

# FLORA, INDIANA CENTENNIAL

JULY 2 - 8, 1972



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OUR FIRST ONE HUNDRED YEARS

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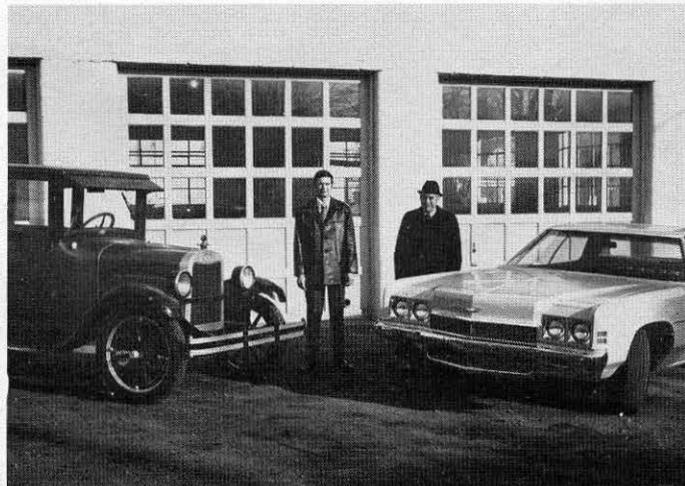
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## *Our Town's 100th Birthday...*

July 2 through 8, 1972 has been set aside for the 100th birthday of the town of Flora. The celebration time is actually based on actual starting of Flora in 1872. It was also known as Fountain City and Ino prior to that date.

The centennial committee assumed the responsibility for this centennial observance, but it has been through the cooperation of nearly all Flora and community organizations, businesses and many individuals that has really made this celebration come to life. It will be a program to commemorate the dignity of the community and its eventful past. Events have been planned for the participation of all and will include a pageant, speech-making, celebrities, beauty contest, entertainment and a gigantic parade bringing the past right down the streets of Flora.

This booklet, although not complete in pictures and of all the aspects and history of this community, contains a wealth of information about our town's beginning and subsequent growth. The committee hopes that it will not only inform present citizens, but also the future generations of the people of Flora.

Many days of research, hard work and assembling are represented in the following pages. There no doubt are some errors in dates, identification of old pictures or actual facts in the histories of various organizations, but we have culled through mountains of information in the hope that this book is as accurate as humanly possible.

Frank Loudon, Book Co-ordinator

*... with special thanks to Opal Loudon, Goldie Harter, Charles Harter, Emerson McKinley, Howard Parks, Dana Keyes, Rev. Wickizer, Jean Mann, Susan Mann, and to the many, many more without whose help and information this book would not have been possible.*

A SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION congratulating Flora, a town in Carroll County, Indiana, upon its one-hundredth anniversary.

WHEREAS, in the year 1827 John Flora, Sr. settled in north central Indiana; and

WHEREAS, this settlement grew and prospered and as a town took the name of its founder henceforth to be called Flora, Indiana; and

WHEREAS, this town continued to grow and prosper and was in 1872 designated as the Town of Flora; and

WHEREAS, the dedication, sincerity and enthusiasm epitomized by Flora, Indiana is that ethic which has formed the cornerstone of this great country; and

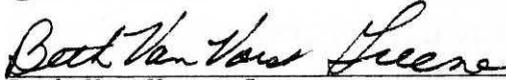
WHEREAS, the citizens of the town of Flora have set aside the week of July 2, through July 8, 1972, as "Official Centennial Week", celebrating the one-hundredth anniversary of this good town: Now

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF INDIANA, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING:

SECTION 1. That the 97th session of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana hereby offers its congratulations to the town of Flora, Carroll County, Indiana on the occasion of its one-hundredth anniversary and its best wishes for a bright and prosperous future.

SECTION 2. That a copy of this resolution be incorporated into the Journal of the 97th General Assembly; and the Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed to send a copy to: The Flora Centennial and make available copies to all interested parties.

  
James A. Gardner  
State Senator

  
Beth Van Vorst Greene  
Secretary of the Senate



THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

March 1, 1972

TO THE PEOPLE OF FLORA, INDIANA:

The observance of your one hundredth anniversary is an occasion of deep pride for you as well as for the nation. The high purpose and vital community spirit that are reflected in your eventful history are in the best tradition of our American way of life.

Armed with these same qualities in the years ahead, I know that you will strive to be in the vanguard of constructive civic accomplishment. I welcome your full partnership in the demanding tasks we face as a nation, and in the good that promises to come from our united efforts.

*Richard Nixon*



THE VICE PRESIDENT  
WASHINGTON

July 1972

Flora Centennial, Incorporated  
c/o Mrs. Bill Mann  
317 North Jefferson  
Flora, Indiana 46929

Dear Friends:

It is a pleasure to send greetings to the citizens and friends of Flora, Indiana, on the occasion of your Centennial Celebration.

Much of the development of our country is exemplified by the progress and civic commitment found among the people of Flora. I am sure that the next 100 years will demonstrate the wisdom of present commitments to Flora's continued progress.

Kind personal regards.

Sincerely,

*Spina J. Guyman*



## We made our start in Flora in 1936

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# FLORAS' EARLY HISTORY

By Goldie Harter

Josiah Flora, son of John Flora, Jr. and grandson of John Flora, Sr., was the source for much of the material presented in the following accounts of Flora, Indiana and the memory towns of Hartersville and Pike's Peak. Many of the facts and stories were told by him from memory, others from his own written records.



JOSIAH FLORA

Carroll County was named honoring Charles Carroll, last surviving signer of the Declaration of Independence. An act authorizing the formation of the new county in Indiana was approved by the General Assembly January 7, 1828.

Jackson Township included what is now Monroe Township. In 1840 Jackson Township was divided and the south half became Monroe Township.

In the Illustrated Atlas of Carroll County, Indiana, published by O. L. Baskin of Chicago in 1874 this quote appears, "The first settlement in Monroe Township was made by John Flora, Sr. in 1827, near where the town of Flora now stands. There were at that time no houses between him and the White River."

John Flora came to Carroll County, Indiana in 1827. Jacob Flora, Sr., an ancestor of John Flora, and two sons took the oath of allegiance at Philadelphia Court House on August 28, 1733. They were French Huguenots. They settled in Pennsylvania and their descendants migrated westward to Virginia, Ohio and Indiana. John Flora, who later became John Flora, Sr., was born in Virginia. As a young man, John made several trips to Indiana to hunt, trap, and to find the land he would later enter.

John Flora married Sarah Harter in Ohio in 1826. They came to Indiana in a covered wagon in 1827 with their five month old son, Abraham, and all their possessions. Their possessions included plenty of blankets and linens woven by relatives and friends (the usual bride's dowery of the time). They also had a coop of chickens, a kettle hung under the wagon for heating water, and a plow, so necessary to the pioneer. Since there was some expenses in settling free land, it was necessary for them to carry a few pieces of gold to pay for land entry.

Passing through Crawfordsville, Indiana, they were overjoyed to see David Harter, who was there to get mill-stones. There were no stone cutters any closer to Carroll County, and David planned to have a mill ready when settlers arrived. The rest of the trip was slow, for David Harter drove oxen and John drove horses. A life-long argument as to the merits of oxen and horses went on between David and John; oxen were slow but stronger, horses were faster.

In October when Indiana was at its beautiful best, they came to the Harter settlement, located two miles northwest of the present day Flora. After a rest they continued their journey, accompanied by some of the Harter men, toward John's chosen land. At noon they camped by a big spring which Sarah called a fountain. It was near the present site of the Flora Community Building. Sarah thought this was a wonderful spot to settle. Perhaps she favored the spring because it wasn't too far from her friends in Hartersville. John and the other men tried to persuade her to leave, saying that the ground was swampy and that they would surely be plagued with ague, malaria, mosquitos, and snakes. But Sarah begged so much against going farther into the wilderness that John consented to stay temporarily. John buried his gold pieces and planted a bush over them. The men put up a crude cabin made of three log walls and an open side guarded by a fireplace and partially closed with blankets which served as a door. For three years this was the only cabin in this section.

John and Sarah lived by the spring for 48 years. Their family of eight children grew up to marry and settle nearby. Polly, named for Polly Harter, born in 1829, was the first white baby born in Monroe Township (then Jackson Township until renamed Monroe). On October 10, 1830, three years after John and Sarah built the first cabin, twin sons were born. They were the first twins in the township and in Carroll County. John carefully thought up their names and then told Sarah. But Sarah said she had already named them; John for her father John Harter, and David for David Harter. John objected, saying it was troublesome having two Johns, but Sarah said they would just have a John Sr. and a John Jr., and so it remained. Because twins were unknown among the Indians, Sarah was afraid they might try to steal them. Indians came for many miles to see the two little white boys that looked just alike. Sarah was afraid to leave them, but one day she needed a bucket of water and hurried to the spring. When she returned a big Indian was sitting by the fireplace with a baby on each knee. Since Indians would walk into the cabin, sit down and eat without an invitation, John decided to have an extra plate on the table at all times for an unexpected guest. That custom was continued in Josiah's life. When the government forced the Indians to move to Kansas Territory, some of them came and said farewell, for they would never see their white brother again in this life.

The early settlers established their rights by squatters claim. When the surveyors work was finished

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they were ready for land entries. John Sr. owned a surveyor's chain and enough equipment to be able to help the early settlers mark off their land. John was a squatter on his land and when he was finally convinced that Sarah couldn't be moved he dug up his gold pieces and entered 200 acres and purchased an additional 80 acres that had been entered by Samuel Wise on May 3, 1828. Upon these lands Flora was built.

Four farmers tilled the soil upon which Flora now stands. In 1870 they and their neighbors were excited by news of a railroad passing through their community. The farmers were John Flora, Sr., his son-in-law John Replogle, Aaron Overholser, and Moses Harter. John Flora owned the land east of the railroad. Center, Division, and Columbia Streets were on his property. John Replogle owned 40 acres entered by John Flora, Sr., 40 acres entered by Abraham Myer November 18, 1831, and 10 acres entered by Jacob Zook April 18, 1829. This land was cut across by the crooked road to Burlington. The Zook 10 acres goes to the corner of Columbia and Center Street. The Replogle family lived in a log cabin and later built the brick house at 221 East Columbia Street.

Aaron Overholser lived on land entered by Jacob Zook April 18, 1829. 60 acres and 60 added made 120 before 1827. His house is now owned by Marjorie Reams.

Moses Harter owned 120 acres that had been entered by William Odell January 11, 1829 and November 6, 1832 minus one-half acre of school house land. The Moses Harter's home, which stands at 121 West Walnut (corner of Walnut and Willow), is one of the two houses still standing that were built in Flora prior to 1872.

When these four farmers, John Flora, John Replogle, Aaron Overholser, and Moses Harter, heard that a railroad would cut through Monroe Township, excitement was high. The men gathered at John Flora, Sr.'s house and a town was planned. John said he would give land for location of a railroad station. Sarah Flora asked that the town be named Fountain City (for her fountain). Her request was granted.

Each man chose his lot, surveyed and staked it. John Flora, Sr. had a surveyor chain. They all knew something about surveying, as did most pioneers of that time. Their survey work was remarkably accurate considering that cold and hot weather affected the chain. A thrilled Josiah carried the chain for John Flora, Sr. The Notary Public was A. P. McFarland. When a government surveyor came the proposed town was laid out. The first store was owned by Eli Shoemaker, located where the Town Hall now stands. Eli put in a large stock of dry goods and groceries, all the needs of a farm community. There was as much barter and trade as money changing hands. Eli put a hitching post in front of his store and a long trough where the horses could drink. A tin cup fastened to a chain hung on a post so everyone could drink the delicious spring water. On the

morning the store opened, Kate Reese (later Mrs. Solomon Flora), walked in with a basket of eggs on her arm. She had started so early she had to wait for the store to be unlocked. She traded her eggs for a length of calico and a few groceries. When the trading was over Eli said, "Little girl, you have just made the first purchase from the first store in our new town." Eli Shumaker's deed is dated August 23, 1872. He paid \$75.00 for the deed.

When Fountain City (called by the Vandalia railroad, Flora Station) wanted a post office, the post office department said that Indiana already had one Fountain City, so the name was changed to Ino. Moses Harter, a civil war veteran, was appointed the town's first postmaster on August 29, 1872. He served as postmaster four years and five months.

The second store in the new town was the Cromer and Bright Drug Store. At that time druggists were not required to go to school or be registered. Quinine and castor oil along with a few pills was a cure for just about anything. A barrel of whisky, highly colored stick candy in large glass jars and notions were the stock in trade. A stick of candy could be bought for a penny.

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John Flora, Sr.	Belksheba Nearhoff	July 24, 1874	\$70.00
John Flora, Sr.	William Hubler	April 4, 1873	\$40.00
John Flora, Sr.	Wm. & Co. Catler	July 20, 1873	none
John Flora, Sr.	Urzippi Burris	Nov. 20, 1872	\$25.00
John Flora, Sr.	Lydia Hubler	May 8, 1873	\$25.00
John Flora, Sr.	John Lennon	June 12, 1873	\$20.00
John Flora, Sr.	W. A. Huntley	June 12, 1873	\$20.00
John Flora, Sr.	E. D. Butcher	May 24, 1873	\$20.00
John Flora, Sr.	John Lennon	March 13, 1873	\$65.00
John Flora, Sr.	Joseph Flora	May 29, 1871	\$22.00
The above entry is presently the Flora Park.			
John Flora, Sr.	Henry Repto	July 16, 1873	\$65.00
John Flora, Sr.	R. R. Bright	Sept. 13, 1873	\$55.00
John Flora, Sr.	James Butcher	June 5, 1873	\$25.00
John Flora, Sr.	Angline Butcher	Aug. 28, 1873	\$30.00
John Flora, Sr.	G. C. Butcher	Aug. 29, 1873	\$3000
John Flora, Sr.	John Lennon	Oct. 3, 1873	\$70.00
John Flora, Sr.	Ollie Jones	May 3, 1873	\$25.00
John Flora, Sr.	S. W. Bricker	June 2, 1873	\$60.00
John Flora, Sr.	Jonathan L. Mummert	Sept. 11, 1873	\$40.00
John Flora, Sr.	Joseph Flora	March 25, 1873	\$25.00
John Flora, Sr.	Elias Shoemaker	Aug. 25, 1872	\$75.00
John Flora, Sr.	R. R. Bright	June 2, 1873	none
John Flora, Sr.	James R. Loyd	Aug. 3, 1871	\$25.00
John Flora, Sr.	Wm. & Co. Catler	July 23, 1873	none
John Flora, Sr.	B. F. Barnard	June 26, 1867	none

The land deeded to Joseph Flora is now Flora Community Park. It was Joseph's dream that a park be created there and that his trees not be cut. This land entry was dated May 29, 1871; fee \$22.00.

James Butcher was a carpenter and a builder of houses. Butcher built the Shoemaker store and the hotel. He built a home for himself across the street from John and Sarah on the north corner of Main and North Division Streets. David Flora, son of John and Sarah, was a builder of brick houses and built some of the first store buildings and many of the brick houses still standing today. Jack Douglass, a descendant of David and John Sr., presently owns lot one

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of the new town of Flora, his studio being on this location.

John and Sarah were very happy during their last years. They had seen the wilderness turn into rich farms with comfortable homes and they enjoyed their children and grandchildren. They could see their church from the window. They saw the railroad tracks laid and had the thrill of seeing the first train in 1872. Sarah said to John over and over, "Our town just outside our door."

On May 11, 1875, John died suddenly at the age of 73 years. The usual message was sent by running horse and rider to family and friends. John was buried the next day in the Moss cemetery (by his request) not in the cemetery on his own farm. His funeral memorial service was held the following Sunday, as was the custom of that day. Neighbors and friends came from miles around, a dinner was served from long tables in the yard.

Sarah was told that day that the name of the town was changed from Ino to Flora. Sarah lived alone in the big frame house by the fountain for three more years, it was not "too lonely," she said, as Josiah or another of her many grandchildren was always with her.

On August 25, 1878 Sarah said she was too tired to go to church so she would stay home. She expected some of the children to come for a family dinner. The family found her in her chair after death had come. No horse and rider needed to be sent as her friends were all at the church nearby.

All local Flora's are descendants of John Flora, Sr. or of Jacob Flora, his younger brother. John H. Flora is the son of Josiah Flora.

Jacob came to Monroe Township in 1830 and entered 160 acres. He built the house where Dr. Bush now lives; from Flora Park go south on road 50E three-fourths mile. Mahala Goodwin was the wife of Jacob Flora.

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## PIKES PEAK A MEMORY TOWN

To to the site of this Memory Town, go south from the Flora Park one-half mile, the William Warnick home is presently on the site of this pioneer village.

Records of Pikes Peak beginning are in the early 1830's when there was no Monroe Township. This was Jackson Township until 1840 when it was divided, making the present townships of Monroe and Jackson.

The first store was owned by a man named Smoker. Later the store was sold to Jacob Reist; groceries, barrels of sugar, flour, huge cheese, coffee in the bean, butter, eggs and such homemade goods such as sorgum molasses, maple sugar, maple molasses, harnesses and hardware. Jacob tried to keep a stock large enough to meet the needs of the pioneer. The freighters, Lewis and Andrew Harter, brought in the supplies first with oxen, later with horses.

Jacob Reist was the father of Charles Reist and

Kate Reist, wife of Solomon Flora. Their descendants include all members of the Ezra and Anna Myer Flora families, and the Mrs. Chloe Eikenberry family. Mrs. Chloe Eikenberry presently resides on East Main Street in Flora. Charles Reist was for many years the prominent owner of a general store in downtown Flora.

Local people of German Baptist faith held services in their homes until 1834 when John Myer, Sr. entered land (now owned by Royce Myer, a descendant) east of Pikes Peak. John Myer was an ordained minister. A log church house was built. John Flora, Sr., John Trent and Isaac Eikenberry were elected deacons in 1842. Isaac Eikenberry and Phillip Moss were elected ministers.

Dr. Dunham was the first doctor of medicine in Monroe Township being located at Pikes Peak. Dunham was the maternal grandfather of Fern Cochran and the ancestor of Kenlyn Knapp Diest and Diane Knapp, wife of Donovan Flora.

A log school house was built across the road west of Pikes Peak. Solomon Young was the maternal grandfather of Josiah Flora and owner of the square of land that lies between Flora and Bringhurst. Russell Flora, a descendant, now lives on this land. Frank Brower is also a descendant.

A blacksmith shop by Gerheart, a paint shop where buggies and wagons were painted by William Bouser, ancestor of Alice Roblyer, and the Rollins saw mill employed many men. Barrels were also made here. This made this village an important place. A fire destroyed the saw mill and another saw mill was built at Flora. The saw mill fire was the final chapter in the short life of Pikes Peak.

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## DAVID HARTER'S DEATH

David Harter died suddenly June 12, 1842. The community was shocked and saddened for David was loved and respected by all that knew him. He had a rugged physique, great physical strength and was a recognized leader. David was buried in the cemetery on the John Flora land. His was one of the early graves, overlooking the land he loved so much. The entire community from miles around came to his funeral and departed to their homes saddened, for each one felt that they had lost a friend.

Sarah Flora said many times, "The neighbors paused, then flowed on as did the stream that turned the wheels of David's mill." David Harter was born January 8, 1782 in Hamilton County, Ohio; he was 60 years, 5 months and 22 days old at his death. His grave is in the sadly neglected Old Flora Cemetery overlooking rich farm land and the beautiful little town of Flora. His grave is just one of the many graves of these brave pioneers that settled Monroe Township and now lie in the Old Flora Cemetery.

Descendants of David Harter and his wife Polly Beckner are all local Harters including Charles Harter, his sister Laura Flora (Mrs. Rufus Flora), Lewis Flora, Laurel Booth, Kenneth Callane, Vada Ruskuski, Mary Flora, and her son Rodney Lee Flora, Edwin Cox, Eva Low Pearson (Mrs. Frank Amos Shanks), Inga Cox (Mrs. David Randle), and Mrs. Ira Brubaker.

## EARLY SCHOOLS OF FLORA

In pioneer communities, schools were often started by several neighbors joining together, hiring a teacher, and holding classes in a home until pupils were numerous enough to build a school. If possible, a home with a parlor was chosen so family functions and the class didn't interfere too much with each other. The families involved took turns "boarding" and housing the teacher.

This had many fringe benefits for all. If the teacher was a man, he frequently helped with the milking and chores. His presence was a relief from the loneliness of frontier life. It gave the housewife an excuse to demand a practice of good manners from her children, while for the children it often meant extra goodies at mealtime, and a fresh source of stories in the evening. Older family members often took this opportunity to get some "book larnin" too. If the teacher was single, it meant no need to set up a home on meager income, and it meant acceptance as a member of the household where he was staying; it gave a sense of belonging. The pioneer teacher thus came to know and understand pupils and parents far better than it is possible for the modern teacher to do, and so led to a more thorough teaching of character and personality traits. Each family considered itself lucky when its turn came to board the teacher, and was happy with the arrangement.

The first such teacher at Flora was William Barnett who taught in the home of John Flora, Sr., and his wife Sarah. Sarah described Will as a "stripling," not very hefty, not much use for anything else than teaching. She very generously added, though, that he seemed to know his work and was a very good man.

Many people of later generations have marveled at the good language used by these early settlers. This is explained by the fact that almost all their reading material was the **Bible, Pilgrim's Progress**, and Ben Franklin's calendar and almanac.

In October of 1829 a Mr. Amos Ball purchased land in section 18 of Monroe Township, and donated  $\frac{1}{2}$  acre for a school. A long school house was built there and served that part of the township. However, this school was too far away for the children of Flora to attend, so school was still held in various homes, whenever a teacher could be found.

The first real school house in Flora was built on a  $\frac{1}{2}$  acre plot of ground that was set aside for it. The school was built of logs and was located on the spot where a home now stands at 125 E. Little Street.

There was also a school across the road from Pike's Peak, southeast of Flora, which was started in 1830 and continued classes until 1852. In 1870 a log school house stood where the home at 104 W. Main Street now stands. The first teacher of this school was Lan Heiland. This building, however, was quite small, so a new log building was erected on the north side of Columbia Street  $\frac{1}{2}$  square east of the railroad and was taught by one John Bivins.

Just as is the case today, the number of pupils kept outgrowing the school buildings, so the older pupils were moved across the street from the present town hall to rooms above the Cromer and Bright

Drug Store, where the drive-up bank now stands.

The first schools were usually of square hewn logs with a puncheon floor (logs split in half with the flat side up). The school at 104 W. Main was built like this, with a clapboard roof covered with hand rived cedar shingles with the windows covered with greased paper. A little later glass was substituted for the greased paper.

A huge fireplace occupied one wall of the building with a "cat and clay" chimney. On the other three sides of the room were backless benches with continuous desks in front. These were often supported by long wooden pins thrust between the legs with an elbow below for added support. These benches and desks were all of one size, and the smaller pupils often sat on chunks of wood to lift them up so they could reach the desks.

The backless benches were almost uncomfortable so the pupils were inclined to loll over the desks to relieve their aching backs.

In one corner of the room on a wooden shelf supported by wooden pegs driven into the wall stood the water bucket with a dipper hanging near-by on a nail. Water had to be carried from some distance, so none was wasted. The older boys were pressed into service to carry in water and the huge logs to feed the fire in cold weather.

Those nearest the fire roasted, those farther away froze, so much changing of seats went on throughout the day. Many pupils suffered frosted feet and the teacher allowed them to sit on their feet to keep them warm.

The roads in Flora were regular quagmires in bad weather, so almost all the pupils brought lunch. A long shelf near the door held the round dinner buckets—which were tin, not painted, of various sizes, that would hold from a half-gallon to a gallon of liquid if measured. Lunch hour was a pleasant time. Pupils spread lunches on the desks and much exchanging of food took place. The lunch hour afforded opportunity for a long play period, and the school yard was full of lively youngsters playing circle games, running games, ball games with balls made of yarn and rags, jump rope, tug-of-war, marbles and jacks.

More men taught in those days than women, for school teaching was considered a rugged job. Strict discipline was expected, and the teacher was more severe than is the case today. The ruler and hickory stick were frequently used, as well as the milder dunce cap.

There was little writing paper in frontier days; almost every child had his slate and slate pencil. It was a lucky school that had a blackboard, which greatly enhanced the teaching. The community was considered quite modern when its school was of brick and had a bell in a belfry. Usually the teacher rang a large hand bell, and some of these old hand bells have become cherished relics.

Friday afternoon was frequently a gala affair at the school. Pupils came dressed in their best ready for a program of songs, recitations, ciphering con-

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## EARLY SCHOOLS (Continued)

tests, and the famous spell-down. At times this was held in the evening, when adults joined the program and had a separate spell-down. This was a social event the whole community looked forward to and it was well attended.

Also well attended was the annual box social, held for the purpose of raising funds for books for the school book shelf, since there was no public library at that time. Each woman did her utmost to fill her box with goodies, and decorated it as gaily as possible. These boxes were then auctioned off to the highest bidder, and there was great pride when a box "fetched a good price."

In 1877 a brick school was built on North Division Street. This building was later sold and is used as a residence today. Summer school was held here for several years when the teacher could get enough subscription pupils. In 1889 a new school building of six rooms was begun on East Main Street where our present school now stands. While it was being built the pupil overflow was taught in the Baptist and Progressive churches.

This school seemed very modern to those who had attended in earlier buildings. The desks were of highly polished oak, with an ink well in one corner for ink and a groove across the top of the desk for pen and pencils. Below was a shelf to hold books and tablets. Some pupils had pencil boxes with a lid, lock and key and the proud owner wore the key on a string around the neck.

School attendance grew as the town grew, and soon a four-room addition was built. A few years later another addition was made in the rear of the building.

In the fall of 1893 Professor E. N. Canine became superintendent and the next year organized the first school in the township. In 1896 the first commencement was held. The graduates were Eva Drake, Emma Lyons, Merl Sandifur and Celeste Cromer. For a number of years graduation was a rather quiet affair. In 1902 the first banquet and reception for the senior class was given at the Commercial Hotel by the Junior class. Mr. and Mrs. David Mosier ran the hotel at that time and for several years they furnished the banquets for the graduating seniors.

(Portions of the above history were written by Mrs. J. Floyd (Ada) Wheeler and given as a report to the Art and Garden Club. She taught in the Bringhurst school and in the Thomas elementary school west of town.)

During the school year of 1883-84 Monroe Township had nine different schools. The Flora school had an enrollment of 205 students, Bringhurst had 128, and the total for the township was 624 pupils.

The Flora school was only a nine-year school until Professor Canine became Superintendent. He established a three-year high school. In 1896 when the town incorporated, the school came under the control of the first school board, appointed November 9, 1896. Its members were Ruben T. Burren, Frank C. Horner, and Jacob Kraus. The school was changed

to a four-year high school and on January 17, 1902 was commissioned by the state board of education. By the 1902-03 school year the high school had 75 pupils, 40 of whom were transfer pupils from seven different surrounding townships which had no high school. That same year Indiana had only 325 high schools.

In 1911, Bringhurst had its first graduating class. The opening of this high school took some of the pupils from the Flora school and gave the township two full high schools. In the spring of 1927 Bringhurst graduated its last class and the high school pupils were transferred to Flora. Since the two schools were old rivals, some found the transfer difficult to accept. Bringhurst retained an elementary school until 1935.

In the fall of 1931 the pupils no longer entered the Flora school as such for the name was changed to Monroe Township High School. Although in all contests and sporting events the school was called Flora, it officially was the Monroe Township School. The members of the last school board to serve the Flora school were Dr. J. C. Schermerhorn, Tony Beckner, and G. W. Kenrick. The great depression of the 1930's was of course the big reason behind the decision to make the schools one system instead of two.

During a very windy night in February of 1933 there was a high school basketball game being played between Flora and Indiana Deaf School. The game was in the last half when a fire was spotted on the northwest corner of the roof of the school next to the gym. Low water pressure and very strong winds took the school, and after a one-week lay-off classes were started in the Community Building. The basement was made into an elementary school and the rest of the building was used as the high school. The Junior High was seated on the stage. Armed chairs were used on the gym floor with a class in each corner. During the basketball season the chairs were moved off each evening for practice, and stacked on the bleachers. They were also placed there for the games, for in those depression days large numbers of fans didn't follow their teams, so gyms were not crowded at game time.

In 1956 talk of consolidation was started and in 1957 Purdue University made a report on eight townships on the east side of the county. Finally, after some townships had voted as many as three different times, the Carroll Consolidated School System came into being on June 1, 1959, and Carroll High School, with pupils from five townships, was a reality. The 1960-61 school year was the last for the high school in the Flora building. It now houses the Flora Elementary School.

The first school board for the consolidated school was as follows: George M. Wason, John A. Hardy, Clarence A. Crain, Dale F. Meyers, and Don R. Mitchell. These men represented Carrollton, Burlington, Democrat, Monroe, and Washington Townships. In the fall of 1961 classes were started in the new building east of town. Residents now look at the new Carroll school with the same pride and affection that

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## OLD FLORA CEMETERY

On a hill overlooking our beautiful little town of Flora lies the cemetery where our pioneer ancestors are buried.

If you wish to visit this cemetery, go to the community building on East Main Street, take the west drive and go North through the field following a trail.

In 1830 there were many deaths among the settlers' infants and small children. John Flora, Sr. was asked to let a knoll on his land be used for burials. This was used for a cemetery for many years before the settlers realized that it should be made a legal cemetery. On September 12, 1856 John and Sarah deeded the cemetery, in consideration of one dollar to John Myer, Sr. and Isaac Eikenberry, elders of the Bachae-lor Run Baptist Church and to their successors in trust forever.

This sadly neglected spot had little attention for years except the work done by Charles Harter, Lewis Flora, Laura Booth and Kenneth Callane (all descendants of David Harter and John Myer).

Gerald Clingenpeel, motivated by a desire to preserve this portion of our heritage, joined these volunteer caretakers in forming an association for the preservation of the old Flora Cemetery. With Gerald Clingenpeel as president and Marie Clark as Secretary, the association has a current membership of seventy.

There are approximately three hundred markers in the cemetery and no doubt many unmarked graves. Over the years many markers have been destroyed, as vandalism and time have taken their toll.

Many infants and children died during the 1830's. Their markers and others reflect the harshness and danger of the pioneers' lives. There are a few early markers of our pioneer ancestors which can be seen in the cemetery.

Anne Zook (wife of Jacob Zook) died in 1837. There are several other Zook graves. Lewis Flora and all the large family of Amos and Elizabeth Zook Flora are descendants of Anne and Jacob Zook as is Jesse Zook of Camden.

Four small children of Phillip and Barbara Moss are buried here. The earliest of these is marked May 11, 1839. All the local Moss's are descendants of Phillip and Barbara Moss. Phillip was one of the first elders in the German Baptist Church.

David Harter died at 60 years of age in 1842; there is, however, no trace of a stone to mark the grave of his wife, Polly Beckner Harter.

Lewis Harter, son of David, died in 1865, 33 years of age.

Mary Myer Harter, wife of Lewis, died in 1864, 33 years of age.

John Myer, Sr. died January 11, 1868, 78 years of age.

Elizabeth, wife of John Myer, Sr., died October 25, 1862, 78 years of age.

John Myer was the first elder of the German Baptist Church. All local Myers are his descendants including Mrs. Clemmet Skiles and Mrs. Ralph Pearson.

Russell Allbaugh, infant son of Amos Allbaugh, died in 1890.

Nine Barnard markers are found in the cemetery,

the earliest of which is dated 1856. All local Barnards are descendants from the pioneers buried here. Among the descendants are Martha Wise, Maude Oaks, Paul Flora and his brothers and sisters.

Seven Cunningham graves are marked.

An infant son of Isaac Eikenberry is buried here. Isaac was an ordained minister in the German Baptist Church in 1856. All local Eikenberrys share the same ancestors. Among them are Mrs. DeVere Hoffman and Mrs. Lois Eikenberry Lane.

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## EARLY SCHOOLS (Continued)

was felt for all our earlier schools.

Flora High School had its moments of greatness in several fields. Flora won a national judging contest in the agricultural department. Debating teams and students in public speaking placed high in the state. The High School Orchestra won the state contest twice in its class. Flora had a team in the final four at Butler Fieldhouse in the state basketball tournament of 1946. Many Flora graduates have distinguished themselves and their school in almost all fields. Many have become medical doctors, dentists, lawyers, judges, ministers, teachers, principals, superintendents of schools, farmers, merchants, and have filled many other occupations. One girl, Celesta Cromer, became the private secretary of John L. Lewis, labor leader. Some graduates have become officers in large corporations. Hundreds have served their country in the armed forces.

Buildings, text books, curriculums, teacher requirements, indeed, the whole field of education have changed considerably since the start of the first school in Flora.

DeVere Hoffman

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**DR. JAMES R. CROMER**

Practiced in Flora from 1873 until 1903

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## IT'S A FACT . . .

In 1896 L. V. Myer and M. W. Eaton opened a men's clothing store at 21 South Center Street. They continued operation of this store until 1908 when Mr. Eaton sold his interest in the store to Mr. Myer. The business was continued as the L. V. Myer Co. until 1934 when Mr. Myer was forced by ill health to sell to R. L. Ledman. A clothing store has been operated at this location since its founding in 1896 until the present time.



Remember the 'Bankable Cigar'?



South Center Street . . . Completed June 22, 1925

FLORA FOURTH GRADE CLASS OF 1934 AND 1935



First Row (L to R): Dorothea Draper, Dottie McKinley, Catherine Sylvester, Penny Baum, Marjorie Draper, Shirley James, Martha Kerlin. Second Row: Bill Garrison, Donald Fuhrman, Mark Briggs, Wayne Sines, Eddie Krauss, Richard Ledman, Richard Ayres, John Davis, Norton Chapin. Third Row: Harry Steinman, Kathryn Wilson, Ruth Flora, Vesta Collins, Margaret Young, Ruth Michael, Alice Hinton and Jean Guyer, teacher. Fourth Row: Teacher Velma Rohrbaugh Patterson, Alfred Moss, Dean Brubaker, Ben Dunkin, Joe Flora, Bobby Burns, Junior King, Ralph Rohrbaugh and Fred Flora.



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Calm, Cool and Comfortable



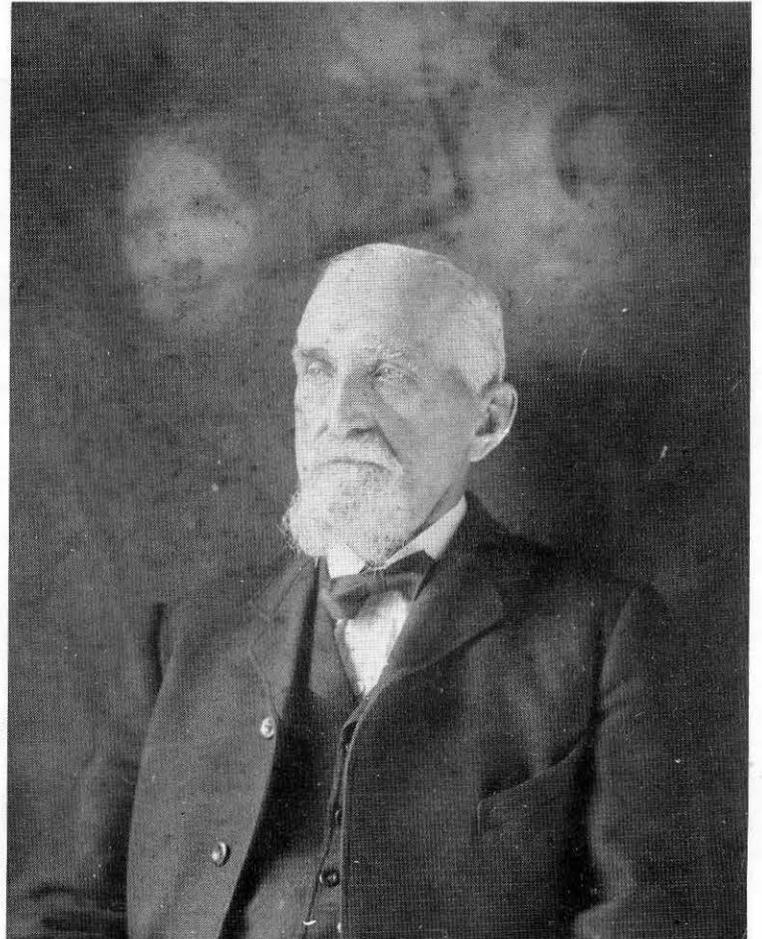
MERLE JOHNSON  
'I can whip any kid on the block'



Lee Eikenberry (Driving) and Edgar Krauss



Mr. & Mrs. A. M. Chittick  
(Loren Chitticks' Parents)



Dr. Reuben R. Tidrick



Nurses Leave for Overseas Duty  
The last two ladies are Miss Ann Myers and Miss Florence Myers, Kokomo



Crowd probably watching horseracing at track where Brethren Home now stands.



Ford Garage, Flora. Back of Flora Chrysler-Plymouth Building



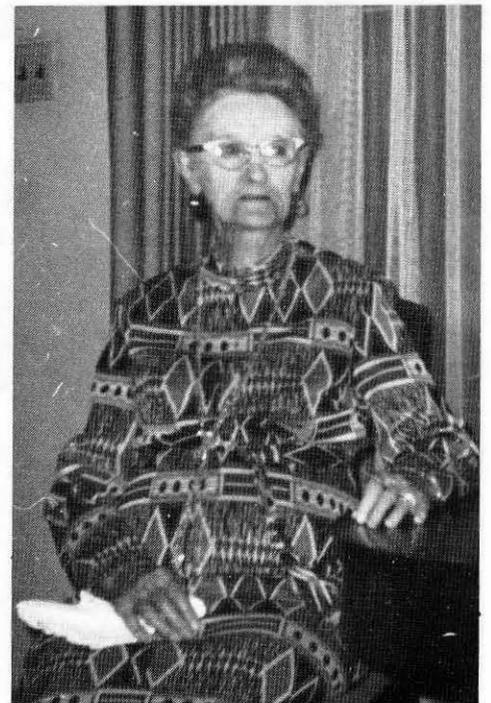
Smith construction crew at work



M. W. Eaton, Roscoe Bright, L. V. Myer



1909 - L to R: Ernest Albright, Rome Sheagley, Ross Meek, C. E. Budrow, Chas. Houser, Chas. Nobes, In Ford, Dr. O. F. Campbell at wheel, Dr. Marshall Callane.



Mrs. Effie Thompson

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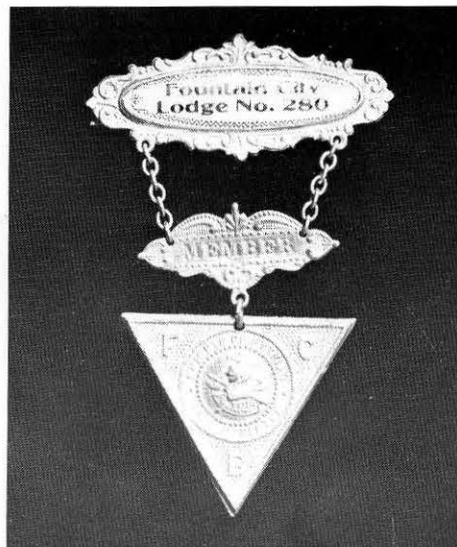
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Flora, Indiana



L to R: Unknown, unknown, Bill Hurley, Wilbert Kenrick, Thelma Hanaway, Guy Kenrick, Meredith Butcher, Lee Ulery, Elmer Dunham, Paul Burns, unknown.



C. L. Wilson



Member badge of Fountain City Lodge #280



First F.H.S. Graduating Class 1896 - Eva Drake Agnew, Emma Lyons, Merle Sandifer, Lesta Cromer.



Wilbert Kenrick Produce Office



Guy Kenrick with Dressed Chickens



WHERE MOST WORLD PROBLEMS ARE SETTLED!



Taken at Dales Restaurant in 1956



First Bringhurst Graduating Class, April 22, 1913

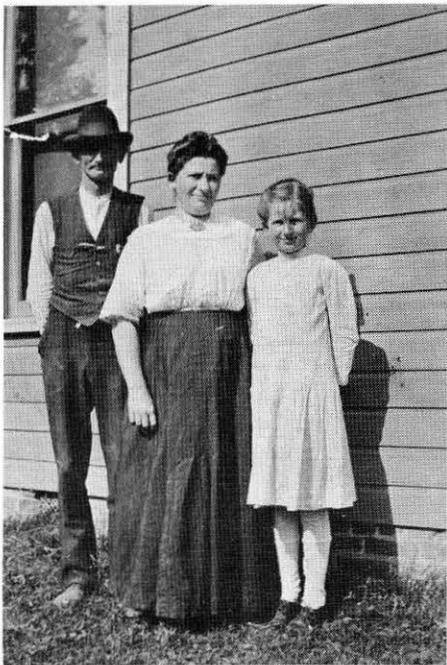
Front L to R: Archie DeMar, Margaret Metsger, Alma Kearns, June Allen, Leroy Hinkle. Back: Paul Carter, Chlo Duddleston, Orville Oaks.



Center Street looking South. Brick Building is 10¢ Store today.



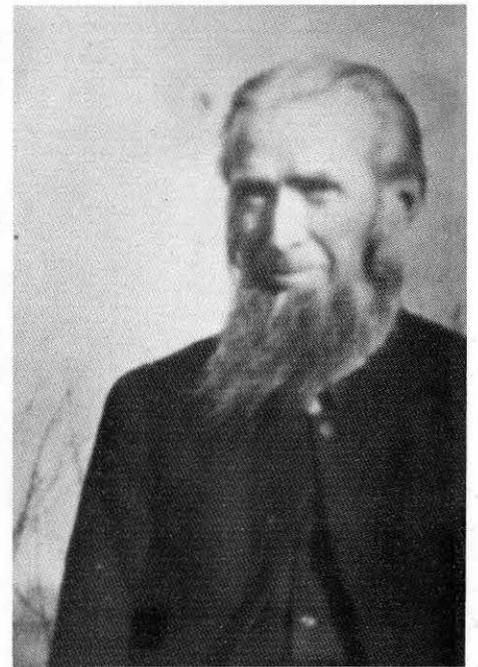
Bill Ball Testing Cream



Jack Riggle, wife Elizabeth and daughter Katherine.



Ann Flora



John F. Flora

## FLORA WAS A BUSTLING COMMUNITY BACK IN THE EARLY 1900'S

By Dana R. Keyes

Flora wasn't a sleepy town back in the early 1900's. For instance, there was a hotel, located where the IGA store now stands. Two taxi cabs met the daily passenger trains, transporting visitors and traveling salesmen to the hotel. Frequently the cabbies would drive the salesmen to outlying communities in order for them to show their wares to the merchants while they were in the vicinity.

There were several businesses here then that no longer exist today. Two shoe repair shops, two blacksmith shops, a tin shop, two news stands, an ice cream and pop factory, produce company, a silent movie theatre called the "Tokio," Ford agency, the "bingo" engine, invented and manufactured by Frank Bingaman, one of the first gasoline engines to be built in the country, milk company, cabinet shop, harness shop, battery station, sawmill, cigar store, and pool parlor.

In those days Flora had two banks, two newspapers, the Carroll County Press and Hoosier Democrat (still publishing every Wednesday), two barber shops, two clothing stores, two restaurants, four grocery stores, two dry goods stores, two hardware stores, two drug stores, two bakeries, five doctors, two dentists, two funeral parlors, a furniture store, seven churches, cement block yard, two jewelry stores and a third watch repairman, two plumbing shops, an electrical appliance store, three filling stations, two car dealers, two grain elevators, lumber shed, two farm machinery dealers, two painting contractors and two insurance offices.

Flora was fortunate to have an excellent town band in those days. A concert was held every Thursday night during the summer months. Business places were open on concert night and the downtown area was literally filled with local people and many from the surrounding communities. A few members of the band formed what they called the "Rube" band. There was Wayne Smith on the trumpet, Emil DeVinney, trombone, Lawrence Hinton played the baritone horn, Bill Morrocco, clarinet, Russell Ratcliff, bass, Ed Krauss, bass drum, and Burnell Keyes was the leader. This group was something else. They played at many social functions locally and in the surrounding communities. They appeared at the county fair several times and where they went the crowd followed. On rare occasions they traveled with the high school basketball team and would put on a show at half time which the fans truly enjoyed.

The Community Park came into existence in the early part of the century and has been the scene of many a gathering throughout the years, such as the County 4-H Fair, countless family reunions, baseball and softball games, horse shows, etc.

The Community Club, which has been a very active organization for many years, built and dedicated the Community Building in the year 1925. It boasted one of the finest gymnasiums in these parts. It was the site of many county and sectional tourneys and most always it was standing room only when tourney

time rolled around. To my knowledge, Flora had one of the first electric scoreboards in the state of Indiana. It was invented and built by Cecil Hendrix, who was a linotype operator at the Hoosier Democrat. Mr. Hendrix and Verne Daggy, local electrician, agreed to build and install the first electric scoreboard at the "Cow Barn" in Indianapolis, which at that time was the home of the state basketball finals. While erecting the scoreboard high in the gym, Mr. Daggy fell and was killed. The whole community mourned this tragic death and because of his popularity and the size of the crowd which undoubtedly would be too large for any church to accommodate, the funeral was held in the Community Building gym, and the town band played. Mr. Daggy's widow, Grace Daggy, and his daughter, Jane Sines, still reside in Flora. This put an abrupt end to scoreboard building for Cecil Hendrix. Several years ago I had occasion to be on the top floor of the Hoosier Democrat. I saw a scoreboard which was in the making but it was never completed. In later years Mr. Hendrix and Sidney Thomson collaborated in making the "Squacky" Squirrel Call. For several years they manufactured and sold them to sportsmen all over the country.

In the early 1930's, Richard Dixon and family of Indianapolis, moved to Flora and built the Flora Theatre. Joe St. Amand bought and remodeled the theatre several years ago and added the Coffee Shop. Esther Flora was manager of the Coffee Shop for almost twenty years. At the present time the theatre is owned by a man from Warsaw and Tina Hamilton is proprietor of the Coffee Shop.

In 1939, Mr. Dixon, who had a son and daughter in high school here, decided that the younger set needed a place of their own. He rented the room now occupied by the Douglas Photo Studio, and started a restaurant and dance place called the "Ritz." Dale Brower was hired as the manager and his two waitresses were Mary Elizabeth (Landis) Driggs, and her cousin, Agnes Raber of Camden. It was a very nice eating place and it had a "Juke" box that furnished the music for dancing. When the young people were looking for any of their friends during that era, the "Ritz" was the likely place to look. I spent most of my spare time there.

Honor came to this city in the year 1940 when Mary Garrison, daughter of Mildred and Russell Garrison, was chosen "Indiana Corn Queen" at the contest in Fowler with 15 girls entering. On the following Saturday a parade was held in the town of Fowler honoring the Queen and her court, riding on a beautifully decorated float, along with several decorated cars, color guards and bands including the famous Flora "Rube" band. Miss Garrison lived atop the Morrison Hotel in Chicago for a week, where she mingled with movie stars and celebrities of the radio world. When she returned to the "Garden Spot" she was considered by all the townspeople as a celebrity in her own right.

The highlight in the history of Flora basketball came in 1946 when the "Badgers" made it all the

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## History of Flora Utilities . .

The first minute book of the Town of Flora Town Board begins on September 29, 1896. Prior to this date, S. R. Long was paid \$1.25 for five dinners for the first elective board.

The election certificate of the first election reads:

'The undersigned election inspectors at a special election held on the 29th day of September, 1896 in the Town of Flora of The State of Indiana for the purpose of electing officers thereof, hereby certify that the following persons were elected:

William L. Hanna, Trustee, first ward

Frank P. Lyons, Trustee second ward

Abner Ratcliff, Trustee third ward

Louis T. Bell, Town Clerk

John W. Guthridge, Treasurer

John F. Barnard, Marshall

to serve until the First Monday in May, 1897 and until their successors are elected and qualified.'

James L. Willson

Joseph Bell

James R. Cromer

Elective Commissioners

Frank P. Lyons

Louis T. Bell, Clerk

Dr. Ellis Armstrong was appointed secretary of the board of health and Rueben Burreu, Frank C. Harner and Jacob Kraus were appointed members of the school board.

On January 1897 the following levies were announced: tax of 50c on \$100; 25c poll tax; \$1.00 each male dog, \$2.00 each female dog. The town marshals salary would be \$84.00 per year. Also in 1897 a franchise for 20 years was granted to the Logansport-Flora Telephone for telegraph and telephone service. Rates were \$2.00 per business, \$1.00 for residence, per month. A map of the town was to be made by the county surveyor and the board also allowed compensation of \$25 per year for each trustee.

In April 1899, a motion was made to exonerate W. D. Lenon of paying taxes on \$4,700 which was lost when his safe was blown up.

A franchise was granted Charles Dixon for electric lighting in Flora including poles, wires, lamps, and of supplying residences with power for heating and lighting, June 6, 1896.

May 19, 1905: A franchise was granted to and accepted by the Indianapolis Chicago Air Line Trac-tion Co. to install on the streets of Flora street cars with overhead cables.

May 1, 1906: Water works plan accepted. Stock issued and 1,090 shares were bought at \$10 per share.

1908: First volunteers for fire department were created (12 men). Plans were also drawn up for local sewer system. Sewers were put into service September 2, 1912 on east side and June 4, 1913 on west side.

March 8, 1915: School bonds issued for building new school of \$12,500. Building cost \$19,600. Car-negie Corp. gave \$10,000 for erection of free public library for town of Flora, February 13, 1917.

The town of Flora purchased the Flora Water Company in 1929 for \$40,000.

December 5, 1938: A petition signed by 155 legal voter residents was presented to the Town Board asking them to purchase the electric utility from the Indiana Service Corp. \$47,500 was offered but it was turned down. On July 14, 1941, \$55,000 was offered but still was not accepted.

May 7, 1945: A well was dug at Flora Park. This well was termed an emergency in order to get sup-plies because of war shortage.

July 2, 1946: Electric utility was finally purchased for \$150,000. This amount was issued in revenue bonds of \$1,000 each with last to mature in 1976. A. H. Giltner was named manager.

July 28, 1953: An ordinance was passed concern-ing the financing and construction of a sewerage treatment plant for the town of Flora. Estimated cost \$485,000. Bonds issued with a May 1, 1993 final maturity date. George Baum would manage plant.

June 24, 1960: Ordinance passed concerning the construction of extensions and improvements to the water works. Cost \$121,700. Bonds issued for \$70,000. Last bond to mature January 1, 1985.

May 10, 1965: New fire station and meeting hall.

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## FLORA WAS BUSTLING COMMUNITY . . .

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way to the final four. They lost to Anderson in the afternoon game, but the Indians emerged state champs that night beating Central of Fort Wayne in the final game. "Sweet" Ried was our coach and he was mighty proud of his team, especially Bob Cripe who came away with the coveted "Trester" award.

Flora had the spotlight again in 1962 when Jerilyn Jones, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert A. Jones was chosen Queen of the Indianapolis "500." According to her parents that was a busy and memorable month.

In recent years our town has seen several changes being made. A new post office, telephone building, super market, new high school composed of a five school consolidation, a new John Deere implement building, new furniture store and many of our up-town business places have recently remodeled to make our town one of the best small cities in Indiana. In addition to our downtown business places we have a weekly newspaper, two commercial printing companies, two automobile dealers, five filling sta-tions, a locally owned loan company, two dentists and one medical doctor who we are all thankful for.

Flora is fortunate to have more industry than most towns of its size. We have Pioneer Hybrid Corn, Stephen A. Young Corporation, Essex Wire, Indus-trial Cab Co., Zinn Manufacturing and the Spring factory.

Congratulations Flora on your 100th birthday. The way things are going at the present time it looks as though the Old Town will survive for another century.

# ELECTED OFFICIALS IN FLORA FROM 1896 TO 1972

September, 1896: William L. Hanna; Dr. Frank Lyons; Abner Ratcliff; Louis Bell, Clerk; John Guthridge, treasurer; John Barnard, marshal.

May 3, 1897: Dr. Frank Lyons; William Hanna; Abner Ratcliff; Louis Bell, clerk, resigned; Woodington appointed; Abraham McCormick appointed to fill term of Hanna.

May 6, 1898: Dr. Lyons; William McCreary; Abner Ratcliff; C. E. Smith, clerk; Luther Colvin, marshal.

May 10, 1899: Henry Trimble; Abram Eikenberry; Abner Ratcliff; C. E. Smith; Jesse Bright, treasurer.

May 10, 1900: Albert Hanna; Abram Eikenberry; William Long; C. E. Smith; J. Bright, treasurer; William Moss, marshal; John McHone appointed marshal later. Chas. E. Nobes appointed to first ward.

May 9, 1901: Charles Nobes; Richard Callane; James Cromer; C. E. Smith; J. Bright, treasurer; Hiram A. Tritle, marshal; Edward Stouse appointed marshal later.

May 8, 1902: Charles Nobes; Richard Callane; James R. Cromer; C. E. Smith.

May 4, 1903: Charles Voorhees; Dr. Edward Peters; Martin Eaton; William Linton, clerk; Jesse Bright, treasurer; Edward Stouse appointed marshal later; Robert Toole appointed clerk later; George Benson appointed later.

January 1, 1906: W. C. Richards; Oscar Landes; J. H. Steckel; Lewis Shirar, clerk; James Copen, treasurer; N. E. Mayhill appointed clerk later. E. L. Colvin appointed clerk later; E. G. Kitzmiller appointed trustee later.

December 6, 1909: D. S. Mosier; F. C. Horner; Uriah Gath; Newton Grandstaff, clerk; Jesse Bright, treasurer.

November 8, 1911: D. S. Mosier; Frank Harner; Abner Ratcliff; Newton Grandstaff; Martin Eaton, treasurer.

November 5, 1913: Harry Spitler; Abner Ratcliff; Frank Harner; John Barnard; M. W. Eaton, treasurer.

November 6, 1915: Harry Eaton; Harry Spitler; Abner Ratcliff; John Barnard, clerk; Wilbert Kenrich appointed clerk August 14, 1917.

January 20, 1920: I. J. Brim; W. B. Ayres; John Allen; Wilbert Kenrich, clerk.

January, 1923: George Northcutt; Irvin Brim; Amos Clingenpeel; J. V. Bright, treasurer; Wilbert Kenrich, clerk.

December, 1927: W. F. Mummert; C. E. Stouse; E. R. Cochran; Wilbert Kendrick, clerk; Warren Knapp, treasurer.

January, 1934: Scott Clark; John Michael; Jesse Lowery; Wilbert Kendrick, clerk; Walter Price, treasurer.

January, 1936: E. E. Landis; W. I. King; Jesse Lowery; Wilbert Kendrick, clerk; Walter Price, treasurer.

January, 1938: E. E. Landis; W. F. Mummert; Glen Wagoner; Wilbert Kendrick, clerk-treasurer.

January, 1944: E. E. Landis; Glen Wagoner; Paul R. Burns; Wilbert Kendrick, clerk-treasurer; LaMont Jordan appointed clerk-treasurer, resigned October 1, 1947; William Wingard appointed clerk-treasurer.

January, 1948: Glen Wagoner; Laurel Smith; Paul Burns; William Wingard, clerk-treasurer.

January, 1952: Laurel Smith; Richard Landis; Roy Clark; W. K. Roberts, clerk-treasurer. January, 1953 Joe Northcutt appointed to fill Smith's term.

January, 1956: Glen Wagoner; Jesse Lowrey; Joe Northcutt; W. K. Roberts, clerk-treasurer.

January, 1960: Robert Jones; Clarence Watson; Harold Primmer, resigned April 2, 1963; W. K. Roberts, clerk-treasurer; Wade Morris appointed to fill Primmer's term.

January, 1964: Robert Jones; Clarence Watson; Wade Morris; W. K. Roberts, resigned August 1, 1965; Richard Leiter appointed, resigned September 30, 1965; Edgar Krauss appointed, resigned May 15, 1967; Devere Hoffman appointed.

January, 1968: Elden Pressler; Kenneth McGill; Gene Brim, resigned; Devere Hoffman, clerk-treasurer; Robert Julius appointed to fill Brim's term.

January, 1972: Elden Pressler; Kenneth McGill; Robert Julius; Devere Hoffman, clerk-treasurer.



**"CHARLIE" THOMPSON**

Charles Thomson, known to everyone as "Charlie" was a familiar figure uptown for many, many years operating a drug store where the Flora Sundries now is. Charlie, up at the crack of dawn and the last one home probably treated more sniffles, sore throats or what have you than any doctor for miles around. He was active in many community projects and was always ready with a helping hand for any worthwhile project.

### DR. A. J. COOK

Andrew Jonathan Cook was a son of Jesse and Susan Burns Cook and was born in Carrollton Township, Carroll County, March 1, 1859. He married Causada Belle Maggart and two sons were born to them; Locke and Glae.

Dr. Cook started practicing medicine in Flora in 1883. He practiced only 13 years and then sold out



to Dr. E. L. Peter. When he started his practice there were 42 doctors in the county. Dr. Cook was widely interested in civic affairs and was one of the leaders in working for the incorporation of the town of Flora. He was also widely responsible for the organization of the Maple Lawn Cemetery.

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### JOHN F. FLORA FAMILY . . .

John F. was the fifth child of Abraham and Lydia (Brubaker). Born March 11, 1860 in what is now known as the town of Flora. He was married to Malissa Indiana Allbaugh. They had eight children; Rolla, Clint, Howard, Herman, Norman, Carrie, Sarah and Orpha. He had four sisters; Ella McCain, Rebecca Brubaker, Mary Witter, brothers Ben Flora and Jake Flora. Twenty-nine grandchildren including Ralph Brower, Raymond Brower, Don Brower and Dana Brower, all of Flora. They have never lived outside of Monroe Township.

### WILLIAM M. ECKERLE

Bill Eckerle started "blacksmithing" in Flora in 1894. He built a large shop shortly after World War I where he stayed until 1944. He retired from the



blacksmith work and went to work for the Pioneer Corn Co., and a year later became the president of that company in Indiana. He retired as an active officer of Pioneer in 1955 and worked as a salesman for them until his death in August, 1958.

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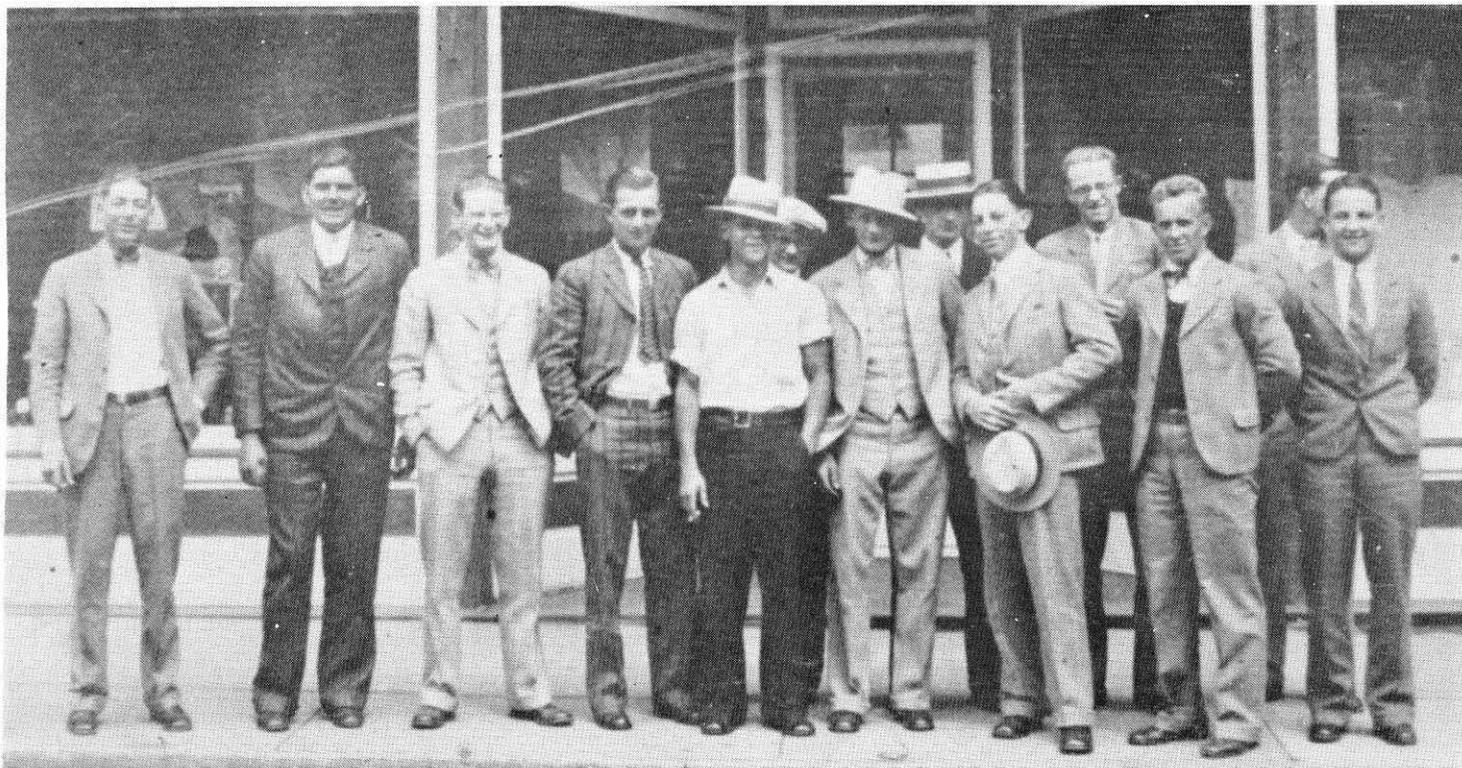
### DR. C. N. WILSON

A graduate of Bringham High School, Dr. Wilson attended Indiana University, graduating in 1911. He started practice in Rossville but was soon called to service during World War I. Upon discharge he practiced a year at Lafayette before moving to Flora in 1920. His first office was in the Kitzmiller building and in 1929 moved to the corner of Center and Main Streets where he practiced until his death in 1970.

Dr. Wilson was born December 11, 1886. On September 28, 1909 he married Miss Opal Flora, daughter of Lewis and Rebecca Flora, pioneer residents of Monroe Township.

"Dr." was a charter member of the Flora Community Club. The Flora Rotary Club and the American Legion. He had served as president of each of these groups.

Dr. Wilson was a prominent community booster for over forty years in Flora and was a favorite dentist for many people from Carroll and surrounding counties for years.



Chester Denoon, Morris Perigo, Barney McCune, Delbert Wray, Gus Root, Wilbur Yeater, Claton Riggle, Fred Flora, Eldwin Johnson, Noah Yeater, Howard Parks, Fred Clawson, Bob Bingaman.

Halloween in 1914



Margaret Ayres with her Class of 1914



Sorry . . . we didn't have room for all the names. Flora M. E. Sunday School — Primary, Juniors, Intermediates.



INVITATIONAL CHAMPS, JAN. 1931

L to R: George McCain, Supt., Kenneth Allie, Coach, Jim Woodward, Bob Jones, Bob Jordan, Tom Gasaway, Earl Trent, Austin Cromer, Dale Davis, Bob Bingaman, Leroy Yeater. By drum — Leon Viney, Bill Hawkins, Kenny Knapp. On sidewalk — Bill Leiter, Joe Jordan.



Top: Sam Ridgeway, Arthur Metzger, John Sheppard, Wm. Bowerman, Ervin Flora; Middle: Harve Bowerman, Frank Metzger, Jake Kingery, Clark Metzger, Bent Flora. Bottom: Ora Eikenberry.



Front: Helen Metzger, Edith Flora, Tom McCormick, Helen Myer, ———, Hazel Sines, Ernest Largen, Evelyn Ferguson, Joyce Eikenberry, Clair Eikenberry, Lemone Wray, ———. Second Row: Fred McCune, Ruth Cunningham, Virgil Parks, Joe Snell, Velma Rohrabough, M. Zeighler, Loyal Landis, Paul Ziegler, Lois Colvin, Sarah Bagley, Ella Trent, Vida Wiles. Third Row: ———Lucas, Dave Harmon, Kenneth Brubaker, ———, ———, Virgil Unrow, Agnes Bagley. Teacher Edna Peterson.



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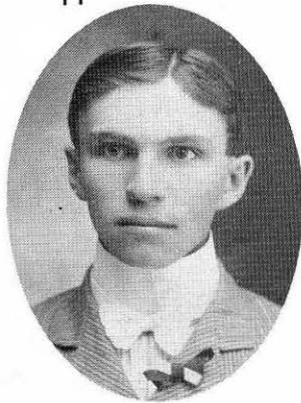
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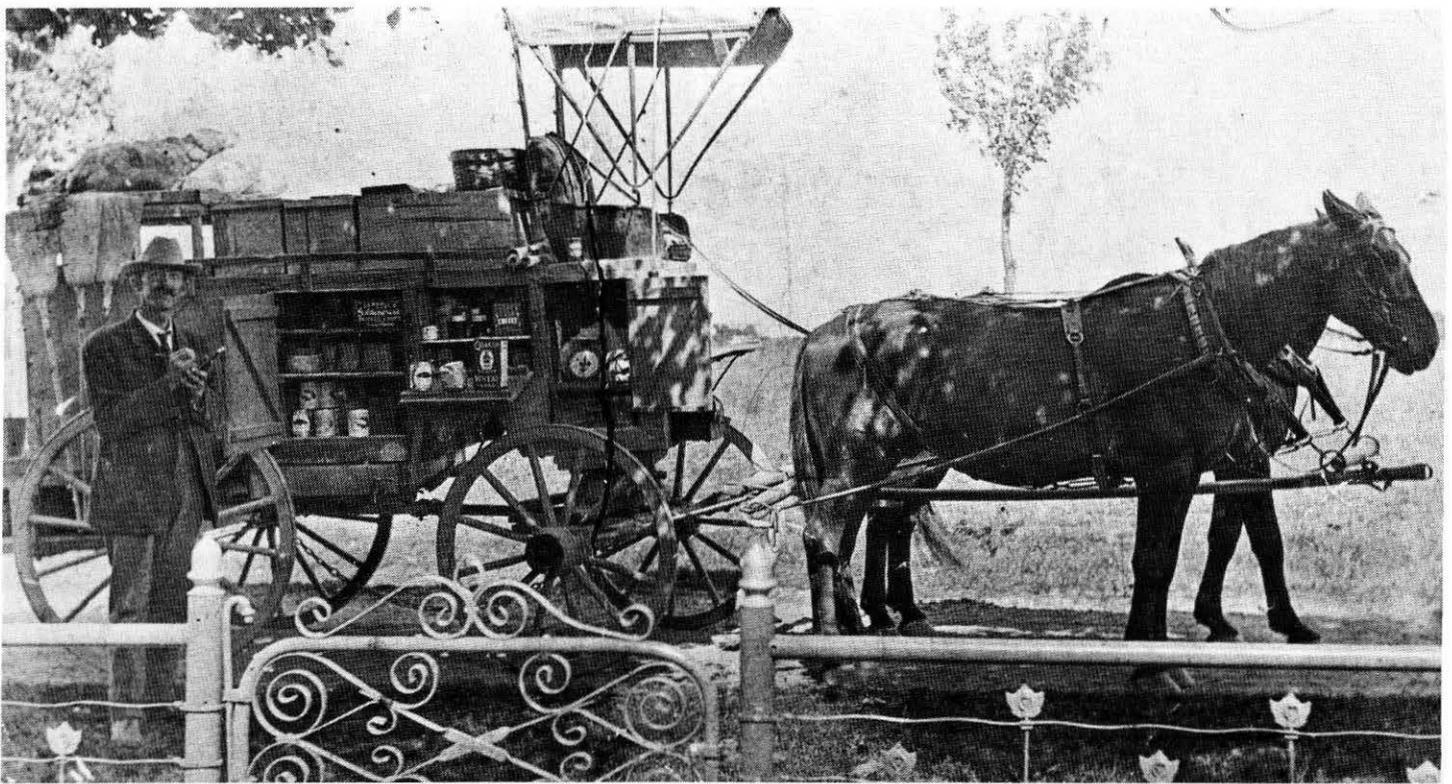
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Elmer Siple with load of coal



1929 - Charles Stouse and Bob Sines



Mike Retherford offering door to door delivery in 1899



November 12, 1918 (L to R): Paul Burns, Guy Kenrick, Chester Unroe, Ada Yundt, Reid Burns, Edgar Krauss, John Ratcliff, Russell Unroe.

## FLORA CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

The first organized group of Brethren in this community, known as the Bachelor Run Congregation, was effected in 1838. The first meeting house of the Brethren was first erected in 1854 at Pikes Peak, one-half mile southeast of Flora. It was known as the Lower House and two years later, in the present Bachelor Run or Walnut Stump Church location, the Upper Church building was erected. The two houses held meetings together, holding services in their own respective buildings on alternate Sundays. In 1884, the Lower House was relocated and built in the town of Flora. It was a wooden structure which was built at a cost of \$1,912.43. This included the pump, fence and boiler. Some of the earlier Ministers and Elders were: Solomon Blickenstaff, A. G. Crosswhite, Gilbert Stinebaugh, Henry Landis, David Niccum, Abner Bowers, Isaac Eikenberry, John Shively, Heil Hamilton, Riley Montgomery and Riley Flora.

In the year 1902, the wooden structure was torn down and was replaced by the present brick building. This was completed in 1903 at a cost of \$7,222. Church services between the Upper and Lower Houses continued until 1911, when the Church Territory was divided. On December 14, 1911, following the final Church Council of the Bachelor Run Congregation, the Flora Members reorganized their church. The name chosen for the new organization was the Flora Church of the Brethren. It was decided to retain all the old trustees for the newly formed church. They were: Richard Callane, A. W. Eikenberry and J. L. Cunningham. Ministers in the Flora Church at this time were A. G. Crosswhite, Riley Montgomery and Henry Landis. Elder Crosswhite was chosen to be the first pastor. In 1912, Rev. Crosswhite resigned and I. C. Snavely of Naperville, Illinois was chosen to fill the vacancy. It was the same year a new furnace was installed for the first time and a year later electric lights were put into use at a cost of \$105. New rooms and indoor toilets were added to the church basement in 1914. Rev. Snavely closed his ministry in 1917 and I. R. Beery of Lanark, Illinois replaced him the following September. Cars were appearing on the scene more at this time, so the hitchracks on the south side of the church were removed and the racks on the east side were made double.

In September, 1922, Rev. Beery resigned and H. C. Early of York, Pennsylvania was called to be pastor and elder. The first musical instrument, a piano, was installed in 1923. Rev. A. P. Musselman began his ministry in August, 1924, after the resignation of Rev. Early. On September 1, 1930, Rev. Ray O. Shank of Huntington came to take up the pastorate here and served the congregation until 1935 when he accepted the pastorate of the Gettysburg, Ohio church. His successor was D. W. Shock of Spokane, Washington. At the termination of his service in 1937, Ray Zook, the pastor of the McPherson, Kansas church came to serve at Flora as Pastor and Elder for ten years. The church celebrated its Centennial on September 4, 1938. To mark the completion of the 100th

Anniversary, new art glass windows were installed and dedicated. Rev. Zook resigned in 1947, to accept a pastorate at Nappanee, Indiana. Rev. Harlan Smith succeeded him. There was a large remodeling project in progress at this time, but was not completed until late in 1948. Dedication services were held on May 14, 1949. An electric organ was added in that year, too. Rev. Smith left the congregation here for another pastorate in 1951, at which time Glen Baird was named pastor. Rev. Baird served until September, 1954 when Rev. Charles DuMond, Sr. took up the work, serving until the fall of 1962. Since another pastor could not be secured at this time, Rev. Neils Esbensen of North Manchester was willing to fill in as Interim Pastor for one year. Then on September 1, 1963, Rev. Samuel Keller began his ministry here. He resigned in 1967 to accept the pastorate of two churches, Marion and Sweetser. Our present pastor, Rev. Vernon Powell, moved into our community in September, 1967. Since that time, a new church organization has been effected with a sixteen member church board, consisting of three commissions: namely, **Nurture** Commission—The Inner Mission of the Church, **Witness** Commission—The Outer Mission of the Church, and **Commission of Stewards**—The Stewardship function of the Church. The church board, with one chairman, is composed of five members on each Commission. The ex-officio members include the pastor, the treasurer of the church, the board chairman, the church moderator, and the church clerk. A large remodeling program was completed in March, 1970. Included in this was the painting, new church furniture, sound system, carpet, lights, remodeling of the Sanctuary, and the rewiring of the entire church.

Church history will continue to be made, as long as there are Christian people present to make it and write it. Our hope and prayer for the future is that we, not just the Church of the Brethren, but all Christians in our community, may be spiritually alive and making our witness strong and effective, so that we may be able to touch all of those lives who are in need of the "Gospel of the Good News!" God alone has this to offer to all mankind!

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## FLORA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

In September, 1905, the Rev. O. L. Prentice, pastor of Cutler Presbyterian Church, and the Rev. H. W. Steen, pastor of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church of Carroll County, Indiana, were invited by Presbyterians of Flora to conduct religious services for them in the Lutheran Church of Flora, which had been kindly offered to them by the officials of the Lutheran Church, and which had not been used for public worship for quite awhile. The invitation was accepted by these two ministers, and beginning on the first Sabbath of October, 1905, they held services in the Lutheran Church through the autumn and winter months, each minister having charge on alternate Sabbaths.

In February, 1906, the Stated Clerk of Crawfordsville, the Rev. H. M. Roger, having been invited, conducted a service in the church; and at that service he suggested that the people petition Presbytery to organize a Presbyterian Church in Flora. This suggestion was followed, and a petition was circulated and signed by 58 persons. The petition was presented to the Presbytery of Crawfordsville at its regular spring meeting held in Kirklintown, April 17, 1906. Presbytery approved the request, and instructed the Home Mission Committee of Presbytery to visit Flora, and study the situation, and if the way be clear and it seemed advisable, to organize a Presbyterian Church in Flora.

The Committee, composed of Rev. Dr. John P. Hale, Chairman, Rev. H. R. Stark, Rev. O. L. Prentice, and Rev. C. H. Wilson, met in the Lutheran Church of Flora on the afternoon of May 28, 1906, for the purpose of organizing a church. The Rev. H. W. Steen, pastor of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church of Carroll County being present was asked to sit with the Committee. After devotional services and sermon by Dr. Hale, and an address by Rev. O. L. Prentice giving in detail the events that led up to the petition presented to Presbytery, and the reasons that made it seem advisable to have a Presbyterian Church in Flora, the Committee proceeded to the organization of the church. Forty-nine persons united with the church by certificates of membership from other churches, and fourteen were received into membership of the new church on profession of their faith, making sixty-three members of the church on the day of organization. The name adopted by the new congregation was "The First Presbyterian Church of Flora, Indiana." Recently the name was changed to "Flora Presbyterian Church." At this afternoon meeting the officers elected were: Elders: Philip Niccum, John A. Blue, and Edward H. Hedderick. Deacons: William H. Lesh, Albert G. Clifton, and John W. Zartman. Trustees: Albert Good, Amos Albaugh, and William Myer. Treasurer: Uriah Guth.

The present church building was built at a cost near fourteen thousand dollars, and was dedicated January 15, 1911. Rev. O. L. Prentice was pastor when the church was built. The building committee

was as follows: Amos Albaugh, E. G. Kitzmiller, Philip Niccum, John A. Blue, N. E. Knettle, John Zartman, and A. A. Good, local contractor.

On October 18, 1907, the last council of this new St. Paul's Lutheran Church met their trustees to deed their church and grounds to the First Presbyterian Church of Flora, who assumed all assets and liabilities of the St. Paul's Lutheran Church. Amos Albaugh, the remaining Lutheran, transacted this for the council.

In 1919 the Manse was bought and repaired at a cost of about three thousand eight hundred dollars. In 1921 the Manse was remodeled as it stands today. Rev. and Mrs. E. L. Steffey and son Owen were the first to live in the Manse.

Today's membership numbers 148.

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## FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

During the late 1870's there were a few Baptist families in and near Flora who occasionally held services, usually in a private home. In 1880, the Rev. B. A. Melson effected a church organization facing the difficult task of raising funds to build the first house of worship. Moses Harter donated two lots on West Walnut Street and a modest building was erected.

In 1888, the Baptists gave the Methodists, who had no church building, a lease on their building for six years. This helped raise the money to pay the debt of the building. For several years, the congregation had no minister. In 1895, Rev. J. W. Stark effected a re-organization of the Baptist congregation and succeeded in remodeling the church at a cost of \$600.00. During the next 14 years, the church prospered and the old structure became inadequate. At that time, it provided a home for Baptist, Methodist and the Christians, the latter two both looking forward to building themselves.

In 1909, the pastor, Rev. Lee Fisher, with several progressive members and friendly citizens, started raising money to move and remodel the old structure. They purchased the present site on West Columbia Street from Mrs. Sarah Albright at a cost of \$2,900.00 which included the parsonage. The original building was moved to the present location and the church and parsonage remodeled. During this period, services were held in the Opera House which was on the second floor of the building now occupied by the Bright National Bank.

In 1910, the remodeled church was dedicated. A few of the members at that time were Madge Clark Kitzmiller, Etna Peterson Davis, Grace Northcutt McArtor, Arthur Fife, Nannie Pritts, Ruth Richter Lowery, Roy Richter, Millie Lyons Cromer and Pearl Ledman.

In the past sixty-one years, several pastors have served the congregation and there have been many changes in the membership. The present pastor is Rev. Dallas W. Blackburn, who accepted the pastorate December 1, 1971.

## BRINGHURST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

In 1874 the organization now known as the United Methodist Church of Bringhurst planned to build a church home. Prior to this they had worshipped at Zion Church and also in a school house on the west side of town. The building of this was a community project, the plot of ground being donated by Thomas Ross and the brick made by Wilson and James Hill at the tile shed located on what is now known as Benton Retherford property. The church was dedicated March 19, 1875.

In 1876 there were three Sunday Schools functioning throughout the year and in the summer time there was a combination class and prayer meeting. Three and a half months were spent in protracted meetings and in that year eighty persons were added to the church roll.

In 1880 the present parsonage was built and Bringhurst became head of the five point circuit, the other churches being Palestine (now Radnor) Zion, Mt. Olivet and Flora.

In February, 1898, the Flora Church was strong enough to become a station and their church building was dedicated in that year. In the same year, Mt. Olivet and Radnor were detached and connected with Colburn and Buck Creek.

The first forty years this five-point circuit was made with a horse and buggy when the roads were good. When weather and roads were bad, the preacher either walked or rode horseback. These were the days when each church had from two to six weeks of revival meetings. Class meetings were held one evening each week. The smallest salary ever paid was \$400.00.

In 1907-1909 the Sunday School room and basement of the Bringhurst Church were built. The pulpit was changed from the west end to the south end, with new seats, making it a very good place to worship.

In 1964 a Fellowship Hall was added to the west side of the Bringhurst Church, including a fully modern kitchen, and the coal furnace converted to gas. Memorial art glass windows and an electric organ were purchased and installed in the early 1950's.

Changes in the name of the Bringhurst Church have occurred. Originally known as the Bringhurst Methodist Episcopal Church by order of the General Conference, the name was changed in 1939 to the Methodist Church. Later in 1968 with the merger of the Methodist Church and the United Brethren, it is now known as the Bringhurst United Methodist Church.

Having been a two-point circuit with Radnor for many years, another change occurred in 1971, when the Bringhurst and Flora United Methodist Churches became a two-point charge of the Lafayette District.

We are indebted to J. W. Eikenberry, chairman of the History Committee for many of the earlier facts and figures. In 1941 he wrote: "As we look back over a period of 65 years, we are amazed at the determination, sacrifice, faith and fortitude of these

faithful souls who have made this organization and building possible. Surely ours is a goodly heritage. To those of us living now, there comes a challenge to carry on and what service this organization renders the community in the future will depend on our own devotion, loyalty and help we give it now."

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## LUTHERAN CHURCH

We find in the History of Northern Indiana Synod of Lutheran Church, referring to the mission churches organized by Rev. John L. Guard these words, "Rev. Guard organized St. Paul's Lutheran Church in the village of Flora, with eighteen charter members. It was the first church in the village." Organized—June, 1876.

Other records tell that on the second of March, 1878 this little group merged with St. Luke's Lutheran (a little church located about two miles east of Flora, and may have been organized about the time of the Civil War)—1864.

The union of these churches took the name of The New St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran of Flora, Indiana and being mission charges of St. Peter's Lutheran of Camden, had their resident pastors. Some eighty members joined this church, and they owned their building and grounds. In October, 1895 the Camden Church petitioned their Synod to drop the Flora charge.

This church stood on the north side on Columbia Street across the north side of where the lumber yard is today (moved to where Presbyterian Church now stands). This group disbanded November, 1907 (building bought by Presbyterian group). Members of the new St. Paul's Lutheran Church were:

Solomon Allbaugh, Sr., Eliza Ann Allbaugh, Washington Allbaugh, Amos Allbaugh, Mary Minerva Allbaugh, Emma Jane Allbaugh, Ida Allbaugh, Ernest Albright, Henry Albright, Sarah Albright, Mollie Albright, Elsie McCain Allbaugh, Alice Bowser, Sarah Cook, E. A. Cook, Susie Cline, Mariah Van Dyke, Marcus Van Dyke, Peter Gaumer, Charles Gaumer, Mary E. Gaumer, Lydia Gaumer, Amanda Gerholt, Elizabeth Gaumer, John Gerholt, Malinda Gerholt, Elizabeth Gerholt, Bessie Gaumer, Della Hagerty, Henry Koonsman, Lydia Koonsman, William Koonsman, Amanda Koonsman, Elizabeth Koonsman, James Montgomery and Martha Montgomery.

Also: Nancy Moore, Flora McCain, Amelia Moore, Flora Martin, Ollie Noaks, Emma Noaks, Henry Noaks, Thomas Noaks, Mrs. E. Riggle, F. W. Faust, Eli Shafer, Rebecca Shafer, Emma Shafer, Charles R. Shafer, Mary Shafer, John Shafer, Inez Clifton Shafer, Maria Shafer, Peter Shirar, Lewis Shirar, Rene Shirar, Sarah Shirar, G. W. Shirar, Suzannah Shirar, Isiah Shirar, Mary Shirar, Charles A. Shirar, G. F. Shirar, Martha Shirar, Perry Shirar, Jonathan Spitler, Mollie Spitler, Margaret E. Spitler, Wm. B. Switger, Rachail Switger, Charles M. Spitler, Sadie Spitler, Elizabeth Steckel, Amanda Randolph, Gustie Randolph, Mary A. Reener, Edward Heddrick, Mary Heddrick, Sophia Patton, Margaret Viney, Wm. C. Viney and Nathan Weida.

## FLORA METHODIST CHURCH

In the summer of 1880 under the leadership of Rev. Wesley Gillam a class of Methodist Episcopal denomination was organized in Flora. The Charter Members were the families of William Little, Cleon Keys, Samuel Thomas, Rev. Brackney, Mrs. Anna Michael, Mrs. Louella Gerhold and Henry Carter. The meetings were held in a frame school that stood on West Columbia Street where Charles Hendrickson now has his business. This was purchased by the Lutheran Congregation and moved to South Center Street where the Methodists continued to hold meetings.

As Flora did not become a definite appointment on the Bringham Circuit for a few years the pastor of this circuit preached at Flora only as opportunity afforded. In 1888 Rev. S. M. Hays was sent as pastor to the circuit. The members were unable to build at this time, but leased the old Baptist Church on West Walnut Street for a few years.

In 1890 Rev. B. F. Frey came as pastor. The circuit was changed from Crawfordville to South Bend District and on April 5, 1891 the first Methodist Sunday School was organized with a meeting of 85 people and a collection of 65 cents.

As the years passed the lease of the Baptist Church expired and the young church moved into the Odd Fellows Hall. The church was growing and in much need of a House of Worship of their own. Plans were made and on February 27, 1898, a beautiful brick church was dedicated by Rev. Bishop David H. Moore of Cincinnati, Ohio.

In the fall of 1900 the Flora Church petitioned the Northwest Indiana Conference to make Flora a station charge and to send them a pastor. The church prospered and grew and in 1914 the parsonage was built which still is in use. About 1915 the Old Zion M. E. Church disbanded and many of its members came into the Flora Church.

In the early morning of December 29, 1924 fire completely destroyed the church with all its contents. The official board went to work immediately on plans for a new building and November 22, 1925 the new church was dedicated.

In 1937 the Methodist Episcopal, Methodist Episcopal Church South, and the Methodist Protestant Church were all united under the same name, the Methodist Church. Our church continued working under the leadership of many fine and able ministers until 1966 when the United Brethren and the Methodist Church united under the name of United Methodist Church.

The year of 1969 was again a year of change. The Camden Methodist Church and the Flora Methodist were served by one minister, Rev. Dale Hamilton; with the new year 1972 more changes are being made and the Bringham and Flora churches will be under the charge of Rev. Milton G. Persons.

In future years may our church carry on with vision, good fellowship to make us a stronger church and through our vision for our church may we find ourselves trying to catch a glimpse of God's purpose for the world and for ourselves.

## FLORA FIRST BRETHERN CHURCH

The First Brethren Church was organized on the first day of February, 1886. The first church building was started October 5, 1886, and was opened for services on January 8, 1887. The first communion was held in the church January 22, 1887, and the first deacons were elected February 17, 1887.

Since that time the first church building gave way to a neatly enlarged remodeled building which was completed and dedicated in June 1909, which served the congregation until March 1917, when it was moved from the present site and a new mat-faced brick veneered building, trimmed with stone, with large brick columns at the approach which fronts the west.

Following are the pastors who have served this church since its organization: James Ridenour, Ed Hildebrand, W. W. Summers, Benjamin Flora, D. A. Hopkins, R. R. Teeter, J. M. Fox, A. S. Menaugh, L. W. Ditch, J. H. Swihart, V. R. Miller, Isaac Ross, W. A. Baker, C. C. Grisso, W. T. Lytle, S. C. Henderson, W. E. Thomas, B. T. Burnsworth, F. G. Coleman, Freeman Ankrum, James Cook, Vernon Grisso, Bert Hodge, Woodrow Brant, J. Edgar Berkshire, C. A. Stewart, Arthur Tinkle, William Livingston, Clarence Kindley, C. Edward West, present pastor, serving his first year.

The Brethren Church is proud to be a part of this community with its creed, "The Bible, the whole Bible and nothing but the Bible," has contributed to the spiritual needs of this community. All praise and glory to the Heavenly Father and His Son Jesus Christ.

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## GRACE BRETHERN CHURCH

The Grace Brethren Church of Flora had its beginning in 1940. There were eighty-one charter members who met in the basement of the Flora Public Library until November of that year when their new church building was completed. In 1943 the church purchased the Willis Mummert property, just across the street, to be used as a parsonage, which they retained until 1967. In 1964 a new addition to the church was built to supply needed Sunday School rooms, a larger kitchen and added heating facilities.

Through the thirty-one years of the church's history the Lord has wonderfully blessed. Many have found Christ as their Saviour and there are those who have gone out to serve as pastors, teachers and evangelists.

The church motto is "The Bible, the whole Bible, and nothing but the Bible," believing that God honors and blesses those who honor and trust Him and use His Word as their guide.

Through the years the church has given regularly of missions, helping to support missionaries on the foreign field and helping new churches in the homeland until they are able to go self-supporting.

During this period of time the following have served as pastor: Henry G. Rempel, Don Bartlett, Chas. Bergerson, Mark Malles, Chas. Turner, John Evans, Rolland Hein, Lee Dice and Robert Moeller.

## FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

In the year of 1879, a few courageous people banded together and arranged to have a minister come here to conduct a meeting which was held in the old school building just north of Flora, now used as a residence.

According to records, twenty people were baptized in Little Bachelor in 1880. Ministers were secured when possible to come and preach. These services were held in the Baptist Church on West Walnut Street. A minister living at Patton came, riding by train to Delphi and walking to Flora many times. In 1884 the group organized and had a minister permanently. By 1887, under the leadership of Brother Mavity, the members felt the need of a church home. A building was started at the corner of South Center and South Street where the present church now stands. J. C. Quinn burned the brick used in it at cost and Phillip Voorhees did the carpentry work as he had time. In the spring of 1888 the building was completed.

Through sunshine and shadow for 26 years the little brick church served its membership. By 1914 the need was felt for a larger church and the cornerstone was laid for the present church, June 18, 1914.

This building has been in use continuously since that time except for a couple of months in 1954 when a fire damaged the building and the Presbyterian Church very graciously invited us to worship with them. Our minister, Mr. Whipple, filled the pulpit as the Presbyterian was without a minister at this time.

Today we are grateful to those struggling pioneers who by their sacrifices and hard work started one of the churches in Flora which has continued to serve the community throughout the years.

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## OLD GERMAN BAPTIST BRETHREN

The beginning of this congregation was that of the Lower Deer Creek organization; for that is where the first settlers were.

In 1834 John Moyer Sr. (Myer), Kaye Wise records Flora date 1829 or 1830, a minister in 2nd degree, moved from Lower Deer Creek territory to 1½ miles southeast of Flora. In that year (1834) Deer Creek and Bachelor Run were organized into two districts. John Moyer, Sr. (Myer) was ordained elder, John Flora, Sr. (who started the town of Flora) was elected deacon. The Bachelor Run territory took in most of Carroll County, extending west and northwest into White County and east into Howard County. A log church house was built in 1835 at Pikes Peak, a cross road ½ mile east of the south edge of Flora. In 1854 a church house was built ¼ mile northwest of this one.

In 1880 Bachelor Run was one of the strongest congregations in the state, 350 members with a strong official body. At the 1881 separation, 126 members stood with The Old German Baptist Brethren. Officials were Elders Jacob Flora (younger brother of Flora who started town), Abraham Flora (son of John Flora who started town and Elder J. F. Flora's father) and Abraham J. Flora 2nd degree (Elder Jacob's son).

Deacons were Christian Eikenberry (Jake's father and Monroe's grandfather), Jonas Flora (son of John Flora who started town) and John Kingery (Lenna Bowerman's father, Chas. Bowerman's grandfather).

July 14, 1882, the lot between east Columbia and east Main Streets was purchased of Abraham Flora and wife, \$200.00 for two acres, recorded by Christopher Eikenberry, Jonas Flora, John Kingery. In 1883 the present Old German Baptist church house was built by Philip Voorhees of Flora. He also built the Deer Creek church house. A basement was put under the church house in 1947.

When the church house was built in Flora, Elder Jacob Flora furnished big poplar logs to make seats and tables. They are still in use.

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## ELIAS SHIVELY RELATES HISTORICAL EVENTS OF FLORA

*(This article was printed in The Hoosier Democrat, October 25, 1941.)*

Elias Shively, 82, local resident, is perhaps as well versed on this city's history as any other man. In a talk with the Democrat reporter Monday he reviewed how he lived on a farm now owned by Ed Eller north of Flora at the time the railroad passed through here and at the time the first house was built by Mr. Butcher. He states that the second was built by Simon Lape and the third by Mat Salisbury. The first store was owned and operated by "Daddy" Shoemaker. Mr. Shively's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Shively, were among the pioneer residents of this part of Carroll County.

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*These bits of information were supplied by Charles W. Hinkle when he talked at Flora Rotary Club and a part of his talk was published in the Hoosier Democrat.*

In 1895 his father purchased a butcher shop at Bringhurst and moved his family (then five) in a caravan of wagons and buggies.

At that time Bringhurst had a population of 655 and there were 23 business establishments. He listed the following ones:

Bill Smith, woodwork shop; Herman Barteski, blacksmith shop; J. H. "Hood" Copen, saw mill and lumber company; Metsker & Crume (Jeff Metsker and Doll Crume), wagons and buggies; Joe Riggle, hardware; Dug Owens, a Negro who operated a barber shop.

Also, Alf Clem, barber shop and restaurant; Lon Gerhold, blacksmith shop; A. B. Cohee, general store and an elevator; Dave Miller, drug store and whiskey; Tidrick's General store and post office; Bent Retherford, tile shed; Charles Goddard, stave factory; J. W. Hinkle, butcher shop; John Q. Miller, hotel and livery barn.

Also, Henderson, wood shop and caskets; Tuck Unroe's father, shoe cobbler; Beecher Parker, restaurant; Charles Thomas, cane and sorghum mill; three doctors, Henry Carter, Tidrick and Dr. Jackson.



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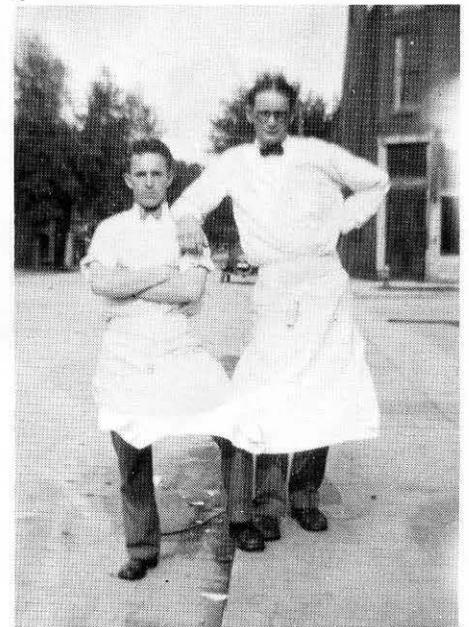


DELPHI EXPOSITION, SUMMER OF 1934

L to R: Billie Fraser, Galen L. Parks, George Northcutt, Bunnie Siple, Bill Hawkins.



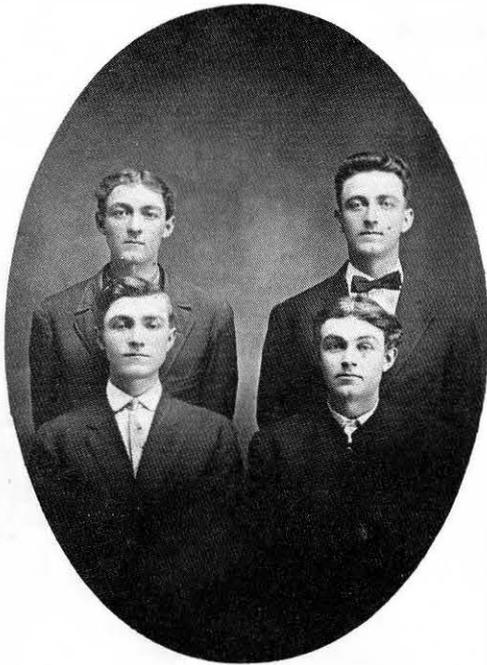
FLORA COUSINS: Sara (Flora) Angle, Ethel Replogle Dekker, Merle Spitler, Carrie Flora Bowerman, Elva Replogle, Orpha Flora Brower.



Howard Parks, left  
Barney McCune, right



Fear Jaques Co., on the Railroad



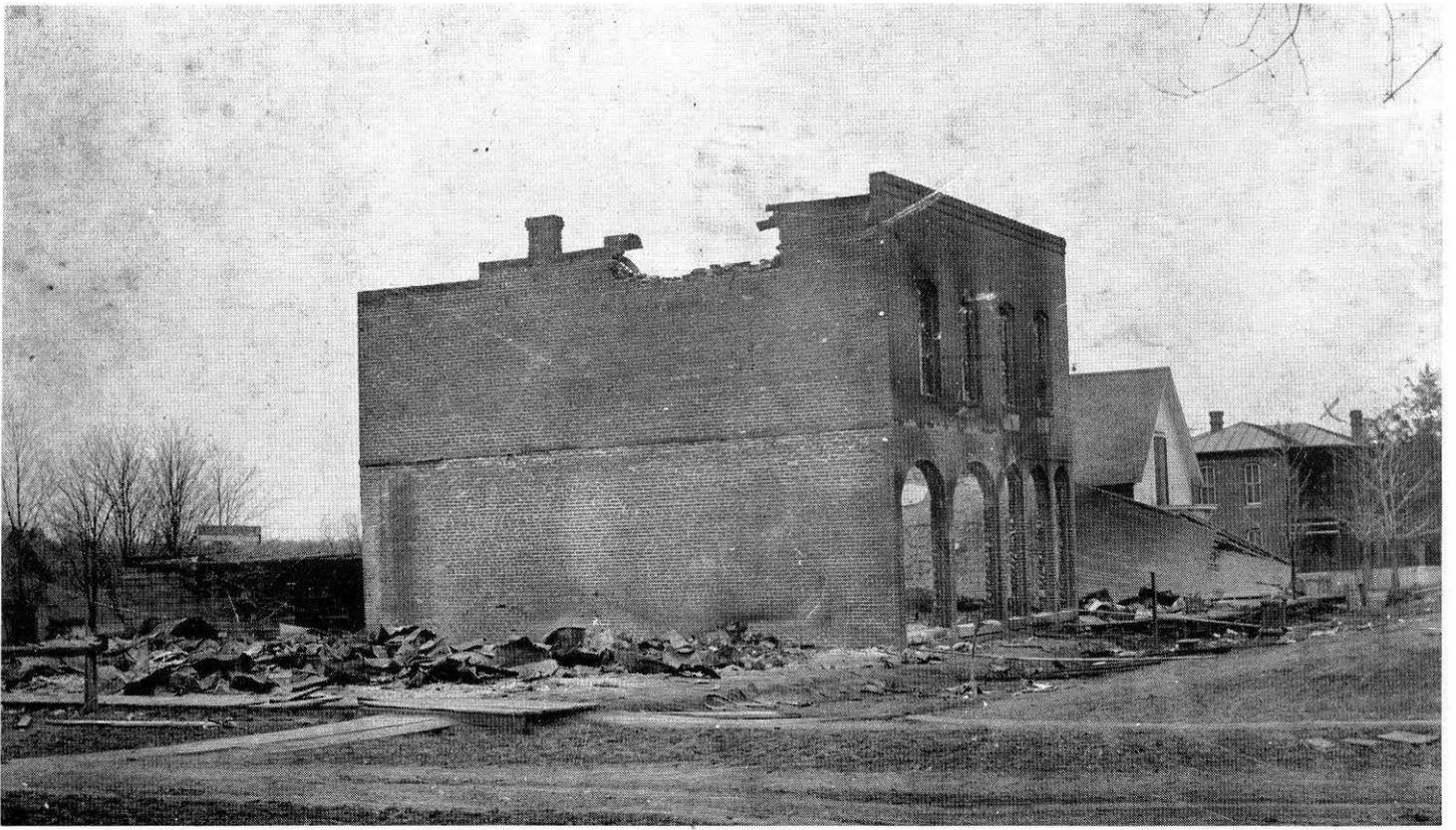
Rolla Flora, Howard Flora, Clint Flora,  
Norman Flora.



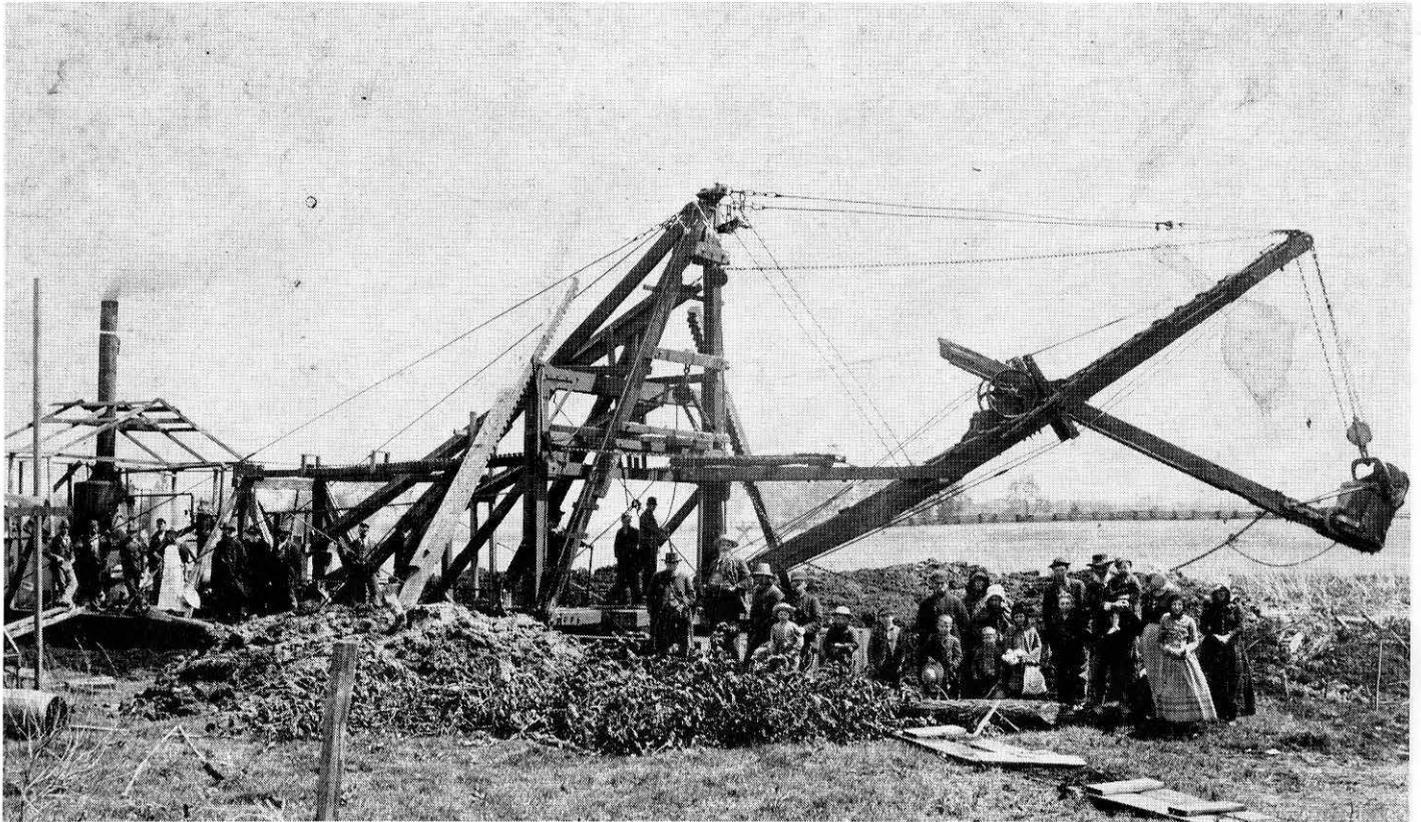
Ed Voorhees, May 30, 1932

Ed McKinley, Kenneth Knapp, Dana Brower - World War II  
on Guam.





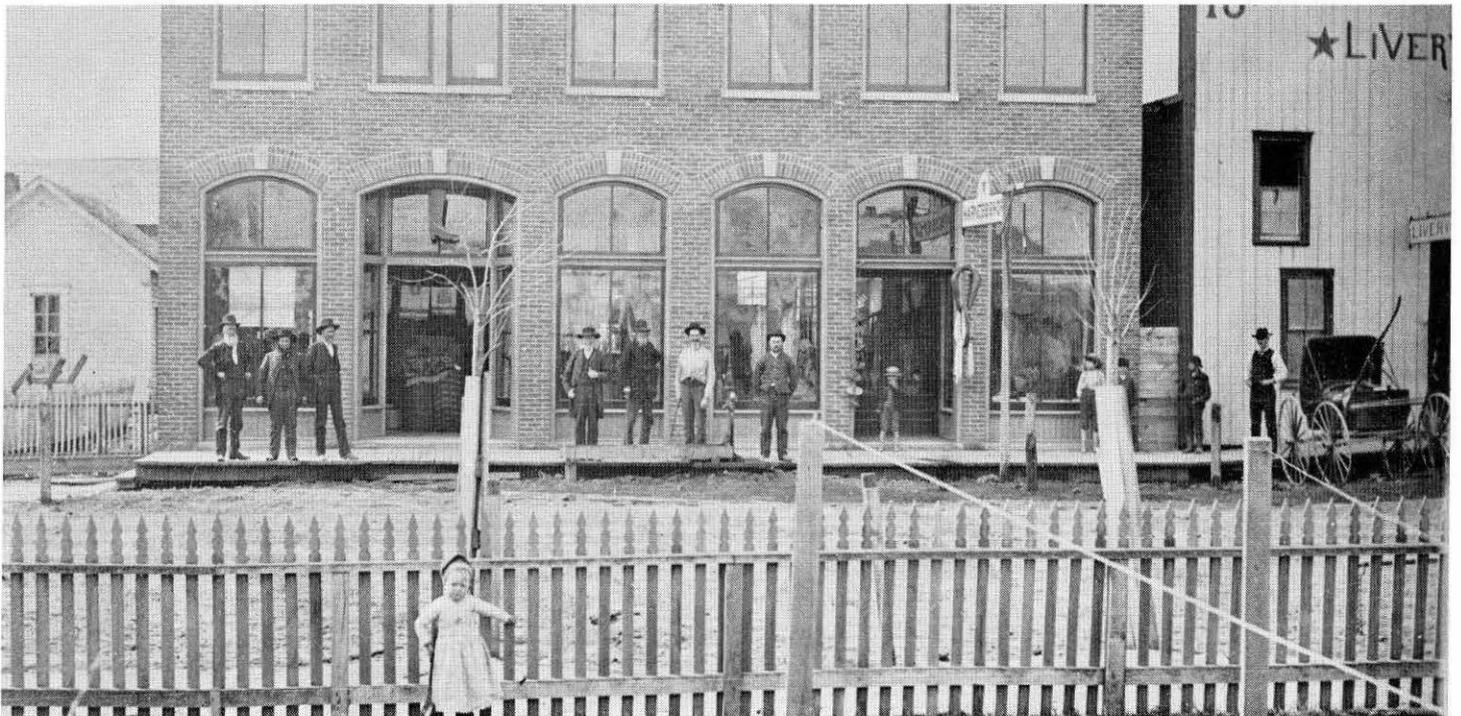
Ruins of fire where Bright National Bank now stands. Frame house former home of Dr. Lyons; brick home former home of Rev. and Mrs. Frank Collier.



Dredge that went through Little Batchelor. Many, many years ago.



Top: Gene Brown, Hazel Sieber Cripe, Josephine Voorhees Mitchell, Fred Wheeler, Lena Pullen Burns, Don Gasaway. Middle: Neva Ferguson Hundley, Alice Benham, Agatha Wheeler, Solomen Wickand, Fern Ramsburger, Royce Myer, Gladys Flora Pearson. Lower Row: Meredith Dunkin, Earl Wikle, Clarence Wiles. Class of 1916, Cast of Senior Class Play.



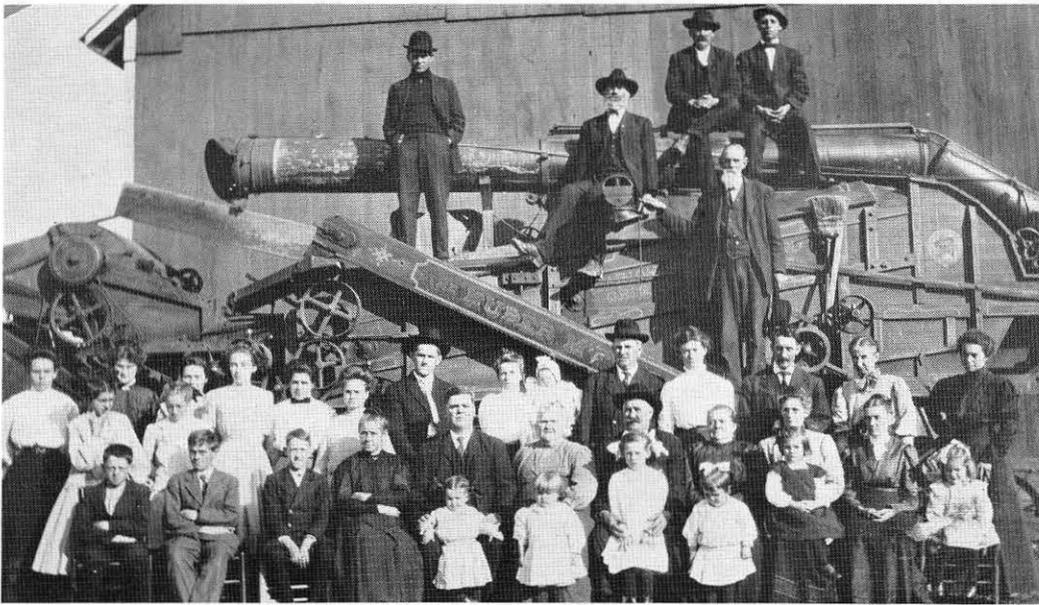
L to R: Clark Gwinn, Dave Niccum, Miles Jordon, Everman, Abe Packer, Parson, John Tidrick, Wm. Salsbery, Guy Cromer, Jep Smith, John Dudley. Boy in dress is Lock Cook. Looking across from D. E. Cripe Co.



Josiah and Betty Boone

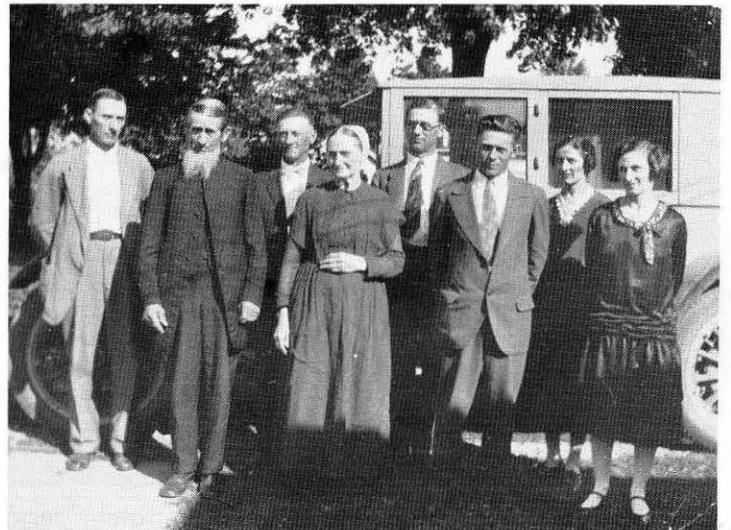


South Center Street in Flora



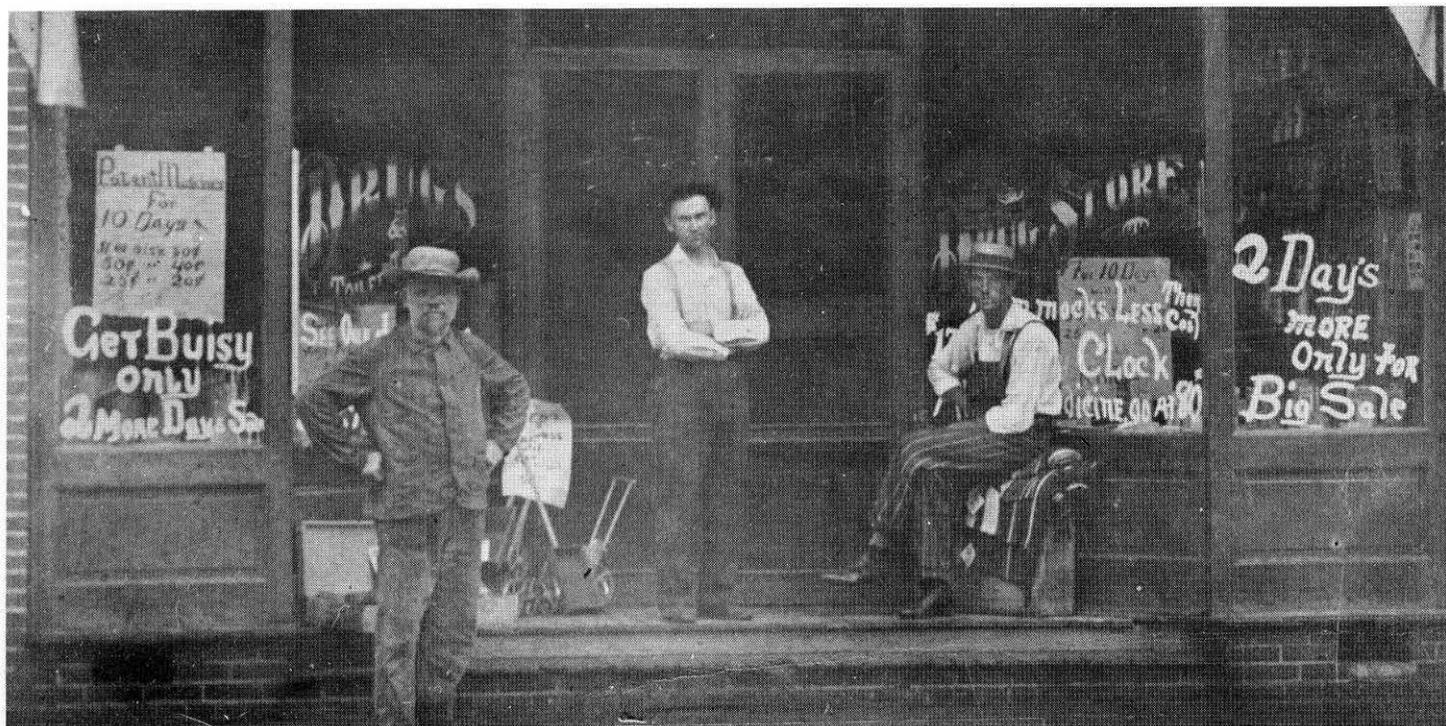
Works done . . . time for 1915 picture

Noah Flora, George Flora, Maurice Flora, Sarah Flora, Clarence Flora, Carl Flora, Cora Flora Sibbitt, Susie Flora Landes.





Top: Irvin Frank, Russell Ratcliff, Edgar Krauss, Art Zimmerman, Vern Ferguson, Lawrence Hinton, Wayne Smith, Donovan Beck. Seated: Harold Baker, Clyde Bonebake, John Weaver, Burnell Keyes, Emil Devinney.



Wesley Quinn, High Colvin, Jesse Overholser. Now Douglass Studio.



## IT WAS A SAD, SAD DAY IN FLORA . . .

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City Building Front Yard Burial  
Attracts Large Group of Mourners  
at Last Rites of Razor



## THE PALLBEARERS . . .

Kneeling: Em McKinley, Jerry  
Reinke

Standing: Mike Bishop, Dan  
Bishop, Ed Angle, Steve Mills,  
Don Craft

# GOLDEN-TEN STOCK CERTIFICATE CLUB

This printed page is to verify that all persons and businesses listed below have purchased ten (10) or more shares of stock and are registered stockholders of record of the Flora Centennial, Inc., as of April 17, 1972.

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WALTER & LA DONNA ALLEN	FLORA CHRYSLER—PLYMOUTH	HOWARD & AVA MCGILL
ALLEN SHELL SERVICE STATION	FLORA PACKAGE LIQUOR STORE	EMERSON MCKINLEY
ANGEL HILL GOLF COURSE	JOHN H. FLORA	MILLS & VELLA MCKINLEY
ED & BEVERLEY ANGLE	DALE FREEMAN	DR. BRUCE MEYER
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CLAYTON F. AYRES	MILTON & ANN GRAHAM	NORTH AMERICAN ROCKWELL
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BECK'S FURNITURE	PAUL GUISE	HOWARD PARKS
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ROLLA BRIM	MARY & RUSSELL HANAWAY	VADA ROSKUSKI
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RANDY BUSH	DEVERE & MARTHA HOFFMAN	JOYCE SPARKS
DR. & MRS. JOHN A. BUSH	GREGORY HOFFMAN	STEPHAN'S IGA
HERBERT CAMPBELL	FRED HUMES	CARROLL STOUT
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EVERETT CRIPE	ROBERT H. JULIUS	BILL WILLIAMS & FAMILY
D. E. CRIPE & CO.	HILDA KEARNS	MRS. VIRGINIA WILSON
DIMITT & SON	CARL KINGERY	WISLER ELECTRIC
GENEVA EIKENBERRY EDWARDS	MR. & MRS. ROBERT KINZER	YEAGER & SULLIVAN
CHARLES & MARY EIKENBERRY	WILLIAM LANTZ	MR. & MRS. DEAN A. YODER
CULLAN EIKENBERRY	LOIS LEDMAN	ZINN KITCHENS
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MELVIN & MARY FISHER	MR. & MRS. RICHARD MANN	
D. A. ALLEN MOBIL SERVICE STATION		CARROLL COUNTY FARM BUREAU CO-OP



**FLORA IS A  
GREAT TOWN  
— ESPECIALLY  
DURING  
CENTENNIAL  
TIME!**

Left to Right:

MARTHA HANAWAY  
LA DONNA ALLEN  
EDA TRENT



**IT'S A PLEASANT  
CHANGE . . .  
FROM MINI TO  
MAXI**

Left to Right:

MARTHA HOFFMAN  
CONNIE COLLINS  
JANE ANN CRAFT



## Ready for the Centennial Ball!

Left to Right:

SUSAN MANN  
LINDA BISHOP  
ELAINE BISHOP  
JOYCE SPARKS



## Flora Centennials' Own Radio Station ... K9EFY

Operated by Richard  
Curts, promoting the  
Centennial across  
the Nation.

## Brief Histories of Flora Businesses . .

### J-ANN DRESS SHOP

The J-Ann Dress Shop was originated by Elsie Foster on March 15, 1947. It was located at 7 S. Center Street in Flora in a room rented from Mr. Gil Haines. She named it after two of her grandchildren. She was owner and manager for 11 years, 8 months when she sold it to Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Price on November 10, 1958.

On August 15, 1961 Mark Briggs and Ralph Sparks purchased the store and were co-owners for 1 year, 7½ months, at which time Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Sparks purchased Mark's interest on April 1, 1963.

Mr. and Mrs. Sparks purchased a building at 3 W. Main and fully remodeled it. On December 20, 1970 they moved to their new location with the help of many wonderful friends and family.

### HAFFNER'S 5¢ & 10¢ STORE

Haffner's 5¢ to \$1.00 Store located at 39 South Center St., Flora, Ind., has served local people for over 25 years, offering a complete line of toys, notions and ready to wear merchandise. Haffner's is one of a chain of stores, operated by Haffner's Stores, Inc. which has stores in several cities and towns in Indiana, Illinois, Michigan and Ohio, with the main offices at Garrett, Indiana with Mr. D. L. Haffner, President, A. L. Neilsen, General Manager. Mrs. Alta Morris has served as Manager of the local store for the past 12 years.

### COLLINS CONSTRUCTION CO.

Fred Collins Builders, owned by Mr. and Mrs. Fred Collins, Sr., has been in the general contracting business for the past 25 years. In the earlier years, work consisted of remodeling barns, pouring feeding floors and laying foundations for homes and commercial buildings. In later years some of our achievements have been constructing the Pirates Roost Hotel and the beach concession on Lake Freeman, the H. & S. car wash, interior remodeling on the Essex wire building, the Star Wire Products Co. building owned by the Flora Community Club and several additions to the Stephen A. Young Corp. buildings. Most recently the firm purchased the original Flora railroad depot at which time it was moved and remodeled to house the present Monroe Coin Laundry.

During our 25 years we have employed as many as 15 and presently have three employees including our son Joseph L., manager. During the summer months the firm operates the concession and campground at Roth Park Beach on Lake Freeman.

### CLAWSON'S REGAL BLOSSOMS

Clawson's Regal Blossom Shop, Helen Briggs Clawson, owner, was formally opened on March 20, 1971. Mrs. Clawson, who trained at Purdue University, provides Flora with flowers, both fresh and artificial, for all occasions from baby christenings to funeral arrangements. Her wedding service also includes catering.

In the center of the flower shop is a beautiful fountain which was donated to Mrs. Clawson by her friends. Around the fountain is a flower bed. Many permanent arrangements are kept in the shop and anything in the flower line can be made to order, including planters and terrariums.

Prior to the time that Mr. Fred Clawson remodeled the building for his wife's flower shop and joined it to Clawson's Regal Grocery Store, the building housed a dress shop owned in turn by Elsie Foster, Mrs. Lawrence Price and Joyce Sparks; an electrical shop operated by Sparks and Jordan; and a clothing store owned first by Arthur Holub and later by High and Ed Colvin.

### DR. ELLER

After attending school in Modesto Junior College, Modesto, California for 2 years, Dr. Eller received his Bachelor of Arts degree from Indiana University in 1965. He was graduated from the Indiana University School of Medicine 1969 and served an internship in Ball Memorial Hospital in Muncie.

April 20, 1970 he reopened the office at 115 North Center Street, which had been built by Dr. Max Adams and later occupied by Dr. Carlos Amaya. Mrs. Max Mullendore, who had served both Dr. Adams and Dr. Amaya, was retained in the office and worked as Dr. Eller's first receptionist and assistant. Since that time his employees have included Miss Nancy Baker, Mrs. Joyce Adams, Mrs. Carolyn Bordner Riker, Miss Marlene Mullendore, Mrs. Shirley Wagoner, Miss Susan McGill and Mrs. Arlene Eller.

### STEPHANS IGA FOODLINER

On October 9, 1958, the Robert Stephans bought Burnham's IGA grocery store which was located across from the Community Park in Flora. (The Carroll Consolidated School Corporation Administration Offices are in the building at the present time). After remodeling and redecorating the store, its name was changed to the IGA Roundup. Then on November 10, 1958, Bob and Bonnie Stephan and their three children, Gary, Cindy, and Trent, moved from Peru, Indiana, to Flora to operate the business. Having outgrown the original building, in 1964 the Stephans acquired the properties of the Flora Produce Co. and the Shirar Feed Co. at the corner of Walnut and Center Streets. The old, deserted buildings were demolished, and a very modern and attractive building and a large parking lot were erected on the site. On September 13, 1964, the present Stephan's IGA Foodliner, one of the most modern and attractive supermarkets in the area, was opened for business.

### HANAWAY PLUMBING AND HEATING

On January 1, 1947, we purchased the Earl C. Smith Plumbing and Heating business at 19 W. Main Street. On January, 1948, we purchased our present location from Russell Talbert and we used this building for a warehouse and in 1949 moved our office and shop to 44 South Center. In 1965 we remodeled and built on our warehouse at 122 W. Columbia and took on the dealership for the Williamson Furnace and Gould pumps. In 1968 we incorporated the business as Hanaway Plumbing and Heating and continued to do business under that name.

### HELVIE HOUSE MOVING

At the turn of the century, William R. Helvie and his cousin, Reuban, came from Muncie, Ind. to Flora to begin moving houses. It was not long until Reuban sold his interest to William. The moving dollies used in moving houses were hand made from gum wood. The building would be moved by the use of a horse powered capstan (winch). Several houses on S. Center Street were moved to S. Division at this time.

C. Edward Helvie began working for his father, William, at the early age of 12 years and continued moving buildings until his sudden death in 1952. Ed, as he was known, pioneered the three point method of moving a house with all steel moving dollies. During this era, this business was known as Helvie Brother's. Edward did the moving and James Walter, his brother, did the masonry work, until the 1950's. All sizes of frame buildings, including two and three story houses were moved. The house at 12 E. Vine Street, where Mrs. C. E. Helvie now lives, had been moved there from the corner of Division Street and E. Columbia.

A few months after the death of his father Edward, William L. took over the business. He and his brother, John, had worked with their father during the summer months while they were in high school. Advancing with the times, the firm began using pneumatic tire moving dollies. Around 40-50 buildings are moved each year. One 150,000 gallon water tank at RCA Monticello has been moved two times. There are two houses in Lafayette that have been each moved five times. Several frame churches, four train depots, including the one in Flora, and log houses to be restored, are among the different types of moving being done. In 1969 an iron truss 125 ft. bridge was moved from near Greentown to Carroll County Meridian Rd. and was placed over Deer Creek, near Camden. Also, that year a story and a half brick house was moved in Lafayette. The farthest a building was moved was 85 miles. Mr. Helvie employs two full-time employee's, Marvin Gibson, who has worked since 1951, and Edward Lillibridge, who has been employed since 1960. Mr. Helvie's two sons, Tom and Terry, have worked the past five summers.

There are several similar businesses in Indiana, but this being the only one in this area.

### WASON INSURANCE AGENCY

On February 1, 1955 George M. and Helen M. Wason purchased the Carter Insurance Agency from Jack Carter. The Agency was operated by George M. Wason until his death on February 11, 1962. At that time Helen M. Wason assumed the agency and has operated it since. At the time of acquisition the office was located within the Bright National Bank but in February, 1966, it was moved to 15 North Center St., its present location.

## Brief Histories of Flora Businesses . .

### MANN CHEVROLET - BUICK, INC.

Having graduated from Cutler High School in 1926 Hoyte Mann was employed by J. M. Wheeler & Sons, local Ford dealer, as a janitor and car washer, later as a salesman and then as a salesman for Lee Chevrolet Sales.

Hoyte Mann and Henry Eaton bought the Lee Chevrolet Sales on January 26, 1931. The firm was given the name Mann-Eaton Chevrolet Co. This being an unusual name it appeared in Ripley's Believe It or Not in 1934.

With a bookkeeper and two mechanics, this firm sold 90 new Chevrolets in 1931. Due to the depression in 1932 they sold 25 passenger cars and 10 trucks. In 1937 they started to sell Buick along with Chevrolet.

During World War II the automobile industry produced war material and there wasn't any merchandise available for dealers. Therefore, this firm had an auction in 1942. It was during this year that the name Mann Chevrolet Co. was acquired after Hoyte Mann bought the interest of Henry Eaton.

Mann Chevrolet Co. operated from the room at 14 W. Columbia Street which had been purchased from Roy Good, until 1946 when they moved to their newly built building at their present location, 110 S. Center Street.

Richard Mann joined the organization in 1946 after returning from duty in World War II. In 1958 Charles W. "Bill" Mann joined the organization after returning from military duty. After a few years experience, Bill attended the Chevrolet School at Detroit, Michigan.

With continued growth through the years it became necessary to expand by buying lots across the street and next to their present location. Dwellings were removed from these lots and they were converted to car lots. Also, Hoyte Mann and Richard Mann purchased the building located at 713 E. Columbia Street from Homer Cripe to be used as a body repair and used car reconditioning shop. Later, lots and building west of this location were purchased from Jack Voorhees. These lots being used for new car lots.

The firm was incorporated in 1947 and acquired the name Mann Chevrolet-Buick, Inc. in 1970.

Presently, Mann Chevrolet-Buick, Inc. has an annual new car sales exceeding 500 units, average of over 700 used units, gross sales of near \$3,000,000.00 and employs 31 people with an annual payroll over \$300,000.00.

Although this firm is located in a small community it is one of the outstanding Chevrolet dealerships in Indiana.

### BRIM GRAVEL TRANSIT MIX CO., INC.

In 1923 Mr. Irvin Brim engaged in the gravel business. The product at that time was sold mainly to the county for road work. He was in the business until 1945 when Mr. Rolla Brim, his son, took over and erected a processing plant. In 1946 his son, John Brim joined him in a partnership forming Brim Gravel Company. The business was incorporated in January of 1950 under the name of Brim Gravel Transit Mix Co., Inc. At this time the addition of ready mixed concrete was added. Mr. Gene Brim joined the business as a stockholder in 1950. The business was expanded to include a ready mix plant at Monticello, Ind. in the fall of 1950. In 1956 a third concrete plant was erected at Remington, Ind. and Mr. Joe Briggs joined the corporation. This plant was later sold and a plant erected in Delphi, Indiana. In 1963 the business added precast concrete products for agricultural use. In the past twenty-five years, the full time employment has gone from three to twenty, with part time help in the summer months of around ten more.

### DOUGLASS STUDIO

The Jack Douglass Studio located at 19 W. Main St. was started by Jack Douglass in 1960 as a part time Photo Service. At that time he did candid wedding and newspaper photography for the most part.

In 1964 he began to do studio type Portraits in a room above the Hoosier Democrat.

In 1967 the present location was purchased from Earl C. Smith and the studio was moved there in July of that year.

After selling another business in March 1969, the studio has been operated as a full time business doing Portrait, Wedding, and Commercial Photography.

### CARROLL LUMBER & SUPPLY CO.

Carroll Lumber & Supply Co., formerly the Voorhees Lumber Co., was built in the year of 1901 at the same location, 28 West Columbia St., as it now stands.

At that time it was a 80' x 120' building and sold native and southern lumber.

In Feb. 1902 a store was built and some hardware, nails, and glass were stocked.

Deliveries were made by horses and wagon until a chain driven truck with hard rubber tires and no cab was bought. It was one of the first in the area.

Then lumber became available by railroad, and it was shipped in of the lumber in the lumber yard today comes from the same states from Washington, Oregon, California, Canada, and Louisiana. Most plus Arkansas which is trucked in by semi-trailers.

Box cars in those days hauled 17,000 to 19,000 sq. feet of lumber. Today they haul 50,000 sq. ft. per car, and it's unloaded by a fork lift truck then banded and stored.

Carroll Lumber & Supply Co. covers Carroll, White, Cass, Howard, Clinton and Tippecanoe Counties. Some of the finest homes and farm buildings have been built in these counties.

In April, 1966 one of the finest show rooms in the area was opened. Showing and stocking 500 to 800 sheets of paneling, 1,000 to 1,200 gallons of paint, hardware and millwork for contractors, carpenters, painters and the do-it-yourselfers.

We have come a long way in 70 years, and hope to continue to grow and serve Flora and the Community for years to come.

### THE HOOSIER DEMOCRAT

The Hoosier Democrat published its first issue on September 18, 1897, and will observe its 75th anniversary of publication on that date in 1972.

F. A. Moss, the editor and publisher in 1897, was the grandfather of the present owner, Alfred L. Moss. In the first issue he said, "This will be a Democratic paper in the camp of the enemy."

Ashwell Lynn Moss, who was 11 when the first issue was published, helped with its preparation. His career at the newspaper continued until his retirement in July, 1963. He had become the editor following the death of his father in August, 1916.

Alfred Moss joined his father at the office in June 1949 and became a partner several years later before becoming the sole owner at his father's retirement.

The Moss family has not held continuous ownership of the paper. Other owners through the years included Chester A. Keyes, Noah E. Mayhill, Bert Mayhill and Burr R. Keyes.

Since 1909, when F. A. Moss & Son re-purchased the paper, the Democrat has been in the same location. The first office was in the Myer and Eaton and Krauss and Co. building. The present home was the site of Nobes Drug Store before the Democrat moved there.

Ashwell Moss and his mother were co-owners from F. A. Moss' death until 1931 when Ashwell became the sole owner.

Many people have been employed at the office through the past 75 years — probably the best known were Cecil "Ding" Hendrix and "Swy" Honecker, both members of the famous Flora-Bringhurst Union baseball team along with Ashwell Moss.

### DAY'S HARDWARE

On April 26, 1945 we purchased the former Earl Smith Hardware, and I moved my wife Ethel, and sons Dale and Dean to Flora, coming here from South Bend, Ind.

The following year we put in new Hardware fixtures, they being the first commercial fixtures made by Orman Zinn. Again in 1969 we added new fixtures.

We added a complete line of gifts and housewares, and thru the years continued to sell Skel Gas Service, Kurfees Paints and Speed Queen Washers.

The store was sold to Mr. and Mrs. John Ayres in March, 1972. Phil Ayres also became associated with the store.

### HARRY JONES, D.D.S.

The office was opened in November, 1968, for the practice of general dentistry.

Bill Mann was the first paying patient.

In January, 1971, Dr. Jones lost part of his left thumb and was out of the office for about three and one-half months. Dr. Ron Johnston, who is now practicing in Indianapolis, took over in his absence.

## Brief Histories of Flora Businesses . .

### FLORA PRODUCE COMPANY

The Flora Produce Company opened for business April 16, 1917 in the Wilson Building which fronted on both Main and Walnut Streets and near the spot where the fire station now stands. Guy Kenrick, who was employed by Fear-Jaques Company for 14 years, the last five as foreman, and Bert Miller started the firm. Mr. Kenrick was manager and Reid Burns was assistant manager. The company dealt in buying and shipping poultry, both live and dressed, eggs, butter and hides.

George Wagoner was its first customer.

During the summer and fall poultry season, one or two live poultry cars were shipped via the railroads to New York each week.

April 11, 1917, Mr. Kenrick and Mr. Miller had purchased a lot from R. W. Perry, just across the street from where they opened the new business. This lot was just west of the sales room of the Carroll County Overland Company on West Walnut St. In June erection was started on a new two story building on this lot.

April 11, 1922, Articles of Incorporation were filed with the secretary of State by which the Flora Produce Company took over the Fear-Jaques Company poultry house which stood along the railroad tracks in the 200 block of North Center St. The concern had been in business in Flora for 10 years. The new business being capitalized at \$30,000 named Guy Kenrick of Flora, Bert Miller of Frankfort and O. P. Campbell of Tipton as the incorporation officers.

Other stockholders were Reid Burns, W. C. Jaques, Olive Moore, Carl Fear and Wilbert Kenrick. Guy Kenrick was named manager.

A new three story building was started in June of 1922 on the lot adjacent to the other building on a 60x120 foot lot Mr. Kenrick and Mr. Miller had recently purchased from Mrs. M. J. Kitzmiller. A third story was added to the older building and the completed building had a full basement. A modern cold storage plant was installed.

The Fear-Jaques Company Building was used for storage until it was sold to Smith Construction Company in 1935.

During the war years eggs were shipped from this plant to England as well as to many army camps in this country. Dressed poultry was shipped to both the East and West Coasts to be exported for use in the war zones.

In 1940 the firm purchased the Flora Electric Hatchery on South Center Street from Phil Endress and John McGill. The name was changed to Flora Produce Hatchery. All equipment was replaced with the most modern that could be secured. Lee Ulrey who had been employed at the Produce since July 5, 1921, was named manager of this division. The business remained in operation until October 1964 when the building was sold to the Flora Masonic Lodge.

On April 18, 1942, the 25th anniversary was celebrated by paying out 1200 silver dollars. This was the most silver that had been in circulation in this community at one time and brought forth many comments.

In 1961 after serving the farmers in this area for 44 years, the business was closed and the corporation was dissolved. This building and the lot west where the Commercial Hotel had once stood were sold and the building was dismantled. The I.G.A. Store was erected on these lots.

### ALLEGIANCE WIRE COMPANY, INC.

Allegiance Wire Company was incorporated on August 16, 1971. Previously known as Star Wire, this activity was formerly owned by American Wire Products Co., Inc. of Muncie, Indiana.

The current owners, Keith MacA. Stewart and Donald G. Hewitt were, prior to this venture, employed by a midwest wire products concern as Vice President Sales and Chief Engineer respectively.

Allegiance Wire fabricates wire products to customer blue print specifications. While this in itself is not too unique, the owners founded and operate their company on the philosophy of providing their customers a quality product with prompt and courteous service.

The plant itself, located at the intersection of S. Willow and Clark Streets, is of modest size, yet is fully equipped to meet the requirements of a large variety of their active or potential customers. Equipment includes a number of different type resistance welders, "T" and "Butt" welders, presses, straighteners, ring machine, load carrying equipment, etc.

Allegiance Wire Co., Inc. is very pleased to be part of the friendly and progressive Flora community and joins with all other in congratulating Flora on the occasion of its centennial year celebration.

## HEINOLD HOG MARKET AND HEINOLD COMMODITIES

Heinold Hog Market, Inc. was started with one country buying station in Kouts, Indiana in 1950. The Heinold Company now operates 50 markets buying hogs from over 100,000 producers in six states. In 1970, Heinold bought and sold over 3,200,000 hogs.

Today, more than 85 packers from New York to Florida, and from the Atlantic to the Pacific, rely on Heinold for a portion of their hog kill.

Heinold has four division sales offices of which *Flora, Indiana* is one. The other offices are located in Kouts, Indiana, Galva, Illinois and Grove City, Ohio.

The manager of the Flora office is Ralph Hanna, who has been with the Heinold Company since 1957.

Heinold Commodities, Inc. was founded by Heinold Hog Market and at present maintains 53 branch offices throughout the U.S.

*Flora, Indiana* is one of these branch offices and is managed by Paul Schrader. Mr. Schrader has been with Heinold since 1955.

Starting only in 1966, Heinold Commodities has grown to one of the largest commodity brokers on the Chicago Merchantile Exchange.

The Flora office is equipped with the latest electronic equipment to provide up to the minute prices and information. Constant contact is maintained with all major commodity exchanges in the United States for the benefit of their customers.

### SISSON JEWELRY

In November, 1947, F. K. Sisson, wife Eva, daughter Debra, moved from Corydon, Indiana to Flora, after he had graduated from the Cunnington Horology School, to 404 West Main Street. Mr. Sisson was employed by Mr. G. V. Brown (Flora's Jeweler for 40 some odd years) as a Registered Watchmaker. From 1947 to 1950, while working for Mr. Brown as a watchmaker, he completed his VA and Diamond appraisal course.

Mr. Sisson purchased the jewelry store after the death of Mr. Brown in October, 1950. In 1955, the store was moved from West Main Street to its present location, 16 South Center Street.

Many new and different lines and types of jewelry have been added. A complete and modern repair service continue to serve the public.

In 1954, a son, Scott, was born to their family.

We have enjoyed excellent employees during the years we have owned the store, Mrs. Ernest Rardon for seven years, Mrs. Freeman Atwell for 10 years, and Mrs. Jack Driggs and Mrs. Lowrye Oyler are continuing to help us.

The good people of the Flora area have been good to us and we hope to give them our very best in good honest jewelry service for many years to come.

### FLORA AUTOMOTIVE SUPPLY

Flora Automotive Supply located at 21 North Center Street observed its 10th Anniversary last January. It was established in January, 1961 by Mr. Joseph Haskett as a branch of Frankfort Automotive Supply. Present officers of Flora Automotive Supply are Mr. Haskett and Mr. Howard McGill who is the manager and co-owner.

Flora Automotive is one of over 4000 NAPA (National Automotive Parts Assn.) jobbers scattered over the United States and Hawaii. These jobbing outlets are served from 54 Master NAPA Distribution Centers. We receive daily deliveries out of the NAPA Distribution Center located adjacent to Weir Cook Airport in Indianapolis.

Over 90,000 different parts are available over-night out of Indianapolis. Replacement parts are stocked for all passenger cars, trucks and farm tractors. In addition complete stocks of service and supply items are maintained. Parts for small engines, marine and foreign cars are also available.

### DANIEL M. BROWN, O.D.

Daniel M. Brown graduated from Flora High School in 1938. He graduated from Northern Illinois College of Optometry in 1942.

Purchased the office of Dr. James Clemons in June of 1943. Has practiced Optometry in Flora on 8 E. Main Street. In 1950 he purchased the building at 10 E. Main Street, remodeled the building extensively and has practiced at this location up to the present time.

On June 15, 1949 he married Martha Lucille Baker in Indianapolis and they have resided at 207 E. Main Street, Flora, since this date. They have one son, George Vernon Brown, II, who at the present time is attending Indiana University enrolled in Pre-Optometry.

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### LAMONT E. JORDAN,

Mr. Jordan came to Flora as controller of the Flora Furniture Co. on February 29, 1944. This plant was sold in 1950, and he then decided to open a public accounting office here. His decision to do so was influenced by his recognition of the progressive spirit of the town, which seemed to warrant its having a resident public accountant to service it.

He opened up this office on July 1, 1950, and has in the past 21 years serviced over 125 businesses.

The scope of services offered are systems installation; auditing; write-ups; and tax consultation and tax preparation.

Mr. Jordan says that his experience here has been most pleasurable; that he considers Flora to be a "complete" town, in that it supplies all the necessary facilities that are incident to the present standards of modern living; that it is an extremely friendly town; and is a most comfortable place in which to have a home.

### LOWERY INSURANCE AGENCY, INC.

In June of 1921, a field representative of an Indianapolis insurance company stopped to see Jesse Lowery as he was plowing corn on his father's farm near Cutler. He wanted Mr. Lowery to be an insurance agent for the company he represented. Mr. Lowery agreed and opened his office on the second floor of Chittick's Implement Sales on South Center Street which is now the Masonic Temple. Dr. C. N. Wilson's dental office was across the hall in the north room.

At that time, the agency sold automobile and property fire insurance. Mr. Lowery drove from house to house all over Carroll County to introduce his lines of insurance. His first policyholder was the late William H. Ayres.

As his business began to grow, it was necessary to find a better location for his office. This was when he rented the office space in Good's building which is the present location of the Agency. They have occupied this space at the corner of Columbia and Center Streets for almost a half century.

Dean Lowery, a son, started working evenings and Saturdays in 1946 and upon his graduation from high school in 1947 became a partner with his father. Mrs. Ruth Lowery assisted in the office until her retirement in 1969.

In 1970 the building was purchased from the Good heirs and that fall was extensively remodeled into a modern insurance facility offering a complete insurance service.

### HAMMOND'S BEAUTY SALON

Judy Hammond's Beauty Salon started at 211 West Elizabeth St. in Flora on February of 1966. My first operators were Libby King and Janice Cripe.

They worked for about a year then one went to Lafayette and the other one to Delphi.

I next hired Pauline Lantz, who had her own shop with Edith Helvie until this time.

When Pauline quit, Libby King came back and worked until she went to Arizona. Then I hired Fredonna Faucett, and Janice (Cripe) Brooks came back till I had my second child.

When Fredonna Faucett and Janice Brooks left, Jennie Allen worked with me till she was married in June 1971.

Janice (Cripe) Brooks is now working with me at this time and we have moved to a new location on the Bringhurst Road, on November 20, 1971.

We have enjoyed serving people around the Flora area and have had very nice patrons.

### BECK'S FURNITURE AND APPLIANCES, INC.

Beck's T.V. and Appliances was started in July 1963 at 3 West Main St., featuring T.V. and appliance sales and service. In 1965 the Burnham Building across from community park was rented and furniture was added to the sales floor. In 1968 the L. M. Chittick Building was purchased and remodeled and opened for business in July 1968. The store then offered Whirlpool and General Electric appliances and RCA television, furniture, bedding, carpeting, custom drapery service and wallpaper. Norman and Jane Beck are owners and managers and Glen Clingenpeel and Kenneth Harshgarger are service personnel.

## FLORA IRON & STEEL, INC.

Flora Iron & Steel, Inc., originated in June of 1957. The original corporation was founded with Boyd H. Wheeler and wife, Martha, of Flora, Indiana, and James N. Newlon and wife, Mary Florence, of Kokomo, Indiana, as officers.

Request was made in June of 1957 for a site approval from the Town Board of Flora and this was granted. At the same meeting, the purchase of two acres of land, at the south end of Willow Street was consummated and construction of a pole building was started shortly after, for office and warehouse, which is currently in use.

In December of 1957, Boyd Wheeler and James Newlon dissolved the original corporation and Boyd and Martha Wheeler purchased all interests and continued the operation until the sale of same corporation to Lloyd and Rebecca Trent of Flora, Indiana, In July of 1963 and until her death in the year of 1964. Mr. Trent still owns this Salvage Yard.

Mr. Lloyd Trent employed his son, Martin L. Trent, at the very start of his operation and his daughter, Mrs. David Cable, as secretary. This operation has been very successful experience for all of them.

In December of 1965 Mr. Trent remarried to Eda M. Felker who helps out in any capacity as needed. In May of 1970 Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Trent purchased another two and one-half acres adjoining the original acreage from the Flora Community Club of Flora, Indiana. This firm is still in full operation of new and used steel, used auto parts and farm machinery.

## ESSEX INTERNATIONAL, INC.

Essex International, Inc., headquartered in Fort Wayne, is one of the country's leading industrial operations with 10 multi-plant divisions, and warehouses from coast-to-coast. The third largest industry based in the state of Indiana, Essex ranks among the top 200 on *Fortune* magazine's list of the 500 largest United States industrial corporations.

Known as the Essex Wire Corporation until December, 1968, the company was founded 41 years ago in 1930. Operations were small, as Essex had less than 100 employees to begin manufacturing the electrical harnesses used in the simple automotive electrical systems of the '30's.

Since then, Essex has progressed from the "wire company" stage to become a leading manufacturer of practically every product type required for the transmission, control, or end-product application of electricity.

The Essex plant here in Flora, located at 902-16 South Willow, is one of 10 plants operated by the Essex Controls Division. William T. Hopkins is vice-president and general manager of the division; Wally Loser is the local plant manager.

Essex is Flora's largest employer, and they make coil assemblies and transformers in their 50,000 square-foot plant. The finished products are then shipped to the Controls Division headquarters location in Logansport, where they are incorporated into relays and contactors and sold to air conditioning, heating and refrigeration manufacturers.

Essex is proud to be a part of this year's centennial celebration and heartily congratulates Flora, Indiana on her 100th birthday.

## JACKSON-LEE, INC.

The John Deere dealership is owned and operated by Matthew E. Jackson and Williard H. Lee. The business, formerly L. M. Chittick and Son (John) had been established in 1946 in what is now the Beck Furniture Building on State Road 18 west. In January 1962, Jackson purchased a one-third interest and became general manager of Chittick-Jackson, Inc. In 1963, Mr. Lee closed his John Deere store which he had owned eight years in Delphi, and purchased the interest of L. M. Chittick and became co-manager of what was known as Chittick-Jackson-Lee, Inc. In 1965, Jackson and Lee purchased the shares held by John M. Chittick, and the business became Jackson-Lee, Inc. In 1966, Jackson-Lee purchased six acres from the Flora Community Club at the corner of State Road 75 and Clark St. Here they erected a new Stran-Steel building with a working area of over 11,000 square feet in order to give better service. John Deere is their major franchise. In addition, they are also dealers for Avco New Idea, Brillion, Kewanee and Farmhand. The company employs fourteen to eighteen persons.

They base their business policy on the fact that "It doesn't cost, it pays to trade at Jackson-Lee, Inc."

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### ESSERMAN TIRE SERVICE, INC.

The business location of Esserman Tire Service, Inc., was originally constructed in 1933 by Bert Miller as a one room service station dispensing D-X products. The business was leased to Lee (Rosy) Flora about 1936 and tires soon became the specialty. In 1939 Frank Brower and Ed Esserman purchased the business and operated it until 1940 when Lee Flora purchased it back. Late in 1943 D. A. Garrison purchased the business and in August of 1945 Frank Brower and Ed Esserman again took over the operation. In December of 1947 Ed Esserman bought the interest of Frank Brower and in 1956 took Tom Gibson and Gene Michael as partners. E. E. Viney had purchased the original buildings in the late 1930's and sold them to Esserman Tire Service in 1965. Soon after Esserman's took down most of the building and replaced them with the present structures. At this time the Robert Kinzer home east of the original site was purchased and the present alignment and storage building was constructed. The owners opened a branch in Logansport in 1967 and in April of 1971 another store was opened in Frankfort. This made the company one of Indiana's largest volume tire dealers and they are affiliated with one of the largest tire buying combines in the United States. Tom Gibson manages the Flora store and Gene Michael manages the Frankfort store. Mr. Esserman is still active in all three locations doing most of the buying.

### ALLEN'S MOBIL STATION

The Mobil Station in Flora was built in 1936, by Fred Fry, and Elmo Deveny was owner from that time until 1956. He sold the building to Mrs. Emerson McKinley because of his health. She leased the building to Mr. Tom Tolen from 1956 to 1961, then it was taken into possession by Mr. Les Kleckner from 1961 to 1963. At that time Mr. Jake Rader had possession for one year in 1963 to 1964. Then the building was vacant until, April 1, 1967, when Mr. and Mrs. Dorval Allen reopened the station. They were able to run the station by themselves with part time help until, January 1969, then Mr. Jim Allen started working full time. They hired Mr. Edward Hamilton during that summer until he entered the service for two years. When he returned in April 1971, he was rehired. Their son, Jerry Allen, has been a part time helper since 1969, and is still working for them.

Still at this time the building is owned by Mrs. Emerson McKinley.

### VON A. BURTON PLUMBING & HEATING

David M. Forey, my Grandfather, started the Plumbing and Sheet Metal business in 1908 at Flora, Indiana, and my father worked for him for several years.

In 1912 my father, Charles Burton, took the business over and the name was Burton Plumbing & Heating.

In 1923 my father, Charles Burton and Earl C. Smith merged their businesses to become Burton and Smith Plumbing & Heating. This merger lasted two years. In 1925 they dissolved partnership and again it was Burton Plumbing & Heating.

In 1946 my father died. I had just been discharged from the service so decided to take over the business. I started in the Nora Clingenpeel building on North Division Street and was there ten years.

In 1956 I moved to the John Oaks building on Center Street. In 1959 I purchased the buildings and the business from John S. Oaks, where we now reside.

### ADAMS STANDARD SERVICE

The Standard Station was built in 1955 by Lyman Fisher and purchased by Bill Clark at its present location at the junction of State Road 18 and 75.

Tom Adams purchased the station from Earl Lybrook and Charlie Horn October 14, 1964.

Mr. Adams is a graduate of Camden High School and was employed at Esserman's Tire Service for 7 years before becoming owner of the Standard Station.

Tom remodeled the station in June of 1971.

He employs Louis Pinkard, Jack Johnson, Jerry Burns, Keith Handy, Richard Tatman, Terry Handy, and Gary Fitzer. Mrs. Mary Briggs and Gladys Adams are employed in the office.

### D. E. CRIPE & CO.

James L. Willson and Frank C. Horner came to Flora in about 1888. Mr. Willson had owned stores in Eaton, Ohio; Mexico, Indiana and Medaryville, Indiana. He also had an interest in Woolen Mills at Mexico, Indiana.

Mr. Willson traded his land near Medaryville for a general store in Flora. His son-in-law, Mr. Horner formed a partnership with him under the name of Willson & Horner. In the early nineties Mr. Horner sold his interest in the store to Mr. Willson and formed a partnership with Mr. James Wheeler in the Hardware business.

A sign that will always be remembered coming into Flora was: "Over the hills and around the corner to buy a stove of Wheeler and Horner".

A few years later Mr. Horner sold his interest in the store to Mr. Wheeler and purchased the Willson store. He moved the store West on Main St. into the buildings later occupied by the Post Office and Carroll County Press. This store extended from Main St. to Walnut St. The South part of the store carried ladies piece goods, calico, gingham, hosiery etc. The North part of the store had groceries, shoes and men's wear. William Hoonsman had charge of the groceries, John McMahon sold sewing machines. John Robyler ran a huckster wagon, trading merchandise for eggs and butter. In 1905 Koonsman and Robyler left Horner's to open a store of their own.

Mr. Horner discontinued the huckster wagon and together with Dr. E. L. Peters purchased ground of A. J. Cook south of old Bright National Bank building. In 1905 three rooms were built. The North room to be occupied by Horner, the middle room by Dora Myer furniture and south room by Dr. Peters office. The slogan for the new store was, "It pays to trade with Horner". The north room is still the home of Flora's Dept. Store.

In the fall a wagon with a hay ladder on it was used to deliver barrels of crackers that had been sold. The store carried ingrain carpet, rugs, linoleum, groceries and shoes. Early employees were Frank Honecker, George Northcutt, John McMahon, Charles Bell, Elmer Ayres, Elmer Cripe, Edith Moss, Blythe Draper.

The store sold chicken feed to the farmers to increase egg production. Mr. Horner asked Amand Sink if he could tell any difference in the number of eggs he was getting after using the feed. Mr. Sink said no he could not. Mr. Horner couldn't understand this because John Ann Blue said he caught two of his shoats that had eaten the grain, on the hens nest trying to lay an egg. Mr. Sink said the reason his hens weren't laying more, he hadn't fed them the feed yet.

In 1916 Charles Bell and Elmer Cripe purchased the stock of goods from Mr. Horner and the name of the store became Cripe and Bell. They continued the policies of Mr. Horner which made the store one of the leading stores in the county.

Mr. Bell will be remembered as the fleet left fielder of Flora-Bringhurst Union ball team, one of the leading Semi-Pro Baseball teams in the state. He also insisted on a well kept store with everything neat and orderly.

In 1918 Cripe and Bell purchased the building from Mr. Horner.

Employees at this time were Anna Weaver, Katherine Allen Grey, Fern Cook, Jerome Sheagley. Later Elizabeth Stancel, Naomi Voight Flora, Howard Parks, Hazel Seiber Cripe and Mark Horner.

In 1936 Mr. Bell wanted to sell his interest in the store. His stock was purchased by Lester Guyer and Wayne Crook. The store continued under the name of D. E. Cripe & Co.

Mr. Cripe has been in the store continuously since 1913, fifty eight years. Mrs. Hazel Cripe has been sales lady and buyer for over forty years.

Other employees have been Eris Steckel, Everett Myer, William Pattengale, Stella Yerkes Barnes, Charlene Bell Landis, Lois Cripe Crook, Marjorie Johnson McCoy, Albert Fisher, Mary E. Driggs, Ruby Thompson, Gladys Johnson, Pat Spittler, Ann Meyers, Lynn Fisher, Dan Yoder and Don Clingenpeel.

### TOWNE PASTRY

Time marches on. History makes present time. Our forefathers sought to choose this location (Flora) to their liking. We choose this business and operation because of our liking.

Towne Pastry, located at 40 S. Center Street, Flora, Indiana, owned and operated by Art and Thelma Dickerson in downtown Flora. Owners established this pastry and variety store in March, 1971. So we continue on as centennials do.

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### RINEHART REAL ESTATE AND AUCTION COMPANY

Rinehart Real Estate and Auction Company was founded in 1946 by Charles Ralph Rinehart and his wife Nina. In 1959 they were joined by their two sons, J. R. Rinehart and Martin Ralph Rinehart along with his new bride, Jeanette. In 1965 they were joined by Joellyn, the new bride of J. R. Rinehart.

Ralph built his business on farm, household goods and estate auctions. He later specialized in purebred livestock auctions working his way up to the point where he conducted more auctions for the Duroc swine breed than any other auctioneer in the U.S. for three consecutive years. Nina Rinehart found herself sitting on boxes, hard bleachers, lawn chairs, etc. from South Carolina to Texas watching Ralph conduct the sale of many outstanding purebred auctions. The excitement often generated itself to the momentum of a Mid-Western electrical storm as Ralph's auction chant brough forth the sale of Champions from state to state. The family and friends well remember the time Nina fainted when the Judge at the Indiana State Fair crowned a boar Grand Champion which was owned by the Rineharts. The boar received his banner with great dignity as Nina was whisked away in the ambulance.

In 1959 they purchased the Standard Oil Filling Station at the corner of State Road 18 and Center Street. The station was remodeled into a two-room office and Lynn Fisher worked as their receptionist. Martin took over as manager of the real estate office and married Jeanette Skiles whose Grandfather, John H. Flora, had been a local realtor from 1940 to 1960 and whom the town of Flora was named in honor of her Great Great Grandfather.

In 1960, after they had moved into their new Flora office, they entered into a partnership with Stanley H. Shippersides, Doctor of Veterinary Medicine, and his wife, Bea, whose office was located at 18 South Division St. This new partnership, known as Mid-American S.P.F. Swine Producers Association, became one of the leading producers of S.P.F., Specific Pathogen Free, swine, S.P.F. breeding stock production units were established in partnership with key swine producers in the area. Some of the producers playing a key roll in the production of S.P.F. breeding stock were: Jack Moss, Ray and Richard Funkhouser, Ernest Wyant, Wilbur Dyson, Devon Humbarger, Keith Pullen, Roy Woodhouse, Robert and Meredith Ayres, Wilson Bull, Levi and Bill Hufford, Donald Peters, Curt Sutton, Arthur and Robert Beard, Marion Blocher, Charles Meade, Jr. and Dennis Zook. These production herds and others produce S.P.F. breeding stock that is sold and shipped to swine producers throughout the U.S.

This International program has brought to Flora many International people wishing to observe livestock and agricultural production. Among these were the Russian Agricultural Attache, Vice President of Nicaragua, Government Personnel from Nationalist China, Japan, India, Greece and Vietnam. A group of journalists from Ireland visited the Flora area after which they published a three-series article on Indiana agricultural production in the Ireland Farm Journal.

In 1965 Rineharts purchased the building at 44 South Center St. from Lois Crooks and remodeled it into a 4 room office. At this time Jean Garrison joined the staff as secretary and J. R. Rinehart married Joellyn Garrison. Ralph Rinehart passed away on February 20, 1968 and the activities of the family were carried on by Martin and J. R. Rinehart. Charles Meads, Jr. joined the staff in 1970 working in livestock production.

### YEAGER & SULLIVAN, INC.

Yeager and Sullivan, Inc., R.R. #1., Camden, Indiana, was duly organized and incorporated the 7th day of March, 1958. The original stockholders were Mr. and Mrs. Charles L. Yeager and Mr. and Mrs. Joe B. Sullivan. The primary purpose for which the corporation was formed was to raise, import and export and deal in swine throughout the southern and midwestern states.

The Yeager family purchased Mr. and Mrs. Sullivan's interest in the corporation in February, 1969. The corporation today is recognized as one of the largest feeder pig dealerships in the world. The corporation employs approximately 30 people.

The corporation recently purchased property in Camden formerly owned by the Wertheimer Cattle Company and is doing business as the Camden Hog Market which provides a market for finished hogs.

### LEITER-REINKE FUNERAL HOME, INC.

The funeral home was formerly known as the D. B. Myer Funeral Home in the early 1900's. It was located in the present D. E. Cripe Furniture Store building.

In 1922 interest in the funeral home was purchased by William J. Leiter. The firm then was known as the Myer and Leiter Funeral Home. In 1927 upon the death of D. B. Myer, Leiter purchased the remaining interest in the firm.

In 1930 Leiter purchased the present building, previously known as the K of P building. The name was then changed to Leiter Funeral Home. C. Richard Leiter, nephew of William was taken into the business in the late 1930's.

The building was remodeled to its present state in 1962.

In 1968 the funeral home was incorporated with Jerry and Phyllis Reinke buying an interest in the firm. The remaining interest was purchased by Reinke in 1969. The name was then changed to Leiter-Reinke Funeral Home Inc.

### WAYNE DISCOUNT & LOAN CORPORATION

Early in the year of 1950 a group of local men, Lynn Ledman, Frank Roskuski, Clayton Ayres and Hoyte Mann, began discussing the possibility of establishing a Small Loan business in Flora. During the time of planning they conferred with Mr. C. W. Ryan who was with Associates, Inc. in Fort Wayne and who later became the manager of the local company. While in Fort Wayne, the question of a name for the company arose and it was decided to use the name Wayne.

On October 20, 1950 a license in the name of Wayne Loan Corporation was issued with the following officers: President, Mr. Ledman; Vice President, Mr. Roskuski; Secretary, Mr. Ayres and Treasurer, Mr. Mann. Then on October 28, 1950 a license was issued for the Wayne Discount Corporation with the same officers.

The first office was located in the Flora Theatre building with Mr. Lamont Jordan as the manager. Later it was moved to the Bright National Bank building.

Mr. Jordan resigned and Mr. William Morrow of Indianapolis became manager. When he resigned to move to California, Mr. Ryan came from Fort Wayne and remained until his death in 1967 at which time Mr. Dan Norris assumed the duties of manager and is still with the Corporation.

Later the office was moved to 710 East Columbia Street and on January 1, 1970 the two corporations merged and are now doing business as Wayne Discount and Loan Corporation with the following officers: Chairman of the Board, Hoyte Mann; President, Richard Mann; Vice President, Clayton Ayres; Secretary-Treasurer, Richard Ledman.

### FLORA TILE COMPANY

The Flora Tile Company, located at the junction of State Road 75 and 18, was built by Fred Frye in late 1947 with the first concrete drain tile being manufactured March 15, 1948. The tile was made on a hand operated tile machine.

The Frye Construction Company used this as their headquarters and as a lumber warehouse also. They built additional room on the front of the original building in 1950.

The business was sold to Claude Seigel of Indianapolis in 1953. Mr. Seigel added another tile machine and in 1955 built two kilns and a back room on the structure. The plant made 4" thru 8" field drain tile and 6" hub and spigot tile used in subsurface drainage in highway construction. There were about 5 men employed and the plant operated only parttime, closing in the winter months.

On January 12, 1967, the business was sold to the present owners, Paul Banning, Phillip Barnard and Louis Barnard who also own the Economy Tile Company, Economy, Indiana. They took an old machine out and added a new automatic tile machine and made several other structural improvements in the plant.

In need of additional yard space for the growing business, they purchased three acres more north of the plant from Fred Frye in 1968 and added a second automatic machine. The plant now makes 4" thru 10" concrete drain tile and stocks sizes up to 30". They also have many other drainage accessories such as aluminum culvert, aluminum pond kits and erosion control structures, vitrified sewer tile, precast hog slats, patio stones, etc.

The plant now employes about 15 men and makes tile the year around. The present manager of the business is Orville Reed.

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### ZINN MANUFACTURING, INC.

Orman H. Zinn began his enterprise some 28 years ago, never dreaming that it would grow and expand almost every year since then.

It all began when Mr. Zinn made wooden toys for youngsters during the second World War when metal toys were not available. His wooden wagons and tractors were in great demand by the children on the gasoline route which he operated at that time. His wood-working machinery included a band saw and a drill press, located in an upstairs room of the family home on the Flora-Bringhurst Road.

As time passed, Mrs. Perry Landis of Flora, an aunt of Mr. Zinn, wanted a sink cabinet made to cover the plumbing under her wall-hung sink in the kitchen. Mr. Zinn made this cabinet in the upstairs room and loaded it onto the side of the gasoline truck for delivery. This was the first of many cabinets to be built by Mr. Zinn.

Finding that custom-cabinet construction was much in demand, Mr. Zinn devoted more and more time to cabinet work. In 1946 he began full time operation of the woodworking shop and turned the gasoline route business over to the eldest son, Ralph Zinn. The cabinet business prospered, and in February of 1946 he hired Harvey Wagoner to assist him. Mr. Wagoner is still an employee of the company.

As the business continued to grow, all of the buildings located on the Zinn property were put into use. First, the woodhouse was used as a finish room by Mrs. Zinn. Then the chickens were sold and the chicken house became part of the factory. Later, the barn was moved from its location near the road and connected to the woodhouse and chicken house. Since the beginning, numerous additions have been made and the total floor space is now approximately 25,000 square feet. In addition to Harvey Wagoner, there are approximately 40 other employees, including four full-time salesmen.

Zinn's have been instrumental in changing the working habits of many housewives. In the early 1950's, dishwashers were just beginning to make their appearance. Now 2 out of 3 kitchens includes an automatic dishwasher. A modern workable kitchen now includes: an exhaust fan and hood to take out odors, an electronic oven to cook foods faster, automatic ice-makers, garbage disposals, trash compactors, Corning glass cook tops, and Instant-Hot water dispensers for instant coffee, jello, soups, etc. Everything is built into the cabinets to make a more unified appearance and save many, many steps in the kitchen.

Because of the great number of appliances now being used in a modern kitchen, Zinn's have become one of the largest appliance dealers for miles around.

Since the passing of both Mr. and Mrs. Zinn, their sons, Ralph and Dale are now the owners and managers of the complete operation.

### EIKENBERRY INSURANCE AGENCY

The Eikenberry Insurance Agency has been serving the Flora Community since the early 1900. My Father J. W. Eikenberry started in the Insurance, fire insurance was the one line at that time, with the Farmers Mutual Insurance Co. of Mulberry, Indiana and was President of the Company for several years. He died in 1955.

The insurance company appointed me their agent in 1955 and I have added other lines to conform with the needs of my policy holders. In the middle 1960 the name of Farmers Mutual Insurance Co. was changed to the Meridian Standard. My office is on the Flora and Bringhurst Road.

### HANAWAY PRINTING CO.

Harry Hanaway was an employee for 15 years, of the Flora Produce Co. as a route man and became acquainted with people in this area through that job. After two operations and the advice of the doctor, Harry decided that it was time to find a new occupation.

As it turned out a hobby developed into a profession and he now operates his own firm, the Hanaway Printing Co., at his shop back of his home on 312 N. Center Street. His expansion in the field came when the Monticello Speedway was being operated and needed someone to print its programs. One thing led to another and he now devotes his full time to his job.

Harry has been in business since 1952.

Hanaway is a member of Flora United Methodist Church, Flora Lions, Flora Masonic Lodge and Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite-Valley of Indianapolis.

### O.K. BARBER SHOP

The O.K. Barber Shop has been in the same location from 1911 until the the present date. It started with Harry Platt and Ben Leslie each with a half interest. Everett "Pete" Tolen came to work for them and a short time later, Pete purchased a half interest in the shop from Harry Platt.

While these two owned the shop, Harry Sanders worked for them. When Harry left, Buck Weaver came to work for a short time.

Clearance "Doc" Payne purchased a half interest from Ben Leslie in 1920. Otto Platt worked on Saturdays for Pete and Doc until 1930 when Fred Leslie came from Camden and worked steadily. In 1935 Doc had an insurance and real estate business in the shop, and in 1940 moved this from the barber shop. He continued to work in the shop on Saturdays. Charles Earl Jordan worked in the shop for a short time in 1944.

In 1946 Emerson "Em" McKinley purchased the half interest that had been owned by Doc Payne. Em had another barber shop in Flora from 1934 until 1944 when he entered the navy, where he was a barber until his discharge. His brother, High McKinley went to work in the shop in 1946 also. The O.K. Barber Shop was at it's height at this time employing four barbers, Pete Tolen, Fred Leslie, Em McKinley and High McKinley.

High McKinley left the shop in 1948 leaving three barbers. Gene Jervis, from Cutler, worked in the shop from 1954 until 1956. Larry Cohee of Rossville was employed in the shop for a year in 1957. Fred Leslie retired in 1959 and left the shop.

John Marvin of Idaville went to work in the shop in 1960 and purchased the half interest of Pete Tolen in 1966 when Pete retired. John sold his interest in the shop to Tom Ford of Kokomo in 1969. Tom stayed one year and sold his interest back to John Marvin. Em McKinley purchased this interest from John in 1970 and Em operates the shop alone at the present time.

Frank Hood, of Carrollton Township, has worked in the shop at different times when one of the barbers was on vacation or when extra help was needed.

### SISSON FLYING SERVICE

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In 1969 Sisson Flying Service was incorporated offering Flight Instruction and air travel from Flora's Municipal Airport.

Many students have completed their Flight Training Program and received their private Pilot License and Commercial License.

Trips from Flora Municipal Airport to such places as Keywest, Florida, Bahamas Islands, Anchorage, Alaska, Dallas, Texas, Waco, Texas, New Jersey, New York, Lincoln, Nebraska, many trips to Chicago Milwaukee, Detroit, including ambulance trips to Mayo Clinic, Cleveland Clinic and other emergency trips, with over 3500 hours of accident free air travel.

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### FLORA'S SUNDRIES

Warren Knapp and Albert (Bert) Flora bought the Frank Hunt Drug Store in 1898. This was a single floor wood building located where our building now is located.

Wislon Knapp (Warren Knapp) father bought out Albert (Bert) Flora interest in 1902 known as Knapp and Son Drug Store in the new building that Edward G. Kitzmiller built in 1902. The same building that Bishop and Bishop, Flora Sundries, and Clawson Regal Store now occupy.

Warren Knapp sold their Drug Store to Charlie Thomson in 1914 known as Thomson Drug Store.

Charlie Thomson sold his Drug Store to Robert Noble in 1952 known as Noble Pharmacy.

Robert Noble sold his Drug Store to John Murray in February 1967 known as Murray Sundries.

John Murray sold his Sundries Store to Leo L. Flora, April 1, 1967, known as Flora Sundries.

Leo L. Flora is the fourth descendant of John Flora, Sr., that owned most of the land where the town of Flora first started.

## Brief Histories of Flora Businesses . .

### CARTER FUNERAL HOME

Mark H. Carter, owner of the Carter Funeral Home on 204 South Center Street, was born in Bringham, the son of Dr. Lloyd and Cora Briggs Carter. He graduated from Cutler High School and took Mechanical Engineering at Purdue. In 1931, he entered the Askin School of Embalming at Indianapolis, graduating in 1932. After working for the Grimm Funeral Home in Delphi for three years, he bought some equipment and started in business for himself in the brick building at Cutler, later purchasing and moving to the Bone-brake property in Cutler. In 1940, the present funeral home was purchased here in Flora from Mrs. Area Landis. Since then, extensive remodeling has been done.

### THE STOUT AGENCY, INC.

The Stout Agency, Inc. originated in Burlington, Ind. in 1948, as a continuation of the Clarence Stout Agency. Clarence Stout began his insurance career in 1923 as an agent for The State Farm Insurance Companies and represented them for 25 years until his death in 1948. Following his death, his son, Carrol L. Stout succeeded him in the insurance business and in 1949 established The Stout Insurance Agency. These were the formative years and in 1949 Carrol L. Stout attended the Purdue University Life Insurance Marketing Institute in order to gain technical knowledge of an advanced nature in managing the Insurance Agency business. The Agency was operated in the town of Burlington until 1952 at which time, Mr. Stout purchased the John S. Mills Agency in the Delphi area and opened an office in the city of Delphi. He continued this operation for one year and it became apparent that the operation of two offices in opposite parts of the County would be a detriment both to the Agency and its clientele. At this time, new office quarters were rented in the Theatre Bldg. at 3 E. Columbia St. in Flora and in 1953 the Burlington and Delphi offices were consolidated at the Flora location. At the time the Flora office was established, Phyllis Beck Pieper was employed as Secretary and continued in this capacity until the latter part of April, 1971.

Real Estate and Appraising was added to the Agency services in 1961. On Jan. 1, 1966, the Agency was incorporated and became known as The Stout Agency, Inc. At this time, Mr. Robert Eugene Bray of Howard County, Ind. became affiliated with The Stout Agency, Inc. Mr. Bray is a licensed Agent with considerable experience both in Agency work and as an employee of an Insurance Company in the area. With the addition of Mr. Bray to the staff, the Agency purchased the James R. DeLong Agency of Colburn, Ind. thus adding business in the Tippecanoe Co. area and suburbs of Lafayette. At this time, due to the ever expanding growth of the Agency, it became necessary to move to new quarters. On July 1, 1970, the Agency moved to its newly purchased building at 45 S. Center St. in Flora, Ind. Known as The Insurance Center, it is a new and functional office with a spacious outer office, two private offices, a semi-private office, and working area in the rear. In July, 1970, Mary L. Stout became licensed and affiliated with the Agency as Agent and currently is Office Manager and Co-ordinator of Agency activities. On July 1, 1971, the Agency purchased the John R. Coble Agency of Rockfield, Ind. and extended its operating territory to Northern Carroll Co. and Cass Co. The Agency is now one of the largest in the four County Area of Carroll, Cass, Howard, and Tippecanoe Counties. The manager of the Real Estate Dept. is Mr. C. J. Harmon. In the Burlington area, Mrs. Wayne Bush is in charge of Real Estate Sales. Office assistants in The Stout Agency, Inc. are Joretta Harmon and Mrs. Lowell Brubaker.

### G. V. BROWN

Mr. Brown began business in Flora in 1904 as a Watchmaker and Jeweler. He learned his trade in Kokomo previous to this date under C. K. McCain. Mr. Brown continued his business in Flora until his death in September 1950. The business was sold to F. K. Sisson and was later moved from 17 West Main Street to its present location on South Center Street.

In 1908 Mr. Brown was married to Edith Moss. One son was born to them, Dr. Daniel M. Brown. Edith Moss was a daughter of Frank A. Moss who was editor of the Flora Sentinel. He also served for a time as postmaster. Mrs. Brown before her marriage worked at Horner's Store (now D. E. Cripe & Co.).

Mr. Brown was the son of William Cass Brown and Mary Hoffman Brown and was born in Ervin Township, Howard County, April 8, 1879.

### LOUDON PRINTING COMPANY, INC.

The Loudon Printing Company, Inc., owned by Mr. and Mrs. Frank Loudon was started in Delphi in 1948. With many customers in Flora it was decided to move to Flora late in 1948 in the old Dairy Queen building. Later it moved to the building now occupied by Sisson Jewelry and later yet in the building now occupied by the Wayne Loan Corp. before moving to 403 W. Maple in 1956. The company once published the Carroll Shopper, which had a great following in the community but due to a disastrous fire it had to suspend publication.

The company specializes in job printing and its many customers are located all over the state. Printing is done by either the offset or the letterpress method giving the company a flexible plant which can produce almost anything from just a few to millions.

Past and present employees include Tom McKinley, Tom Gill, Jerry Ensinger, Dana Brower, Dana Keyes, Hilda Baum, Kathryn Wagoner, Jane Wilson and Bill Loudon.

The company is proud to have been the printers selected to edit and publish the Centennial Book for the Town of Flora, 1972.

### EARL C. SMITH, THE FURNACE MAN

Mr. Smith was the son of Solomon S. and Mary Jane (Barnhart) Smith, both natives of Preble Co., Ohio. In 1904 Soloman and Mary moved to Carroll Co., and permanently located on South Willow St., Flora. Earl C. left the family home in 1913 when he married Elnora Dornier, of Frankfort, Indiana, daughter of John and Maggie (Reynolds) Dornier natives of Germany and Indiana. To Earl and Elnora was born one daughter, Mary Jane who lived and was educated in Flora, and later married Voris L. Chapman of Carroll Co. Elnora died in 1969 after living a full active life in Flora. She is buried in Maple Lawn Cemetery where the parents of Earl are buried.

Earl C. was educated in the Flora schools. Upon completion of his schooling, he began working in the hardware stores for Mr. E. E. Landis. Eventually Mr. Smith owned his own hardware and heating and plumbing store until 1948 when he sold his business and began serving the community as a service man for the plumbing and heating units. On November 27, 1915, Earl installed his first of multiplied dozens of furnaces in Carroll Co. As a result of these installations, Earl became known as "The Furnace Man".

When the Smiths came to Flora in 1904, they recalled the streets being dirt and gravel. The sidewalks on Main Street were wood and the sidewalks in the residential areas were gravel. Often horses sank up to their knees in mud on rainy days.

In 1936 Earl C. began buying houses which he fixed up and rented. He also built several houses in Flora among which two contain the lumber taken from the large hotel which stood on the spot now occupied by the IGA Store.

### THE COUGAR INN

When the building was remodeled in 1947 by Joe St. Amand the restaurant was under the name of The Coffee Shop. Joe's wife, Cora St. Amand, ran it for 6 weeks then Esther Flora of Flora ran it for 21 years. Then in 1966 Mr. and Mrs. Bill White of Flora, Indiana, bought the building from Joe St. Amand and then in March, 1971, was leased to Tina and Ed Hamilton and sons, Charles, from San Leandro, Calif. and Edward, from Flora. At this time the restaurant name was changed to the Cougar Inn Restaurant. We are proud and happy with the restaurant and the greatest people in this community walks thru our front door.

### JULIUS CLOTHING STORE

In the year of 1941, June 25th, the Julius Clothing Store opened for operation in the L. V. Myer building. Roy Clark who had been employed at one time in the store started working also for Julius. Mr. Clark had formerly worked for R. L. Ledman. The Julius Clothing Store had been well known in the community and county for many years since Mr. Julius' father C. O. Julius had been in business in Delphi from 1901-1942.

The thirty-one years that the clothing store has been in business the following people have worked in the store: Jr. Viney, Gene Brim, Al Moss, Bob Eaton, Bill Garrison, Bob Adams, James Davis, Jack Mitchell, Dana Keyes, Mildred Garrison, Maureen Johnson, Harriet Brower, Dick Trent, Dick Wilson.

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The winter of 1916 while in Miami, Florida, Glen Curtiss came down from New York State with three of his latest training planes. He used a sand field right where the Miami International Airport is located today. His instructors were charging \$600.00 to solo a student. Lee didn't have that kind of money, so all he could do was watch them fly, and dream about flying someday. World War I came along a few months later, and he was paid for learning. So in 15 short years after the Wright Brothers made their first flight, Lee was in the air flying Curtiss J-N-4D's which were nicknamed Jenny's.

He was with an artillery unit the first six months in the Army and then transferred to Kelly Field in Texas. Early in the war he saw the first parachute jump ever made from an airplane. It was over Kelly Field by Vernon Castle of the famous dance team of Vernon and Irene Castle.

In 1919 he was discharged from the Army and immediately signed on with the Kokomo Aviation Co. which had purchased 16 carloads of war surplus Curtiss Jenny's to use for barnstorming and resale.

In 1920 he purchased his own Curtiss airplane and brought it to Flora, thus becoming the first airplane owner in Carroll County. He landed in Spitler's Field near the school house, and through the generosity and civic mindedness of the late Bill and Harry Spitler Flora and Carroll County were furnished a landing field free of charge for the next 21 years. It was known as the closest-to-town airport in this part of the country. You could

land near the school house and be less than a city block from downtown.

He operated Curtiss Jenny's out of Spitler's Field for several years, doing passenger carrying, and flying wing walkers and chute jumpers at county fairs in Indiana, Ohio and Kentucky. In the early days in hot weather, many times it took him one solid hour to climb 5,000 feet, with a chute jumper.

In 1927 the Flora Aviation Corp. was organized. Dr. John Flora was president, Clayton Ayres, vice-president; Lynn Ledman, secretary and treasurer; and Lee Eikenberry was the chief pilot. They taught students, did passenger carrying and charter flights, and were dealers for Eaglerock and Waco airplanes.

Two of the more famous pilots Lee trained were Vic Pixey of North Judson who became chief test pilot for Republic Thunderbolt during World War II and Eddie Hudson of North Judson who, in 1967, had been with North American Aviation in California for 30 years.

Lee was fortunate to stack up some firsts during his 32 years and 15,000 hours of flying. In 1919 he was on the first air mail flight in Indiana. In 1920 he won the cross county trip out of Indiana. He flew a Jenny to Florida to fly at the state fair. In 1928 he flew the first retractable landing gear job in the U. S. and in 1932 he flew the first two-control plane in the U. S.

Lee retired in 1949 with many fine memories of his flying experiences.

On October 1, 1967 Lee was the keynote speaker at the dedication of the Flora Municipal Airport.

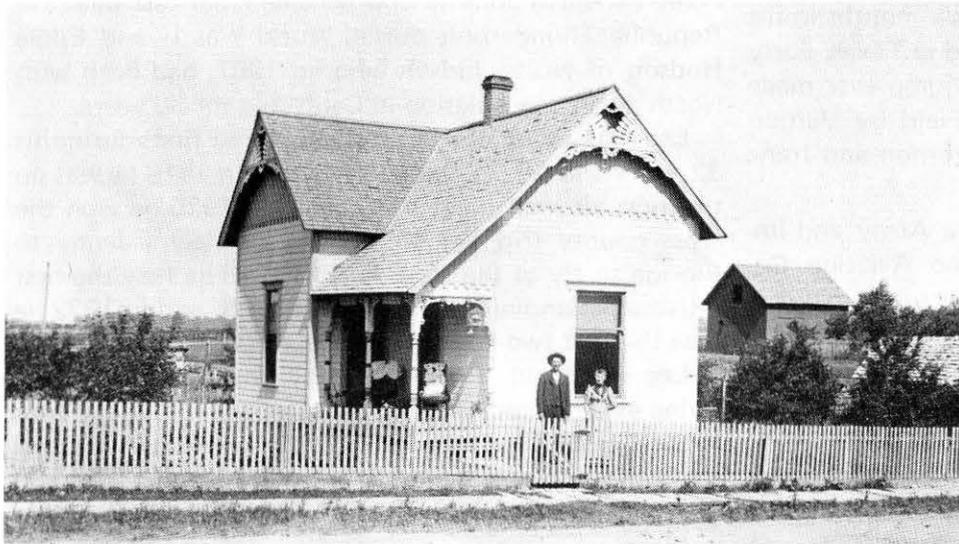
Lee passed away November 17, 1970 at his residence in Flora.

The town of Flora is very honored to have been the home of this great pioneer in the air industry.



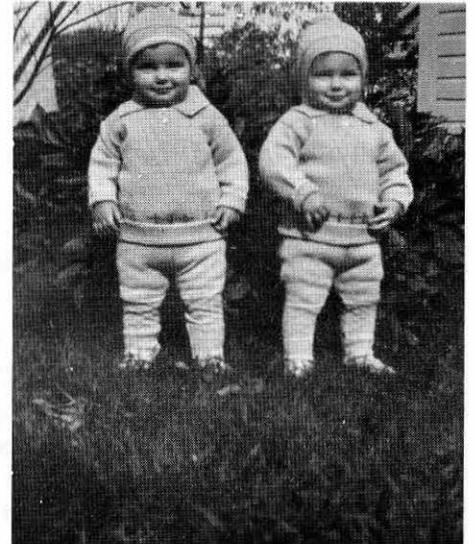
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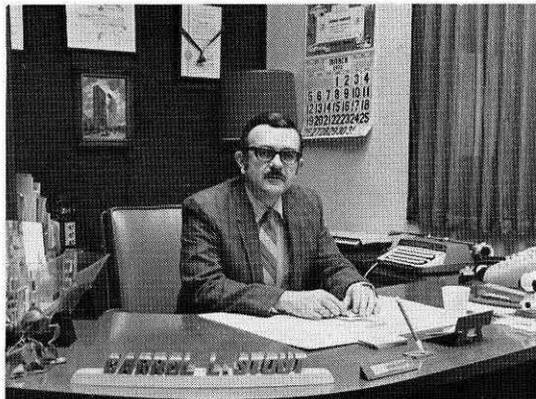
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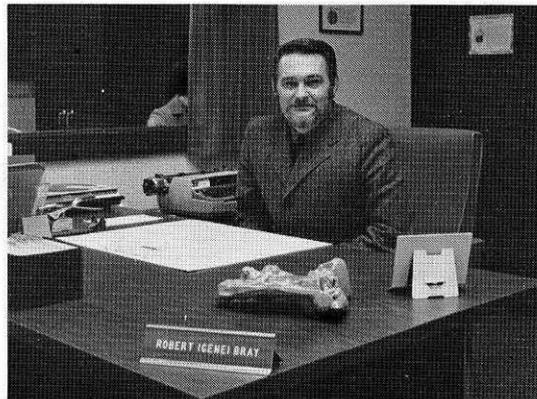
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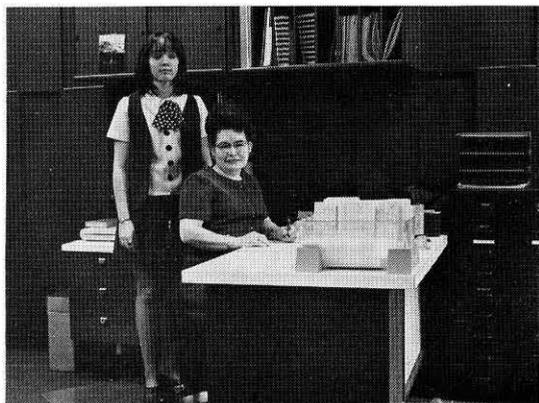
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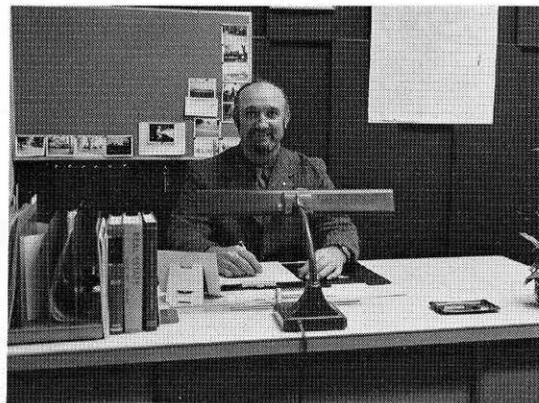
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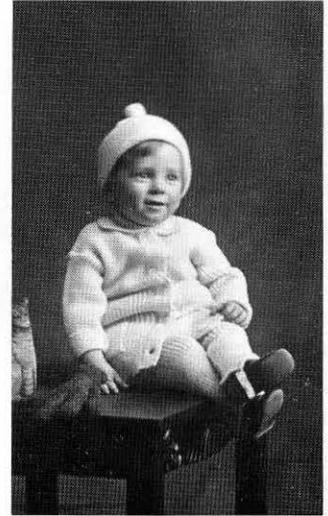
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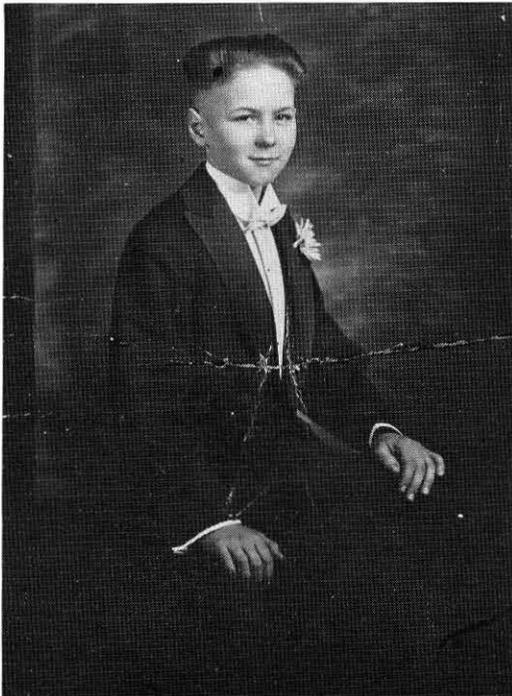


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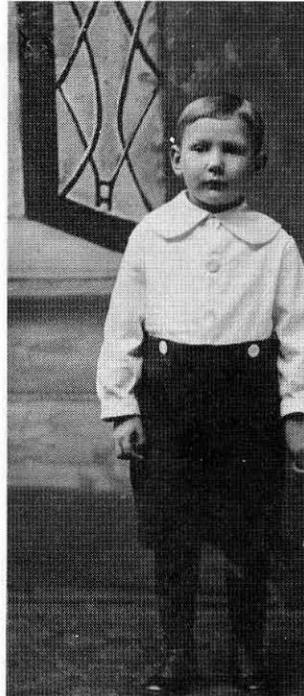


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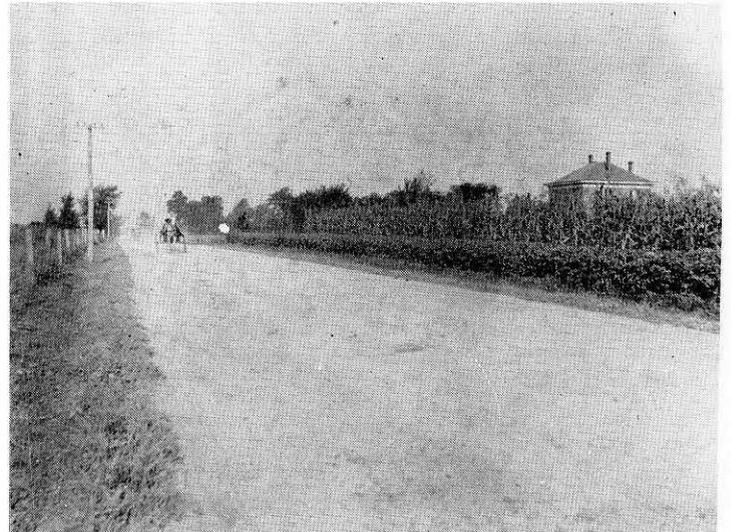
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Town of Flora, looking South from what is now Leiter Funeral Home.

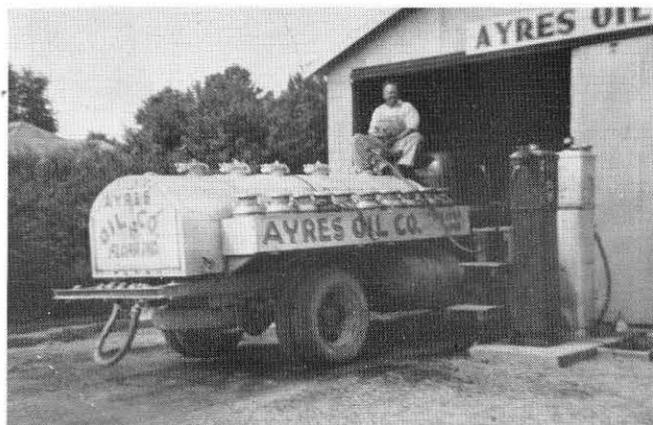


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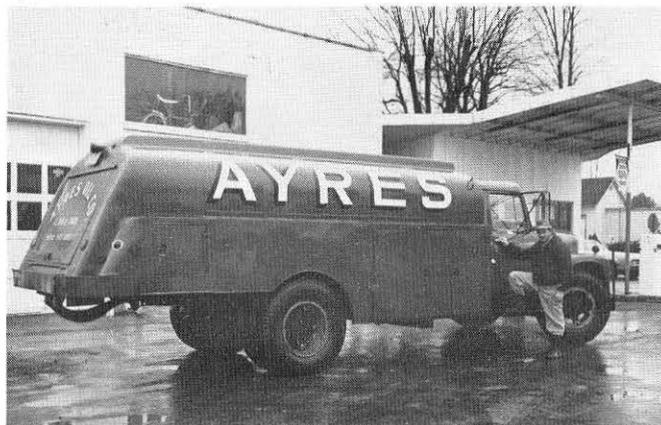
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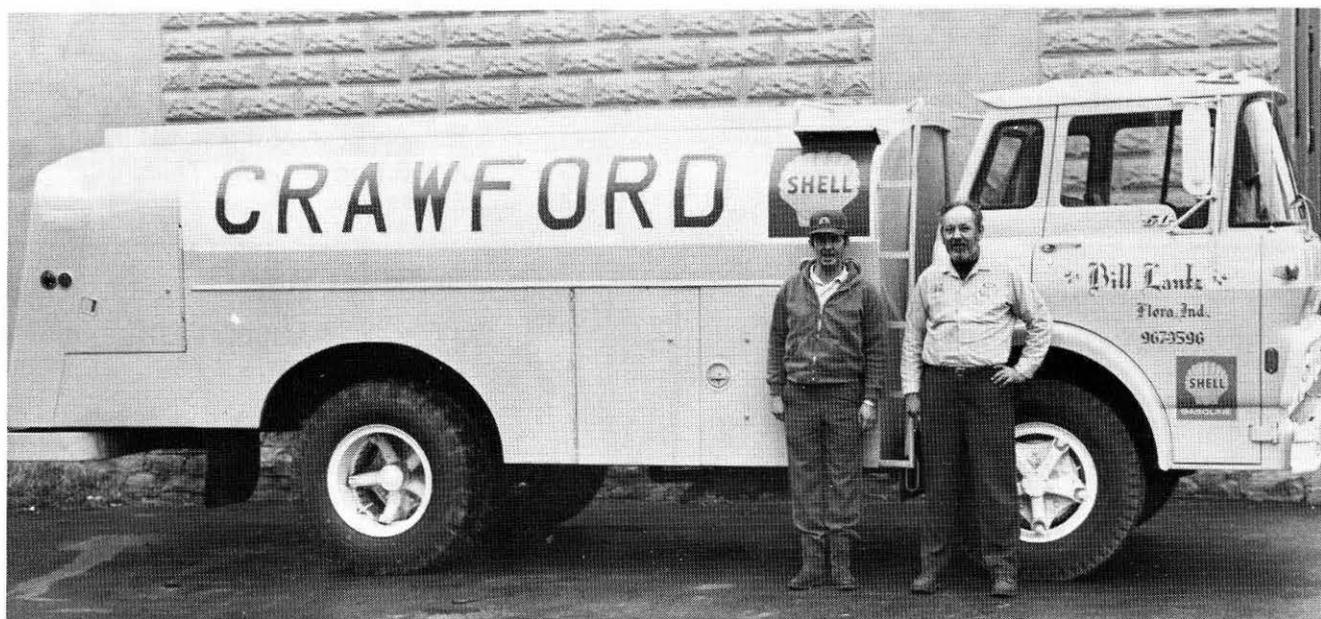
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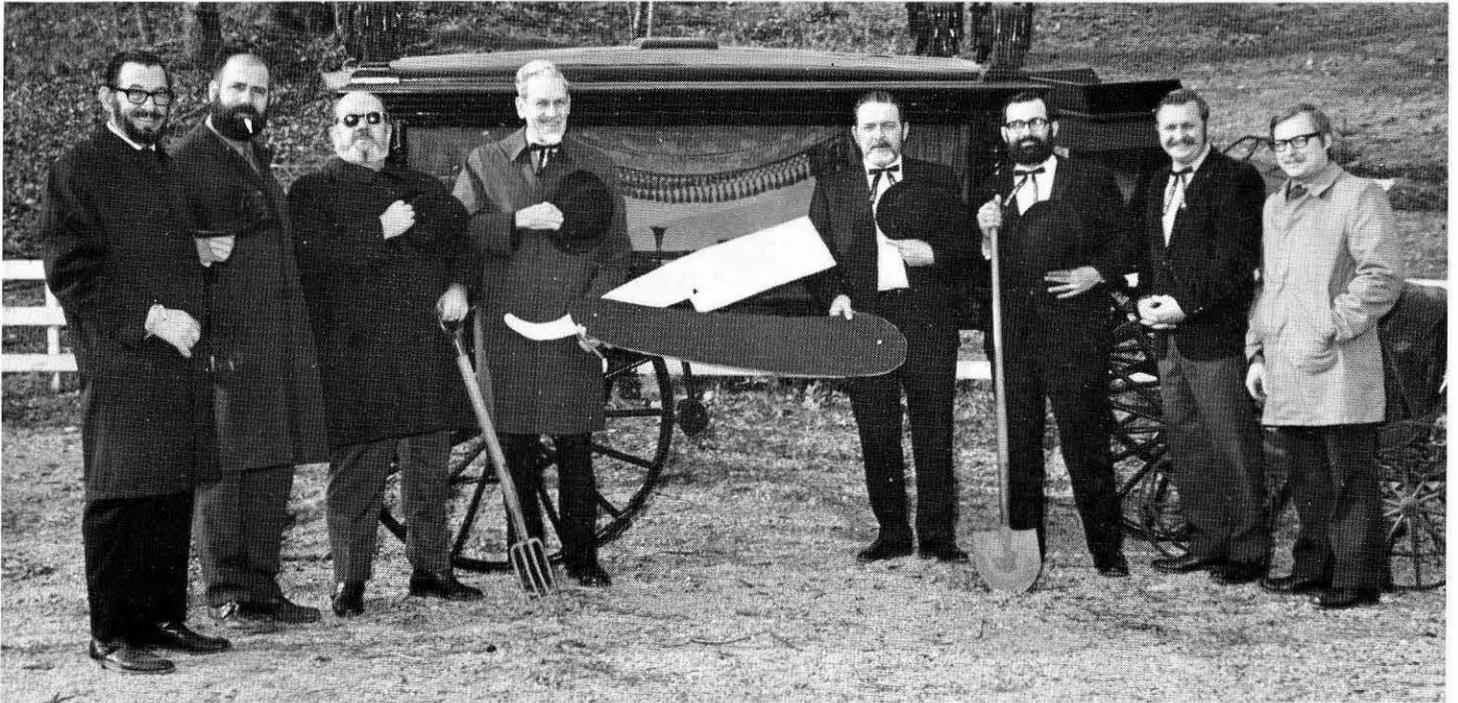
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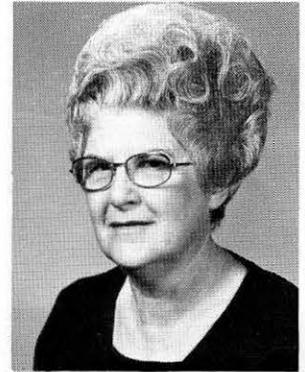


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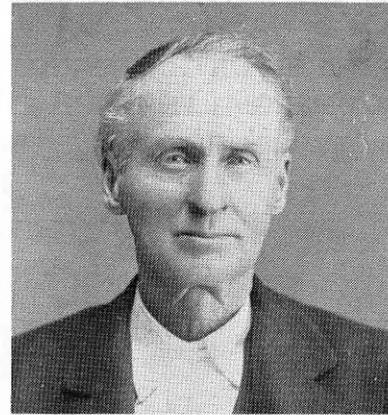
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JOHN S. and MAUDE BERNARD OAKS

John Oaks was born in 1884 and moved to the Flora community in early childhood where he lived until his death in 1967 at the age of 82. He was in business in Flora for 60 years as a coal, cement, feed and fertilizer dealer and a cement block manufacturer. He sold the business in 1960 to Von A. Burton. John was a member of the First Brethren Church and a director of The Bright National Bank.

Mrs. Oaks graduated from the class of Flora High School of 1900. She took over her fathers insurance business in 1910 and wrote insurance in this community for 25 years. She died in 1968 at the age of 85.



JAMES W. AYRES

James W. Ayres was one of the early pioneers of this community. On September 14, 1854 he married Ellen Quinn of the Cutler community. They settled on a farm just north of Cutler that is known today as the "Old Ayres Homestead." They had six sons. At the time of his death, Mr. Ayres owned all the land between Cutler and Bringhurst on both sides of what now is State Road 75.

He and his wife donated the land for the railroad from Cutler to Bringhurst. All of the Ayres' of this community are his descendents except Clayton and his family. Clayton is nephew of James W. Ayres.



**From One  
"Old Timer"  
To Another**

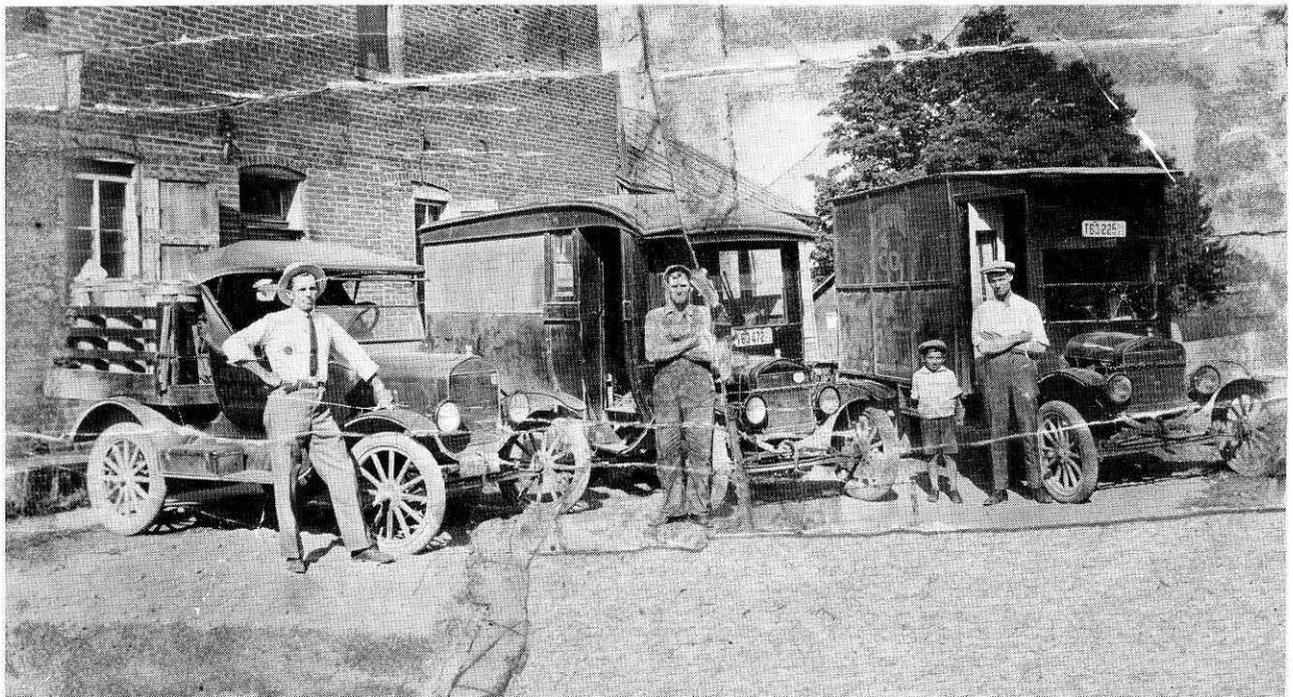


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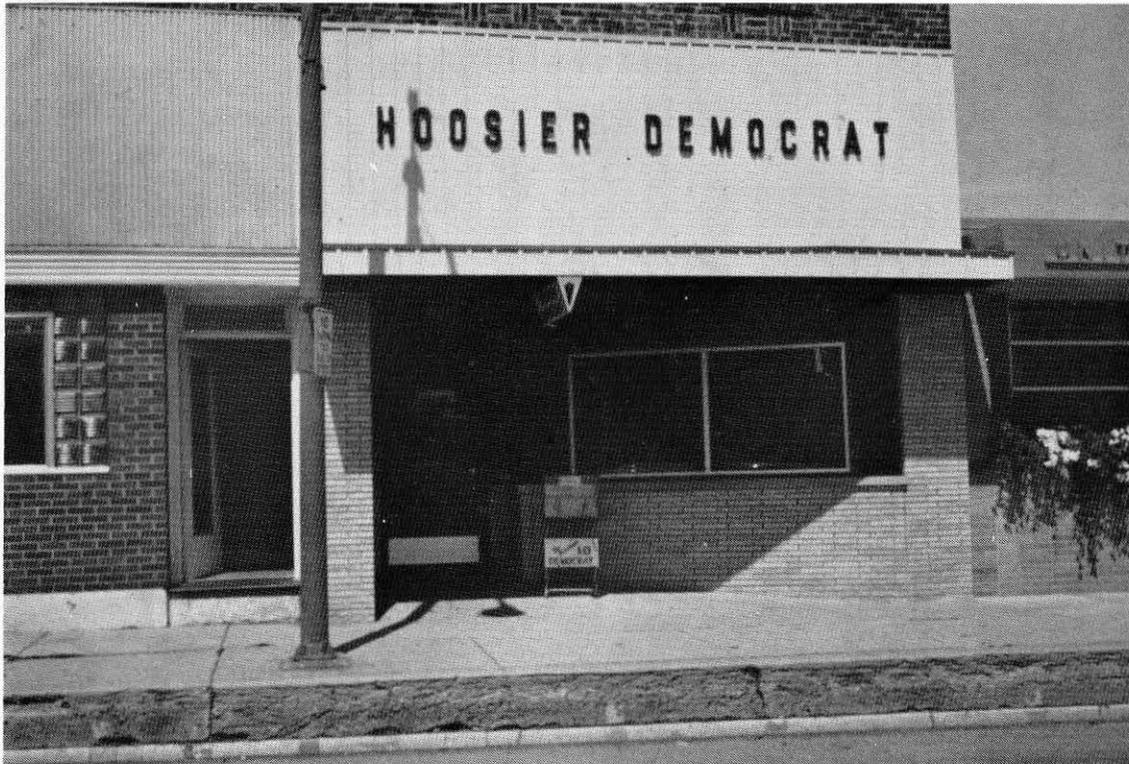


John Siegrist and Mike Retherford.



L to R: John Siegrist, Archie Ladwick, Keith Siegrist, Ren Ball — About 1925.

# **AS FLORA OBSERVES ITS CENTENNIAL . . . 1872 - 1972**



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## Brief Histories of Local Organizations

### FLORA-MONROE TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Library Board was organized on August 20, 1915, when Henry Sanborn of Indianapolis, acting secretary of the Library Commission of the State of Indiana, came to this city after certain preliminary steps had been taken by Rev. C. C. Ford and others for the establishment of a public library. The board consisted of three appointed by the judge of the county, two by the Town Board, two by the nine member board. Rev. C. C. Ford acted as president, being elected at the organization meeting to serve until October 1, 1916. Things went very fast at first, but when a location was needed it seemed as though no one would give a boost. Finally a lot was cited that could be purchased and the Grant Cook lot on North Center Street was decided upon at a cost of \$1,183.20 and solicitors were sent out to secure funds. The Carnegie Foundation furnished \$10,000.00 toward the costs. A building was erected for \$9,964.25.

At last the time had come and on Saturday morning, August 17, 1918 at 9:30 a.m., the new Flora Public Library was thrown open to the public and books were let out to the patrons of Flora and Monroe Township. It had been the desire of the board to arrange a program for the dedication of the fine, new building, but owing to the fact that all the people were so busy and delays were met in every way the board decided to open the library without any of the customary frills, merely by announcing the date and it was their earnest hope that everyone would make use of their opportunity to use this community institution. Miss Ruth Dawson was the first librarian and her salary was set at \$35.00 per month.

After the resignation of Miss Dawson as librarian in 1946, Mrs. Jack (Eleanor) Carter was hired to serve. Mrs. Carter served until 1948 when Mrs. Galen (Kathern) Shope was hired. She resigned in 1956 and Mrs. De Vere (Martha) Hoffman present librarian accepted the position. Assisting Mrs. Hoffman are Mrs. Georgeanna Krauss and Carole Curts as page. Others who have worked are: Mary Jane (Crook) Stella, Carolyn (Miller) Oyler, Beverly (Kinzer) Wolf, Jane (Leiter) MacFarland, Janis (Harmon) Hahn, Evelyn Fogarty, Judy (Curts) Hamm and Gloria Stout.

The library has operated under the "1947 Library Law as amended in 1953." In 1965 it was changed to a seven member board as amended by law. Three members are appointed by the Judge of Circuit Court, two by the Town Board and two by the School Board. The present board is Richard Leiter, president; F. Donald Brower, vice-president; Mrs. Jane Bishop, treasurer; Mrs. Naomi Butcher, secretary and Mrs. Violet Dyson; Mrs. Mae Chittick and Eddie Krauss, Jr.

The first library board was: J. W. Brower, president; E. G. Kitzmiller, vice president; M. W. Eaton, treasurer; W. T. Lytle, secretary; Mrs. Ethel Goslee, W. V. Pearson, W. B. Kearns, Mrs. Hiram Tinkle and Mrs. Dan Cromer. Others who have served are G. E. Voorhees, Mrs. T. Peters, Joseph Harter, E. E. Landis, J. W. Eikenberry, Geo. McCain, Mrs. Mervin Wikle,

Mrs. Roy Good, Mrs. Lora Hawkins, J. V. Bright, Mrs. J. S. Jones, Martha Kitsmiller, Gladys Hursh, Glenn Smith, David Allbaugh, F. H. Collier, Warren Knapp, Mrs. E. L. Kuns, Mrs. Mable Wickard, Helen (Myer) Wason, Mrs. Jessie Spitler, W. A. Aschanhort, Wm. Wingard, Charles Eikenberry, Mrs. Rena Siegrist, Hoy Musselman, Mark Carter, Ora Shirar, Mrs. Charlene Landis, Alfred Moss, Mrs. Marie Burns, Mrs. Margery Brim, Glenn Ramsey, Mary Jane Harter, and Mrs. Helen Pearson.

The book stock now has been built up to 18,340 books and 511 paperbacks. The library subscribes to 46 current magazines. In addition the library also has 450 recordings, which are circulated just as books and magazines. An average yearly circulation is 28,350.

Each summer a reading program is held among the children of the grade school age. During an eight week period those children reading ten or more books are taken to the Indianapolis Zoo for a day's outing. During the winter months there is a "Story Hour" each Saturday, with films being shown occasionally.

The library has also been the recipient of many gifts; to name a few, an AM-FM Stereo Radio and Phonograph; book shelves for Memorial Books and new shrubs in front of the library. Books are also given in memoriam, with a placard placed in each book with the donor and the person in whose memory the book is given.

The Clubroom in the basement of the library is used by organizations for meetings and parties. Several organizations now hold regular meetings there. There is also a kitchen with facilities for serving refreshments. The basement also contains a room used for filing magazines, which are kept on file for five years, when listed in Reader's Guide.

Many improvements have been made to keep the library in good condition and make it more attractive. New lighting was installed; a new furnace; an emergency door and back sidewalk; the building was insulated and storm windows installed; all the tables and chairs were refinished and formica tops put on the tables; air conditioning; a new front door and book return; the floors were carpeted both upstairs and down; drapes were hung in the reading room and meeting room; the building was completely re-wired and the kitchen and bathrooms were re-modeled. In 1972 a new water cooler was installed and new coat racks put up in the basement.

The Flora Public Library has merged with Monroe Township to form the Flora-Monroe Township Library. Equal taxation was levied to extend service to the people. As of January 1, 1972 service was extended by contract to the citizens of Democrat Township. It is the hope of the board that in time all townships in the school corporation can be served.

The Flora Public Library and the Delphi Public Library have entered into an agreement to have reciprocal borrowing privileges. Any person in good standing at either library can use the facilities of either library.

## Brief Histories of Local Organizations

### FLORA POST OFFICE

*(The following history was prepared for the dedication program of the new Flora Post Office, February 15, 1964.)*

Saturday's dedication of the Flora Post Office recalls much of the 92-year old history for area residents. James R. Davis, local postmaster since 1957, provided much of the information from records of the Post Office Department.

The new building, the eighth to house the local facility, was opened to public use on Saturday, February 15, 1964. Construction was begun on August 6, 1963, and completed on February 6 this year.

Established as Ino on August 29, 1872, the name was changed to Flora on August 25, 1873. Moses Harter was appointed as postmaster on August 29, 1872, and served for four years and five months.

Other postmasters and their dates of appointment have been: Francis M. Shoemaker, January 26, 1877; William Landis, March 30, 1880; Amos R. Wood, November 5, 1885; Amos R. Woods, January 11, 1886; James J. Moss, May 11, 1886; Noah Minnick, August 7, 1889.

Also, Frank A. Moss, April 6, 1893; Louis T. Bell, June 15, 1897; John L. Roblyer, May 22, 1913; Harry R. Burns, May 6, 1920; Gilbert R. Jordan, January 8, 1922; Chester Wagoner, May 30, 1934, and Davis, April 30, 1957.

A check of the receipts of the local post office during the past 33 years shows a large growth. Receipts in 1963 totaled \$46,014 with an adjusted figure of \$34,280. Starting in 1930 and following five-year periods the receipts were: 1930—\$8,032; 1935—\$6,003; 1940—\$7,459; 1945—\$13,498; 1950—\$18,632; 1955—\$35,183; and 1960—\$40,945 (adjusted to \$33,166).

The first Post Office was located on Center Street in the approximate location of the present Utility Office. The frame building also housed the Shoemaker Store. During the administration of William Landis the office was moved around the corner to the west on Walnut Street to another frame structure located in the same place as the present rear of the town building.

While Noah Minnick was postmaster, the location was on Main Street (about where Tate's Shoe Shop is now operating).

When James J. Moss was postmaster, the post office was located in the room which now composes the east half of John's Tavern on West Main Street. It was moved during the administration of Louis Bell to a frame building located approximately where Sisson's Jewelry Store is now located.

Although no exact dates are available the facility was moved to the corner of Center and Columbia Streets while John Roblyer was postmaster. This is now Payne's Drug Store.

In 1933, during the administration of Gilbert Jordan, the post office was moved from that location to the one which was vacated when the new building

went into use.

According to J. Floyd Wheeler, who lived his entire life in Flora, lock boxes were first offered to Flora patrons during the administration of Mr. Minnick. Those boxes were opened with keys.

Another prominent date in the history of the Flora Post Office was the advent of town delivery. This occurred on October 1, 1951.

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### FLORA MUNICIPAL AIRPORT

A municipal airport for the Town of Flora came under consideration by the Town Board of Trustees in the early spring of 1966 when they entered into a contract with Irvin Calhoun to purchase acreage for the site. An agreement had been made between the town board and the local flying club that if the land was purchased, the flying club would provide money to grade, seed, fence, install boundary markers and other necessary equipment to have the airport accepted and approved by the Indiana State Aeronautics Commission.

Local merchants and businessmen were solicited by the flying club, and members of the club dug into their own pockets to raise a total of \$4,000.00 for the development.

The site was then purchased by the town of Flora and work was begun to prepare the airport for use. The airport was opened for public use on July 4, 1966.

The official dedication was held in October of 1966 with an invocation by Rev. Milton Craig, pastor of the First Christian Church, followed by a talk by Leland Eikenberry, a pioneer of aviation in this area. A guest speaker from Bunker Hill AFB (now Grissom AFB) was also present.

Runway lights were added to the field in 1967 and flashing strobe Runway End Identification Lights were installed in 1970, making the airport useable at night as well as the daylight hours.

At present, five planes are based at Flora Municipal Airport, and itinerant traffic is increasing each year.

Many people in the community have been taught to fly by Keith Sisson and have earned their private pilot license through his efforts. Elaine Smith is the only woman to receive her private license from this airport.

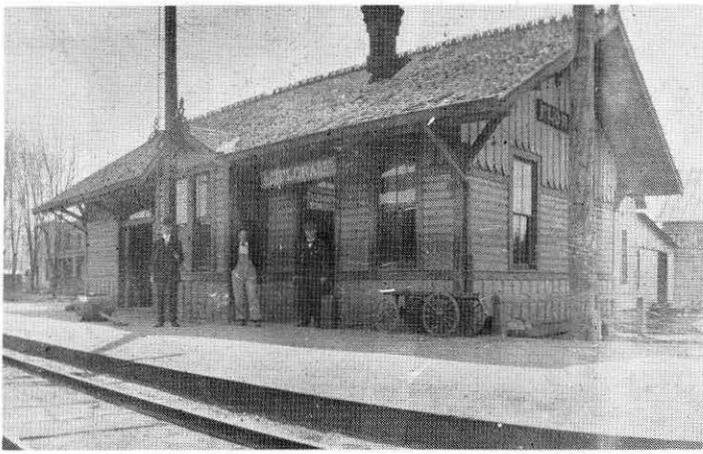
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### KIL KARE CLUB

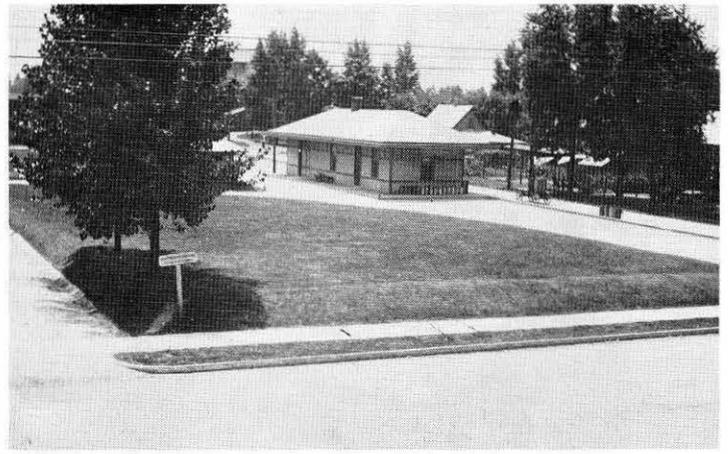
The first regular meeting of the Kil Kare Club was in April, 1928 with twenty charter members. They now have a membership of twenty-four. Four of the charter members still living are Flossie Burton, Elsie McCarty, Kathryn Landis, and Mae Yeager.

We try to have interesting and entertaining programs each month. We have had picnics, gone on trips, and many dinner parties. In December we always have a turkey dinner, Christmas program and exchange gifts. In April, 1968 we celebrated our 40th anniversary with a dinner party at the Suburban.

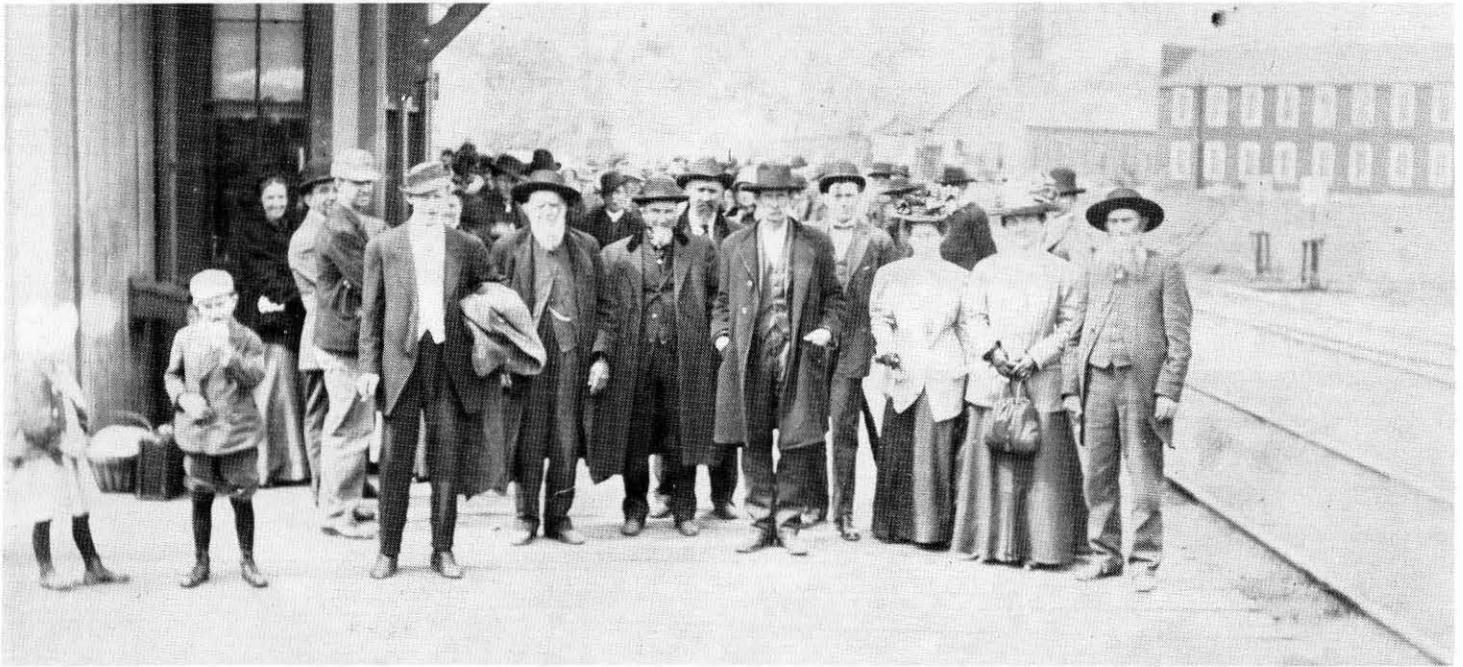
We have given gifts to many charitable organizations, among them is the Carroll County Association for Retarded Children.



First Vandalia freight station, Flora. (1906)



Freight station. Built 1908. Cost \$10,000



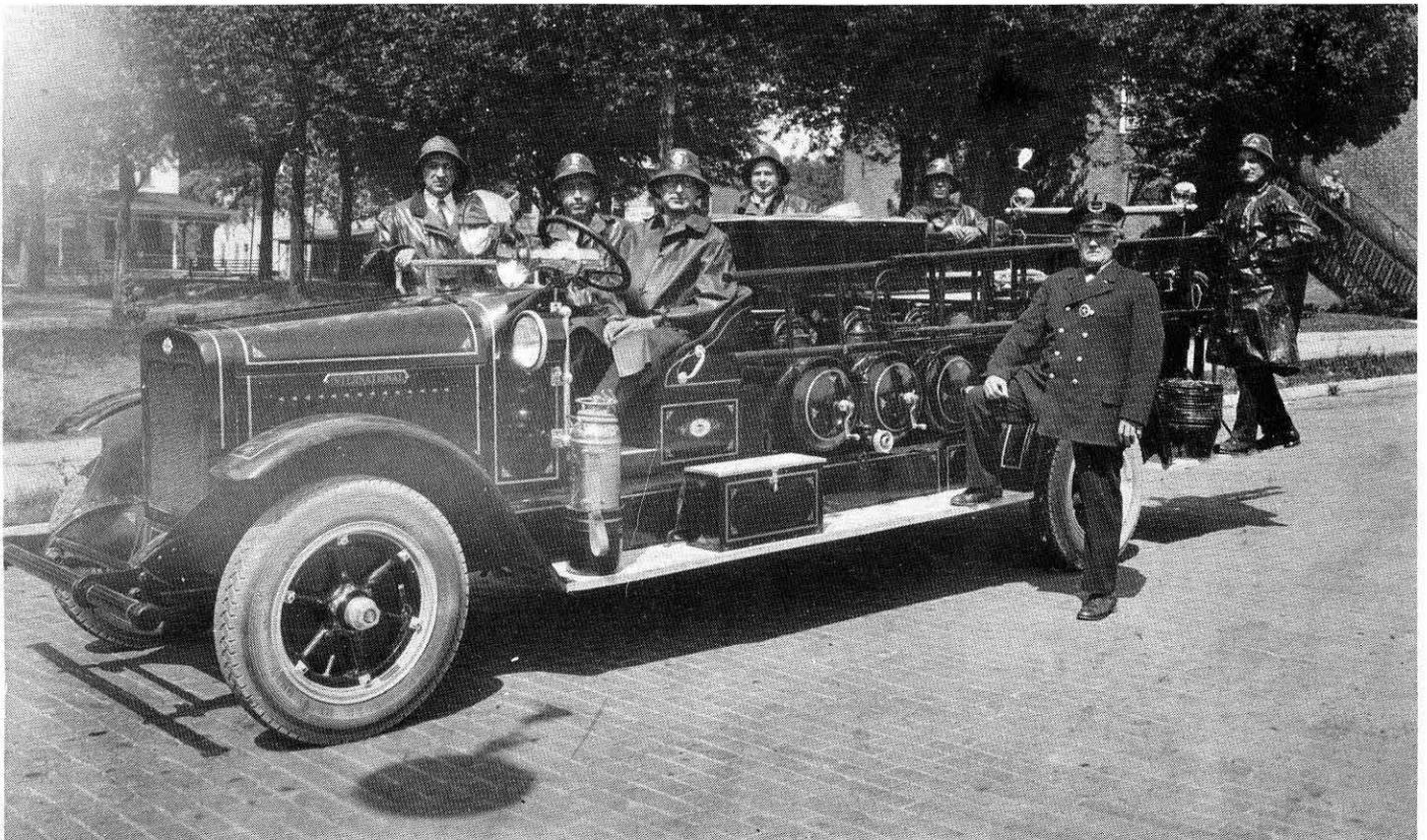
A group of passengers just arrived from Virginia at the old Vandalia Station in Flora.



Wreck of 1910. Station only 2 years old.



Bill Eckerle and Crew



Bill Hurley, Ray Cook, Charles Stouse in Seat; Basil Ayres, Lee Fife, Eddie Ayres, Henry Powell, Town Marshal.

# At the Launching Pad

By Lois E. Lane



LeRoy C. Hinkle was born February 11, 1893, in Washington Township, Carroll County, Indiana.

A song composer, among his better known songs were "Crimson Bells of Indiana," "Indiana Fight," one of Indiana University's cheer songs, the state song, "New Jersey, My Garden State," and "Sailor's Dream," written aboard ship during his tour of duty with the U. S. Navy in World War I.

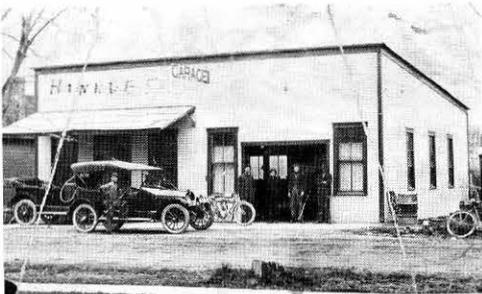
A graduate of Bringham High School and a member of the United Methodist Church there, he received his Bachelor's Degree from Indiana University and his Master's Degree from Columbia University.

He began teaching piano at the age of 16 and taught school at Deer Creek, Hammond, East Chicago, and at Dover, N.J., until his retirement.

One of nine children born to William and Martha Cohee Hinkle, brothers and sisters were Nellie Deitz and Eva Mentzer, both of Bringham, Bert Hinkle, Anchorage, Alaska, Charles Hinkle of Flora, Anna Williams of Lynn, Loren Hinkle of Marion, Wayne Hinkle of Portland, and John M. Hinkle of Honolulu, Hawaii.

He was never married.

He passed away December 12, 1970 in Dover, N.J. Funeral services were held in Flora and burial was in Rock Creek Cemetery, north of Deer Creek.



Chas. Hinkle Sale Barn and Garage - 1913  
Where Smith Construction Co. is now

If as they say change stimulates one's personality, there should be no cause for stagnation today. The imminency and speed of this changing world was accented when a member of a preceding generation came up with, "Why don't you remember when - -?" The conversation centered around a small-town grocery and general merchandise store, appearing in retrospect as part of another world of long ago. When it comes to change, no area can quite top that of merchandising as practiced in small-town stores a little over a generation ago. There was no lack of items, for they sold everything from pins to pickles, and much of the merchandise reflected, as it does today, a way of life. Shucking gloves (the two-thumb kind) sold by the dozen, coal oil for kitchen stoves, brooms, salt-fish in kegs, coffee grains bought in large sacks, ground in the old coffee mill and carefully weighed and packaged. There was the gasoline pump out front where gas was laboriously pumped by hand for customers.

We reminisced about the brisk activity around the premises from six to seven in the morning as the hucksters prepared their trucks for the long day's run - checking tires, radiators, gas tanks and being sure everything was carefully and fully stocked inside the truck. There was the bread man, the milk man, the ice man who iced up the refrigerators in the trucks. In spring months there was the "hot-house" man from Camden, who was on hand every morning with his plants - flats and flats of cabbage, tomato, pansies - - whatever kind the customer might want. And the bags and bags of chicken feed - a starter for baby chicks, growing mash and laying mash. The heavy bags rested on fenders - bumpers - any place inside or out where there was a mite of space. These trucks almost groaned under their weight as they pulled out promptly at seven.

In these days of affluence, it's hard to realize many farm families then were short of cash and had to barter eggs, chickens, - even lard for their groceries. Former hucksters can tell some weird (and true) tales of battling snowdrifts, especially in zero weather when they tried, sometimes in vain, to keep the chickens from freezing or dying of exposure.

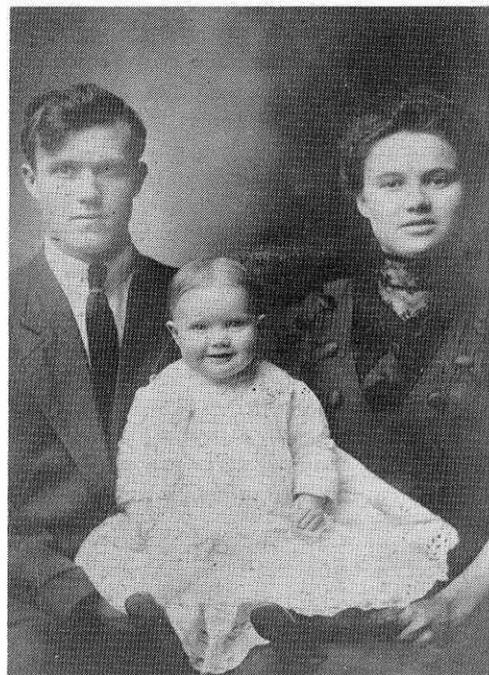
We talked about special promotion days - - times when an accommodating baker in Logansport would bake silver dollars in some of the loaves of bread. (At about the same time there were heated controversies about the virtues of sliced bread over the unsliced.) And then those annual Christmas parties! Some will never forget the gay customers who crowded the town hall to capacity, where the children provided the program with their "pieces" and music. There were the baskets of groceries for the lucky ones - - the refreshments dispensed to the hungry, merry crowd by the hucksters themselves with the help of wholesalers - - coffee, hot dogs - cookies.

There is no feeling of nostalgia for those days. The merchandise could in no way compete with the handy, pre-packaged, pre-cooked and frozen food in the brightly-lighted stores of today. But in this process of rapid change, it is inevitable that here, also, something has been lost. Folks didn't stray too far from home then and the "huckster day" was an important occasion. Since it took time to fill the order, weigh the chickens and case the eggs, this provided an interlude for a pleasant exchange of news - ideas - all that goes into that personal relationship that seems to have evaporated in many businesses and professions today.

It's funny, isn't it, but conditions I've described weren't back in the dark ages. In fact, with a little questioning, you could find sprinkled all over this territory men and women (and not too old either) who, as farm boys and girls, looked forward eagerly to the huckster truck. They can tell you how they would stand around waiting patiently and drooling in anticipation of that super bonus - - the penny candy dispensed by the friendly huckster.



Rev. and Mrs. W. T. Lytle and daughters Arlene Mann, Pauline Beck.

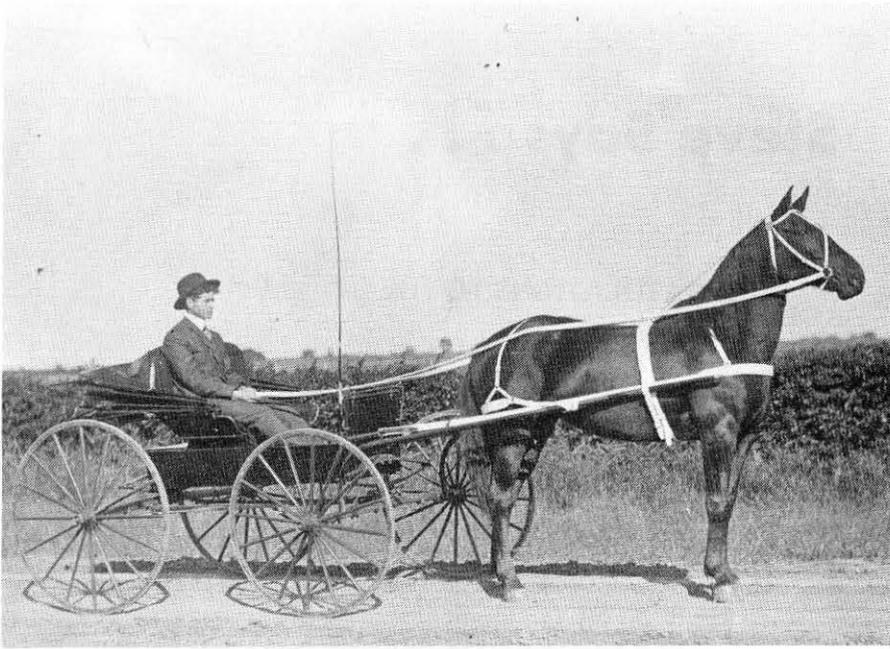


Mr. and Mrs. Tom Serling and daughter Esther McCracken.

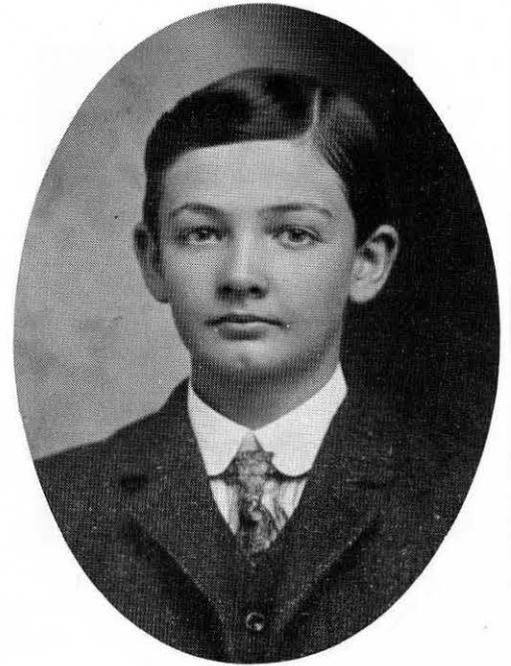


Front Row: Delbert Wray, Lois Wray Bitler, Fred W. Flora, Helen Flora Walker. Back Row: Newt Wray, Dave Wray, Gideon Wray, Mamie Wray, Medford Flora, Luema Flora, Margaret Wray.

# SEEING IS BELIEVING . . .



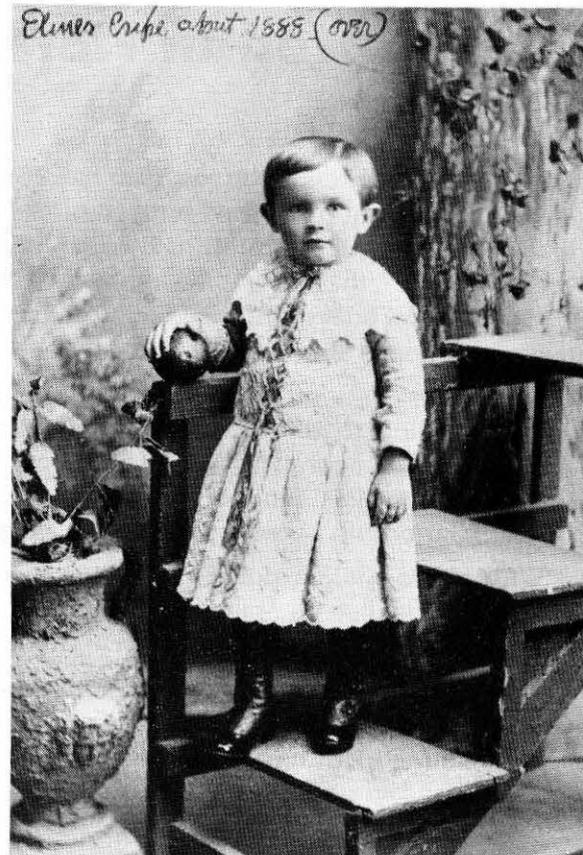
**JOHN H. FLORA**  
All the girls took a second look



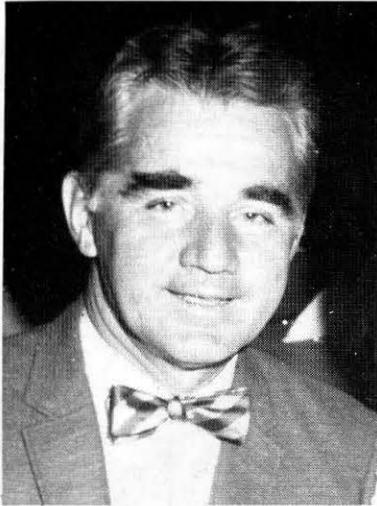
**EVERETT COCHRAN**  
Hasn't changed too much



**ADOLPH HAINES**  
Talents Unlimited



**ELMER CRIFE**  
Just lifted an apple from the local grocery



Steve Young, President

## Steve Says . . .

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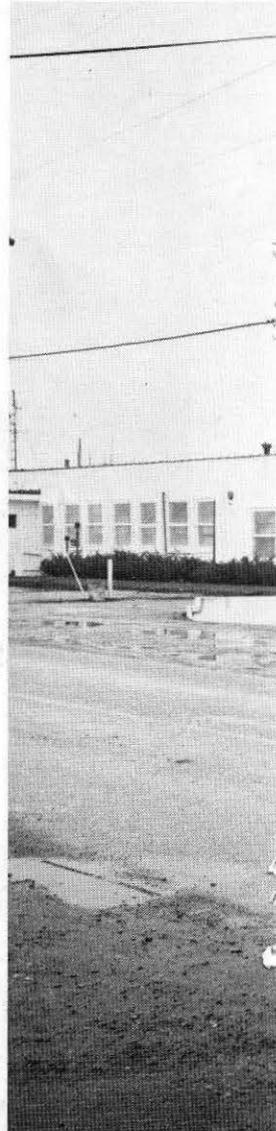
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Several residents of this community have been with SAYCO for over 20 years testifying to the fact that public relations between SAYCO and its employees have and always will have top priority. Many invocations have been started by Mr. Young toward his employees that have guaranteed a cordial relationship between plant and management down through the years.

With a two million dollar payroll, largest user of power and water and postal services plus thousands of dollars poured into the community SAYCO has been a decided factor in the growth of Flora and surrounding community.

In 1972 we have started our second 25 years in Flora, and with our continued fine relationship with the Town of Flora and its people we hope to continue our growth together for the next 25 years.



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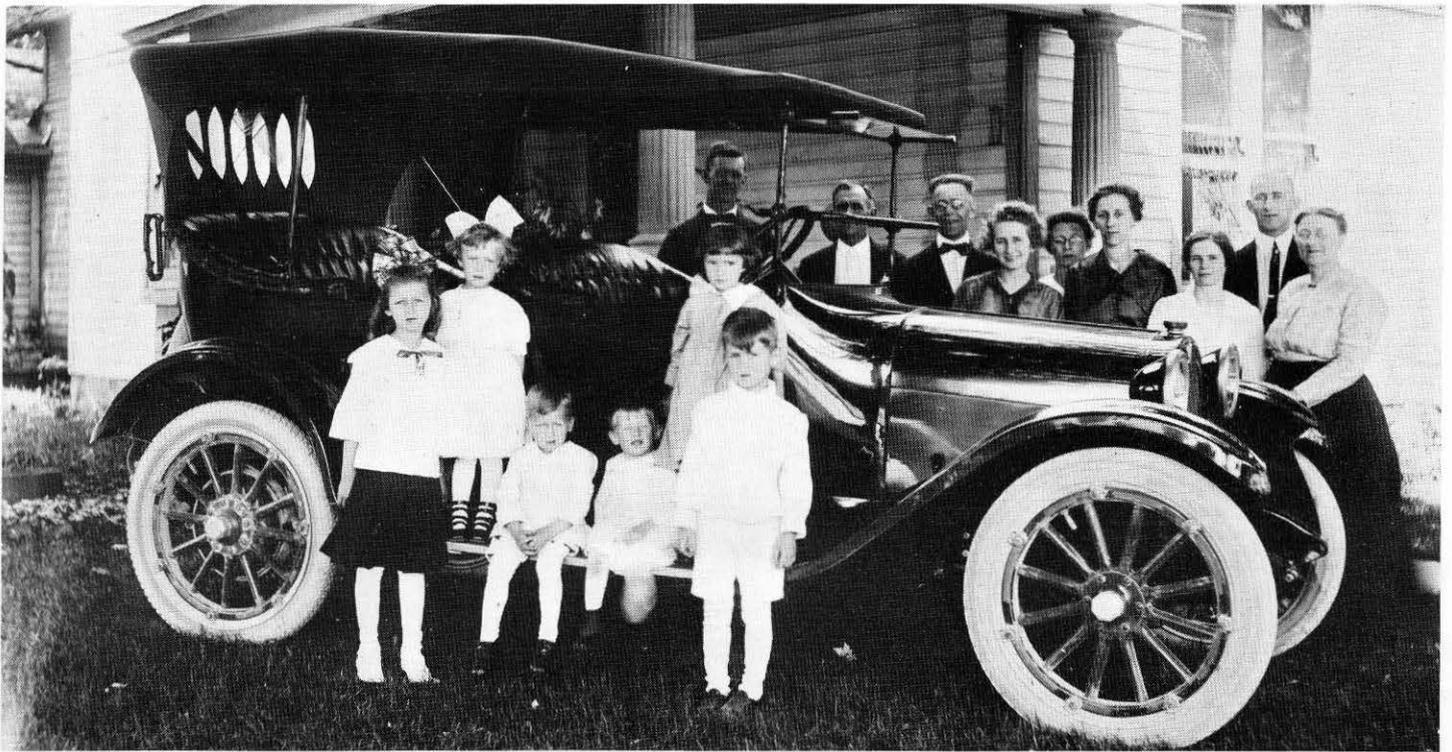
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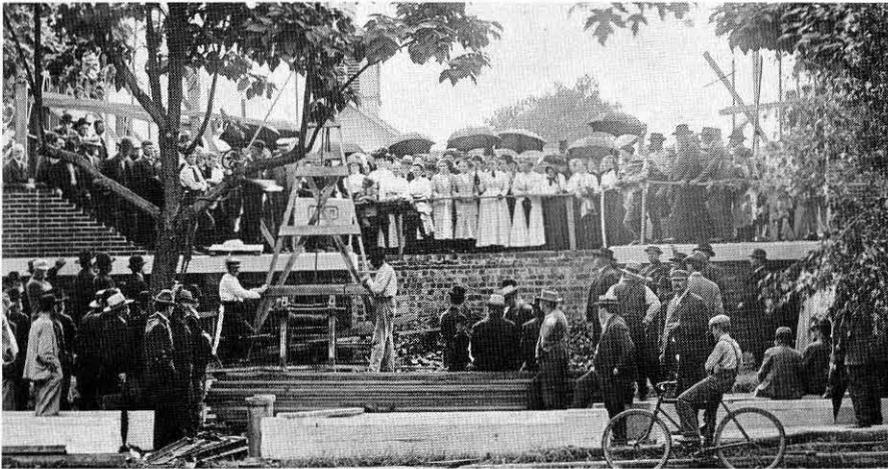
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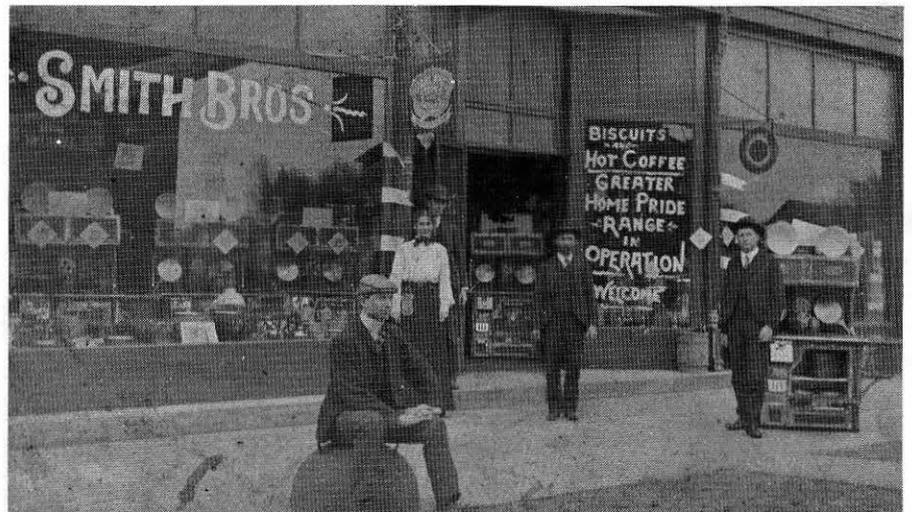


Chas. Zook Family dressed-up in Sunday best with brand-spanking new car.

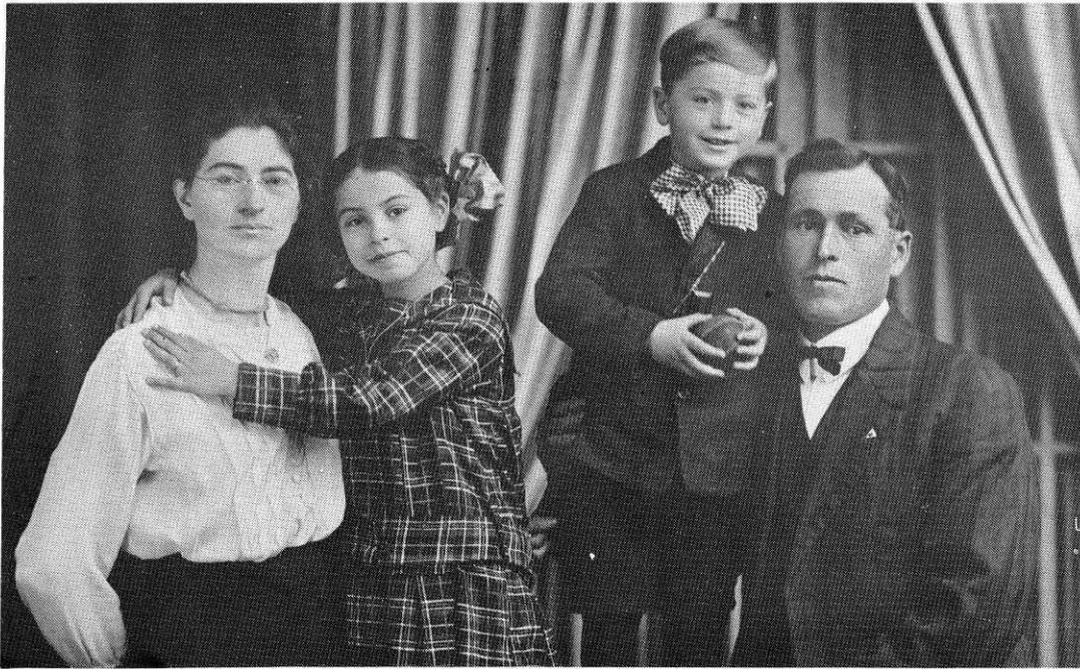


Laying cornerstone,  
Presbyterian Church, 1910

Smith Bros. Store



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Julia Crook, Geneva Clingenpeel, Wayne Crook, Henry Crook.



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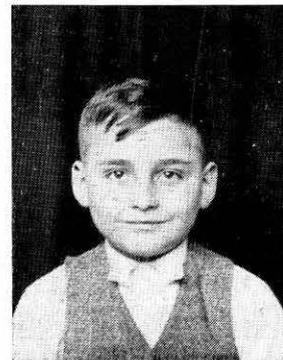
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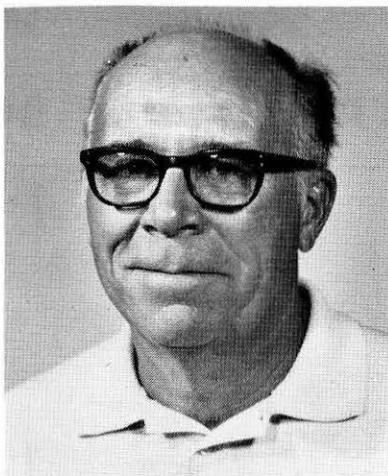
Curt Gibson - 4 years

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L. C. Hester - Part Time 5 years

Rick Hester - Part Time 3 years

Mike Gillam - 1 year



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Flora Businessman 35 yrs.

**Gene Michael,  
16 years, Frankfort Mgr.**

Robert Burns - 1 year

Jim Thomas - 1 year

Jay Wills - 1 year

Eugene Phebus - 1 year

Greg Michael - 4 years

Carolyn Dunham - 1 year

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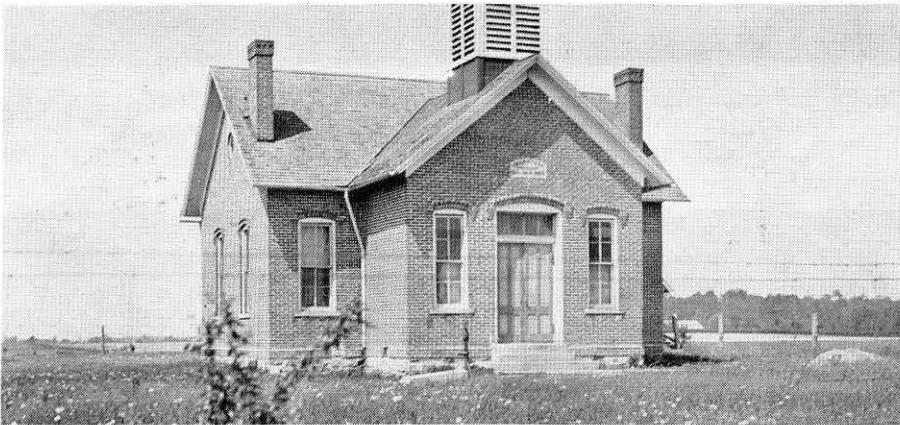
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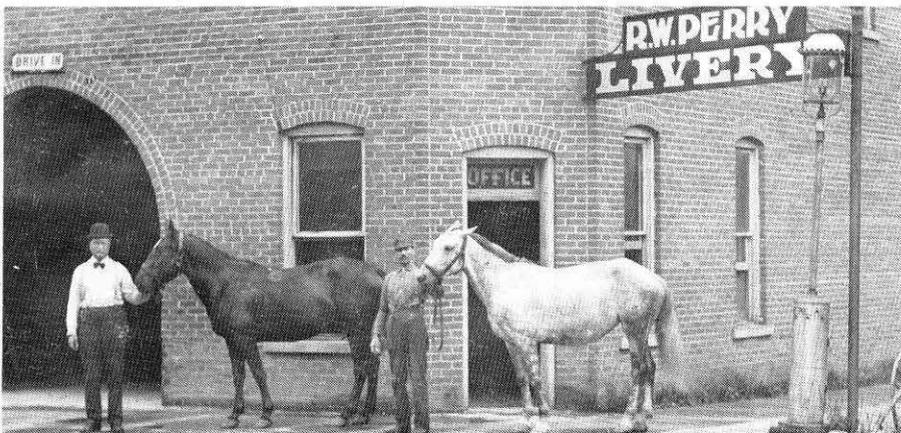
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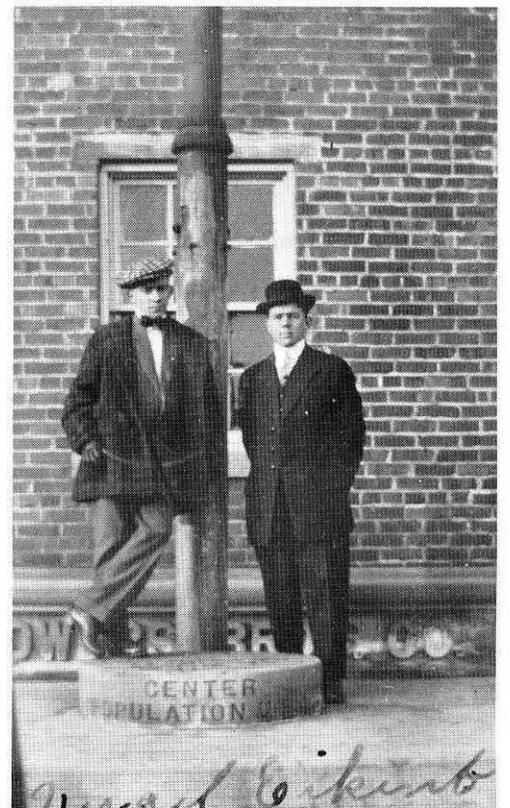
John Davis and Son Walter



Baum School in 1913



John Davis and R. W. Perry — 1909



Frank Davis and Virgil Eikenberry

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Helen Clawson babysitting with Brother Bill Briggs. Bill kept that famous smile, but lost his hair.



F. KEITH SISSON  
"Me Fly?" . . . Never!



DOYLE JERVIS  
"Get this picture taking over with"



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No doubt studying her shorthand



DALE BROWER  
"The girls were crazy about my curls"

## Brief Histories of Flora Businesses . .

### STEPHEN A. YOUNG CORPORATION

From 3 employees in 1946 to over 250 employees in 1972 indicates the fabulous growth record of SAYCO in Flora . . . the world's largest independent manufacturer of brass fittings for the home and industry. Pioneered by Mr. Stephen A. Young 26 years ago the local factory has become known around the world for many innovations introduced to the plumbing business over the years. Patents upon patents are held by the local firm that has put a great demand on the products built and designed by Mr. Young. Probably the most famous and the most common is the Spin N Grin sink strainer, the only valve action strainer in the world. Millions have been produced at the local plant over the past 20 years. Mr. Young, a native of Chicago, has made Flora and SAYCO a household word in thousands of homes, apartments and trailers the world over.

In 1966 the payroll at the local plant topped \$1,000,000 for the first time. This year of 1972 it is pushing the 2,000,000 dollar mark. SAYCO has never had a serious lay-off in its 26 years of manufacturing but has continually upped production and employment over the last quarter century.

Many foreign manufacturers have visited the local plant in the past several years, marvelling at the vast production facilities and yet with the personal pride of the employees enables the company to fully guarantee every fixture that leaves the plant not for a few years but for a lifetime of safe, carefree operation.

SAYCO is proud to be a part of Flora and its birthday celebration . . . and Flora is extremely proud to be a part of SAYCO.

### SHELL OIL TANK SERVICE

Harry Stinman operated this business up until 1933. Orman Zinn was the next operator from 1933 to 1935. C. W. Patterson was a second driver for Mr. Zinn. George Baner and C. W. Patterson operated it until 1939 and then Mr. Patterson until 1947. George Baner took it over again until 1952 when Don Tinsman assumed the route until 1960. During this year the plant was moved from Flora and consolidated with the one in Delphi. Mr. Tinsman continued on until 1967 and then assumed a position at the bulk plant at Delphi, Bill Lantz is the present tank driver serving this area with gasoline, fuel oils and other products of the Shell Petroleum Co.

### SHEAGLEY BARBER SHOP

Came to Bringham in 1910 to stay with my sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Retherford. I worked in the barber shop, shined shoes, cleaned cuspidors, peddled the Indianapolis Star and worked on farms in the summer. In 1914 I was cutting some hair and shaving some of the brave ones. I graduated in 1919 and bought the barber shop with the help of Ed Quinn, Charles Craig and Lee Moss that went on my note. There isn't a man living in Bringham today in business when I started. I owe this community a lot . . . they have been good to me . . . God bless them.

### CRAWFORD PETROLEUM COMPANY

August 1, 1963, D. P. Crawford purchased Shell Oil Company holdings in Carroll and Clinton Counties consisting of one Bulk Plant located south of Delphi three miles and west of Flora six miles and one Bulk Plant located on State Road 28 West in Frankfort.

Employees consisted of D. P. Crawford, Flora; Everett Cunningham, Delphi; Ethel Cunningham, Delphi; Don Tinsman, Flora; B. J. Logan, Frankfort and Ron Crawford, Delphi.

Total thru put in gallons was approximately 1,200,000 in the first full year, mostly to rural and urban customers. There were ten small Service Stations for retail sales.

Today, nine years later, Crawford Petroleum Company has twenty three (23) Service Stations, three Bulk Plants, twelve employees and does in excess of 6,000,000 gallons per year in Carroll, Clinton, Tippecanoe, Benton, Newton, Jasper counties in Indiana and Iroquois county in Illinois.

### FLORA COIN LAUNDRY

Opened in Flora at the old location of Dunkin's Grocery, March 2, 1960. A year later additional washers were installed plus additional drying equipment. In 1970 a coin-operated dry cleaning machine was put in to broaden the services offered. Ned Long owns and operates the business.

### FLORA CLEANERS

Floyd and Ruby Sigman purchased this business from Mr. and Mrs. Charles Cassman of Peru on Sept. 1, 1956. They ran the business for eight years until Mrs. Sigman became ill. Mrs. Jean Albaugh then worked followed by Mrs. Angeline Fife, Miss Jane Wilson, Mrs. Susie Lang Richter. We wish to thank the people of Flora and surrounding community for their support and hope to serve them for many years to come.

### SATELLITE TRANSPORT, INC.

Satellite Transport, Inc. was formed in March, 1965 by Vaughn and Rita Garrison who were previously owners of a local grain and fertilizer trucking company which they sold to a firm in St. Louis, Missouri.

Mr. Garrison after selling out in late 1964 had several local demands for grain trucking which the St. Louis, Mo. firm had not given them service they needed. At that time Mr. Garrison was employed by them and purchased 2 new semi's to help on the local grain and has kept increasing our fleet since that time which at the present time are operating 12 complete semi's out of this area and working approximately 15 to 20 full time drivers, Mechanic's and office employee.

### SISSONS BEAUTY SHOP

Opened in 1952 at 407 W. Elm Street in Flora. Moved to 203 E. Main Street in 1961, then moved to 112 Mohawk Drive. Operated this business until 1963 and then closed because of health reasons. Reopened in 1969. Open now 2½ days per week by appointment only.

### AYRES OIL CO., INC.

The Ayres Oil Co., Inc. was started as the Ayres Bros. Oil Co., Inc. at Marion, Ind. The three Ayres brothers, Ancil, Basil and Elmer built a station in Marion in 1937. This was a 3-bay station and the largest in that city. On week-ends cars were lined up blocks back to buy gas at the first independent station in Marion. In 1939 Basil sold his interest and moved back to Flora buying the present ground and starting a bulk plant and filling station. Cars and trucks yet in 1940 were greased over an open pit. Basil had two sons, James F. and Richard L. and in the early 1940's the boys left for service and with help being scarce, modern equipment was installed. Dick rejoined the company after the war and the company incorporated. Basil Ayres, Faye Ayres, Richard Ayres with stock going to James E. and Elizabeth Ayres Eller.

Ayres Oil Co. continued to progress until the late 60's when natural gas began to invade our community. As this is written fuel oil is almost a thing of the past . . . but in the 40's it was a luxury. On June 30, 1971 Faye Ayres passed away. On Oct. 11, 1971 Basil Ayres died. The company is now owned by Richard Ayres, Elizabeth Ayres and James Ayres.

### ELLER FERTILIZER, INC.

On Dec. 27, 1964, a new business was started to service farmers in this county and surrounding counties. Eller Fertilizer Service, Inc. started business this day with LeRoy C. Eller, president; and vice president the former Margaret Marley of Flora. They are retailers of small field seed, fertilizers, chemicals, nitrogen and have a complete soil analysis lab. The local firm employees 8, local people, who service over 450 farms in this area averaging from 60 acres to as high as 1400 acres. Tonnage is increasing over 10,000 tons per year. We are proud of our employees, our farmers and our local businessmen who made this growth and establishment possible.

### SUBURBAN RESTAURANT

The building was built by Fred Frye for a Ford Agency. It was converted into a restaurant in 1965 and operated by Mr. and Mrs. Russell Hicks. On Jan. 15, 1966 it was operated by Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Landis until 1969. It was then leased to Mr. and Mrs. Mick Graham who have operated it since that time. They provide cafeteria service and have facilities to serve two large parties at the same time.

### GRAHAMS CORNER

This building has been a restaurant since the time it was built. Many people have operated it: Mike Hardy, Nellie Sines, Scott Johnson and Fred Hinkle. Ralph and Don Brower, John Garrison, Dale Brower, Don Webster, Ron Brower, Helen and Dick Sines. It was sold in 1970 by Dale Brower to Mick and Ann Graham who have operated it since that time.

## Brief Histories of Flora Businesses . .

### PIZZA KING DRIVE-IN

Zooks B-K Pizza King is owned and operated by Jan and Wayne Zook. They employ two full-time and 8 part-time employees . . . open 7 days a week. The drive-in was built by Idella and the late George Burnham and started operation in 1959. It was then sold to Mrs. Miriam Peterson who in turn sold it to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Cook, Roscoe and Maxine Bryant purchased the business in 1964. In 1968 the Zooks assumed management of the business and stayed open the year around. The drive-in is a favorite gathering place of the young people after ball games and other functions.

### THE FLORA THEATRE

The Flora Theatre first opened its doors to movie patrons on Dec. 21, 1935. John M. Dixon from Chicago was responsible for the town and nearby community having a motion picture theatre. When it first opened, it occupied the south half of the Brumfield building on the Southeast corner of Center and Columbia streets. In furnishing the theatre, some materials from the 1933-34 Chicago World Fair were used; these materials included the main entrance doors which are now in use between the inner and outer lobbies. In 1937 the walls were decorated with a series of life-sized plaques of two local youths, done in bas-relief. Mary Garrison, who later was elected "Corn Queen", modeled as the young woman and Eddie Clingenpeel posed as the young man. These sculptures continue to decorate the Theatre Auditorium.

The theatre was operated by Mr. Dixon until 1942 when he sold to Mr. and Mrs. Gridley of Niles, Michigan. In 1944 the theatre was purchased by Mr. and Mrs. Joseph St. Amand. In 1946 Mr. St. Amand purchased the Brumfield building and remodeling of the theatre and face lifting of the entire building was begun in 1949, and when completed in 1951 included an office room and a Coffee Shop.

In 1966 the building was purchased by Mr. and Mrs. Billie White who operated the theatre until 1971, when it was leased to Mr. and Mrs. Roger Vore of Warsaw.

The Coffee Shop which was first operated by Cora St. Amand in 1951, has since been operated by Esther Flora, Wayne Hefflin and Elmer Honecker. In 1971, the name was changed to Cougar Inn when Mr. and Mrs. Edward Hamilton began operating. Mrs. Hamilton, a native of Italy, specializes in Italian food.

### PIONEER HI-BRED CORN CO., INC.

Henry Wallace, founder of the Pioneer Hi-Bred Corn Company, did his first corn inbreeding by making a number of hand pollinations. He also made some controlled crosses between varieties by detasseling one of them so that the other variety could receive pollen from only one source. Mr. Wallace conducted these experiments in his Des Moines, Iowa garden—1913.

The work done by Wallace remained on a limited scale until 1920, when he arranged for more help and more land and began a large-scale inbreeding project to develop inbred lines from Iowa corn.

Henry Wallace entered a strange-looking corn in the Iowa Yield Contest. Because of its distinctive reddish color, this single cross was named "Copper Cross" by Mr. Wallace. Copper Cross won a gold medal and was recognized as the highest yielding corn in the important south-central section of Iowa.

Copper Cross earned another distinction in 1924 when it became the first hybrid developed in the Corn Belt to be purchased by farmers in Iowa and elsewhere. Approximately fifteen bushels — all that was available of Copper Cross seed — was sold in the spring of 1924 at the price of \$1.00 per pound. The first advertisement of hybrid seed corn ever published was written by Henry Wallace and was included in the spring of 1924 catalog put out by the Iowa Seed Company.

Pioneer Hi-Bred Corn Company of Indiana was organized and a plant was constructed at Flora, Indiana. Seven full-time employees were on the payroll during this first year of operation, as compared to over 300 employees at the present time. During the first year, Robert J. Woods was Production Manager; Floyd E. Collins was Office Manager. The company sold approximately 6,000 bushels during the first year's operation.

Robert J. Woods was elected President of Pioneer Corn Company, Inc. Floyd E. Collins became Director of Sales in 1962.

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## BRIGGS AND BRIGGS, ATTORNEYS

William J. Briggs and Florence Anne Burchett Briggs opened their office for the practice of law at 19 West Main Street, Flora, following their marriage in 1958. Prior to that time, Mr. Briggs had been a partner in the Lane and Briggs law office.

William J. Briggs was born in Flora on May 21, 1923, and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Briggs. After completing school in Flora, he entered the armed service in World War II and was stationed in Europe. He received his A.B. degree from DePauw University, Greencastle, Indiana, and his L.L.B. degree from the University of Kentucky College of Law. While still in law school, his lead article in the "Kentucky Law Journal" on capital gains income taxes was published in a national magazine, "Taxes". Prior to his entering into private law practice, Mr. Briggs was a member of the legal staff of Ashland Oil Refining Company, Ashland, Kentucky. He served as the Carroll County Prosecuting Attorney from January 1, 1963 until December 31, 1970. In March 1971, he was elected chairman of the Carroll County Democratic Central Committee.

Florence Anne Briggs, the only woman ever admitted to the practice of law in Carroll County, was born on February 23, 1934, in Ashland, Kentucky, to long time practicing lawyer, Thomas Burchett and Mrs. Burchett. Her brother was also an attorney. She received her A.B. degree in 1955 from Randolph-Macon Woman's College, Lynchburg, Virginia, and her L.L.B. degree from the University of Kentucky College of Law in 1958. She was also a scholarship student at the School of American Ballet, New York City for two terms. In 1964, she was listed in *Who's Who of American Women* and in that year she was selected as National Outstanding Junior of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution. She is a member of the Charles Carroll Chapter DAR in Carroll County. While in law school, she received the Kentucky State Bar Association award for the best essay on Legal Ethics. In 1954 her mother, Mrs. Thomas Burchett, authored the Centennial Pageant for Ashland, Kentucky. Mrs. Briggs served as Deputy Prosecuting Attorney for Carroll County from January 1, 1963 until December 31, 1970.

In 1967, Briggs and Briggs moved their law offices to 28 South Center Street to the building they purchased from Dr. James McLaughlin.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Briggs were admitted by examination to practice law in both Kentucky and Indiana. They are the parents of two children, Caroline Burchett Briggs, 11, and William Winston Briggs, 9.

### RALPH PEARSON, INSURANCE

Ralph Pearson, athletic director and coach of Flora High School from 1923 to 1929 formed the Pearson Insurance Agency in 1929. He was General Agent for Scranton Life Insurance Co. and Girard Life Insurance Co. He became Indiana State manager in 1956 and continued in that capacity until 1967. He was a member of the company's "Application per week" Club for over 30 years and qualified for all the company trips and production conventions during that time. In 1971 he has completed 42 years of life insurance service to the people of this community.

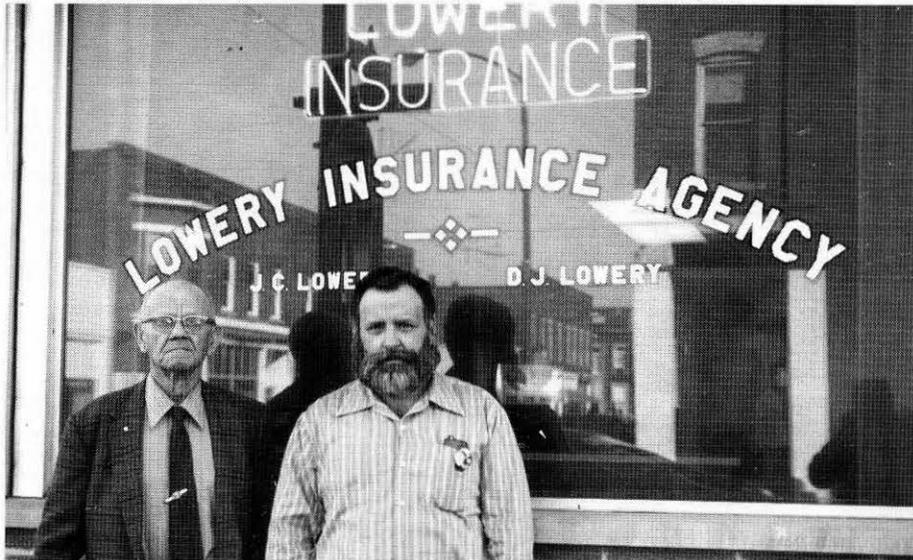
### SHIRAR FEED COMPANY

The Shirar Feed Company started in 1930 when Ora F. Shirar engaged in the buying and selling of poultry and eggs. In 1932 Scott Clark joined Ora Shirar and the firm became known as Shirar and Clark. In 1933 the firm branched out into the trucking business and in 1934 obtained PSCI and ICC permits to engage in interstate commerce. This arrangement continued until 1940 when Mr. Clark was killed in an automobile accident. Mr. Shirar purchased his interests and in 1965 the name was changed to Shirar Feed Co., Inc. In 1968 the business was sold to Carl L. Zook, long-time employee of the Shirar Feed Co. The firm has handled Murphys Feeds for many years. Mr. Shirar has partially retired but helps out and looks after his trucking interests.

### ASA ISAACS ELECTRIC SERVICE

Asa Isaacs started his career with the Flora Telephone Company, working for them 18 years. He drove a horse and buggy over the muddy roads to repair telephones locally and also in Howard county. There were 7 operators at that time and during the flu epidemic of 1918-19 all were sick but 2 and Asa spent much time at the switchboard pitchhitting. Mr. Isaacs worked for the Indiana Service Co. of Fort Wayne 4 years and started his electrical business in Flora in 1927 . . . and still at it.

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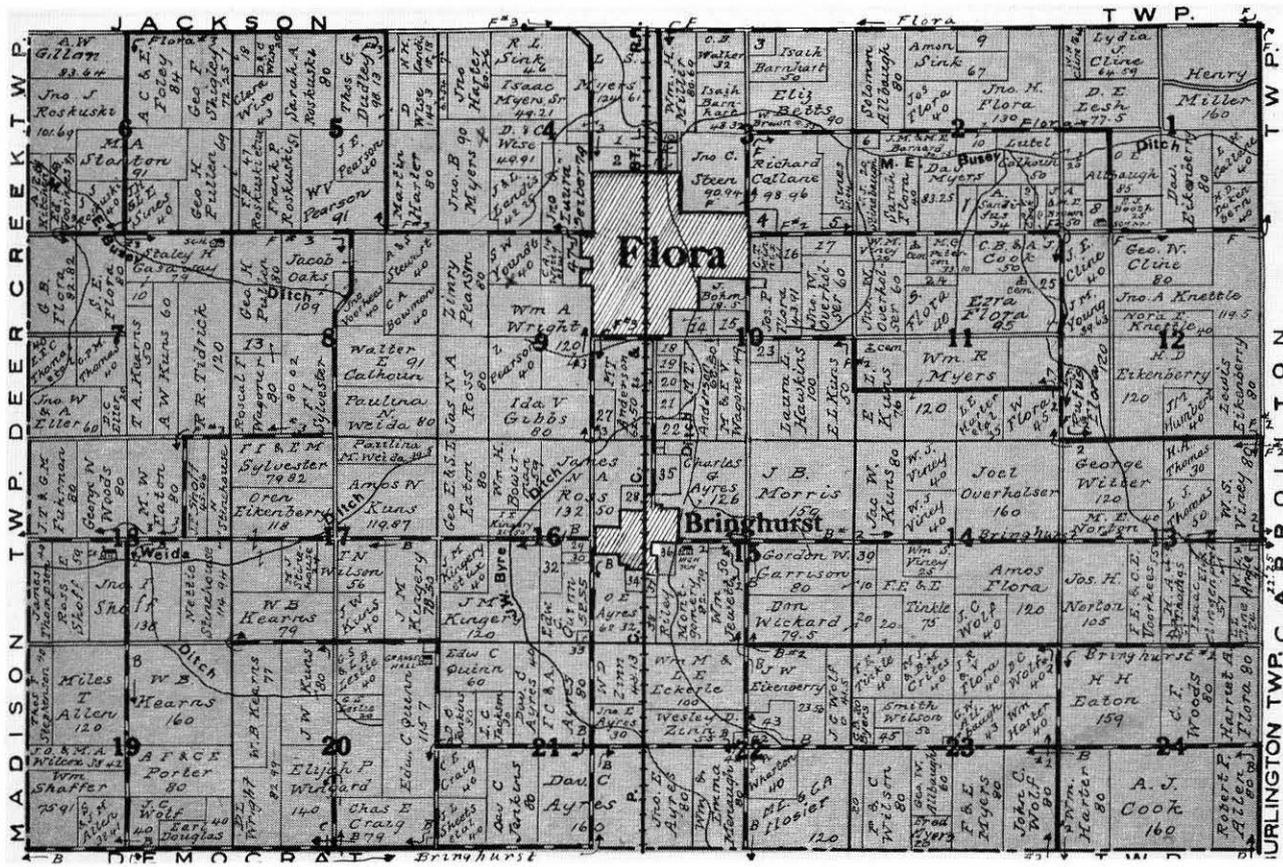
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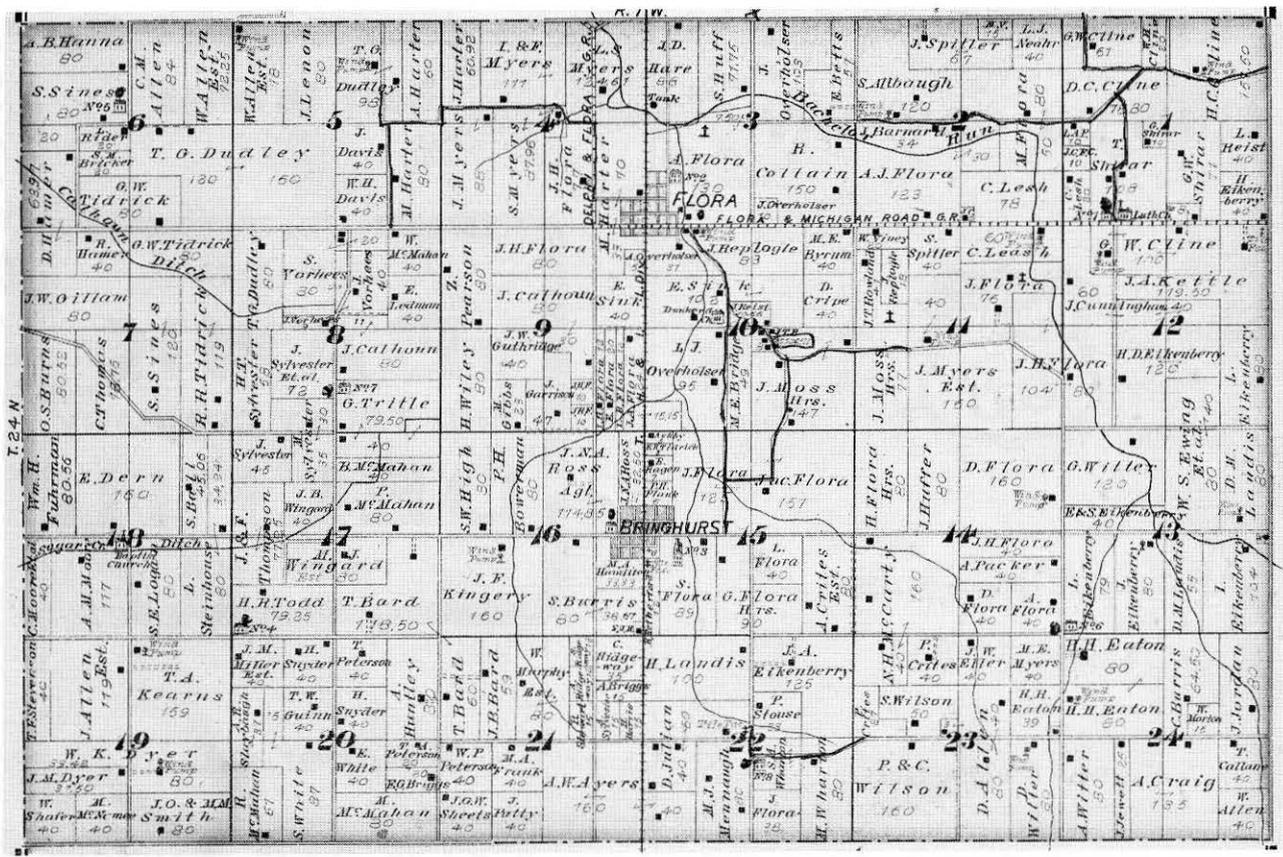
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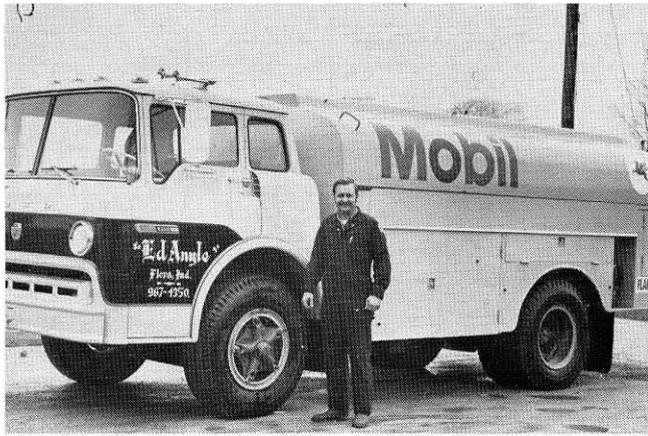


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Monroe Township . . . 1882





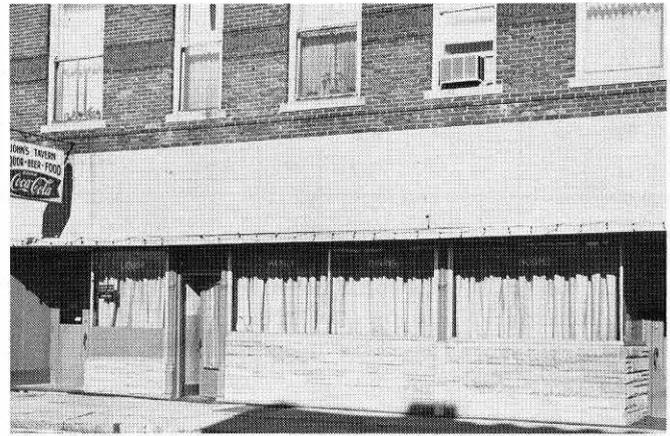
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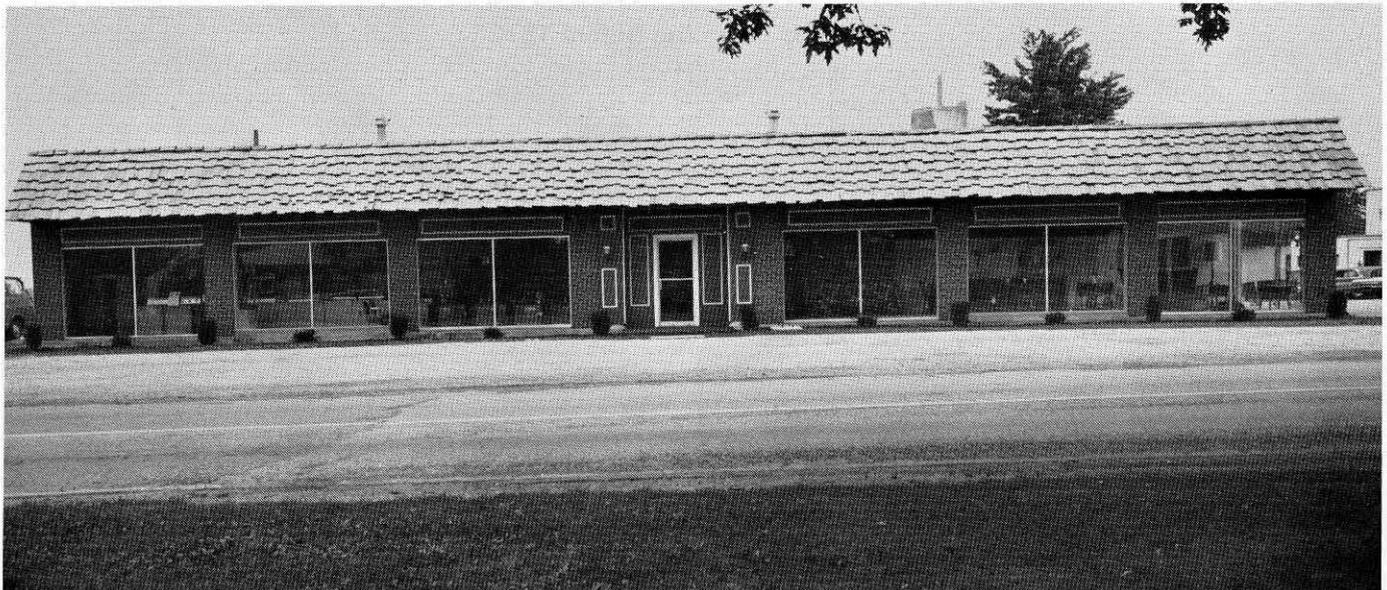
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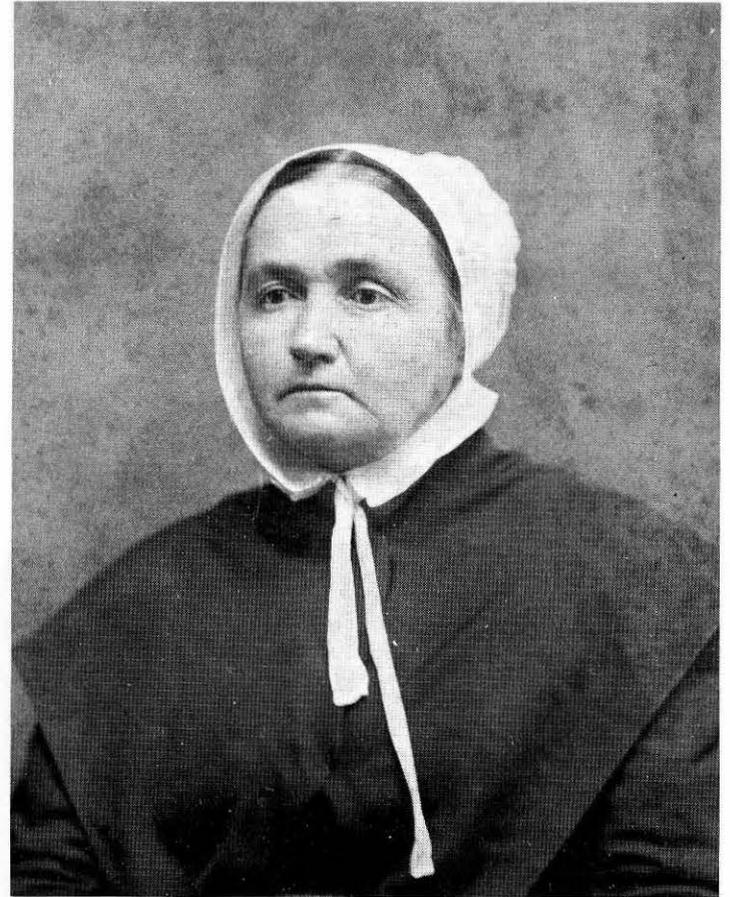
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# HAROLD TRAPP . . .

## Corn Husking King



Harold Trapp, pictured above, on location for an almost forgotten skill, corn husking. Harold, a resident of Jackson township, but a frequent coffee-drinker and talker in Monroe township was the champion corn husker of Carroll County for many years and participated in many state contests.

His tenth county championship was held on the farm of Joe Shirar, northeast of Flora. Judges were Willard McCloskey, E. E. Landis and Lee Dillon. Contestants and their placings are as follows:

Harold Trapp . . . . .	27.72 Bu.
Howard Cox . . . . .	27.06 Bu.
Carey Oyler . . . . .	26.41 Bu.
Joe Wagoner . . . . .	24.37 Bu.
Harry Angle . . . . .	24.29 Bu.
John Downham . . . . .	20.91 Bu.

NANCY FLORA LESH EIKENBERRY . . . daughter of John and Sarah Flora, pioneers of Flora, born Nov. 29, 1833 on the old John Flora farm, died May 14, 1917 at her home in South Division Street. She was one of eight children. Married to Christian Lesh by Eld. John Moyer, pioneer elder of the Church of the Brethren. Mr. Lesh died in 1883 and in 1900 his widow married Henry Eikenberry who died the following August.

Mrs. Eikenberrys final rites were conducted by Elders Gorman Heeter of Burnettsville and Bro. Ira Krieder of Flora. Interment in the Moss Cemetery, Flora.

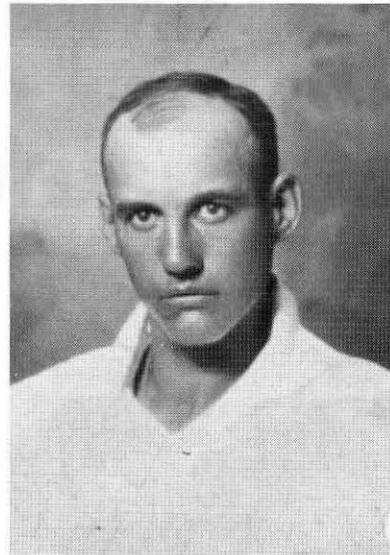
The following grandchildren and great-grandchildren are living in this community: Mrs. Fay Lesh, Mrs. Eva Harter, Mrs. Blanche Loy, Bobby E. Myer, Joe Witter, Ned Long of Flora and Mrs. Cletus Zinn, Mrs. Mary Lee Shaffer and William Myer of Delphi.

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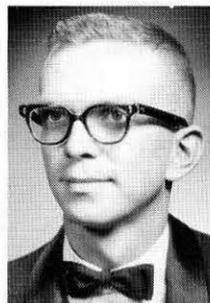


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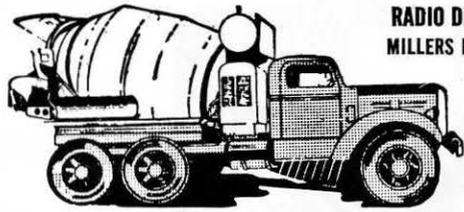


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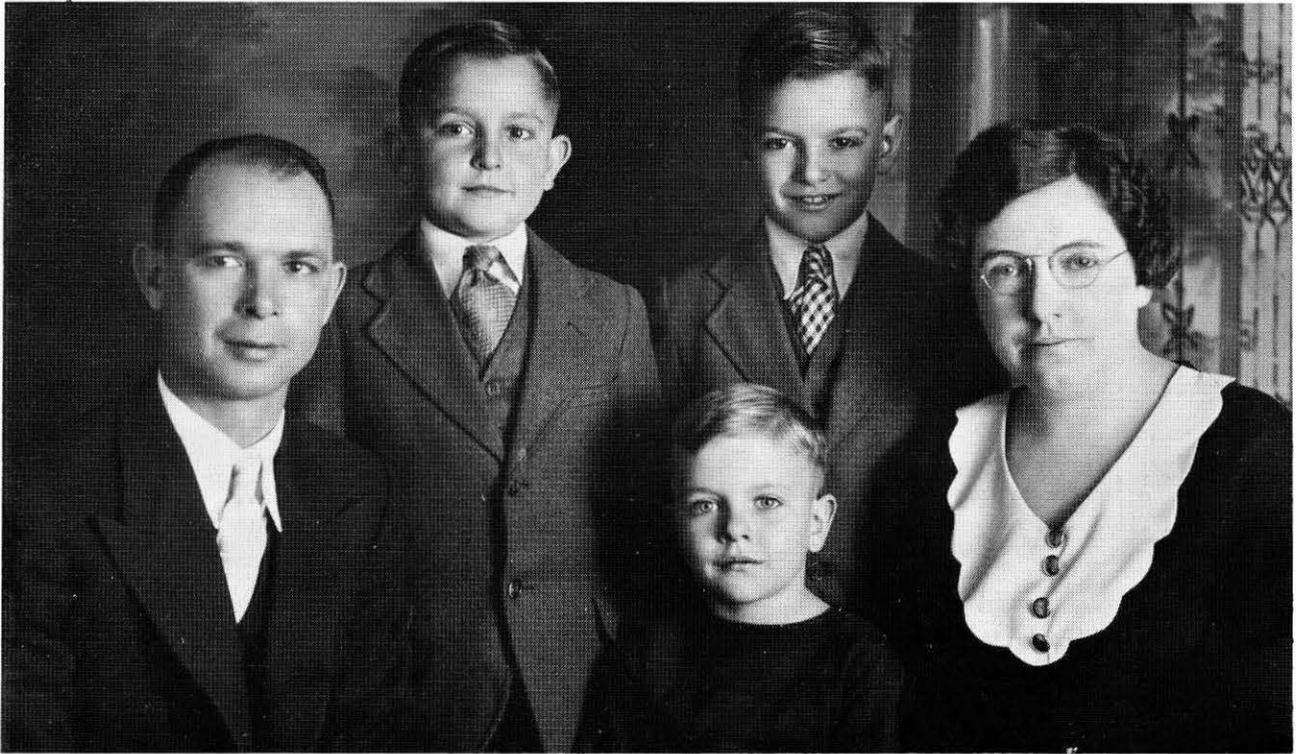
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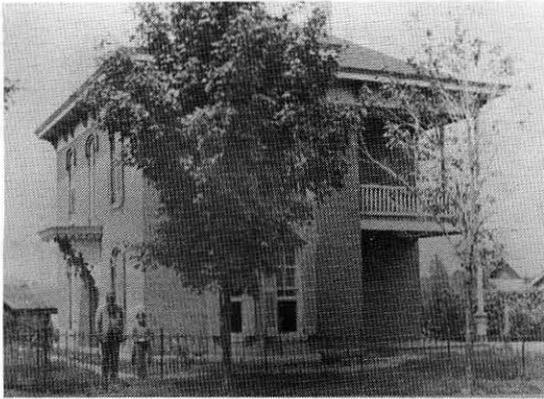
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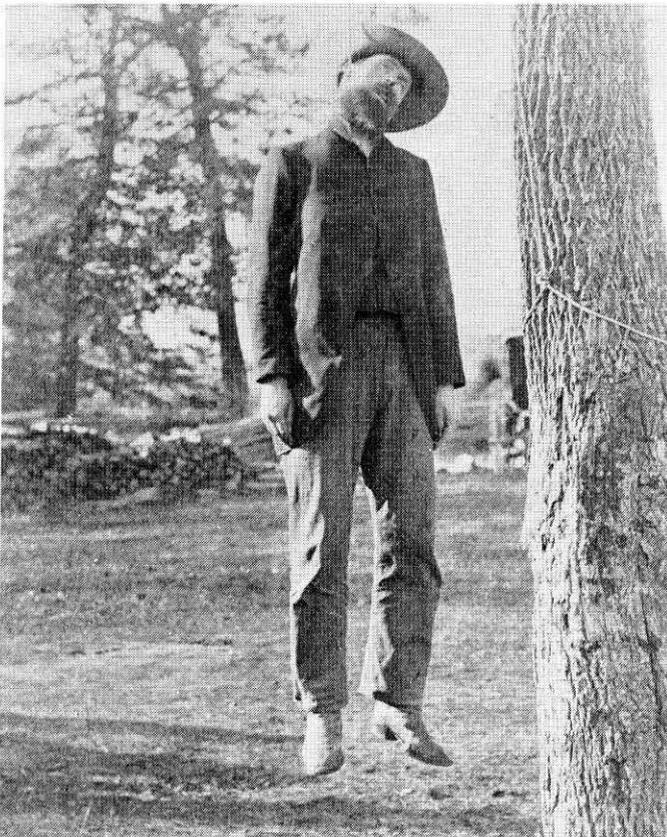
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Center Street looking north. First paved (brick) street in Flora. Left in picture J. O. Smith, Glen Smith. Seventh one from left Aden Smith. Dr. Lyon in buggy.



Amer Green accused of Murder of Lulla Mabbitt. Taken from jail in Delphi and lynched Oct. 22, 1887, on Delphi and Flora Road.

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**GREETING.**  
 We make no apology for our entrance into the arena of Journalism. All we ask is a liberal patronage, say about 10,000 a year. We shall always work for the interest of Flora and the good of mankind in general. If our punctuations are not as they should be lay it to the poverty of the office and not our ignorance.

**FLORA NEWS**  
 Cool nights  
 Plenty of ague  
 Henry Reppeto received a new stock of queensware this week.  
 Marian Shewmaker started for Colorado last monday we wish him a good time.  
 Abe Flora and family are going to Kansas this fall  
 Philip Kingery is very sick with bilious fever  
 James Harrison's family are visiting friends at Darlington  
 The Flora family met with a severe loss in the death of their mother Sunday last.  
 Every body should go to Terre Haute next Sunday round trip one dollar and eighty five cents.  
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## Trains Played An Important Role In Early Flora



W. O. BROWN



ROBERT A. CLARK

Vandalia Railroad tracks were first laid through Flora in 1872, and it was a real boom for transportation. Mail now was coming by train as well as passenger service. Express soon made it possible to receive merchandise in a few days time. Freight service which meant the handling of grain, coal, live stock, lumber and all produce was handled by John Creecraft, the first station master. Western Union service soon followed, and "Flora Station" soon had two local freight trains daily. Special excursion with reduced rates made trips by train a real family treat.

In 1906 W. O. Brown and family moved to Flora to become the new station agent. The station was on the west side of the tracks across from the present fire station. Because of rapid growth of all forms of railroad business, especially heavy passenger service a new station was needed. So in January 1908 and the cost of \$10,000 a modern station was built. The Vandalia railroad carpenter crew that built this station was Herman Morris, Bert Haynes, George Hoffman, Milt Hinkle and James Martin. This station was built on the east side of the tracks and was located at 4 S. Center St. between Main and Columbia Sts.

For some unknown reason a through freight train jumped the track on June 9, 1910 at 12:34 P.M. and the almost new station was badly wrecked, luckily no one was injured. The Vandalia Railroad became known as the P.C.C. and ST. R.R. (Pittsburgh, Chicago, Cincin-

natti and St. Louis) with eight passenger trains stopping at Flora daily. The little station did a heavy passenger service.

Office help at the station included five full time employees, two daymen were needed to handle the freight. A full time day and night service maintenance crew was always on call for track repair, and these were local people.

Many people from time to time served in the different jobs necessary to operate the railroad. The names to be remembered - W. O. Brown who in 1936 retired after serving since 1906 as station agent and that of Robert A. Clark who started as a clerk in 1919. He became station agent in 1940. About this time the railroad became known as the Pennsylvania.

Trucking companys, automobiles, and modern roads slowed the business of the railroad. One by one the passenger service was discontinued by interstate commerce commission and on Friday May 23, 1958 the last passenger train left Flora, going north.

Kay Viney, little granddaughter of the ticket agent Robert Clark, was the last passenger to board the trian, leaving Flora for Logansport.

Later the town in 1969 bought the railroad ground where the station stood and was made into a parking lot. The depot was moved to State Rd. 75 where it is now used as a coin operated laundermat. It is very easily recognized as it still looks like the original Penn Central Railroad Station.



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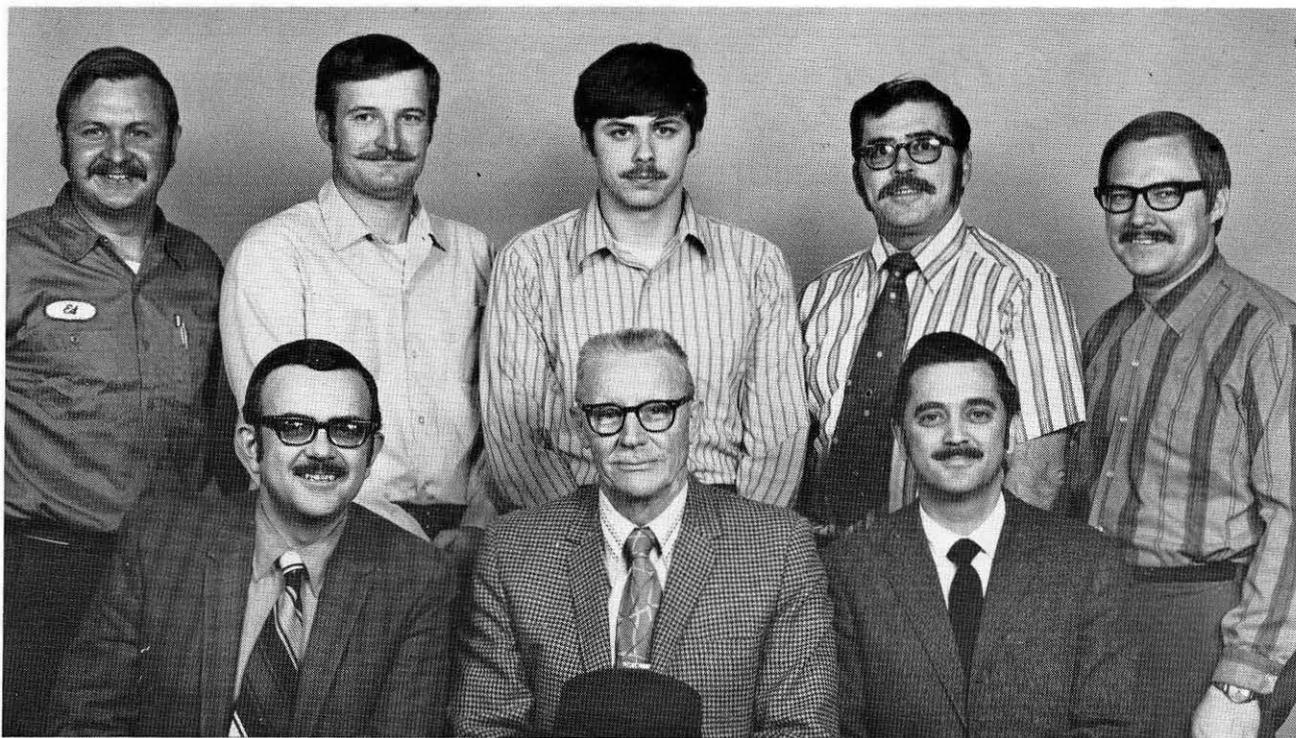
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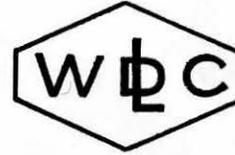
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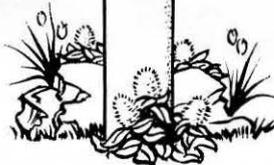
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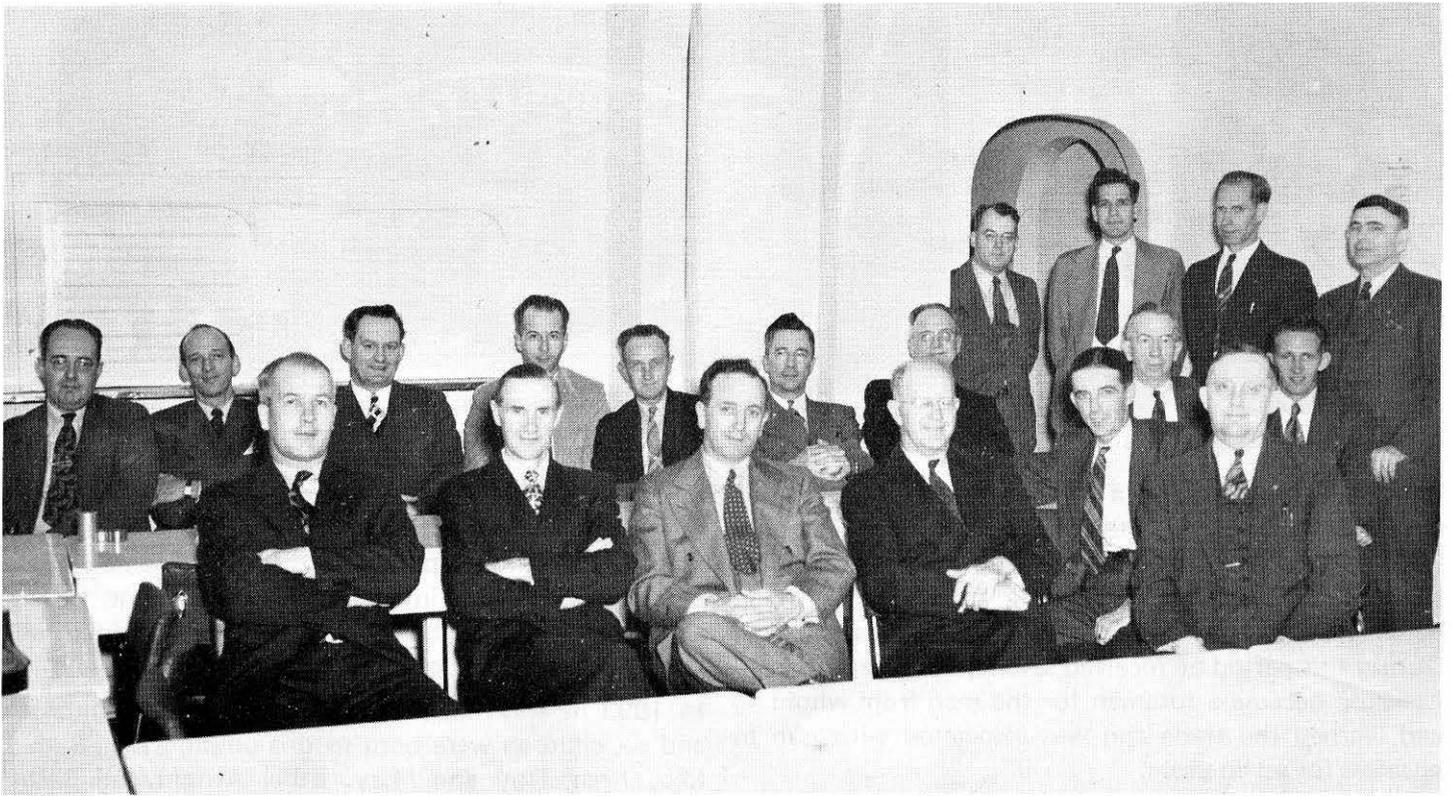
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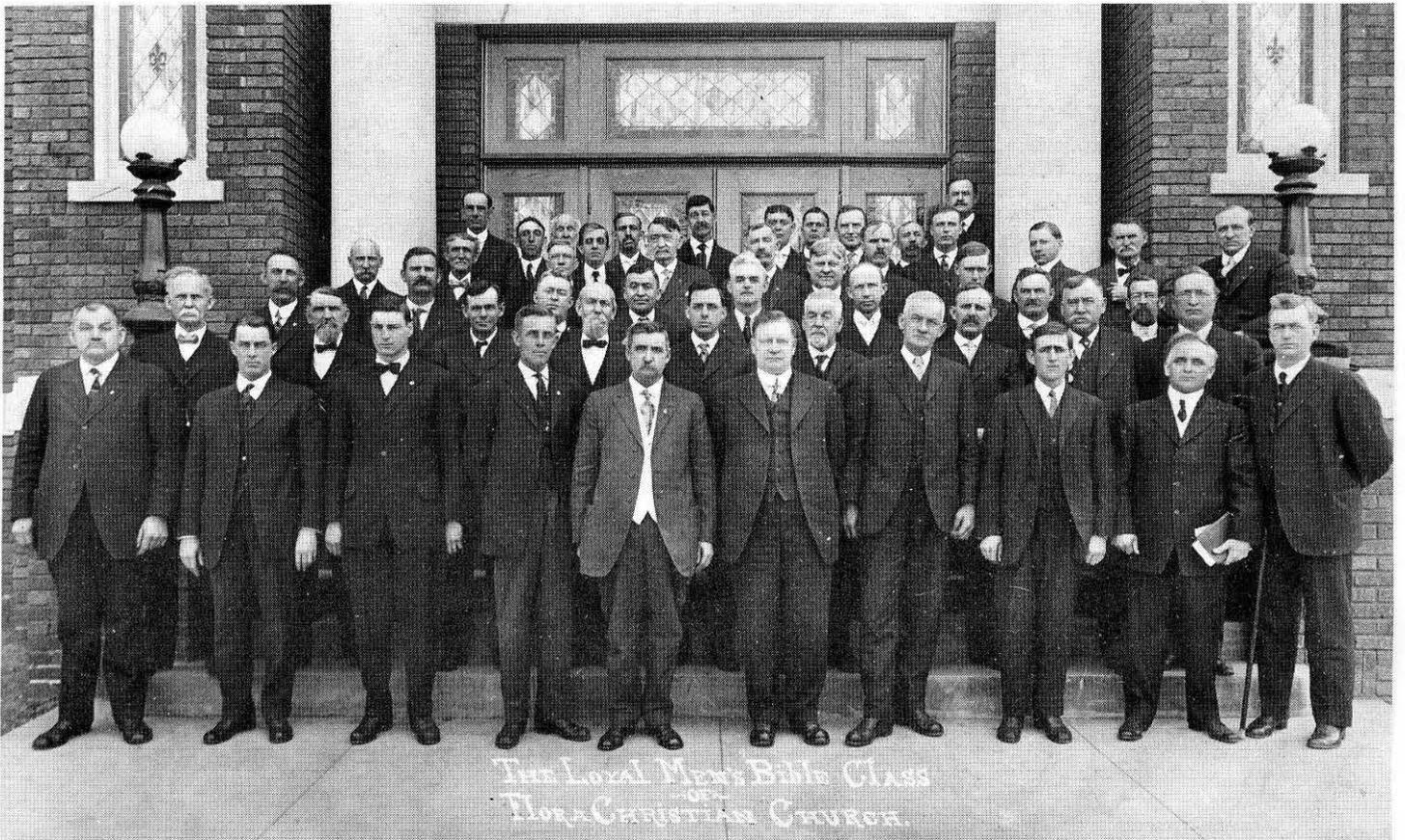
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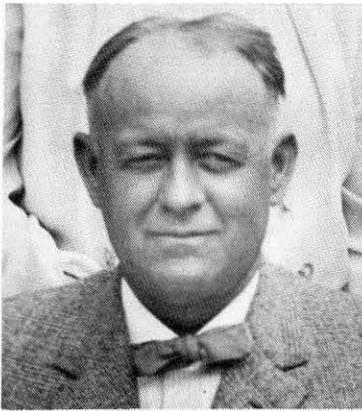
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In 1895 Mr. Minnix came to Indiana and located in Flora. He was first engaged in stone and cement work, later in street, road and bridge work. He was the proprietor of

the Flora Artificial Stone Co. and made cement when they had to be pressed with a hand machine. Later John Oaks was taken as a partner and the firm named "Oaks and Minnix" dealers in coal, stone and cement. He was also a member of the firm "Clark and Minnix" well known road and bridge contractors.

In 1893 he was married to Ida Sink, also of Bonbrook and six children were born to this union, Ethel, Bethel, Leo, Fern, Roy and Mary. Ethel Arnold and Bethel Weaver live in Detroit, Fern Fisher in Rossville and Roy in Murphys, California. Leo and Mary are deceased.

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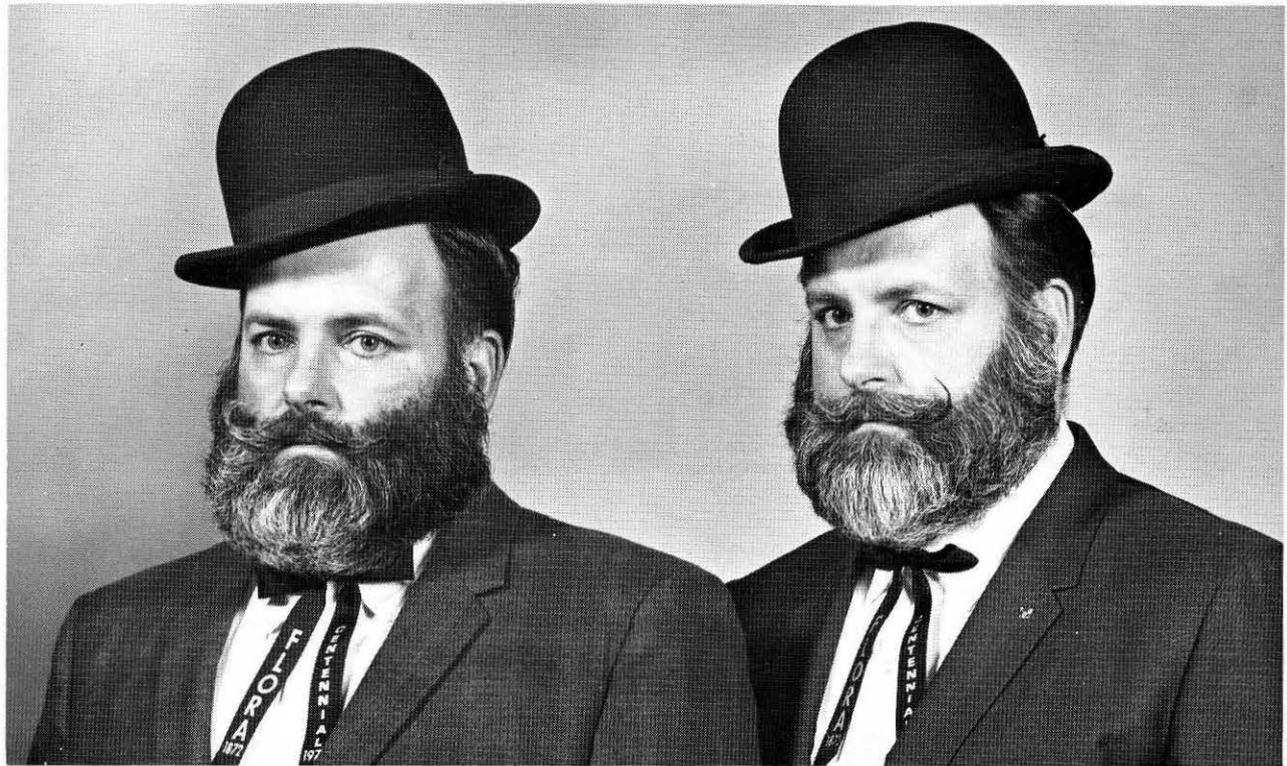
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## Brief Histories of Flora Businesses . .

### BRIGHT NATIONAL BANK

This bank was opened for business under the name of Bank of Flora, on January 12, 1889, by Judge D. P. Baldwin, it being the first institution in Flora doing a regular banking business. It was located in the front end of a store room on the north side of Main Street, two doors west of Center. The furniture and fixtures were the home-made variety, simple and substantial. On July 7, 1890, the bank was sold to David Friday, who owned it until October 31, 1891. At that time, John F. Hawkins, who had been the cashier manager since the bank was opened, purchased the business and became the sole owner. On July 24, 1897, another change in ownership was made when Reuben R. Bright, who had been a local merchant since 1873, bought the entire interest of Mr. Hawkins. The business was moved into larger quarters further east on Main Street, in the building now owned by Dr. Daniel Brown. A year or so later the bank was again moved to a room purchased by the proprietor on the east side of Center, south of Main and two doors north of the alley crossing.

On December 26, 1905, Mr. Bright sold the entire business of the Bank of Flora to the forty-three stockholders of the newly organized Bright National Bank. The building was enlarged in 1911, additional vault room and other fixtures installed, making it an up-to-date bank at that time. The following individuals were stockholders, directors or officers: D. P. Baldwin, David Friday, John F. Hawkins, Reuben R. Bright, Frank C. Horner, Gerthie E. Voorhees, Van C. Blue, Martin W. Eaton, James Thomson, Jesse V. Bright, John F. Wickard, L. V. Myer, George Wagoner, James L. Willson, Warren Knapp, Abram W. Eikenberry, Charles E. Barnard, J. B. Morris, Frank P. Zinn, Ed E. Hanna, Cora Cromer, Celesta Cromer, Myrtle Bright, Myrtle Arnott, Bertha Hendrix, Mildred Ayres, Roxie Hankins, Blanche Wickard Faun Eikenberry, Ruth Carter, Mary Cline and Nellie McCloskey.

The bank continued under the leadership of Jesse V. Bright, the son of Reuben Bright, until his death in 1935. It was at that time that G. H. Haines was made president and during the same year the Bright National Bank took over sufficient assets of the Flora State Bank and assumed its deposit liability. This action was approved by the Comptroller of the Currency after an examination of the assets of both banks which amounted to \$600,000.00. Following this consolidation, the bank was moved to the Flora State Bank building, 4 East Main Street, which it presently occupies.

A fire destroyed the interior of the bank in 1937 and at that time an extensive remodeling program was completed. After using the quarters for 31 years, the bank went through another extensive remodeling program which was completed in 1968.

In January, 1963, G. H. Haines was named Chairman of the Board and the late Kenneth D. Knapp was made president of the Bright National Bank and served in this capacity until his death January 12, 1970.

Mr. Elias C. Patty served as cashier of the Flora State Bank for many years and continued as cashier and a faithful servant of the Bright National Bank until his retirement. Following the retirement of Mr. Patty, Adolph Haines was made cashier of the Bank and in 1970 was elected president. C. Lowell Craft joined the staff as vice president and cashier in February, 1970.

The bank has had a substantial growth from the \$600,000.00 when the two banks consolidated to a figure in excess of \$12,000,000.00. The present directors of the bank are G. H. Haines, D. Elmer Cripe, Hoyte Mann, Adolph Haines, Dick N. Bishop, C. Lowell Craft. D. Elmer Cripe was named a director when the bank re-organized in 1934 and served in this capacity since that time.

### SHELL SERVICE STATION

In 1927, the Jackson Brothers, owners of the Buick Garage, brought Shell Oil Products to Flora for the first time.

They ran the service station, located at the south end of the present parking lot and also the Buick Garage, situated where the Masonic Hall now stands. The service station was operated later by Bob Moore, Dale Shonk, Jim Wheeler, Leo Flora and Russ Mocherman.

In 1939, a new station was built by Fred Frey for Frank Briggs, father of Jack, Joe, and Mark Briggs, at the corner of Division and Columbia. In order to build the service station, a large frame house, the home of Elmer Eikenberry, father of Mrs. Robert Sine and Mrs. Joe Northcutt was purchased and torn down.

Elmer Eikenberry and Bill Cooper, who were in some people's

opinion, the best horse shoe pitchers in the state, often pitched horse shoes between the house and the business next to it.

Charles Stouse who operated an ignition and battery shop at the corner of Center and Walnut, started operation of the new station, bringing with him Bob Sines. Charlie sold household goods and radios and later added radio and T.V. repairs to his services. Lee Kingery, Carl Sholty, Paul Fife, Leo Root, Gary Minnix, Jerry Albaugh, and Ernie Sylvester were among those who worked for Charlie during his eighteen years of business.

In 1957, the business was sold to Harry Humphrey, who operated the station for 3 years. Some of Harry's help during this time included Jack Turner, John Hoshaw, Ed Furner, Ralph Brower, Raymond Brower, Cullen Eikenberry, Parks Young, Bill Burns and Bill Lantz.

In 1960, the present owner, Walter Allen, purchased the Business and hired Jack Turner as his assistant. Those who have helped Walt over the past eleven years include, Claude Foster, Donald Myer, Tom DeViney, Ronald Garrison, Keith Lambert, Jerry Chaffin, Larry Hughes, Larry Garrison, Charles Sylvester, Bob Crispen, Everett Allen, Bill Tinsman, Dick Fisher and Dick Johnson. Besides his gas and oil services, Walt has added ignition, batteries, wheel alignment, wheel balancing and general Machine work to the services at the station. The station after hours, is often used now as a center for those who would like to challenge the old 'Pros' of the town to a game of table tennis.

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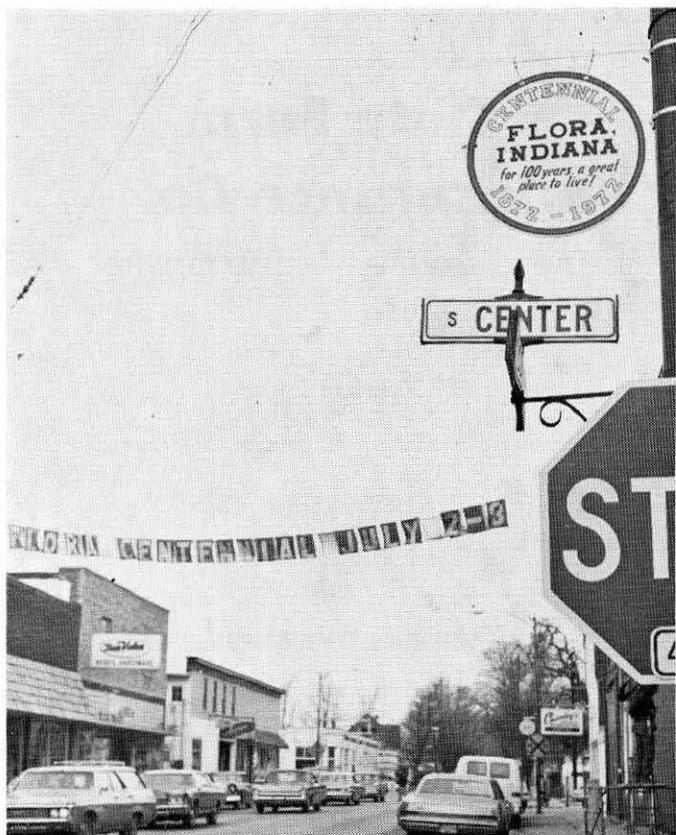
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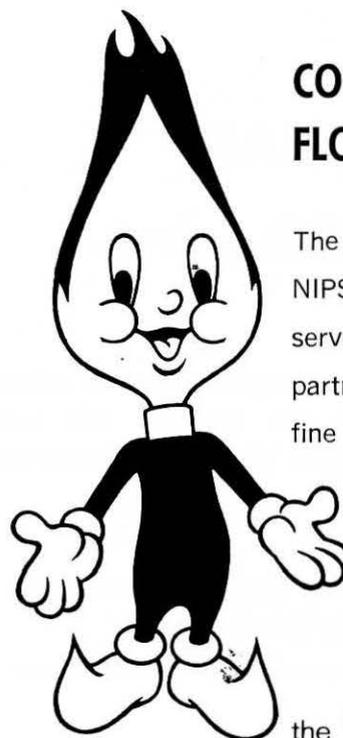
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## Brief Histories of Flora Businesses . .

### SMITH CONSTRUCTION CO., INC.

Smith Construction Company originated in the 1890's with Aden Smith, grandfather of Jean Smith. He, along with Jesse O. Smith and Glen O. Smith, two of his four sons, were primarily in concrete construction at that time. Much of the curb, gutter and sidewalk of early Flora were built by this company, some of which is still in existence.

Aden Smith died in 1909 and the firm became known as Smith Brothers Construction Co. They continued the cement work, dug basements, completed foundations, and poured concrete walls for many of the residences and business buildings constructed during this era. Later they expanded into concrete bridge work in Carroll County and the surrounding area. From this they entered into building gravel roads under the Barrett or 3 mile road law.

In about 1912, the company did its first road oiling to lay dust in towns and cities of Carroll County and adjoining counties. This was done with a tank wagon pulled with a team of mules.

In 1932, Smith Construction Co. went into black top highway construction exclusively, with a partnership formed by Jesse O. Smith and his eldest son, Laurel Smith. Jean Smith, youngest son of Jesse Smith, joined the organization in 1938. Jack Smith, son of Laurel Smith, entered into the partnership a few years later.

After the death of Laurel Smith in 1963 and Jesse Smith in 1965, the company was operated by the surviving partners until 1971 when Jack Smith sold his interest to Webb Miller and Cullan Eikenberry, and the partnership was reorganized into a Corporation, with the corporate officers being Jean Smith, Secretary; and Webb Miller, Assistant Secretary. The firm now operates as Smith Construction Co., Inc., and builds black-top roads and streets in the Carroll, White, and Clinton County area.

### AYRES HARDWARE CO., INC.

Ayres Hardware Co., Inc., located at 16 to 22 West Columbia Street in Flora is the outgrowth and continuous operation of a Hardware store built and started in 1901 by the brothers, Charles and Richard Voorhees who sold soon after to the Smith brothers, Charles and Frank. The Smith brothers then sold to Charles E. Budrow in 1905 at which time the business was known as Budrow Hardware. About 1910 Budrow sold a one-half interest to Charles Smith a former owner and the business became known as Budrow & Smith.

Clayton F. Ayres accepted employment with Budrow & Smith in 1916 and his nephew William H. Ayres accepted employment in 1919 after his return from service with the U.S. Army in the first World war. In 1921 Clayton Ayres and William Ayres purchased the interest of Charles Smith and the business again became known as Budrow Hardware Co. which it remained until 1941 when Clayton and William Ayres purchased the Charles Budrow share of the business. They retained the Budrow Hardware name until Mr. Budrow's death when it became known as Ayres Hardware Co. in 1958 the business was reorganized into a corporation known as Ayres Hardware Co., Inc. with Clayton Ayres, Grace Ayres, William Ayres and Annis Ayres as principal stockholders. After the death of William Ayres the stock of William and Annis Ayres was purchased by Tom and Beverly Ayres who are today the principal stockholders in the Corporation.

The business has been in continuous operation as a hardware since 1901 except for a brief interruption in February 1923 when a fire destroyed most of the merchandise and severely damaged the interior of the building. Additions and expansions have taken place many times but principally in 1923, 1938, 1951, and 1968. The last expansion in 1968 took in the building East of the original location which was owned and occupied for many years by Roy Good who operated a harness shop and later an auto agency, garage and filling station. The West half of this building was at one time a movie theatre and the murals on the wall painted by Raymond Devinney were still visible at the time of the remodeling.

### CUSTOM MACHINE, INC.

Custom Machine Co., Flora, Indiana, owned by Calvin Wagoner, has been in business in the Flora area for the past 18 years. They are now manufacturing special machinery for Industry and attachments for the heavy equipment field. A supplier of Industrial supplies, and also offering a repair service for the Farming Industry.

## CARROLL COUNTY FARM BUREAU COOPERATIVE ASSOCIATION, INC.

The Carroll County Farm Bureau Cooperative Association, Inc. was organized on June 6, 1927 in Delphi. The first General Manager was Lee Henderson. The reason for forming the Co-op was to improve Carroll County farmer's economic position by furnishing them farm supplies and service and marketing their agriculture products through their local cooperative association at the lowest possible cost, consistent with the quality of products and services rendered; and with due regard for the association's obligation to the employees and the general public.

The Carroll County Farm Bureau Cooperative Association, Inc. has undergone many changes since 1927, having had branches in Bringhurst, Camden, Delphi, Flora, Ockley and Yeoman.

In 1969 the Carroll County Farm Bureau Cooperative Association, Inc. moved its general office to the Flora area and today the Co-op has a grain elevator and feed mill in Bringhurst; a plant food branch south of Bringhurst; a plant food branch in Camden; the petroleum department in Camden; a grain elevator at Flora and the store and building supplies at Flora.

At present the Carroll County Farm Bureau Cooperative Association, Inc. employs 26 full time employees, plus part time employees when needed.

The General Manager of the Carroll County Farm Bureau Cooperative Association, Inc. is Richard L. Denhart. He has been General Manager since 1970.

### FARM BUREAU CO-OP PETROLEUM ROUTE

The Carroll County Co-op started in the petroleum business in 1927 at Camden, Indiana. Drivers chosen for this area were Dallas Frey and Fred Clawson. At this time the gas tank wagon had a capacity of 380 gallons and a truck cost around \$500.00. With this small truck and petroleum was carried in 5 gallon buckets and funneled into the barrels and cars. At the start of the business most tractors used kerosene and distilate.

On March 1, 1932, the Farm Bureau directors appointed Glenn Eikenberry, of Bringhurst, for this route. In 1938 pumps were installed on the trucks. With the gas rationing during World War II, stamps were used for tractors and cars. After 25 years of service in 1957 Glen Eikenberry sold his route to his son, Joe Eikenberry.

Joe Eikenberry ran the route for five years until he sold it in February, 1962, to Don Craft, of Flora. At the present time the capacity of the tank wagon is 1,850 gallons; with a new truck now costing around \$7,500.00. Mr. Craft is continuing to service the Flora, Cutler, and Burlington communities.

### ED ANGLE, MOBIL OIL DEALER

In approximately the year 1933 Socony Vacuum Oil Company bought out White Star Oil Company in which Bill Ball was the first agent in the Flora vicinity. He was the agent until April 18, 1955, in which time the company changed their name to Socony Mobil Oil Company.

Robert Heffner became the next agent after the retirement of Mr. Ball. Bob was killed in a car accident two miles north of Flora, December 17, 1958.

C. J. Harmon then bought the route January 12, 1959 and was the agent until April 15, 1965.

Ed Angle purchased it from Harmon April 15, 1965 and is the present agent.

In 1968 the company changed the name from Socony Mobil Oil Company to their present name of Mobil Oil Corporation.

### MID-STATES FEEDER PIG COMPANY, INC.

Mid-States Feeder Pig Company was organized in the summer of 1971 by Dr. Jim Williams and Dr. Bill Prafka, two local area veterinarians.

The Company sells uniform, graded feeder pigs to feeders both locally and in other grain belt areas. They also sell animal health supplies and medications. Hog feeding is another segment of their operations.

Drs. Williams and Prafka conduct a specialized hog veterinary practice along with some consulting work for larger operations.

## Brief Histories of Flora Businesses . .

### TRIANGLE FEEDS, INC.

Triangle Feeds, Inc., R.R. #1, Camden, Indiana, was duly organized and incorporated the 13th day of January, 1961. The principal stockholders are Mr. and Mrs. Charles L. Yeager and Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth E. Shriver. The business was originally operated out of Mr. Yeager's home using a portable mix mill until February, 1961, on which date the elevator facility was completed. Since February of 1961 the business has grown tremendously and today is recognized as one of the larger Purina dealerships in the United States. The business supplies feedstuffs to its many customers in and around Carroll County and also provides a grain storage and purchase program.

The corporation provides management services to many poultry corporations located in the area. The corporation with its integrated business presently employs approximately 50 people.

### CLAWSON REGAL STORE

Number 11 S. Center Street, the present site of Clawson's Regal Store has housed a grocery store serving Flora for three-quarters of a century. The present owner, Fred Clawson, whose father before him was a grocer, purchased the store in 1939 from John Byrum and at that time changed the name to Clawson's Regal Store. The present store owes its success to the high quality of meats and groceries and to courteous service to its customers. Other owners of the store have included Will Kuntzman, Arthur Robilear and Stanley Jones.

The store has changed in interior concept since 1932. After its first remodeling, it became a self-service store and later improvements have included new floors, lighting, a walk-in freezer, and electric cash registers. In 1971, a door was cut from Clawson Regal Store to join it to Clawson's Regal Blossom Shop which is operated by Helen Briggs (Mrs. Fred) Clawson.

### FLORA ELEVATOR HISTORY

In March of 1876 a grist mill was built by Michael Cline at the site where the Flora Elevator now stands on West Columbia Street. Eventually, an elevator, a flouring mill, a barn, and a platform scales were added to this property. Around 1926, coal bins were erected on land leased from the Pennsylvania Railroad, formerly the Terre Haute-Logansport Line (formerly the Logansport, Crawfordsville, and South Western Railroad).

On March 1, 1943, Steinhart Grain Company purchased this property from Lewis Craig and Hugh McCorkle, and leased it to Allison, Steinhart, and Record, manufacturers of Green Tree Feed. During the fall of that same year, the gas engines which operated the mill were converted to electrical power. In 1946 a 45' truck scale was installed, one of the largest ones in this area at that time. The livery barn which occupied the northwest corner of the property was finally moved south to set parallel to the mill and was converted to the business office.

The addition of 20,000 bu. grain storage in 1948, and a grain dryer in 1963 (which was doubled in size in 1970) have been some further improvements. The coal business was terminated in 1968. Today, the Flora Elevator, a division of Allison, Steinhart, and Zook, Inc., serves the farmers of this community with grain, seed, and Green Tree Feed.

### HELVIE BEAUTY SALON

Started March 1, 1958 at 4 West Main Street under the name of Flora Beauty Salon.

Owned and operated by sisters, Pauline Lantz and Edith Helvie. When we started we promised to give each other a shampoo and set plus a manicure every week, but by the end of the month our business was so good we did not have the time.

We employed 6 girls from 1959 to 1965.

In 1960 we moved our beauty salon to 6 South Center which had been Wilbur Lanes Law Office and is now the Bishop Brothers Barber Shop.

In 1965 the year my daughter La Vaun graduated, I decided to build a room on our house. So John built on the room and we dissolved our partnership. I then moved to 309 North Center Street which I have owned and operated by myself under the present name Helvie Beauty Salon.

### FLORA BATTERY STATION

Flora Battery Station had its beginning in the building at 21 North Center Street, Flora, Indiana, where Flora Automotive Supply is now located. It was owned and operated by Amos Clingenpeel. In 1914, Charles E. Stouse and Ruskin Carter worked for Mr. Clingenpeel and the business was Williard Service Station. Mr. Stouse stayed in the Clingenpeel home until he married and in 1919 he bought 1/2 interest in the business. In 1925 Mr. Clingenpeel's health was failing and he sold his remaining 1/2 to Mr. Stouse. It was then called Flora Battery Station. In 1927 Robert Sines started working for Mr. Stouse and in 1938, the business was moved to the site where Allen's Shell Service is now located, 15 East Columbia. Mr. Sines worked there until 1946 and Lee Kingery took his place. Several people worked there until 1946 and Leo Kingery took his place. Several people worked part time and Paul Fife and Carl Shely were some of them. In 1956 Flora Battery Station was moved to its present location, 17 South Division and in 1967 Francis Crispin joined Mr. Stouse.

1969 Mr. Stouse had a stroke and was unable to go back to work. He sold the business to Glenn Moyer and Jerry Hammond. The new owners took possession September 15, 1969 and changed the name to Flora H & M Battery. It has been a pleasure serving Flora and the surrounding communities and we will strive to keep the business going in the same manner which it has been for the past 57 years.

### DIMITT AND SON

From the United States of America by Martin Van Buren President to Jacob Zook, his heirs and assigns forever March 12, 1836.

Through numerous owners and heirs it was handed down to Aaron Overholser July 20, 1872.

Then other owners until February 28, 1917 it was sold to Adam Utz and Harry J. Spitler and 2 years later to Harry J. Spitler June 25, 1919, Lots 1, 2, 3, 4 and undivided one-third of lots 4 and 5 in Vorhees Addition to the town of Flora then a building was moved from uptown and a wholesale beef slaughter house was begun.

Harry Spitler sold it October 27, 1920 to Flora Commission Co. It was bought by Moses Wagoner and Glen E. Wagoner February 15, 1929.

At Moses Wagoner's death June 20, 1939 Glen Wagoner became the owner of the grocery and custom butchering business.

January 25, 1945 it was bought by Raymond and Thelma Douglass. The business was incorporated January 3, 1955 with the name Douglass and Sons, Inc.

On March 8, 1969 it was sold to Joseph F. Dimitt doing business as Dimitt and Son and is licensed to operate by the State Board of Health as a Custom Processing Plant.

### WOLF MACHINE SHOP

The property known as the Wolf Machine Shop is located at 504 East Main Street in Flora, Indiana. The shop was purchased by Mr. Wolf in the year of 1941 from Mr. J. D. Penn. This shop has been operated in past years as a general machine and repair shop, also doing production work.

At the present time this shop has a good profitable business established. This is being done due to the fine cooperation of local factories and industries, also farm machinery repair around the city. Mr. Wolf and son Dana do various work such as welding, tool and jig making, machine building, lawn mower and chain saw services. It is their aim and desire to continue giving good service to appreciative people.

### BISHOP & BISHOP, ATTORNEYS

A. D. Bishop came to Flora from Kokomo where his father, Grover Bishop, was Judge of the Howard Circuit Court. He started the practice of law in Flora on July 1, 1931. His office was located above the Bright National Bank building where he practiced for 25 years. Mr. Bishop received his Bachelor of Law Degree from Indiana University in 1931 and his Doctor of Jurisprudence Degree in 1938.

From 1942 to 1950 Wilbur Lane was associated with him in the practice of law and the firm was known as Bishop & Lane. This firm dissolved its partnership. In December of 1956 his son Dick N. Bishop joined his father in the general practice of law. He is a graduate of Earlham College Class of 1953 and was awarded his Doctor of Jurisprudence Degree from Indiana University in 1956. The law office of Bishop & Bishop has been located at 19 South Center Street, Flora, Indiana, since 1955.

# Brief Histories of Local Organizations

## FLORA COMMUNITY CLUB

Flora Commercial Club was started in 1920 by a group of civic minded businessmen and professional people who saw the need of an organization to promote the growth and welfare of the community. E. E. Landis and Everett Cochran were the first officers and their first project was the establishment of a park. The land for the park was donated by Chas. Reist, a leading merchant of the community.

In 1923 the name of the club was changed to The Flora Community Club, Inc. After this reorganization the big project on hand was the building of the Flora Community Building for use by the school system and for community activities. The estimated cost was \$40,000 and of this they had \$33,699 subscribed plus a lease to the school for \$6,000 for six years. Several thousands of dollars were saved by donated labor. Noah Edmonson and Chas. Houser were in charge of the carpenter work. The trusses were placed under the supervision of O. F. Campbell, using block and tackle and manpower on the ropes. When the last truss was put in place it was discovered the rope was almost severed, and if it had broken, possibly several would have been killed or injured. The building was dedicated January 3, 1924 and to finish paying off the debt the committee sponsored roller skating, silent movies, and used the building for many promotional shows.

The first officers of the Community Club in 1923 were president, L. V. Myer; secretary, Fred Wheeler; treasurer, Wm. Niewerth. Directors were Dr. Schermerhorn, George Northcutt, Wm. Leiter, John Oaks, John Roblyer, Willis Jackson, Harry Spitler, Amos Clingenpeel and Everett Cochran. Others serving the club during this period were Warren Knapp, Wm. Eckerle, D. Elmer Cripe, Elmer Metzger, L. V. Myer, E. E. Landis, Tony Beckner, G. E. Voorhees, C. E. Budrow, J. W. Clark, Chas. Burton, E. F. Krauss, Paul Kirk, Steve R. Long, Lynn Ledman, Chas. Minnix, A. L. Moss, Chas. Northcutt, Clarence Payne, J. Stanley Jones, J. B. Miller, Chas. Thomson and A. D. Bishop.

Many projects and improvements to the town have been made. In 1934 the club used WPA labor to haul dirt from behind the stores downtown and filled low places at the park, and then the parking lot was stoned. The Scout Cabin at the park was originally a log cabin structure built by the WPA. In 1937 the club activated the Flora Chapter of the American Red Cross and hired Marie Burns for several years to do the work. In 1939, through the efforts of the club State Road 18 was extended from Road 39 to 29. It was argued that the road would make it easier for people to get into Flora. Opponents argued it would make it just as easy for Flora residents to get out of town to do their shopping.

May 9, 1941 . . . the officers decided to build a furniture factory for V. D. Rider. The committee of Wm. Leiter, Everett Cochran, A. D. Bishop, Ora Shirar, G. H. Haines, Ora Trent and Wayne Crook

contracted Fred Frye to build the structure which is now the Essex Wire Corp.

In 1946 it was decided to build the SAYCO factory building and in 1947 they added the plating room. In 1948 they didn't have enough money to build the buffing room so they put in the footing and floor and SAYCO finished the building. In 1950 the club bought the Curtis farm and Ralph Pearson has been the farm manager since then. This area has been put to good use for the city's expansion; Industrial Cab Co., Flora Water Tower and sub-station, Flora Iron and Steel, Allegiance Wire, John Deere Farm Implements and Robo Car Wash. In 1961 it was decided to build a factory building to have one ready for future prospects. It is now occupied by Allegiance Wire. In 1961 the club paid \$500 to help Earl Replogle fix up the old telephone building so that he could move there, enabling a new post office to be built on his old location. In 1967, through the efforts of club members, Dr. Carlos Amaya was brought to Flora and the club purchased the office building of Dr. M. R. Adams and its contents and also purchased the Amanda Hill house as a future site to expand the medical building.

Through the years many other projects were completed by the club which also holds one-half of the shares in Maple Lawn Cemetery. The County 4-H Fair has been another area where many members have donated a lot of time and talent and have supervised the construction of several buildings on the fairgrounds.

The Community Club was represented at the launching of the battleship USS Indiana at New Port News, Virginia in 1941 by Mr. and Mrs. Ora Shirar who went with six hundred others on the Governor's special train to the ceremonies.

The Flora Community Club has been responsible for the major portion of progress in the community. It has sponsored or cooperated wholeheartedly in every effort designed to better or improve the welfare and growth of the town of Flora.

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## TRI F CLUB

The Tri F Club was organized in Flora in 1915. The club at that time was composed of nineteen young ladies. There are six charter members living in Flora at the present time, others living in various sections of the United States. Those residing here are Esther Lyons Shanks, Lena Pullen Burns, Vada Crumes Roskuski, Lois Ledman, Fawn Eikenberry Sine, Buella Clingenpeel Dunkin. At the present time the club has a membership of twenty-four.

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## FLORA LIONS CLUB

The Flora Lions Club was chartered on April 8, 1967 with 23 members. The Club meets on the first and third Tuesdays of every month for a dinner meeting and program. Lions International is the largest service organization in the world. Funds derived from club projects are used for community betterment. Flora Lions also contribute to three State Projects—Cancer Control, Leader Dog and Indiana Eye Bank. The Lions Motto, "WE SERVE."

## Brief Histories of Local Organizations

### GIRL SCOUTS

Over 600 Flora girls have enjoyed the Girl Scout program, Brownies through Senior Scouts, ages 7 through 17. Scouting for girls began here in 1950. First troop members and leaders were: Brownies; Wendy Briggs, Jill Flora, Carol Loudon, Angela Flora, Julia Redmon, Patsy Guilfoyle, Judy Wilson, Madonna Eller, Myra Hamilton and Sue Beck; Intermediates, Janie Smith, Ann Helvie, Candy Anderson, Noreen Hallam. Leaders were Mrs. Catherine Helvie, Mrs. Esther Flora, Mrs. Shirley Guilfoyle, and Mrs. Charles Gibson.

Cathy Cromer and Sondra Curts attained First Class rank.

Early troop meetings were held in leaders' homes. As troops grew larger, school class rooms were used. A change of locale was important to the spirit of the program. Flora churches opened their doors. An important part of the Girl Scout program is duty to God and Country. Over the years, many girls have attended church with their leaders on or near March 12, the Girl Scout Birthday.

Character development includes helping other people at all times. Such activities have included Friends' projects for Indian children in this country, CARE projects for children abroad, Mothers' Day Tea at the County Home, decorations and favors for nursing homes and Special Ed class, gifts for Logansport Children's Home, and many others.

Three phases of Girl Scouting were Home, Arts, and Out of Doors. Home activities included Badge work with consultants like Mrs. Loren King in Home Nursing and Mrs. Keith Sisson in Good Grooming. Several troops earned Cook Badges at classes at the REMC.

In the Out of Doors, hikes and campouts were held in woods around Flora and Cutler, including one stormy overnight at the home of Mrs. Naomi Sparks Eikenberry, one of the first leaders. In 1955, fifteen girls went troop camping at Logansport's Camp Wildwood, accompanied by Mrs. Paul Wagaman, Mrs. Jewel Thompson, and Mrs. Richard Ledman. Mrs. Ledman and Georgiana Guyer counseled for ten Flora girls at a GS residence session at Camp Buffalo.

Carroll County troops entered into an area Girl Scout Council in 1960 and have since held yearly Day Camp sessions at Baums' Woods with the help of many fine local volunteers. Tribal Trail Council's established campers have attended residence camp at Kokiwanee near Lagro. Council board members from Flora have been Mrs. C. J. Harmon, Mrs. Wayne Zinn, Mrs. Oscar Harber, and Mrs. William Briggs.

### CAMP FIRE GIRLS

Wo-He-Lo Camp Fire Group was organized in the summer of 1919 by Dr. Eva Kennedy, a former Camp Fire Guardian of Camden. Mrs. Robert Clark was made Guardian of the Council and the K of P lodge gave the group a meeting place, where the Reinke Leiter Funeral Home now stands. Among the early

members were: Josephine Bricker, Dorothy Clark, Helen Myer, Mary Eiler, Nettie Swisher, Ethel Budrow, Ella Ruth Trent, Rosella Roskuski, Mary Crume, Jessie Kitzmiller, Lois Colvin, Marjorie Sines, and Lenore Landis.

An outstanding pleasure for the group was a week's stay at Culver on Lake Maxinkuckee each summer, making the trip from Flora by train.

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### PSI IOTA XI

Psi Iota Xi, Beta Alpha chapter of Flora was founded in May of 1928, by the Brookston chapter. The ten charter members were Josephine Voorhees, Gladys Huesh, Riva Todd, Dorothy Clark, Helen Myer, Grace Marie Stone, Rosella Roskuski, Esther Colvin, and Esther Myer.

Psi Iota Xi, being a Philanthropic sorority, has for the past forty-three years helped the community in many ways.

Hospital equipment is available to anyone in the community who needs it at no charge. A speech and hearing department in the school is a Psi Ote project, the Logansport State Hospital, Riley Hospital for Children and the County Home are a few of the places their money is used. Needy families are helped with food, clothing and medical bills. The Red Cross blood bank comes twice a year to Flora and the members help by giving of their time to do the clerical work and service wherever needed.

Psi Iota Xi has been active in community affairs and hopes to continue for many more years.

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### HOME ENDEAVOR HOME ECONOMICS CLUB

The Home Endeavor Home Economics Club was organized by Mrs. Charles Gibson with the help of Mrs. Marion Gibson, Mrs. Mildred Shanks, Mrs. Reba J. Briggs, Mrs. Mark Carter and Mrs. Orpha Mead in October, 1945.

The first meeting was held in the home of Mrs. Walter Helvie, mother of Mrs. Gibson.

The officers installed by Mrs. Marion Gibson and Mrs. Mildred Shanks were as follows: President, Miss Laura Dillman (Mrs. Virgil Maxwell); Vice-President, Mrs. Jack Voorhees; Secretary, Mrs. Charles Gibson; Treasurer, Mrs. Barney Sparks; Publicity Chairman, Mrs. Paul Fife; and Song Leader, Miss Carmen Albaugh.

There are four active charter members: Mrs. Charles Gibson, Mrs. Richard Johnson, Mrs. Robert Sibray and Mrs. Junior King.

We were surprised on our 25th anniversary by learning our organizer, Mrs. Charles Gibson, assisted by Mrs. Tom Cowell and Mrs. Lowell Johnson, had organized and installed the officers for the Junior Home Endeavor Home Demonstration Club composed of the daughters and daughters-in-law along with other girls. Our members and the daughters are Mrs. Robert Sibray, Mrs. Ed Stephens; Mrs. Junior King, Mrs. Bill Dittman; Mrs. Charles Gibson, Mrs. James Reed; and Mrs. Richard Johnson, Mrs. Lowell Johnson. Mrs. Weldon Hicks, also a charter member, is a sister to Mrs. R. Johnson and Mrs. Gibson.

We have two deceased members: Mrs. Lloyd Trent and Mrs. Roy Pritts.

## DR. LLOYD CARTER

Dr. Lloyd Carter, the son of Dr. Henry and Cinderella Pruitt Carter, was born at Bringham. He attended school at Bringham and barbered in Bringham before going to Dental school. After gradu-



ating from the school of Dentistry in Indianapolis, he opened his office in Bringham, practicing there from 1912 until the time of his death in 1956. He was married to Cora Briggs; they were the parents of five children, Pauline, Mrs. Dale Rodkey of Kokomo; Lois, Mrs. Howard Baxter of Glendale, California; Patricia, Mrs. Robert Spitler, Bringham; Jack Martin Carter, of San Jose, California, and Mark Henry Carter of Flora.

## DR. HENRY CARTER

Dr. Henry Carter, born in Monroe Township, Carroll County, July 5, 1849, was the son of Martin and Penninah Hollwell Carter of Tennessee and North Carolina respectively. Martin Carter came to Indiana when he was 16 years old, walking from Tennessee barefooted. He settled in Burlington and was employed in brick making and farming. He died when Henry was five years old. Henry was one of five children and lived with relatives for several years until his mother could have a home for the family again. Henry attended school in Hoff's school, northeast of Flora. Later, he went to school at Burlington, then taught at the Liberty School. He attended How-

ard College at Kokomo, and in 1873 went to Ohio National Normal School in Ohio, then to Terre Haute to Indiana State Normal School. After graduating, he served four years as principal of Bringham schools and two years as principal of the Flora school.

In 1890 he took a medical course and in 1892 graduated from the Cincinnati School of Medicine. The same year he started practicing medicine in Bringham, staying there until his death. He was married to Cinderella Pruitt and they had three sons, Dr. Lloyd Carter, Dr. Emerson Carter and Attorney Paul Carter.

## BERNICE BROWN

*(Following are some facts and memories written by Mrs. Bernice Brown of Sun City, Arizona. Mrs. Brown was the granddaughter of Henry Koonsman and the daughter of Wm. Koonsman, early pioneers of this community.)*

"Remember all the doctors we had when we were growing up? Lyons, Callane, Kearns, Brubaker, C. L. and Tom Peters, A. J. Cooke and Shirar. In Bringham was Dr. Henry and Dr. Emerson Carter . . . remember when the main streets in Flora were paved with brick . . . the workmen had tongs to pick up several at a time, like handling blocks of ice . . . and remember the race track west of town near where the Brethren Home is . . . the livery stables ran hacks to the tracks. The roads were so dusty, the sprinkling truck couldn't work fast enough . . . and remember the farmers drove their livestock through town to the loading pens at the south end of town along the railroad. The young boys had fun helping keep the animals out of the yards. I always enjoyed watching the sheep.

"Remember 'Coal Oil Johnny' Laird? He drove a one-horse wagon with a tank of some kind that I don't remember . . . sold coal oil at the houses. Polly Smith and his fish wagon on the street in cold weather and Mrs. Lee Hawkins driving a high-stepping sleek horse hitched to a light rig. The electric light plant built along the railroad near the sawmill and then came the first electric lights. The old town pump and rusty tin cup hanging on a wire . . . the water was always good and cold. The Baptist Church that was in the west side of town on Walnut Street and was later moved to its present location. The Thursday night band concerts. The big store of Mr. Jim Wilson, then Frank Horner, his son-in-law, entered the firm. I always thought it was beautiful, besides it had an elevator. I'm sure most of us can remember the big handsome team of horses of Arthur Blue, that my Uncle John Koonsman used for all his funeral equipment.

"Well . . . I'm thinking faster than I can write. You know those were good days to remember.

"If this isn't material you can use, I've at least enjoyed remembering . . . maybe Addie Michaels could remember some things.

Hope you succeed in your Centennial efforts."

Bernice

## A Little Reminiscing From the First Citizen Born in Our Town

*(This is a reprint of a letter written to Al Moss by Mrs. Della Blue on April 27, 1959. Mrs. Blue was reportedly the first baby born in this community after it was known as Flora, Indiana.)*

From

MRS. DELLA BLUE  
1009 W. Elm Street  
Kokomo, Indiana

April 27, 1959

Well, Mr. Moss, I will try to tell you about Flora.

My father, J. W. Butcher, and wife, Sulass, was from Missouri. They started out to make away. So they drove through from Missouri in a covered wagon with a team of mules.

They settled in Flora where the Old Hotel stands. They were putting in the old Vandalia road so they stopped and my mother cooked for the men and Pa worked as a carpenter.

Now that was in 1871 and I was born the next year on May 5, 1872 at 10:00 o'clock. My mother had me, dressed me, put me in a box, put me in a covered wagon and got dinner for the railroad hands.

I was born in the covered wagon right where the Old Hotel stands now. The exact date was in 1872, May 5, and if I live til the 5th day of May I will be 87. Flora will be 88. **See!**

So after that old Abe Flora come in and bought the land and my father went to work building houses. So he built all of the north end. Then next came old man Bricker and put in a grocery store and then Mr. Cromer came and put in a drug store.

I forgot to mention earlier that my mother had Emma, Jena and Milton at the time they came through in the covered wagon from Missouri. The folk came flocking in.

I went to school in the old Brick north of town. My teachers were Mr. Sidenbender and Mr. Smelcer.

Pa named Flora at the time "I Go."

Aunt Mary Bridge was the first lady to start an eating place. I was eight years old and helped wash dishes.

My mother had eleven children and all my folks are gone but two brothers, Arthur who is 80 and Clifford who is 77.

Now this is the best I can do without you running up to Kokomo and talking to me in person. I am not able to write much as I am just getting over the flu. So you can put this together and suit yourself. I would like to help all I can.

I can't walk, am just an invalid. So much I could tell you. I have a good memory but just old now. Now, I was born in '72, sure. I live with Rube Blue.

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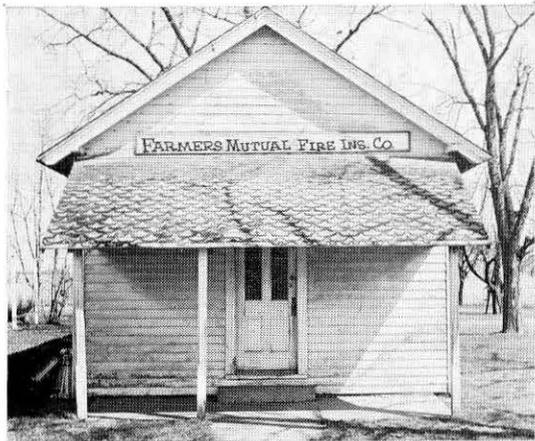
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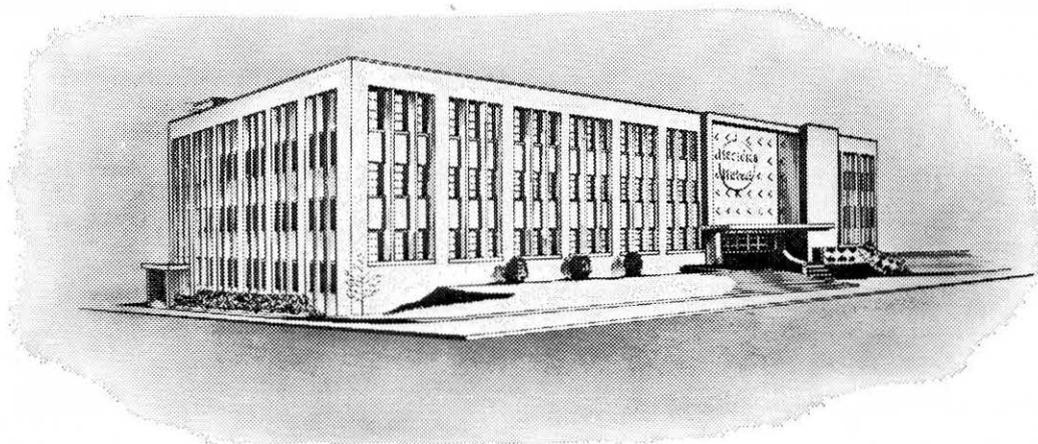
# DO YOU REMEMBER?



Farmers Mutual Fire Insurance Company (predecessor of Meridian Standard Insurance Company) was organized in 1868. The building pictured was the first owned office and was first used in 1893. This building is still standing and is located on North Main Street in Mulberry.



Many area farmers will remember the friendly "Mulberry Company" which in 1967 became Meridian Standard Insurance Company, an affiliate of the Meridian Insurance Group. This modern office in Mulberry now serves Indiana residents on a state-wide basis.



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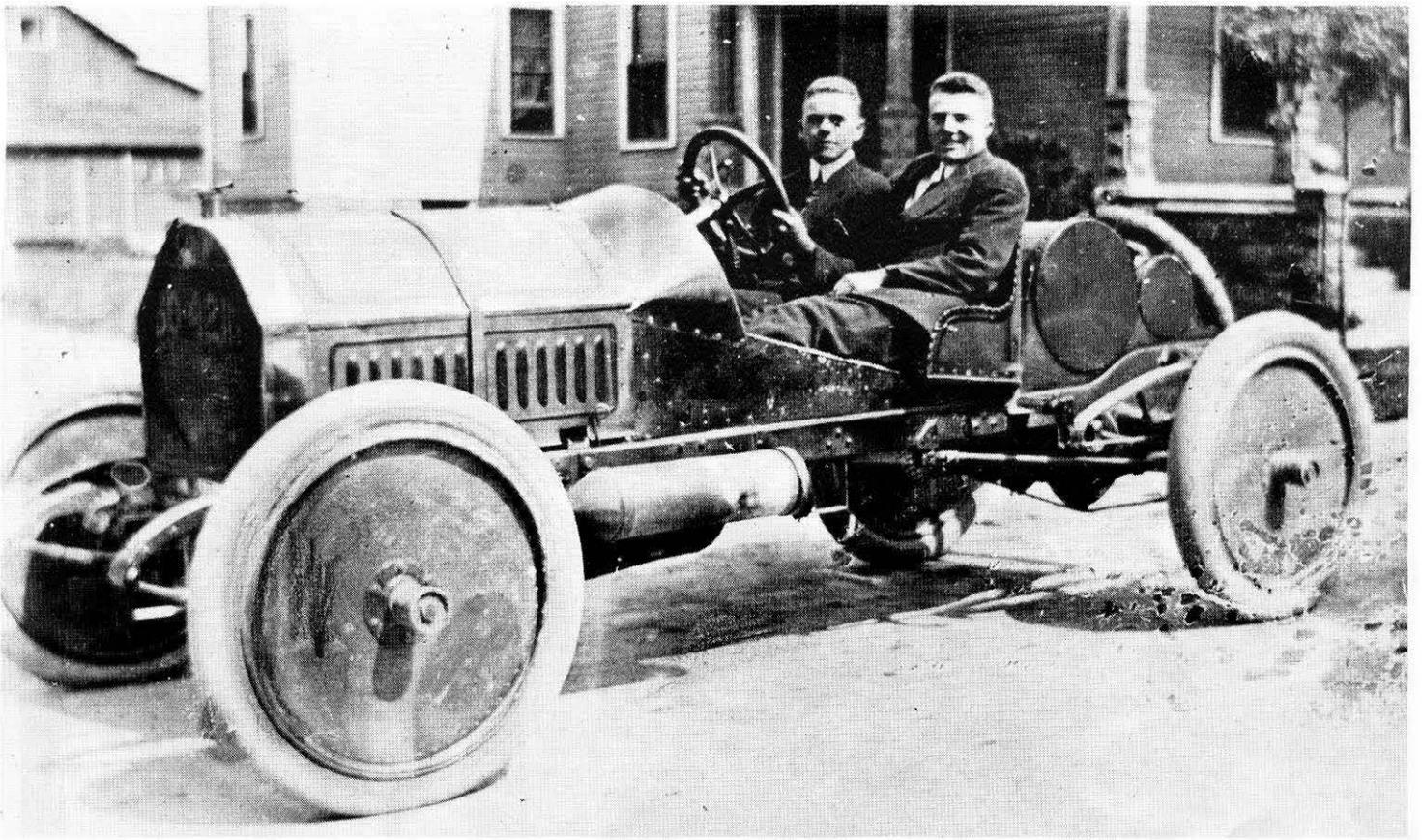
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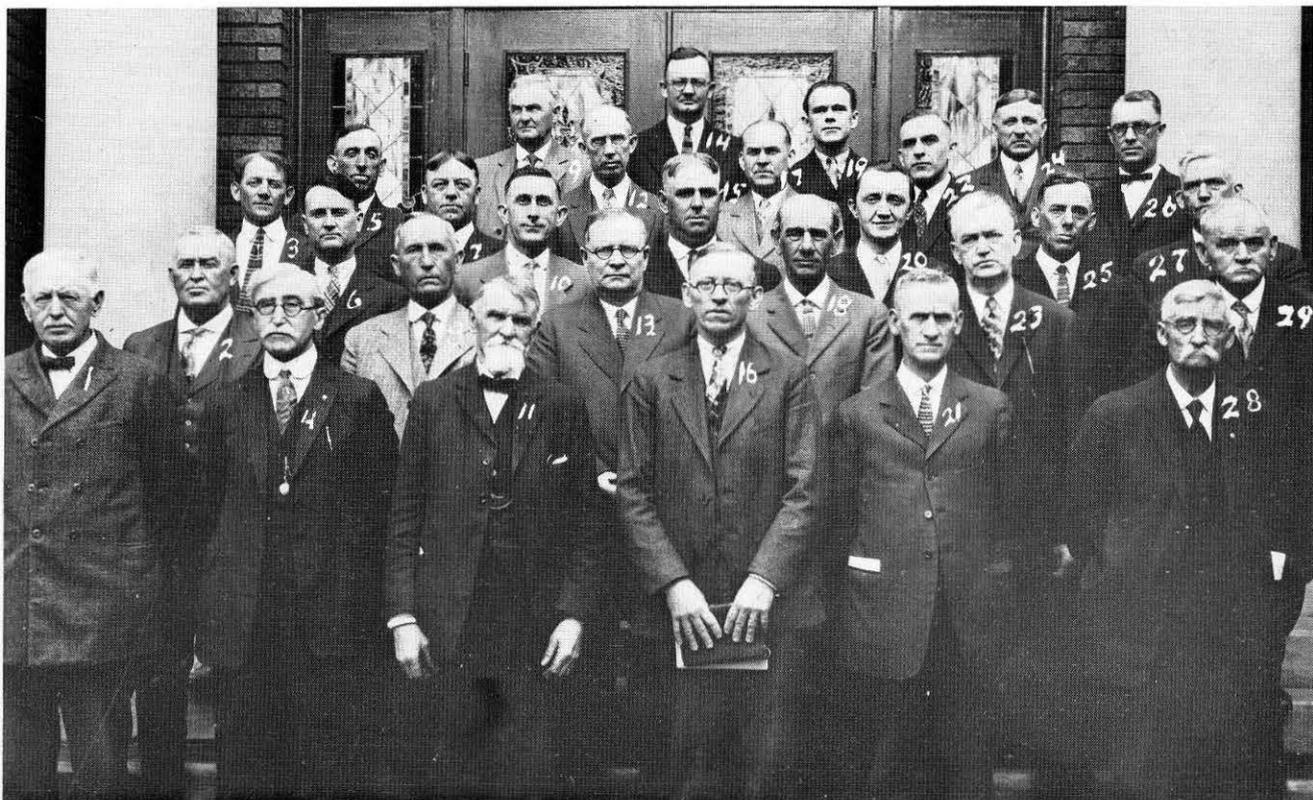
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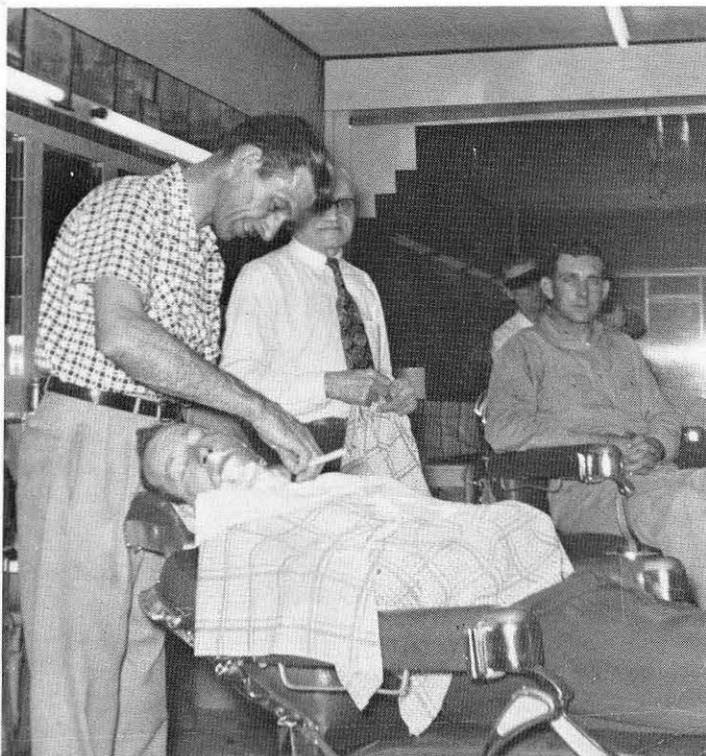
Fountain City? Flora? Anyway it was a swinging band.



Shave 10¢, Haircut 25¢. Could be the last gentleman is about to pull a tooth.



1—James Moss, 2—Ed (Paddy) Voorhees, 3—Carl Stanton, 4—Samuel Smelcer, 5—John McClosky, 6—Nola Finey, 7—Glenn Smith, 8—Wm. Spitler, 9—Chas. Cochran, 10—Wm. Pattengale, 11—James Cree, 12—Chas. Reist, 13—Newt Grandstaff, 14—Everett Cochran, 15—Harry Richter, 16—Wilbert Kenrick, (Teacher) 17—Frank Honicker, 18—Reuben Harter, 19—Lee Eikenberry, 20—Harry Cree, 21—Dr. Grant Wiley, 22—Chas. A. Bell, 23—Chas. E. Smith, 24—Chas. E. Budrow, 25—Harvey Calhoun, 26—Wm. Garrison, 27—Harry Sibray, 28—John Little, 29—Joe Steckel.



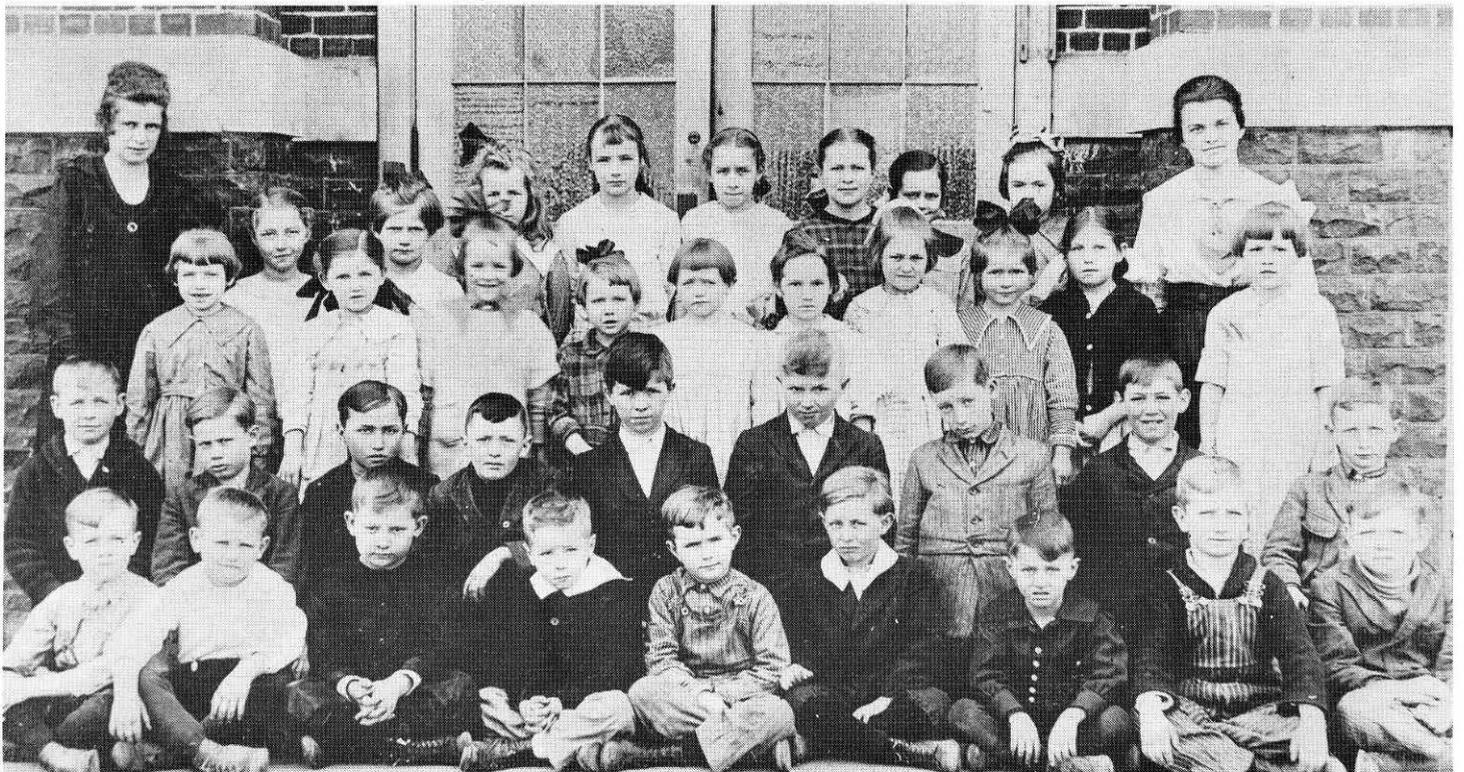
L to R: Em McKinley, Fred Leslie, Pete Tolen. In chairs, Charles Gibson, Bob Peterson.



"Rollo the Limit"



Top: Carl Johnson, Reid Burns, Rev. Musselmann, Frank Mullendore. Next Row: Chas. Stouse, Basil Ayres, Lee Ulery, Earl Repogle. Next Row: Dave Wise, Frank James, Bob Sines, Glen Wagoner, Fred Wheeler, Nelson Shafer, Irvin Brien. Next Row: Bertha James, Ina Johnson, Flossie Shaffer, Thelma Sines, Martha Wise, Waneta Turley, Lena Mullendore. Bottom: Cora Williams, Lenore Briggs, Lena Burns, Elizabeth Ulery, Lilly Parrott, Lenna McKinley, Faye Ayres, Mae Chittick, Marie Burns, Agatha Wheeler, Olive Carey.



Dena Metsger Craig with her Room 1 students at Bringhurst, March 19, 1918.

FLORA'S SENIOR COUPLE



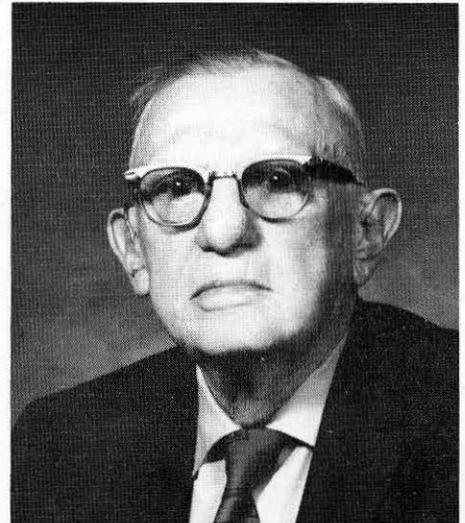
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Russell Harter

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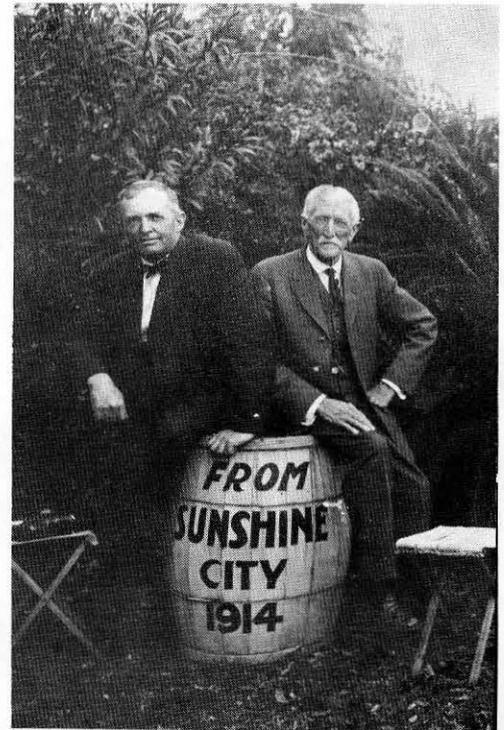


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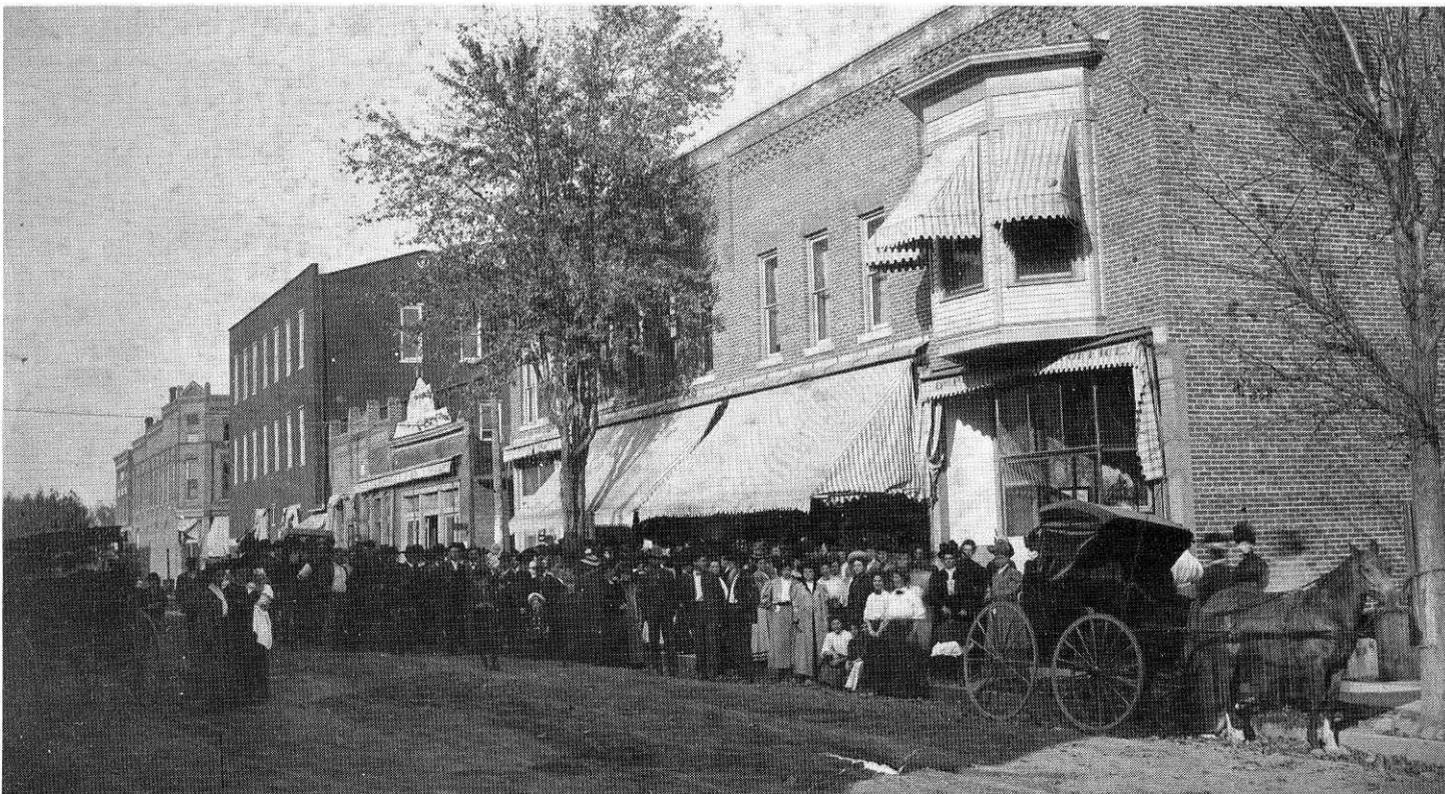
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Mr. Horner and Mr. Willson



Charles L. Bell



Center Street looking North



A. D. Bishop, Bill Niewerth, Loren Chittick



'Ding' Hendryx and Tom Sering

## Brief Histories of Local Organizations

### FLORA FIRE DEPARTMENT

In 1903 the town of Flora purchased a hand-pulled chemical fire apparatus. The story, as handed down from fireman to fireman, is that the first time it was used was when a dwelling on South Willow Street caught fire. The firemen in their excitement pulled the new apparatus to the scene of the fire with such speed that they were so exhausted they could not operate the new machine. The home burned to the ground.

Since that black day the Flora Fire Department has saved hundreds of homes, barns, garages and other assorted buildings. The most notable fires the department has fought have been the Flora school building, Wheeler's garage, the furniture factory, the saw mill and the Pioneer seed-corn drying building.

In 1919 the Hoosier Democrat had the following story: After many years Flora has a real-for-sure fire chief. At a recent meeting of the town board Dr. O. F. Campbell was named chief and the following other officers appointed:

Assistant Chief—Amos Clingenpeel

Truck Drivers—Grover Jackson and Harry Jackson

Nozzle Supervisors—Willis Jackson, Willis Mummert, Glen Smith and Earl Mummert

Hydrant Men—W. M. Sadler and Charles Burton

Ladder Men—Asa Isaacs, J. O. Smith, Charles Budrow and Oscar Barnard

Chief Campbell wants it known from the start that the public shall assist with the fire-fighting only when asked to do so and states that a heavy fine will be assessed against anyone who drives over hose while they are laid ready for work. The new auto fire wagon was given its first "run" last Tuesday night when the alarm was given that the O. N. Glasscock residence on East Main Street was on fire. The flames were extinguished, however, without difficulty and the loss was only slight.

Dr. Campbell was succeeded as Chief by Charles Budrow. After the fire at the Wheeler garage in 1939 Charles Stouse was named Chief and served until ill health forced him to resign in 1969. Dean Briggs was then appointed Chief, but he lived only a few months. Walter Allen was then made Chief and still serves in this capacity.

Men who are and have been members of the Flora Volunteer Fire Department are: Jerry Albaugh, Basil Ayres, Milo Appleton, Walter Allen, Dean Briggs, Charles Budrow, Reed Burns, Charles Burton, Ralph Burrell, O. F. Campbell, Amos Clingenpeel, Everett Cochran, Ray Cook, Harry Cree, Wayne Crook, Pete Denton, Richard DePoy, Carl Draper, Joe Draper, Basil Eller, Harry Foster, Marion Funkhouser, Roy Good, Fred Griffith, Ed Helvie, Paul Holmes, William Hurley, Fred Humes, Stanley Jones, Willis Jackson, Charles Johnson, Burnell Keyes, Paul Kirk, Doyle Kirkman, Herman Landes, Ray Lee, Richard Leiter, William Leiter, Howard McGill, Rush McCarty, Mart McCrary, Gary Minnix, Otis Myer, Donald Myer, Wil-

liam Niewerth, Charles Northcutt, Plumb, Floyd Reed, Nova Riggle, Leo Root, Jerry Reinke, Charles Shaffer, Nelson Shaffer, Bob Sines, Dick Sines, Rick Sines, Oren Skinner, Harry Stineman, Charles Stouse, Charles Sylvester, Leon Viney, Marve Wikle, Dr. C. N. Wilson, Ben Wray, Clarence Watson, Paul Wisler, Louis Pinkerd, Lowell Johnson, Don Clingenpeel, Grover Jackson, Harry Jackson, Willis Mummert, Glen Smith, Earl Mummert, W. M. Sadler, Asa Isaacs, J. O. Smith and Oscar Barnard.

### U & I CLUB

The U & I Club was organized in March, 1922 with fourteen charter members.

Club rules were made and membership limited to twenty members. Club colors of green and white were chosen, the carnation to be the club flower.

It was decided to have an educational topic given at each meeting with members or guest speakers giving the program. Many family picnics were held during the time our families were growing up; also, we had Mothers' Day parties, surprise parties, brunches, favorite dish dinners and tours.

Plans are being made to celebrate our fiftieth anniversary in May. During the fifty years we have had fifty-five members join and the only charter members are Edith R. Ayres, Maude Wood and Minnie Ross.

### OLD FLORA CEMETERY ASSOCIATION

Twelve interested citizens of the Flora community met on June 9, 1969 to form the Old Flora Cemetery Association.

The old Flora Cemetery, located just outside of Flora, is the burial place of many of the early settlers of the community, with the first burial being sometime around 1830 and the last burial being in 1926.

During the intervening years since the last burial, the cemetery was allowed to deteriorate. Stones were broken or scattered, and this resting place was covered by trees and brush.

Since the inception of the association, members have cleared brush and trees, sprayed for weeds, reset and repaired stones, sown grass seed, and erected some new markers.

In the spring of 1971, a group of Junior Sunday School Class members from the Flora Presbyterian Church visited the cemetery and decorated several of the graves.

A mower was purchased in 1970, and the nine-tenths of an acre plot is presently being mowed a minimum of three times a year.

The original deed for the burial plot has also been located. This deed, recorded on October 6, 1856, states that the land, given by John and Sarah Flora, is to be used as a graveyard forever. Also quoting from the deed, "No person executed for a criminal offense, or who has taken his own life shall be buried in said graveyard."

Present officers of the OFCA are Gerald Clingenpeel, President; Charles Harter, Vice-President; and Marie Clark, Treasurer.

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## HISTORY OF ART AND GARDEN CLUB

On the afternoon of August 12, 1929, Mrs. Hendrick Van Doorn invited a group of ladies to her home for the purpose of organizing an art and garden club. Mr. and Mrs. Van Doorn were newcomers to the community and were operating a greenhouse. She stated the purpose of the club was to foster art and gardening. The same creed by Morris Gray that we use today was suggested and adopted. It is the state of art creed.

Many rules and regulations were discussed and it was agreed that anyone interested in gardening was eligible to be a member. Those present were as follows: Mrs. George Thomas, Mrs. Lawrence Whistler, Mr. and Mrs. Hendrick Van Doorn, Mrs. Everett Myers, Mrs. John Oaks, Mrs. F. G. Coleman, Mrs. Fred Voorhees, Mrs. R. S. Tidrick, Mrs. Helen Myer Wason, Mrs. Esther Myer, Mrs. John Siegrist and Miss Minnie Todd of Young America, who was visiting her sister Mrs. Tidrick and it was she who suggested the name for the club, "The Community Art & Garden Club." Miss Todd was not a charter member, but she became a member later on.

All of the ladies present were very ambitious for they planned and held the first flower show in just seventeen days or on August 31, 1929. It was open to the public because all of us were truly amateurs. It was agreed that anyone joining the club before March 1, 1930 were to be considered charter members, and that we would invite men to be members also. So, added to the charter members already listed we have the following: Rev. and Mrs. F. H. Collier, Mr. and Mrs. Tony Beckner, Mrs. Glae Cook, Dr. and Mrs. A. J. Cook, Rev. F. G. Coleman, Rev. and Mrs. S. C. Rogers, Mrs. Floyd Flora and Mrs. Charles McCracken.

Mrs. John Oaks was temporary chairman, the first six months or from August, 1929 to March, 1930, when Mrs. Van Doorn was elected president and she served five years or until March, 1935, when Mrs. R. S. Tidrick was elected. Rules or laws were then made that a president could only serve for two years.

Our first flower arranging class was held at the Fred Voorhees home and was conducted by Mr. Hendrick Van Doorn. Some basic principles stressed were simplicity in color and design, point of emphasis and an affinity in texture of container and flowers.

In 1938 we had as our guest the artist Leota Loop and several of her pictures. She is now deceased. Another guest speaker was Orville Oaks and friend. They took a tree census of the Community Park and reported the park contained two hundred and forty-six hard maples, twelve beech, eleven elm, eight ash, seven sycamore, five walnut, five hawthorn, four shag bark hickory, two jack oak, two pignut hickory, two mulberry, two wild cherry, one yellow poplar, one mockernut hickory, one willow, one swamp white oak and one basswood. Total number of trees three hundred and thirteen. The club purchased tree labels for one of each species.

Probably the largest project we ever attempted was when we entertained the North-Central District meeting of the Garden Clubs of Indiana in June, 1960, with a flower show in conjunction.

## THE BRETHERN'S HOME OF INDIANA, INC.

The Brethren's Home of Indiana, Inc., had its beginning in 1923 with the construction of a two-story building on the west side of Flora, Indiana. The Home is owned and operated by The Benevolent Board of the Brethren Church. This is a cooperative board of the General Conference of the Brethren Church with headquarters in Ashland, Ohio.

The early residents of the Home were Brethren Church members, and the denomination gave a good share of the operational expenses of the Home. Residents gave what they had, and were given life-time contracts. This practice continued until the 1950's, when a monthly rate was established.

As the years went by with our ever-changing world, a need for a better equipped nursing care facility was felt. After several years of planning, construction was started in 1967 for our new building. This new home has twenty resident rooms, which are modern in every way, including full air-conditioning and carpeting. There are also two cottages, and each has two one-bedroom apartments. A third cottage is the home of the Administrator.

Plans are now being made to remodel the original home and make eight one-bedroom apartments and one two-bedroom apartment. When this is completed, we plan to add twenty additional rooms to the new building as a nursing care wing. This will give thirteen apartments, twenty residential care rooms, and twenty nursing care rooms. There are 40 acres of land, which allow for more expansion.

At present there are thirty-nine residents in the main building and five residents in the cottages. Of this number, twenty-six are members of the Brethren Church, eleven are residents of Flora and seven are residents of Carroll County, so the Brethren Home not only serves the Brethren Church but also serves the Flora and Carroll County area.

The residents and staff of the Brethren Home invite you at any time to stop in and visit with us.

## FLORA ROTARY CLUB

The Flora Rotary Club presented its charter on July 26, 1945, and the late Dr. C. N. Wilson served as the first president of the organization. Rotary is an International Service Organization and since its inception, the Flora Rotary Club, which has a membership of 25, have through their annual chicken barbecue, peach sales and Christmas tree sales, raised in excess of \$25,000.00. The money has been given annually in the form of a scholarship to qualified seniors at Carroll High School. The student receiving the scholarship must have successfully completed one year of college work and commence a second year in order to be eligible for the scholarship.

Rotary meets each Thursday evening in the Fire-side Room at 6:15 p.m. Of the original 25 charter members, Mark Carter, Dick Leiter and Mark McCracken are still members of the club.

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### AMERICAN LEGION POST 222

Clarence A. Wiles Post 222, Indiana Department of The American Legion, was chartered on January 9, 1920. The Post was named after one of the first service men to lose his life in WW I from this community. Charter members were: George M. Klar, Wm. C. Kingery, Wm. H. Sylvester, Paul Barnard, Wm. E. Mitchell, George W. Barnes, Glen F. Duncan, Chalmer R. Albaugh, Leo Minnix, Wm. R. Yundt, Wm. C. Sellers, John Michael, Joe Williams, Russell Ratcliff, Harry Luntz and Herman Allbaugh. The Post met in the Armory room above where the Flora Theatre is now located, Flora Public Library before moving to the Legion Room in the new Community Building in 1924. The Post moved to their present home in December of 1947, purchased and remodeled partly with public donations.

Post 222 has been very active in public programs, sponsoring many Patriotic Observances, School Awards, Boys State Delegates, Junior Legion Baseball, Veteran and Independent softball and basketball teams and many entertainment events through the years.

Noah "Alf" Long, at one time the oldest Veteran in Indiana was a member of Post 222. The Legion Quartette, consisting of Wilbur Lane, Harry Cree, Ora Shirar and George Baum, were very much in demand throughout the area and at State Legion affairs. The "Rube Band" entertained at many a State and National Convention.

Commanders of the Post have been: Wm. R. Yundt, Harry Wilkinson, Dr. C. N. Wilson, W. A. Brown, John Michael, Chester V. Ayres, R. C. Bright, Leland O. Eikenberry, Simon H. Irick, Dr. John A. Flora, Wilbur Lane, Clarence L. Wilson, George Baum, James W. Replogle, Ora F. Shirar, Dr. A. G. Moore, Charles L. Minnix, Lyman Fisher, Meredith Dunkin, Paul Hay, Robert Nimmins, Edward Junior Viney, Roy Clark, Wayne Crook, Mills McKinley, John H. Ayres, Emerson McKinley, Robert Kinzer, Joe Ayres, Chas. W. Ayres, Bill White and Earl Parks. C. Ed. Helvie and Dr. C. N. Wilson served for many years as Sgt.-of-Arms and Historian.

### EASTERN STAR NO. 490

Early in the year 1923, Brother Harry H. Keller, Worthy Grand Patron of Indiana Grand Chapter Order of The Eastern Star, was vested by the constitution of the Indiana Grand Chapter to appoint Brother William Menough, Worthy Patron of Bringhurst Chapter O.E.S. as special Deputy for the purpose of instituting a chapter at Flora, under the title of Flora Chapter, under dispensation. Sister Ruth Dawson was selected to be Worthy Matron, Brother Charles Wilson, Worthy Patron and Sister Marie Clark, Associate Matron of said Chapter. In December, 1923, Brother Wm. Menough and a staff of officers from Bringhurst Chapter 353 O.E.S. assembled in the Flora Masonic Hall and the Chapter was instituted.

Thirty members signed the by-laws either by application or receiving the degrees that evening, becoming charter members. Elsie McCarty and Grace Ayres were the first to receive the degrees in the Flora Chapter.

In April of 1924 the chapter was constituted and a charter granted and the Flora Chapter Under Dispensation O.E.S. became Flora Chapter No. 490.

Sister Ella M. Smyster, Past Grand Matron of Indiana Grand Chapter acted as special Deputy, being appointed by Brother Clyde A. Bennett, Past Grand Patron.

First officers of Flora Chapter installed at this meeting were: Ruth Dawson, Worthy Matron; Charles Wilson, Worthy Patron; Marie Clark, Associate Matron; Laura Keyes, Secretary; Mable Zinn, Treasurer; Elsie McCarty, Conductress; Grace Ayres, Associate Conductress; Rose Zinn, Chaplain; Ona Spitler, Organist; Martha Wikle, Marshall; Opal Wilson, Adah; Ursel McCune Bobo, Ruth; Mary Myer, Esther; Ida Brower, Martha; Deliah Wagoner, Electa; Faye Bright, Warder; Ada Snell, Sentinel. Stated meetings second and fourth Monday nights in each month. Meetings later changed to one stated meeting per month.

In December, 1967 the Chapter moved with the Masonic Lodge into a newly remodeled Temple on Center Street. Membership for 1971 stands at 181.

Two Chapter members had the honor of becoming District Deputy of District 15. Sisters Mable Miller and Eunice Lowery. Sister Evelyn Leiter also served as Grand Organist of Indiana Grand Chapter.

Three members have been presented the Award of Gold from Grand Chapter as fifty year members, Sisters Marie Clark and Ursel McCune Bobo, charter members, and Sister Margaret Ayres, affiliated member of Bringhurst Chapter.

In 1951 the Flora Masonic Lodge and Eastern Star Chapter voted to sponsor a Rainbow for Girls. This group has grown as one of the outstanding Assemblies of Indiana.

Today our Chapter is honored to have Mrs. Jean Jones, Grand Deputy, Robert Jones, Grand Lecturer of District 22, International Order, Rainbow for Girls. District 22 consists of six assemblies. "Ours is an order that stands—a light upon the Nation's Hill. It's strength, not brick, nor stone, nor wood, but justice, love and brotherhood.

### COMMUNITY THRIFT SHOP

In February, 1963, women representing several churches in the community met and discussed the idea of a "clothing closet." It was to be a service to the community for people to buy used clothing and various articles at a very low price. Donations came in and the idea grew. The shop has moved four times into larger quarters. The merchandise for sale has all been donated from residents of the community. Each church receives approximately \$400 a year for their missions beyond the local church. The sponsoring churches are Bringhurst Methodist, Church of the Brethren, First Christian, Flora First Baptist, Flora First Brethren, Flora Methodist and Flora Presbyterian.

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### DELTA THETA CHI

The Indiana Gamma Chapter Delta Theta Chi Sorority was organized by Mrs. Robert Segraves, Mrs. Richard Mann and Mrs. Jack Thompson assisted by Mrs. Vernon Honecker (now deceased) and Mrs. James White, both from Kappa Chapter, Logansport.

They installed our first officers who were: President—Mrs. Robert Segraves; Vice-President—Mrs. Richard Mann; Recording Secretary—Miss Betty Downham (Mrs. Richard Johnson); Corresponding Secretary—Mary Lee Loy (Mrs. Robert Chambers); Treasurer—Mrs. Dean Briggs; Sergeant-at-Arms—Elizabeth Ayres (Mrs. Dale Eller) and Educational Director—Kay Honecker (Mrs. Robert Kuns).

We received our charter on February 2, 1947 at the Barnes Hotel, Logansport with Miss Helen K. Blackstone, Chicago, giving the Pledging and Chartering ceremonies to eleven girls. They were Mrs. Robert Segraves, Mrs. Richard Mann, Mrs. Jack Thompson, Mrs. Jack Briggs, Mrs. Dean Briggs, Mrs. Charles Gibson, Mrs. George Allen and Misses Betty Downham (Mrs. Richard Johnson); Elizabeth Ayres (Mrs. Dale Eller); Mary Lee Loy (Mrs. Robert Chambers); and Kay Honecker (Mrs. Robert Kuns).

Marjorie Jordan (Mrs. Wayne Sines) was also a charter member but was unable to attend. A ceremony was given two weeks later for Marjorie and our first new member, Mrs. William Dickinson.

We have seven charter members who are still active after 25 years. They are Mrs. Robert Segraves, Mrs. Richard Mann, Mrs. Jack Briggs, Mrs. Charles Gibson, Mrs. Richard Johnson, Mrs. Dale Eller and Mrs. Wayne Sines.

Our purpose is to continue learning as adults or to further our adult education. We have not only grown in stature and wisdom, but in membership. We have seventy-five members.

We have several mother and daughter combinations in our midst.

We have had several of our members serve as State Officers and Peg Brower has served as National President and is currently serving as the National Executive-Secretary Treasurer.

We celebrated our twenty-fifth anniversary February, 1972. Meetings: first and third Thursday.

### BOY SCOUTS

The first Boy Scout Troop was chartered as Troop No. 44 (now 144) on October 7, 1931. The sponsor was The Christian Church Men's Club. The Scoutmaster was Rev. W. C. Aschanhort and his committee consisted of Clayton Ayres, William Niewerth, A. L. Moss and Dr. E. H. Brubaker. The first troop members were: Meredith Butcher, Walter Ferguson, Dayton Hoffman, Paul Irick, Paul Kirk, Jr., Howard Payne, Tom Peters, Donovan Sadler, Clarence Siple, Jack Voorhees, Willard Hawkins and added the first year were Charles Kirk, Kenneth Knapp, John Chitick, James Niccum and Dale Kinzie. Scoutmasters through the years were: W. C. Aschanhort (1931-36),

Rev. John Menoch (1937-39), Richard Leiter (1940-42), Herbert Groninger (1944), John Barkley (1944-46), Glenn Lantz (1946-48), Dr. Paul Wagaman (1949), Robert Garrett (1950), John Barkley (1950-51), Andy Jackson (1950-51), J. B. Mosier (1952-53), Robert Wood (1953-54), Edward Viney, Jr. (1954-63), William Warnick (1964-65), James Anderson (1965), John Spooner (1966), Terry Bright (1967-68), Dave Barrowcliff (1969-71), and at present Charles Johnson. Richard Leiter has served in some capacity most of the charter life of Scouts in Flora. A Cub Scout Pack was formed in July, 1945, as Pack 44 and now 3144. The first Cubmaster and Assistant were Rev. Bert Hodge and Paul Wagaman. The Flora Rotary Club sponsored the Scouts for many years as has the Flora Ministerial Association. A log cabin was built by the Scouts under the direction of Rev. Aschanhort in the mid thirties and was replaced in the mid fifties by the present cement block building, both located in the Community Park.

### FLORA LODGE F. & A. M.

Flora Lodge No. 605 F. & A. M. held its first meeting in a room located over the Hanna, Byerly and Brothers Store.

They were granted a charter by dispensation on January 10, 1896 and received its present charter on May 26, 1896.

George W. Poague was the first Master of the Lodge and Reubin J. Burrin was the first secretary.

On June 26, 1896 the Lodge was consecrated, dedicated, constituted and the officers duly installed in conformity to the rites of our honorable Fraternity by Rev. W. Crocket, P.M., Special Deputy, acting Grand Master for the Grand Lodge of the state of Indiana.

On January 14, 1898 the Lodge moved to the William H. Lenon building and later purchased the building for the sum of \$1,800.00. On July 10, 1914 the Lodge sold the ground and the first story of the building to the town of Flora.

In September, 1964 the Kitzmiller Building, located at 29-31 South Center Street, was purchased by Brother Charley R. Gibbs for the sum of \$10,000.00 and later donated to the Lodge by Brother Gibbs.

On December 12, 1967 the Lodge was granted permission by The Grand Lodge of the State of Indiana to move it's charter to the newly remodeled building donated by Brother Gibbs.

### SILVER BELLES HOME EXTENSION

The Silver Belles Home Extension Club held its first meeting in 1963 with twelve members, two of whom still belong. Our object was to become better informed in the work of the home.

Our name was chosen because we were the twenty-fifth club to organize in Carroll County and at that time had the youngest members. The club colors are blue and silver and the motto is "The Better the Deed, the Better the Day." Our meetings are held in our homes on the fourth Tuesday night of the month. Mrs. Scottie Chapman is our current president.

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### 4-H IN MONROE TOWNSHIP

The records of the early history of 4-H in Carroll County and especially Monroe Township are nil. The first record of 4-H in Carroll County was in 1923 and in 1928 was the first mention of Monroe Township.

There was mention made in the record of a calf club in 1926. This calf club was sponsored by the Indiana Condensed Milk Co. with Harry Foster as its manager. Dr. Ren Julien sponsored a pig club in the early 1920's.

The first mention of the number of clubs was in 1948 when there were sixty-six girls enrolled in five major projects. There were, however, girls' clubs in Monroe Township as early as the early twenties.

In 1930 there were eight township clubs in the county. It was reported that 221 girls were enrolled but no mention was made of the boys' clubs or their enrollment. Evidently, the girls' projects in these early years consisted of baking, canning, and sewing, but no record was made of any.

The annual exhibit of 4-H projects was brought to Flora in 1933. Before this date the projects were exhibited in either Delphi or Flora. But, in the fall or winter of 1932 it was decided to hold the exhibitions at Flora for the next five years and the swine barn was built. At this time all of the livestock was stabled in the swine barn and the girls' exhibits were housed in the community building.

Many of the Monroe Township members, under the guidance of Mrs. Robert Julius and Mrs. H. H. Thompson, exhibited at the Indiana State Fair, where they made a very good showing.

The enrollment, the number of projects and the facilities grew. In 1971 we can boast of nice 4-H facilities and a Monroe Township enrollment of twenty-one boys and thirty-eight girls in forty-eight projects.

### FLORA HOME EXTENSION CLUB

Nine women met July 30, 1937 to organize Flora's first Home Economics Club under the Purdue Extension program. They were: Mesdames Walter Mitchell, Edward Colvin, Fred McPherson, Wilbert Kenrick, Ross Briggs, Paul Burns, Clarence Payne, Lloyd Mocherman and Odes Myers—Mesdames Mitchell, Burns and Mocherman still have membership.

During the years the Flora Home Extension Club has changed its name to "Home Demonstration," and now to "Home Extension" to conform with the state and national. The club federated in 1939.

During World War II the club collected books for servicemen, made soldier kits, bought stamps and bonds, sponsored U.S.O. drives and was aided with some of its food problems by the assistance of the Emergency War Food Assistant, Reba Briggs.

Some of the club's most outstanding and educational programs have been given by the County Health Nurse and one of its own members, the late Cora St. Amand, a home economics teacher and one who also served as Carroll County's Northeastern Extension Agent.

### TWENTY AND FIVE CLUB

Late summer of 1914, Millie Cromer, Edith Brown, Ada Wheeler, and Sue Schermerhorn agreed that Flora had need of a literary club. So Millie gave a lovely party to the wives of the business and professional men.

They explained to us the function and aims of this club to be, which was to be called the Twenty and Five never to exceed this number.

We all agreed it was a wonderful idea, so twenty-six ladies anxiously signed to belong. We have been wonderfully entertained through these fifty-eight years as well as challenged and stimulated mentally by our association and labor together.

We have shared joy and sorrow. We gave husbands and sons to the call of our country's need. One major, three sergeants, one seaman, one corporal, and three privates.

Our town has been a better place in which to live from the far reaching influence and contribution of this group. We have lost twenty-six members in death.

How swiftly these years have flown. The glory time of life's cycle is just beyond a few sunsets. May we never fail to take time to look back to where our feet have trod.

We still have six charter members. Charter members are: Edith Brown, Ruth Bell, Beth Barnard, Elsie Bell, Viola Briggs, Edna Briggs, Vera Hooper Cripe, Mazie Cline, Millie Cromer, Lulu Eller, Minnie Farr, Ethel Goslee, Edith Hendrix, Clara Holub, Dr. Blanch Horner, Cora Kearns, Merle Moss, Minnie Martmer, Cecil Reed, Amie Reist, Ercel McCune, Sue Schermerhorn, Ona Spittler, Pauline Voorhees, Delilah Wagoner and Ada Wheeler.

### JUNIOR HOME ENDEAVOR HOME DEMONSTRATION CLUB

The Junior Home Endeavor Home Demonstration Club was organized in October, 1970 on the twenty-fifth anniversary of our mother club by Mrs. Charles Gibson, Mrs. Lowell Johnson and Mrs. Tom Cowell.

Four of our charter members have mothers or mothers-in-law who were charter members of their club. We were presented as a surprise at their twenty-fifth anniversary party by Mrs. Gibson.

Our members and their mothers were Mrs. Lowell Johnson, Mrs. Richard Johnson; Mrs. James Reed, Mrs. Charles Gibson; Mrs. Ed Stephens, Mrs. Robert Sibray; and Mrs. Bill Dittman, Mrs. Junior King.

We started with eleven members and have gained four new members in a year.

Mrs. Weldon Hicks, a charter member is also a sister to Mrs. Gibson and Mrs. Johnson.

Our first officers installed by Mrs. Gibson and Mrs. Cowell were as follows: President, Mrs. Lowell Johnson; Vice-President, Mrs. Tom Click; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Ed Stephens; Treasurer, Mrs. Stanley Langston; and Publicity Chairman, Mrs. John Angle.

We were presented with the Flags from Mrs. Cowell and Mrs. Gibson, and a check for \$25 from our mother club.

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### NEEDLECRAFT CLUB

Flora, Indiana 1913 saw an epidemic of young brides.

Late April, 1913 eleven brides met at Beth Barnard's home and our "Needlecraft Club" was born. An unusual club in that it was Flora's first club and all were brides.

Our only interest at that time was in our husbands and home building. With plenty of time on our hands we met every week, serving only a plate of fudge, a bowl of apples or popcorn.

With time's passing came more responsibilities so we met for a little while every two weeks, serving desserts or sandwiches or salads and coffee.

Then came the babies to be loved, cared for and to make life more fulfilled. Now we started meeting once a month, but serving noon luncheons. This we still do after the passing of fifty-nine years of beautiful association. Our club has enjoyed thirty-three different members. There are still five of the charter members living.

Mae Chittick has been our president for many years.

Members now are: Ruth Bell, Merle Moss, Molly Carter, Edith Hendrix, Viola Briggs, Edna Briggs, Delilah Wagoner, Beth Barnard, Mazie Cline, Ona Spitler, Pauline Voorhees, Merle Moss\*, Pauline V. Eikenberry\*, Viola Briggs\*, Ona Spitler\*, Bertha Niewerth, Mae McCorkle, Beth Barnard\*, Faye Lesh, Mae Chittick, Mable Holmes and Amanda Cochran. \*Charter members.

### QUESTERS CLUB

On the evening of March 27, 1953, a group of invited guests met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Harter for the purpose of organizing a hobby and antique club.

After some discussion the following was adopted.  
Name: "Questers of Carroll County."

Theme: "It is fun to search and a joy to find."

Aim: "To restore and preserve the beautiful and historic of today and yesterday."

Club flower: columbine, later changed to daffodill.

The following officers were nominated and elected from the floor: President, Mrs. Charles Harter; Vice President, Mrs. Fay Wise; Secretary, Mrs. Orpha Mead; and Treasurer, Mr. John Oaks.

During the years many hobbies and antiques were used in the programs including art, poetry, music, antiques and travelogs.

We were instrumental in helping to save the covered bridge east of Cutler and the sycamores at Deer Creek.

We have just placed a sign at the Adams Mill, east of Cutler. Anyone interested in our programs and living in Carroll County may become members of the club.

Mrs. Charles Loy is our present President.

Past Presidents are: Mrs. Charles Harter, Mrs. Carlyle Kirkpatrick, Mrs. Marion Gibson, Mrs. Lewis

Wise, Mrs. Paul Crundwell, Mrs. Roy Gregg, Mrs. Fred McPherson, Mrs. David Wise, Mrs. Lewis Funkhouser, and Mrs. Charles Loy.

### CARROLL ATHLETIC BOOSTER CLUB

This club was organized in 1961 with the opening of the new Carroll High School building. The purpose of the organization is to financially support and improve the athletic program in all schools of the Carroll Consolidation. Mr. Don Beighler, who was elected the first treasurer still is serving in that capacity after eleven years.

The club has purchased uniforms, athletic equipment, sponsors both the Fall and Spring athletic banquets, sent numerous students to basketball camps and also to cheerleader camps. The club was instrumental in naming the gymnasium Carroll Memorial Gymnasium in memory of Carroll graduates who have been killed in the service of their country.

The club has several money-raising projects throughout the year in order to be of as much service to the athletic program in the various schools as possible.

### 4X4 CLUB

Lela DeVinney organized the Four x Four Club in 1939, with enough members to make three tables of euchre. Those members were Lucy Krauss, Bethel Weaver, Bertha Payne, Ruth Yerkes, Esther Hinton, Mary Sylvester, Vada Smith, Hazel Barnard, Bethel Ratcliff, Marie Clark, Sylvia Sparks, and Lela DeVinney. Our first meeting was held at the home of Marie Clark. We found our name of 4x4, but because of it we decided to name four new members. They were: May Myers, Ruth Creasy, Naomi Flora and Mrs. Irvin Middleton.

### WEDNESDAY P M CLUB

On June 21, 1921 a group of women met at the home of Mrs. Mary Hughes at the suggestion of Mrs. Maybelle Yundt, for the purpose of organizing a club. The charter members were Grace Barnes, Mildred Brim, Bernice Brown, Lena Burns, Mary Hughes, Vada Roskuski, Bethel Weaver, Agatha Wheeler, Maybelle Yundt, Annis Ayres and Ruth Yerkes. Annis Ayres is the only one retaining a continuous membership. The club was named the Wednesday P M Club. The club now has a membership of twenty active and one inactive member.

### RED CROSS

On June 10, 1937, the Flora Community Club met with members of the Carroll County Red Cross and a field representative of the National Red Cross and formed what is now known as the Flora Branch of Carroll County Red Cross. Officers elected at that time were Mrs. Marie Burns, Mrs. George Baum, Mrs. Nellie Hawkins and Mrs. Nettie Bailey.

The Branch has worked with many servicemen helping them with their problems. They have also sponsored the "ditty bag program," sending around seven hundred bags to servicemen in Vietnam at Christmas time.



Flora, Indiana before 1900. Looking North from Jake Smith picture gallery.



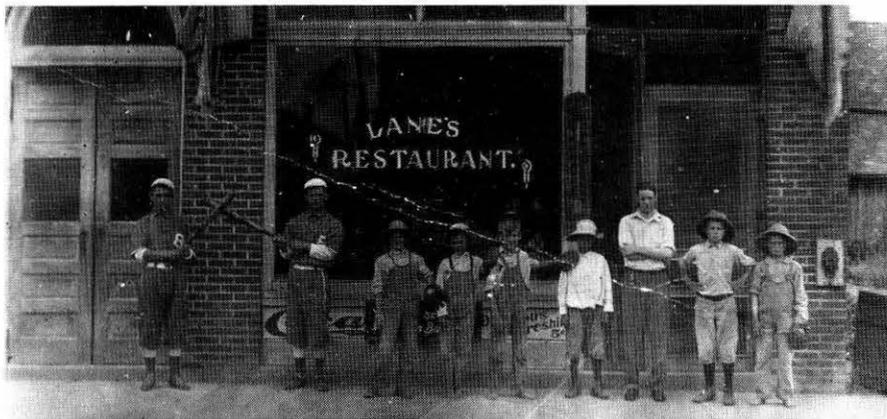
East Columbia St. looking West, brick house formerly owned by David Flora, now by Mr. and Mrs. Charles Murray. Taken prior to 1900, Flora, Indiana.



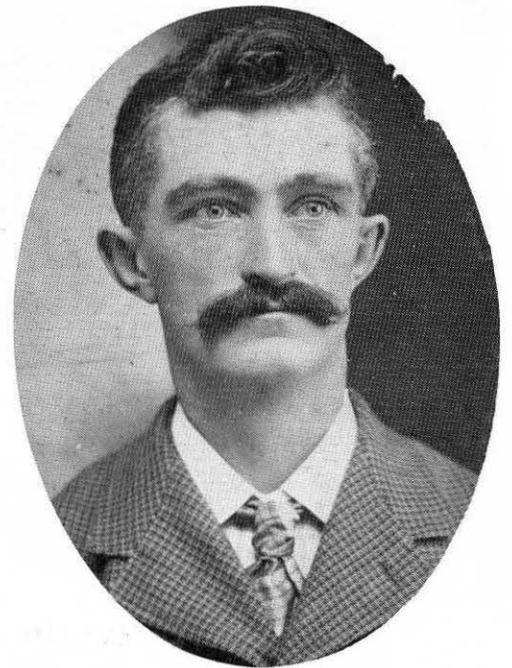
Flora, Indiana before 1900. Corner Building, now Bright National Bank.



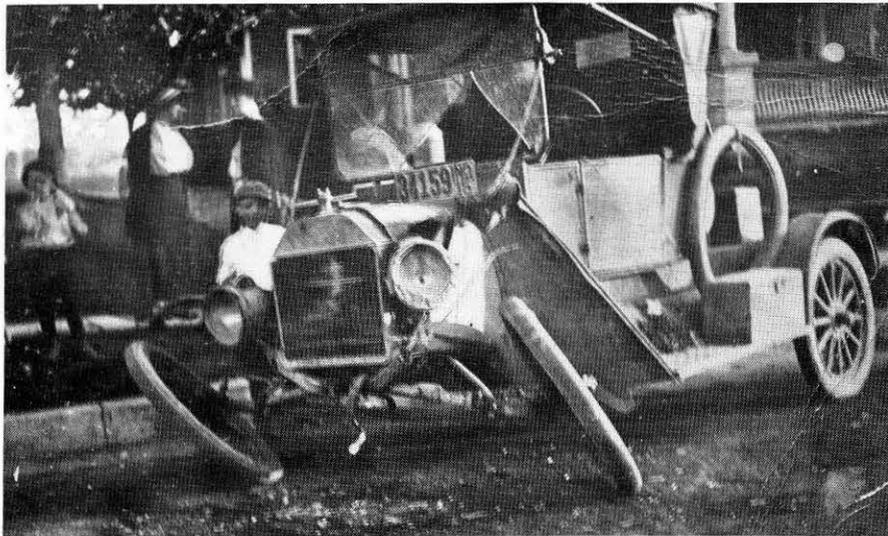
Flora, Indiana before 1900, E. Columbia St. looking West. Cross marks Old Order Dunkard Church.



Roy Lanes Restaurant in Bringham



Dr. Campbell, DVM



Dr. Campbell, DVM - wrecks his Model 'T'



LEFT:  
Catherine Riggle after her marriage to Oscar Rohrabough, December 24, 1918.

RIGHT:  
Ida Replogle, Emma Booth, David Ezra Allbaugh, Sallie Allbaugh.

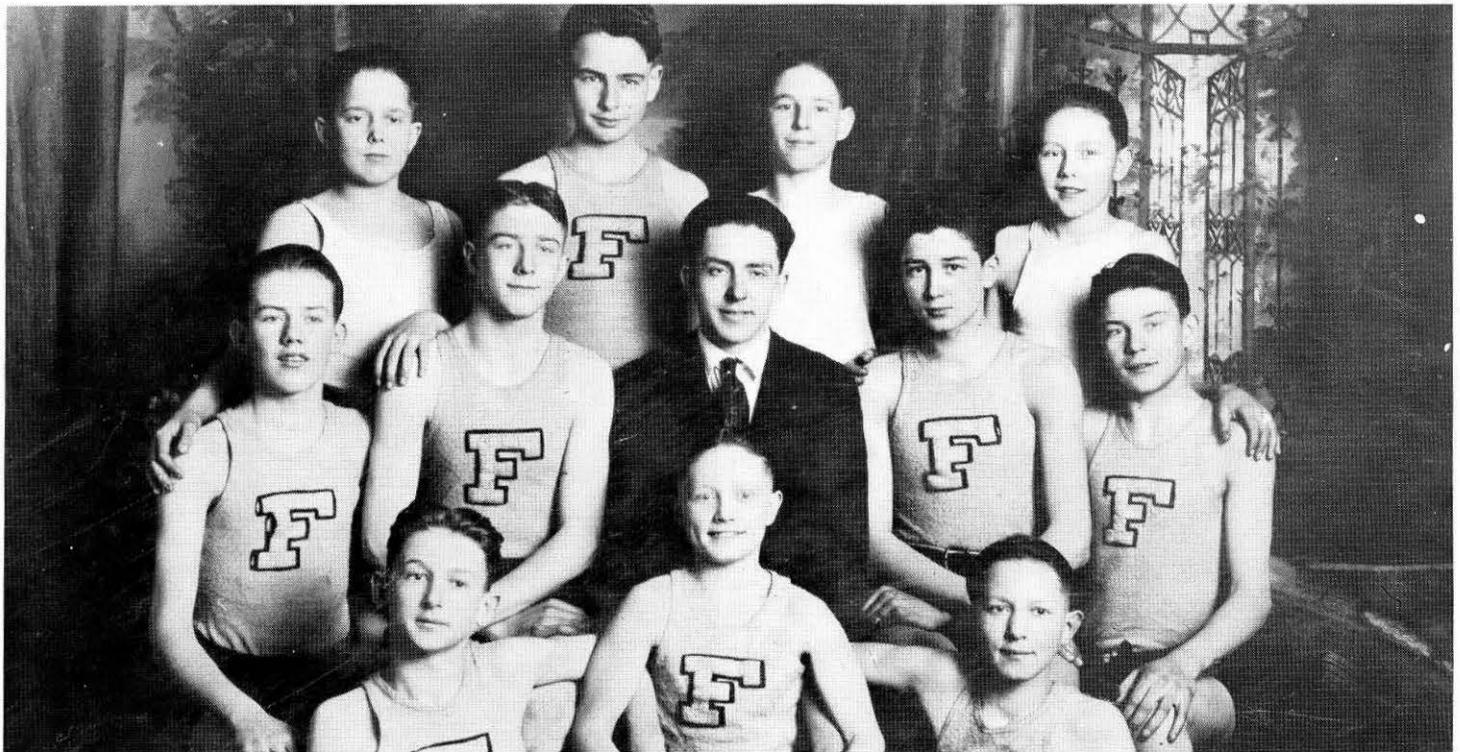


LONG TO BE REMEMBERED!



SECTIONAL, REGIONAL, SEMI-FINAL CHAMPS OF 1945-46

Top L to R: Dave Mills, Dick Hanaway, Bill McPherson, Coach 'Sweet' Reid, Principal Dick Callane, Treser Award Winner Bob Cripe, Dick Nevin. Bottom L to R: Fred Oyler, Bob Allbaugh, Dick Oyler, Bob Spittle, Burtis Brookshire.



FLORA JUNIOR-HIGH TEAM

First Row: Don Good, Lewis Niewerth, Dick Jordan. Second Row: Don Ray, Willis Unrow, Coach Ralph Pearson, Dick Calland, Roy Unrow. Third Row: Calend Parks, Mills McKinley, Von Burton, Dean Colvin.



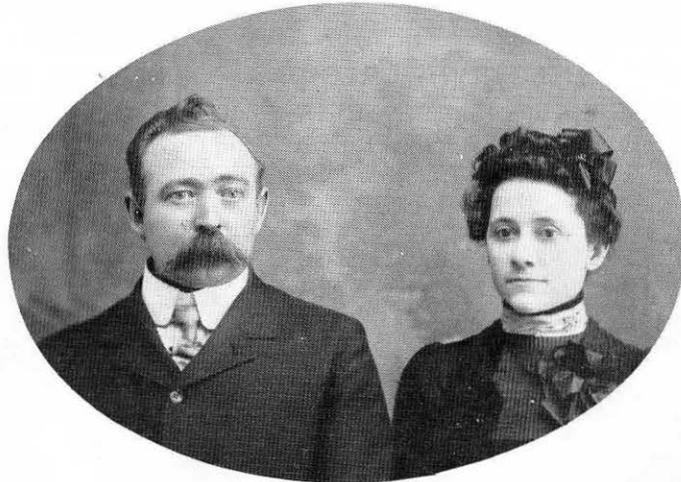
**FLORA - BRINGHURST UNIONS — 1908**

On Ground: Eike Eikenberry, Mgr., Fred Wheeler, Mascot. 2nd Row: Bert Maynill, ---Clark, L. Moss, C. Bell, W. Honicker, O. Barnard, F. Honicker. 3rd Row: E. Ayres, J. Retherford, E. Snell, ---Clark, T. Downey, F. Musselman.



**A. L. MOSS**  
Flora Graduate, 1902

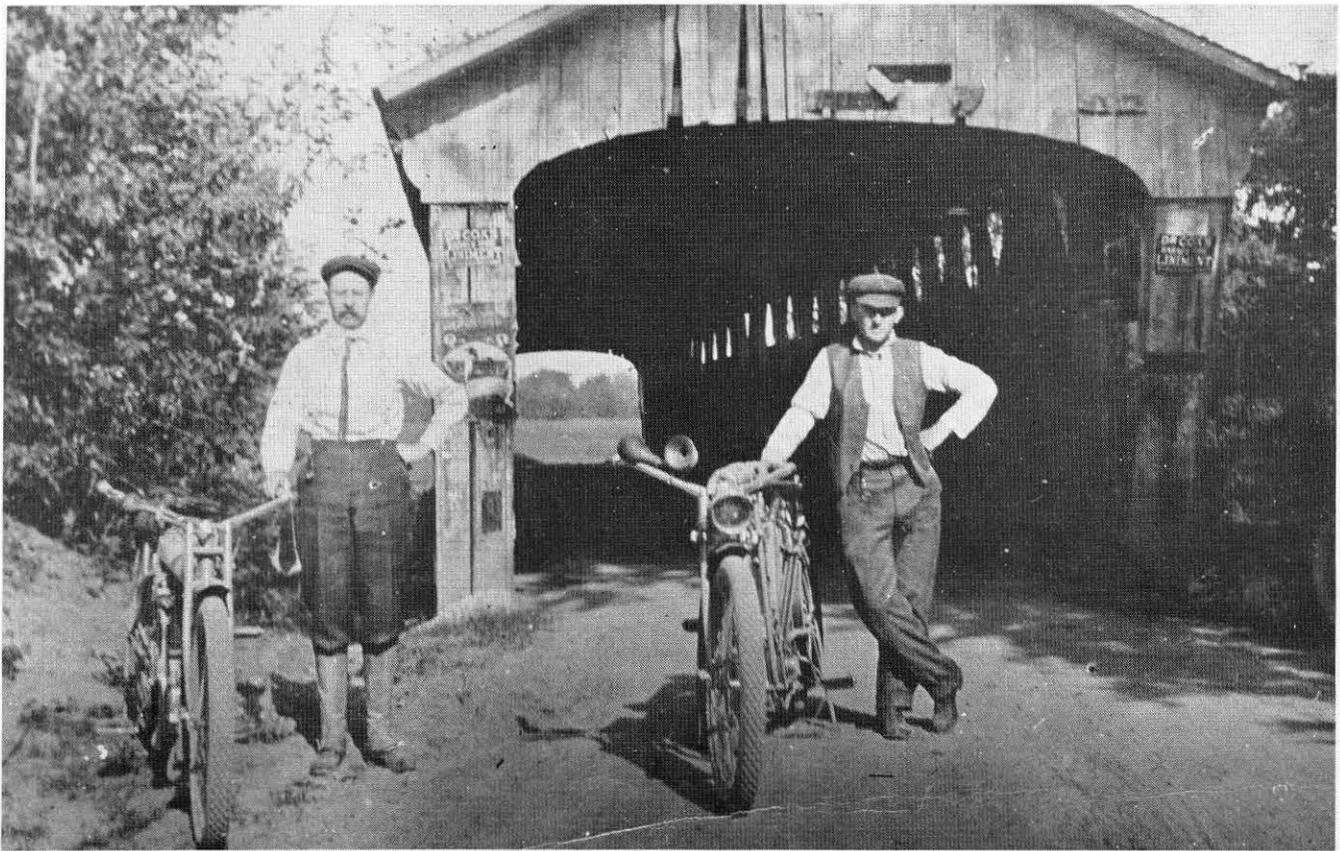
**MR. AND MRS. STEVE LONG**  
operated restaurant at corner  
Center and W. Main Streets



**LUEMA FLORA**



L to R: Salesman, Frank Brower, Joe Northcutt, Joe Bricker, Wiley Cassell, Riv Booth.



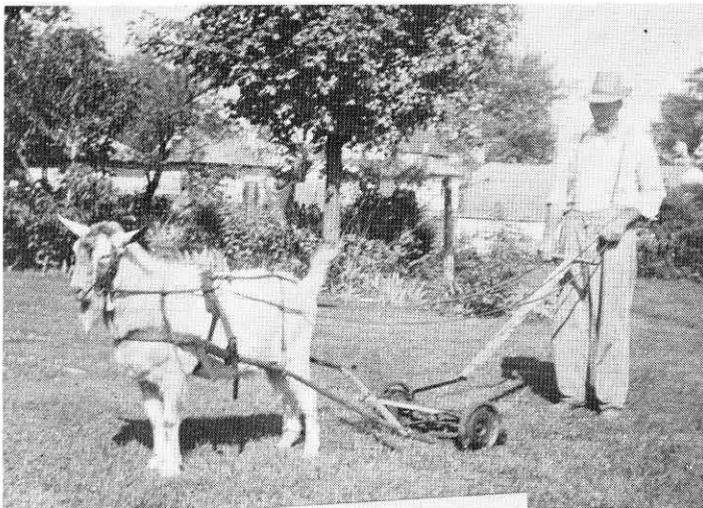
G. V. Brown and Harry Spiter at Adams Mill Bridge



1920 Flora High School Graduates



L to R: Sam Mussleman, John Hawkins, John Briggs. Standing: Orman Barber, Chas. Steckel, Harry Jackson, Luman Hawkins, Joe Steckel, Willis Jackson. Ford Garage at back of present Flora Chrysler-Plymouth Building.



Charlie Hinkle with a modern power mower



Mark Carter with his first ambulance in Cutler

## Brief Histories of Local Organizations

### ORDER OF RAINBOW FOR GIRLS

On April 21, 1951, Flora Assembly, No. 79, sponsored by the local Eastern Star and Masonic Lodge was instituted by Mrs. Hazel Thompson Coats, Supreme Inspector in Indiana. Rainbow is an international organization composed of teenage girls of ages twelve to twenty. Twenty-nine girls were initiated on this Saturday afternoon by the Delphi Assembly No. 17 and at 7:30 p.m. the new officers of Flora Assembly were installed and received Letters Temporary.

The first Worthy Advisor was Miss Margie McLaughlin, Mrs. Mary Giltner was Mother Advisor and the first advisor board was: Mr. Robert A. Jones, Chairman, Mrs. Helen Pearson, Mrs. Helen Watson, Mrs. Mary Ann Wagaman, Mrs. Lucille Brown, Mrs. Myrtle Wingard, Mrs. Frieda Eller, Mrs. Mary Giltner, Mr. Wayne Crooks, Mr. Marion Cook. The Charter was granted to Flora Assembly on October 25, 1951.

There have been five mother advisors the past twenty years to help guide the girls: Mrs. Giltner, Mrs. Radiance Allen Kuiper, Mrs. Jeanne Jones, Mrs. Margaret Tinsman, and Mrs. Evelyn Wingard. Mrs. Giltner, Mrs. Jones, and Mrs. Tinsman have served as Grand Mother Advisors at Grand Assembly.

Each year a Grand Assembly is held and the 136 Assemblies in the State gather for a three day meeting and watch the Grand Officers portray the Rainbow work. Flora Assembly always has a good representation at Grand Assembly and receives many honors. Their Flag has won first as have their Scrapbook and Fans. They participated in Music Division No. 2 Choir, which has been first or second place winner the past ten years. Each Assembly is eligible for a Grand Officer every five years and Flora Assembly has had five who have served at the Grand Assembly. Anita Douglas Clegg, Grand Indiana Flag Bearer; Mrs. Becky Smith Eikenberry, Grand Religion; Mrs. Jerilyn Jones Kennedy, Grand Drill Leader and Grand Charity (elected) Mrs. Donna Tinsman Douglas, Grand Fidelity; and Mrs. Cheryl Miller Young, Grand Musician. There have been girls appointed as Grand Representatives and Grand Ambassadors from this Assembly who have served and represented their Assembly well. The adult State helpers from Flora are Mrs. Jeanne Jones and Mr. Robert A. Jones, Grand Deputy and Grand Lecturer, Mrs. Margaret Tinsman and Mr. Don Tinsman, Grand Chairmen all of District 22.

### AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

The Auxiliary was organized in 1920. The original charter was misplaced and never found with eleven charter members. The club was reorganized in 1928 with eight charter members still holding membership. We sponsor a girl as delegate and an alternate to Girls' State at Indiana University. We decorate the graves of our deceased members each Decoration Day. We also remember Legion members at Christmas time who are shut-ins, and sell poppies on Poppy Day to help the veterans in hospitals.

### BID 'N BYE CLUB

In August of 1937, twelve young married ladies in Flora organized an afternoon auction bridge club which they named the Bid 'n Bye Club. Of the original twelve, only three remain active members. However, nine of the present members have belonged to the club for at least thirty years. Two long-standing members are deceased, Maxine Shambaugh and Jewel Thompson.

The meetings continued in the afternoon for a few years, then it was decided to make it a dinner-bridge club meeting the second Thursday night of each month. Each year in August a Founders' Day Party is observed. The club now plays contract instead of auction bridge. Present membership includes Martha Hawkins\*, Helen Clawson\*, Thelma Dickerson\*, Martha Hoffman, Naomi Butcher, Mary Catherine Carter, Jeanne Jones, LaGreta Rardon, Georganna Julius, Mildred Pressler, Bonnie Stephan, Delene Haines, and Shirley Prafka.

\*Charter Members

### MAPLE LAWN CEMETERY

The Maple Lawn Cemetery was started by A. J. Cook and W. E. Callane who purchased eight acres from Samuel Spitler on August 23, 1894. They cut and graded the drives and had it plotted into seven hundred and forty-two lots: On January 1, 1895 it was sold to a stock company composed of Dr. A. J. Cook, W. E. Callane, Richard Callane, T. J. Ryan, Dr. F. P. Lyons, John Crecraft, Charles E. Nobes, John Mummert, Phillip Voorhees, Richard Voorhees, Virgil Myers and the firm of Clingenpeel and Krauss.

### MONROE TOWNSHIP HOME ECONOMICS CLUB

This club was organized in 1925. The first officers were Mrs. George Thomas, Mrs. Dave Jenkins and Mrs. Fred Voorhees. There were twenty members belonging to the club at its beginning: Mesdames George Thomas, Fred Voorhees, Lawrence Whistler, Harry Quinn, J. W. Eikenberry, Dora Wingard, Harvey Thomas, John Unger, Rufus Flora, Raymond Dillman, Will Angle, Dave Jenkins, Roy Eller, Dave Oaks, Charley Jackson, Luther Rude, Tiffin Wilson, Luther Ross, Robert Wertz and Miss Eva Sheets.

### RIGGLE'S ADDITION

Riggle's Addition to the town of Flora was plotted in 1895 by Andrew Jackson Riggle. Jackson Street was named after him, Adams Street was named after his wife's grandfather. Catherine Street was named after his daughter. Mr. Riggle built the house on East Columbia, now occupied by Mr. Orville Howard. Mrs. Riggle was a seamstress and made many dresses and suits for the Old Order people while Mr. Riggle operated a large barn which stood where Mr. and Mrs. Fred Humes now live. He had several stallions for breeding purposes and also owned a race horse which won several races on various race tracks in the area. He also owned the corner restaurant which he later sold to Mr. Steve Long.

## FIRST LAND ENTRIES

### TOWNSHIP 24

#### RANGE 1, WEST

Carroll became a county January 7, 1828. Carroll was named for John Carroll, the last surviving signer of the Declaration of Independence.

Monroe was a part of Jackson Township until 1840 when Jackson was divided and the south part became Monroe.

The early settlers established their rights to the land by squatters claim. When the surveyors work was finished, they were ready for land entries. John Flora, Sr., possessed a surveyor's chain and enough equipment, so that he could help the settlers mark off their land. John Flora's cabin was erected in 1827. There were at the time no cabins between John Flora's cabin and the White River. John was a squatter on his land two years before entry.

Many men of John Flora's time had some knowledge of surveying.

After official surveyors had finished their work, this is how listing the land entries of sections three and four, nine and ten were. Where these sections join at the corners, Flora was built many years later.

#### Section Three, Township 24, Range W.

Jacob Harter, Sr. entered October 21, 1828—160 acres.

Samuel Wise entered May 3, 1828—80 acres.

This land was purchased by John Flora, Sr. on May 19, 1830. Samuel settled where Camden now stands. There, Samuel Wise helped establish the first German Baptist Church in 1827.

John Flora entered October 9, 1829—80 acres.

Joseph Ridenour entered May 18, 1831—80 acres.

Lewis Hoff entered August 5, 1831—80 acres.

John Ridenour entered May 13, 1833—160 acres.

#### Section 10, Township 24, Range W.

John Flora entered August 16, 1836—80 acres.

John Flora entered September 27, 1832—40 acres.

Totaling 280 acres owned by John Flora.

Jacob Zook entered April 18, 1829—80 acres.

Abraham Myers entered November 18, 1831—80 acres.

Nathan Aldrich entered May 21, 1829—80 acres.

William Aldrich entered May 21, 1830—80 acres.

Benjamin Eikenberry entered October 24, 1836—160 acres. A very prosperous family.

Samuel Myer entered January 29, 1836—40 acres.

#### Section 4

William Odell entered January 11, 1829—80 acres.

John Blatz entered September 14, 1832—80 acres.

David Robertson entered November 9, 1833—80 acres.

James Wilson entered May 16, 1836—40 acres.

James Wilson entered June 11, 1835—40 acres.

James Wilson entered June 16, 1833—80 acres. Making James Wilson 160 acres.

Joseph Buckner entered September 30, 1828—80 acres.

Joseph Buckner entered November 14, 1827—160

acres. Making Mr. Buckner 240 acres.

John Flora and the Harter men helped raise the log cabin while the women and children cooked and visited at the Flora home. This cabin was raised in 1829. Now John and Sarah had neighbors. Some of the later cabins were raised in one day. The Buckners were very thrifty.

#### Section 9

William Odell entered November 6, 1832—40 acres.

Jacob Zook entered March 12, 1836—40 acres.

William Reace entered July 22, 1836—80 acres.

John Parker entered October 26, 1835—80 acres.

George Haas entered September 29, 1836—40 acres.

George Haas entered September 29, 1836—80 acres.

Samuel Ross entered January 5, 1836—40 acres.

Samuel Ross entered November 18, 1832—80 acres.

Thomas Ross entered November 3, 1829—80 acres.

Now the four sections—3, 4, 9, and 10 were settled, in 1836. There were cabins on all this land.

The first settlers coming to these sections were mostly German Baptist. They stopped at the John Flora's cabin. The women and children stayed a few days until their cabins were ready. They stayed with Sarah and her children in the cabin by her fountain and the little stream, a branch of Bachelor Run, named for the Bachelor Harter Brothers that hunted and trapped up and down the stream.

These are the land entries in sections three and four, nine and ten where Flora was built.

Section 10: Nathian Aldrich entered May 2, 1829.

Section 10: William Aldrich entered April 17, 1829.

Section 10: William Aldrich entered May 21, 1830.

This quarter section except one-half acre for school house was sold to Peter Harter June 20, 1839. Sold by Peter Harter, heirs to Soloman Young and wife Sarah Brubaker Young, January 3, 1854.

The abstract shows the school house land, one-half acre, was sold to Soloman Young May 30, 1859. This one-half acre was across the road west of Pikes Peak. This verifies the story of the first school in this community. Soloman's daughter, Anna Alice, married John H. Flora, Jr., father of Josiah. George Cline and three sons came in 1830, entered 160 acres in Jackson Township 25, section 12, range 1. They also entered other lands in Carrollton Township. These entries were on Carrollton and Jackson Township lines.

Amos Ball entered in Section 18—October 23, 1829. One-half acre was donated by Mr. Ball for school house land. Also he entered in Section 18, August 22, 1831.

Henry Eikenberry entered land in Section 12, October 20, 1832, also entered in Section 13 land June 4, 1834. Also entered June 22, 1833, Section 24, June 22, 1833, also Section 24, June 4, 1833. Josiah doesn't say amount of land entered. This Henry Eikenberry was considered a wealthy man. Josiah, with some of his friends, went to work for Henry and were paid with a gold piece each, from a sack full of gold pieces. Later, when Josiah needed money to buy a wedding ring, again, he went to Henry and dug a ditch, again he received a gold piece, and bought the ring.

## SOCIAL LIFE OF THE PIONEERS

The Flora Pioneers had a very rich social life which generally centered around their churches. Members of the German Baptist and Methodist Churches were forbidden to dance. "Singin's" however, were very popular. These were held in homes and attended mostly by young people.

John Kingery was a singing teacher. His voice was beautiful, but, sorry to say, he couldn't keep his foot from tapping time to the music. He was often admonished by the brethren to keep his foot firmly on the floor while leading songs. He led singing at the German Baptist for many years and was always invited to the "singin's."

Descendants of John Kingery are Fannie Johnson and Mrs. Hoy Musselman (June Kingery).

Feats of strength were popular among the pioneers. The strongest man in the community was John Replogle. He excelled in splitting shingles. John never missed a barn raising. A barn raising was an event for a picnic. People came from miles around to help their neighbors raise the barn frame.

John Replogle was one of the few pioneers that could lift a barrel of salt (240 lbs.) or a barrel of hard cider. One time he lifted the front end of a horse drawn steam engine off the ground.

Quilting bees were popular. The perspective bride would need as many beautiful quilts and comforters as her mother and friends could make. The prospect of escorting the young ladies home brought the young men to the bees. They had their party in the summer house or kitchen until the quilting was done and they could escort the ladies to their homes.

Taffy pulls were also popular social gatherings. John E. Flora (called Preacher John to distinguish him from other John Flora's) made sorghum molasses. His large family made the work lighter by inviting friends to help. Among his many descendants are Norman Flora, Mrs. Orpha Brower and Mrs. Irvin Angle.

John Replogle had a large apple orchard and the largest copper kettle in the area. In the autumn John invited the young people to apple butter "stirrin's." Apples were made into cider in his wine press. The women peeled apples for thickening the cider and the cider apples and sugar was stirred until ready to store in stone jars for winter use. Apple "parrin's" were also occasions for parties as the women would throw the apple peeling over their shoulders, the initial the peel formed would be the first initial in their boyfriend's name. There was no canning at that early date. Fruit was dried in the sun and stored for winter use. When John Replogle built the fine brick house where Addie Mitchell now lives it was a community affair. Neighbors and friends had a chance to repay the many times they had been helped by John. The house was completed and a round bed of red tulips planted in front. Descendants of John Replogle are Ethel Deker and Dr. George Wagoner.

Weddings were two day affairs. The wedding was held at the bride's home, then the infair at the groom's home. Henry Eikenberry had five daughters who were married in this manner. They were a happy

family. Josiah and Anna Flora were neighbors of these prosperous Eikenberrys and Josiah often told of the tables groaning under their loads of pies and cakes and every variety of food that was spread out for the many guests at an Eikenberry wedding. Nettie Eikenberry married George Allbaugh of Whom John G. Allbaugh is a descendant. Ann Eikenberry married Orian Wagoner, a descendant is Raymond Wagoner of Flora. Rose Eikenberry married Jake Kingery, descendants are Mrs. Hoy Mussleman and Carl Kingery.

Henry Eikenberry, a wonderful man, was known for his scrupulous honesty. He borrowed three hundred dollars one time from a friend, but worried through the night and returned the money the next day.

Usury or interest was unknown at that time. Josiah Flora was almost 40 years old before he paid interest when borrowing money.

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## DR. ELMER OTTO WOOLEY

"I was always able to set a task for myself and to make myself do it." These were the words of Dr. Elmer Otto Wooley, 1883-1964, who was born and reared in Flora and later became an esteemed professor at Indiana University.

He was the son of Cary Allen Wooley and Sarah Louisa Laws Wooley. His father was a watch repairman, gunsmith and jeweler in Flora. He had two sisters. The Wooley family home was on North Center Street.

His mother was the last person buried in the Old Flora Cemetery. The family plot marks Dr. Wooley's father, mother, older sister and another relative thought to be his grandmother. He and his younger sister are buried at Bloomington.

Dr. Wooley was graduated from Flora High School in 1900. He earned his AB degree from Indiana University in 1907 and was named to Phi Beta Kappa, earned his master's degree from Harvard U. in 1913, his PhD from I. U. in 1915, and studied for a year at the University of Leipzig, Germany. His major field was German.

Dr. Wooley began his teaching career in the high schools. During a period after World War I, when the German language was banned in the schools, he taught French. He served 38 years on the I. U. faculty, beginning in 1916 as a critic in German and French and then working himself up from an instructor in German in 1922 to a full professor in 1953. He also taught at Denison University and the University of Alberta, Canada.

Publications by Dr. Wooley include "Studies in Theodore Storm" (a German writer) published in 1943 and numerous textbooks in German.

Upon his retirement in 1954, the I. U. Foundation and friends and colleagues of Dr. Wooley established a scholarship fund in his honor to show appreciation for his dedicated work.

Dr. Wooley also was interested in music and sang in church choirs for more than 50 years and was a choir director for more than 20 years. He aided and encouraged many young people in the study of music.

## HARTERSVILLE

David Harter and family, wife and seven sons; (don't know if there were daughters) settled on a branch of the Wabash called Bachelor Run. After the surveyors made it possible to enter land, David Harter entered as follows.

Eighty acres December 17, 1822 described as W. one-half N W one-fourth Section 22, Township 25 North Range 1 West.

November 14, 1827 he entered 160 acres S W one-fourth Section 33, Township 25 North Range 1 West. He also entered 80 acres E-N E Section 32, Township 25 North Range West.

August 13, 1829 David Harter entered 80 acres E one-half N E one-fourth Section 32, Township 25 North Range West.

May 14, 1832 he entered 80 acres E one-fourth of the one-half N W one-fourth Section 33, Township 25 North Range West.

David Harter had, as you can see by the above, entered 320 acres of land before Carroll County became a county on January 7, 1827. He later entered 160 acres; the Harter clan entered around 1,800 acres.

David Harter built a grist mill. This was a very complicated business. There were no stone cutters or iron workers in Carroll County that could do true enough work, so the mill wheels and iron work had to come from Crawfordsville. The trip to Crawfordsville took around nine days.

When the mill frame work was ready and the stones placed every available man from miles around came to help. The men that came numbered seventeen. They came mostly driving ox teams and bringing their women and children. Some camped here for several days visiting and helping with the mill; this was a very important time in the lives of the pioneers.

In 1829 David Harter went back to his old home in Hamilton County, Ohio and brought back his blacksmithing tools; he then made chisels for the settlers.

The following winter the Harter's made the first chairs and stocked the first gun. The settlers came to the Harter store to gossip and trade and pick up the little mail that came up from Delphi.

The Harters were fur traders, buying up the fur the farmers and trappers brought in. Making trips down the Wabash to the river barge where the fur was sold to the fur dealers.

The Harters made trips to Michigan City for salt. They would haul a load of surplus wheat to Michigan City or Chicago where they would get fifty to fifty-five cents per bushel for the wheat. They then bought staple groceries and all the salt the wagon and ox team could haul and bring it back to stock the Hartersville store. Salt was a very profitable item.

The settlers all needed salt and it could be bought for a dollar and a half a barrel and sold for five or six dollars a barrel.

Andrew and Lewis Harter were the Counties first freighters spending most of their time on the road, first with ox teams and later with horses. The oxen were stronger, but the horses were faster. They used the only river crossing which was at Leiter's Ford.

The settlers of Hartersville erected a school. (It was on the grounds of this school yard that Emir Green was hung many years later.) The Harter's church was the German Baptist Lower Deer Creek organization until 1834, when the Bachelor Run Baptist Church was organized.

After John and Sarah Flora's cabin was finished, John helped thresh the first crop of wheat raised at Hartersville. Andrew Harter, a son of David's, had cleared one-half acre of ground and planted the wheat in 1826. They had a good crop which they cut with a cradle and stacked to cure.

There was no barn with a floor on which to flail it out as they did back east, so after much debate as to ways and means of threshing the wheat they decided to carry water from Bachelor Run and pour it on the frozen ground. After it had frozen, more water was carried and poured on and frozen and so on until a level sheet of ice formed. Thus a threshing floor was made of ice.

The wheat was then gathered up and divided. The Harters kept enough to plant ten acres. John swapped for a little seed, as he expected to plant some wheat the next year. Moses Alldrich did the same. Moses had settled at the mouth of Bachelor Run.

David Harter had a trading center store where the settlers gathered to gossip, get a few groceries, trade their furs, etc.

Apple Jack and fine wines were made at Hartersville until an edict of the church forbid liquors of all kinds.

Runners came with word of an Indian uprising and the settlers hurriedly brought their women and children to the Beckner cabin on the hill northeast of Hartersville. The men then returned to protect their cabins. The rumor proved false and the happy families went home.



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28 members in 1910-11 Fourth Grade Flora schools taught by Ruby Shaner (Oaks). First Row (L to R): 1-Paul Sparks, 2-Frank Roskuski, 3-Glen Wagoner, 4- —, 5-Paul Wise, 6-Raymond Harter, 7-Lee Ulrey, 8-Ruskin Carter, 9-Chas Sebrary, 10-Bruce Yundt. Second Row (L to R): 11-Lennie Hughes, 12-Veral Ward, 13-Mae Tiderick, 14-Hazel Cox, 15-Stella Waugh, 16-Katherine Riggle, 17-Bess Roush, 18-Gladie Felix, 19-Hazel Siple, 20-Alice Kendrick, 21-Susie Jordon, 22-Bessie Linton, 23-Hilda Derinney. Back Row (L to R): 24- —, 25-Leo Minnix, 26-Otis Allabaugh, 27-Bert Brown, 28-Faye Edmondson. Standing behind class with roses on hat, teacher Ruby Shaner (Oaks).



1914 - 1915 - 8th Grade Flora School taught by Dr. John Flora. 27 in class. First Row sitting (L to R): 1-Agnes Pritchard, 2-Ruth Moudy, 3-Susie Flora, 4-Bertha Wiles, 5-Ancil Walker, 6-Earl Knettle, 7-Helen Eikenberry, 8-Frank Briggs. Second Row (L to R): 9-Marie Noakes, 10-Gladie Felix, 11-Elva Yeater, 12-Esther Person, 13-Katherine Riggle, 14-Edna Walker, 15-Bessie Linton, 16-Ted Stanton. Third or Back Row (L to R): 17-Doris Kirkman, 18-Fern Minnix, 19-Frances Dunkin, 20-Wayne Daggy, 21-Ruth Carter, 22-Orpha Flora, 23-Teacher John Flora, 24-Ralph Overhalser, 25-Mae Myer, 26-Sylvia Cook, 27-Dorcas Mills, 28-Esther Cunningham.

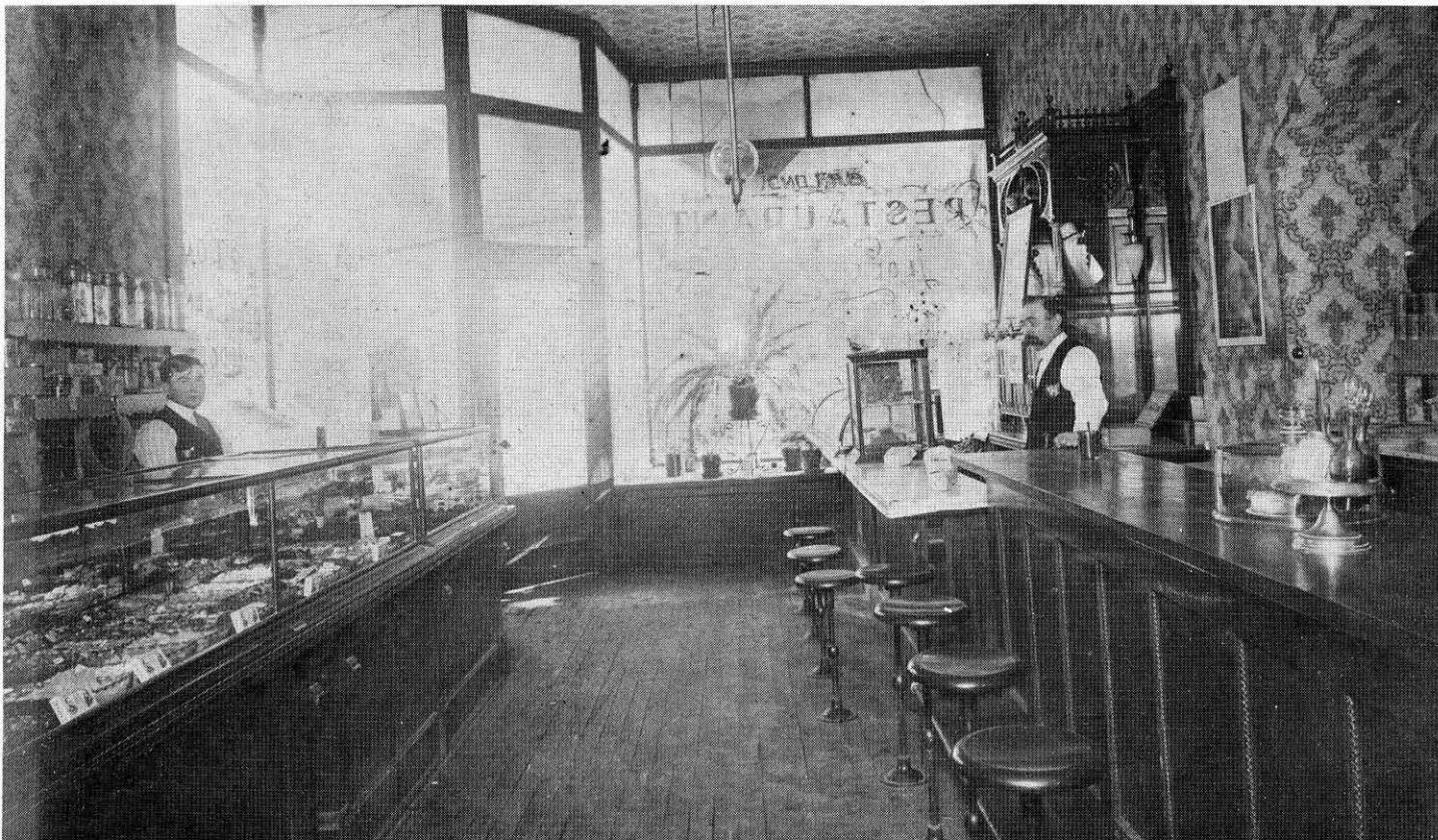


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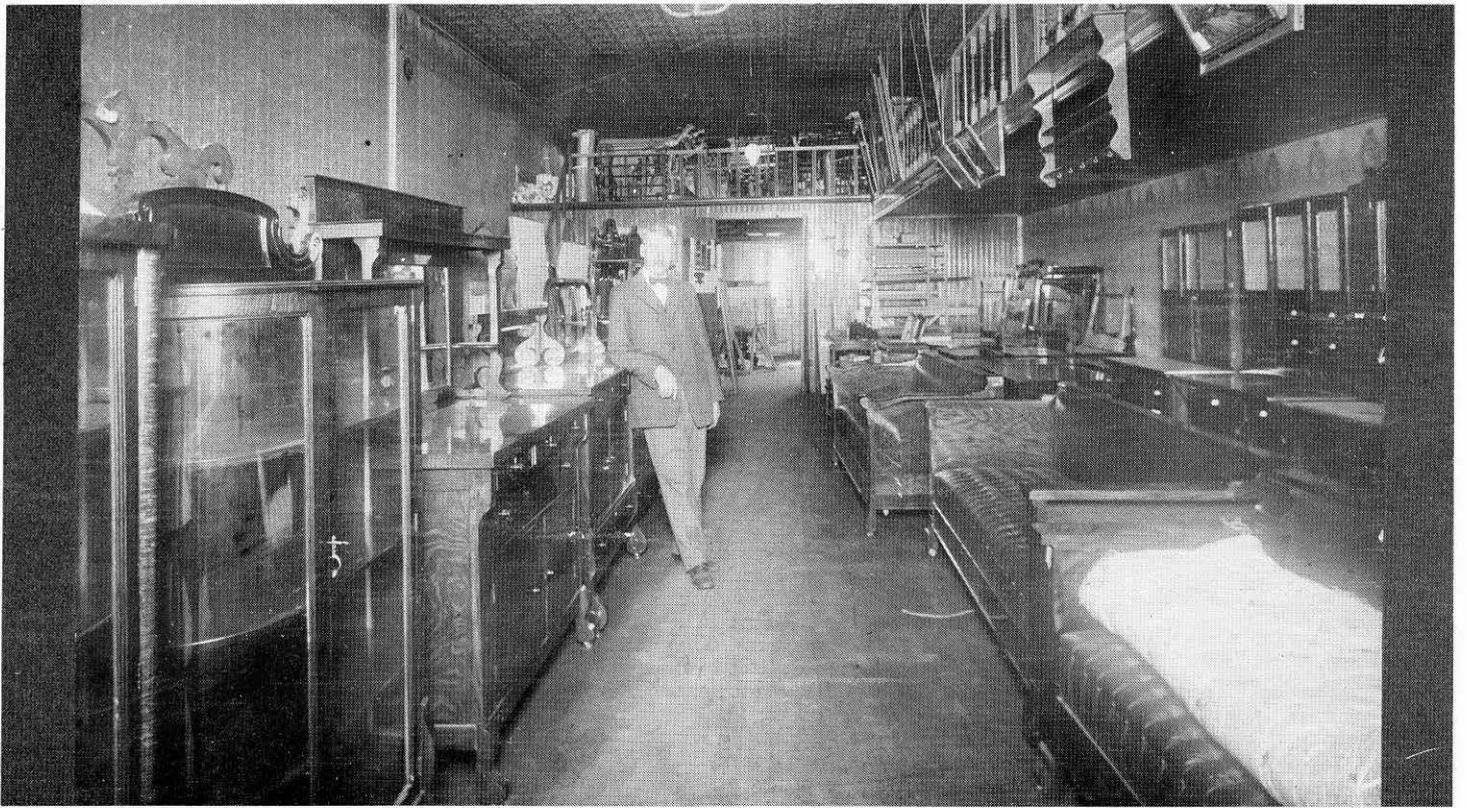




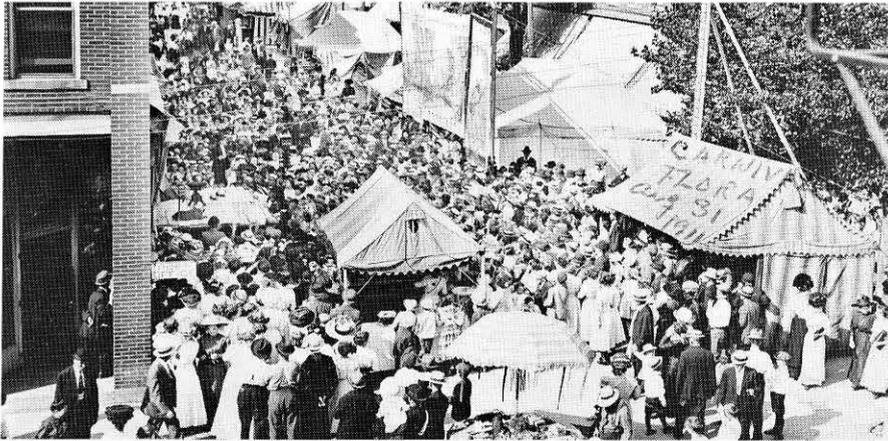
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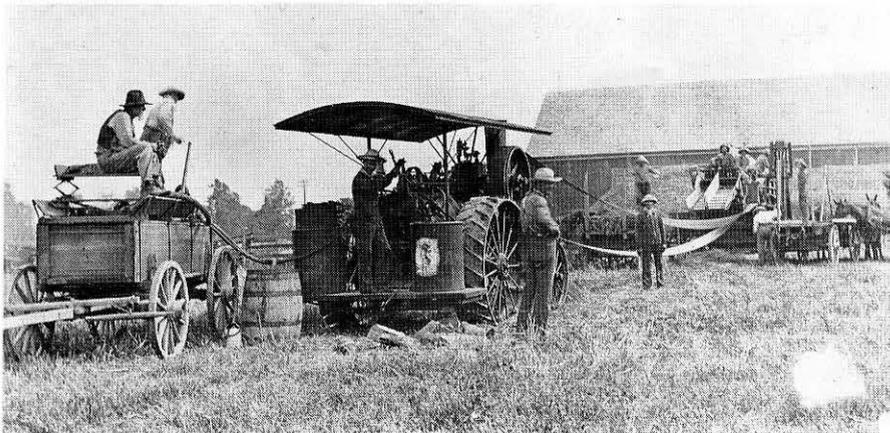
Its' always been a Restaurant on the Corner.



Dora Myer



Flora Carnival . . . 1911



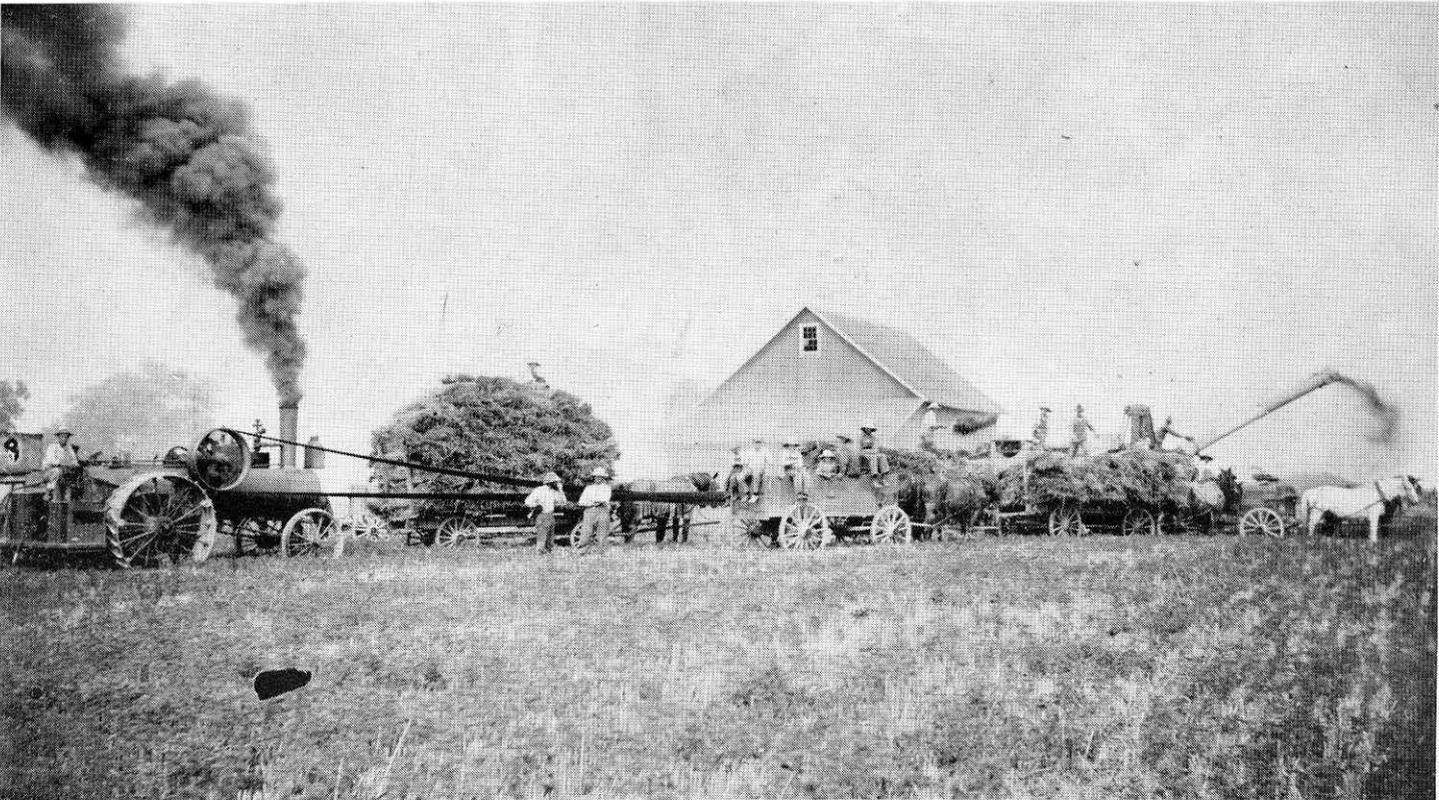
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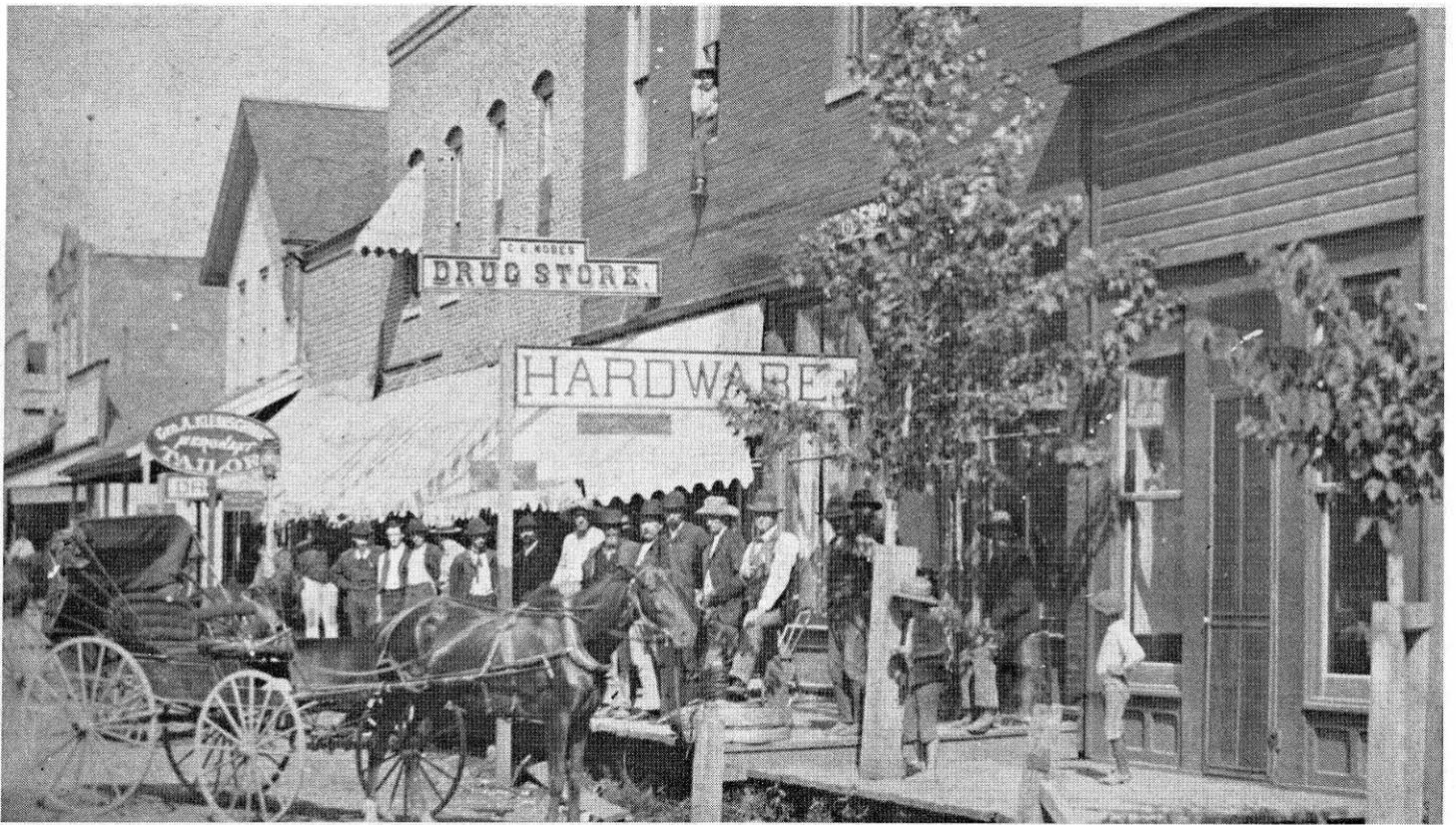
Moses Harter  
First Postmaster of Flora



Sitting: Mesdames Horatia Repogle, Abe Eikenberry, Kate Studebaker, Sam High, John Collaine, Standing: Mrs. John Cripe, Mrs. John Hughes, Leslie Hausenfluck, Mrs. Wm. Eikenberry, Mrs. John Trent.



Ed Voorhees Thrashing Machine on Chas. Black Farm.



Building burnt in 1895, except small one - White house is where Bank is today.



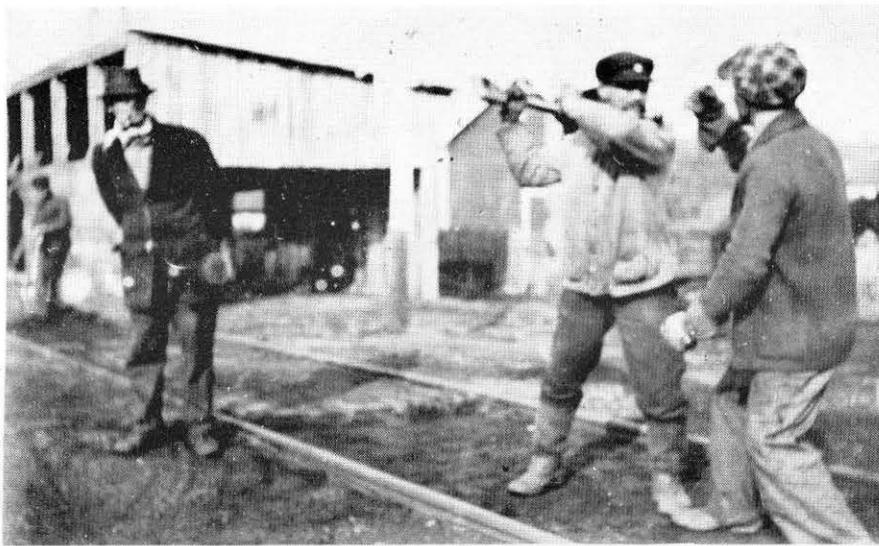
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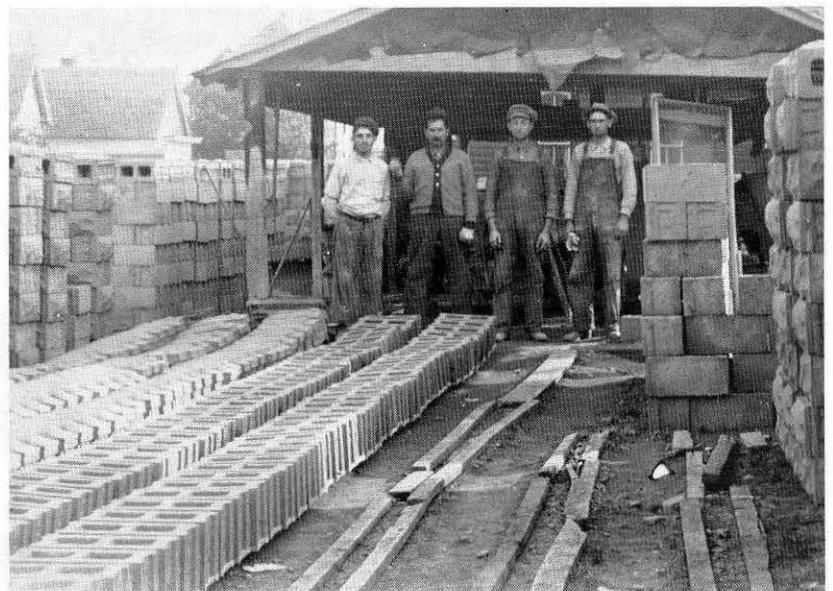
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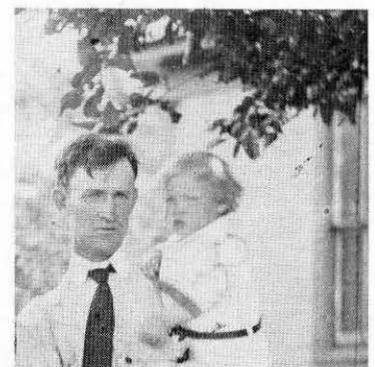
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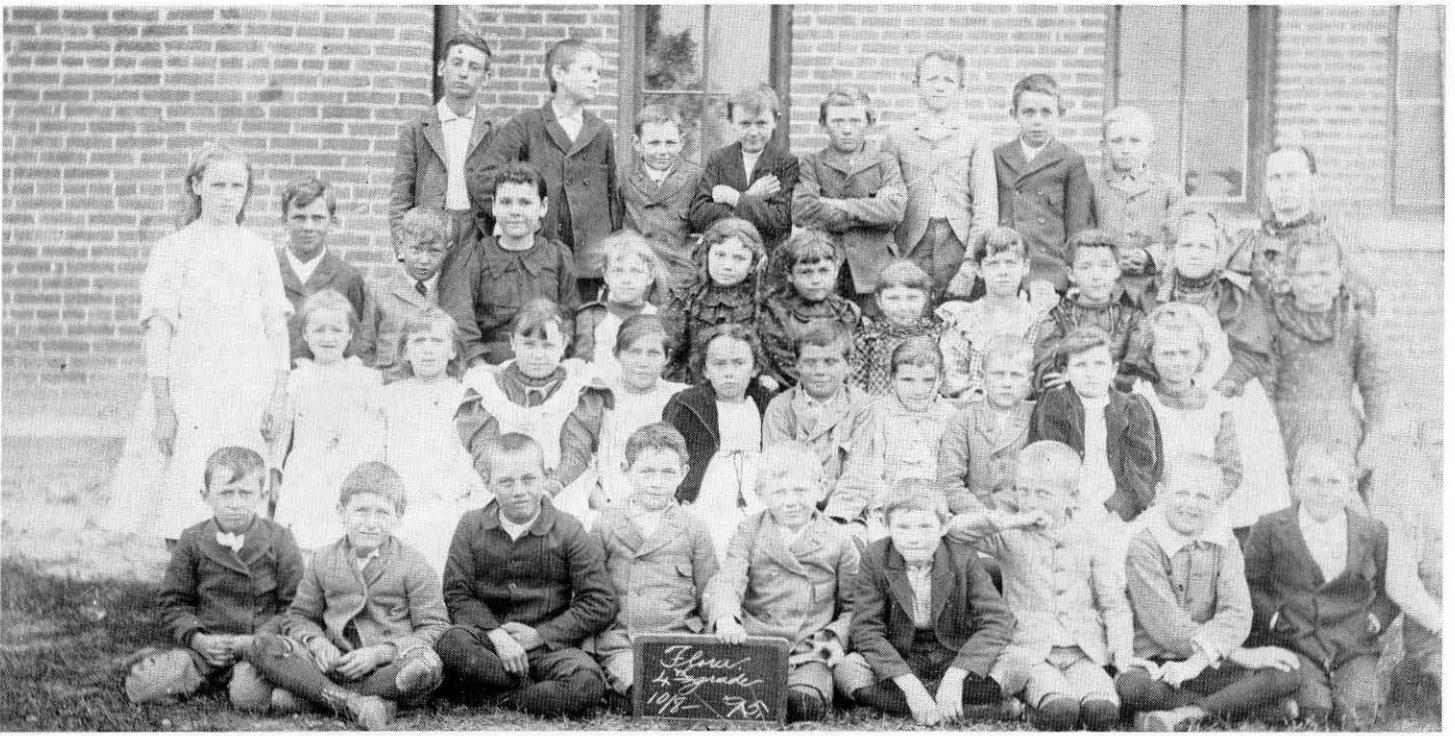
Cement Block Factory



Basil Ayres on the job



Being held is Mark McCracken



Starting at downspout: Bert Jones, Noah Myer, Ross Long, Locke Cook, Knode Flora, Guy Dick, Harry Krauss, Earl Myer, Elsie Kelly, Earl Brown, Eikenberry, Blanche Flora, Ethel Eikenberry, Bethel Myer, Orpha Maxwell, Maude Shirar, Pearl Dillman, Mabel Bridge, Ada Hunt, Teacher Eva Drake substitute for Maude Sieber, Oct. 8, 1898; Elsie Kelly's sister, Goldie Keener, Edith Moss, Woods, Grace Gilliam, Tom Salisbury, Bertha Hanna, Blaine Tribbet, Ethel Payne, Sherman. Bottom row: left: Ashwell Lynn Moss, Ora McMahan, Jeppa Smith, Clarence Youndt, Jim Keyes, Bill Flora, Chalmer Crecraft, Ernest Crecraft, James Colburn, Earl Fisher.



On steps of Presbyterian Church, 10th Anniversary



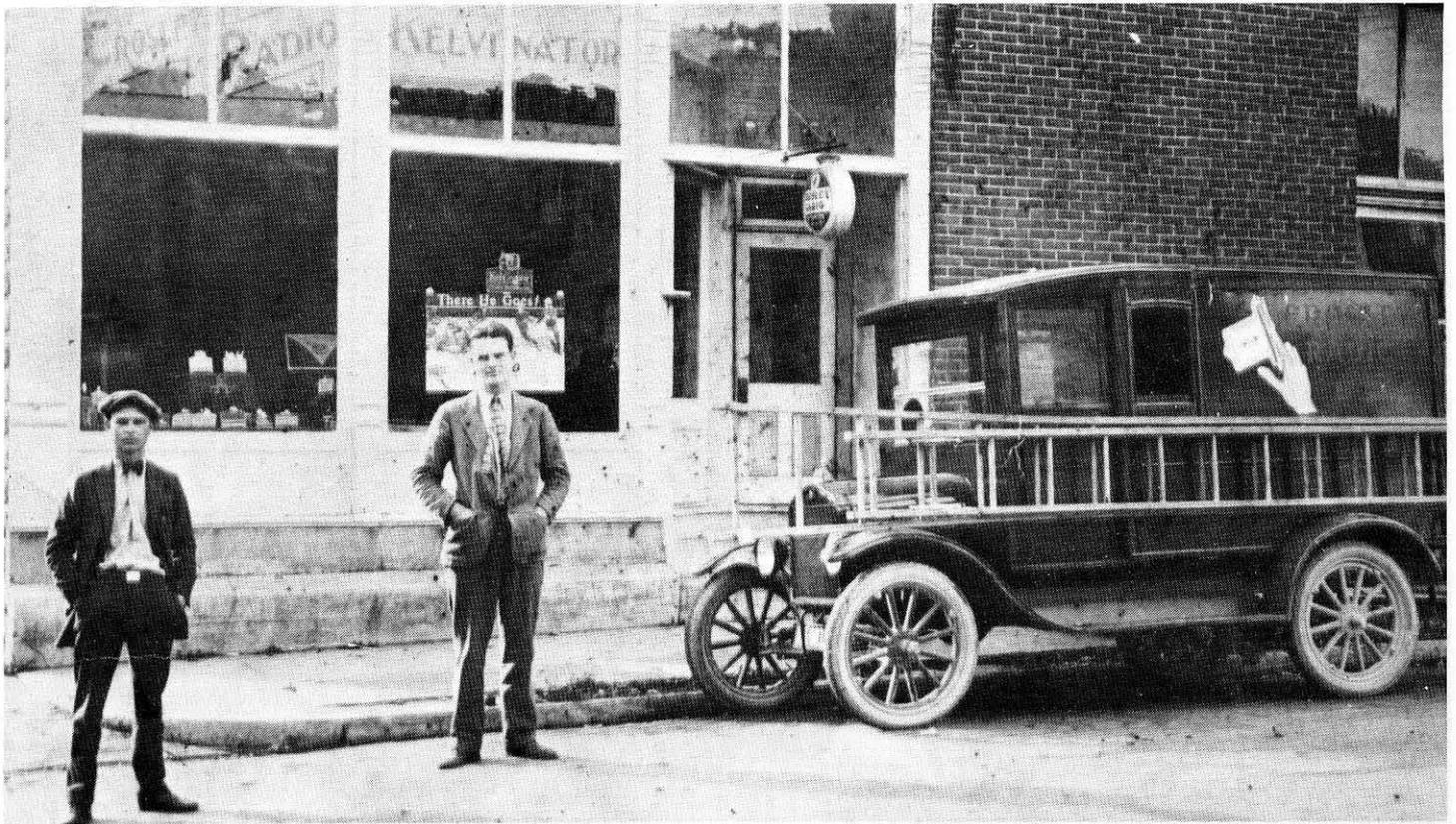
'Downtown' in Flora



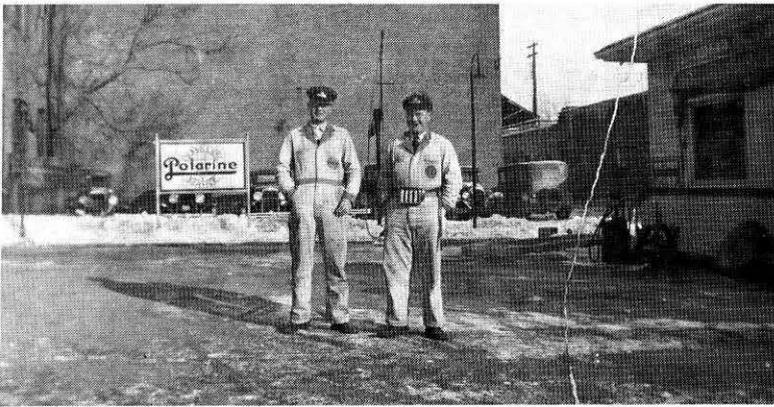
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Bill Nokes, Otto Ponelis



Frank Briggs and Veral Sparks



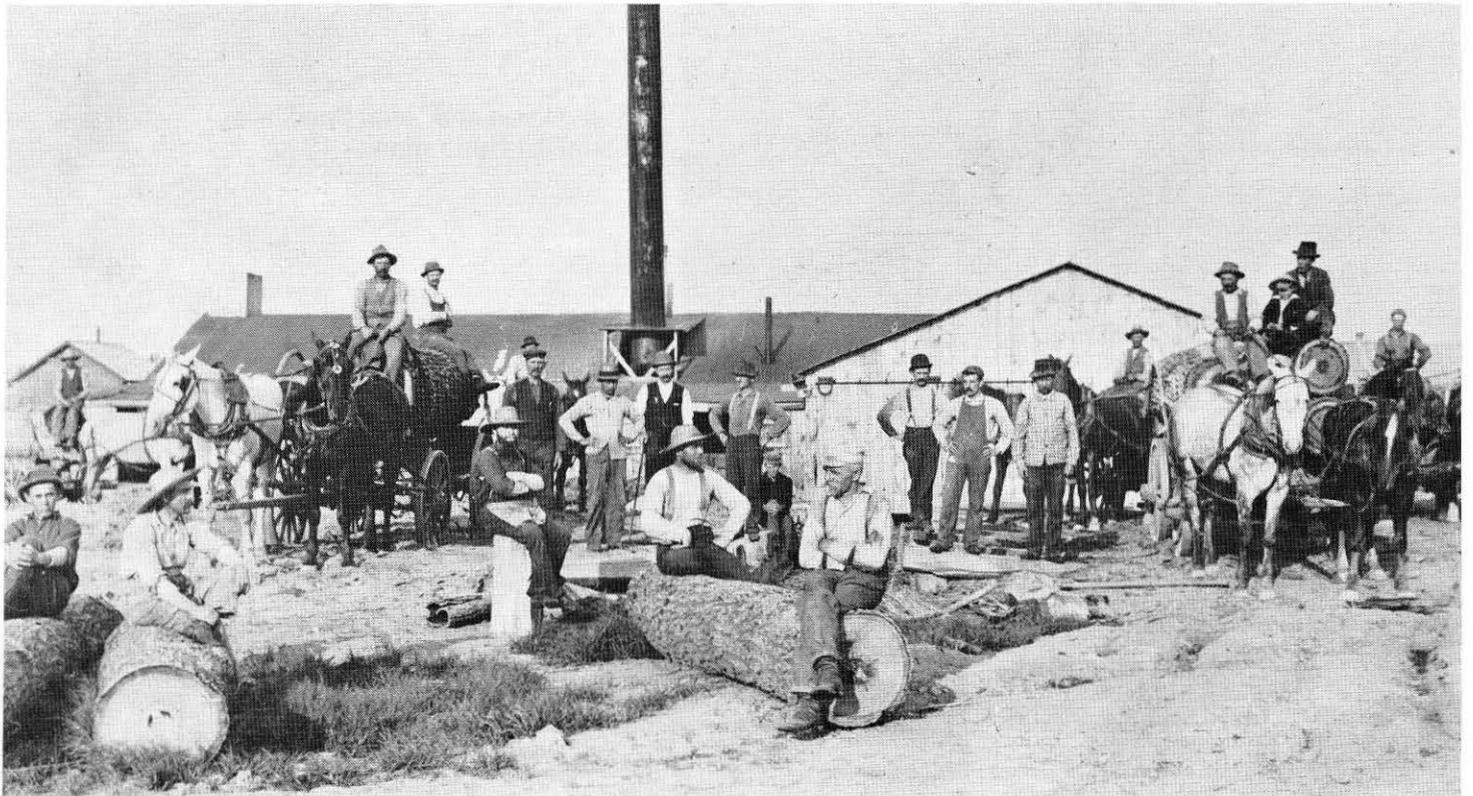
Bob Jordan and Veral Sparks  
Standard Oil Station — 1926

Rainbow Restaurant in Flora





Bringhurst looking North



Sitting: Frank Parks, Jim Stranahan, Wesley Ginn, John Oliver, Lew Shaffer; Right, load of logs, Bill Helvie, Frank Parks Father and Son Bill.

# REMEMBER WHEN?

EXCERPTS TAKEN FROM THE FILES OF THE HOOSIER DEMOCRAT,  
FROM THE YEARS 1897-1898 . . . COMPILED BY HOWARD PARKS

**September 18, 1897** . . . School opened with enrollment of 285 . . . gravel is now being put on South Center Street . . . Vandalia RR time card shows two trains each way daily . . . wheat 86 cts, corn 24 cts, oats 15 cts, hogs 3.75 cwt . . . heating stoves \$7.00 and up . . . beer \$4.00 barrel.

**November 13, 1897** . . . A bell costing about \$150.00 has just been installed on the new Methodist Church . . . a trial rural free delivery service has begun in Delaware County . . . Guthridge and Hawkins store: bacon 8-1/3 cts lb, fresh county lard 8 cts lb, women's rubbers 25 cts, men's dress shoes \$1.00, women's heavy shoes \$1.00.

**November 20, 1897** . . . Supt G. B. Asbury of the Flora School says there will be at least 7-1/2 months school next year . . . the present enrollment of the State University at Bloomington is 603 . . . Chicago passed an ordinance prohibiting football within the city limits.

**November 27, 1897** . . . "Currency reform" is one of the principal issues before the 55th Congress.

**December 11, 1897** . . . The new M. E. Church has installed a furnace in the basement . . . Myer and Eaton store: men's heavy overcoats \$6.50 to \$15.00.

**January 8, 1898** . . . One of the principal issues in the politics of the day: economy in government.

**January 29, 1898** . . . The Bringhurst band has been reorganized . . . 120 acre farm for sale: \$40.00 an acre. 40 acre farm with 3 room house—7 miles from Flora—\$35.00 an acre.

**February 5, 1898** . . . The delegates from Carroll County to the Republican Convention were compelled to walk from Westfield to Noblesville on account of a strike on the Midland RR.

**February 26, 1898** . . . "Dogs of War Growl"—conflict with Spain impending . . . Myer & Eaton store: men's jean pants 59 cts, 75 cts and 98 cts; all wool pants \$1.50 to \$2.98 . . . farms offered at \$35.00 to \$40.00 an acre.

**March 5, 1898** . . . The telephone company now has a line to Burlington . . . service is to be offered to farmers.

**March 12, 1898** . . . Second annual commencement of Flora High School was held at the Opera House . . . graduates were: Maud Duncan, Martha Wirt, Chas. Brown, Leroy Myer, George Bell and Tony Beckner.

**April 16, 1898** . . . Big fire in Burlington . . . destruction of town feared but disaster was averted . . . seven covered wagons drove into Flora Sunday bound for Kentucky.

**March 23, 1898** . . . Politics of the day: continued agitation for an income tax . . . Myer and Eaton: men's straw hats 5 cts to \$1.00.

**March 19, 1898** . . . 17 million wage earners in this country, 7 million—44%—are farming.

**March 26, 1898** . . . The ciphering match at the Cunningham school house was won by Jesse Miller, Ed Wagoner and Emerson Wagoner.

**April 30, 1898** . . . First shots fired in war with Spain . . . price of mules much higher on account of war . . . wheat \$1.05, corn 29 cts, oats 25 cts, hogs \$3.55 cwt.

**May 7, 1898** . . . Wheat reaches \$1.50 bu . . . toll gates on Michigan Road are causing lots of trouble as people object to paying as the franchise has expired.

**May 14, 1898** . . . Residents in the east part of town are complaining that cows are allowed to roam unattended although there is an ordinance prohibiting this . . . bread price has been increased in the local bakery from 5 cts a loaf to 7 cts a loaf.

**May 21, 1898** . . . Bringhurst Telephone Company now has a line to Frankfort.

**June 25, 1898** . . . Concrete sidewalks are being put in . . . the First Baptist Church of Muncie has adopted a resolution requesting the ladies to remove their hats during services. The M. E. Church did likewise some time ago.

**July 23, 1898** . . . A petition was circulated this week which will be presented to the Town Board asking that hitch racks be placed on Center Street through the business part of town.

**August 20, 1898** . . . Free rural mail delivery is to be tried in Carroll County . . . the war with Spain has ended . . . Spain has accepted our terms for peace.

**August 27, 1898** . . . For the first time in the history of our town the ladies removed their hats and bonnets at the services at the Christian Church Sunday night . . . at the beginning of the service the pastor asked that the ladies do this and without any hesitancy the ladies did so . . . there is no reason why this habit should not be carried into churches and public gatherings everywhere . . . the way hats are trimmed nowadays there is no chance of seeing around or over them.

**September 16, 1899** . . . Raids on chicken roosts west of Bringhurst are becoming quite frequent . . . school began Monday with an enrollment of 301 students with 28 students in the high school . . . a Winamac detective was here Friday night looking for a gang of horse thieves . . . he got about 9½ miles too far southeast . . . bicycle races at the fair this fall so grease up your wheels . . . purse \$20.00.

**September 10, 1898** . . . It has been 100 years since the first Baptist Church was organized in Indiana and the occasion was celebrated by the many churches last Sunday.

# REMEMBER WHEN?

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FROM THE YEARS 1898-1901 . . . COMPILED BY HOWARD PARKS

**October 8, 1898** . . . The curfew bell should be rung an hour earlier during the winter months . . . eight o'clock is too late for boys and girls to be playing in the streets now . . . they would be better off at home . . . Jesse Bright, cashier of the Bright Bank, has ordered a 44 calibre Winchester and bank robbers had best take warning from this notice.

**October 10, 1898** . . . Lenon's Bank was robbed . . . safe was blown and \$13,000.00 stolen . . . Mr. Lenon was shot with the bank's shotgun but not seriously wounded . . . the robbers escaped on a handcar on the railroad . . . Mr. Lenon says depositors will suffer no loss but a little time will be needed as much of his capital is in notes and mortgages.

**November 19, 1898** . . . The Michigan Road was laid through Carroll County 70 years ago . . . it was a plank road . . . wheat 64 cts, corn 25 cts, oats 17 cts, hogs \$3.00 cwt.

**September 23, 1899** . . . Clinton has an anti-swearing society . . . this is something that is urgently needed here.

**October 7, 1899** . . . Town Board sets the tax levy at \$1.00 per \$100.00 for 1900.

**October 28, 1899** . . . The hack plying between Burlington and Logansport met with a mishap last Monday at Little Rock Creek in which several people had a narrow escape for their lives . . . the hack was going along with the team at a brisk trot when a burr came off the wheel and the wheel came off which caused the big wagon to topple over into the ditch. No serious injuries resulted.

**November 4, 1899** . . . Farmers in Cass County are offering \$1.50 a day for corn huskers . . . at Peru, horseshoers are uniting in an increase in prices . . . Guthridge & Callane store: black worsted suits \$3.00 to \$8.00; Brethren's suits \$10.80; Brethren's hats \$1.00.

**November 18, 1899** . . . The M. E. ladies will serve the annual Thanksgiving dinner in the lecture room of the church . . . a full dinner for 20 cents.

**December 2, 1899** . . . Horner's Dept. store: ladies' jackets \$5.00 to \$7.50; ladies' capes \$2.00 and up.

**December 9, 1899** . . . The Indianapolis News is the first Indiana publication to deliver papers to its subscribers with an automobile . . . The experiment was made Friday and was satisfactory.

**March 31, 1900** . . . About 60 people left Flora by train last Tuesday for North Dakota where they will stake claims and live.

**April 7, 1900** . . . Enemies of the toll-pike used dynamite to blow up the toll gate building . . . a mob of about 300 blew up the toll bridges over Deer Creek and Rock Creek . . . Reist & Co.: ladies' skirts \$1.25 to \$2.75 . . . Flora & Knapp: wall paper sale 2 cts to 31 cts per roll . . . slightly damaged by water in fire.

**January 6, 1900** . . . The Town Board met in regular session and Treasurer Bright reported that there was a balance of \$3.98 in the treasury . . . J. B. Smith store; all wool men's suits \$7.50 . . . corn crop this year reported: Carroll County 4,359,072 bushels . . . in the seven principal corn states of the U. S., Indiana leads with an average yield per acre of 37 bushels.

**April 21, 1900** . . . This is the time of year when it is in order to make careful examination of alleys, stables, vaults and backyards in order to improve the sanitary conditions . . . a man in the east end of town makes a practice of turning seven or eight head of horses into the street every morning . . . the town marshal should stop this practice . . . Myer & Todd: bedroom suites \$15.00 to \$40.00; rockers \$1.00 and up; go-carts and baby carriages \$5.00 to \$25.00.

**May 12, 1900** . . . The annual town election was held Monday and was a very quiet affair . . . the only contest being that for town marshal which pays a salary of \$7.00 a month . . . Wm. E. Moss was elected . . . as the price of hogs is still high it would be a good time for Indiana to dispose of some of her politicians . . . wheat 66 cts, corn 36 cts, oats 25 cts, hogs \$4.80 cwt.

**June 2, 1900** . . . The Vandalia RR will sell excursion tickets to North Manchester to the German Baptist Brethren conference for \$1.80 for a round trip from Flora.

**June 9, 1900** . . . The police board of Logansport has issued an order prohibiting loafing in front of business houses.

**July 7, 1900** . . . The Noah Blickenstaff family was killed in a railroad crossing accident in Bringhurst . . . four were killed and one seriously injured when their carriage was struck while crossing the Vandalia tracks by an engine running backward from Logansport to Cutler.

**August 11, 1900** . . . Flora has a larger representation on Lake Maxinkuckee than any other town in the state.

**August 31, 1901** . . . Delphi has purchased a new chemical fire engine . . . it cost \$350.00 . . . this is exactly what we need in Flora . . . the Town Board should investigate.

**September 14, 1901** . . . President Wm. McKinley assassinated . . . Theodore Roosevelt becomes President of the U. S.

**September 28, 1901** . . . W. A. Bodine & Co., Bringhurst: large heavy blanket \$1.00; 100 pieces of decorated dishes \$6.90; men's overalls 50 cts.

**October 5, 1901** . . . High Colvin store: lamp chimneys 5 cts, lantern globes 5 cts, wall paper 2½ cts to 15 cts a roll.

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**September 12, 1901** . . . Flora—A Town with a Future: Filled with progressive pushing business men who are seekers after trade: Guthridge, Flora & Co., general merchandise . . . Bank of Flora, Reuben Bright and Jesse Bright . . . Pruitt & Pruitt—auctioneers . . . The Farmers Bank—J. H. Coplen, prop. . . Myer & Todd—furniture and undertakers . . . Flora & Knapp—druggists . . . W. H. Linton & Son—musical instruments . . . J. R. Cromer—Druggist; Dr. Cromer has been continuously in business here since 1873 . . . A. W. Eikenberry & Sons—buggies, wagons, farm machinery, harness and horse furnishings goods . . . Gillams Meat Market . . . Horner's Dept. Store—general merchandise and groceries . . . Hedderich Bros.—machine shop . . . Chas. E. Nobes—druggist . . . Foust & Myer—barbers . . . Joe Steckel—blacksmith . . . Dr. Will H. Porter—dentist . . . W. A. Bodine & Co., Bringhurst—general merchandise.

**October 19, 1901** . . . A number of business men and others who are interested in the welfare of the town of Flora met at Linton & Son's Music Store Tuesday evening and organized the Flora Commercial Club . . . the meeting was called to order by W. E. Callane and the following officers were elected: W. E. Callane, president; M. W. Eaton, secretary; J. V. Bright, treasurer, and C. R. Brewer, H. H. Flora, E. L. Peter, R. D. Voorhees, W. H. Linton and F. C. Horner, directors . . . this is a good move for the town and should receive the encouragement and support of every citizen . . . The stores at Delphi commenced to close at 6:00 o'clock Monday . . . Saturday evening they will all be open to business . . . this would be a good thing in Flora.

**November 23, 1901** . . . Four business rooms on Center Street were destroyed by fire . . . the frame business buildings were occupied by Reist & Co., dry goods and groceries; J. E. Myers, meat market; J. M. Culp, bakery; W. A. Trick, barber . . . as the new chemical fire engine purchased a few weeks ago had not arrived the fire had to be fought with buckets, ladders, etc. . . E. G. Kitzmiller will start immediately to build a new two story brick building.

**December 7, 1901** . . . Voorhees Bros., Richard and Charles, have cleared the ground across Columbia Street from Joe Bell's blacksmith shop and will soon begin the erection of a large lumber shed, 80' x 150' . . . Richard Voorhees has sold his ground and old buildings to Ed Voorhees and John M. Dudley who will erect a saw mill, planing mill and machine shop . . . Chas. Cochran will be foreman.

**March 1, 1902** . . . A petition has been signed granting Cutler rural free delivery by July 1.

**February 8, 1902** . . . Voorhees Bros. announced that they will erect a brick store room, 42' x 42', on Columbia Street immediately east of their mammoth lumber shed and will put in a full line of hardware and stoves.

**January 11, 1902** . . . The sales of butter and eggs by Joseph Shirar as published in the Democrat last week are very good and show what may be done toward making a living instead of loafing on the street corners and talking hard times . . . as for butter making, Mrs. D. A. Mummert is somewhat ahead having made 1806 pounds during 1901 of which 1600 pounds were sold . . . the price received was 15 cents per pound . . . it will be remembered that last year was a very poor year for pasture . . . Mrs. M. V. Richter, living north of town, made 991 pounds of butter during 1901 . . . this is a good record considering that Mrs. Richter kept but four cows . . . Shigley Bros.: men's hats 83 cts to \$1.50; men's caps 17 cts to 53 cts; women's shoes 75 cts to \$1.00; men's water proof coats \$1.38 to \$2.13 . . . wheat 82 cts, corn 56 cts, oats 41 cts, hogs \$5.50 cwt . . . B. F. Eisenhart, Tailor: men's suits \$15.00 and up . . . also agent for life insurance.

**March 15, 1902** . . . The Flora & Bringhurst Telephone Co. will move their exchange to the north upstairs room in Kitzmiller's new building about April 1 . . . Reist & Co. will occupy the north room in the building on the main floor . . . horse clipping season is here . . . see Henry Pritchard.

**April 12, 1902** . . . D. E. Miller, our telephone man, has just completed arrangements with the Home Telephone Co. of Logansport whereby a direct line copper circuit will be built to that point . . . it is reported that carpenters in Nome, Alaska are being paid \$1.00 to \$1.50 an hour.

**April 26, 1902** . . . Commencement exercises of Flora High School were held . . . there were three graduates . . . they were Luna Alice Bell, Vivien Shigley and Charles Layman Bell.

**June 7, 1902** . . . Carroll County Threshers Association met in Flora last Tuesday to elect delegates to the state meeting to be held in Indianapolis this month . . . Ed Voorhees was appointed delegate and Harve Bowerman alternate . . . wheat 73 cts, corn 57 cts, oats 33 cts, hogs \$6.50 cwt.

**July 12, 1902** . . . Camp meeting at Ross Grove, Bringhurst, next Thursday . . . good place to hitch horses . . . refreshments on the grounds.

**July 19, 1902** . . . Wiler & Wise, the Bee Hive store in Logansport: we will pay the railroad fare on purchases of \$25.00 or more.

**July 26, 1902** . . . The unbeaten Dan Patch again surprised the racing world Wednesday by winning the 2:04 pace in straight heats at Cleveland, Ohio and clipping three quarters of a second off his record doing a mile in 2:03¾.

**August 2, 1902** . . . Henry Pritchard is to build a new brick livery barn . . . the building will be two story brick, 40' x 120', and will be on the old Cromer corner.

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**August 16, 1902** . . . Carrie Nation, the hatchet wielder, passed through Logansport Wednesday on the Wabash enroute to Peru where she delivered an address.

**August 30, 1902** . . . Uncle Tom's Cabin to be performed here next Monday evening by the Frank E. Griswold Uncle Tom's Cabin Co. . . . seven acts, 28 scenes and 42 tableaux.

**September 9, 1902** . . . Flora now has two new rural routes.

**October 18, 1902** . . . A new county has been proposed with Burlington as the county seat . . . the plan is to take a corner off Clinton, Carroll and Howard Counties and have a new county of six townships with the name of Forest County.

**November 15, 1902** . . . Temperance workers and supporters will hold a grand rally at the Flora Opera House tomorrow . . . the churches will unite in these meetings . . . the purpose is to rid the town of saloons . . . Friday was the 91st anniversary of the Battle of Tippecanoe which marked the opening of one of the most important epochs in the history of the United States . . . battle was fought eight miles north of Lafayette at Battle Ground, the opposing forces being led by Gen. W. H. Harrison and "The Prophet," brother of Tippecanoe.

**November 22, 1902** . . . Fifty years ago, November 18, 1852, the Sharon Baptist Church was organized and the golden anniversary of that event was celebrated last Friday in a fitting manner at the ancient edifice.

**December 23, 1902** . . . Five hundred girls from Carroll and Howard Counties have a chance to get married providing they will go to North Dakota to live . . . they will be guaranteed first class homes and first class husbands and a happy life . . . this information is in a letter from J. R. Walters who went to North Dakota about a year ago . . . in the letter he states that everyone there is prosperous, money can be made fast, life is comfortable but the young bachelors with large farms find great difficulty in finding housekeepers . . . they drive fine horses and carriages and some have automobiles.

**December 27, 1902** . . . The Bank of Flora has purchased a new Universal Adding and Listing Machine . . . it is the only one of its kind in the county . . . John E. Wharton—fine shoe repairing . . . at Flora & Metsker Shoe Store.

**April 25, 1903** . . . The formal dedication of the new German Baptist Church on South Center Street took place last Sunday and was witnessed by an immense crowd.

**May 16, 1903** . . . Hunt up your old McGuffey spelling book and come prepared to spell at the old fashioned spelling match at the M. E. Church, May 19.

**July 11, 1903** . . . An election was held last Tuesday at which it was decided to build 21¼ miles of gravel roads in Monroe Township.

**July 18, 1903** . . . Flora needs a water works system and an electric light plant and needs them bad . . . the sooner we get them the better it will be for the town.

**October 10, 1903** . . . The Dairy Queen Mfg. Co. has been organized to manufacture the Dairy Queen Cream Separator.

**November 7, 1903** . . . Flora Mfg. Co. was organized here last Tuesday to manufacture and sell the new Twentieth Century washing machine.

**December 19, 1903** . . . Flora Canning Factory to be built on the site of the old Martin hoop factory . . . will have a capacity of 25,000 cans per day of tomatoes, corn, etc.

**April 30, 1904** . . . The town of Flora will be 32 years old next Thursday . . . the first child born in Flora was Mrs. Arthur Blue of Carrolltown Township, a daughter of James Butcher of Kokomo who was among the first to locate in Flora . . . the second child born in Flora was Ora Cromer, a resident of this city and a son of the late Dr. Cromer . . . Dr. Cromer was one of the first to embark in business in Flora forming a partnership in the drug business with his brother-in-law, R. R. Bright . . . Mr. J. H. Coplen, proprietor of the Farmers Bank, has just installed one of the latest and most scientifically constructed adding and counting machines on the market . . . it is a "Burroughs" and can add 222 items in just six minutes.

**May 14, 1904** . . . The Flora & Bringham Co-operative Telephone Co. has been organized . . . after a few repairs were made the town pump which has had a long rest during the winter months is again in running order and is attracting the usual crowds.

**July 30, 1904** . . . Flora Natural Gas & Oil Co. was organized here last Saturday night.

**November 5, 1904** . . . The first election in Carroll County was held April 28, 1828 at which time 76 votes were cast . . . the first presidential election was held in the fall of that same year and Andrew Jackson received 112 votes to 73 for John Quincy Adams.

**November 19, 1904** . . . Flora Telephone Co. was organized.

**February 4, 1905** . . . Flora Sawmill Co. was organized and purchased the mill previously owned by Ed Voorhees . . . new owners are: G. E. Voorhees, John Voorhees, Tony Beckner and Chas. Cochran.

**March 11, 1905** . . . The Indianapolis and Chicago Air Line Traction Co. proposes to build a direct interurban line from Indianapolis to Chicago and will pass through Flora.

# REMEMBER WHEN?

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**May 6, 1905** . . . "What has become of the Flora Fire Company which was organized several months ago?" . . . this question was asked us by a prominent businessman of this city the first of this week and then he proceeded to say, "Flora has been lucky in not having any bad fires for several years but we may have a bad one at any time and who knows how to operate the chemical fire engine in case an alarm is sounded? . . . there should be regular drills and instruction in the use of the chemical engine."

**May 20, 1905** . . . First National Bank was organized here last Monday . . . capital \$25,000.00 . . . president is E. G. Kitzmiller; L. T. Hawkins, cashier and Ethel Goslee, bookkeeper.

**November 18, 1905** . . . The Bank of Flora is to be reorganized and made a national bank to be known as the Bright National Bank.

**April 21, 1906** . . . San Francisco has been reduced to ruins as a result of an earthquake.

**April 28, 1906** . . . Graduating class numbers 18 . . . largest in history of Flora High School.

**May 10, 1906** . . . A water works company has been organized in Flora with water to be secured from deep driven wells.

**June 2, 1906** . . . First Presbyterian Church is organized here.

**May 25, 1907** . . . Auto fever strikes Flora! Already twelve machines in the city . . . those who have automobiles are: Van C. Blue, Gertha Voorhees, Edward Voorhees, Eugene Furnas, E. G. Kitzmiller, Ward B. Hinder, Ross R. Penn II, Edward Hedderich, Lee Hedderich, Frank Bingaman, and John Brown.

**May 2, 1908** . . . Pennsylvania RR builds new depot at a cost of \$10,000.00 . . . located on the east side of the track midway between Main and Columbia Streets.

**May 23, 1908** . . . James Crites, his wife and two daughters were killed last Sunday evening when their carriage was struck at the railroad crossing one mile north of town . . . the tragedy resulted when their horse became frightened and ran into the path of the train.

**October 17, 1908** . . . Moving picture show at the Flora Opera House tonight featuring the following productions: "A Good Joke;" "Gendarme, Incensed and Amazed;" "The Orphan, or a Mountain Romance;" "The Schoolmaster Receives a Call;" and "He Got Soap in His Eyes" . . . most of the pictures are productions from Paris and are the best money can buy . . . admission—10 cents . . . the new M. E. Church in Bringham was dedicated last Sunday . . . the total cost of the building and furnishings was \$3,000.00 . . . Rev. J. K. Wyant is the pastor.

**July 4, 1908** . . . Post office to be moved to the corner of Center and Columbia Streets in the Voorhees room . . . this is the southern limit of the business district and there are many objections to the move.

**September 19, 1908** . . . Flora Detective Assn. has elected officers: W. H. Linton, president; J. J. Moss, vice president; G. V. Brown, secretary; Jesse Bright, treasurer; Dr. O. F. Campbell, captain.

**February 20, 1909** . . . Frank C. Horner and A. M. Chittick are driving new Ford cars purchased from Eikenberry and Greider . . . the cars cost \$850.00.

**March 6, 1909** . . . E. D. Voorhees Auto Co. has secured the Carroll County agency for the celebrated Cadillac automobile . . . a new building is being erected on the corner of Center and Columbia.

**June 19, 1909** . . . The new electric lights are now the pride of the town . . . they were turned on for the first time Thursday evening and are dandies.

**September 11, 1909** . . . An inspector of the State Board of Charity visited the Carroll County Poor Farm Wednesday and says conditions over which management has no control are the worst in the state . . . Carroll County should be ashamed of this and should do something about it.

**October 2, 1909** . . . Carroll County is now a "dry" county as the last saloon in Delphi was closed last Wednesday night.

**June 25, 1910** . . . Big train wreck here Saturday noon when a through freight train drawn by two engines piled up ten cars in front of the passenger depot . . . loss estimated at \$3,000.00.

**April 23, 1910** . . . Carroll County Trust and Savings Co. has been organized with 58 stockholders . . . officers elected are: Martin W. Eaton, president; Uria Guth, 1st vice president; J. J. Draper, 2nd vice president; James H. Copen, secretary-treasurer.

**November 19, 1910** . . . The beautiful new brick business block and lodge hall erected by the Odd Fellows will be dedicated next Tuesday . . . it is a two-story brick, 30' x 80' . . . on the ground floor are four good business rooms and the entire second floor is used for lodge purposes . . . the Lodge was instituted here May 18, 1876 . . . in 1894 the Lodge needed larger quarters and purchased the old Tom Howe house and lot on which was erected a three-story iron clad building . . . this was torn down and the present modern building erected . . . according to the report of the 13th census, the population of Indiana in 1910 was 2,700,876 compared to 2,516,462 in 1900 . . . Carroll County in 1910 had a population of 17,970 compared to 19,953 in 1900—or a loss of 1,983 in the decade.

**May 28, 1910** . . . The Pennsylvania RR is to have four trains each way on Sundays.

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**March 12, 1910** . . . The County Commissioners have selected a site for new buildings to be built on the County Farm.

**July 23, 1910** . . . New Baptist Church is to be dedicated here Sunday . . . the church was first organized here about 1880 and Rev. B. A. Melson, step-father of Mrs. R. D. Voorhees, was the first pastor . . . the new church cost about \$4,000.00 . . . Rev. J. G. Tedford is the pastor.

**December 3, 1910** . . . A new company has been organized to manufacture Bankable cigars . . . the company will be known as N. N. Smith Co. . . about 35 people will be employed and the capacity of the factory will be about 175,000 cigars a month.

**January 21, 1911** . . . The new Presbyterian Church on South Center Street was dedicated last Sunday . . . the new structure cost \$14,300.00 . . . the pastor is Rev. O. L. Prentice.

**April 15, 1911** . . . Official census of 1910 shows Flora's population to be 1,386 compared to 1,209 in 1900 . . . twenty years ago Flora had a population of 639 . . . Monroe Township now has a population of 2,442 compared to 2,078 in 1900.

**August 19, 1911** . . . Buster Brown and his dog, Tice, will attend the carnival here on August 31 . . . his appearance is sponsored by Virgil Niccum & Co. which carries the Buster Brown shoe.

**March 2, 1912** . . . The ice gorge at the Georgetown bridge has during the past few weeks been one of the worst in the history of the Wabash River and the ice is now piled four feet high on both sides of the bridge . . . two spans of the bridge have been lifted by the huge jam and are said to be shoved six feet off the piers . . . the bridge is one of the few wooden bridges in this part and was built many years ago jointly by Carroll and Cass Counties . . . the bridge is believed to be lost which will necessitate building a new bridge at an estimated cost of \$12,000.00 to \$15,000.00 to Carroll County.

**March 29, 1913** . . . Carroll County is experiencing the worst flooding in the county since 1875 . . . the Wabash and Eel Rivers in Logansport makes the water higher than ever known . . . a levee has broken in Peru flooding the south side of the town . . . many lives reported lost . . . Flora and community send aid to flood victims.

**June 28, 1913** . . . Barbers in Flora have increased the price of a shave from 10 cents to 15 cents . . . the barbers say the increase was made necessary because of the high cost of living . . . the barbers say they have a desire to once more smell the odor of ham and breakfast bacon in their own homes . . . baked potatoes and corn-bread are all right for five or six years but like the boarding house prune, they got to be old sometimes.

**April 4, 1914** . . . W. O. Brown, local agent for the Pennsylvania RR, has announced that all Sunday trains over this division are to be discontinued . . . the Christian Church of Flora is to build a new building costing about \$18,000.00.

**May 16, 1914** . . . Last Saturday, Wm. Eckerle, one of our three village blacksmiths, sold the past year's accumulation of old worn out horse shoes which he had pulled off and replaced with new ones . . . there was slightly over seven tons of old shoes.

**October 10, 1914** . . . Mr. and Mrs. Amos Woods of Indianapolis have been visitors in Flora for several days . . . Mr. Woods was the "upstairs teacher" in the old school house in the north end of town now occupied by Noah Edmondson as a residence . . . in those early days the town was a veritable mud-hole in the winter and it was necessary to wear rubber boots to get to school . . . the winter of 1882-83 was remarkably muddy and J. M. Wheeler and other progressive citizens made what was probably the first sidewalk in the town by liberal donations from those who were patrons of the school . . . it extended from the center of town down the west side of North Center Street and across to the school house . . . most of the material was elm saw-dust from the saw-mill of Abner Ratcliff, but in the low ground at the branch, which sometimes was a small river, a frame bridge and plank sidewalk extended half a square.

**November 28, 1914** . . . The new Christian Church on South Center Street will be dedicated Sunday . . . the church has a pipe-organ, the first musical instrument of its kind ever installed in Flora . . . the total cost of the church was \$19,000.00 and there are pledges of \$23,000.00 already made . . . Rev. G. Stanley West is the pastor. The first meetings of the church were held in 1877 in the old brick school house on North Division Street and later they were moved to the Baptist Church on West Walnut . . . on May 25, 1884 members organized as a Christian Church . . . three years later a one room brick building was erected on the site of the present building . . . J. C. Quinn, brick kiln owner, provided the brick at cost and Philip Voorhees was the carpenter . . . twenty-six years later, with many new members added to the church, plans were made for the building as it is today.

**January 23, 1915** . . . Otto Ponelis, the Main Street butcher, received a letter this week from his mother who lives in the province of Lubeck, Germany . . . she told of the death from a heart attack of Otto's brother during the fighting between the French and German armies . . . it has been about five years since Otto left Germany.

**January 30, 1915** . . . Local elevators paid \$1.40 a bushel for wheat Thursday which is the highest price since 1898 when the price was \$1.50 a bushel . . . the temperature here dropped to 20 below zero at 7:00 a.m. last Sunday.

# REMEMBER WHEN?

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FROM THE YEARS 1915-1920 . . . COMPILED BY HOWARD PARKS

**February 20, 1915** . . . Perry Rule, representative in the legislature for Carroll, Howard and Miami Counties, has introduced a bill in the House of Representatives which would provide the voting franchise for women.

**July 31, 1915** . . . The Chautauqua was a big success and plans are being made now for the 1916 season.

**August 28, 1915** . . . A library was organized on 8/20/15 and officers elected: Rev. C. C. Ford, president; E. G. Kitzmiller, vice president; Rev. W. T. Lytle, secretary; M. W. Eaton, treasurer . . . committees were appointed.

**January 8, 1916** . . . The County Commissioners last Monday voted for the erection of a new Court House in Delphi to cost \$171,000.00.

**January 29, 1916** . . . The new school house will be dedicated on Friday afternoon of next week.

**August 11, 1917** . . . E. G. Kitzmiller sold his controlling interest in the First National Bank to Joseph Harter who is now president and a director.

**April 14, 1917** . . . Lawrence Gaylor, a senior in the local high school, is the first local boy to enlist . . . he joined the U. S. Navy Tuesday . . . the county mobilizes its agricultural forces for war . . . the city displays its patriotism by displaying the flag.

**August 25, 1917** . . . Edward G. Kitzmiller died last Sunday morning at the age of 53 . . . for over 30 years he was a leader in the community and was associated with many progressive activities which resulted in the betterment of the town.

**December 15, 1917** . . . The new First Brethren Church is to be dedicated tomorrow . . . the cost was \$19,000.00 of which all has been pledged . . . Rev. W. T. Lytle is the pastor.

**December 19, 1917** . . . One of the worst blizzards in the town's history occurred last Saturday . . . there was heavy snow and sleet with temperatures dropping to 26 below zero . . . older residents say the storm was the worst because of the very high winds . . . the following are from a county diary for comparison: December 24, 1872—22 below; January 29, 1873—31 below; December 18, 1883—20 below; January 4, 1884—20 below; January 5, 1884—24 below; January 18, 1884—18 below; February 29, 1884—15 below; March 4, 1884—12 below; January 19, 1885—20 below; January 20, 1885—22 below; January 22, 1885—20 below; January 23, 1885—34 below; February 15, 1885—31 below; March 13, 1885—12 below; March 19, 1885—10 below . . . in the winter of 1886 the temperature was below zero for three weeks, 25 below zero being the coldest on January 22 . . . the winter of 1887 was very cold and continued so commencing with 26 below on January 10 . . . the winter of 1892 was severe with 22 below zero on January 21.

**January 26, 1918** . . . Business houses of Flora closed Monday in compliance with an order of the National Fuel Administrator to save fuel . . . businesses will be closed for ten Mondays.

**August 17, 1918** . . . The new Flora Public Library is now open . . . Miss Ruth Dawson is the librarian.

**August 31, 1918** . . . Clarence Wiles is reported to have been killed in action in France . . . he is the first Flora boy to meet death at the hands of the Huns.

**October 5, 1918** . . . Flora had its first taste of a real-for-sure aeroplane Saturday when an aeroplane passed over the city and landed in a field east of town.

**October 12, 1918** . . . The Spanish influenza rages; places of public meetings are closed by Federal order . . . thousands have died in training camps over the U. S. . . all citizens are urged to remain at home whenever possible.

**October 19, 1918** . . . Flora, after many years, has a real-for-sure fire chief . . . at a recent meeting of the Town Board Dr. O. F. Campbell was named to the place . . . Amos Clinginpeel is assistant chief.

**April 5, 1919** . . . Community Memorial Building proposed.

**July 12, 1919** . . . The Wabash Training and Transportation Co. came to Flora Tuesday with a Canadian Curtis aeroplane and throughout the day was kept busy taking passengers into the air to get a birdseye view of the town and countryside some 1,800 to 2,600 feet below . . . Mrs. Raymond DeVinney was the first passenger to take a ride from Spitler's field with aviator Henry Fawcett . . . thirteen made the trip at a price of \$15.00 for fifteen minutes.

**December 27, 1919** . . . Veterans organize an American Legion Post to be known as Clarence Wiles Post.

**July 17, 1920** . . . Flora's long-needed park is soon to be a reality . . . The Community Park at the east end of Main Street is to be dedicated Sunday

**January 3, 1920** . . . Reuben R. Bright, president of the Bright National Bank, recalled to the Democrat that just 57 years ago last Wednesday—December 31, 1862—he was wounded in a skirmish with the Rebels at the Battle of Stone River in Tennessee . . . with him in the battle 57 years ago were also George Stewart, now a resident of Flora, and John Groninger of Rock Creek Township.

**June 19, 1920** . . . Leland Eikenberry, a well known Flora young man, took an even dozen passengers into the clouds in his 90 horsepower American Curtis plane last Sunday . . . he came to the city Saturday evening accompanied by Earl Wikle and for several minutes circled over the city before landing in Spitler's field.

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**June 18, 1921** . . . National Guard Company organized here . . . will be Company B, 151st Infantry . . . W. R. Yundt, captain.

**July 30, 1921** . . . Carroll County Loan, Trust & Savings Co. has formal opening of new bank building . . . it is one of the most modern and up-to-date bank buildings in northern Indiana.

**March 18, 1922** . . . Cutler High School basketball team wins Lafayette regional and goes into state finals in Indianapolis.

**September 23, 1922** . . . Dr. Reuben R. Tidrick of Brighthurst died last Tuesday . . . a son of Lawrence and Elizabeth Tidrick, he was born in Monroe Township in 1841 and was the first physician in Monroe Township . . . his father, Lawrence, entered a farm in Monroe Township in 1831.

**September 29, 1923** . . . The first rally of the Ku Klux Klan held at Community Park last Friday was a big success.

**January 5, 1924** . . . New Community Building dedicated . . . county and sectional basketball tourneys to be held in new building.

**June 14, 1924** . . . Reuben R. Bright, president of the Bright National Bank and prominent businessman, died last Friday . . . he was a veteran of the Civil War . . . a native of Howard County, he came to Flora in 1873 and engaged in the drug business with his brother-in-law, Dr. J. R. Cromer, deceased . . . in 1897 he purchased the Bank of Flora, a private bank, from John J. Hawkins . . . it was reorganized and became a national bank in 1905.

**November 21, 1925** . . . New Methodist Church is to be dedicated Sunday . . . total cost was \$48,000.00 not including the pipe organ which was a gift from the children of John and Josephine Voorhees . . . the old church was destroyed by fire last December 29 . . . Rev. T. L. Stovall is the pastor.

**May 5, 1927** . . . Pennsy has bad wreck here . . . seventeen cars derailed.

**October 15, 1927** . . . Carroll County Loan, Trust & Savings Co. closed for audit by State Banking Department.

**October 22, 1927** . . . Flora State Bank organized . . . new bank named receiver of Trust Company.

**January 7, 1928** . . . Carroll County is 100 years old today! . . . county was named after Charles Carroll of Carrollton, the only surviving signer of the Declaration of Independence.

**February 11, 1928** . . . Lee Eikenberry organizes Flora Aviation Club . . . he says records show travel in the U. S. is safer by airplane than by motor car . . . club will buy a plane.

**December 27, 1930** . . . Census report shows Flora population in 1930 is 1,449; in 1920 it was 1,441 . . . Monroe Township population now 2,358 compared to 2,424 in 1920.

**July 9, 1932** . . . Camden celebrated the 100th anniversary of the founding of the town last Monday although no one seems sure of the first settler or how the town got its name.

**February 11, 1933** . . . The Monroe Township School burned last Saturday night . . . it was erected in 1890 when Dr. James Cromer was Trustee.

**March 4, 1933** . . . Franklin Delano Roosevelt is inaugurated today as President of the U. S.

**September 16, 1933** . . . Pennsylvania RR to run excursions to Chicago for the World's Fair for three consecutive Sundays . . . fare is \$2.75 round trip . . . Miller Commission Co. . . says price of hogs is now at the highest for five years . . . the price Thursday was \$5.20 and was \$5.25 on October 19, 1931.

**September 21, 1935** . . . New school building is dedicated . . . cost approximately \$100,000.00.

**February 8, 1936** . . . January had a record of nine consecutive days with a temperature of zero or below.

**February 22, 1936** . . . Bright National Bank and Flora State Bank merge.

**January 21, 1939** . . . Flora voters authorized the Town Board to acquire the local light plant distribution system from the Indiana Service Corp.

**September 9, 1939** . . . War in Europe begins.

**August 24, 1940** . . . Claude Wickard is appointed Secretary of Agriculture by President Franklin D. Roosevelt . . . he attended Flora High School for three years and graduated from Delphi High School in 1910 . . . later graduated from Purdue University . . . is the twelfth Hoosier to be a cabinet member.

**December 7, 1940** . . . Grace Brethren Church was dedicated last Sunday . . . Rev. Henry R. Rempel is pastor.

**December 13, 1941** . . . The United States is at war with Germany and Japan.

**August 18, 1945** . . . World War II ends with surrender of Japan.

**March 16, 1946** . . . Flora High School "Badgers" in the Big 4 at Indianapolis . . .

**July 27, 1946** . . . Edward (Paddy) Voorhees is just now finishing his 60th year as a thresherman . . . during that three-quarter century span he has, perhaps, threshed with his outfits on more farms and helped to harvest the largest number of bushels of grain than any other person in Carroll County . . . now past 81 years of age he stated Wednesday morning that this is his last year to take out his machines.

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**September 14, 1946** . . . The Camden Lutheran Church observed its 100th anniversary last Sunday . . . the Lutheran Church was organized in Jackson Township in 1846 with Rev. Samuel McReynolds as the first pastor . . . the first congregational meeting was held on September 11, 1846.

**October 18, 1947** . . . The new Bachelor Run Church of the Brethren is to be dedicated Sunday . . . the old church was destroyed by fire on May 27, 1944 . . . Rev. Clarence Sink is pastor.

**February 4, 1954** . . . PIKE'S PEAK! Monroe Township "old-timers" know of Pike's Peak as one of the earliest settlements in this area but all that remains is a two-story frame house . . . and it is not actually a survivor but was built with lumber salvaged in the razing of the last house in Pike's Peak . . . J. W. Eikenberry of Bringhurst said the settlement got its name "when someone found a gold coin there about the time of the gold-rush in the west . . . the papers had a lot in them about Pike's Peak somewhere in the west where gold had been found . . . so they named the place Pike's Peak . . . that must have been about 1848 . . . the old settlement once had a sawmill, harness shop, blacksmith shop, paint shop, a store, a cobblers shop and five or six dwellings . . . about all this property was owned by a John Rowland . . . his son, Lafayette, was a blacksmith and wagon-maker . . . Mr. Boshier worked in the harness shop, the shoe repair shop and the paint shop . . . Jacob Reist had a store . . . seventy years ago, my father, John A. Eikenberry, lived two miles south of Pike's Peak and built a large barn . . . he had his logs sawed at the Pike's Peak mill and I went with my father to haul the lumber home . . . Mrs. Ora Spittler, a granddaughter of John Rowland, says the folks who lived at Pike's Peak were the Rowlands, Albert Michael, the Hostetter family and the Jacob Reist family . . . about 60 or 65 years ago fire destroyed all this property except one dwelling . . . it was torn down and the lumber was used in building the two-story frame dwelling that is there now . . . this dwelling is all that is left of what was known as "Pike's Peak."

**December 1, 1955** . . . The Methodist Church observes its 75th anniversary . . . the church began in 1880 when John Wesley Gillam, ancestor of several local persons, began gathering neighbors in his home for worship and prayer meetings . . . when their number increased the congregation moved to a school building which stood on West Columbia Street where the Andrew Jackson Sheet Metal Works now stands.

**September 11, 1958** . . . Five township school consolidation is approved by the voters last Tuesday . . . Carroll Consolidated School Corp. is composed of Burlington, Carrollton, Democrat, Monroe and Washington Townships . . . the consolidation will be effective June 1, 1959.

**January 25, 1962** . . . The new Carroll High School has an open-house Sunday afternoon.

**November 28, 1963** . . . President John Fitzgerald Kennedy assassinated!

**February 13, 1964** . . . The new post office begins service Saturday, February 15 . . . the dedication and open-house will be Saturday, April 11.

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## *Dr. Frank P. Lyons*



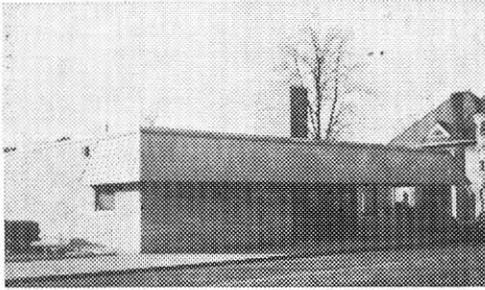
**DR. FRANK P. LYONS**

Dr. Frank P. Lyons was born October 26, 1852 in Fayette County, Indiana. Later, he attended high school in Converse, Indiana. Then he taught school in Randolph and Howard Counties. He took up the study of medicine and graduated from the Medical College of Indiana University in 1881.

He practiced medicine in Wheeling for eleven years, then moved to Flora in 1893 where he remained until his death, April 26, 1926.

He was an active member of the Baptist Church. With others he helped organize Maple Lawn Cemetery Association, The Flora Telephone Company, First National Bank, Charles T. Minnix and Co., and participated in commercial and local interests which would benefit and develop the town of Flora.

In 1876 Frank P. Lyons married Julia Billings. They were the parents of five daughters. Emma, the oldest, was a member of the first graduating class, 1896, of the Flora High School. She died in 1906. Two children died in 1894. The other girls, Millie Lyons Cromer and Esther Lyons Shanks are still living. The family home is maintained by Mrs. Cromer.



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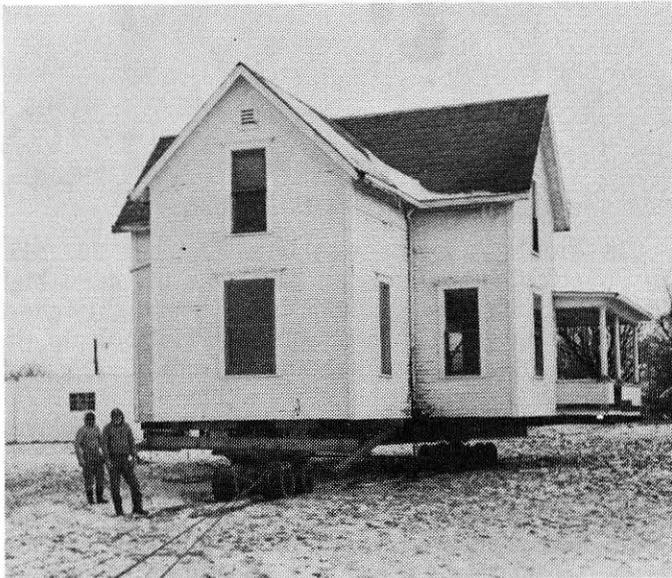
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- **DEVERE HOFFMAN**  
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**EMPLOYEES OF THE TOWN OF FLORA**

LAWRENCE COX  
1966

WILLIS REED  
1965

MAX MULLENDORE  
1967

BEULAH HARTER  
1951

JACOB KINGERY  
1970

MERLE JOHNSON  
1963

RITA SORRELLS  
1968

ROBERT L. CRIPE  
1965

ROGER DAUGHERTY  
1967

JANIS K. HARBER  
1971

LEROY MATSON  
1969

BILL WILLIAMS  
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