leon
Henning, Walter J.
Herrmann, George H.
Herschlag, Carl
Hildebrandt, Ralph
Hinneberg, Henry
Humphrey, A. Gordon
Hunnerberg, Fred W.
Jennings, James
Kable, William
Klein, Charles
Knocke, Herman

Krueger, Walter
Kunz, William
Langhoff, August
Larson, Walter
Luerssen, John
Mair, William H.
Mayer, Fred
Mechlinberg, William
Mess, Arthur
Mess, William
Mehling, Henry
Morris, James E. Jr.
Morris, Seth B.
Mosser, Robert H.
Mummert, Walter
Nerge, Louis
O'Brien, William
Oltendorf, Elmer B.
Oltendorf, Frank J.
Perry, Darrell R.
Piney, Edward
Pohlman, Paul
Porep, Alfred F.
Rascher, Albert

Remus, Reinhold B.
Rhode, Irving F.
Roesner, Henry
Schenk, Edwin
Schmidt, Leon L.
Schrage, Martin
Schroeder, Albert G.
Schultz, Robert
Schwolow, Herman
Schwolow, John
Sternberg, John
Stewart, James S.
Tegtmeier, Fred
Toppel, William
Voss, Herman
Wagner, Louis
Wente, William
Wiehrdt, Ernest
Wilson, Paul D.
Witt, Arthur
Witt, Walter
Wittenburg, William
Zelsdorf, George
\*—Casualty

### ORIGINAL KUEBLER - HUENNERBERG HOTEL



The above hotel, tavern, public hall and horse stable was located on the southside of Wilson street, west of Bothwell. An attempt was made at one time to operate it as a temperance hotel. The hotel which included a multiple of sleeping rooms on the second floor was filled most of the time, although the only heat in the building was in the tavern, the hotel parlor and dining room, which occupied the center of the above building.

Table setting was family style enjoyed by traveling salesmen, telephone linesmen and others. A large stove in the tavern heated a copper tank which made possible heated drinks for the farmers who flocked in there on cold mornings. The hall at the left, above the stable, was the only dance floor in town after the closing of Batterman hall, following the Iroquois fire. It was also the meeting place of political groups, the Commercial Club, M. W. A. and other organizations.

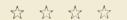
The hall and stable were removed several years ago. The west part of the building has been used as an ice cream parlor, doctor's office, restaurant and barber shop.

# 600 Palatine Men and Women Served Their Country in World War II

The Centennial Committee is indebted to "With Uncle Sam" a department appearing in Paddock Publications during World War II for the following names of service men and women participating in that conflict. Following the publication of the tentative list, it was only necessary to add 17 names. Palatine was represented in World War II by 600 men and women.

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### 19 MADE SUPREME SACRIFICE



Corp. George Cada, in Pacific theatre. Pvt. Arthur M. Dubois, in England. Pfc. Ray F. Dreher, in France. MM3c Edward L. Weide, in Pacific. Alonzo Clayton, in So. Pacific. Lt. Arthur North, in Belgium. Lt. (j.g.) Edward Stoddard, in action. Sgt. Geo. Herrmann, Jr., in Germany. S/Sgt. Herbert Herr, on Cebu Island.

Leo. J. Smernoff, in Kentucky. Ens. John Thompson, in Trinidad. Lt. John Bessmer, in Washington. Edw. W. Lindau, in Germany. Paul Mathews, on Saipan. Harold Anderson, in Caliornia. Cpl. Joseph Plew, in Iowa. William E. Miles, in Germany. Sgt. Philip Jones, over Germany. John O'Brien, overseas.

Adams, Douglas
Ahlers, Edwin
Ahnfeldt, Arnold
Andersen, Grace
(Form. Pal.
Manitowoc, Wis.)
Andersen, Harold (killed)
Andersen, Roy
Andersen, Clarence
(Chicago) Palatine
Anderson, Glenn
Anderson, Herbert Jr.
Anderson, Olaf
Antmann, John
Armstrong, Willie
Arthur, Hubert
Balonich, Jerome
Baril, Clarence
Baril, Clarence
Baril, Clifford
Baril, Nels
Bartels, Ralph Jr.
Baumgarten, John
Baumgarten, John
Baumgarten, Jean
Beaumont, Harry
Inverness

Baumgarten, Jean
Beaumont, Harry
Inverness
Beckman, Norman
Beckman, Stanley
Berderske, William
Behnke, Kenneth
Beiran, Paul
Bender, William
Bender, William
Berghorn, E. W.
Berlin, Roy A.
Bergman, Vernon
Berndt, Robert
Bessmer, John (killed)
Betts, Lee
Beyer, Frank
Beyer, Frank
Beyer, Howard
Beyer, Raymond E.
Birks, Kenneth
Björkman, Wayne H.
Blakeway, Arthur K.
Blank, Herman Jr.
Blank, Herman Jr.
Blankenship, Lee
Blum, Marvin
Bobek, Chester
Bock, Charles W.
Boobyer, G. D.
Booth, John
Bosco (Hajek owners)
Brautigan, Fred
Bretsnyder, Bill
Briel, Daniel
Bretsnyder, Bill
Briel, Daniel
Brinkman, Clarence
Bruhns, Arthur
Brumm, John A.
Bruns, Edwin
Bruns, Noel
Brzostowski, Felix
Brzostowski, Felix
Brzostowski, Henry

Brzostowski, Lambert Brzostowski, Lambert Buesching, Wilbur Buesching, Wilfred Burnham, Joseph Butkus, Charles Roy Butman, Phillip Cada, George (killed) Campbell, Donald Chamberlain, Harold Carboni, Leonard Carboni, Leonard
Carboni, Leonard
Chiapetta, Fred
Ciezadle, Edward
Cipri, Anton
Cipri, Frank
Cipri, John
Ciskowski, Edward
Clarke, Walter
Clayton, Alonzo (killed)
Clemen, C. W.
Clements, Benjamin
Clements, James
Clarge, Nicholas
Coakley, Clinton
Coakley, Clinton
Coakley, Conald
Coakley, Ponald
Coakley, Robert
Cokenower, Charles
Cole, Kenneth
Cole, Wilfred
Comfort, Wesley
Cook, Melvin
Cooper, Edward
Cooper, Luallin
Corbett, Paul
Corbett, T.
Cosman, Marvin
Cox, John
Cramer, Wallace E.
Dahlgren, Bill
Davidson, Melburn
DeAyre, Wilbur
DeBerge, Frank J. Jr.
DeBerge, Roy
Deering, Clarence Jr.
Dener, William
DePue, John
DePue, John
DePue, John
DePue, John
DePue, John
Depue, Cliff
Doerrier, Raymond
Dolatowski, Robert
Dombrosky, August
Dombrosky, Robt.
Dombrosky, Robt.
Dombrosky, Robert
Dombrosky, Robert
Dreher, Ray
Drewes, Wayne
Dreyer, Bernard
Dubois, Russel Duncan, John Dziadula, Carl Dziadula, John

Dziadula, Julius Eckel, Charles Eckel, Robert Elms, Earl William Elms, Earl William
Etting, Stuart L.
Engelking, Raymond
English, Arthur
English, Harold
Erdevig, Daniel
Erdevig, James
Ettledorf, Aug,
Ettledorf, Fred
Falgren, Bill
Feldten, W. B.
Field, Burgess
Field, Donald
Fiene, George
Filkins, Jean
Filloon, Betty
Filloon, Jesse Filloon, Jesse Filk, Mervin Fink, Milford Fisher, Oliver Folkerts, Charles Folkers, Charles Jr.
Folz, Charles Jr.
Folz, George
Folz, Howard
Ford, Harry A.
Freeman, Howard
Freise, Herbert
Freise, Norman
Freise, Willard
Freye, Lester
Frohne, Otto
Frost, Robert
Gaare, Norman C.
Gaede, Walter
Gage, John K. Jr.
Gallimore, Claus
Garlisch, Julius
Garlisch, Julius
Garlisch, Roy
Garms, Alfred
Gart, H. M.
Gates, W. F.
Gathman, Richard
Gathman, Bob
Geberbauer, Henry
Geberbauer, Henry
Geberbauer, Henry
Geberbauer, Henry
Geseke, John
Gleseke, John
Gleseke, Louis
Gieseke, Walter
Gleseke, Walter
Glodknecht, William
Godbarsen, Robert
Godknecht, William
Godden, Russell
Goodwin, Jack
Greener, Jack
Guenther, Irvin
Gunderlach, Henry
Gusewelle, Fred

Haemker, Clifford Haemker, Lowell Haemker, Wilbert Haemker, William Hahn, Walter Hahnfeldt, Irwin Hahnfeldt, Raymond C. Hajek, Henry Hajek, Otto Hajek, Rudy Hajek, Otto
Hajek, Rudy
Hapke, Rudy
Hapke, Milton
Hapke, Stanley
Harmening, Leonard
Harmening, Walter
Harris, Marvin
Harris, Norman
Hastings, Jim
Hartmann, Bill
Hartmann, Leonard
Hartmann, William
Hartmann, William
Hartmann, William
Harz, James
Haseman, Bob
Hattendorf, Elroy
Hauptli, James
Hauser, Robert P
Hay, Layman
Hayes, Gilbert
Hayes, Hobart
Hayes, Jack
Healy, Thomas
Heaver, James
Heiden, Ray
Heise, Samuel V
Helgesen, Howard
Helgeson, Hors
Helgeson, Howard
Helgeson, Myron
Henke, Frank
Henke, Frank
Henke, Fred
Henning, Henry
Herr, Clarence
Herr, Herbert (killed)
Herrmann, George Jr.
(killed)
Hertz, George N, (killed)
Hertz, George N.
Hestrup, Edward
Heuer, Hans
Heuer, Ted
Hildebrandt, Paul
Hildebrandt, Walter
Hill, James
Hinrichs, George
Hinrichs, Walter
Hinz, Kermit
Hofschneider, Bill
Hoffmeyer, John
Hollinger, Bob
Holsman, Robert K. (killed)

Holtzee, Andrew Hooson, Bernard D. Hooson, Dale Hooson, Don Hooson, H. A. Hoover, H. A. Howes, George Howes, Richard Howes, Richard
Howes, Bob
Hughes, Stanley
Huter, Carl
Irons, Frank
Jacobsen, Leslie
John, Clarence F.
James, Robert
Jahn, Edwin H.
Jansnefskl, Walter
Jensen, Albert
Jensen, Howard
Jensen, William
Jensen, Robert
Jaster, Edward
Johnson, Avon
Johnson, John
Johnson, Paul
Johnson, Robert
Johnstone, Robert
Johnstone, Robert
Johnstone, Robert
Jonses, Avon
Lones, Edwin Howes, Bub Johnstone, Jack
Jonnstone, Robert L.
Jones, Avon
Jones, Edwin
Jones, Phillip (killed)
Jost, Joseph
Julian, Richard V.
Kappa, Harvey
Kastning, Donald
Kastning, Robert
Kastning, Robert
Kastning, Ruth
Kehe, Alfred W.
Kells, Norris
Kelly, Eugene
Kelly, Francis E.
Kelley, Maurice
Keyes, Willis
Kiehl, Donald
Kiehl, W. W.
Klotz, John
Kilroy, Daniel
Kincaid, H. A.
King, Norman P.
Kinsch, Leo M.
Kissner, James
Kissner, James
Kissner, Lawrence
Kissner Sharley
Kleine Herbert Walter Kissner, Lawlence
Kissner Sharley
Kleindienst, K.
Kline, Herbert Walter
Klopp, Charles
Koch, Robert
Kowalski, Harry
Kozial, Robert
Kraeplin, Frank
Kraft, Edward R.
Kraft, Robert
Krambier, Howard
Krause, Robert
Krecker, August
Kreft, Leonard
Kreft, Martin
Kreft, Paul J.
Krezan, Earl
Kruse, Dalton C.
(formerly Palatine)
Kruse, Harry Kruse, Dalton C.

(formerly Palatine)
Kruse, Harry
(formerly Palatlne)
Kuhlman, Ralph
Kuhn, Cecil
Kunze, Jack
Kujach, Ludwig
LaMountain, Arthur
LaMountain, Fred
LaMountain, Walter E.
Langhoff, James
Langhoff, Wilfred
LaPointe, Joseph R.
Larsen, Walter
Lauffenburger, Elmer
Lauffenburger, Raymond
Lausch, Theodore
Law, Raymond
Leisner, Victor
Levecke, Ernest
Levene, Paul
Lewerenz, Raymond
Lewin, Carl
Lewin, Harold
Lindau, Edward (killed)

Linnemann, Albert Linneman, Arnold Linneman, Arthur L. Linnemann, Ray Locke, Delbert Loeding, H. M.
Lull, Robert
Lull, Willard
Lytle, Charles
Mangels, Leighton J.
Mangnuson Herbert
Mann, Edward
Markgraff, Charles
Markstrom, Claude
Marsiglia, Gilbert
Marsiglia, Gilbert
Marsiglia, Gilbert
Marsiglia, Joseph
Martin, John Jr
Mathews, Paul (killed)
Matthei, Francis
Mattengly, Walter
Mayer, Harold
Metz, Richard
Meyers, Hillard
Metzler, Carl
Meyer, Donald
Meyer, Harold
Miles, Lillian E.
Milkert, Evangeline
Miller, Albert
Miller, Lewis
Miller, Rex
Miller, Rex
Miller, Robert
Miller, Bichard
Mills, William (killed)
Misowic, C.
Moaski, Louis
Moberg, O. E.
Moeller, Edgar
Moldenhauer, Alfred H.
Moldenhauer, Alfred H.
Moldenhauer, Krank
Moody, Robert
Moody, Robert
Moody, Robert
Moody, William
Morrow, Russell
Moss, Fred Jr.
Muehlfeldt, Robert
Mummert, Stanley
M. Gowan, Curtis
McIntosh, Gilbert
McMullin, Ray
Naggatz, Art
Nangle, James
Nangle, Owen
Nawrot, Edward
Nawrot, Edward
Nawrot, Edward
Nawrot, Edward
Nawrot, Leroy
Neagle, Oris E.
Neagle, Oris E.
Neagle, Ovid Jr.
Nelson, Robert
Nelson, Robert
Nelson, Valentine
Nelson, Robert
Nelson, Valentine
Nelson, Arthur R.
Olson, Arthur R.
Olson, Arthur R.
Olson, Arthur R.
Olson, Argust Lynn
Oltendorf, Harvey
Oltendorf, N. E.
Osbon Ann Oltendorf, Harvey
Oltendorf, N. E.
Osbon, Ann
Osbon, Kenneth
Oviatt, G. W.
Pace, Benny
Paddock, Stuart Jr.
Page Jack
Papajeski, Wallace
Parker, Jay
Parkhurst, Albert
Parry, Theodore
Pashan, John
Pasch, Henry
Paul, Ben D.
Penkava, A. J.
Perry, Marvin
Perry, Warren
Persons, Verna
Peterman, Bruno
Petersen, Henry Jr.
Peterson, Carl
Peterson, Marvin
Peterson, Willlam
Peuser, F. E.

Philbin, Don Philbin, Don
Philbin, Martin
Philbin, Thomas
Piegorsch, Donald
Pittinger, Devon
Planz, Edwin
Plate, Marvin
Plew, Joseph (killed)
Plonsky, Elias
Plumhoff, Leo
Rateike, George
Reese, Harold
Reese, John
Reilly, Charles
Reinshagen, Alan
Reinshagen, Herbert
Rennack, Clyde
Reuse, Francis (missing)
Reuse, Louis
Reuter, August
Reuter, Emil
Ringstmeyer, Otto
Rodholm, Walter
Roesner, Ralph
Rohlwing, John
Roper, Raymond
Runge, Henry
Runge, Olag
Runge, Ortwin A.
Saathoff, Leona
Salvo, Paul
Sander, Anton
Sander, Emerson R.
Schaefer, Howard
Scheer, Richard J.
Schering, Norman
Schinkowsky, Earl
S Philbin, Martin Philbin, Thomas schroeder, Walter
Schueneman, R. F.
Schurlng, Melvin
Schwank, William C.
Schwankoff, Albert
Schwankoff, George
Schwankoff, William J.
Schwantz, Otto
Schweitzer, Bill
Service, Robert
Shermer, Herbert
Sigler, George
Simpson, A. F.
Smernoff, L. J. (killed)
Smith, Charles
Smith, Charles
Smith, Harlow
Smith, Howard
Smith, Dr. L. S.
Snyder, Chuck
Sommerfield, Burneal
Sorenson, Bernard
Sorensen, Einar
Stainbrook, Peter
Stange, George
Stange, Lillian
Stange, Louise
Stanley, Theodore
Stanley, Theodore
Stanko, John
Starck, C. A. D.
St. Clair, Eugene
Stem, Bob
Stephan, William
Steve, Carl
Stewart, Bob
Stephan, William
Stinson, Richard
Stoddard, Edward (killed)
Straiker, Gene
Straisinger, Max
Sturm, Gordon
Sturm, R.
Summers, Lee
Sunderlage, Marvin
Tarnow, Glibert (killed)
Tarnow, Roger
Taylor, Lyle
Tegtmeier, Robert
Thieme, Robert
Thieme, Robert
Thomas, Joseph Micheal
Thomas, Lyle Foster Thompson, George
Thompson, John (killed)
Thompson, John (killed)
Thompson, John (killed)
Thompson, Juanita
Thune, Henry K.
Timmerhaus, Klaus D.
Trent, Jack
Trepus, Silas
Trow, Herbert
Trow, William
Tudyman, Alex
Tudyman, John
Uliasz, Bernard
Ullock, Tom
Unger, George
Vacek, Fred
Vogt, Harold
Vogt, Mel E.
Voigt, William
Voass, Eugene
Wasen, Eugene
Wagner, Eugene
Walsten, Wendell
Walter, Earl
Walters, Lyle
Waperski, Clyde
Ward, Bill
Warder, Arthur
Warder, John
Warwick, O. Jr.
Wayne, Howard
Weide, Edward (killed)
Weidner, Leonard
Weiseman, Harold
Weidner, Ussell
Wente, David G.
Wente, Ward
Werner, Edward I
Weseman, Burneal
Weseman, Burneal
Weseman, Burneal
Weseman, Burneal
Wesenler, Wald
Wehrdt, Edwin
Witherdt, Edwin
Withaeger, Wilbert
Wittenburg, Howard
Withaeger, Edwin
Withaeger, Edwin
Withaeger, Randall
Wood, Charles
Wrath, John
Wright, Bob
Wyatt, David
Zelsdorf, Clarence
Zepp, Carl W.
Zuelsdorf, Clarence
Zyc, Ray

### CHAPTER V

# Past - Personalties - Present

These Biographies have been compiled from files of Palatine Enterprise between 1900 and 1920.

ALLARD, John—served in Mexican war; b. New York, 1825; m. Charity Matteson 1854; came to Palatine 1867; opened harness shop at what later became Schering's shop. Children: Henry, Mrs. Ellen Pierce and Mrs. Anna Daniels; d. 1899.

ANDERMANN, Geo. Sr.—d. 1903; b. Hanover, Germany 1826; came to America 1845; moved to Palatine 1869 from Long Grove; entered elevator business with W. R. Comfort, succeeded by his son G. H.; member of school board. Children: George, Henry, and Lena (Mrs. Hodgkins).

BABCOCK, William Hassen—b. Woodstock, N. Y.; d. 1907; came to Illinois 1847; moved to Palatine 1857; lived in same house in which he died; m. Mary Jane Lytle 1861; d. 1887. Children: Mrs. Belle Christopherson, Charles Babcock, Mrs. Hattie Umbdenstock. Veteran of Civil War; member of GAR post of Barrington.

BATTERMAN, Henry C.—b. Germany 1827; came to Palatine 1866; started grain and lumber business with John Slade; built flax mill in 1878; built Brick Block 1884; m. Sophia Schuer, 1853; she died 1872; m. Mrs. Droelle. Grandchildren: Mrs. Walter Krueger, Dr. H. Abelman, William Abelman.

BENNETT, Anson C.—b. Palatine 1857; m. Amelia S. Fosket 1879; carpenter. Daughters: Alta Mae and Mrs. E. Earl Bell; granddaughter, Marjorie Bell; d. 1924.

BERGMAN, John—came to America and settled on the Judge Bradwell place in 1854; later moved to old King place, where they have lived 41 years.

BERGMAN, Dan—b. Germany 1852. Came to Palatine 1855. Children: Dan Jr., Mrs. Arthur Feddeler and Lillian; d. 1949.

BERLIN, Fred C.—b. Plum Grove 1871; son of Henry Berlin; m. in 1900. Children: Mrs. Della Butt, Mrs. Mary Meyer, Mrs. Esther Leseberg, Mrs. Mable Hartman, Mrs. Isabelle Cooper, Fred and Louis; d. 1951.

BERLIN, William P.—son of Charles Berlin; b. Palatine township 1867; m. Sophie Rohde 1891. Children: William, Edward, Emil, John, Emma, Mrs. Ida Koch, Mrs. Bertha Arens and Mrs. Mathilda Mickelson; d. 1949.

BICKNASE, Henry P.—b. Palatine 1869; son of Fred and Sophie Bicknase; m. Emma Porep 1896. Children: Earl, Mrs. Pearl Fyden, Mrs. Del Bock, Erma, Priscilla, Lucinda and Wilbert; d. 1933.

BLUM, Isaac—b. Palatine 1866; m. Wilhelmina Dahms 1889; Democratic precinct committeeman 5 years. Children: William, Earl, Ben and Mrs. Laura Hildebrandt; sister Mrs. Sadie Haldeman; d. 1948.

BOCKELMANN, John Henry—b. Germany 1828, d. 1916; m. Telsche Luebe; came to America 1869, Quintens Corners 1872; d. 1912; son Henry of Palatine; sister Mrs. Louise Quentin.

COMFORT, Josiah—came from Canada in 1855; m. Harriet Wodhull; located on farm northeast of town. Children: Wesley, Charles, Byron and Francis.

DANIELS, James Thomas—b. Niles, Ill., 1853; came to Palatine 1863; m. Belle Fosket 1882; Rural mail carrier 1906-1921. Children: Milton, George, Howard, Mrs. Frances Paxson, and Mrs. Richard Bennett

DANIELS, Walter E.—b. Palatine 1866; d. Los Angeles 1951.

DANIELSEN, Carl L.—b. Copenhagen, Denmark 1839; came to Palatine 1868; cabinet maker opened furniture store and undertaking parlor; m. 1889 Frederica Thies. Children: Mrs. Heimerdinger, William, Frank, Mrs. Marie Starck, Agnes Cooley, and Edward; stepchildren: Mrs. Carrie Vehe and Otto Engelking.

DEAN, Timothy—b. in Vermont 1832; d. 1909; came to Palatine about 1860; owned a home and business property on Brockway st., timber land in Deer Grove Forest Preserve, and farm on Palatine rd. (east); he served as trustee in 1868 and '69; m. Hannah Trumbull in 1861; before her marriage she was a teacher in the old Bradwell school on Ela rd.; Mrs. Dean died in 1905, Grandchildren are Charles of New Jersey; Ben, Jerry, Hazel, Allene of Palatine, and Mrs. Ethie Eels of Pomona, Calif.

DEVERMAN, John Henry—b. Hanover, Europe, 1823; came to America in 1860; purchased Ransen farm 1868; m. Helen Maria Seetman 1863, m. Emilie Krueger 1870; d. 1873; m. Minnie Dreke. Children: Henry, Gerhard, Herman, Bertha, Minnie, Emma, Mary, Mrs. Louise Baumann of Palatine. d. 1908.

DOESCHER, Christian Friedrick Carl—b. Germany 1829; came to America 1856; settled in Elk Grove; 1866 came to Palatine; same farm 40 years; m. Mrs. Alma Helms 1872. Stepson Fred Helms; d. 1908.

FENTON, Mrs. Betsy (Matteson)—m. in New York 1826; m. E. W. Fenton 1855. Five daughters; d. 1910. FENTON, E. W.—b. Homer, New York, 1823; came to Belvidere 1847; carpenter at Dundee; m. Betsy Bemis, Barrington Center 1855; moved to Palatine 1859; enlisted Co. B 3rd Wis. Cavalry 1862; prisoner 5 months in Shreveport, La.; escaped, tracked by bloodhounds, retaken and confined until exchanged; d. 1910.

FILBERT, William J.—b. Palatine 1866; connected with U. S. Steel since 1901, senior director at his death in 1944. Sisters: Mrs. George Lageschulte, Addie Filbert and brother Herbert.

FISHER, Mrs. Henry—b. Germany 1841; m. August Paul 1861; he died 1873; came to America 1862; always lived in Palatine; m. Henry Fisher; d. 1906. Son August Paul.

FLURY, John—b. Switzerland 1828; m. Barbara Rau; survivors of the Chicago fire, they came to Palatine to run a bakery on the site where the First National Bank now is. Children: Emma, Robert, Amalia (Schoppe) and Walter; d. 1888.

FOREMAN, Mathilda—b. 1862 in Minnesota and moved to Palatine with her parents, William and Mary Meissner, when a young child; Meissner family lived on a farm on Quintens rd., north of Baldwin rd.; old frame school built on their land was called the Meissner school; later property was purchased by Wittenberg family, frame school replaced by

brick structure; in use many years as the Wittenberg school; m. Richard Foreman in 1883; he died in 1919; Mrs. Foreman died in 1947. Children: Mrs. Gus Bedurske, Mrs. William Mess, John and Roy Foreman.

FREEMAN, James W.—b. Deer Grove 1853; adopted son of Mr. and Mrs. Gert Freye; m. Marie Halfeldt 1874. Children: Henry, Theodore, George, Otto, Mrs. Charlotte Kempert and Mrs. Louis Luerssen; d. 1927.

FRENCH, Elizabeth—b. Elbridge, Ohio, 1822; m. Isaac Cannon 1849; moved to Palatine 1858; lived here until husband's death, 1879; m. C. D. Taylor 1880; d. 1907.

FRENCH, E.—b. Vermont 1824; located in Palatine 1862, where he had blacksmith and carriage shop; m. Sophia Heard, 1848. Children: Elizabeth and Martin.

FRENCH, Martin J.—b. Elk Grove 1850; moved to Palatine with parents 1863, where he lived rest of life; carpenter. Sister only near relative.

GAINER, Eunice (Goodspeed)—b. Wells, Vt., 1833; came to Cook Co. about 1849 and m. Paul Boynton in 1850. Two children, Paul A, and Lottie A., born in California where she and her husband had moved in 1852; Mr. Boynton was killed by the Indians in 1858 and Mrs. Boynton and two children returned to Palatine in 1859; m. Andrew J. Gainer 1864,

GAINER, Hiram—b. Jackson, N. Y., 1810; original claim when he came west in 1844 in Lake county contained part of the land now known as Gainer Park; m. 1860 to Harriet C. Fisher of Cambridge, N. Y.; Mr. Gainer d. 1897, his wife 1899. One child, John, m. Emma Fischer, daughter of pioneer family. Children: Cassandra White and Pauline Mally.

GARMS, William—veteran of the Spanish American war; served on Palatine police force many years. Children: Alma Korber, Wanda Haseman, Marie Schwank, Mildred Gehrke, Alfred and Edward.

GARRISON, J. T.—b. New York; came to Palatine in 1868 on a farm; moved to village and operated grain elevator in 1873; m. Lanah Gardner in 1850. Children: Sarah, Charles and Lewis.

GIESEKE, Henry—b. 1820; m. Minnie Meyer 1876; settled in Long Grove 1852; residents of Palatine 25 years. Children: Fred, William, Herman, George of Palatine, Mrs. Henry Batterman, Mrs. Bockelman

GOTHARD, James—b. England 1845; came to Palatine 1852. Niece Mrs. H. C. Sawyer; d. 1899.

GREBE, Katherin (Segers)—b. Germany 1845; worked for Mr. Rand of Des Plaines; m. Frederick Grebe 1867; Mr. Grebe had a shoe store in Palatine. Children: Mrs. Fred Garms, August, F. C. Henry, H. F. William, F. A. Louis, and Mrs. Bertha Niedert; d. 1934.

GRIGG, Geo.—b. England 1830; came to America 1857; in 1867 moved to Palatine and purchased 140 acre farm; m. Mrs. Ellen Thurston 1899. He still owned 100 acres of the farm at death in 1907.

HASTINGS, Mrs.—b. New York 1831; came to Lake Co. 1947; m. Seaman B. Hastings 1855; lived in Palatine since 1855. One child, Mrs. Lilly Schierding; d. 1915.

HARMENING, Caroline (Beerberg)—b. Germany 1851; came to America at 17 1868 and m. Fred Harmening of Palatine, Children: Henry, Fred, Mrs.

William Richter, Mrs. Charles Behrens and Mrs. Charles Blies; d. 1940.

HARTUNG, Charles—b. Germany 1838; located in Palatine township soon after 1852; m. Sophia Glade in 1862. Children: Mrs. Wm. Harz, Charles and Lydia. Owned land in Plum Grove area before moving to town. Voted for A. Lincoln.

HERSCHLAG, Henry—b. Palatine township 1858; m. Dorothea Diekmann 1887; she died 1926. Children: Carl, Arthur, Mrs. Alta Langhorst, Mrs. Luella Windheim, Mrs. Frieda Alverson, Mrs. Edith Segebrecht, and Mrs. Esther Mangels; d. 1933.

HERSCHLAG, Christ—b. Hanover Germany; came to America 1847; came by boat from Buffalo to Chicago and by oxen to Palatine. Children: Herman, William, Mrs. Grote, Emma (Mrs. Bergman); d. 1907.

HINNEBERG, H. Friedrich—b. Palatine 1864; m. Carolina Mensching 1892. Children: Fred, Henry, William, and Mrs. George Biermann; sister: Mrs. Sophia Blume; d. 1948.

HICKS, William L.—b. Vermont 1840; m. Lydia Robertson 1866; she died 1912. Children: Mamie, Mrs. F. S. McCabe, Mrs. W. C. Evans, and Mildred Hicks; d. 1926.

HOLSTE, Fred—b. Palatine township 1869; m. Minnie Prellberg 1896. Children: Alvin, Oscar, Lucile Kamp, Viola Brettner, Dorothy Folleth and Emily Popp; d. 1952.

HOMEIER, Wilhelm—b. Hanover, Germany, 1830; came to Palatine 1851; m. Marie Senne 1856, Daughter, Mrs. Marie Helberg; m. Sophie Batterman 1858, Children: Mrs. Sophie Bicknase, Mrs. Caroline Strattman, Mrs. Louis Senne, Wilhelm and Henry, whose son lives on the homestead on Roselle road.

HORSTMAN, Gerhardt—b. Germany 1845; came to Palatine 1857; charter member of St. Paul church; m. Emily Meyer. Children: Mrs. Amanda Schoppe and Mrs. Bertha Luck; owned planing mill; d. 1924.

HUNEBERG, Mrs. William (Elizabeth Bergman, daughter of John Bergman)—b. Germany 1850; came to America and settled in Plum Grove; m. 1869 Wm. Huneberg; operated Union Hotel. Brothers: John, Henry, Dan; sister: Mrs. H. Knigge. Children: Mrs. Henry Stroker and Fred Huneberg. d. 1909.

JULIAN, Charles E.—b. Elgin 1858; operated cheese factory and creamery at Staples Corners for many years; m. Amanda Bray 1883. Son: Charles; d. 1946.

KIMMET, August—b. Germany 1844; m. Caroline Teufert in 1871 and came to Palatine from Park Ridge; last of the Palatine civil war veterans. Children: Mrs. Wm. Schering, Emma Kimmet; d. 1929.

KIMMET, Mrs. August (Caroline Katherine Teufert)—b. Germany 1848; came to America 1860; moved to Palatine 1876; m. 1871; occupied building now owned by H. Bruhns; operated millinery store 36 years. Children: Mrs. Bertha Schering (William's wife), Miss Emma.

KITSON, John—b. Palatine 1861; m. Katherine Neitert 1887; she died in 1925; Ruth Wilson, grand-niece, lived with them on Kitson homestead until 1926 when they moved into Palatine; d. 1945.

KREFT, August F.—b. Germany 1849; came to Palatine 1856; m. Sophia Bruns 1877. Children: Mrs. William Hammon, Mrs. I. Barnum, George; d. 1932. KRIETER, Sophie (Wente)—b. Germany 1846; came to America 1849; settled in Palatine area; husband

died 1883; moved to Chicago 1886, Children: Mrs. Fred Kunz, Mrs. Louis Schrader, sisters Mrs. Fred Wente and Mrs. John Wienecke; d. 1910.

KROENCKE, Elizabeth—b. 1855 Highland Grove. Brothers: Rev. Emil, Rev. Herman, and William; d. 1938.

KROENCKE, William—b. 1853; son of Peter H. and Caroline (Kuecker) Kroencke, who had taken land grant government farm on Roselle road. Sister: Elizabeth; brothers: Rev. Emil and Herman; d. 1952 age 99.

KUBLANK, Maria (Sunderlage)—b. 1843 on homestead which her parents John and Catherine Sunderlage procured from government in 1838; m. William Kublank 1867. Children: Dora, Bertha, Herman, Mrs. Emma Westrope, Matilda, Rosa, William and Edward; sister to Anna, August and Albert Sunderlage; d. 1934.

LAMBERT, Vashti—daughter of Jeremiah and Diantha; b. Long Prairie 1856; graduated from PHS 1877; taught 25 years Primary dept., Palatine school; d. 1915.

LANGHOFF, Fred William—b. 1869 Palatine township, son of Carl and Wilhelmina Langhoff; m. Friedericka M. Meier 1894, Niece: Elsa Meier; sister: Mrs. Bertha Schoppe; d. 1922.

LANGHOFF, William—b. Germany; came to Palatine 1865; m. Friedericka Langfeldt. Children: August, William, Herman, Carl, Charles and Louis.

LANGHOFF, Mrs. Christoph—b. Germany 1805. Son: William Langhoff.

LESEBERG, Minnie—b. Palatine 1858; came to Palatine when 3 years old; sister to Henry Leseberg; d. 1932.

LESEBERG, Louisa (Theiss)—b. 1863 in Palatine; m. Henry A. Leseberg 1888. Children: Mrs. Lily Hinneberg, Mrs. Amanda Brown, Mrs. Eleanor Wendt, William, George, Herbert and Benny; sister: Mrs. Ida Weseman and brother, Henry Theiss; d. 1939.

LUERRSEN, Henry—b. Germany 1837; came to Chicago 1855; m. Marie Kuerker 1859; came to Palatine 1862; one of the founders of Lutheran church. Children: Henry, Mrs. C. Berlin, Mrs. C. Plate, Mrs. H. Oltroge, Mrs. Koenecke, Mrs. Fred Oltroge, Mrs. Emma Labahn; d. 1910.

LYTLE, Charles W.—b. Palatine 1866; m. Pauline Fisher 1891; she died 1906; m. Reka Krueger 1918; brother to Mrs. A. G. Smith, Mrs. Fred Hawley; d. 1928.

MATTHEI, Henry C.—m. Emma Sutherland 1871; ran general store in Palatine many years; business was continued by his son George. Other children: Mrs. Annie Brockway and Philip; d. 1926.

MESS, Sophia (Porep)—b. Germany 1867; resident of Palatine most of her life; m. Henry Mess 1881. Children: Mrs. Fred Porep, Mrs. Emma Thies, and Otto; d. 1940.

MEYER, Carl B.—b. 1846; came to America 1865; m. Helena Wehrenberg 1872; lived in Palatine. Children: Louise (Mrs. Clark Keyes), Bertha (Mrs. Wm. Deverman); d. Palatine 1910.

MEYER, Emma (Leseberg)—b. 1865 near Palatine; m. Herman Meyer, who operated hardware store in Palatine. Children: George, Edward, Mrs. Dave Johnson, Mrs. Bertha Penner, Mrs. Arthur Druetz; d. 1951.

MINER, Harriet Adeline—b. Warren, Vt., 1824;

came to Elk Grove 1835; m. Dennis Putnam 1843. Children: Mrs. R. L. Gibbs, H. M. Putnam, W. A. Putnam.

MIX, Robert Frank—b. Palatine 1854; m. Frances Swick. Children: Robert, Martin, Charles and Ella; teaming contractor in Chicago many years, also in milk business; d. 1924.

MOSSER, Amanda (Mundhenk)—b. Iowa 1869; came to Palatine 1870; m. A. G. Mosser 1888. Children: Robert H., Mrs. Ethel Kessler; d. 1932.

MUELLER, Henry—b. 1817 in Hanover, Germany; m. Philopena Wittkubel 1850; came to America 1867. Children: Mrs. Sophia Mess, Mrs. Emma Thiess; d. 1904.

MUNDHENK, Mrs. Henry (Charlotte Wagner)—b. Germany 1846; came to America 1855; settled in Hoosier Grove; m. 1865; moved to Iowa 1869, back to Palatine 1876. Children: Will, Albert, Edwin, Arthur, Mrs. Amanda Mosser. (Ethel Kessler's mother).

NASON, Charles—b. 1857 in Elk Grove but spent most of his life north of Palatine where he farmed with his brother William. Sister: Mrs. Laura Humphrey; d. 1940.

NASON, William—b. Elk Grove 1854; came to Palatine with parents 1865; m. Sarah Peck 1878. Children: Jessie, Rollie and Lea; brother, Charles; sisters, Mrs. Sayles, Mrs. Humphrey.

NICHOLS, Catherine (Way)—b. Montreal, Canada, 1832; m. T. W. Nichols in Vermont and came to Palatine in 1867. Daughter: Mrs. J. A. Burlingame; d. 1906.

NICHOLS, Timothy W.—b. Vermont 1823; m. Catherine Minerva Way 1851; d. 1896.

NORDMEIER, John—b. Germany 1819; came to America 1853 and settled in Palatine, Children: Mrs. William Thies, William Nordmeier, Fred Nordmeier; d. 1902.

PAHL, Elisa (Wienecke)—b. Palatine 1859; m. Detlef Pahl in 1898; lived in Palatine all her life; d. 1939.

PAHLMAN, Mary (Rantzen)—b. Germany 1819; m. John Pahlman 1839; he died 1874; came to Palatine 1853. Children: Herman, William and Mrs. Mary William; d. 1906.

PLOTE, Ernest—b. Germany 1816; came to America in 1867; m. Wilhelmina Bartling; farmed in southwest part of township. Children: Mrs. Anna Knacke, Mrs. Pauline Hackbarth, Adolph, Charles and Ernst; d. 1904.

POREP, Fred C.—b. Chicago 1864; lived most of his life in Palatine. Children: Alfred, Herbert, and Mrs. Fred Stadt; d. 1939.

POHLMAN, Mrs. Conrad (Sophie Senne)—b. in Elk Grove 1849; m. in 1871; moved to Staples Corners where they lived 32 years. Children: William Henry, Herman, Emma, Anna; grandchildren: Mrs. Charles Klopp, Mrs. F. E. Donkin, Mrs. Elmer Wenegar; d. 1904.

PRATT, Smith—b. 1827; wife d. 1898; J. W. Burkett son-in-law; d. 1916.

PRELLBERG, Ernest b. Hanover, Germany, 1838; came to Palatine 1858; m. Johanne Wehrenberg who d. 1872. Children Henry and Carl; m. Sophie Heideman 1874. Children: William, Minnie Holste, Fred,

Albert, Sophie Keiler, George, Martin, Christine Benko. George and Christine still living; Sophie d. 1874. Mr. Prellberg conducted tailor shop 1876-1921: d. 1921.

PUTNAM, Royal—b. Bethel, Vt., 1822; m. Elzabeth Barre of Barre, Vt., in 1850 and came to Palatine, living here until 1868. Granddaughter: Mrs. George Stroker; d. 1897.

PUTNAM, Mrs. Rush, (Jennie Morris)—b. in 1857; m. 1881; father and mother J. E. Morris, brother Charles Morris; d. 1902.

REESE, Mr. and Mrs. H. C.—came to Elk Grove after their marriage 1859, and Palatine 1861. Children: Herman, Henry J., William.

REYNOLDS, Milan—b. Dorset, Vt., 1845; came to Hinsdale 1856; moved to Palatine 1861; m. Emma Chantrill 1867; deputy coroner; d. 1909.

ROBERTSON, Silas—father of Mrs. Black. Mrs. W. L. Hicks, sister of Mrs. C. H. Patten; wife d. 1899; d. 1906.

ROBINSON, F. G.—b. Vermont 1836; came to Palatine 1863 and ran mercantile store with Richard Turner; m. Nellie Turner in 1866; after her death m. Melissa Keys, daughter of N. P. and Cordelia Keys.

ROHDE, Mrs. Fred (Sophia Kublank)—b. 1840, Germany; came to America 1849; settled on Kublank farm; m. 1866, Children: Mrs. Sophia Berlin, F. G. Louis, Henry, John and August; d. 1909.

ROPER, Mrs. Frederick (Justina Heineman)—b. Germany, 1840; came to America 1847; settled in Palatine; m. F. Roper 1858. Children: Mrs. Caroline Popp, Mrs. Emma Haman, William Henry Louis, Mrs. Bertha Reiter; d. 1909.

SCHIERDING, Henry—b. Germany; came to Palatine in 1864; operated general store until 1875; justice of peace for 32 years; m. Rebecca Slade in 1867; after her death m. Henrietta Matthei. Children: William Schierding, Mrs. Matilda House, and Mrs. Alma Smith.

SCHIRDING, Lily (Hastings)—b. Palatine 1859; m. Hiram Schirding 1883. Daughter, Mrs. Blanche Reuse; grandchildren, Louis T. and Evelyn Baril d. 1948.

SCHOPPE, Gerhardt H.—b. Germany, 1829; came to Palatine 1856; m. Marie Stockel; lived on original Asa Dunton claim on Dundee road. Children: Carrie, Charles, Louis, Henry and Harry; d. 1894.

SCHRADER, Herman—b. 1866, son of Fred Schrader, South Plum Grove storekeeper; m. Caroline Bollenbach 1895; d. 1952.

SCHRADER, Louis H.—b. 1861, Palatine; m. Louise Kreiter 1906. Children: Mrs. Charles Thorpe, Cora Schrader, Mrs. Alfred Hanns; d. 1916.

SCHROEDER, Henry—b. Germany; came to Palatine in 1865; m. Engel Schwake and lived on farm near Staples Corners; one of founders of Lutheran church. Children: Conrad, Mrs. Dora Moehling, Henry, Fred, George, Will and Hermann.

SCHULTZ, Gustav C.—b. Germany, 1846; came to Palatine 1867 to work at Luerssen's blacksmith shop, later Loges and Schultz; m. Mary Stege in early '70's. Children: Mrs. Clare Sears, Mrs. W. L. Smyser, Robert and Cora; served on village board, board of education; d. 1924.

SLEEPER, Mrs. Harriet (Tiall)-b. Elmira, N. Y.,

1829; m. Damon Y. Nason 1849; settled Elk Grove; came to Palatine 1865. Children: Alice Nason Sayles, William, Charles, Hattie Herbert and Laura Nason Humphrey; Nason d. 1870.

SCHWEITZER, Augusta (Diekman)—b. Germany, 1851; came to Highland Grove in 1860; m. William George Schweitzer 1871. They had 12 children including Mrs. Dora Comfort and William; d. 1925.

SNEIBLE, John—b. Germany, 1828; moved to farm in Palatine 1868 from Rome, N. Y.; retired in 1883 and moved to village; d. in Palatine 1903.

SNEIBLE, Mrs. Mary—b. Germany, 1825; m. John 1851. Children: John, Mary, Mike, Frank; grand-children: George and Walter; d. 1907.

SHEFFNER, A. N.—b. New York, 1841; came to Palatine in 1864 and practiced medicine; m. Mary Rue in 1862; three children.

STROKER, Emma (Hunnerberg)—b. Chicago, 1871; came to Palatine after the Chicago fire; m. Henry Stroker 1893. Children: Walter, Mrs. Margaret Witt; d. 1938.

STROKER, Mrs. Herman (Dorothea (Kublank)—b. Germany, 1838; came to Palatine 1876. Children: Mrs. W. G. Ost, Bertha Williams.

SUNDERLAGE—see Kublank, Maria.

SWICK, Mrs. Martin (Charlotte Rollins)—b. New York 1831; m. Martin Swick 1852; lived in Palatine until 1902. Children: Pohn, Mrs. Frank Mix, Mrs. Charles Garrison; d. 1915.

TEGTMEIER, William—b. Palatine 1863; m. Anna Drier 1890; she died 1932. One son William; d. 1940.

TEGTMEIER, Charles—b. Palatine 1868. Sisters: Mrs. Emma Roth, Mrs. George Wilson and brothers, Henry and Fred; d. 1946.

THIES, Henry—b. Germany, 1831; located at Plum Grove 1857. Children: Charles, Mrs. Sophia Landwer, Henry, Mrs. Mary Mummert, Wilton.

THEISS, John—b. Palatine township 1867; son of Wilhelm and Dorothea Theiss; m. Clara Biermann 1897. Daughter: Mrs. Wagner; sisters: Mrs. Mary Berghorn, Mrs. Amelia Landwer and brothers Charles and Edward; d. 1941.

THURSTON, Julius W.—b. Graysville, Vt., 1842; came to Palatine in 1850; m. Addie Watson 1889; d. in Palatine 1904.

TIMMERMAN, Wilhelmine (Haake)—b. Germany, 1848; came to Palatine 1850; m. Carl Langhoff 1864. Children: Fred. Richard and Mrs. Bertha Schoppe; m. Joachim Timmerman. Children: August, Herman, Edward and Rudolph; d. 1932.

TRUMBULL, Hannah S. (Mrs. Timothy Dean)—b. Florence, N. Y., 1839; came to Palatine in 1851; taught school at old Bradwell school until marriage to Timothy Dean; d. in Palatine 1903.

UMBDENSTOCK, Mrs. Saloma (Hercshberger)—b. Alsace 1821; m. 1847; came to America with husband; settled in Long Grove 1877; Children: George (Long Grove), Louise (Mrs. Henry Quentin).

VOGT, Frederich—b. Germany 1826; came to Palatine 1866; m. Margaret Vehe 1851; she died 1906. Children: John, William, Fred, Mrs. Emma Langreh, Mrs. Lucy Flake, George, Mrs. Mary Flentje; d. 1906.

VOSS, Wilhelm—b. Germany 1852; came to America when a boy and m. Bertha Dernsing 1889. Four children; carpenter for J. G. Horstman; d. 1907.

WENEGAR, Jacob—b. Alsace, 1947; m. Barbara Herschberger 1872 and came to Palatine 1872; carpenter, built Methodist church, Plum Grove church and Town Hall; supervised the building of the Flagg stock farm; son Benjamin Wenegar; d. 1896.

WENTE, Mrs. Charles (Louise E. Wienecke)—b. in Palatine 1856; m. Charles Wente. Children: John, Charles, Bertha Danielsen, Clara (Mrs. Herman Devermann), Herman, Willie, Alma (Mrs. Luerrsen), Arthur, Frank.

WHIPPLE, Judge George C.—b. Westford, Vt., 1835; police magistrate nearly 40 years; moved to Diamond Lake 1834; m. Helen P. Bartlett 1863; moved to Palatine; wife died 1895; d. July 1909.

WILDHAGEN, Christopher William—b. Hanover, Germany, 1838; came to America 1852; settled in Palatine with parents; m. Sophie Mahler 1865. Children: William, Bertha, Louise, Emma, Fred; d. 1908.

WIENKE, August—b. in Mecklenburg 1835; m. Sophie Dorothea Henning 1865; came to America 1873; made home in Palatine; d. 1907.

WILLIAMS, William C.—b. Canada 1854; came to Palatine 1871 and established the Cook County Herald in 1872 and the Palatine Enterprise in 1878; m. Mary L. Pahlman in 1873. Children: Mame, John P., William S., Charles and James; d. 1927.

WILSON, Jonathan—b. Halifax, England 1834; came to Palatine 1853 when 19 years old and lived here until death; m. Ann Kitson 1860. Son, George; d. in Palatine 1910.

WILSON, William—b. Palatine 1870; postmaster many years, also worked with Illinois Life Insurance Co.; brother to Dolly Wilson; d. 1945.

WINDHEIM, Engel Marie Sophie (nee Langhorst)—b. Germany 1835; m. Henry Windheim 1862; came to America 1872 and settled in Palatine; member of Lutheran church. Children: Henry, Mrs. William Gieseke, Mrs. Fred Gieseke, Mrs. William Wulff and Mary; d. 1908.

WITTENBERG, Mary (Meissner)—b. 1864 on Meissner homestead; father donated land for school; m. Henry Wittenberg 1884. Children: Henry, Walter Bertha (Mrs. Fred Neitz), Mamie (Mrs. William Neitz), Alta (Mrs. Henry Behrens); sisters: Mrs. Mathilda Foreman and Mrs. Bertha Brandt; brother John Meissner; d. 1931.

WITTENBERG, William H.—b. 1862 Germany; came to Palatine 1872; m. Mary Peck 1887; she died 1938; lived on Pinney farm. Children: Bill, Charles and Mrs. Lila Gusewelle.

WITTENBERG, John Carl Gustave—b. 1829; m. Carrie Henning 1854; came to Palatine 1850; lived on Foskett farm (near Inverness). Children: William and Henry and Mrs. Schroeder.

WULFF, Mrs. Henry—b. Germany 1831; m. Henry 1852; came to America 1867; d. 1916; husband d. 1910.

WULFF, Wilhelmina (Hauger)—b. Germany, 1831; m. Henry Wulff 1852; came to Palatine 1867. Children: Henry, Mrs. Kampschmidt, Charles, William, Abert and Herman; d. 1916.

ZIMMER, Emma (Wente)—b. Palatine township 1862; m. John Wienecke 1887; he died 1915; m. Albert Zimmer, 1921. Children: Mrs. Amanda Freeman, Mrs. Esther Toppel, and Lydia Wienecke; sisters: Mrs. Mary Oltendorf, Mrs. Louise O'Brien, Mrs. Ida Schultz, and a brother Fred Wente; d. 1925.

### ROLLIN S. WILLIAMSON

Rollin S. Williamson, born in Cornwall, Vt., May 23, 1839, came west when he was 17. He had studied telegraphy, and asked for employment at the railroads. At the Chicago and Fond du Lac office he was told to get on the next train northwest, and begin work immediately at Palatine. Williamson used his spare time studying and reading law. In 1870 he was admitted to the bar. During his years in Palatine his name frequently appears in records of village affairs and on legal documents. He served as State Representative in 1870; and was a State Sena-election to the superior court bench in 1880,

tor in 1872 and '73. Further honors came with his Private trains brought many dignitaries to visit Judge and Mrs. Williamson at their beautiful brick mansion which formerly stood at the corner of Wood and Bothwell sts. In 1884 Gen. and Mrs. John Logan and Gov. Beveridge were among the guests to do honor to the Williamsons on their Silver Wedding Anniversary which they observed in Palatine. Judge Williamson died Aug. 10, 1889. His widow later married Dr. Wood of Oak Park.

### JOHN PATTEN

John Patten was born at Londonderry, N. H., 1798, son of a sea captain, Thomas Patten of Marblehead, Mass. John Patten had been in business at Sanbornton Bridge (now Tilton) N. H. for a number of years when he decided to go west. Accordingly, in the spring of 1852, he sold his property and traveled with his wife, Lillis S. (Fullerton) and four children, John, Lizabeth, Mary, and Nellie to Buffalo by train. They then traveled on "The Sultana" around the lakes and landed in Chicago May 12, 1852.

All were soon scrambling into a lumber wagon and out on the road for a 26 mile ride to the west end of Plum Grove to Samuel Smith's prairie home. Arriving in the afternoon, the Eastern friends were cordially welcomed by the Smiths who were "old time friends" in the East in years gone by.

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Mr. Patten bought the Samuel Smith farm. The establishment called "the house" consisted of two log houses connected by a frame part. It was situated on the same rise of ground a short distance west of the Rohde homestead which is located near the intersection of Old Plum Grove and Algonquin roads.

In the year 1853 prosperity abounded, and with it came a new baby named Charles H. Patten. In 1898 he built the present Patten home at Benton and Wood streets now owned by his grandson, Charles R. Patten.

John Patten was interested in the schools of the district. He engaged a teacher and arranged seats in his small log house where school was kept the full term. Soon there was a new frame schoolhouse.

The large German boys of the neighborhood came to Mr. Patten evenings to be taught to read and write. Some of those German young men became the first citizens of Palatine.

After five years of farm life Mr. Patten sold his farm to E. K. Whitcomb, who owned the next farm west. He built a store and dwelling in Palatine, northwest corner Brockway and Slade streets, where he opened a general merchandise store (later Flury bakery).

In after years he sold this establishment to Henry Rickenberg and built a home on the corner of Wood and Benton streets. Here he passed the remainder of his days. John Patten died Feb. 10, 1879 and is buried in Hillside cemetery. Lillis S. Patten, wife of John Patten, died at Kensington, Ill., in 1885.

The historian is including in the centennial book a short sketch of the service given Palatine over fifty years by Dr. C. A. Starck.

Dr. C. A. Starck, Palatine's oldest physician, started his practice in 1905. He was the son of a Long Grove minister, Rev. Charles A. S. Starck. He rode a bicycle 14 miles daily in order to attend the Palatine high school where he graduated in 1900.

Dr. Starck welcomed the employment offered by with the late Dr. Muffet, who resided at that time in Wheeling.

During those school years he became acquainted with an eccentric doctor of the old school who was recognized as one of the most capable surgeons and medical men in these parts.

As he drove the doctor around on his calls about the country, he was frequently called upon to assist at operations, perhaps performed on a kitchen table, either holding the light or administering the anesthetic. The operation completed or the mother of a new baby brought into the world, resting quietly, it was Carl's job to drive the team back home while the doctor frequently slept.

Dr. Starck does not recall exactly when he decided to be a doctor, but by the time he had finished high school, he was determined to follow that profession.

In the fall of 1900, he entered the College of Physicians and Surgeons of the University of Illinois. By traveling back and forth between Palatine and the school, he did not have many worries about getting enough to eat. The school tuition was the biggest obstacle that had to be overcome.

His work in school gained the attention of the late Dr. T. A. Davis who had Carl appointed as the school librarian. He left Palatine at 6 a.m. in order to open the library at 8:00. He was able to return home at 5:30 and then came the burning of the midnight oil.

Dr. Starck graduated in 1904. He opened his own office in the Bruhns building, opposite the present post office building. When the Palatine Athletic Club left its quarters above the Mosser drug store, Dr. Starck rented the vacant rooms.

When he had the opportunity to purchase the Kunze building at the southeast corner of Slade and Brockway st, he had visions of a small hospital.

"I had been delivering babies in the homes of so many families that I found I had no time to eat or to even sleep at times. I decided I would provide a place where expectant mothers could have their children in a more proper place than the farm home," Dr. Starck told the reporter.

His definite decision was made one stormy night when he was called to the Henry Fasse home in Schaumburg township. His cutter tipped over twice on the way there. He had to cross fields in order to get through. He arrived in time to welcome the new born baby but he had to remain all night because of the storm.

At first the doctor had only one small room in which was placed a bed for emergency cases. The demand for beds became so great that in 1919 a two-story addition was added to the building that Starck had purchased in 1916.

Opening of Palatine hospital was a gala event in Palatine, although it did not receive the recognition from other doctors that Dr. Starck had expected. As auto accident cases increased in this area the importance of the institution increased. However, the shortage of nurses brought about its closing in the fall of 1950.

### FRED FOLLETH, OLDEST CITIZEN

The Centennial committee gives special recognition to Fred Folleth, Palatine's oldest long-time resident, who looks forward to celebrating his 95th birthday Sep. 25. When Mr. Folleth emigrated from his native Alsace-Lorraine to Palatine in 1881, he brought his mother and sister with him. A brother, Louis, had been at Quintens Corners for several years, operating a hotel called the "Half-Way House." (It is now a motel). The new arrivals also settled at Quintens Corners in a house just west of this hotel. At night, Mr. Folleth, who had learned the shoemaker's trade in the old country, made and repaired shoes for the Quintens Corners residents. In the daytime he worked for \$17 a month as a hired man for farmers. By carefully saving and planning. he was able to acquire 40 acres, including part of the Quentin farm. After his sister's marriage. Fred married Louise Landmann. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Landmann, had been neighbors in his home town, and moved to Palatine from Chicago following the great fire.

During the next five years the Folleths rented the Gainor farm (now Sturms), then purchased Charlie Meyer's farm. This latter included part of George Ela's original claim in Deer Grove; and Mr. Folleth recalls disposing of Ela's old log cabins when he cleared the land. Mr. and Mrs. Folleth remained on this farm until about 1920, when the Forest Preserve District took 20 acres for Deer Grove. They then sold the remaining acreage; and moved to their present residence at 130 E. Chicago Ave. This had been the Putnam property and contained 6 lots. Mr. Folleth's shoe store from 1920 until his retirement 7 years later was in a building replaced by stores at 57 North Bothwell St.

Mrs. Folleth, who is 82, and her husband, have had five children: Daniel of Elgin; Albert of Barrington; Robert who died in 1918 at 21; Miss Cora and Melanie (Mrs. Joseph) Schlitz of Palatine. There are also three grandchildren.

Mr. Folleth is quite definite in his opinion that the Palatine of 1955 is a better town than it ever was. He has no desire for "the good old days" to return. He recalls that the day he arrived in Palatine he had exactly 25c and a total stranger walked with him to show him the way to his brother's. When a slough had to be crossed this man carried Mr. Folleth on his shoulders. At this same time Mrs. Fink gave lodging to his mother and sister until he could find a home. He hopes that this neighborly spirit which helped make Palatine the fine community that it is will always be a part of its residents' lives.

Palatine salutes you, sir!

### A MODEL COP OF THE 1920's

Old timers still remember William Garms, who was village marshal in the 1920's.

"He was the best police force we ever had," says T. C. Hart. "He had his own method of law enforcement and had the respect of children and adults as well as the itinerant visitor. The hobos always looked Bill up when they arrived in town, certain that he would allow them to sleep in the pokey on the cold winter nights and that they would not be sent on their way in the morning without something in their stomach. Mr. Garms had an effective way to sober up drunks. He would throw them into the watering trough on Slade street When they recovered sufficiently to travel on their own he would order them home for dry clothes. In those days a police officer was both a cop and a police magistrate, effectively dealing out justice."

### MRS. LUCY FLAKE

The honor of being the oldest living woman resident of Palatine township goes to Mrs. Lucy Flake, 91 years old, who is still sufficiently active to take the full responsibility of running a household. She also finds time to continue the pastime of womenfolk of early days, knitting and the making of patchwork quilts. There may not be such a demand for them today, but during the years there has been many a bride who had one of Lucy's spreads in her hope chest.

Mrs. Flake comes from pioneer stock. Perhaps that is the reason she has reached her age. Her father was born in Prussia 124 years ago, coming to Palatine about the time of the Civil War. He was so busy manufacturing uniforms in Chicago for the Union Army that his wife and the children had to do the farm work, even some of the building. Their farm, located on Ela road, south of Chicago avenue, was purchased from heirs of John Swick. It remained in the family 75 years.

Mrs. Flake, now a resident of the village, attends the Methodist church every Sunday, weather permitting. Her greatest pleasure is keeping up with the holiday traditions in the making of goodies, mittens and other gifts for the children and grandchildren of the families she has personally known many years.

She attended the Bradwell school, walking a mile with lunch pail in hand. A picture of the school as it appeared at that time, 80 years ago, is in this book.

### PALATINE IS AN IDEAL RESIDENTIAL TOWN

Over two miles of cement walks have been laid in the past three years, a mile of which was put in during 1905. The village pays ¼ of this cost besides building the crossing approach. The sewer system of Palatine is worth over \$7,000. This has been laid without any special assessment. The system is being enlarged a little each year. The village lighting system is par excellence. Any one of the gasoline lamps used will outshine any electric light used in any neighboring village. The roads are well gravelled and whatever curbs are built by the property owner, the village buys the gravel to connect. A large sum is spent by the village each year to keep the roads in repair.

Palatine citizens will be burning gas next summer. The gas company will save nearly two miles of piping and gain nearly a month in time between the Heights and Palatine by laying the mains along the railroad property. The right-of-way has been secured from all the farmers on the south side of the tracks.

### EXCHANGED MERCHANDISE FOR PRODUCE

Frederick Schrader, grandfather of Vera Hans Horcher and Alice Hans Neville of Palatine, came to Palatine from Hanover, Germany. He opened one of the first stores in Palatine at 116 S. Plum Grove where he exchanged merchandise for farm produce. That store building is now a 2-flat on S. Bothwell street.

When he had reached Jefferson Park on one of his weekly trips to Chicago with a load of produce, he saw the bright skies and learned that Chicago was burning down. He returned to Palatine with his produce.

### MEMORIAL DAYS IN PALATINE IN 1911

School children met at the schoolhouse and received flags and a bouquet of flowers presented by the W.R.C. At 1:30 they marched to the M. E. church, headed by the band, where they took seats according to grades, children of Palatine school, including High School and District schools. An address was given by a prominent speaker; the list of soldier dead was read. After that the children and adults marched to the Hillside cemetery and there placed a bouquet of flowers on the grave of each soldier which was marked with an American flag.

The children brought the flowers to the church in the morning and the women of the W.R.C. made them into bouquets. The people gathered around the stone of the unknown soldier and listened to the address of the day. Next the German cemetery was visited and flowers laid on the graves of soldiers buried there. Following the program the band boys gave a short concert in the bandstand.

The school children turned out in good numbers and very few ever missed marching in the parade, rain or shine. Many Palatine residents always came back to meet and greet old friends. School directors marched in a body in the parade.

Memorial services at Cady cemetery were participated in by a large crowd. A program was given by the children of the two districts there. After the exercises ten graves in the two cemeteries were decorated. In later years the graves have been decorated by the W.R.C. on the Sunday before Memorial day.

### CASKET MAKING TO UNDERTAKER

The man who made the caskets was also the undertaker 85 years ago. The Danielsen family got its start in the undertaking business when his employer, operating a cabinet shop (Prellberg buiding), died and Charles started in business on his own.

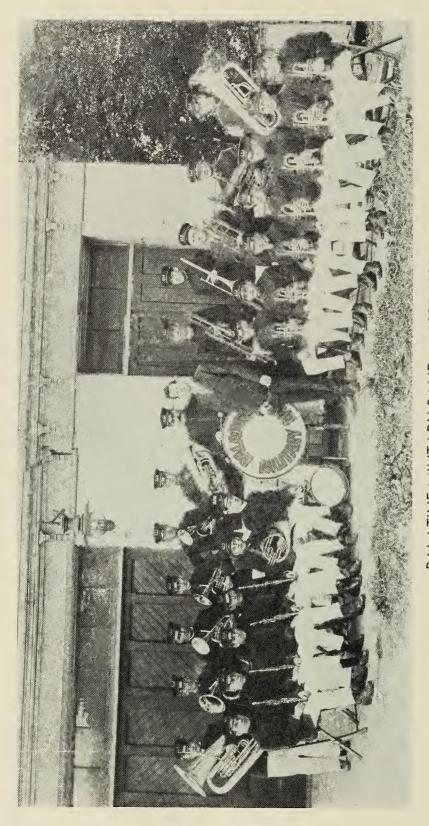
He operated his own cabinet-casket making shop on the site of the present Tharp funeral home which, built by Frank Danielsen in 1928, was the first funeral parlor in the northwest area. Frank became a licensed embalmer in 1886 when 18 years old.

### GREAT GRANDPARENTS FIRST TEACHER

Mrs. Mae Howes, 248 N. Bothwell, has a museum of early Palatine relics. She is the great granddaughter of Nancy Boynton, the first school teacher in Deer Grove. Nancy taught school at Bang's Lake, now Wauconda, in 1840, 15 years before there was a village of Palatine.

Nancy married Capt. Sutherland; their daughter married H. C. Matthei, whose daughter is Mrs. Annie Brockway, mother of Mrs. Howes.

Family heirlooms in the possession of Mrs. Howes include two land grants signed by President Tyler, appointment of Mason Sutherland as a captain, an authorization for him to form Co. E of the 113th Regiment, official notice of his death, letters that passed between Capt. and Mrs. Sutherland during the Civil War, the school bell used by her greatgrandmother, a number of Bibles, a prayer book and other books and papers as well as many photographs.



# PALATINE MILITARY BAND — 1895-1935

The Palatine Military Band was organized by J. H. Schierding in the 1870's. The first practices were in Knickrene's cabinet shop. Later they used quarters over Harmening's store and Hunneberg's Hall. One of the best bands in Cook Co., it won prizes and laurels in Chicago, Elgin and other places.

First members were Ed Olcott, J. H. Schierding, Jim and Herb Williams, Julius Thurston, Ben and Charles Cottran, Charles Garrison, Dr. Wadhams, Dick Lytle, John Gainer, Edson and Ernie Baldwin, Carl Sefton, W. R. Comfort, John Swick, and Andrew Fosket.

Above picture was taken in front of old village hall. First row, left to right: Herman Bicknase, George Anderman, Al Harz, Walter Sneible, Herman Baumgarten, Fred Huenerberg, Walter Sears (conductor), Ben Harz. Charles Ost, William Smyzer, Charles Froelich, William Wilkening, Dan Bergman, Ewald Clausen.

Second row: Ed Mundhenk, John Mangels, Herman Wente, Bill Bockelman, Charles Wente, Harry Schoppe, John Swick, Bill Danielsen, Henry Schroeder, August Hackbarth, Carl Baumgarten, Louis Schoppe.

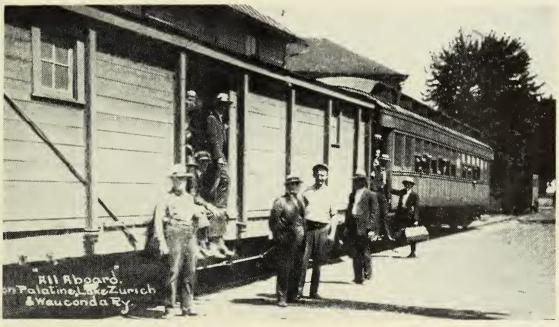


MODERN WOODMEN OF AMERICA DRILL TEAM

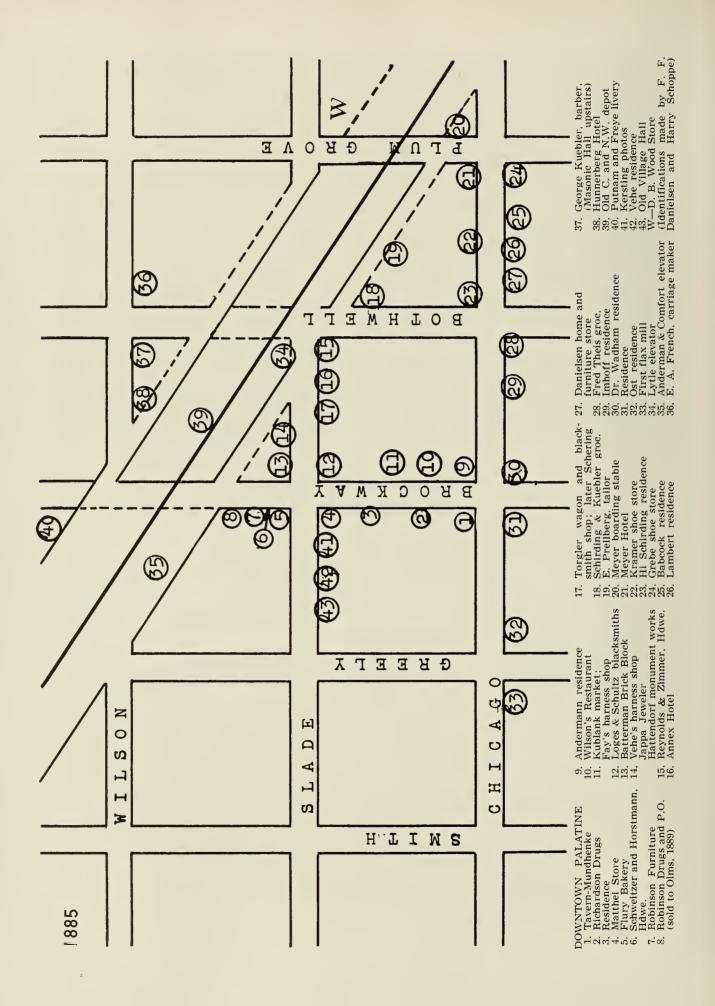
Drill team of the Palatine Camp No. 6395 belonged to Modern Woodmen of America, a fraternal organization that is now largely operated as an insurance company. Fifty years ago it was an active social organization with initiation stunts that rivaled those of college fraternities.

The above drill team was for show and marched down Michigan avenue, Chicago. W. H. Brockway was the captain. The only living members of the above team are Walter Meyer, Stuart R. Paddock and Conrad Niedert.

From left to right the men with the axes are: (rear) William Schweitzer, William Schwankoff, C. Niedert, S. R. Paddock, William Ost, Charles Froelich; (front row) Fred Krueger, Walter Meyer, William S. Geibel, W. H. Brockway, A. G. Smith, Henry Bockelman, William Mummert,



Lone passenger car and improvised "40 and 8" of the Palatine, Lake Zurich and Wauconda Railroad, ready to pull out for Wauconda. Passengers are waiting for "Maud."



### CHAPTER VI

# Way Back When

These reminiscences, gathered by the Palatine Centennial historians, come from old newspapers, scrap books, family records and from family word-of-mouth tales brought down through the years.

The following story is told about Dr. Keeler, first physician in town, who built the house, now used as a Lutheran parsonage, about 1855: One day he was sent to attend a lady who had lockjaw. After trying in vain to open her mouth, he knocked out some of her teeth through which the medicine was given.

In 1884 in the village of Palatine there were 5 dry goods, 2 hardware, 2 drugs stores; 3 wagon and blacksmith shops; 2 flour mills (one was steam and operated by Solon Johnson at the northwest corner of Plum Grove and Johnson st.), and one windmill, at the southeast corner of Sherman and Benton sts.

In 1901 the Business Men's association ran this ad: "Bring your horses, cattle, hogs, pigs, poultry, produce this Friday and the second Friday of each month to Market Day. Buyers reach here from the city at 9 a.m. and return on the 2:15 train."

From 1902-1919 Mrs. John Torgler operated the telephone exchange from her home at 55 N. Plum Grove ave. She had 11 subscribers.

Mrs. Leslie Carter brought her small son to Palatine, to keep him away from his father. She was quite spectacular driving around Palatine in a carriage drawn by fast stepping horses. When detectives were hired by her husband to kidnap the boy they brought Palatine considerable newspaper publicity.

The first auto in Palatine was a Stanley Steamer, owner by J. A. Burlingame who employed a chauffeur to drive the car.

Henry Matthei, pioneer Palatine merchant and an ardent Republican conducted a store on the present Pepper block site. He was also postmaster, the quarters of which later served as the library building. The Matthei store was a great favorite of children because he gave a bag of caramels to children of his customers.

One of the sports for teenage boys, 50 years ago, was riding blind baggage to Arlington Heights on the 5:12 mail train, returning on the Janesville 6:45. The "blind baggage" was the end platform of the mail car which had no entrance door. Occasionally the firemen would throw a bucket of water on the boys.

A Chicago newspaper published in 1903—"The oldest deed on file in Cook county was executed by John Stephen Hallfrisch and wife, Appollona, to Andrew Hallfrisch for a consideration of \$600, dated Oct. 16, 1848. Because it had been kept in a family chest it escaped destruction in the fire of 1871. It was acknowledged before Justice Thomas Bradwell, and filed by Comfort and Olms real estate men of Palatine." (Record Herald—1903)

Prior to 1859 when there was no Masonic Lodge in Palatine the men who were Masons would walk to Wheeling to attend Masonic meetings. To aid them, meetings were always held on the nights when the moon was full.

A horse stable stood on the present site of the

Masonic Hall, where farmers left their horses as they visited the Meyer tavern across the street.

Grebe's shoe store and former office of Palatine Enterprise was located on the present Pure Oil corner. (1902).

The Danielsens furniture store occupied the present funeral home corner.

The Lytle elevator was located east of Brockway st. R.R. crossing. It was removed when the Batterman brick block was built in 1884. (the present vacant triangle).

There was a frog pond at the Palatine Drug corner.

There was a printing office, photo studio, jewelry store and meat market on the north side of Slade st., west of Bothwell.

The Mosser drug store opened the ice cream season every spring with Memorial Day and closed it on Labor Day.

The Moorehouse barber shop south of Schoppe's store was where the young boys learned to smoke their first cigarettes.

Sixty years ago the farmers, bringing their milk, would gather around the big stove in the back of Schoppe's and Mattheis' to get warm and settle the questions of the day. He who needed a pipeful of tobacco was welcome to dip into the "poor box."

A. D. Bissell, son of Jane Sutherland Bissell, lost his life on the Chilkoot Pass avalanche while on his way to the Klondike Gold Fields, in 1898.

In the '20's, Seip's Hall, 18 N. Bothwell, (now Foster Economy House) had the world premiere of a two-reel comedy, "Right Foot Forward," with Palatine as the locale, because it still had hitching posts and dirt streets.

This hall, built by Charles Seip, was originally used for dances and entertainments. It was also used as a gym by the high school basketball team until the construction of the high school building in 1929. Palatine's first movies were shown here in 1917. They were silent, of course, and had to be rewound between reels. Suitable music was provided by pianists.

Many children were brought into this world by Mrs. Andrew Landmann, the midwife, who lived at the southwest corner of Bothwell and Chicago Ave. She moved to Palatine with her family after she and her husband lost almost all their possessions in the Chicago fire. Mrs. Landmann's profession was a highly respected one. However, the day her granddaughter, Melanie (Folleth) Schlitz, was born, she entrusted the case to a new doctor who had just begun his practice in Palatine, Carl Starck. Melanie receives birthday greetings each year from Dr. Starck.

Before street and drainage improvements arrived, sidewalks in the business section were raised to get them out of the mud, which explains why persons entering those old time stores had to use steps.

Prior to the organization of the Alumni Association in the '90's, a strawberry festival was held on the campus every year after graduation exercises.

From 1857 into the 1880's a number of Good Templar lodges were organized, the last one in 1879, but interest in Temperance dwindled and they passed out of existence. Selosa Johnson started a Temperance Hotel but it did not prove a financial success and was sold and operated for 40 years in connection with a tavern.

The Palatine Military Band gave summer concerts each week at the bandstand which was torn down in the '20's to make way for the Bank Building. This band always led the Memorial day parade; and early on Fourth of July morning, toured the town on a hayrack, playing stirring music.

The stucco building, directly north of R.R. track, was called the Hunerberg Hotel. North Western trains would pull into the siding and the passengers for whom reservations had been wired from Chicago would go in to eat. Stroker's Hall, which adjoined Hunerberg Hotel on the east, was used for dances and parties. Until Seip's Hall was made available, basketball practice was held here.

In 1880's and early '90's, dances and roller skating parties were held in the building on the northwest corner of Brockway and Chicago aves.

Schirding and Slade (later Schirding and Matthei) had a store at the present Schoppe corner, southwest corner Slade and Brockway. Upstairs was a hall where village meetings were held, also the offices of Dr. Olcott, dentist. The orchestra consisted of a violin, clarinet and cello. The latter instrument was played by Jupe Thurston, who was the constable and the Methodist church janitor. Later this building was moved to the east side of Greeley, between Slade and Chicago, just north of the Legion hall.

Schoppes celebrated in 1954 sixty years of merchandising service to Palatine. Harry Schoppe, an original partner, is now assisted by Mrs. Louis Schoppe and his daughter, Helen.

As recently as 1892 Matthew Richmond owned and operated a cheese factory at the southwest corner of Bothwell and Johnson streets. That remodeled building is an apartment house at 35 W. Johnson st. The Richmond home still stands to the west of the apartment building.

The Brick Block, built in 1884 by H. C. Batterman, was a three-story red brick building on the northeast corner of Brockway and Slade streets. Until it was torn down in the '30's it held apartments, doctor's offices, lunch rooms, ice cream parlor, and a dry goods store. This was the first location of the Sanitary Market, and A & P; Charles Dinse's barbershop and pool hall were in the basement.

The Palatine bank of C. H. Patten occupied the northwest corner first floor for many years. It was followed by the First National Bank of Palatine. On the third floor there were a stage, dressing rooms and dance hall. In addition to many balls held there, the Palatine high school alumni went there to dance after a banquet in the old village hall. They marched in a group; and it was customary for the rest of the people downtown to go watch this "fash-

ion parade." The favorite of all orchestras was Leon Brothers, consisting of harp and violin. The dancing teacher who gave lessons there came from Chicago and always wore patent leather slippers, and a swallow tail coat.

Among the professional people who were in Palatine in early years are: A. N. Sheffener, M.D., 1864; C. S. Cutting, Att'y., 1874; S. E. Hulett, M.D., and and E. W. Olcott, dentists, 1877; F. E. Wadham, M.D., 1879; C. M. Sutherland, M.D., 1882.

A duck pond fed by springs was located north of the present municipal building. Wild ducks gathered there

At one time water from an artesian well on Wood and Bothwell was piped to a trough in front of the market on Wilson and Bothwell streets, then on to a trough on Brockway street south of the track. The water was carried in square wooden flumes. A cement reservoir with a rounded brick top was located between Schoppe's and the Starck building across the street east. Rain and water from street drainage were gathered in it and used in case of fire. This reservoir was filled-in at the time of the street paving—about 1922.

The Economy Fuse plant on North Smith st., was originally the Bowman Dairy plant.

For many years there was much cattle shipping from Palatine stockyards located west of town on the north side of the railroad. These stockyards were not large but busy.

The depot park south of the railroad was well-kept. Each Arbor Day high school pupils planted a tree beneath which was placed a bottle containing names of the school pupils.

In the early 1900's members of the senior class at graduation were not allowed to sit back and listen to a big name speaker. They did the "orationing." During the school year each class member prepared and gave an oration before the school literary society. On graduation night they were expected to "put on the show." The program of 1900 included these numbers: "The Influence of a World's Fair, Carl A. Starck; "The Hay-Pauncefoote Treaty," Henry W. Abelmann; "Alexander Hamilton," C. E. Comfort; "The Crusades," Martha A. Bollman. There were four other graduates.

The oldest living graduate of the high school is Persis Hicks McCabe of the class of 1887; Elodia Baldwin Patten was a member of the class of 1888. Other living early graduates are Mrs. Edna Baldwin Heise and Mabel Olcott Hipwell, 1890; Grace Beutler and Annie Matthei Brockway, 1891; June Juiian Hart, 1893.

Residents of the village, who owned several cows for their own use, put them out to pasture in Henry Schierding's acreage between Plum Grove and Smith near Robertson.

Livery stables did a thriving business from 1885 until the advent of automobiles. Buggies were rented to traveling salesmen at \$3 a day. One such livery was owned by Henry Knigge and another by Ira W. Frye whose stable was located at Wood and Brockway until he erected a livery stable at 55 N. Bothwell.

A book by Everett Chamberlain published in 1873, dealing with Chicago and its suburbs, mentions the new artesian well in Palatine; and that there are three churches and a handsome grade school worth \$11,000. This same author says that all streets are lighted and excellently finished; lots retail at from \$5-\$60 a foot, and tracts "circumjacent" are selling at from \$75-\$300 an acre.



THE ANNEX HOTEL OPERATED BY THE FINK-SEIP FAMILIES

The official name of the above was "Annex Hotel" and it was so listed in the telephone directory, which caused some confusion when, the person calling thought he was connected with the Chicago Annex Hotel on Michigan boulevard. It was known hereabouts as Seip's Place and under the management of Charlie and Minnie Seip its fame extended to great distances. The hotel and tavern were originally purchased by Conrad Fink, father of Mrs. C. H. Seip in 1870.

Patrons of the hotel only paid \$3.00 for a week's lodging, including meals. The barn at the rear was torn down in 1908 and the following year a hall was built, which is now the home of Fosters' Economy House.

Upon the marriage in 1892 of Charles Seip and Minnie Fink, the place came into their possession. The property remained in their ownership until 1930 when the hotel was razed and the present post office block was erected.

Mr. Seip was a lover of sports for young people and many times he was the man who backed local ball teams, which in the prosperous years played many of the leading semi-pro teams of Chicago.

Fifty years ago prize fights were illegal, but Charlie lent his name to what was supposed to be an exhibition bout in a dance pavilion in Meyer's woods, south of Palatine. The pavilion was packed, Just as the bell sounded Deputy Sheriff Louis Roehler of Arlington Heights and an assistant walked in saying, "Go on home, boys."

# Palatine, Lake Zurich And Wauconda

Reproductions on this page were loaned to the Centennial Committee by Arthur Wildhagen, Champaign, who spent his boyhood in Palatine. Shown below is Maud proudly pulling a passenger car (Palatine was proud of both); and a time card showing through service between Wauconda and Chicago, with a change of cars at Palatine.

Also shown is a reproduction of a ticket which allowed the purchaser to ride three miles from Palatine to Deer Grove. The fare was 10 cents. A complimentary ticket allowed the holder to enter Deer Grove park and watch the ball game on the day of days, Palatine Day, the opening of the railroad, September 16, 1911.



### P. L. Z & W. R. R.

Effective, Sunday, Aug 24, 1913

## TO LAKE ZURICH AND WAUCONDA

	Week-Day			Trains			
READ DOWN	Daily	Sat	ex Sat	ex Sat.	Sat		
C. & N. W RY Lv Chicago Ar Palatine		1.20	1.30	5.40 6.30	5.55 6.48		
P. L. Z. & W. R. R. Lv. Palatine Ar Lake Zurich. Ar Wauconda	9.15	No 4 2.15 2.40 3.60	No 6 2.35 3.00 3.20	No 8 6.35 6.55 7.15	No 10 7.00 7.25 7.45		
READ DOWN	Sunday Trains						
C. & N. W. RY Ly Chicago Ar Palatine	No.12 7.50 8.45	No.14 9 30 10.30	No 16 12.50 1.44		No.26 9.25 10.25		
P. L. Z & W R. R. Lv Palatine Ar Lake Zurich. Ar Wauconda	9 00 9 25 9 45	10.45 11.10 11.30	2.15 2.40 3.00	6.00 6.25 6.45	10.30 10.55 11.15		

### FROM WAUCONDA AND LAKE ZURICH

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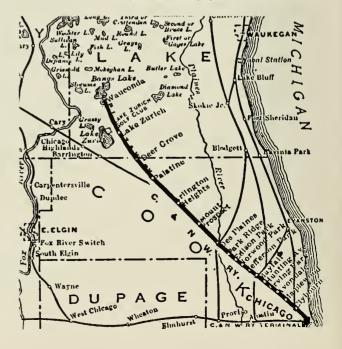
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### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 1911

Speaking by Ex-Senator Wm. E. Mason, Music by Palatine Military Band. New Dance Pavilion. Fire Works in Evening.

TRAINS LEAVE C. & N. W. DEPOT. CHICAGO, AT 10:45 A. M., 12:15, 1:20, 1:30, 4:03 AND 4:57 P. M. PROGRAM ON OTHER SIDE



# Palatine Builds Own Railroad

Fifty years ago it was easy to sell stock for an Interurban electric railroad. Some of the promoters had their eyes on northwest Cook County.

November 3, 1902, Palatine village board granted a franchise to construct an electric road through Palatine to William D. Ball, et al. November 20, 1903, a similar franchise was given to the Northern Illinois Traction Company.

In 1905 they franchised the Illinois-Wisconsin Railroad Company. Then came Palatine's own Interurban, but it was steam. Franchises were originally secured under the name Wauconda, Rockford and Elgin Traction Co. In order to increase the sale of stock, it later became known as Palatine, Lake Zurich and Wauconda.

"Maud," pride of the P.L.Z.&W. R.R., hauled commuters and mail from Wauconda and Lake Zurich to Palatine, where it arrived at 7:20 in time to catch the 7:25 for Chicago.

Palatine Day at Deer Grove Park, Sunday, Sept. 16, 1911, marked the opening of the railroad. Thirty-six hours before this gala event was scheduled to occur, there was still no engine, or cars, and the road bed was unfit for the transportation of passengers. On Friday morning the North Western sold the new company an engine and rented them a car. By present standards, "Maud," the engine, was not much to look at, but she stood for all the dreams and desires of people who believed that there was a real need for a railroad that would connect Lake Zurich and Wauconda with the outside world via Palatine. There were dreams that it would ultimately provide a short cut to Lake Geneva.

Mass meetings had been held at Palatine, Lake Zurich, Wauconda and intermediate points to sell the idea of this railroad that would make Palatine the junction for the Lake Co. resort area. There was oratory by the enthusiastic boosters, and the Palatine Military Band furnished the music, Money for the stock came from the savings of local people and they treasured those engraved certificates which made them partners in this road. Consequently everyone who could help put that track in shape was on the job the day before the picnic.

Henry Schoppe, Frank Danielsen, John Mangels, Herman Wildhagen, Charlie Bennett, Charles Seip and others volunteered to shovel cinders on the roadbed so that that first trip could be safely made. By opening day the road was completed only a little north of Dundee Road. The public walked the rest of the way into Deer Grove Park.

The train had left Palatine a little after 2 o'clock from the rear of the stucco building on West Wilson St. After proceeding part way to Quintens Road north, it kept along the line of the Converse and Baldwin line fence, across Dundee Road, then east of the present Elms residence, and on to the present entrance of Camp Reinberg, where the main gate to Dr. Wilson's Deer Grove Park was at that time. It was possible to get on or off the train at road crossings along the way.

The fare from the village to Baldwin Road was 10c. This Baldwin stop caused a great deal of trouble to a gentleman from Tennessee who traveled 300 miles to Palatine to get a train to "Baldwin." When he learned that this "Baldwin" was only a crossing and not a town near St. Louis, he was slightly irritated. No one ever did find out how the Baldwin Station on the P.L.Z. ever got into a large

railroad guide. Sometimes unscheduled stops were made, too, if the train crew saw a rabbit or so that they wanted to shoot.

Wrecks on this railroad were not uncommon, the most frequent being the spreading of the rails at the "hairpin" turn just east of Deer Grove station. "Maud" would go off the track on these occasions, but service could be restored without too much delay. Literally thousands of people would come from Chicago to take the PLZ&W for Deer Grove, Lake Zurich or Wauconda for the weekend. The two passenger cars were not large enough to accommodate the crowds, so the overflow rode the freight box cars and hung onto the steps.

Louis Schoppe and Henry Longrehr often acted as conductors when there was a big picnic or outing and special help was needed. One of the two cars purchased was a standard combination passenger and baggage car, weighing 30 tons. The baggage compartment was 25 feet long, and it and the passenger car seated 34 persons. The Enterprise said: "Equipment included a modern steam heating plant, gasoline lamps, automatic ventilators, pantasote covered seats, double air brakes, plate glass windows 26-29" and automatic couplers. This was car 102. Car 101 weighed 25 tons and seated 58 people. The inside finish was quartered oak headings painted olive green. The outside finish of both cars was Tuscan red, striped in gold and black. Both cars were inscribed Palatine-Lake Zurich-Wauconda."

By October of the first year there was special service between Palatine and Lake Zurich. First train left Palatine at 10 and continued every 90 minutes until 4 p.m. Last train left Lake Zurich at 7:30 p.m. Roundtrip fare, 30c. One Sunday over 100 people from Lake Zurich visited Palatine and because 30 of them missed the last train home, the railroad made a special trip.

Lake Zurich and Wauconda business men were enthusiastic about receiving freight shipments 24-40 hours earlier than before possible. Another engine was purchased and named "Molly." "Maud" of course was named for the mule comic strip character popular at that time. However, the increased use of motors for passenger and freight transportation was too heavy competition for the local road. and by 1915 it was in financial difficulties. Several economy measures were employed including a motor truck which pulled 30 passengers, and a five ton trailer loaded with freight. This trailer was roofless and if there were too many people aboard the ladies got the seats in the passenger car and the men stood in the trailer with their heads and shoulders above the sides. Once this trailer left the tracks. too, and went bouncing along, carrying a bunch of men wearing unhappy expressions.

Sale of the road was ordered by the court for May 15, 1918 at 2 p.m. at the Palatine depot. There were unpaid operating expenses of \$23,000 and other claims of \$125,000. There was no sale that day, but the group of men including Charles Quindel of Palatine, took the road over and tried to keep it going. However, the new management met the same difficulties as the previous one and the North Western did not take the road over, as some hoped that it would. So the P.L.Z.&W, dissolved in 1920 alive only in the memories of the stockholders. The rails were later taken up and sold for junk.

# Fires and Railroad Wrecks

Thousands of dollars damage occurred early one Sunday morning when the Brick Block was ruined by water, although the walls of the structure were not seriously damaged. Present day fire fighting methods would have cut down the loss.

The Modern Woodmen of America had met in the hall on the third floor Saturday evening. The hall was heated by a large stove and the fire is supposed to have started in that corner.

Ambitious firemen played tons of water on the blaze, which quickly froze. Great damage was done to the general merchandise stock of Theis & Co. and to the ice cream parlor which, with the bank, occupied the first floor.

Following the fire there were many rumors that the building was unsafe, and after months of delay a new floor was laid for the top floor. It was so seldom rented that the building was later torn down and Palatine lost a landmark.

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Palatine sold its hand pumper fire engine to Schaumburg on the strength of the showing it made when the steeple of the Schaumburg Lutheran church was struck by lightning and caught fire on a stormy night. Schaumburg appealed to Palatine for help. The story of that trip is told by Harry. Schoppe as follows:

Palatine firemen decided that by the time they got to Schaumburg in the dark and rain there would be no fire to fight. Schaumburg called a second time and appealed for help.

Bill Ost and Harry Schoppe got Henry Schoppe and his coal wagon over to the old fire station. They rolled the old pumper up on the wagon on boards. Then Harry and Bill each carrying a lantern walked to Schaumburg in front of that wagon so that Hank Schoppe could see where to guide the horses.

There wasn't even a spoonful of gravel between Palatine and Schaumburg and with all that rain it would be easy to get a heavily loaded wagon mired in the deep ruts. When they got to Schaumburg they were in time to help save the church which still stands. The fire had started in the steeple and traveled down slowly. The Palatine firemen returned home at noon the next day.

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Between 2 and 3 a.m. January 18, 1892, night watchman Toppel discovered a fire in the southwest corner of the flax mill and gave the alarm. The residents, awakened by the ringing of the fire bell, quickly responded. The fire had gained such headway in all parts of the mill that firemen and other citizens abandoned the hand pumper, and tried to move the stored stock of flour and other commodities from the warehouse next door to the mill.

This, too, soon caught fire and was swallowed up by flames, as was Charles Ost's barn east of the mill. This flax mill, built in 1878 by H. C. Batterman, was located south of Chicago Ave. and west of Greeley St.

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A railroad wreck with blocked crossings, wreckage strewn over three tracks and boxcars piled 60 feet in the air November 9, 1950, brought spectators from miles around to Palatine. This freak wreck

occurred about 7 p.m., and although a few cars parked near the right of way were damaged, there were no lives lost.

It is thought that a broken axle on the 19th car of the North Western freight, which was carrying gravel from Janesville and Beloit to the Proviso yards, caused this car to sag. Those cars behind it cracked up and piled into a twisted, jumbled mass.

A gasoline tank car also exploded and the flames shot 50 feet into the air. Although firemen quickly extinguished the blaze and washed the spilled gasoine down the sewers, the area was guarded by policemen who strictly enforced the ''no smoking'' rule.

National Guard members served as guards until the wreckage was cleared away. Drug stores sold quantities of bottled water, since the impact had shattered the village's main water line. This lack of water also gave the Palatine schools a holiday. School buses were used several days to shuttle commuters from Barrington to Des Plaines.

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Harry Schoppe remembers the railroad accident on Palm Sunday, 1887. The North Western was then operating on a single track. One train was taking water in the tank. It was stated at the time that the engineer of the second train had fallen asleep.

Harry and his two brothers, Louis and Henry, missed death by inches. They had joined a crowd at the Brockway St. crossing. When Louis climbed to the top of a wrecked railroad car, he warned his two brothers to stay away.

Fortunately, Henry and Harry thought they could use a better vantage point to see what was happening. They had only gone a few feet when a band on the water tank broke. Thousands of gallons of water and big timbers engulfed those who were standing beneath the tank.

Frantic efforts were made to get the dead and injured out of the wreckage. Among those who died were William Garms, 14, who had been confirmed that day, Edward Wenegar, 13, and William and George Meyer. The two Schoppe brothers were carried along 200 or 300 feet westward by the 4 ft. wave of water. It was a narrow escape and they felt lucky that they got off with only drenched clothes. They did not dare go home in that condition and stopped at the Robinson store for dry clothes and hid the wet ones behind a hedge.

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The Abelman, Batterman and Ost grain elevator was burned to the ground May 24, 1904. It was located west of the Comfort yard south of the railroad between Greeley and Smith streets. The fire was supposed to have been started by engine sparks.

A stiff breeze from the north scattered burning embers several blocks setting fire to a number of other buildings.

The alertness of the firemen and the citizens enabled them to extinguish all blazes except the one on a large barn four blocks distant, occupied by Andrew Lytle which was a total loss.

In telling of the incident, T. C. Hart says he was one of those who led horses out of the barn.

# Microfilm Files

Microfilm files of Palatine Enterprise tell the story of important events in Palatine occurring prior to 1921. Time did not permit continuation of the research work after that date.

### 1873

Among the many improvements noted this week the most valuable is the remodeling of Filbert's Drug Store on Brockway St. The store room will be double its former size and when it is stocked with a large and splendid variety of choice goods now enroute from New York and Boston, it will certainly be one of the most complete drug and fancy goods establishments within many miles of Chicago.

Our enterprising citizens who are awake to the best interests of Palatine, have long decided to perfect a plan of periodical meetings in the town as a board of exchange between the farmer and the merchant. \$221.00 was subscribed. Officers are James Chapman, Pres., and E. Prellberg, Sec. They passed a resolution calling for the organization of a Market Day Association to hold monthly markets or fairs in Palatine. All farmers are invited to bring their stock, products etc., for sale.

### 1901

Dr. Rush Putnam, dentist, renovated the old Putnam homestead on Chicago Ave. for his offices. The residence was built in 1864.

Dick Lytle has moved to a farm at Libertyville.

### 1902

While Palatine was sleeping Barrington has nearly captured that electric line which rightfully belongs to us. If we should induce that electric railway to come through Palatine, all the people along the line could have electric lights cheaper than kerosene.

Henry Bergman raised his brother Dan's barn. He invited the whole town of Palatine to the raising. The cornet band furnished the music and everybody had all they wanted to eat and drink. Fred Haemker, boss helper, did a good job.

Dr. Clausius, who had been an Army surgeon in the Philippines, opened general practice in the offices formerly occupied by Dr. Muffat in the Batterman Block,

An engineer exhibited to the editor maps showing the route of a proposed Electric Road. It follows the section line south from Fox Lake almost straight to Wauconda, thence as direct as possible to Lake Zurich, parallel the highway to Cook Co. Then straight south on the section line down Plum Grove Ave. to Whipple's corner (Plum Grove and Slade east) east on Slade St. to Herschberger's corner, thence south to St. Paul's Church and parallel the C. & N.W. R.R. to Des Plaines. C.&N.W. is to be crossed near Mt. Prospect. The river is to be followed to Oak Park and the Lake St. Elevated used to enter Chicago. These long stretches of straight track would allow high speed safely all the way. They will survey the line as soon as they decide definitely on the route. If the property owners hold them up for unreasonable prices they can deviate the route and go through Long Grove instead of Lake Zurich.

### 1903

The Masons purchased for their new building the

property at the corner of Plum Grove and Chicago Ave. from Mrs. Meyer for \$400.00.

Principal F. C. Newton's salary as principal was \$1,000 this year.

### 1904

The Palatine telephone service is now so extensive it is necessary to call by numbers. Please ring off promptly when through talking. The Chicago Telephone Co. has started work on three branch lines out of Palatine. The farmers are fast getting all the advantages enjoyed by city people.

Palatine celebrated the Fourth of July by firing the cannon from early morning until 6 o'clock at night.

Peter Knowe finished excavating for the new 75,-000 gallon reservoir at the pumping station. In November of this year Dr. Owens' wife and son perished in the Iroquois Theatre fire.

### 1906

"Uncle Josh," a comedy drama rendered by home talent under the auspices of Palatine M.W.A Forester teams, was given Friday evening in the Batterman Opera House. W. H. Brockway took the leading role as "Uncle Josh" from Vermont, who comes to New York to see the sights. Under the able direction of Mrs. Ray Wilson, the play was a huge success. Many went home declaring it to be one of the best home talent dramas ever given in Palatine. Dancing was enjoyed after the drama. The cast included Henry Schroeder, Frank Knigge, Richard Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. R. Lewis, Delia Knigge, Blanche Schierding, Stuart Paddock, Ray Wilson and Adolph Godknecht.

### 1906

To the Public: Having secured Miss Margaret Godknecht as telephone operator, I respectfully solicit the kind consideration of the public while she is becoming acquainted with the work. Patrons will please call by number and give their number when calling. Respectfully, Mrs. Torgler, Manager.

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"Old Pacer is Dead." The one time champion, Westmont, was buried with honors in the pasture back of the Patten residence. His record of 2:01% hitched with a running mate was a nine days wonder in the harness horse world when it was made at the Garfield park track in Chicago nearly a quarter of a century ago. Westmont was bought by Mr. Patten 20 years ago and was 31 years old. Matt Daniels (colored) cared for him for many years.

A high grade moving picture and stereopticon show is billed for Palatine Opera House every Tuesday, commencing June 11. Nothing objectionable, just a good two hours of fun, pathos and mirth. Admission 15c straight.

The 4th in Palatine—Business men contribute for celebration. There will be fireworks, prizes, the band concert. Rag-a-Muffin parade at 12:30 — Race events for men, ladies, boys and girls of different ages on Brockway st., south of the tracks.

Ball game at 3 p.m.—Big display of fireworks in the evening from the park in front of Matthei's store.

Palatine Public Fountain-suitable for man and beast. The fountain which cost \$175 is located on the west side of the railroad park. It stands 4 feet 3 inches high allowing horses to drink without unchecking. The main bowl is 4'7" across and 17" deep. A small bowl on the side accommodates children and pedestrians without allowing the drinking cup to come in contact with the main bowl. A dog bowl is near the base.

John Bergman, village engineer, decided that dogs and cats needed to drink as well as horses, so he made a basin near the bottom of the trough for the small animals. Water was supplied from a faucet which could be turned on when the basin needed refilling.

### 1908

The ladies of Palatine threaten to strike until the streets are sprinkled. The dust is ankle deep in most streets.

H. A. Abelmann purchased 100 pair of roller skates for the rink in Abelmann Hall. The rules specify that gentlemen skate with hats removed. Only ball bearing skates may be used. Liquor of any kind is prohibited and tobacco is allowed in the smoking room only. Skaters 25c; spectators 10c. P.L.&W. hauled between 2,500 and 3,000 passengers one weekend.

Palatine Manenerchoir has 25 members, Henry Schultze, leader. William Wilson is new postmaster.

Liveryman Deverman tipped over in deep snow and gave up attempt to take passenger on three mile trip. Ernest dug his horse out of snow bank and stayed with Fred Nagel all night.

Young Darrel Perry will shine shoes for 5c.

17 inches of snow fell in the worst storm in years. The first train south got stuck in the cut between Mt. Prospect and Arlington Heights, and three combined engines couldn't get through. The first train from Chicago arrived at 10 o'clock in the morning, and the 3:01 train was 7 hours late. A train of empty coaches was stalled north of the Heights from 8:30 Wednesday until 3 o'clock the next morning, when 150 men got it shoveled out. Palatine Social Club has been organized and rented furnished rooms in the Schering building. The club has 35 members and is purely social.

Rules have been adopted to prohibit gambling and disorderliness.

### 1909

Dr. Black's Holsman auto arrived this week. It is the first of the buggy autos owned in town and the result of its action on bad roads will be watched with considerable interest.

### 1910

An ice cream social will be held on Aug. 5th, at the bandstand for the benefit of the baseball team. Ice cream and cake 10c. Music by the Palatine

Boosters Club organized. J. A. Burlingame, president, circulated a paper to raise money to oil the streets in the village.

October—Electricity for streets in Palatine. Terry's Uncle Tom's Cabin Tent Show July 21. Parade 12 o'clock, Band Concert 7 p.m. Performance 8:00 p.m. Admission 35c.

An ordinance was introduced providing for the execution of a contract with the North Shore Electric Co. for the lighting of the streets of said village by electricity. Passed.

Staples corners school building was sold for \$44 at auction.

The village of Palatine has for sale, for \$5 each, pressure gasoline lamps formerly used on the streets.

Due to crowded condition in the grades, the 8th grade has moved into the High School space.

Flagg stock farm has been sold to Mr. Wolf. It will be remodeled into a general livestock market and a switch with the North Western put in.

A mass meeting was held in Knigge's hall for voters of School Dist. 15. The new vote for the school was favorable.

Charles H. Seip will build a 40'x80' hall and Lodge building on the east end of property fronting on Bothwell street, of concrete block construction, (now Economy Store),

All Palatine business men signed an agreement to close their place of business at 6 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday nights.

The high school boys protested having school on Washington's birthday. Armed with a drum and some flags, the entire enrollment paraded around the home of Pres. R. L. Peck and encircled the flag pole, where they cheered and sang as the flag was raised. The school board held a special meeting that night when they reprimanded Principal Smyser for allowing the incident to occur. Result: No school on Washington's birthday for many years thereafter.

A tribe of gypsies consisting of 16 wagons camped for several days at Plum Grove until they were requested to move on by the village officials.

An Old Fashion Clam Bake was held at Deer Grove Park Sept. 8. Full dinner including chicken was priced at \$1.25. High School students published the Mirror in 1912.

John Mangels called the first square dance in Seip's Hall.

Paddock consolidates 6 newspapers and 4 printing offices. Here's opportunity to buy surplus equipment cheap.

Over \$25,000 has been subscribed for the new State Bank, whose officers are H. C. Matthei, Henry Wildhagen, and H. C. Freise.

Bruhns and Danielsen have the Mercury Agency. The medicine show left Palatine after a run of hard luck, financially. The total take for one evening's performance was all of \$7.00.

Frank Bicknase, A. G. Smith, Gil Shaddle and Charles Yates bought a 16 ft. gasoline launch to go to the St. Louis Exposition. They started at Chicago and motored through the Illinois Canal to the Illinois river and on to St. Louis. For some unstated reason they returned by rail.

The Henry Pahlman lot directly east of the school (Wood st.) has been secured for the school garden. Each room will have a plot. Plans and seeds will be given out next week.

First Cook County Fair was held on Dean's farm, which is now Fairgrounds Park.

Mrs. S. R. Paddock and Mrs. P. H. Matthei were the first Palatine women to vote under Women Suffrage Law in March 1914. This was a village primary and Precinct 1 was at Knigge Hall. Precinct 2 was at Danielson's Store. Shall Palatine be Wet or Dry? The Drys lost by 283 votes and 23 more women voted Wet than voted Dry. Saloons will pay a \$1,000 license fee.

Danielson and Toynton erected an ice cream factory at the west end of Hackbarth property, West

Wood, near Greeley.

Mr. Behling operates a cigar factory in the basemen of his Behling Hotel at the corner of Smith and Slade.

A huge Cook Co. Fair and carnival held 2 days at Palatine under the direction of the Palatine Commercial Association. Feature attractions were the needlework exhibit in a vacant store of the Brick Block, movies and vaudeville at Seip's auditorium. There was a large tent in front of Matthei's store and a fireworks display scheduled. Farm implements were on view in the vacant lot south of Schoppe's, and fancy hogs and colts were at the Wilkening barn. Charles Dean was in charge of the racing program. This Fair was so successful and became such a large project in later years that it was held at Dean's Race Track.

### 1915

A moving picture show at Knigge's Hall Wednesday and Thursday; admission 10c and 5c. Mayor C. D. Taylor also closed all saloons in Palatine on Sunday.

Charles Dean Jr. drove in Panama Exposition Races at San Francisco. There was a purse of \$20,000.

High school rented Hunneberg's Hall for basketball, also used by the Methodist Epworth League Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday evenings. Hoof and Mouth disease—no Cook County Fair this

year.

Dr. Malcolm and Dr. Starck moved their offices to the upper floor of the Kunze building.

The cornerstone from Batterman Block was placed on the grave of the builder, Henry C. Batterman.

### 1916

The Batterman Block, which had been closed ten years, was reopened after improvements had been made.

A. S. Olms painted new scenery for the hall and Charles Dinse rented the basement for a barbershop.

Charles Patten's private bank was organized into a State institution.

An outbreak of scarlet fever closed all schools, churches and shows. Woodwork in all schools was washed; the barbershops, post office, and lodge halls were ordered disinfected.

Deer Grove Forest Preserve of 1200 acres was acquired by Cook County. Purchase price was between \$70 and \$90 an acre. Ownership in the large wooded area rested with scores of Palatine residents who used their Deer Grove property as the source of their winter firewood.

During the depression years, relief labor made possible the construction of many of the roads, bridges and shelter houses in the preserve.

Women registered for the first time to vote for president.

District 15 enlarges Wood street property by purchase of Baker home for \$1500.

Dr. Starck buys Kunze building and installs hospital bed.

Workmen install new street lights, 60 candlepower, 76 lights,

Receiver R. L. Peck pleased over earnings of P.L.Z. & W. during the winter. Train crew commended for the way they maintained their schedule during cold snaps.

Charles H. Patten, with others, secured charter from the state auditor, which gives them authority to open a State bank.

Village board decides it will be unable to obtain oil for streets because of lack of funds.

Popcorn-peanut machine installed by W. W. Stroker ready for summer trade and band concert nights.

Gas chamber for dogs. New fire alarm.

Batterman Hall redecorated at great expense. Mr. Abelman spent \$1,000. A. S. Olms painted the curtain. Sanitary drinking fountains, etc.

Talk of electric line from Evanston to Palatine, taking over P.L.Z.&W..

Unlawful to raise corn or other tall plants near sidewalks, must be 25 ft. away.

### 1917

There are to be no more free lunches in Palatine saloons. Bring your own sandwich and some extra money to pay the increased price of drinks.

War: Ben Blum was the first to be called in August, 1917. Paul Patten joined Officers Training Corps in May, 1917, so was the first Palatine man to go into service. Former members of the Athletic Club organized the Home Guards. W. R. C. raised money to purchase an ambulance for use in France.

Speed record on the P.L.Z. was broken when the train made a run to Wauconda and back in little over an hour.

A fire truck was purchased

### 1918

Businessmen decided that to save fuel and aid the war effort they would close stores at 6 p.m. every day except Saturday. Exceptions were barber shops, ice cream parlors, poolrooms and drug stores. Meat markets are also to be closed on Sunday.

The school children were organized into War Savings Societies to buy War Stamps. A surgical dressing department was set up in the Patten building (behind the band stand) and the Red Cross sewing room was located in the school house. J. A. Burlingame presided at the meeting in Seip's Auditorium at which a new Service Flag was dedicated.

Twenty-five deer will be put in Deer Grove Forest Preserve.

Palatine subscribes \$102,750 in Fourth Liberty Loan Drive.

The Northwest Highway was planned in December of this year.

Herman Gielow built a garage on the west end of his lot, facing Chicago Ave.

### 1919

The telephone exchange was moved to the Starck building and Bill Schering's new store—now Sanitary Market—opened.

In September Palatine gave a grand Welcome Home to 96 boys. A parade, speaker and dance added to the festivities.

# Enterprise Established

The story of the Palatine Enterprise since 1900 could be told by the sons, daughters and grandchildren of many descendants of those German immigrants who came to America 100 years ago.

It was H. C. Paddock, father of the present publishers of the Enterprise, who 56 years ago came to Palatine, purchasing that newspaper for \$175. He was possessed of an indomitable willpower and a desire to again own his own newspaper. A destructive fire at Libertyville, where he had founded the Libertyville Independent, had taken all of his life's savings.

Any success Paddock Publications may have attained is due to the newspaper knowhow of the founder. His sons have followed in his footsteps.

Mr. Paddock always did his best newspaper sales job working among the farmers around Libertyville, and other communities where he owned newspapers. It was to the farmers of Palatine and neighboring towns that he turned to secure the subscriptions that would mean increased advertising revenue and enable him to pay that \$175 mortgage.

He travelled into the country with his horse and buggy, meeting the farmers, often trading newspaper subscriptions for a sack of oats for the horse, or for a bag of potatoes for his family.

A competitor once published, "Paddock sits on a farmer's plow until he subscribes to his paper." The farmer was not always plowing when the newspaper man called. Mr. Paddock would find him in the field or barn and sometimes woke him up after lights were out.

German hospitality brought him into homes of farmers where wives were happy to feed him and frequently lodge him as a guest. It is not uncommon for descendants of these families to recount instances when their parents entertained the editor. After supper the editor and his hosts would discuss the affairs of the day, while the children seated around them on the floor would be listening.

More than one caller at the publication office has said, "When we saw Mr. Paddock drive into the yard, mother would immediately set an additional place at the table."

Mr. Paddock had a vision of a newspaper chain. He knew he would never become rich. He just wanted to provide a newspaper for the areas that had none. From Palatine he drove into South Barrington, Hanover, Bartlett, and subsequently into Northern Du Page County, but he found his most fertile field and he made his most friends among the farmers in Palatine, Schaumburg and Elk Grove townships.

In 1899 there were only five English daily papers being read in Schaumburg. He made a club rate with the Staats-Zeitung and the Abendpost, selling the Enterprise and the German dailies for the price of one. For those who desired an English daily, he made the same arrangement with the Inter Ocean and later with the Chicago Tribune.

Sometimes, if he had three or four subscriptions for a Chicago paper and he needed 1,000 envelopes on a printing order, he felt justified in making the trip to Chicago. The Chicago trip did not cost much. The conductors on the Barrington trains believed that editors, and Mr. Paddock in particular, should not be required to pay for transportation and Burkey and Milan restaurant on Clark street exchanged meal tickets for a standing advertisement in the paper.

Mr. Paddock had not been in Palatine long before he made the acquaintance of Editor Bugbee at Arlington Heights, who owned the Cook County Her-



Enterprise Office 1870-1900 59 N. Bothwell

ald, which was really the parent paper of the Enterprise. He bought it for \$275, borrowing the money. He still had little printing equipment and, with a former Libertyville employee investing \$300, Mr. Paddock acquired a 12x18 jobber and some display type from Fred Helm, who was operating a job shop in the Helm lumber yard in Arlington.

For a few weeks Mr. Paddock printed his paper two pages at a time on a Washington hand press in the building shown on this page, which was located at 57 N. Bothwell street. It was tedious and backbreaking work. A number of years he carried the news type, set by hand, weighing 100 to 150 pounds, into Chicago, where the paper was printed in the office of the Chicago Newspaper Union, using "boiler plate" to fill up the pages.

The half German edition comprised four pages of home news printed in English and four pages of the "patent insides" printed in German by the Staatz-Zeitung and later by the Milwaukee Herald. The subscription price to the half German edition was \$1.50 a year; all English \$1.25. When World War I broke out, the editor thought, as a patriotic duty, the half German edition should be stopped.

The ambitious editor entered DuPage county by acquiring for a "song" a newspaper whose publication office was at Montclare. Entry into Bensenville, Itasca and Roselle was a repeat of the expansion story in the Cook county area.

When faithful "Bonnie" became too old to pull the buggy, Mr. Paddock purchased a one-lunger high wheeled automobile from an Itasca mail carrier who was graduating to the more modern cars.

That horseless carriage was known everywhere on account of its mulish trait of refusing to run. More famous, however, were the series of Dodge cars the editor drove down through the years. His family never knew how the head of the house was able to get those cars. It seemed the Chicago Dodge distributor took pleasure in supplying cars to the newspaper editor, made possible by a sympathetic banker.

When the cars needed repairs, the garage owners were similarly interested in keeping the wheels a-rolling. It took a lot of coaxing at times and the editor sometimes spent the night in his car after it had landed in a ditch or snowbank.

That is the early history of Paddock Publications. Today its publications, with a circulation approaching 20,000, serve 36 communities.

The Palatine Herald, as an edition of the Cook County Herald, began publication in 1872; the Palatine Enterprise was started in 1878.

Officially, Paddock Publications is in the hands of the second generation with the third generation rapidly taking over operations.

### CHAPTER VII

# Palatine Organizations

### PALATINE GARDEN CLUB

Charter members of the Palatine Garden Club, organized in March of 1931, were Miss Lottie Hart, Mrs. Lillian Bergman, Mrs. Cora Comfort, Mrs. Lycette Heide, Mrs. Mayme Mangels, Mrs. Mae Howes and Mrs. Elnora Foster, who was the club's first president. A civic project in which the members took great pride was the maintenance for many years of the old depot park areas, the east section of which was landscaped and donated by Mr. Knupper and the west section of which was planted by Mr. Broadbent; the pine trees surrounding the standpipe were donated by Mr. Leise. The club encouraged gardening interest in school children by giving them flower seeds and thereafter judging their gardens and awarding prizes to the winners. It not only has been a member of the Chicago Plant, Flower and Fruit Guild for many years but also has been a consistent and faithful sharer of its flowers with hospitalized patients in Palatine. In memory of each of its deceased members, it places a book in the Village Library. After the club's membership grew to around forty, it transferred its meetings from the members' homes to the Community Room of the High School.

### INVERNESS GARDEN CLUB

The Garden Club of Inverness was organized October 29, 1940, at a meeting at the Four Siles. Eleven persons were present and Mrs. Way Thompson was elected president. The club became an affiliate of the Garden Club of Illinois in 1941, during which year it planted the first triangles in Inverness as its project for the year. Subsequent projects included elimination of ragweed, caring for and planting additional triangles, planting the fronts of the Palatine Consolidated School and the new Paddock School, and making substantial contributions to the plantings at the Inverness Community House. club's first venture in flower arranging won a blue ribbon for a Bride's Table in the Annual Contest at Marshall Fields in 1943. Individual members of the club have gained local and national recognition in the fields of color use and flower arranging. Garden Walks have been held annually, culminating in flower shows which have won many special awards. Members contribute generously to the Plant Guild with flowers, fruit, and toys and filled stockings at Christmastime. Monies also have been contributed to buy flowers for veterans hospitalized at Christmas. To enable the club to carry on its projects and mas. To enable the club to carry on its projects and make substantial contributions to the community, annual money raising projects, starting with a Country Fair Auction in 1943, have become an institution.

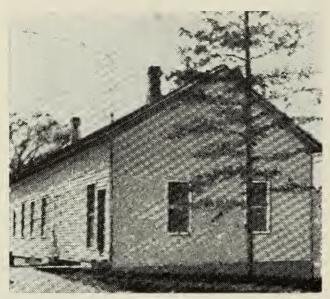
### PALANOIS PARK GARDEN CLUB

In April of 1946, a group of men and women living in a new section of Palatine, at the invitation of Mrs. Kathryn Back, and her father, R. C. Mohr, met and organized a club which became known as the Palanois Park Garden Club. Mrs. Back was the first president. In 1947, when the club became affiliated with the Garden Club of Illinois, under the

sponsorship of the Inverness Garden Club, the group of twenty-two members was composed of women only. This group, starting in 1947, pioneered the presentation of standard flower shows with accredited judges. Its 1949 Harvest Festival, a community endeavor which drew over 700 entries, received the first prize Myrtle R. Walgreen Horticulture Award for its outstanding exhibit of specimen blooms. The presentation of later shows was shared by the Inverness and Plum Grove Clubs. The Community Outdoor Christmas Decoration Competition was sponsored by the club in 1947 and 1948, and in 1949, when the Christmas Festival was inaugurated by the Palatine Chamber of Commerce, the competition became a part of the festival. In 1950 the club was presented with an honorary membership in the Chamber of Commerce. Since 1949 the club has maintained a perennial and annual flower planting around the flag pole at the Oak Street Consolidated School, where it also made an evergreen planting. Other than its achievements in the flower arranging field, in which the club and its members have won many ribbons, including the purple and tri-color awards, in neighboring community and Garden Club of Illinois shows, the club has had a concentrated educational program for horticulture, which has included an annual rose competition among its members, experimental plantings, and the compilation and annual revision of a monthly garden calendar.

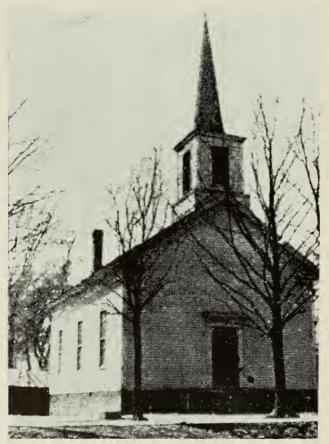
### PLUM GROVE GARDEN CLUB

The period between the meeting of thirteen women in a chickenhouse in 1948 and the receipt of the coveted "Blue Ribbon Club" award, presented by the Illinois State Garden Club in 1955, is not long but it covers the history of Palatine's youngest garden group, the Plum Grove Garden Club. Their first the group, the Flum Grove Garden Club. Their first president was Mrs. James Lowther. With characteristic Illinois enterprise, this club in 1952 staged the show "Invitation to the Dance," which received a purple ribbon for 'Show Theme and Entire Arranging and Settings;" won first prize for an arrangement shown at a Garden Club of Illinois Christmas Show a facsimila of which arrangement Christmas Show, a facsimile of which arrangement appeared as a cover on "Garden Glories" and thereby earned for the club a "Certificate of Merit; made the table arrangements for the 1954 President's Luncheon; won a tri-color and many first ribbons in community shows and the Modern Living Expositions; had two of their members invited to exhibit arrangements to be staged in period rooms at the Art Institute of Chicago during the 1955 National Council of State Garden Clubs 26th Annual Meeting, the program reading, "Outstanding arrangements by thirty artists of national reputation in flower arrangement;" decorated all the lamp posts in the village for the 1953 Christmas parade; made contributions to the Chicago Plant Guild; worked with the Chamber of Commerce in various community projects; sponsored Brownie and Girl Scout groups each year; outfitted one Little League base-ball player; and for the pleasure of all the citizens of Palatine, developed and maintained the Railroad Park planting which provides a succession of bloom in the heart of Palatine.



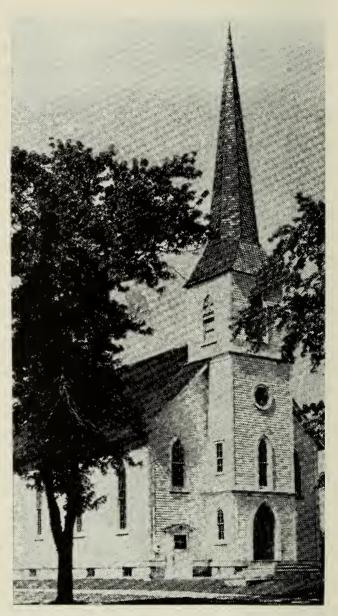
ORIGINAL LUTHERAN SCHOOL

When this school was originally erected in 1870 there were living quarters (not shown) in front of the above building for the preacher-school teacher. The original school was replaced by the present school in 1926.



IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

The above church building was purchased from the Disciple church in 1870 by the newly formed Immanuel Lutheran church congregation and used by them until 1914.



ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL & REFORMED CHURCH

The above church is the third erected by the congregations of St. John Evangelical and Reformed Church of Plum Grove. The first edifice, built in 1846, was replaced by a second building in 1876. It was struck by lightning and destroyed by fire nine years after it was built. The present church was erected in 1885 and was the scene of a centennial celebration in 1949, delayed two years to permit remodeling of the building.

### ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The compilers of this Centennial Book are indebted to Miss Mercie Heise for much background material.

# JUNIOR WOMAN'S CLUB OF PALATINE

With the passing of a decade of happy friendships, abundant living and growth in culture, wisdom and helpfulness the Woman's Club of Palatine believed that the time had come when a similar organization should be made possible for the junior aged women of Palatine. Thus it came to be that on March 18, 1941, Mrs. Holton, the president of the 7th District of Woman's Clubs and Mrs. Schieman, the chairman of the Junior Woman's Clubs of the 7th District, came to Palatine to tell of the opportunities and pleasures a Junior Woman's Club would give the young women of Palatine. It was on April 1, 1941, that the Woman's Club of Palatine voted to sponsor such a junior organization.

At the request of Mrs. George Butler the organization meeting was held at her home. On the evening of April 25, 1941, eleven young ladies — Virginia Helgeson, Vivian Koepp, Madeline Malcolm, Ruth Malcolm, Louise Wente, Elsa Mess, Anne Osbon, Isabel Wente, Nora Schering, Helen Schoppe and Katherine Zyc, under the guidance and nurture of Mrs. Greener the Senior President, prepared the blue print for the new club. Meetings were held in the Community Room of the Palatine Township

High School.

The first officers were Nora Schering, president; Dolores Meyers, vice president; Anne Osbon, recording secretary; Jean McMullen, corresponding secretary; and Elsa Mess, treasurer.

The 1955-1956 officers are: Mrs. Robert Green, president; Mrs. Robert Graham, vice president; Mrs. B. P. Finegan, treasurer; Mrs. C. R. Carlson, corresponding secretary; Mrs. M. J. Varde, record-

ing secretary

During World War II the club participated in Red Cross activities. Philanthropic in nature, the club's work has been widespread. Scouts, children, adults, aged and ill all know the good deeds of the The community is better for their being as they have aided the park, schools, library or any other worthy organization in need. All money derived from projects is entirely returned to the community. Its 141 members truly live by the Junior pledge of trying to accomplish something—not merely to exist.

# SENIOR WOMAN'S CLUB OF PALATINE

The Woman's Club of Palatine was organized on January 6, 1931, largely through the efforts of the late Mrs. George C. Butler. The first meeting was held at Mrs. Butler's home, and the following thirteen women were present: Mrs. George C. Butler, Mrs. Stuart Paddock, Mrs. Edwin Converse, Miss Lottie Hart, Mrs. George Herrmann, Mrs. Erwin Orth, Mrs. Henry Pahlman, Mrs. Louise Reuse, Mrs. Thomas Sampson, Mrs. John Shierding, Mrs. Elvin Steinbrinck, Mrs. Nordal Thompson and Mrs. Theodore Helgeson. These women were filled with a desire to benefit themselves and to help make the community in which they lived a better place. They chose as the object of the club—"The mutual improvement of its members in Literature, Art, Science, and vital interests of the day."

The club met for many years in the community room of the Palatine Township High School, later used the Oak Street school, and now meets on the first Tuesday of each month in the Sunday School room of the St. Paul's Evangelical and Reformed church, 144 E. Chicago ave. The membership has increased from the original thirteen to one hundred

and fifty in the year 1955.

Through the years, the club has strived to serve the community in many ways, and has supported

all worthy causes on a State and National level. This club became affiliated with the District Federation in 1932 and joined the State Federation in 1933 and the General Federation of Woman's clubs in the year 1941. Through these affiliations, the club has access to many benefits for its members and is a part of a strong organization banded together for common good.

On a local level, members of this club have participated in such activities as the founding of the public library, the Lite-A-Bike campaign, TB Mobile unit. Red Cross war work, Cancer control. For the past several years the club has paid expenses for two girls from Palatine Township High School to attend a summer music camp downstate, and has sponsored art contests in all of the schools. At the present time we are active on the Safety Council, the proposed Northwest Hospital, Palatine Centennial celebration and other projects.

This club has always endeavored to extend a warm greeting to all newcomers to the community, should they desire to attend our meetings either as a guest or as a new member. Our programs are varied to cover the many topics of interest.

The club celebrated its twenty-fifth anniversary on Jan. 6, 1955, at which time the charter members and past presidents were honored. The following women have served their cub in the offices of president: Mrs. George C. Butler 1931-33; Mrs. Nordal C. Tohmpson 1933-1935; Mrs. Stuart Paddock 1935-1937; Mrs. George Hermann 1937-1939; Mrs. Marvin Greener 1939-1941; Mrs. C. F. Iverson 1941-1942; Mrs. E. P. Steinbrinck 1942-1943; Mrs. Charles Malody 1943-1945; Mrs. George Gschwindt 1945-1947; Mrs. Edward Davis 1947-1949; Mrs. Arthur C. Bergo 1949-1951; Mrs. Ernest Wiehrdt 1951-1953; Mrs. Carl Scharninghousen 1953-1955. Newly elected president of the club for the ensuing two years is Mrs. Frank Wiley.

### TOWN AND COUNTRY CHORUS

The Town and Country Chorus was organized in the fall of 1952 so that avid music lovers from Palatine and all the nearby suburbs could actively participate in the presentation of choral concerts and musicals that would bring added pleasure and enjoyment to the entertainment program of this area. The Chorus includes among its members professional and busnessmen, schoolteachers, and many husband and wife teams. Although drawn principally from Palatine, the towns of Mount Prospect, Arlington Heights, Barrington and Wheeling are also represented

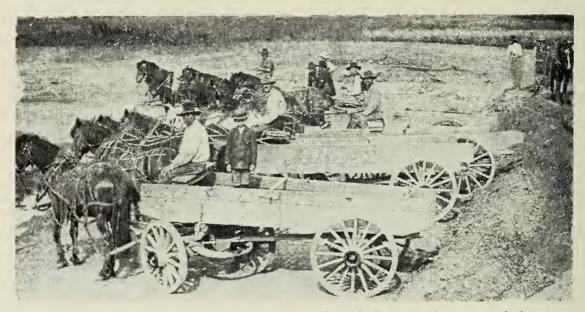
The great versatility of the chorus has been proved in its many concerts given for churches, hospitals and civic organizations. The repertoire of the Town and Country Chorus is highly varied so that the chorus is prepared to perform with great artistic finesse whenever and wherever it is called upon to do so.

The people of Palatine were greatly impressed and are indeed grateful for the past performances of "The Messiah" which were presented by the chowhich were presented by the chorus in Cutting Hall during the Christmas seasons of 1953 and 1954. Until 1953, this well-known oratorio had not been given in our town. The vocal soloists for these concerts and all others staged by the group are regular members of Town and Country Chorus.

In the short space of only three years, the Town and Country Chorus, under the direction of Lorraine Dean, has become an important factor in bringing good music within the reach of all the residents of the Village of Palatine.



These carts could be two "floats" in a high school homecoming. It is appearing in the Centennial book because it is the only picture that could be found which shows the livery stable at 55 North Bothwell, originally operated by Ira Frye and his son, Fred Frye. The small building at the left was the Enterprise office in 1900 and later the shoe store of Mr. Burkhardt.



A grading job fifty years ago was hard work for both the men and the horses. The above project covered the area west of Plum Grove road and south of Washington street, on land owned by Louis Schrader.

Palatine business men rejoiced when Bowman Dairy Co. built a bottling plant in Palatine. Previously all milk was shipped in cans on a milk train. The above bottling plant brought many farmers to Palatine every morning. The bottled product was shipped to Chicago by train. The P.L.Z.&W. hauled a car daily from Wauconda to Palatine.

When the Bowman Dairy Company consolidated all bottling of milk in one Chicago plant the Palatine building was purchased by Economy Fuse and Manufacturing company.



# NORTHWEST CANNON BALL MODEL RAILROAD CLUB

This new organization in the Palatine area was organized in 1955 to service the needs of boys of all ages. Membership of the club includes residents of Arlington Heights and Mount Prospect as well as Palatine.

The club has been chartered by the State of Illi-Plans are in progress for the acquisition of club rooms and for the construction of a model railroad system (in club parlance called a "pike") to be owned by the club and operated by the members. It is expected that the entire track system as well as the locomotive power and rolling stock will be built by the members.

The purposes of the club, as stated in the ap-

proved constitution are to provide,

1. Opportunity and incentive for gathering together socially

2. Opportunity for model railroad operation

3. Aid and instruction in model building.

To fulfill these purposes, meetings of the club are held regularly on the first and third Wednesdays of each month except during July and August.

Junior membership is provided for boys under the age of 16 years who are admitted to membership through sponsorship of one of the older mem-

bers

The club encourages improvement of individual techniques of construction by offering competitive events with prizes for excellence of construction and performance. Clinics are held with a view to assisting in correcting the mistakes made in construction as well as solving the problems encountered in building models. The programs of this organization also include motion pictures, slides and lectures by professional railroad operators from the railroads of the Chicago area. Apart from the general areas of interest in railroad operations these pictures and lectures are of great value in showing to the members the small details of construction and variations in the prototypes which they are attempting to model correctly.

The club welcomes applications for membership from men and boys in the Palatine area who may be interested in developing this hobby for their own

interests.

# AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

On January 31, 1921, a group of women eligible to membership in the American Legion Auxiliary by reason of their relationship to veterans of World War I, met to form their organization in Palatine. There were seventy-nine charter members.

Officrs chosen were: Mrs. Victoria president; Mrs. Ethel Kessler, vice president; Mrs. Elizabeth Gibbs, treasurer; and Mrs. Anna Wallace, secretary. Meetings were to be held twice monthly at th Odd Fellows Hall and in the homes of members. Later, mothers, wives and sisters of veterans of World War II and of the Korean War were admitted to membership.

The Auxiliary was formed to aid the Legion in all ways. These women help in the veterans' hospitals, doing rehabilitation work. They work for Child Welfare everywhere. They help their com-munity. They foster the spirit of Americanism and help to keep alive the observance of Memorial Day

each year.

In the early days, the Auxiliary started a memorial fund, looking forward to helping the veterans to establish a home. Money was raised by giving dinners at the county fair. The site of the present Legion Home was purchased.

The Unit has sent delegates to each state convention, beginning with the first one at Decatur, Illinois, October 1921,

Today the American Legion Auxiliary has a fine position in this community. It has evidenced its interest in the town by supporting every worthwhile project. It helps youth by sponsorng Girl Scouts and Brownies. It supports the Library whenever called upon. It has members on the Safety and Health Councils, as well as Civil Defense.

It now has over 100 members with Mrs. Leona Johnson as president. Josephine Ury and Bernice Labowitch are 1st and 2nd vice presidents respectively; and Joan Haemker and Maud Zimmer serve as recording secretaries; Sharley Kissner, treasurer: Gertrude Ford, chaplain; Minnie Hahnfeldt, sergeant-at-Arms, and Elizabeth Haemker, historian. This year of 1955, has been the Unit's best year to date.

### PALATINE LODGE NO. 708 I. O. O. F.

Seventy-six years ago a charter was issued for the formation of Palatine Lodge No. 708, Independent Order of Odd Fellows. The date was Nov. 22, 1882. The members named on the charter were I. M. Kuebler, Henry Haase, Paul Boynton, Alonzo Scheffner and Edgar Z. Lytle.

The building now known as the I.O.O.F. hall was originally only one story. It is presumed that the Odd Fellows either added the second floor or acquired the building soon after it was completed. They have been meeting in the one place over three-

quarters of a century.

Many prominent men in the annals of the village have served as noble grands. Among those who have died, but whose family names are well

remembered today are:
Charles S. Cutting, William Babcock, L. C. Burkitt, Henry Quentin, William Williams, J. W. Thurston, G. E. Wadhams, Charles M. Foskett, A. G. Smith, Charles Froelich, John Kitson, William Brockway, Gus H. Arps, William Roesner, A. R. Godknecht, C. E. Julian, Albert Mosser and John Field. Fink.

The Odd Fellows hall has been the meeting place during the years of many organizations. Among them is Sutherland Corps No. 89, W. R. C. Gus Lamarche of Long Grove is noble grand; Ed Kleinsmith is secretary.

The lodge meets second and fourth Tuesdays of

each month.

### PALATINE REBEKAH LODGE NO. 116

Palatine Rebekah Lodge No. 116, Auxiliary of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, was organized on March 30, 1925, with a membership of 51 members. Of this number, some were initiated and others were admitted by transfer from other Rebekah Lodges-11 charter members still active.

Dorothy Timmerman Kable was the first Noble Grand, Telva Meyer, Vice Grand, Emeline Kuebler Godknecht, Financial Secretary.

The Rebekahs and Odd Fellows of Illinois maintain two homes, the Children's Home at Lincoln and the Old People's home at Mattoon.

There have been three District Presidents from this lodge. Elizabeth Grandy, Laura Blum Hildebrandt and Florence Smith Parkhurst-Marie Bockelman is now Vice President of District No. 3.

Meetings are held in the IOOF Hall the first

and third Thursdays of each month.

The colors of pink and green symbolize stead-fast friendship and eternal love. The emblems three links Friendship, Love and Truth.



The above was known for many years as the Wood Mansion. It was originally built by Judge Williamson, the first depot agent in Palatine, who studied law, was admitted to the bar and entered politics. After his death, Mrs. Williamson married Dr. Wood. Many social events were held in the home. Following the death of Dr. and Mrs. Wood, the property came into possession of Mrs. Wood's adopted daughter, Mrs. Ben Wilson. It was from that estate that it was subsequently purchased by Immanuel Lutheran church,



Dr. Wm. Schirding, an eye, nose and throat specialist, resided in the above home until his death. It was built by his parents sixty years ago and was one of the show places in Palatine. The present Jewel store occupies its site.

### AMERICAN LEGION POST NO. 690

A group of men interested in the formation of an American Legion Post in Palatine met Oct. 6, 1920. W. H. Brockway acted as chairman and Spencer Otis of Barrington explained the purposes of the Legion and the methods that should be followed to form a post. Brockway was depot ticket agent. As the boys purchased their monthly tickets, the story is, he would ask them for an extra 3 bucks for Le-

gion membership. Thus the membership roll grew.
A month later, Nov. 11, 1920, the organization
was completed with the election of Erwin A. Reed as commander; George Howes, vice commander, and

Ben Blum, finance officer.

As a young organization the first thought was directed toward money making projects. A July 4th celebration netted them only \$29.78. The profits from the concessions awarded them at the county fairs were as small as were the concessions.

The net profit of a dance held in 1922 was only

If the enthusiasm in the early days ran low, it was the Legion Auxiliary which kept alive the dream of the Legion for a home of its own.

The Auxiliary had a way of saving money and in 1922 purchased the land on which the Legion building now stands. The cost was \$4,700. The two

organizations agreed to go 50-50 on a building. As the more fluent years arrived in the late 1930's, the profits from the carnivals began to pile up and plans for the building became nearer to realization each succeeding year. It became a reality in 1948. Legion members and friends of the Legion made generous donations of time and material, and today the present building stands as a memorial to all who have served in the two World Wars.

During the 35 years of existence it has been the Legion boys who have largely kept the spark of patriotism alive in Palatine. Its color guard and firing squad have always been ready on Memorial Days and on other occasions. Today there are 276

members.

The past commanders are Erwin A. Reed, 1920; Ralph Hildebrandt, '21; William Mair, '22; Robert Mosser, '23; J. Stanley Stewart, '24; Hugh Aspinwall, '25; Paul D. Wilson, '26; George Herrmann, '27; Fred W. Hunnerberg, '28; Herman Devermann, '29) wall, 25; Paul D. Wilson, '26; George Herrmann, '27; Fred W. Hunnerberg, '28; Herman Devermann, '29; George Howes, '30; Mortimer J. Fosket, '31; Frank Frasier, '32; H. H. Pennhallegon, '33; Harry Smith, '34.

Irving Behling, '35; Lawrence Inkster, '36-37; George Bohlin, '38; Anthony Dolatowski, '39; John Rose, '40; Ernst Wiehdt, '41; Anton Jaster, '42; Fred Haemker Sr., '43; August Cramer, '44; Walter Witt, '45; Lee Cahill, '46; Frank Hartman, '47; Walter Jaster, '48; Dave Wyatt, '49; Louie Giseke, '50; John Klotz, John Hastorock, '51; Robert Gathman, '52; Clarence Moldenhauer, '53; Raymond Roper,

'54; Tom Wheeler, '55.

### PALATINE LIONS CLUB

Palatine Lions Club, organized September 29, 1925, was born at a time when Lionism was sorely needed in this community. The town ,its clubs, and much social life were involved in personal animosities that wrecked reputatons and business.

While the Lions Club organizer did not find the completion of the charter list any push-over, he did not have "to sell" the average business and professional man on Palatine's need for the things that

Lionism stands for.

The charter membership list included men of "both camps." When the "die-hards" began to

realize that a group of 25 prominent local men were going to get busy on bringing about community unity on worth-while things that Palatine needed, the "cold war'' ended.

Palatine Lions Club during the years has rallied to the support of a great many local projects, even assuming sole sponsorship of many of them. It has been particularly active in youth projects, such as the Youth Center and Boy Scouts.

It has used its funds for many purposes. The social success it has attained has given it numerical strength that enables it to be a force in Palatine community life.

July, 1955, Palatine Lions has 176 members, many of them are newer residents, who consider it a privilege to be identified with such a community boosting organization.

This history would not be complete without the names of the men who served as president during

the past 30 years. Here they are: 1925-31 E. P. Steinbrinck 1931-32 W. A. Danielson 1932-33 Louis J. Miller 1933-34 A. L. Collignon 1934-35 Noble J. Puffer 1935-36 William Kehe, Jr. 1936-37 William Ost 1937-38 Roy LaLonde

1938-39 Robert Schoppe 1939-40 Sidney J. Page 1940-41 Otto Gaare

1941-42 Frank Wente 1942-43 Roy LaLonde

1943-44 J. William Schuchardt 1944-45 Harry G. Tharp

1945-46 Edward J. Haseman 1946-47 Ralph Trenchard 1947-48 Carl Scharninghausen 1948-49 Leighton J. Mangels

1949-50 Gerald A. McElroy 1950-51 Joseph Burnham 1951-52 Guy E. Baird

1952-53 Howard I. Olsen 1953-54 Jackson Boughner

1954-55 Edwin Ellis

1955-56 Harris V. Helgeson

### P. E. O. SISTERHOOD

Palatine Chapter EP of the P.E.O. Sisterhood was organized on April 6, 1935. There were thirteen members.

P.E.O. is an international organization, organized at Mt. Pleasant, Iowa in 1869, which supports many worthwhile projects. These include an international peace participation program, which sponsors foreign exchange students, and an educational loan fund for girls desiring to attend college. The sisterhood owns Cottey College, a junior college for girls located at Nevada, Missouri.

A beautiful resident home for Illinois P.E.O.'s has recently been purchased at Knoxville, Illinois near Galesburg.

The local chapter EP held a rummage sale in 1937 as its fund-raising project for the year. This has become a popular annual event and helps to finance the work of the chapter. For several years Chapter EP adopted a six year old Belgian war orphan, Herman Koolen, through the Foster Parents Plan for War Children.

The chapter now has 27 resident and 4 nonresident members. It meets the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month October through May in the homes of members.

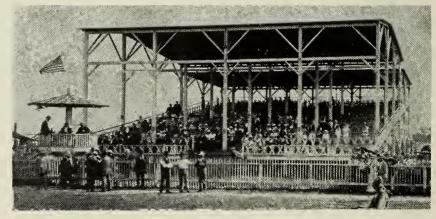
# Harness Racing At Palatine



A hot finish at the Palatine fair. The track sprinkler had not done a good job. They are on the back stretch of the Dean track.



Charles Dean, recognized as one of the greatest trainers and drivers of horses for harness racing, boarded and trained many horses for Chicago horsemen in the early years of this century. His Palatine stables and half mile track drew many visitors, whose horses were being tried out on the above track in anticipation of the purses offered at the county and state fairs. The above judge's stand could be called the "morning line" for harness horses.



It was a big day at Dean's track when the above picture was snapped. A seat in the amphitheater cost an additional ten cents. There was always special entertainment between the races. The figure in the lower right is driving a team of trained pigs (not shown) which was considered big entertainment forty years ago.

# PALATINE LODGE NO. 314 A. F. & A. M.

Palatine Lodge No. 314 A.F. & A.M. will celebrate its Centennial in 1959. The lodge was constituted Oct. 5, 1859. Charter members included early settlers of Palatine township. Meetings were held for 45 years in a building owned by the lodge at the southwest corner of Bothwell and Wilson streets. Two officers' chairs originally used are in the entry room of the present lodge hall.

A Masonic Temple association was formed in 1904 as the holding company for the erection of the present Masonic Building at the corner of Plum

Grove and Chicago avenues.

The first floor was used as a dining room and a hall for community meetings. The founders of Immanuel Lutheran church held their first services

The lower floor of the building was originally used by the Palatine Athletic Club and a two-lane bowling alley. The building in recent years has been used for church and Sunday school sessions. The Palatine library now occupies part of the first floor.

There have been 64 Worshipful Masters during the 96 years of the existence of the lodge. The 50th anniversary was celebrated in 1909 with a banquet in the Palatine Opera House with Judge C. S. Cut-

ting, a past master as the speaker.

Past masters of the last fifty years who are still living are Dr. B. T. Best, W. C. Muller, Albert Mundy, Herman Weseman, Frank Hausam, Elmer Crane, Richard Jahn, W. F. Kuhs, Rex Volz, H. J. Thal, Stanley Stewart, John Mangels, Adolph Kunze, Alfred Harz, Henry Schirding, Frank Kloboucnik, Albert DePue, Clayton Combs, Arnold Thieman, Earl Elms, John DePue, Leighton Mangels, David Terrill and George H. Schaffer.

# PALATINE CHAPTER NO. 206 ROYAL ARCH MASONS

There were not many Masonic orders in northwest Cook county during the early days. Vitruvius Lodge of Wheeling and Palatine Lodge were the homes of the early Masons. During the 34 years following the establishment of the "blue" lodge at Palatine, Master Masons desiring to add to their degrees were compelled to journey to either Elgin

It was in 1893 that Palatine Chapter No. 206 Royal Arch Masons was formed. Its members during the years have come from Barrington, Lake Zurich, Wauconda, Arlington Heights, Wheeling, and Des Plaines. There were 27 charter members. Robert F. Mix was the first High Priest and C. DeWitt Taylor, secretary. The membership has kept pace with the growth of the Blue lodges. Gustav Roessler, Arlington Heights, is present High Priest and Henry Sass, Barrington, is secretary.

Palatine Chapter has had a prominent place in the Masonic world of the Chicago suburbs and chapters from the entire northwestern part of Illinois are

frequently represented at special events.

# PALATINE CHAPTER NO. 585, O. E. S.

Palatine Chapter No. 585 Order of the Eastern Star of Illinois was instituted March 8, 1907, by the Grand Chapter of Illinois with Lounsbury Chapter of Barrington assisting, in the Palatine Masonic Temple where it still meets. This fraternal Order was organized in the home of Mrs. Alice A. Burlingame. The house still stands at the corner of Wood and Bothwell streets in Palatine.

The Charter members were Louisa Ablemen, Eleanor Baker, Erastus F. Baker, Annie Brockway, Alice A. Burlingame, Susan Filbert, Edna B. Heise,

Amanda Julian, Emma Matthei, Augusta S. Olms, Elizabeth Pahlman, Emeline Reynolds, Clara L. Schierding, Henrietta Schierding, Lily M. Schierding, May A. Schultz and Helen Swick. The first Worthy Matron was Mrs. Lily M. Schierding who served the Chapter for two years. In 1920 the Chapter was honored by having Mrs. George Volz appointed to the Grand Chapter of Illinois as Grand Adah. Members from Arlington Heights met with Palatine until 1930 at which time they organized their own Chapter.

The Chapter contributes to the support of two homes for aged women members of the Order in Illinois, one in Macon and the other at Rockford,

as well as many other philanthropic projects.

The present Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron are Mr. and Mrs. Vernon T. Cook.

### PALATINE PARK DISTRICT

The story of Palatine Park District since its beginning in 1945 is a story of community interest in the welfare of its young people. As the result of a postcard poll made in 1945 by the Palatine Enterprise, an election was called and the district was authorized by the voters.

Two of the original board members are still directing its destinies. They are William H. Mair, president, and Rose Mosser. Other members of the 1945 board were William Kehe Jr., Edward Haseman and Frank R. Hartman. Frank Zaleski has acted as attorney of the board since its organ-

Arthur T. McIntosh was the owner of 18 acres. south of the high school, which was ideally located for park and school purposes. He consented to withhold the subdividing of the project and on August 30, 1946, a joint meeting was held by the park and school boards at which it was agreed that the newly formed consolidated school district should acquire 6 acres, with the balance of the tract going to the park district.

The voters, at a special election held May 31, 1947, approved the purchase of the park site and a bond issue of \$75,000. That \$75,000 was stretched both ways. With the help of subscriptions and private gifts, the park site was obtained, was drained, graded, ball field lighted, additional land purchased to give access from Chicago avenue and a recreation building provided. Special gifts made other im-

provements possible.

Following a special election June 3, 1950, a .05 cent tax was authorized for recreational purposes and the summertime program was enlarged. Ice skating became possible, additional ball diamonds were provided and the park program was further extended.

A swimming pool was the great need and following an intensive campaign the voters in the fall of 1954 approved a bond issue of \$190,000. The pool is being dedicated July 9 as part of the Centennial celebration.

Present members of the Palatine Park Board are: William H. Mair, president; Carroll Shelton, Richard Abrahamson, Rose Mosser and Del Eggert Ralph Rockwood is secretary, Richard Welly is recreation director and Gordon Williams is treasurer.

A combination tennis court-skating pond is next on the agenda of the board. The area will be properly fenced for both sports. A canteen is to be provided in the field house, which is used 12 months of the year. The park has six ball diamonds which are being put to good use nightly by the Little League.

Palatine Park District is only 10 years old but it has a program that is making Palatine a worth-

while community in which to live.

### PLUM GROVE NURSING HOME

The Plum Grove Nursing Home is what its name implies. It is filled to near-capacity by adults of both sexes between the ages of 50 and 96.

It is the home of some of them solely because they wanted or needed the accommodations that the home makes available—good care, balanced diets, home accommodations, television and radio entertainment, medical care when needed and good comradship of others of the same sex—"and no worries," as one resident told a visitor.

The latch string is always out for members of families and friends and special days are celebrated.

The Home was opened as a private venture in 1948. Since 1953 its continued operation has been made possible by the formation of the Plum Grove Nursing Home, Inc. Miss Betty Brooks is the resident Manager. Dr. Charles Kramer is the director.

Plum Grove Nursing Home, Inc. 24 South Plum Grove Palatine 190



Original village hall which was used as council chambers, township office, fire station and jail—all heated by stoves. Following the construction of the new village hall, it was rented by St. Theresa Catholic church for its first services.

# MOTTO, HUDE SHPERE.

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Members of the Class of '91.

FRANK ALBERT OLMS,

Palatine
High School
Commencement

GRACIE BEUTLER.

WILLIAM MOSSER.

LIZZIE WILSON.

JAMES RAPER BAKER.

ANNIE BELL MATTHEL

WILLIAM G. KRIETER.

MINNIE L. MEISSNER,

HERMAN J. KUBLANK

Rose Robertson,

RAY GIBBS



EARLY WATER WORKS STATION

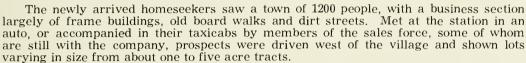
The above picture was taken after electricity had replaced the boilers, a new well had been drilled and an addition made to the original building. The present village hall was erected on the original site of the station.

# ARTHUR T. MCINTOSH & COMPANY

HORTLY AFTER THE END of World War I a Chicago and North Western train rumbled to a stop in Palatine. From it stepped a group of people, most of whom were seeing Palatine for the first time. The train, as well as private automobiles chartered for the day, were used by Arthur T. McIntosh & Company to acquaint its prospects with its newest subdivision known as Palatine Farms. The use of whole railroad cars wasn't unusual in those days as the desire

for country living was even then becoming active, and prospects with automobiles were

few and far between.



In 1907 Arthur T. McIntosh established the real estate company of which he is President and active head today. Shortly after he founded the firm he realized that many city people wanted a better way of life and more ideal conditions under which to raise a family. These conditions weren't normally encountered in Chicago which was already becoming congested. It was this belief and the resulting search for land which eventually led him to Palatine. As one travels northwest out of the city, the first beautiful, rolling countryside is in the Palatine area.

The first of many purchases and developments began in 1919 with the acquisition of the land which was subdivided that year as Palatine Farms. Throughout the succeeding years, the company made forty-five farm or acreage purchases totaling over 3600 acres in and around the village. Some of these tracts we know today as Palanois Park, Plum Grove Road Development, Fair Grounds Park and Palatine Ridge, to name only a few. Others formed Palatine's new industrial district, commercial locations and the sites for both of the new grammar schools, the village park and the new swimming pool. In the case of land for the schools, park, and the pool, Mr. McIntosh authorized the sale of these parcels at a small portion of their retail value because of the purposes for which they were to be used.

About twenty years before Palatine was originally surveyed and laid out, Thomas Atkinson completed his arduous journey from England and arrived in the marshy lowlands of Chicago. Because this was an uninteresting and mosquito infested area, he and a friend, John Kitson, continued on. After crossing the Des Plaines River Valley they eventually arrived at a high point about thirty miles from Chicago, from which the prairies could be seen for miles around. Panoramic pictures of hills, meadows, streams and woodlands created natural beauty that made a profound impression on the newcomers and they chose homesites in what today is Inverness.

Ninety years later this same lovely countryside so impressed Mr. McIntosh that he purchased the Temple, Kading, Langhoff and Mudhenk farms which adjoin the old Atkinson lands on the south, and remodeled the historic old Temple farmhouse as the family summer home. It took very few years for the charm of the countryside and the friendliness of Palatine to become so attractive to Mr. McIntosh that he disposed of his home in Kenilworth and made his permanent home on what is now known as Inverness Farm.

At the same time that he purchased the Temple farm and the three adjoining farms, he visualized a country development unique in Chicagoland. Mr. McIntosh proceeded to buy additional farms, including the Atkinson farm, until a solid block of over 1500 acres was obtained. This is the area which we now know as Inverness—the realization of the community that was hoped for many years ago.

One of the last acquisitions was the old nine-hole Meadow Grove Golf Course which has been expanded into the present eighteen-hole Inverness Golf Club. Today the new clubhouse and pool being built there should add a good deal to the pleasure of many business men and residents of the Palatine area. For some years the golf course has been made available without charge to the high school golf team and this practice still

With the growth of Palatine and the arrival of new businesses Mr. McIntosh thought it was important for the town's well-being and future development that it have its own bank. It was through his efforts and those of several others that Palatine now has a sound, first-class bank.

Today, for the first time in thirty-five years, the McIntosh Company has no residential property in the village. Nevertheless, it is the hometown of the McIntosh famly and as such they, plus all members of their firm, are and will be vitally interested in Palatine's welfare and future.



# THE HAVEN MOTEL

Palatine's "rural atmosphere" is responsible, in part, for one of its newest and modern motels, The Haven, 600 S. Northwest highway.

Ray C. Smith was an instrument and water purification engineer in Chicago before he decided to operate a motel. In his profession, he had traveled all over the country but chose Palatine as a location because of its country surroundings and its promising future as a motel site.

His 10-unit motel and its services have been influenced by his wide experience in traveling and contact with similar units across the nation. As a result, The Haven, at moderate prices, offers TV, automatic heat, sound-proof walls, Sleep-rite steel furniture, innerspring mattresses, soft water baths, and full bath tub and shower.

Smith plans to expand his motel in the near future, adding new units to meet ever-increasing demands. The Haven is approved by the AAA and affiliated with the American Motel association and Illinois Motel association.

The Haven Motel 600 S. Northwest Hwy. Palatine 1820

# ADOLPH KUNZE

"Gas for 21½ cents a gallon," announced Adolph M. Kunze, "that isn't a gas-war price—that's what I could sell gas for if I didn't have to add all the taxes to the basic price."

Mr. Kunze is proprietor of the Pure Oil station at the corner of Plum Grove and Chicago avenue, where he has been filling up tanks, changing oil and wiping windshields for 20 years. He took over this station in the depth of the depression in 1935 and has seen the business grow from a mere trickle of gasoline to just about the full capacity of his pumps.

He is married and lives with his wife Alma (Bruhns) at 149 W. Slade street. Their son Jack was graduated with honors from the engineering course at Northwestern university in 1948 and is employed with International Business Machines.

"I am the pioneer of the service station proprietors in Palatine," stated Mr. Kunze. "I have seen the old ones change hands and new ones built. Pure Oil weathered the storm of the depression, and is keeping up with the expanding growth of the town. It is gratifying to find my old customers of 20 years ago coming back week after week for Pure service."

Kunze's Pure Oil Station Chicago and Plum Grove Palatine 9824

# HI-WAY RECREATION

Two brothers-in-law are beginning their eighth year as owners of Palatine's only bowling alley, Hiway Recreation, Northwest Hwy. and Rohlwing Rd.

Harvey Helms and Hubert Meier are grateful for the support which Palatine has given their business venture. Nearly 42,000 bowlers make use of their modern, up-to-date equipment each year.

Harvey is a "native son" of Palatine, educated in its public schools, and now living at 15 E. Slade. He was formerly employed by Gaare Oil Co. Hubert has been a life-long neighbor of Palatine, having been born and raised in Arlington Heights, where he now lives at 930 N. Highland. He was a farmer before going in the "bowling business."

Hi-way Recreation features team, league, and open bowling. During winter months, high school and grade school pupils are offered special rates.

"Bowl for Health" is the password of Helms and Meier, who point out that bowling is not only healthy recreation but good fellowship as well.

Comfortable lounge facilities with a modern bar are also available to bowlers at Hi-way Recreation.

Hi-Way Recreation 945 Northwest Hwy. Palatine 970

# PALATINE REALTY & INSURANCE

Paul C. Remington Jr. and Clarence L. Berlin, partners in Palatine Realty and Insurance, are no newcomers to this field despite the fact they started their business in September, 1953.

Both have backgrounds in real estate and insurance in the Palatine area. Remington has been connected with the real estate business for 25 years and Berlin an insurance man for 8 years.

Their office, located at 115 North Northwest highway, is equipped to handle all kinds of general insurance and commercial and residential real estate.

They both feel Palatine has a great future. Expansion will be residential and commercial as well as light industrial.

This is a good community in which to establish a home, they explain, because of exceptional transportation, proximity to Chicago, good schools, fine churches, and a well-balanced society of middle and upper income families.

Paul is a Palatine homeowner at 157 S. Elmwood and Clarence lives at 226 S. Benton.

Palatine Realty & Insurance 115 North Northwest Highway Palatine 1280



# IT'S HARD TO BELIEVE HOW TIMES DO CHANGE

# 'Way Back When in 1855

- . . . Palatine settlers depended on the stagecoach from Chicago to bring their mail via Algonquin Trail.
- . . . A small piece of property (just plain swamp then, but today a prosperous business site in town) was offered for sale at a mere \$10.00—and no one would buy it!

That's all part of our Centennial history . . . now let's recall not quite so long ago.

### Back in 1944

. . . The population of Palatine was 2,000 and today it is well over 5,000!

### Back in 1944

. . . On December 2, to be exact, the Palatine National Bank was organized to serve Palatine — then — and in the future! The far-sighted founders who saw the need for a Home-town bank were Arthur T. McIntosh, Stanley F. Pepper, Roy L. LaLonde, Oscar J. Martinson, Way Thompson, Chester A. Wynne and John G. Ford.

# TODAY in 1955

. . . Six of the founders — Arthur T. McIntosh, Stanley F. Pepper, Roy L. LaLonde, Oscar J. Martinson, Way Thompson, Chester A. Wynne, plus Fred T. Rogers (since 1950) are active directors in our Home-town bank which now has assets totalling over \$5,000,000.00 reflecting the comparatively recent rapid growth of Palatine.

### With a Home-town Bank — Everyone Benefits

. . . A community needs schools, churches, stores, utilities, and many other servies essential to its local welfare and health. Your Home-town bank is also a very essential service for the community's growth and convenience. Most important, your Home-town bank puts the community money to work locally and everyone benefits!

# For Friendly, Convenient Service — Grow Along With Us!

. . . You'll save time . . . you'll save money . . . and we'll serve you like a friendly neighbor should. So, to old-timers and newcomers, do come see us — you'll always find a friendly welcome here.

# PALATINE NATIONAL BANK

34 North Brockway

Telephone 1070

# VERNON L. BERGMAN

Vernon L. Bergman, 111 E. Chicago ave., is well known in Palatine through his lifelong association with the community and for his landscaping, trucking, and equipment business.

The son of Dan and Matilda Bergman of Ela and Algonquin rd., Vernon attended local schools and was graduated from Palatine Township high school. His father still lives on the Ela farm, his birthplace as well as Vernon's.

After graduation, he worked for the McIntosh Company and later farmed his father's land. In 1940 he started his own landscaping and gardening business

The air corps took him in 1944 and after discharge in 1946 Vernon took up farming again southwest of Palatine.

It was in 1952 that he moved into town and began his new venture, which now includes landscaping, trucking, trenching, chain saw work, and back filling with new driveways a specialty.

He is married to the former Marian Luerssen of Schaumburg and they have 3 children.

Vernon L. Bergman 111 E. Chicago Avenue Palatine 923

# NORTHWEST BOTTLED GAS

Northwest Bottled Gas, 10 N. Bothwell st., is operated by its president and treasurer, John F. Nelson.

The corporation started business in April, 1946, at 42 W. Chicago ave. The post war years' demand for some appliances was so great that most of the enterprise was devoted to that field.

Nelson foresaw a leveling off in the appliance business, however, and started a liquefied petroleum gas route. Starting from scratch in 1946, they now service several hundred customers.

Bottled gas is used for cooking, refrigeration, clothes dryers, and hot water heaters in homes beyond the city gas mains. Although bottled gas is now the major part of the business, appliances are still handled. The company sells only top quality merchandise, knowing that when appliances are sold to their gas customers they are obligated to do the servicing and keep repair calls at a minimum.

servicing and keep repair calls at a minimum.

Shellane bottled gas is the product sold by Northwest Bottled Gas. It is unsurpassed for quality and consistency. Shell Oil Co, refines all Shellane gas and maintains a staff of engineers available at all times for any problems that arise.

Mr. Nelson was born in Chicago and graduated from Roosevelt high school in 1930 when jobs were scarce. He furthered his education in sales-book-keeping and advanced mathematics. He was in the retail business 15 years. Married, he and his wife have a son.

Northwest Bottled Gas 10 N. Bothwell Palatine 536

# SUNSET TURKEY FARM

Edith and Keith Chidley of Sunset Turkey Farm are both natives of this vicinity, and claim the distinction of being the first ones to raise turkeys in both Palatine and Cook county.

In 1933 they rented property in the northeastern part of Palatine township, that was a portion of an original land grant made to James Morris, who was the grandfather of Mrs. Chidley. Prior to that Keith Chidley raised turkeys in Arlington Heights. In 1933 to 1943 the turkey enterprise continued on a farm on Rand road. In 1944 they purchased the property on Route 53, where Sunset Turkey Farm is now located.

This year marks the 25th year in the turkey business for the Chidleys. They feature oven drawn turkeys sold direct to the consumer. They have freshly dressed turkeys for Thanksgiving and Christmas, and fresh frozen turkeys at any time of the year.

Their slogan is "QUALITY BIRDS FOR PARTICULAR PEOPLE."

Sunset Turkey Farm Edith and Keith Chidley Rt. 53, 1 mile north of U.S. 14 Palatine 927

# ZIMMER HARDWARE

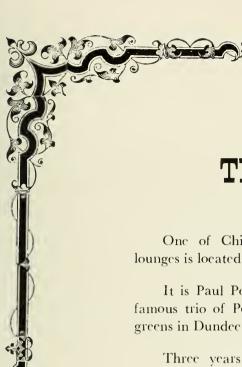
The oldest living store in Palatine—Zimmer Hardware—goes back beyond the memory of its present proprietors, Lydia Wienecke and Howard Freeman. The hardware store was started by Albert C. Zimmer on the site of the present DePue bank building at least 70 years ago and continued under the ownership up to Mr. Zimmer's death in 1947.

The store was moved to its present location, 16 N. Brockway, in . Its new, modern front came about in 1950 by the accident of an errant automobile crashing through the window and depositing itself among the wheelbarrows and garden tools on display.

The glittering array of power lawn mowers, pastel-colored hose, sprinklers and garden tools, and shiny brass gadgets would bring a snort of disbelief from the elder Mr. Zimmer, were he here to see it. Gone are the black kitchen stoves, with their 10-gallon water reservoirs, the hard coal heaters; resplendent in isinglass and nickel-plate, the ornate eavetroughs and cornices.

But still there are the pleasant welcome, the neighborly greeting of the Zimmer descendants, Lydia Wienecke and Howard Freeman, ready to carry on the tradition of honest service established in the early days of Palatine.

Zimmer Hardware 16 N. Brockway Palatine 54-J



# The Supper Club

One of Chicagoland's most beautiful restaurants and lounges is located in close proximity to Palatine.

It is Paul Peterson's glamorous Supper Club, part of the famous trio of Peterson restaurants which include The Evergreens in Dundee and The Lodge in Crystal Lake.

Three years ago, Paul Peterson acquired the popular Radio Club Farm at Northwest Highway and Quintens rd. and renamed it the Supper Club.

With his rich imagination, Mr. Peterson soon transformed it into one of the outstanding restaurants of this area. The unusual decor is highlighted with exquisite handworked copper and carved wood.

Motif throughout is Aztee Indian, ereating a lounge and restaurant that is unique in the entire northwest area.

There is genial entertainment at all 3 of the Paul Peterson restaurants. Residents of Palatine are especially invited to take advantage of the splendid dining accommodations available to them at conveniently located Supper Club.

For reservations, telephone Chuck Smith, host, at 80.

Paul Peterson's Supper Club Northwest Highway & Quintens Rd. Palatine 80

# DR. CHARLES MANKENBERG

Music was the first love of Dr. Charles Mankenberg, and he wooed the siren muse with harmonious chords of the guitar and dulcet tones of the violin. Then the practical aspect of optometry attracted him and, taking the degree of O. D. from the Chicago College of Optometry, he began practice in Oak Park and Chicago before coming to Palatine in 1949.

As a professional musician, Mankenberg, entertained chiefly in the Chicago loop hotels and dining places.

As a professional optometrist, he cares for the eyes of all Palatine.

He spent his early years in Minneapolis and now, a young man under 50, a profession at his fingertips, a cultural hobby to delight his leisure hours, he and his delightful wife, Margaret, look forward to many years of good living with his neighbors of Palatine.

Dr. Charles Mankenberg, O.D. 35 W. Chicago Ave. Palatine 1319

# JACK WILCOX

Four bowling alleys, an ice cream parlor, and a barber shop occupied the building of 55 N. Bothwell when owner Jack Wilcox bought the Palatine Recreation Center in June, 1947.

In September of that year, when the bowling season opened, Mr. Wilcox added the cocktail lounge and restaurant, eliminating the ice cream parlor and barber shop. At that time his staff of 18 employees was the largest of any retail merchant in Palatine.

After steady help became a problem, he decided to close the bowling alley and restaurant and devote all his energies toward a cocktail lounge and package liquor store.

Jack Wilcox chose Palatine as a business site because, after examining other suburbs, he found Palatine best suited to his business and living needs. Mr. and Mrs. Wilcox, parents of 2 children, have "never had occasion to regret that choice."

Jack Wilcox 53-55 North Bothwell Palatine 921

# JAMES Q. NEELY

James Q. Neely, 226 S. Oak st., has done a lot of building in the Palatine area, first as an employee of Stanley Pepper and in recent years as his own contractor.

Mr. Neely was born in Londonderry, Northern Ireland, where he learned the building trade. He came to America in 1930. He considered himself fortunate that his employment took him to the Palatine area that he hopes will be his home until the time comes to retire.

James Q. is taking a real part in the growth of Palatine. He has given generously of his time in civic services. He is a member of the building committee of the Methodist church, the Lions Club, and is a member of the Masonic order.

His business office is in his home where his wife acts as his secretary. There is one daughter, Edith.

Mr. Neely insists on good workmanship and his employees give just that to his customers.

James Q. Neely 226 S. Oak St. Palatine 1121

# BAK STUDIO

Photography was first taught to me by my father. When at the age of 15 years I was developing and printing pictures as a hobby and later was able to sell a few pictures to magazines. Interested in photography while in high school and the Army Air Force, I continued to take and make pictures whenever possible.

In 1947, after an honorable discharge, I moved to Palatine with my family. I attended photography schools under the G.I. bill and worked for professional studios, for experience, evening hours and weekends.

1950 saw the opening of our first studio in Palatine. We now operate at our new address at 14 W. Chicago ave.

Photography's future looks very bright, color and a high standard of portrait photography is just around the corner.

It will always hold my interest because of my desire to do a better job.

Bak Studio 14 W. Chicago Ave. Palatine 1050

# 1930

First Garbage Collection Truck Operated by A. M. Bunn



# Laseke Disposal Service

The original garbage disposal service in Palatine and Arlington Heights was established in 1930 by A. M. Bunn, whose son-in-law, H. W. Laseke has operated the business since 1940 as the Laseke Disposal Service at 8 S. Dunton, Arlington Heights.

That first venture consisted of only a Model A pickup truck. Today the firm has 12 modern trucks including a new Leach Load Packer. This addition is in keeping with Laseke's policy of using the latest, up-to-date equipment.

Laseke has provided prompt and efficient garbage, refuse, and rubbage pickup for Arlington Heights, Palatine, Wheeling, and Barrington for a quarter century. They have seen Palatine area expand from a rural suburban village to a bustling young city of 100 years.



"Our service is constantly being expanded and redeveloped to keep pace with the ever changing needs of a new Palatine," said Laseke. "We are pleased to be able to play a small part in this growth."

# 1955

Leach Packer, Last Word in Garbage Service Laseke Disposal Service 8 S. Dunton Arlington Heights CLearbrook 3-1708

# FOSTER ECONOMY HOUSE

Foster Economy House has taken the place of the old Seip's Hall, 16 N. Bothwell, and has kept abreast of changing times. In its 40 colorful years as a part of Palatine, the building has served as dance hall, gymnasium, community hall, movie theater, and department store.

It is, as a deportment store, that the most radical change in the building will take place.

Work has already begun, under the direction of the present occupants, Foster's Economy House, on remodeling and redecorating the building into a modern and pleasant department store offering a complete line of men's, women's and children's apparel.

Owner Don Foster bought Seip's Hall in 1946 when it was the Palatine Theater. He continued to run the movie, eventually starting the store in the basement. In 1952 he closed the theater and moved the store into the whole building. The building will include a completely new front when completed.

Foster's Economy House handles Kay Whitney and Glenbury dresses, Healthknit T shirts and underwear, Paddle and Saddle and Ensenada shirts and jackets, Test and Oshkosh overalls, Land and Sea blouses, Penrod and Yank Jr. for boys, and Loomcraft lingeries for women.

Foster Economy House 18 N. Bothwell Palatine 40

# JOHN AHLGRIM

John F. Ahlgrim spent his boyhood in the Long Grove-Quintens Road vicinity. One of his boyhood neighbors was Mr. Frederick Folleth, one of Palatine's elder residents who has reached his 94th year.

Mr. Ahlgrim began his trucking and gravel business in 1933, operating from his home at Quinten's Corners. He moved into Palatine 18 years ago, residing now at 25 N. Northwest Highway, from which address he also conducts his business.

He has seen many changes take place over the years. Years ago gravel and sand were hauled to the contractors, who did their own cement mixing right on the job, whereas today the majority of contractors employ ready mixes. This new feature hasn't interfered with Mr. Ahlgrim's business, however. Hauling sand, gravel, limestone and black dirt has kept his business thriving.

Though he claims there isn't much romantic interest attached to his work, one might find Mr. Ahlgrim's name frequently mentioned among the archives of Palatine's road commissioner and township treasurer, recording the fact that he hauled gravel to various rural roads hereabouts. Since roads are the connecting links between farms, neighborhoods and communities, one can assume that Mr. Ahlgrim, in contributing to their building, is indeed in a business that has both romantic and historical interest attached to it.

John F. Ahlgrim Trucking Service 25 N. Northwest Hwy. Palatine 215

# KIRCHHOFF'S FOOD SHOP

Although Edmund Kirchhoff, owner of Kirchhoff's Food Shop, 21 E. Railroad, came to Palatine in 1951, he has lived most of his life in nearby Elk Grove township. He purchased Smith's Food shop July 21, 1954, nearly three years after he became a resident of Palatine.

Specialties of his food shop are home made potato salad, home prepared sausage, kidney bean salad, macaroni salad, ham salad, baked beans, baked ham, and kosher corned beef spiced themselves.

Featured are genuine Italian spaghetti and Spice Island spices and teas, sold exclusively in the Palatine area by Kirchhoff's Food shop. Also sold are bakery goods, groceries, frozen foods, and cold cuts.

Kirchhoff's is open every day, including Sundays and holidays from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Kirchhoff's Food Shop 21 E. Railroad Palatine 1026

# PALATINE MOTORS

From 1948 to 1950, Palatine grew more, percentage wise, than any other town in the northwest area. It was chiefly for this reason that Palatine Motors was organized in 1950.

"We felt there was a need for more than one automobile agency in a city as large as this," explained Rudolph Hoffman, present secretary. "Dodge and Plymouth were chosen because of the engineering reputation and manufacturing quality of Chrysler products."

Today Palatine Motors provides Dodge-Plymouth sales and service east to Mount Prospect, north to Libertyville, west to Crystal Lake, and south to Bensenville.

Their used car facilities have become one of the most trusted in the northwest area.

Present officers of the firm are Ed Haseman, president; Gilbert McIntosh, vice president; Henry Howland, treasurer; and Rudolph Hoffman, secretary.

Palatine Motors 42 W. Chicago Ave. Palatine 1040

# Palatine Drug

HE BUSINESS CORNER occupied today by Palatine Drug has seen many changes in the last 90 years. The building thereon was a wagon shop in 1875 and a tayern in 1900.

The building had a big face lifting when Dr. Starck established a hospital on the second floor and the Palatine State Bank was organized. Its use as a drug store followed the moving of the bank to its own building.

It was in 1946 that Carolyn Bonin purchased the store, which is now getting its third remodeling since she became the proprietor. She has transformed the place into a modern up-to-date self-service drug store that is meeting the demands of a growing community.

1890



Palatine State Bank

Palatine Community Hospital

1918



Palatine Drug provides all drugs and cosmetics, baby needs, greeting cards, novelties, film and camera supplies, and dietetics for diabetics as well as 2 registered pharmacists on duty for reliable and complete pharmaceutical and biological supplies.

Hours of the store are 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily and 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., 6 p.m. to 10 pm. on Sunday.

Palatine Drug 25 N. Brockway Palatine 93

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# C. C. URHAMMER

For 23 years C. C. Urhammer has been associated with the Palatine business community.

He came to Palatine in 1930 and opened a dry cleaners shop in the Bruhns building. He also stocked merchandise, men's furnishings, socks, shirts, ties, slacks, etc. Four years later he moved his flourishing business to its present location at 37 W. Slade.

In 1950 he added a tuxedo rental to his stock of men's furnishings. Urhammer's is the only formal wear rental west of Chicago.

Although C. C. Urhammer ruefully admits he misses the old village atmosphere of the earlier Palatine, he feels confident that as a city it will provide a better business opportunity for all merchants.

He is married to the former Elsie Bruhns of Palatine. They have 2 sons, Evan, 19, and Grant, 16.

C. C. Urhammer 37 W. Slade Palatine 143

# ROLAND RUNGE

Roland Runge, 222 S. Plum Grove, came to Palatine in 1944 and was graduated from Palatine high school 2 years later. From 1946 to 1948 he served with the paratroops in Japan, and in 1948 he returned to Palatine to work for Schmidt Electric Co.

In 1951 Runge went into business for himself as an electrical contractor. Today Runge Electric Co. does residential and commercial electrical wiring.

As a measure of the success he has achieved in the Palatine business community and of the confidence he has in the village's growth and future development, Runge is moving his office to a new location this fall. He has erected a building at 550 E. Northwest hwy. to house, in addition to his own business, 2 additional offices and 2 apartments.

Runge is married and has 2 children, David,  $3\frac{1}{2}$ , and Debbie,  $1\frac{1}{2}$ .

Runge Electric 222 S. Plum Grove Palatine 264

# SUBURBAN SHOES

Although Suburban Shoes, 19 N. Bothwell, has been in existence only since March 18, A. W. Johnson, buyer and operator, is no stranger to the shoebuying public of Palatine.

He was associated for 5 years with another shoe store in Palatine before becoming associated with Jack Wilcox, proprietor of Suburban Shoes. The new store was started because the growth of Palatine led the men to believe there was need for more than one shoe store.

The completely air conditioned store features men's socks, women's handbags, and the following line of men's, women's, and children's shoes: Fortune, Jarman, Red Cross, Modecraft, Friendlys, Jolene, and Friendly Acrobats.

He and his wife, Marsha, live at 49 W. Washington st. They have 3 children, Andy, Bill, and Alice.

Suburban Shoes 19 N. Bothwell Palatine 2130

# PALATINE GRILL

Long famous for good food at reasonable prices, the Palatine Grill, 10 N. Brockway, was recently purchased by Charles and Evelyn Sarlas, who formerly operated the C & E Grill at 6205 N. Broadway in Chicago.

Palatine Grill offers a number of specialties. Noted for home cooking, Mr. and Mrs. Sarlas prepare their own hamburger and chili. Their buttermilk wheatcakes are popular all over the Chicago area.

Among new services to be provided by Palatine Grill is a Monday night special—all the spaghetti you can eat for \$1. A carry-out service for most menu items is available.

With the inauguration of new Sunday hours from 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., the restaurant becomes the only one open in Palatine on Sunday.

Telephone is Palatine 2137-J.

Palatine Grill 10 N. Brockway Palatine 2137-J



# THE EIMCO CORPORATION

The Eimco Corporation, with principal offices and factory at Salt Lake City, Utah, was established more than 70 years ago. It is engaged in the manufacture of mining, construction, and filtration machinery. Its equipment, in both design and performance, has achieved world-wide recognition in all 3 of the fields to which it sells. Included in the Eimco operating network are 7 foreign subsidiaries, more than 75 foreign dealers, 13 domestic branch offices, and numerous domestic agents.

On May 27, 1954, Eimco Corporation opened a new research and development center at 301 S. Hicks rd., Palatine, which became the filter industries' first institution devoted primarily to research and development work in the field of liquid-solids separation.

Establishment of the research and development division and the completion of a new structure to house its personnel and equipment, marks another important step forward in the Eimco effort to serve the chemical and processing industries with the best in efficient continuous vacuum and pressure filtration equipment.

The Palatine center studies all possibilities to improve presently known types of filtration equipment and filtration techniques, and also does research in developing new processes and new techniques.

Included among its facilities are space and equipment for a complete pilot plant operation. This will be of real assistance to all processing industries by helping in liquid-solid separations through filtration with a completely new, completely modern plant.

Also located in the Palatine plant are central division sales and engineering offices.

Palatine was selected as the center site because as a community it was ideally suited for laboratory needs. Good housing, convenient transportation, and a proximity to Chicago and O'Hare Airport as well as an adequate labor market made it attractive to the Eimco Corporation.

Eimco Corporation 301 S. Hicks Road Palatine 1990

# WM. H. DE PUE

Wm, H. De Pue came to Palatine in 1923 and was employed as local sales manager for the A. T. McIntosh company. Mr. De Pue enjoyed this connection until 1940 when he opened up his own office in the State Bank building. He conducts his business from the same location today, on the corner of Slade and Bothwell streets. With 32 years to his credit, it is the oldest insurance company and real estate business in town.

During a part of the last decade he participated in local politics, serving as Justice of the Peace for two 4-year terms, and as Mayor of Palatine from 1941 to 1949. It was during this period that Palatine began its unusual growth.

He was the subdivider and developer of the Plum Grove Wood area.

Wm. De Pue is Past Master of the Palatine Masonic Lodge, a 32nd degree Mason, a Shriner and Knight Templar, member of the Local Chapter and the Eastern Star.

Wm. De Pue has 2 daughters and a son, and 8 grandchildren. Mr. and Mrs. De Pue are Palatine residents.

Wm. H. De Pue Real Estate State Bank Bldg. 35 W. Slade St. Palatine 4

# NOFTZ MOTOR SERVICE

Noftz Motor Service was established in 1919. In 1927 they made Palatine their headquarters for business and established their residence here. Frevious to this, Mr. and Mrs. Noftz had been weekend visitors and summer vacationers.

Piano moving was the first service offered by this firm in its earliest days, adding furniture movng, packing, crating and shipping as the firm grew. They have long distance, coast-to-coast affiliations, and are authorized storage agents. They gladly give estimates for local and long distance moving.

Noftz Motor Services wishes to express their appreciation for the fine friendship and co-operation they have enjoyed over the years. They strive to give the best possible service to their customers, and are always happy to learn that their service has been enjoyed.

Mr. Noftz enjoys a challenging job. For instance, he recently moved a large office-type desk into a home. Doors had to be removed to get the article through, and the desk had to be transported in sections to its location.

Mr. and Mrs. Noftz have 2 children and 5 grandchildren. They live at Bryant ave. and Brockway.

> Noftz Motor Service S. Plum Grove Rd. Palatine 680-J-1

# BUSCH SERVICE

At the first curve in the highway John Busch established the Busch Service station in 1946, intending to cure the ills of ailing and wayward autos and to furnish gas, oil and service to the speeding traveler. Difficulty in getting competent help has handicapped his repair service, but John offers good independent gas and oil at attractive prices and watches with satisfaction as the Highway business section builds up around him.

"I was pretty much alone when I started up 9 years ago," he said, "but I foresee the time when this four-lane highway will be a continuous line of business houses, from Barrington to Park Ridge—and we won't have to wait for another centennial to see it happen."

Mr. Busch lives at 117 S. Northwest hwy, with his wife, Elizabeth. They have two grown daughters, a son, John Jr., attending the University of Dubuque, Joe, just graduated from Palatine high school, and two grandchildren.

Local agency for the Hudson automobile has just been acquired by the Busch Service station, and John is busy remodeling the front of his building into attractive show windows for the new car.

> Busch Service 137 S. Northwest Hwy. Palatine 9850

# ROPER'S TAVERN

William Roper, owner of Roper's Tavern, is another Palatine native who has driven roots deeper in his home town by opening a business here. He was born on a farm on Ela road, where he lived until his 7th year, after which his father moved to the present Emil Berlin farm. They called that spot home from Wm. Roper's 7th to 20th year.

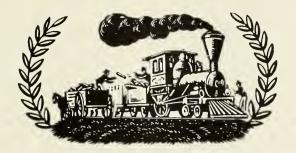
He started his tavern the year of Prohibition's repeal. The two previous years he operated a poolroom on the corner of Brockway and Chicago ave.

Mr. Roper's father and brother operated a dairy business in Palatine, and up to 30 years ago had a milk route catering to 450 customers. Pasteurization was not compulsory during those days. The bottling plant was located in the basement of their home, and Mr. Roper's father delivered by horse-drawn milk wagon.

Mrs. Roper is an "outsider," having come from the little town of Wheeling. Her maiden name was Kruger, and her father was engaged in a business that is disappearing from the American scene, that of blacksmithing.

Roper's Tavern is located on Slade street, directly west of the Palatine National Bank.

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# SOME EARLY PALATINE FIRSTS

First Settler, George Ela, followed by Orrin Ford, A. H. McClure, Dunton and Russell Andrus in 1836.

First White Child born in Palatine Township: Clarinda Cady, 1838.

First School conducted in the Pinney log cabin 1839,

First School Teacher: Nancy Boynton.

First Church Services (Methodist Episcopal) held in the log cabin school 1839. In 1840 a church organization was effected at Deer Grove. Religious services conducted in a schoolhouse until 1856. When the church was moved in 1857 to Palatine, there were about 50 members. A frame church was erected, costing \$1,500.

First Railroad 1854 . . . first depot 1855 . . . the Illinois and Wisconsin Railroad followed by the Prairie du Chien & Fon du Lac, later to be the Chicago & North Western.

First Post Office moved into the railroad depot in 1855-56 (winter). D. B. Wood was appointed postmaster. (Until then there had been two township post offices, one at the north section and one at the south section).

First Merchant: Elisha Pratt in 1855, when he moved his store from Clay's Crossing to the right of way facing the railroad track.

**First School Building** erected about 1854 just outside present limits of Palatine, just previous to the start of the town's growth. In 1855 or '56 the school was moved within corporate limits. First teacher after the removal: Miss Lucina Spring.

First School Built in Palatine: a one-story frame structure built about 1860 on the present Wood Street site, on land donated by Joel Wood.

First Flax Mill: in 1878, located south of Chicago ave. and west of Greeley st.

First Newspaper: The Palatine Enterprise (a six-colum folio) started October 1, 1878 by J. A. Battinger.



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# BASS PLUMBING AND HEATING

The plumbing and heating business of Russell Bass has kept pace with the growth of Palatine. As Palatine grew, so did the business of Mr. Bass.

The handiwork of Mr. Bass and his workmen is in evidence in an increasing number of homes and commercial buildings of the Palatine area.

He says, "I learned a long time ago that a satisfied customer required two things, quality fixtures and good workmanship. I have tried to supply both."

Mr. Bass, formerly of Mt. Prospect, came to Palatine in 1937 before the real building boom started. He purchased property on the Northwest highway and has had a part in the establishment of the new business district. Since 1943 he has again been actively engaged in his trade.

Bass Plumbing & Heating 127 N. Northwest Highway Palatine 1248

### DICK'S DECORATING SERVICE

Dick's Decorating Service is a partnership consisting of two men who worked for two large decorating firms in Chicago previous to the establishment of their present business.

The partners are Richard Abrahamson who came to Palatine in 1946, and Ivar Strand. They formed their partnership in 1953. Mr. Abrahamson's home serves as business office. Both men migrated from Sweden, are married, and they and their families are residents of Palatine. Mr. and Mrs. Abrahamson have 2 chidren, a son and daughter, and Mr. and Mrs. Strand have a son.

They do most of their work on homes, specializing in both interior and exterior work. They can guarantee expert work, also, since each of the firm's members has been in the decorating business for over 30 years.

Dick's Decorating Service 322 N. Brockway Palatine 1925

# HOME AND GARDEN SHOP

Two years ago William and Mary Brassell opened their Home and Garden shop at 160 N. Northwest highway, to provide Palatine with a complete interior furnishing and decorating service.

They selected Palatine as the site for their shop because this is where the greatest growth in recent years has been.

Mrs. Brassell, who has worked in many homes in this area, provides complete interior consultation. Her husband manages the store, which features a tri-level showroom to display their furniture, lamps, china, gift items, custom drapes, bedspreads, slip covers, upholstery, and wall papers. Merchandise is priced to fit every budget.

The Brassells reside at 40 N. Brockway.

Home and Garden Shop 160 N. Northwest Hwy. Palatine 179

# CHAS. KLOPP AND ASSOCIATES

The "Charles Klopp and Associates" of 1955 was only Charles Klopp, Architect, 10 years ago when he opened his office in Palatine.

Today the architectural firm includes two associates, also providing structural and engineering services.

As a planning counselor, the services of Mr. Klopp have been directed into many channels of the architectural field. This has included large industrial plants as well as schools, estates, and the more elaborate residential developments.

Mr. Klopp has always been interested in the development of his town along proper community planning lines. He has been especially active in the Palatine Planning commission and many of his suggestions have been included in model ordinances that have been adopted by the Palatine village board and are being considered by neighboring towns.

Chas. Klopp and Associates 34 North Brockway Palatine 120



First Home Telephone In Palatine



First Telephone Exchange (Formerly Mosser's Drug Store)



Mrs. Zelda Bennett First Regular Operator

THE FIRST TELEPHONE arrived in Palatine 58 years ago. The village of Palatine granted a franchise to the Chicago Telephone Co. in 1898. In addition to a covenant to allow its poles to be used for a fire alarm system, the only other concessions were telephones in the village hall and in the new water works pump station.

The first telephone exchange was in the Mosser drug store, where a small switchboard had been installed in the back room. There was no night telephone service. Calls were answered during drug store hours only, by the proprietor, an employee, or anyone who happened to be hanging around that back room which in those days was the general gathering place for the young men of Palatine.

The doctors were the first to install telephones, all single party lines, the service price of which was \$4 a month. There were few private phones in adjoining towns. A station to station call to Arlington Heights cost 25 cents plus an additional quarter for a messenger to get the party called to come to the Arlington exchange which was also in a drug store.

The single switchboard in the drug store was moved to the dining room of Mrs. Henrietta Torgler in 1902. The number of subscribers had then increased to eleven.

No regular operator was employed, all members of the family and the boarders pinch-hitting when a drop fell on the switchboard. Night service was made available by the installation of a night bell in an adjoining bedroom.

During these early days the one toll line to Chicago was used jointly by Arlington, Palatine, Barrington, Crystal Lake and Woodstock.

It was not unusual for the operators during the slack hours to visit over the phone, sometimes as many as four of them on the line bantering back and forth. That practice came to an end when a Chicago operator who listened in caused a bill for 58 minutes of conversation to be sent to the gossiping operators.

The first regularly employed telephone operator was Mrs. Zelda Bennett, who recently retired after 40 years' service with the company. She was employed at the Palatine exchange until 1919.

With the installation of many party lines, a second switchboard became necessary. In 1919 the exchange was moved to its present location where 27 girls are employed, serving 3,200 subscribers. Miss Helen Swick has been with the company for over 30 years and has been chief operator since 1927.

During the early days, local trouble shooting was in charge of one man, Leo Wilber, now retired, who was in charge of the Woodstock office many years.

Next step in Palatine's telephone service is introduction of dial. Land has been purchased at the corner of Brockway and Johnson sts. and a new building to house the dial equipment will be erected. If the closely timed schedule now drawn can be met, dial service will begin in late 1957 or 1958.

# SANITARY MARKET & GROCERY

The Sanitary Market and Grocery, 49 W. Slade, has a long tradition of retail service to Palatine.

Its present owner is Mrs. Helen Wente, 310 N. Bothwell, whose late husband, Frank, bought into the store as partner in 1929. Known as Roesner and Wente, it was located in the old Brick Block.

In 1937, Wente bought out his partner, Henry Roesner, and moved the store to 49 W. Slade a year later. When young Roy Wente was graduated from Palatine high school in 1945, he went to work for his father in the store. He became manager after Mr. Wente's untimely death in 1949.

'Sanitary Market is a family affair. In addition to Mrs. Wente and her son, a daughter and son-inlaw, Evelyn and Charles Buenzow, also work in the store. Elmer Walter has been butcher since 1928.

Top quality meats, groceries, complete canned goods and frozen foods, as well as fresh produce are offered by the market, which provides delivery service at phones 33 and 34.

Sanitary Market and Grocery 49 W. Slade st. Palatine 33

# LANGER PRINTING CO.

Barney Langer got the smell of printer's ink in his nostrils when he took a course in printing at the Maine Township high school in Des Plaines. He acquired the fundamentals of the printer's trade there and continued to perfect himself in the shop of the Des Plaines Journal. Once a man gets the rattle and clank of the linotype in his ears, the pungent aroma of printer's ink in his nostrils, and the grime and dirt of a press wash-up under his finger nails he is wedded to the noble art of reproducing the printed word.

Barney opened his shop at 119 N. Northwest hwy., in Palatine in 1952 and hired his former instructor at Des Plaines, Virgil Smith, as foreman. Other employees are Mrs. Strickland of Evanston, Irene Mueller of Inverness, and for his "printer's devil," Skippy Mudlaff.

The Langer Printing company is well equipped with a linotype, a Gordon press, Miehle Vertical and Little Giant, paper cutter and folder, and the usual fonts of hand-set type. A substantial addition to the building is planned for erection this summer.

 $\mbox{Mr.}$  and  $\mbox{Mrs.}$  Langer (formerly Carol Thomas) live at 251 W. Wilson.

Langer Printing Co. 119 N. Northwest Hwy. Palatine 1391

# ROHDE REPAIR SERVICE

Elmer Rohde might well have been the original Avery of Gasoline Alley.

A native son of Palatine, his parents are Henry and Marie Rohde, who now reside on a farm on Roselle rd.

Automobiles fascinated him always and during his days at Palatine high school he was to be found tinkering with and repairing cars. A dream came true for Elmer in April, 1937, when the tinkering paid off in the form of a garage located in a barn on Smith st. near Chicago ave. Here he sold his first cars, Graham-Paige and Nash, farm equipment, and did auto repair.

In 1943 the Rohde Repair Service moved to 108 N. Brockway and became a Kaiser-Frazer agency in 1948. This was changed to Kaiser-Willys in 1953 with the merger of those two firms.

Rohde provides complete auto repair, body and paint work, new and used cars, and hydra-matic transmission repair.

In 1936 he married Viola Glade, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Glade, 400 S. Plum Grove. They now have 3 children: Dolores, Elmer Jr., and Janice.

Rohde Repair Service 108 N. Brockway Palatine 258

### DAN'S MOTOR SALES

Dan's Motor Sales, Palatine's Nash sales and service garage, at 500 S. Northwest hwy., is owned and operated by Dan Schmeichel, long-time resident of Arlington Heights, and Herb Noftz, a life-time resident of Palatine.

Dan is sales manager and Herb is service manager. A complete stock of Nash and Nash Rambler automobiles are on display in their new modern showrooms.

Complete service is available on all used and new cars. One of the expert mechanics on duty is Melvin Gaare, a well-known citizen of Arlington Heights.

A select stock of all-makes used cars can be found on their Used Car lot. Each is priced to sell.

You are cordially invited to stop in and get acquainted.

Dan's Motor Sales 504 S. Northwest Hwy. Palatine 1191

# BRANDT'S RESTAURANT AND LOUNGE

OE BRANDT knows whereof he speaks when he refers to the warm reception extended to new residents and merchants in Palatine.

In 1947 Brandt and his brother-in-law, Nick Melilli, purchased the lot and building on Northwest highway where the sleek Brandt's Restaurant and Lounge is now located.

Formerly known as the Hiway Inn, the business expanded quickly and the lounge outgrew its facilities. To reward Palatine for its support, the partners decided to erect a new building and provide Palatine with a high quality dining room and lounge conveniently located inside the village limits.

The response overwhelmed them.

In the first 3 days of their grand opening September 26, 1954, more than 3,200 people were served in the dining rooms.

"This is another illustration of the eagerness of progressive Palatine to extend an enthusiastic welcome to new business," said Brandt. "It is typical of the kind of support new merchants can expect from this warm and friendly community."

Brandt's Restaurant and Lounge is tastefully styled in soft, modern decor which makes gracious dining and relaxing a pleasant experience. Specialties of the house include Italian-American foods, Hickory smoked barbecue, lobster tail and sea foods, and delightful cocktails. Hours are from 8 a.m. daily.

Brandt's Restaurant and Lounge has adequate facilities to comfortably accommodate any size parties and banquets. Free parking is available for their guests.

A cordial welcome awaits you.

Brandt's Restaurant and Lounge 10 N. Northwest Highway Palatine 1003

# BETTY'S FOOD SHOP

Betty's Food Shop, which is owned by Mr. and Mrs. F. DeAyres, has been located on Brockway street since 1938. The DeAyres came to Palatine because Mr. DeAyres was a firm believer in the advantages of rearing children in the country. They had originally owned a butcher and bakery business in the Austin district of Chicago. They found a very small food shop for sale in Palatine, bought it, and operated a restaurant in conjunction with it for two years.

Finding the restaurant business too demanding of their time and energy, they discontinued it and concentrated on the delicatessen business. It has grown tremendously in sales volume since those first years, when business was slower and Palatine was truly a small town. Watching the town's growth has also been a fascinating experience for the De-

Ayres.

During the first years, they occupied the building next door to their present location. They are now located in the building at 15 N. Brockway, which they own. Gourmet foods are one of their specialties, and they carry cheeses, sausages, bakery goods and all kinds of frozen foods.

The DeAyres are very attached to their adopted town and love the country living. They have 2 children, a boy and a girl, each of who has four children. Eight grandchildren, a home, lovely flower garden and a busy well-patronized food shop keep the DeAyres happily active and young.

> Betty's Food Shop 15 N. Brockway Palatine 74

# ARLINGTON CONCRETE PRODUCTS, INC.

There have been many changes in methods of building construction in the past 100 years. Arlington Concrete Products, Inc., has had a major part in providing in the past 30 years building blocks in concrete and Haydite that has meant stronger buildings, easier construction and savings in building costs, speedier construction of homes, commercial buildings, factories, schools and churches in Palatine as well as elsewhere.

It was 30 years ago that Paul C. Taege and Frank C. Busse saw the "handwriting on the wall" and took the initiative in this area in the manufacture of Haydite building blocks and other items made of cement. That original plant has been tripled in size and capacity and today an order for a million blocks for a major project causes them no business embarrassment.

One of their first orders received by their firm in 1926 were blocks for the Palatine high school building erected that year. Arlington Concrete Products, Inc. has its plant at a neighboring town, but there have been so many blocks of their manufacture in so many Palatine homes and business places that they consider themselves a part of Palatine and joyfully join Palatine in the celebration of its Centennial.

> Arlington Concrete Products, Inc. 1414 E. Davis Street Clearbrook 5-1015

# MEL'S MARKET & GROCERY

After working five years at the butcher block, Melvin Harting bought out his boss and for the past year has been the proprietor of Mel's Market and Grocery, 61 N. Bothwell. Palatine.

Mel attended high school at Arlington Heights. where he played baseball, serving as catcher on the team from 1938 to 1942. Three and a half years in the navy (South Pacific area) preceded his discharge in 1945.

As a freshie in high school Mel got his first experience behind the meat counter in a local market.

The tendency in food stores, Mel thinks, is toward more and more frozen foods; packaged and partially prepared foods, he notes, are gaining greatly in favor.

"Customers sometimes wonder at the difference in price between what the producer receives and what the consumer has to pay. "This gap," explains Mel, "is partly made up in the wrapping and packaging, the partial or complete cooking and flavoring, the freezing and refrigeration, and the demand for foods, fruits and vegetables out of season."

It is interesting, he says, to observe the trend of modern food stores, following, and in some cases preceding, the housewife's demand. Harting thinks the change is to larger stores, with more variety of merchandise to offer the discerning housewife.

> Mel's Market & Grocery 61 N. Bothwell Palatine 31

# **BOUNTY FAIR**

Shelves of glittering chinaware, arrays of shining brass and copper bowls, cases of sparkling jewelry, tables of amazing woven straw baskets, romantic greeting cards, colorful candles—these adorn every nook and corner of Bounty Fair, 104 S. Northwest hwy., and solve the puzzling gift problems of tots and teen-agers, swains and sweethearts, adults and adolescents.

Shirley Shanklin is the pleased and pleasant proprietor of Bounty Fair, and says she is more than delighted than her customers when she is able to run across some unusual and colorful item.

Mrs. Shanklin's husband is John Shanklin, gene-inspector of bridges for the C.&N.W. Ry. Their ral inspector of bridges for the C.&N.W. Ry. Their daughter, Mrs. Kathy Califf, teaches domestic science in the Carthage, Ill., high schools, and their son Michael, 18, attends Coe college in Cedar Rapids, Towa

"I always thought I would like to run a store," confessed Mrs. Shanklin, "even when I was a little girl and played 'store' with simulated merchandise and counterfeit money.

"An added service we have is gift wrapping and mailing; imprinting, too, on cards, invitations and personal stationery and birth announcements."

Mrs. Shanklin gave a special word of praise to her two asssistants—Ruth and Marion.

> Bounty Fair 104 S. Northwest Hwy. Palatine 1096

# CORK & BOTTLE

HE PRESENT SITE of Cork & Bottle, Palatine's most complete beverage service, has long been identified with the development of the business community.

More than 60 years ago, before the advent of the Auto Age, Henry Schoppe sold International farm implements from his garage, later adding the Model-T Ford and Oakland cars when the automobile came into popularity. Shortages created by World War II prompted Henry's successor, his brother Robert, to close the garage, which at that time was handling Pontiac cars.

Following the war, Charles Folkerts purchased the building at 11 S. Brockway and Cork & Bottle came into being.

Fred Korber Jr. brought to an end a 22-year absence from his home town when, in partnership with Ed Haseman, he purchased Cork & Bottle in 1954. They have since consolidated the store and garage into one operation.

The Schoppe residence on the corner, home of Henry and Harry's mother from 1892 to 1935, has been sold to Albert Koskela and will be moved from the lot to make room for enlarged parking facilities.

Born and raised in Palatine, Fred Jr. is the son of Fred and Alma Korber with whom he now resides on Quintens rd. He divides his time between management of Cork & Bottle and president of the Palatine Chamber of Commerce during this busy Centennial year.

Purchase of a local business enterprise culminated Fred's desire to return to Palatine, and he's glad he did—"Palatine is really going places!"

The package goods store offers a complete line of beer, wines, liquors, and soft drinks. Imported beers and an excellent assortment of imported wine and champagnes, together with a most complete line of domestics, is featured.

Free delivery is provided for all orders, regardless of size. Block, cube and crushed ice are also available.

Glassware loaned or available for purchase for all occasions.

Hours for Cork & Bottle are 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily, 9 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. Saturday, and noon to 9 p.m. Sunday

The Cork & Bottle 11 S. Brockway Palatine 400

# VILLAGE INN

The number of regular customers from neighboring towns as well as Palatine who are seen regularly at the Village Inn, is proof of the good eats it has provided.

The Village Inn was started by Mildred Acree and Gladys Steinbrinck following the construction of the Pepper Block. Everybody knew Palatine needed a restaurant, but it took a bit of persuasion to convince Mrs. Acree and Mrs. Steinbrinck that such a venture merited the investment that would be required.

They were never sorry that they followed the suggestion of their friends. The two proprietors were surprised at the support they received. "The public has treated us very well," says Mrs. Acree.

For 2 years they also operated the Red Horse Grill on Northwest highway. Mrs. Steinbrinck withdrew from the partnership in 1953.

Mrs. Acree attributes a large part of the restaurant's popularity to the faithful service she has received the past 5 years from Mrs. Martha Reisser, head waitress and Mrs. Rose Kiehl who has charge of the kitchen.

Village Inn 7 N. Bothwell Palatine 618

### RED-CLARE TV SERVICE

Providing Palatine with high quality television sales and service since 1951 has been Red Clare Television Service, 11 North Brockway.

Owners are C. G. "Red Clare" Koop and his wife, H. V. Koop, who purchased Ned's Radio and Appliance service.

They service any make of TV and radio and are exclusive dealers in this area for Zenith, Admiral, and Hallicrafters television and radio, Mitchell air conditioners, and Admiral appliances.

Hours are 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily except Wednesday, closed at noon, and Friday, open to 9 p.m.

Red-Clare Television Service 11 N. Brockway Palatine 516

# PALATINE PET SHOP

Palatine's supply of parrots, parakeets, white mice, guinea pigs, puppies, cats, alligators, monkeys, gold fish, canaries, crows, and tropical fish pour forth from the Palatine Pet shop, 10 W. Chicago ave.

This is not only the most complete shop devoted exclusively to pets and pet supplies in northwest Cook county, but it is also the home of the largest tropical fish display northwest of Chicago and east of the Mississippi river. There are 25 tanks of these fish featuring some 40 varieties.

Mrs. Ruth P. Bracke and her son, George, are owners of the shop which was started in 1953 by Mrs. Bracke because she loves animals and realized that a higher population of families have pets in suburbs than in the city.

They are now featuring custom made aquariums available no where else in the nation. A delivery service is provided.

Palatine Pet Shop 10 W. Chicago Ave. Palatine 1704

### PALATINE PASTRY SHOP

The present owner and manager of Palatine Pastry Shop, 39 W. Slade, is Bob Cramm, whose father, Herman, bought the business in 1948. His son assumed direction of the enterprise in 1953. The shop handles a complete line of high quality bakery goods.

Three full-time professional bakers provide a host of bakery services, including the shop specialty, cake decorating. Palatine Pastry features a line of popular Danish goods.

Hours of the shop are 7 a.m. to 6:30 a.m. Monday through Saturday. They are open all day Wednesday.

Cramm is married and has a son, Jeffery, 1.

Palatine Pastry Shop 39 W. Slade Palatine 507 Palatine of Yesterday



# CHARLES H. WILSON

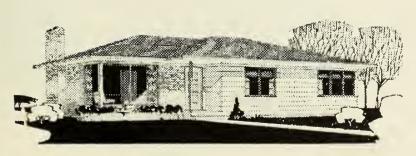
Palatine is on the verge of substantial growth and expansion.

Charles H. Wilson, realtor, feels that everything points to this expansion. Home values are among the highest in this area; buyers get more for their home purchase dollar than anywhere else; the new swimming pool, school improvement program—all point to this development.

In order to provide sales and service for residents of this growing area, Charles H. Wilson Real Estate has opened a new office at 110 S. Northwest highway. The main office has been located in Arlington Heights for 3 years.

Manager Norman S. Falkanger is assisted by Edgar C. Kohl and Arthur A. Schott.

Charles H. Wilson Real Estate 110 S. Northwest Highway Palatine 2010



Palatine Today

# MOORE'S JEWELRY

You'll often find the answer to the question, "Why did you move, or come to Palatine?" the same as Charles Moore's response to it. "I did a lot of exploring and looking before I moved here, and Palatine just looked good to me."

"Chuck" Moore was abetted in this opinion by his uncle, who has also lived here since 1948, the year Moore came, purchased a home in Palanois Park, and started a jeweler's shop on Bothwell st.

"C. E. Moore, Jeweler," as the business is called officially, is now located at 35 W. Slade st., in the State Bank building. Gifts for all occasions, watch and clock repairing are featured, and a certified watchmaker, Thomas Walters, assists full time.

"Chuck" Moore says there are variety and interest in the business, particularly when antique pieces are brought in for repairs.

Moore was discharged from the Navy in January, 1945, after 3½ years of service. He and his wife, Mildred, were both Chicagoans and have 2 children, Linda and Charles. They're all staunch Palatine boosters now and wouldn't move back to the city for anything. They think Palatine's slogan, "A Real Home Town," just hits the spot with them.

C. E. Moore, Jeweler State Bank Building 35 W. Slade st. Palatine 951

# PIONEER HOBBY SHOP

Frank McNellis says that a hobby is valuable because it provides a change of pace from the regular routine.

"Hobbies provide recreation and relaxation," explains the owner of the Pioneer Hobby shop, 12 W. Chicago ave. "There is a real satisfaction to be gained from creating something."

McNellis' store has a wide array of creative items for the hobbyist: model airplanes, railroads, and boats; handicrafts of all kinds; art supplies, stamps, coins, toys, games, and archery supplies.

"A hobby is an obvious boon to an invalid or convalescent," he said, adding that it is also a deterrent to juvenile delinquency and vandalism.

This year he organized hobby clubs for enthusiasts of model airplanes and railroads, as well as archery. Both children and adults are members.

McNellis bought the Hobby Workshop at 6 S. Brockway, in 1952, changed its name to Pioneer Hobby shop, and moved to his present location in 1953.

He and his wife, Frieda, have 3 children and reside in Inverness.

Pioneer Hobby Shop 12 W. Chicago ave. Palatine 1501



# W. R. COMFORT SONS

There has been a lot of changes in Palatine in the past 80 years but the service given by Comfort is the same today as it was when the grandfathers of our customers of today came to us for their building material and fuel fifty or more years ago.

Comforts have met the modern changes of the succeeding years and are handling many new lines, including supplies and accessories for the inside of the home as well as for the home itself.

There is one thing that has not changed — the Comfort guarantee — customers depend upon what they purchase from us.

W. R. Comfort Sons 46 N. Brockway Palatine 35



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# **COLEMAN REXALL PHARMACY**

# The Rexall Store

The Coleman Pharmacy dates back over 80 years. It was originally started in the early 1870's as the Fred J. Filbert drug store, which was located on the west side of Brockway street near Chicago avenue.

It became a part of the Robinson store in 1878 when it was moved to the present location of the Coleman Pharmacy. In 1896 Albert S. Olms, of Danforth, Ill. purchased it. It was here in 1892 that Otto O. Schroeder, later owner, started to serve his apprenticeship as a pharmacist.

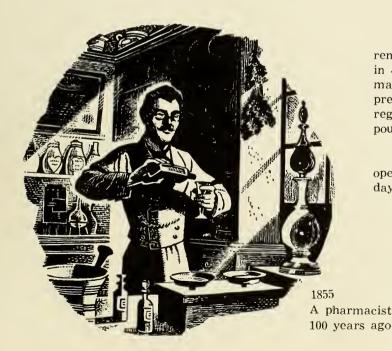
Fifty years ago a drug store sold only drugs. The walls behind the public counters were lined with shelves containing bottles in uniform sizes containing the varous drugs called for by the doctors' prescriptions. The drug manufacturers had not started to package remedies already mixed into pills and tablets. A. S. Olms and O. A. Schroeder would go from bottle to bottle collecting a "bit of this and a bit of that" concocting ingredients specified in the prescripton.

James Toynton purchased the drug store from Mr. Olms in 1908 which allowed Mr. Olms to devote his time to his hobby, the painting of portraits and scenes in oil.

The interior of the drug store took on a different look as the drug bottles began to disappear and were replaced by packaged medicine.

Herman Zinn purchased the business in 1915 and in 1925 O. A. Schroeder became the proprietor, operating the store for 19 years. L. Vesely was the next owner and in 1945 the drug store came under the management of its present owner, Jack Coleman, who assumed management of the Rexall agency and launched the drug store on a complete modernization and expansion program.

In 1950 he remodeled the interior and made Coleman Rexall the first and only completely self-service drug store in Palatine.



Installaton of laboratory equipment and remodeling of the prescription department in January, 1955, was another step in Coleman's continuing effort to make Rexall the prescription headquarters for Palatine. Two registered pharmacists are on duty to compound all prescriptions.

The modern, air conditioned store is open daily from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Sunday from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Coleman's Rexall Drugs 40 N. Brockway Palatine 150

### PALATINE OFFICE SUPPLY

Palatine Office Supply, opening in 1952, has simplified the purchase of office needs for Palatine business firms. The business started in a small way and has grown to such proportions that today it occupies a full store space in the Pepper Block.

The business is an outgrowth of a typewriter agency and rental service in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Elvis Foster. In April, 1950, Mr. Foster took over the Chicago newspaper agency in Palatine, establishing an office on Slade st.

The sale and rental of typewriters was moved from the home to the new quarters. That shop proved entirely too small to permit the handling of general office supplies for which there appeared to be a demand.

When the opportunity came to rent a store at 13 N. Bothwell, Mr. Foster quickly secured a lease. Today the customers come from the homes as well as from the business offices. He has expanded the stock carried and the demand for business machines has increased to such an extent that a regular salesman has been added.

There are three women employees in the store and two typewriter repairmen are in Foster's employment.

The sale of Chicago newspapers has increased to such an extent that 3,300 papers are sold on Sundays.

Palatine Office Supply 13 N. Bothwell Palatine 132

# HERMAN E. SCHMIDT TELEVISION & APPLIANCES

Herman E. Schmidt was born and raised on a farm which is now a large section of the Inverness development. He attended District 17 school and Palatine high school as well as the RCA Institute Radio and Electronic school.

It was in 1929 that he first began repairing radios, expanding his operation in 1932 to include both sales and repair. He added a line of major appliances to the business in 1939.

Throughout the war he did repairing and servicing of appliances, adding commercial refrigeration to his service in 1945.

Previously located in a showroom at Henning's garage (now Palatine Motors), Herman moved to his present store at 8 N. Brockway in 1946. He is dealer for RCA Victor, Maytag, Tappan, and the complete line of Westinghouse appliances. Also commercial refrigeration and air conditioning.

Herman, his wife, Helen, and their two children live at 17 W. Chicago ave.

Herman E. Schmidt TV & Appliances 8 N. Brockway Palatine 505

# GAARE OIL CO.

From candy to advertising to oil.

That's the success story of Alfred H. Shotwell, president of Gaare Oil Co.

He became interested in the petroleum industry when he purchased the Gaare Oil Co., a Texaco distributorship, which was for sale 8 years ago.

Today it is the largest fuel oil distributor in this area and has the largest and most modern storage plant in the northwest towns.

Quality products and exceptional service have been their standards. As a result, they now sell more gallonage in one month than in one year in 1950.

Gaare Oil supplies fuel oil, gasoline, industrial oils and greases to homes, factories, and service stations in Barrington, Lake Zurich, Palatine, Arlington Heights, Mount Prospect, Des Plaines and Park Ridge.

They use the percentograph degree day system which records high-low degrees for each 24 hours. This calculation provides an accurate analysis of oil needs and provides true automatic delivery at no inconvenience or worry to the home owner.

Shotwell and his wife, Geneva, are both active in the business.

Gaare Oil Co. Northwest Hwy. & Rohlwing Rd. Palatine 226

# THE MOO BAR

A former milkman started the Moo Bar, "Home of Heavy Malts and Delicious Sandwiches," in 1948 because there wasn't a restaurant or drive-in in Palatine open after 8 p.m.

He is Ewin H. Meyer, who forsook an 18-year career as milkman in Barrington to open the restaurant which features ice cream, sandwiches, chicken, fish, shrimp, barbecue, and hamburger plates as well as malts and shakes.

His partners, since 1953, have been his son, Robert, and son-in-law, Robert Knigge. Meyer was born on County Line rd., the son of Henry and Anna Meyer. He attended Plum Grove school and one year of Palatine high school before completing his schooling in Lake Zurich and Barrington.

Hours for the Moo Bar are 6:30 a.m. to midnight every day except Sunday, which are 10 a.m. to midnight.

In addition to their son, Robert, Meyer and his wife, Grace, have 2 daughters, Karen and Audrey.

The Moo Bar 154 N. Northwest Hwy. Palatine 576



# The Nelsons' Flower And Gift Shop

THE NELSONS' FLOWER AND GIFT SHOP was a dream from the first week of the partnership (lifetime) of Jeanette and Robert Nelson.

It all started in July, 1946, in the Northwoods when Jeanette was vacationing from her secretarial and editorial duties in Washington, D. C. Of course, she met Robert and in short order decided single blessedness was no longer blessedness.

They were married in a small church in the pine woods and then, after blythely thinking people could live on love, discovered that living incurs a few expenses.

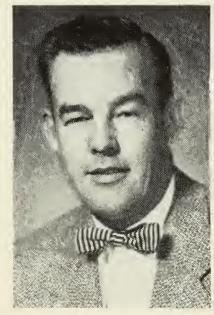
Then the task of deciding what they would really like to do and still earn a living loomed before them. The Nelsons just sat down and listed all the things that each liked to do and then discussed the possibilities of what they could do and do well. They both agreed on flowers, plants and growing things. This was right up Robert's "alley," having studied forestry and horticulture at the Universities of Minnesota and Wisconsin.

Robert and Jeanette worked in flower shops in Chicago and Oak Park always with the aim of owning their own shop. By concentrating all their efforts to this goal, the time finally arrived when they thought they were ready to try their wings.

The big question first was, where? What kind of a town? How large? How far away? The Nelsons wanted a small town, a friendly intimate town, not too far from Chicago. Every flower shop listing was examined (and so often was disappointing). But after a year and a half, the Nelsons found Palatine. Since this was their first venture into business, they spent several months of investigation and then, in April, 1952, made up their minds. Palatine appealed to them because of its size and friendliness; it showed signs of growth and progress, and it seemed just like a nice place in which to live and be in business.

THE NELSONS' FLOWER AND GIFT SHOP is primarily a flower shop, with a great deal of care and artistry taken in their floral designs; but in addition to flowers and plants, the shop also carries a complete line of Hallmark cards and gift wraps, an extensive line of gift and flower containers, and a variety of accessories for the home. They have stocked their shop with the thought in mind that tastes and uses are many, and they try to have something for everyone.

Nelsons' Flower and Gifts 101 W. Chicago Palatine 1060



# Wilson Ben Franklin Store

ecurity for their family led Mr. and Mrs. Paul Wilson to start the Ben Franklin store of Palatine. Mr. Wilson, employed as freight representative for the Chesapeake & Ohio railroad, and in failing health, joined with his wife in opening up a "dime" store in the old Matthei store building at the corner of Bothwell and Railroad streets. This was in 1940 and, since Mr. Wilson's death ten years later, Mrs. Wilson has brought the store to its present prosperous status.

Orphaned in her teens, Irene Shope was cared for by her aunt and traveled from state to state, chiefly in the South. Her education was sporadic and divided among more schools than grades completed. She was married in 1927. Her oldest son, Paul, is serving in the army in Japan; second son, John, graduated last month from Cornell college, is taking on his capable shoulders some of the burdens of the store, and "baby" Mary is spending her genial personality among the second graders of Paddock elementary school.

The Wilson Ben Franklin store is a sound organization, built on a foundation of integrity and faith in human worth. "My philosophy of life is that people are essentially trustworthy," asserts Mrs. Wilson. "I believe everyone has a certain part of the divine intelligence in him; well, with that endowment, it's pretty hard for a person to be mean, dishonest, disloyal.

"You find generally," she continued, "in the people you come in contact with, just about what you're looking for; so if you expect them to be square, honest, dependable, why, that's usually what they will be. Anyway, that's the way they, and my customers, treat me. It's a philosophy that works."

Wilson Ben Franklin Store Palatine, Ill.

# B & M Construction Co.

Since 1951 William R. Bretsnyder has operated the B & M Construction Co., specialists in cement work, foundation floors, walks and driveways.

He formerly was partner in the Colfax Service Station but left that business to start his own concern.

In its four years in Palatine, B & M Construction has expanded quickly. Today Bretsnyder operates five construction gangs full time.

Quality work at reasonable prices has been the high standard of B & M Construction, destined to continue playing a major role in the future expansion of Palatine.

B & M Construction 242 W. Chicago Ave. 117 W. Wood Palatine 2007

# HAEMKER & SONS

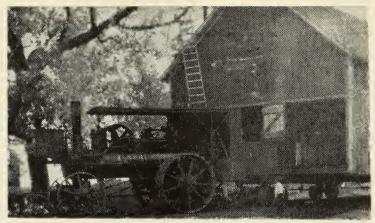
Stretching its long arms from Hanover, Germany to Palatine, and spanning nearly a century, the Haemker house moving organization (now Haemker & Sons) carries on through the fourth generation.

A depression spread over Germany about the middle of the 19th century and Fred Haemker, carpenter and house mover, decided to come to America. His destination was Palatine, since he had friends and relatives in nearby Schaumburg.

The first moving equipment consisted of a capstan, with a black stallion as the motive power. This method was replaced by a steam engine, pulling the building on rollers or low-wheeled wagons. Haemkers first used a winch mounted on a truck and taking its power from the motor in 1928.

Today there are four trucks and a steelcabled winch to do the moving, and dollies replace the steel rollers.

The most difficult job the firm has ever undertaken was the moving of a building using the North Western railroad tracks from Brockway street to Quintens road. This was done "way back when" by lantern light, between 10 p.m. and 6 a.m.



Gaare barn moved in approximately 1916. Building pulled by steam engine and loaded on 8 wood wheels.

The largest job was a 60x100 ft. barn, and the smallest an outdoor plumbing installation in Schaumburg.

The firm is Haemker & Sons, but a fourth generation, Fred Haemker, with his brother, Wilbert, is entering into the work, while a fifth generation, Stephen, 16 months, waves his arms and gurgles approvingly at the big red trucks.

Haemker & Sons 317 W. Chicago Ave. Palatine 273 & 759-J



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# LASEKE ELECTRIC SHOP

Alfred Laseke, of Laseke Electric Co., began this firm as a part time business 27 years ago, and called it the Laseke Electric Shop. The work consisted mostly of wiring and service work. In 1930 electric motor rebuilding and servicing were monopolizing the young firm's skills and capacities, and the name was changed to Laseke Electric Co.

In December, 1950, it was moved to new quarters at 346 N. Northwest Highway, to meet evergrowing demands.

Mr. Laseke and his wife came to Palatine in 1928 and have never regretted their move. Alfred Jr. is a partner in the firm and handles sales and service for Lionel trains. He will have a complete line throughout the year after his graduation from Electrical School in December, 1955.

The Lasekes attribute their success to the fine support of Palatine people and adjoining towns who have patronized them and maintained confidence in their services. The Lasekes want to thank all their customers for their past patronage and hope to serve them even better in the future.

They also extend thanks to each and every one for the time and hard work given to make up this Centennial Book, which will be a wonderful souvenir to keep.

> Laseke Electric Co. 346 N. Northwest Hwy. Palatine 262

# OLSEN'S MUSIC AND BOOK CENTER

Olsen's Music and Book Center is the product of Ham and Ann Olsen. This genial couple came to Palatine in 1949. They started in as proprietors of a variety store in the newly-built Pepper block.

"We soon found," stated Mr. Olsen, "that there was a demand for music equipment, so we added records, record players, sheet music and accessories. Our business grew so fast that one store could not accommodate both, and our music department was moved across the street to No. 10 N. Bothwell and we added a book department to the music store.

"A broken clarinet when I was a kid in high school," recalls Mr. Olsen, "lost me a chance to be school," recalls Mr. Olsen, "lost me a chance to be in the band, but probably gave me the idea for our repair department. We have a repair department that can take the squawk out of an ailing saxophone or restore rhythm to a stuttering snare drum.

"Incidentally, in this centennial year of Palatine's existence, it might be interesting to note that the popular song hits are: "Ballad of Davey Crockett," "Unchained Melody," and "It's a Sin to Tell a Lie." Tops in the list of books are: "Ballad of Davey Crockett," "Power of Positive Thinking" by Norman Vincent Peale, "Angel Unaware" by Dale Evans, and, of course, the Bible.

"And now," declare Ham and Ann, "congratulations to Palatine on its remarkable hundred years

growth-the first and hardest-and we'll try to be seeing you again at the next centenary—in 2055.

> Olsen's Music and Book Center 10 N. Bothwell Palatine 523

# OLSON AND PAPENBROK

Olson and Papenbrok are dealers in Sinclair petroleum products and are located at Chicago avenue and Northwest highway. Earl Olson, senior partner, came to Palatine from Wauconda some seven years ago. He was born in Chicago in 1905, attended the Chase elementary school and worked as a butcher. "I was attracted to the service station business," stated Mr. Olson, "because I genuinely like people, like to meet the analytic transfer of the service station business," stated Mr. Olson, "because I genuinely like people, like to meet the analytic transfer of the service was a supplied to the service of the servic to the public." Mr. Olson still lives at Wauconda and drives down to Palatine daily. He is the father of a daughter, Mrs. Judson of Wauconda, and a son, Earl Jr., 7.

"Fifteen years ago I was working as a chain butcher, \$27 a week; lived in a \$15-a-month flat," recalled Mr. Olson. "I've certainly done well since going into business in Palatine. Have a fine ranch type house, all paid for, just married my daughter off to a swell son-in-law, and feel I have more friends here in Palatine than I ever had in Wauconda."

Edmund Papenbrok, 39, the junior member of the partnership, also was born in Chicago. He attended a Lutheran parochial school and for a short time was enrolled in Concordia Teachers' college. Baseball and football were his favorite sports in school and he worked at various trades, including that of metal spinner.

> Olson & Papenbrok Chicago Ave. at N.W. Hwy.

# THE FASHION NOOK

"A hobby to interest us," was the motive that impelled Mrs. Julia H. Moore and her daughter-in-law, Jean, to buy the Fashion Nook, popular women's apparel store, when it was really nothing more than a nook in the DePue building on Chicago ave.

"We had a pretty small beginning," said Jean, and it was probably fortunate for us that it was small. We had everything to learn about buying and about merchandising, too. Some salesmen will unload their slow-moving stock of dresses on the inexperienced buyer whenever the chance offers. Others, though, are helpful, and their advice is valuable."

When the large addition to the Starck building on Slade street was built, Fashion Nook occupied its ultra-modern store and blossomed out into the style shop for feminine fashions in Palatine.

"When we fit a customer we try to select color and style that will accentuate her natural attractions; when we design a hat we seek to form a background to emphasize the favorable features of face and figure.

Fashion Nook's display window compares favorably with the best designed by the State street department stores, and their stock and service obviate all necessity of making a tiresome trip to the city for chic feminine attire.

> The Fashion Nook 53 W. Slade Palatine 512

# INSURANCE SERVICE

Insurance has a new meaning for the individual or the businessman who has taken advantage of the professional insurance service that is being provided in Palatine by Del Eggert, 545 S. Hale Street.

Fifty and 100 years ago, many people considered insurance as a luxury. Today the wise citizen realizes that insurance is as important as the food he buys.

A balanced insurance program provides the kind of protection that the wise man purchases. Del Eggert welcomes the opportunity to explain without obligation such a program to individuals, firms and corporations. Every person's life is more complicated today than yesterday and a specialist in insurance matters is becoming more and more important.

With his 30 years experience in the insurance field, Mr. Eggert feels qualified to advise on all kinds of insurance including fire, auto, marine, bonds, accident, liability, hospital and life, both individual and group.

Mr. Eggert is a member of Palatine park board, Lions Club, Chamber of Commerce, St. Paul's church and is a Shriner.

> Del W. Eggert 545 S. Hale Palatine 1269

### DEAN and PETERS

REAL ESTATE & INSURANCE



The Stange Building at Chicago avenue and Northwest highway serves as an appropriate link between the tradition of the past and the promise of the future.

Now headquarters for Dean and Peters real estate, the two-story Stange Building was the first business structure on Northwest highway. Erected in 1927, it was originally designed for a restaurant, later became temporary quarters for a series of unsuccessful ventures, and finally stood empty.

Today it is the nucleus for what the real estate developers hope will become Palatine's supplementary business section. Confident of the highway's future, they cite it as the only available commercial property with room enough for expansion.

Al Peters and Neal Dean were close friends for many years before they decided one evening, over a dinner table, to pool their business experience and become a team. Peters was an attorney and Dean a corporation auditor and district sales manager before they combined efforts in 1952.

Both men felt there was a real need in Palatine for another good real estate office to help meet the demands of a growing community. In deciding where to locate their offices, they chose the highway as a key to future development.

When Earl Huber's wife became ill and the real estate man decided to move to another climate, Dean and Peters quickly closed a deal for his business, land, and building across from what is now Harris Pharmacy.

The business sprouted quickly and soon customers were seeking advice and consultation on insurance needs. To meet this new demand, Dean and Peters both took insurance courses, passed state examinations, and received broker's licenses.

In selecting the insurance companies to accept, they insisted that service be the principal requisite, especially in handling of customer claims. This phase of the busness grew so rapidly that in the spring of 1955 Ken Jacobson was added to serve insurance customers.

Within a year after the launching of Dean and Peters, the office became inadequate for the volume of business. In 1954 they purchased the Stange Building and gave it a complete face-lifting.

Part of this renovation project was utilization of the structure for maximum use. A shortage of professional office space in Palatine prompted the farsighted realtors to develop the second floor for this purpose. A bakery was added as tenant and the real estate offices completely redecorated to include panel walls, new furniture, modern fixtures, and air conditioning. They are noted for their unusual window displays, regularly designed by Nelson's Flowers. Ordinarily developed only by merchandising organizations, the unique windows are promoted by Dean and Peters because they feel the quality of operation is reflected not only in the accuracy of closing statements or the number of friends made through a sale, but also in attractive windows, clean floors, and a pleasing environment. A private parking lot was also added as a convenience to customers.

Dean and Peters hold the key to development of highway commercial property. More than anyone else, they are responsible for broadening the retail base of the local business community. They are highly optimistic about the future; already in the planning stage is a projected shopping center.

Al Peters has been a resident of Arlington Heights for 15 years. Neal Dean has been a homeowner in Palatine for 9 years. They welcome the opportunity to assist you in meeting your real estate and insurance needs.

Dean & Peters Real Estate & Insurance 7 North Northwest Highway Palatine 868

#### STYLE SALON

Since March 1, 1952, Thomas Robinson and Gene Priebe have been providing Palatine with expert hair styling at their Style Salon, now located at 58 W. Wilson.

Formerly associated with salons at Marshall Field's and Carson's, they offer residents of this area all hair dressing services. The shop was first located on Wood st., then moved to its present, modern site in 1953.

Robinson resides at 146 E. Daniels and Priebe at 131 S. Bothwell. Telephone for appointments is 1362.

Style Salon 58 W. Wilson Palatine 1362

## NORTHLAND LAWN AND GARDEN EQUIPMENT CO.

Northland Lawn & Equipment Co, is one of the younger business enterprises in Palatine. It was incorporated in 1953.

It is a state-wide distributor for power lawn mowers. It also sells at retail lawn and garden equipment as well as power mowers.

The firm stocks and sells Ferguson tractors and auxiliary equipment and specializes in Johnson outboard motors, and snow fighters for estates.

The firm was established by a resident of the adjoining estate area who saw the need for a local service which this firm is able to provide.

Norman Woder, who has many years experience, is the manager.

Northland Lawn and Equipment Co. 225 N. Northwest Hwy. Palatine 1350

#### SMALL FRY FASHION SHOP

For 4 years Mrs. Hazel Kohler has been providing Palatine with its only exclusive shop for children and pre-teen apparel, the Small Fry Fashion shop, 10 S. Brockway.

She purchased the store in 1951 after it had been in business for 12 months. Cinderella dresses and Kaynee's boys' wear as well as baby wear are available.

Small Fry Fashion Shop 10 S. Brockway Palatine 1845-J

#### FOX CLEANERS & DYERS

Complete cleaning facilities are available to Palatine families at Fox Cleaners, 5 N. Bothwell, owned since 1952 by Donald Sperry.

"I liked Palatine and realized it offered great potential for business," explained Sperry. "I enjoy serving the friendly people of this area and look forward to a long association here."

Fox Cleaners do pressing, cleaning, laundry, repairs, leather work, re-weaving, draperies, slip covers, and general cleaning.

Fox Cleaners & Dyers 5 N. Bothwell Palatine 617

### Ed Haseman

ONG ACTIVE in civic and business affairs in Palatine, Ed Haseman was born in 1913 and lived in Park Ridge until 1937, when he moved to Palatine and started a trucking and road building business.

He has built many roads in new developments throughout this area. For the past 7 years he has been part owner of Palatine Motors and recently he purchased a half interest in the Cork 'n Bottle.

With his wife and 3 daughters, he lives on an 80 acre farm near Palatine. Ed is past president of the Lions Club and the Chamber of Commerce.

His hobbies are hunting and fishing. He owns a large gravel pit at Fox River Grove and takes a great deal of interest in stocking the small spring-fed lakes with trout, some of them weighing 6 lbs. This spring he stocked the lakes with 80,000 fish.

Ed Haseman Trucking S. Quintens Rd. Palatine 864

### Pearce'e Women's Wear

Pearce's, 1 N. Bothwell st., is appropriately located as a fashion center for ladies' and children's wearing apparel.

Years ago, that same corner was then a fashion center for Palatine as well as a gathering place for young people of the 1890's. Before erection of the Pepper Block in 1948, it was the site of the J. H. Schierding home. Schierding was a storekeeper, Palatine businessman, member of the village board and village president; his wife was prominent in social affairs.

Today Pearce's is fashion headquarters for women and children of Palatine township. For several years before Louis E. Pearce purchased the store, it was known as The Emerald Shop. Manager is now Pearce's daughter, Mrs. K. R. Benedict.

Brand names displayed in Pearce's modern store are Carter, Kleinert, Playtex, Jantzen, Catalina, Seamprufe, and Formfit. Quality and economy are emphasized.

Residents of Palatine are cordially invited to examine the high quality merchandise offered by Pearce's.

Pearce's 1 N. Bothwell Palatine 605

#### HOME FASHION CENTER OF 1890



THE YOUNG LADY of yesterday went to a lot of work to be properly dressed.

Today she just goes to PEARCE'S



Since November 1, 1954, Palatine has been headquarters for the Hydrox Corporation in northwest Chicagoland,

Palatine was selected as the hub for this operation because it represented the center of a rapidly growing area and was conveniently located as a service center for Hydrox consumers.

In order to locate its plant here, the corporation consolidated its distributing branches in Waukegan and Aurora in the local branch.

Although Hydrox is a relative newcomer to the business community, its product—the world famous Sealtest ice cream-is no stranger to residents of Palatine who have long recognized its superior quality and unexcelled taste.

> Hydrox Corporation Rohlwing rd., west of Route 14 Palatine 1810

#### WALT OLSEN AGENCY

#### State Farm Insurance Companies

In a sense Walt Olsen has always been in Palatine through heritage. His grandparents, the Walter Harrowers, came from New York just after the Civil War and settled on a farm close to Palatine where his mother, Eleanor, was born 80 years ago.

His dad, Martin Olsen, was a dairy farmer nearly 60 years in nearby Lake county, where Walt was born in 1910.

In 1950 Mr. Olsen returned to the Palatine area after a short stay in Minneapolis. He entered full time into the field he always believed in most-insurance.

Walt works for sheer joy in his work, and for love of his son, Bob, and his wife, Mayme, whom he married in 1936. To Walt selling life insurance is a privilege. No widow and her fatherless children ever forgot Dad's life insurance man,

He represents the nationwide, world famous, State Farm Insurance companies, home offices Bloomington, Illinois. Included are the world's largest full coverage auto insurance company, a large stock fire and casualty company, and a billion dollar stock life insurance company by the end of 1955.

> Walt Olsen Agency State Farm Insurance Companies 1 N. Brockway St. Palatine 1394

#### SELLSTROM MANUFACTURING CO.

Congratulations Palatine, on your outstanding progress in your 100 years of steady, sturdy growth.

We are glad that we may now count ourselves as part of Palatine, and shall welcome the opportunity to grow with you.

Sellstrom Safeguards are now being shipped from Palatine, Illinois, to practically every country, and visitors from all parts of the world tell us that they like the home-like atmosphere of Palatine.

We hope that you will like us as well as we like our new home.

> Sellstrom Manufacturing Company Highway 53 at U. S 14 Palatine 2000

#### WESTERN TIRE AUTO STORE

Palatine has a Western Tire Auto store because a businessman went to Arlington Heights by mistake.

Frank Heidenblut owned a Western associate in Skokie. When he learned that Arlington was building some new stores, he investigated, found that it was Palatine that was erecting the building, now the Pepper Block.

While investigating the possibility of renting one of the new stores, he encountered Joseph Fischer, who was planning to build at 115-119 S. Northwest highway. Heidenblut agreed to rent, and in March, 1948, moved in a Western Tire Auto agency.

The business grew quickly in expanding Palatine, and in September, 1951, he moved to the pres-

ent location at 130 S. Northwest highway.

Meanwhile, Joe Fischer had sold his building and moved to Florida—but after two hurricanes, he scurried back to Palatine and joined Heidenblut in partnership. Today the partners sell everything from "soup to nuts," including auto parts and accessories, bicycles, garden tools, and hardware.

Fischer has faith in the future of the highway as Palatine's newer business community of progressive merchants. Much of the highway development has been created through Fischer's promotion. His building at 115-119 N. Northwest highway was the first business building constructed on the highway in 20 years. In a single decade, he has placed 9 stores and 3 apartments on Northwest hwy.

Western Tire Auto Store, 130 S. Northwest Hwy. Palatine 600

### BARRINGTON TRUCKING CO., INC.

A COMPLETE

#### DISPOSAL SERVICE

In 1937, J. J. Vanderveld Sr., came to Palatine countryside as home owner and businessman. Ever since he has rendered the community its largest, most complete modern disposal service.



For 18 years a resident of Mundhank rd., Vanderveld and his 3 sons have striven to provide Palatine with a disposal service equipped to meet the needs of a growing community. Today they have a fleet of 18 modern trucks and own and operate their own private land fill dump.

No job is too large or too small for Barrington Trucking. Their disposal service is complete, ranging from household pickup to 6 cubic yard detachable containers for industrial use.

There are 3 phones to handle the disposal business. Residents of Palatine may phone toll free by calling Enterprise 2530.

A total of 18 communities and surrounding countryside are served by Barrington Trucking. These include, in addition to Palatine, Mount Prospect, Prospect Heights, Mundelein, Diamond Lake, Forest Lake, Lake Zurich, Island Lake, Crystal Lake, Carpentersville, East Dundee, West Dundee, Barrington, Arlington Heights, Fox River Grove, Cary, Half Day, Rolling Meadows.

"It has been our standard for 18 years to provide Palatine with the kind of prompt, modern disposal service that a community of this character deserves," said Vanderveld. "In keeping with this responsibility, we have consistently maintained the equipment to do the job adequately.



"It has been a privilege to be associated with Palatine as resident and businessmen. It is our hope that we may continue to render our service to this community during its second 100 years as well."

Barrington Trucking Co., Inc. 108 N. Hough, Barrington Enterprise 2530 Barrington 1720



#### THE EDWARD HINES LUMBER CO.

THE EDWARD HINES LUMBER CO. was founded on March 17, 1892 by Edward Hines. The original location in the old lumber district along the South branch of the Chicago river is now the company's main yard and is one of the largest lumber distribution yards in the nation. At the turn of the century, Hines went into lumber manufacturing in the Northern Lake States and the Company transported the products of its own mills as well as the products of many other manufacturers with a fleet of steamships which brought the lumber to Chicago for remanufacturing and distribution.

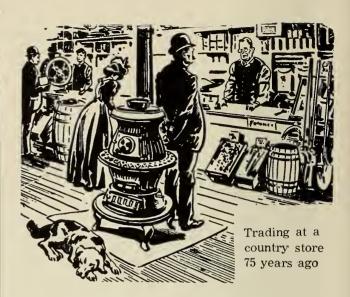
In 1907, Edward Hines instituted the Branch Yard system of distribution by opening a yard at Rosehill located on the north side of Chicago. Subsequently, other yards were opened in various other parts of the city and suburbs until today the company operates 27 retail lumber yards, which serve greater Chicagoland. As lumber operations were discontinued in the Northern States, the company moved south to large holdings in the Mississippi area, shifting its operations from the south to the far west in 1927 when the company opened one of the nation's most modern sawmills in Hines, Oregon to manufacture and refine Ponderosa Pine.

In 1945, the company purchased a large Douglas Fir mill at Westfir, Oregon, where a Douglas Fir Plywood manufacturing plant was established in 1951. Just recently, the company completed purchase of the Oregon Lumber Company and now operates two other mills—a hardboard plant and a millwork manufacturing factory. These plants are located at Dee, Bates and Baker, Oregon.

In addition to these manufacturing operations, the company also operates a modern hardwood and Northern softwood plant at Bergland, Michigan. The company is also a large factor in the distribution of building materials and plywood, operating wholesale warehouses serving lumber dealers only at Park Falls, Wis., Skokie, Ill. and Danville, Ill.

The Edward Hines Lumber Co. acquired the Palatine Yard in June, 1953. Since then many changes and improvements have been made. The one time small office and display room in the corner of the shed has been relocated and is now housed in a modern brick building that is completely air conditioned. Here homeowners can see displayed many different types of wood panelings, lumber and building materials used in home repairs and remodeling. Other improvements include a large lumber shed and a new customer parking area to make shopping fast, easy and convenient.

Edward Hines Lumber Co. 7 South Hale Palatine 174-1874



#### SCHOPPE'S-63 years ago

Sixty-five years ago Louis Schoppe and John Fink opened up a general store on the southeast corner of Bothwell and Slade in the town of Palatine. About a year later youthful Harry Schoppe, 17, bought Fink's share and the firm became Schoppe Bros. In 1892 they moved to the store's present location and here they have remained to this centennial year.

The stock of a general store in those early days differed as much from a modern mercantile establishment as the prices differed from today's. There was a molasses barrel, weighing 700 pounds, with a wooden spigot; there was a barrel of sugar (hogshead) and sugar was sold by the pound, scooped up and packaged in paper bags; you asked for coffee (not Maxwell House) and it was scooped out of a barrel and ground in a grinder with a big fly wheel; there was a big, yellow cheese, 30 inches in diameter and 8 inches thick, under a mosquito netting—the coffee was 10 cents a pound, sugar 3 cents a pound.

The general store carried men's and women's shoes—Douglas and Queen Quality—\$3 a pair; calico and muslin were sold by the bolt—as low as 4 cents a yard.

An addition to the store was built in 1900 and in that building Schoppe's has operated to the present time. Since the death of Louis Schoppe in 1944 his part in the partnership has been carried on by his widow, Mrs. Amanda Schoppe. "Youthful" Harry, now 81, is the active director of the store.

Schoppe Bros. is unique in the merchandising field. When a home-owned grocery store opened in Palatine some years ago, the Schoppe Brothers discontinued their grocery line. They still carry yard goods, thread, patterns, men's clothing and furnishings, but there is a personality about the store, its stock of goods, its general arrangement, that is appealing to the generation of customers who have traded with Schoppe's through two generations.

Schoppe's 26 N. Brockway Palatine 54-R

#### HANSEN HARDWARE



From the small island of Bornholm, off the Danish coast, came Gunnar K. Hansen to far-off, fabled America. Gunnar arrived here with no English words at his command, but with 20 years of boyhood behind him, a good Danish high school education, and a thorough grounding in basic principles of machine-shop practice.

His destination was central Illinois. After recovering from his disillusion at not finding wealth for the mere reaching out and taking it, Gunnar worked in the wheat harvest and corn picking, landing, finally in Chicago. His first job was in Marshall Field's basement stock room.

The Y.M.C.A. night school gave him a working knowledge of our language and soon he got a job as machinist in the shops of the Miehle Printing company in Chicago. After 4 or 5 years' work here the

depression nearly closed this plant down, and Gunnar was fortunate in getting a job as laundry driver in the Oak Park area. Here, he says, he improved his speech through dealing with housewives of this suburb, and learned to sell the services of his company.

"This was one of the most valuable experiences of my life," states Mr. Hansen, "because competition for business was fierce, and I found that by giving the utmost in service, and trying desperately to please, I could keep my customers and gain new ones."

Times improved, and in 1937 Mr. Hansen entered the employ of the Zenith Radio corporation, spending his last two years with this organization in research work in radar. He also took unto himself a wife, and Mr. and Mrs. Hansen are the parents of Conrad, 15-year-old junior in Palatine high, and Bonnie, 13-year-old 8th grader.

In 1945 they decided to venture into business on their own and bought a hardware store on West Addison street, in Chicago. Then, seven years ago, they bought out the Bockelman Hardware on N. Brockway street, Palatine, and began their successful career in this village. Business increased so rapidly they were confronted with the alternative of enlarging their building or finding new quarters. The lucky transfer of the National Tea store to the east side of town gave them their commodious new location with its convenient parking lot, and the Hansons find themselves proprietors of one of the largest, most modern hardware stores in the northwest suburbs.

Hansen Hardware West Chicago Ave.

# Serving Palatine Homemakers



#### R. C. PENNING WELDING

A former teacher of welding now operates his own business in Palatine.

He is R. C. Penning, whose welding shop at 30 S. Northwest hwy., provides residents of this area with repair welding, general welding, and fabricating.

Originally from Chicago, "Dick" was a welding instructor at Utilities Engineering trade school and Chicago Vocational school and on the engineering staff of the Pullman Co. before realizing the possibilities for business growth that Palatine provided.

Although he moved his family here in 1947, it wasn't until 2 years ago that he moved his equipment into a new building at 30 S. Northwest hwy. and began his independent operation. Hours are 8 a.m. to  $4:30~\rm p.m.$  daily.

Dick his wife, Wanda and their two children live at 248 W. Slade

R. C. Penning Welding 30 S. Northwest Hwy. Palatine 1322

#### PAUL'S BARBER SHOP

Paul's Barber Shop, 15 N. Greely, is the only tonsorial parlor in Palatine where customers stare at cases of guns and revolvers and shelves of antique shaving mugs.

There's nothing eccentric about these additions; they're merely hobbies of owner Paul Selley, an Iowan who came to Chicago in 1929 and took up barbering. During World War II he served with the 3d division, 30th infantry in Africa, Sicily, Italy, France, Germany, and Austria.

Three barbers are on duty daily from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. expect Saturday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. (Closed Wednesdays).

Paul is married. His wife, Lucy, and their two children, Joyce and Vernon, live at 142 S. Bothwell.

Paul's Barber Shop 15 N. Greely Palatine 409-J

#### COURTESY SERVICE STATION

A fleet of school buses is indirectly responsible for the service and quality now available to motorists at Courtesy Service Station, Colfax and Northwest hwy.

Owner Ray Glade is no stranger to Palatine. Born and raised here, he was a farmer for several years before he and Marvin Plate took over Palatine Transportation System, Inc., that provided buses for local school children. But when the schools took over operation of the buses in 1949, Ray went into business for himself.

For the past 6 years he has operated his own Sinclair service station, offering a complete line of quality Sinclair products as well as tires, batteries, and accessories. A complete repair service provides major and minor mechanical overhauls.

Hours for Courtesy are 6 a.m. to midnight every day

Ray and his wife have two children and reside at 205 N. Mozart.

Courtesy Service Station Colfax and Northwest Hwy. Palatine 1954

#### JOHN GOETZ UPHOLSTERING

John Goetz, W. Chicago ave., was upholsterer for the Sherman hotel for 12 years before he decided to come to Palatine and start his own upholstering and custom-built furniture business.

After 2 years with the Navy and a stint as teacher of upholstery in a GI school, Goetz moved to 35 N. Northwest hwy. in 1948 and started his business in the basement.

It grew quickly and in 1952 he moved to his present location where he does upholstering, slip covers, draperies, and repairs on tables and chairs.

He and his wife, Ann, celebrate their 20th anniversary this year. They have 2 children, a son, 17, and a daughter, 19.

John Goetz Upholstering 534 W. Chicago Ave. Palatine 1098

### Roy L. La Londe

OY LA LONDE has been identified with Palatine during its greatest period of development. Active in civic and service organizations for 24 years, he is a past president of the Lions club, one of the founders and a director of the Palatine National Bank and long associated with the Chamber of Commerce. He is chairman of the Centennial committee.

His historic contributions to community growth include surveying of Palanois Park, Plum Grove, Orchard Hills, and other subdivisions. He also laid out Inverness and was the engineer on expansion of Golf Course from 9 holes to 18 holes.

Born in 1901 at Victoria, Michigan, he lived in Minnesota until he was 25 years old. In 1925, La Londe migrated to Chicago and entered the surveying and engineering profession. His biggest client was the Arthur T. McIntosh Co., which hired him to do surveying and engineering work in the Palatine area.

In 1931 he moved to Palatine and became a full-time employee of the McIntosh firm, remaining with them until 1941, when he went into business for himself. Since then he has conducted a real estate and insurance business.

Mr. and Mrs. La Londe reside in Inverness and have 3 married daughters and 6 grandchildren.

Roy L. La Londe 3 N. Bothwell Palatine 900

## Charles Vogt

HARLES VOGT, born in 1903, comes from a pioneer Palatine family.

In 1925 he started as a road builder and excavator, developing a successful and respected enterprise. After 1938 he devoted himself exclusively to excavation and drainage work.

He is now one of the largest excavating contractors in the northwest area.

During his years of business in Palatine, he constructed many of the roads in the outlying areas of the township.

For 25 years he has resided on N. Quintens rd. with his wife. They have 3 daughters, all married. Their home is filled with examples of Charles' craftsmanship. His hobby is creating do-it-yourself items as well as gardening.

Vogt Excavating & Grading Quintens Rd. Palatine 958

#### McCASKEY'S SHELL SERVICE

"Service Is My Business" says the big yellow sign on the Shell gas station at the corner of Chicago ave. and Plum Grove road, and to the two genial partners, Jack Amato and Herb. McCaskey, it is more than an advertising slogan-it is a phil-

osophy of business relations.

Take your automobile to their car laundry and it comes out with a matchless sheen, the upholstery as immaculate as your living room furniture. Let them lubricate your car and it rolls down the highway with nary a squeak nor rattle. It is the last careful touch of personal interest in their service that makes anything the boys do for you seem

as if they are trying especially to please you.

This big service station was built in 1950 and
Herb McCaskey took it over the next year. The demand for Shell gas and McCaskey service increased to the point that a partnership was formed in 1954 when Jack Amato bought in and added his skill and

pleasing personality to the firm.

'We had known each other for a long time," said Jack, "since we both worked as insurance un-

derwriters for a Chicago company."

"See that 'No Smoking' sign," said Jack, as he reached over and quashed out Herb's cigarette, 'well, right beside it is another sign that says we do all repair work outside the motor block—that is, brakes, tun-up, ignition, lights, minor body repair and we do all work for customers just as carefully as if we were working on our own cars

> McCaskev's Shell Service Station 5 S. Plum Grove Palatine 9818

#### DRIVE-IN CLEANERS

Drive-in Cleaners is Palatine's only home dry cleaning establishment. It has occupied its present quarters at 114 West Colfax St. many years, but it has only been under the ownership of Walter Matthias the past two years.

Walter has enlarged the building, installed the latest in machinery and opened at 1 Northwest Highway, a sub-station for receipt of orders.

Two drivers are employed and the cleaning service includes Arlington Heights as well as Palatine. A laundry agency is also maintained. "I attribute the growth of my business to the care given articles left with us," says Matthias. Mrs. Matthias is associated with her husband in his business venture.

The Matthias reside in Inverness.

Drive-In Cleaners 114 West Colfax 1 S. Northwest Highway Palatine 655

#### FUNERAL SERVICE

has been provided the Palatine Community from this corner for over 70 years.



Tharp Funeral Home 25 W. Chicago Ave. Palatine 223

#### SCHMIDT'S TAVERN

Edwin Schmidt, who now operates the tavern by that name, occupies one of the older commercial buildings in Palatine. It was originally owned by the Masonic order which 50 years ago sold it to a private individual.

Edwin has been a resident of the Palatine area all of his life. He was born in Long Grove, but all of his boyhood was spent in the village.

He has been a businessman over 33 years. He operated Schmidt's market, southwest corner of Wilson and Bothwell streets from 1922 to 1947. He resides at 158 South Benton, Mr. and Mrs. Schmidt have 2 sons, Edwin Jr., and James.

> Schmidt's Tavern 60 N. Bothwell Palatine

#### C. W. PAGE SHOE REPAIR

When C. W. Page came to America from Dusseldorf-on-the Rhine in 1928, he had no sponsors, but the \$250 in his pocket was enough to convince Uncle Sam that he would never be a burden on him. Three months later he sent for his wife. They made their home in Chicago.

He had learned the shoe repair trade in Germany but in Chicago he entered upon other employment. He bought a home on Coolidge ave., Palatine, in 1933 and in 1947 he returned to his old trade by opening a shoe repair shop in the building being vacated by the public library on Bothwell street.

Two years later he moved to his present location on S. Brockway street.

In spite of the high prices of new shoes he has found there are an increasing number of people who do not realize the money they would save if they had their shoes repaired. Mr. Page also carries a line of footwear.

C. W. Page 12 S. Brockway Palatine 403

#### THE CAKE BOX

The Cake Box at Chicago Avenue and Northwest Highway at Palatine has only been there 15 months, but it really got its start back in Sweden eighty years ago.

Mrs. Matilda Aronsen, now over 80, who learned the baking trade in her native Sweden, can be found almost every day with her son, Walter, and the corps of bakers in the back shop at the headquarters of the firm at Arlington Heights,

Mr. Aronsen, proprietor of both shops, was a member of the last bakery vocational class of Lane Technical high school, graduating in 1933. He spent ten years at the trade with his father, following which he did 22 months for Uncle Sam in the western sector.

Six years ago Aronsen opened up the Cake Box in Arlington, Operations in that shop start at midnight. The hot rolls for evening dinners come out of the Aronsen ovens at 4:15.

Somewhat similar hours are followed at Palatine where operations start at 5:00 a.m. and continue to 2:00 p.m., insuring freshly baked goods throughout the day.

The Cake Box 1 N. Northwest Hwy. Palatine 1968

### Palatine Paint & Glass Co.

For 17 years the Nickels family of Chicago considered Palatine simply as a summer resort. They had never given a thought about opening a business in the town where they spent their vacations.

They had acquired a home in Palatine for summertime recreation in 1931. The erection of the Pepper Block in 1948 presented business possibilities that appealed to them.

Three of the brothers were connected with a large firm dealing in glass. Paint and wallpaper are auxiliary lines and, with the combination of all three, the brothers opened the Palatine Paint and Glass Co.

The firm is really a family corporation. There are six brothers, five of them connected with the business. A sister keeps house for them.

The boys found from their opening day there was a place in Palatine for an exclusive glass, paint and wallpaper store. Not only the "do it yourself group" but the general contractors welcomed them.

The single store space became crowded. Additional space was especially needed for the wallpaper department. The womenfolk needed a place to choose their wallpaper designs at their leisure. When the opportunity arrived, they acquired an adjoining store.

The lines of wallpaper are as many as the brands of paints, varnishes, stains and waxes they sell. "You ask for it, we have it," is what they tell inquirers.

The boys are ready to tell customers the names of dependable contractors, because they say, "we want the good products we sell to be applied by dependable contractors."

However, a large part of their sales is to the "do it yourself customers," and they are always ready to advise them on any problems they may meet.

Palatine Paint and Glass Co. 9—11 North Bothwell Palatine 954

### Scoutcraft

#### **BOY SCOUTS**

In 1946 Palatine Lions Club set the pattern for other service groups by sponsoring Troop 9 which had reorganized that year under Scoutmaster Ray Mills. Previously a group of citizens, including Lisle McKown and Ralph Trenchard had assisted George Miniberger, Harry Kincaid and John Manz who had acted at various times as Scoutmasters. Although Palatine Scouts have always responded whenever some community service was needed, their successful campaign to found a Library in 1923 is certainly an outstanding example of a Civic Good Deed. As of now Palatine Troops include original Troop 9 and its Explorer Post; Troop 48, sponsored by Immanuel Lutheran Church; Troop 69 and Post 69 sponsored by Post 690 American Legion; Troop 59 and Post 59, sponsored by St. Paul's Church.

#### GIRL SCOUTS

The first Palatine Girl Scout Troop was organized in 1941 by Helen Scharninghousen, Isabel Karls and Mildred Acree. This troop reorganized as a troop of 12 girls under the direction of Marcella Lommen in 1947. The following year a Brownie group was formed, and its leader, Violet Wannagat later served as Association President. The Association consisted of 3 Troops, which selected Marcella Lommen as its first president in 1948. The leaders of the initial Troops in the Association were Sally Meays, Retha Briel, and Rosemary Matthias. During Elaine Morrow's term as Association President, the Palatine Troops became a part of the Northwest Suburban Council. As of now there are 450 girls in 30 Palatine Troops.

Although the girls have made many contributions to their community, their program of bringing cheer to residents of the Catherine Memorial and Plum Grove Nursing Homes, receives the greatest emphasis. Several of the Troops also participate in the Hospital Ward programs of their sponsoring organizations.

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### CENTENNIAL PROGRAM

## LEGION-LIONS CARNIVAL COMMUNITY PARK—JULY 5 TO 10, 1955

- JULY 5—DICK JURGEN'S ORCHESTRA
  - Arlington Park Jockey Club House—Costume Optional. Tickets in advance—\$1.50 per person—at door \$2.00 per person.
- JULY 6—OPENING OF LEGION-LIONS CARNIVAL
  Palatine Community Park—Northwest Highway and Wood Street.
- JULY 7—INDIAN RAID ON PALATINE—5 p.m.—Downtown Triangle.
  HISTORICAL PAGEANT—3 shows—7:00 p.m., 8:00 p.m., and 9:00 p.m.
  High School Athletic Field—Admission—adults 25c; children 12 and under 10c.
- JULY 8—PET PARADE—120 ENTRIES—6:30 p.m. St. Paul's Church on Chicago Ave., to Brockway St., Brockway St. North to Wood St., East to Oak Street School.
- JULY 9—HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI RECEPTION—2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.—Cafeteria Palatine Township High School—150 E. Wood St.

  DEDICATION OF SWIMMING POOL—4:00 p.m.—Palatine Community Park.

  ADOLPH KIEFER'S AQUACADE—4:30 p.m.—Palatine Community Park.
- JULY 10—CENTENNIAL PARADE AND FINALE—1:00 p.m.—Bands—5th Army, Maine Township, Palatine Township, St. Charles School for Boys, Drum and Bugle Corps—140 Parade Units and Floats.
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