



HISTORY OF THE HILL

By Candi Pastor Harrison



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To the hundreds of us who grew up on the South Hill of Delphi, Indiana, this is a book about "home."

Several years ago, my Clawson cousin Bonnie Maxwell suggested that I write down my numerous stories about growing up on Delphi's South Hill, back in the 1950s and early 1960s... tell the story. So I started doing some research... reading the books that have been written about Carroll County, looking for photos of homes and people who lived on the Hill, asking others for their memories and stories they heard, and spending hours and hours going through old newspapers.

The result of my efforts is a series of books. The first one is The People On the Hill - kind of everything I had, found, and learned. Then I thought folks might be interested in just specific pieces of the big book; so I'm making some smaller books. This one gives an overview of the history of the Hill. Believe me - this is not an exhaustive history. But it will give you some highlights.

My quest to document life on the Hill doesn't stop here. I've established a companion web page on Facebook (www.facebook.com/DelphiHill) where I'll continue to post pictures I collect. Take a look, and add some of your own.

If you've ever lived on the Hill, I hope you enjoy this little trip down memory lane. Maybe you'll learn something you didn't know or recall a happy memory you'd lost. That's my objective. Because this is a place I love.

- Candi Pastor Harrison
129 West Summit Street

KEY DATES

- 1824: Henry Robinson was the first settler on the South Hill
- 1830: Robinson had the Hill platted as "Lebanon;" it didn't catch on
- 1864: John Cartwright and Abraham (Abram) Martin plat South Delphi
- 1886: South Delphi incorporated as a separate city
- 1903: South Delphi incorporated into the City of Delphi
- 1960: Parts of Prince William Rd. and Vine St. annexed

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Photos on front: top left: North Street viaduct about 1908; top right: vacant lot where Gearold Clawson built his house in 1939 (201 W. Summit) ; bottom left: Henry Crone house at 820 Prince William Road probably in the early 1930s; bottom right: Summit Street in 1921



Photos on this page (top to bottom): Prince William Road about 1921; 205 W. Summit Street in 1939; the barn at 100 Riley Road around 1900; North Street in 1912

South Delphi.

The town of South Delphi was laid out in 1864. It has naturally a most beautiful and healthful location. From its elevated position a view of the Wabash valley can be had that never fails to bring out expressions of delight. The soil is a light clay, and furnishes an abundance of sweet, pure water. The drainage is excellent, and a healthier place can not be found. Many people have already bought lots and improved them with buildings, and several houses will be built this year. The town has a splendid brick school building, and

most of the residences are built of brick, in a neat and substantial manner. Few business houses have ever been attempted, and the fact of it lying so very near to the business heart of the town of Delphi proper, will likely ever prevent any efforts being made in that direction, and the town of South Delphi will perhaps remain just what nature intended it for—a most delightful place for private residences.

Delphi Times 4-14-1876



Looking up the Hill about 1868

Delphi Times March 12, 1886

**WRAPPED UP IN ITSELF
SOUTH DELPHI TO 'CORPORATE**

The Long Continued Trouble Between the City and South Delphi Settled in the Latter's Favor—Our Pretty Suburb Will Incorporate.

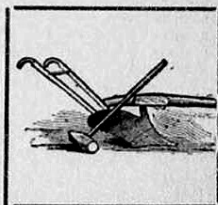
In a few brief words it may be said that the long and vexatious contest between this city and its handsome suburb, South Delphi, has been finally settled and decidedly in favor of the latter. Limited space prevents anything like a history of the case, with which at any rate our readers are more or less familiar, but it may be said the residents of South Delphi filed a petition on November 24, 1879, asking of the Commissioners permission to incorporate the town. Before action was taken the city officers filed a counter petition asking the Commissioners to annex the territory in dispute to the city. Since that time the matter has been in the different courts in various phases and so far as the annexation was concerned the Supreme Court settled the matter by a decision a few weeks since in favor of the remonstrants. At this time the copy of or substitute for the original application for incorporation was filed by Joseph A. Sims and others.

Delphi Times April 29, 1892

**LIST OF
NOMINATIONS FOR OFFICE**

For the Corporation of South Delphi, Indiana.

SAMPLE BALLOT



CITIZEN'S TICKET.

CIT. For Trustee, First District,
WILLIAM HAUGH.

CIT. For Trustee, Second District,
JOSEPH A. SIMS.

CIT. For Trustee, Third District,
JOSIAH F. DIMMICK.

CIT. For Marshal,
PATRICK KROUGH.

CIT. For Clerk and Treasurer,
FRANK BLYTHE.

**PASS ORDINANCE
FOR ANNEXATION**

FIRST READING OF DOCUMENT; SECOND READING SET MARCH 21

At its Monday night meeting, the Delphi City Council passed on first reading, an ordinance annexing certain lands to Delphi. After some discussion, the council postponed until its March 21 meeting, the second and possible third reading of the ordinance so that any persons who wish to remonstrate may do so at that meeting.

If there are no remonstrators, the Council believes the land can be annexed to Delphi in order to have the residents residing in the area included in Delphi's 1960 census which is to start April 1. The council pointed out that the higher the population of the city is shown to be in 1960, the more funds we receive from the State on gasoline taxes and alcoholic beverage taxes.

Roughly, the land annexed includes the properties of Clarence McKinley, William Noble, Donald Bowman, Gene Lahr, Edith Kahle and the Bowen tenant house on Riley Road and Prince William Road; all houses south of the R. E. Pearson residence on Vine Street to the Hillcrest school, including those of Henry Gerdom, Tony Berto, Edward J. Wingard, Larry Merrill, James Hutton and Russell Smith. The Pearson residence is already in the corporate limits.

Action by the council will also take into the city limits Prince William Road, which has heretofore been maintained by the county highway department.

The ordinance becomes operative after its final reading and following publication in two weekly editions of local papers.

Delphi Citizen 3-10-1960

One of the most romantic spots in the vicinity of Delphi and the one remembered with more sentiment than any other by the older persons interviewed in recent years was the Baum Woods, near the dam in Deer Creek, and the path which led from "The Old Red Mill," as they knew it, to the dam. The woods was just below the John Earl Walker residence on the bluff formerly the George Baum farm, later owned by Harry Baum and a part by Edwin Baum.

"It was a veritable lover's lane," said one person, "along which the young people strolled up to the dam on Sundays, evenings and holidays. They crossed the stile over the fence into the woods where picnics were held and a fellow swung his girl on a grapevine swing."



Baum Woods up along Deer Creek near the site of the old dam, now owned by John Earl Walker.

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From Carroll County Indiana Postal History, Rural Settlements, Towns, Development of Modes of Travel, Townships by Dora Thomas Mayhill Published 1954

Delphi Weekly Times 4-28-1885

The citizens south of Delphi are erecting a board side-walk from below the postoffice on Bridge Street, to the recently laid out town lots on the hill. This walk will be a blessing to pedestrians; a benefit to the town, and cannot fail to increase in value of "the lots on the hill."

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At The Mail Box...

Mindwell G. Wilson

While some of us Delphians who live a few blocks from the court house have been sitting contentedly, quoting Riley's "On the Banks O' Deer Creek" and enjoying the thought of "wreter shin" past ye, 'es as clear as tin kin be', others have been building new houses overlooking this historic stream and remodeling old ones to have a clear view of the valley and the creek. I had not realized that Delphi is expanding hill-wise until Friend Husband, whose hobby as well as his business is Shelter and all that pertains to it, suggested that I come along to see Adron Smith's new house "on the hill". From now on, we'll say "up the road" for it is that part of Rural Route Four, serviced by Mail Carrier Lee Shaeffer, that is up the road from the Robert Wood and Robert Gordon corner in South Delphi through the tall trees, that lead past a corn field, a cemetery, new homes, another about to be constructed, old homes remodeled till

it finally ends at the John Earl Walker home, which in the old days belonged to the Baum family. On the north side of the road are the green trees of the valley in the summer, and in the winter, THUNDER SHE IS! Dear Crick, "mild er two from town, 'long up where the mill race comes a-loafin' down".

It was one of the few cool July evenings when we journeyed there, and very soon I had a feeling we should not have made the trip by auto. A horse and buggy would have been better. Coming round the bend we met two boys on horseback. Dear May and Bobbie Thompson, delivering the evening paper, and a little farther along was John Pearson on his

bicycle with six year old daughter Cynthia riding in a well-padded wire basket on the front of his bicycle. Cynthia carried a Lone Ranger pistol in her dress pocket, which gave the scene a touch of the old west in the twilight.

In the not so very long ago, Will Wood owned much of that land. The Snoddy family owned some, and Albert Williams. Mr. Wood and the Snoddys have passed on, and Mr. Williams is in a nursing home but comes back often to the old home in company with his nephew Russell Williams and his wife. Twenty acres of the Snoddy property were bought by Paul and Helen Quick, who sold a parcel of it to the Adron Smiths who had bought the Williams property. The George Revingtons bought from the Paul Quicks, and R. E. Thompson and wife bought twelve acres of the Will Wood estate.

On the right side of the road is the former residence of the E. W. Bowen family, recently bought by Robert Gordon, teacher in the Delphi schools and basketball coach. Mr. Gordon is the husband of a most attractive wife whom he married last December, and this summer he is actively engaged in a real project called "driver training." As a history teacher, I met a very serious Bob last winter. As a basketball coach, he is thorough and efficient. As a husband, he must be "purty nice" because his wife is very happy. But it is as a teacher of the ladies in his driver-training class that I think Bob is his

smilingest best. Monday and Wednesday evenings are the teaching periods, and to date I have seen Mrs. Goodenour, Mrs. Wilcox, Mrs. Van Sickle, Mrs. Burton and Mrs. Randolph at the wheel. Through the week in the mornings his pupils are sixteen year olds, and up. He seems to be a part of a "summer recreation" program, too, which took him in Turkey Run State Park the day after he and his wife moved into their newly-acquired home. To stop any rush by dissatisfied husbands who would like to help Bob teach other men's wives to drive or to take a jaunt to Turkey Run, may I say that Tony Berto is his associate. So just stick to your jobs, men—it's best in the long run. The Gordons are making two apartments on the second floor of their home. Mrs. Gordon will teach the second grade in the Monroe street school next year.

In the Bowen residence which joins the Gordon property lives Don Milton and wife and six children.

It is on the north side of the road that the houses with great picture windows have been built and are under construction. The Robert Woods look out on the valley from their kitchen window. This hospitable home is one that has been decorated "to be enjoyed" lived in happily and sanely—and in every room.

Ed Thompson and wife, Mabel, have bought twelve acres adjoining the Wood property, and a new home will rise soon on the site of the former home of Will Wood. In the meantime, they are pioneering with all modern conveniences. Their dwellings include a trailer with the ritzy name of Spartan Manor; a small house built by Ed himself (he lost five pounds in weight while constructing it) called Manor Annex. This is where the family, Ed, Mabel, and two sons, cook and eat. The former hch house is now a storage room. When the new home comes into being it will have windows a-plenty overlooking Deer Creek Valley, and in the winter, the Creek itself. A spring is also being nurtured and prayed over.

The corn field you will pass belongs to the Thomases; then the old Robinson cemetery with its five fluttering flags for Civil War soldiers and a veteran of the war

of 1812 who are buried there. The new Adron Smith home is next, and it is a darling. Although still under construction, you can see where the picture windows will soon be, and through them will be brought to Adron and Agnes, the valley and creek God landscaped so beautifully. Paul and Helen Quick have a "estate". The home is the "old Snoddy place" but so completely has it been remodeled that one does not recognize it as an old house. They too emphasize the view. Whether on the Shades of The Park which used sickle and scythe, resented Paul's power lawn mower, I know not, but be that as it may, Paul has three bandaged fingers. "I came in contact," says he, "with a power mower."

The George Revingtons have built a new home in California or "contemporary" style. Modern and exquisite, with kitchen and broom closet as attractive as the living room. Again the view is accentuated in the large basement room. A cement swimming pool has just been completed. The Clarence Bowmans live in the home built by Ed and Minnie Baum. I remember the hand-carved woodwork in that home done by Minnie Baum herself. It is still there: wild rose design in the front room and bed room, grape design in the living room. Down the hill and into the valley with the gravel and stone's throw beyond, lives a Bowman daughter, Mrs. Morris Moore, Mr. Moore and four children.

The John Earl and Barbara Walker home at the end of the road was "way out", when I was a little girl. Today it is perfect for John and Barbara and their children, the brown and gray Siamese cat, beloved regardless of its color scheme; the dashund, Doc, and a white rabbit in a pen. A jeep, three bicycles, some toy wagons and a modern car stand in waiting for the six Walkers whenever they decide to move from hither to yon.

To write these rambling thoughts, I made Saturday morning calls on those mentioned—and got by with it. Their hospitality and graciousness was similar to the other days when people had more time to visit. These friends "up the road" have old time charm, love of home and people, optimism and contentment. I could have had coffee or cakes or even a jeep ride had I been so disposed. The old houses have passed into new hands. The new houses are going up, not homely little hat-box type, but lovely, interesting and different, one from the other. America is essentially a nation of homes. Thomas Edison said and added that the throngs of restless pleasure seekers do not truly fit the real America. There are all kinds of homes, just as there are all kinds of men and women in this land of ours, and in them are born the inspiration, the hopes and de-terminations from which spring achievement. "Up the road" homes I have described have twenty children in them, and when you drive up there, remember "Children Live Here. Drive carefully."

Delphi Citizen August 26, 1954

Dayton, Ohio, Route 5

Dear Mindwell:

I wonder how many notes and comments you have received on your Mail Box, overlooking Deer Creek? If those who read it were half as intrigued as I, then you were deluged. I am referring of course to your jaunt up the road past the old Will Wood farm and how it had and hadn't changed. It came at such an appropriate time, too. Ralph and I made another of our flying trips to Delphi over the weekend to see Mother and Daddy (Mr. and Mrs. C. Clay Pearson), and to do our bit in helping redecorate the brick home on Market street (on the court house square).

Being an old-timer from Delphi and also a bit of a sentimentalist, I just had to see that road and all the changes. So Sunday morning, Mother and I took that "jaunt up the road". We enjoyed every minute of it. The most nostalgic touch of all, I think, is the very old graveyard which looks just the same as one summer day about 20 or 21 years ago when Mary Pastor and I walked through it and scrutinized each headstone. We were only "kids" at the time but how memory lingers.

"Dry Ridge Acres" is living up to its name this year again—QUITE dry. I do believe the grass has stayed greener a little longer however. Ralph and I both send our best to you and yours. Sincerely, Carolyn Pearson Hitchcock

Delphi Journal 1-3-1959

Eleven families residing along A road in the South Delphi area met on Friday and made a New Year's resolution that they would combine forces to establish "Riley Road" as the official name of their highway. "Riley Road" follows the meandering of Deer Creek from the Prince William Road at the Robert Wood home, eastward to the John Walker home. It is an area where several new homes have been built and is regarded as a most favorable building site section. In the past it generally has been referred to as "Bluff Road". It is claimed to be the first road in Carroll county and a name signifying that fact as well as a significant Indian name were considered with others, but the secret voting strongly favored "Riley Road". A request will be made to the county commissioners to have the county designate the road as "Riley Road".



Looking down Riley Road from the Walker house (901 Riley) about 1956

Left: Residences on South Hill 1908. I believe this is the north side of W. Summit - the house with the diamond shaped window looks like 125 W. Summit. Right: Looking up the South Hill about 1868



Left: Residences on South Hill 1908
Right: Working on South Washington in 1908. I believe the large house you see at the top right is 107 E. North St. (Fitch's house)

EARLY PHOTOS OF SOUTH DELPHI

Left: Summit Street 1908. Right: Working on S. Washington St. in 1908. The brick house on the left is 104 W. North, and the single story house in the middle is 101 W. North (Dr. Seese's office).



I'm pretty sure that, at some point, every kid who lived on the Hill stood on that Viaduct and regretted their promises to their parents that they would never throw water balloons on the cars below. How many times did we run to see the fire engines coming up the Hill? Or look toward town on an Old Settlers night, wishing we could have one more ride on the merry-go-round?

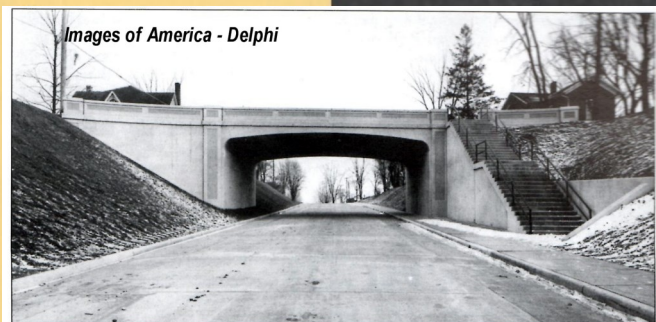
And then there were those steps. Oh, how we dreaded having to climb those steps after a long day at the Monroe Street School. On the other hand, there was something kind of special about walking down them from our fortress on the Hill.



Below: Daisy Crawford, Mabel Jakes, and Florence Crawford 1908



THE VIADUCT AND THE STEPS



Washington Street was widened and the viaduct rebuilt in 1936 along with the steps to North Street. This is now the route of U.S. Highway 421 and State Roads 39 and 18 through Delphi. Also in the mid-1930s, the iron bridge over Deer Creek was removed and replaced with a double-arch concrete span, which in turn, was replaced recently. (Courtesy Carolyn Orr.)

'HILLERS' OF SOUTH DELPHI PLAN PICNIC, OWN DEDICATION RITE

Delphi's "hillers", will stage a celebration all their own Wednesday, August 12, when the residents of South Delphi, with Lillian Blythe as hostess, William B. Smith as toastmaster and Yantis Wells as principal speaker, will hold their annual picnic.

Coincident with the picnic, the "hillers," who probably know better than anyone else the value of the new viaduct, will conduct their own dedication of the overhead structure, along with appropriate rites for the opening of the new paved road and the new service station. Yantis Wells is slated to make the dedication address.

Joseph Ives will give a history of the old viaduct steps and George McCain will lead group singing. The picnic lunch will be served on long tables in the Blythe lawn.

The following committees have been appointed:

Nominating, Dr. A. C. Clauser, J. E. Dickinson and C. O. Julius; table (men), Fred Ferling, Will Acheson, Joe Ives, Dale Fry and George Smock; tables (ladies), Gladys Griffith, Mrs. Tom Smith, Mrs. Ruby Gochenour and Mrs. O. S. Keim; lights, William McCain and George Beale; ice cream, John Smock and Francis B. Lochenour; coffee, Mrs. Yantis Wells and Mrs. John Smock; ice water, Clyde Robbins and Ed Smock; registration, Ada Gochenour and Mary Louise Pratt. Delphi Citizen 8-6-1936

I remember the viaduct and the changes in the highway...it was a WPA project. I must have been around 10 or 11 or 12. I remember especially because after work hours and the men were gone, I went out to play on the new concrete. I slipped off the curb as I attempted to walk on it, got a cut on my leg, and still have the scar to prove it!

- Annadell Craig Lamb
824 S. Washington

CLIFF DWELLERS REVIEW

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NO. 1

How It Happened

— 1920 —

Mrs. Mat Julius, mother of C. O., living in the house now owned by the Bill Campbells, called her friend, Blanche Cartwright, then living in Yantis Well's home, across the street to discuss plans for a "Hill Picnic". Later, Mrs. George Smith, then living in the Earl Bowman house, Mrs. E. C. Wells (living where the John Sachas now do), Mrs. James Smock (then living in the J. D. Klepinger home), Mrs. John Todd (living in Dr. and Mrs. Robert Seese' home) Mrs. Blanche Cartwright and Mrs. Anna Snyder (Dr. Seese' office), Mrs. A. L. Akers (Frank Wilcox's home) met and enthusiastically planned the first meeting. No one would agree to be the first president and it appeared that the plans would fail. Mrs. Julius had tears in her eyes and then because of her good heart and concern for her friend, Mrs. Cartwright, agreed if **everyone** would help!! Mrs. A. L. Akers, vice-president; Mrs. E. C. Wells, secretary, George Beale strung the electric lights and the neighbors brought their dining room tables and chairs to the first picnic. The die was cast.

(Taken from the history as written by Mary Clawson Pastor, told by Mrs. George Cartwright.)

Delphi Journal News Item — July 15, 1920:

The residents of South Delphi have organized themselves into a community center, named Cliff Dwellers. The first annual picnic was held on the lawn of Mrs. George R. Ives Wednesday evening. Three hundred attended. A lecture on "Eating" was delivered by George Smock and invocation followed "Blest Be The Tie That Binds", sung by the whole company. Heaps of fried chicken was consumed. The Hill band players entertained.

A pioneer table of a dozen people who have lived for 30 years in South Delphi, was an attractive feature of the scene, which was brilliant with lanterns, flags and pennants. No resident of the city north of Deer Creek was present. Rev. E. C. Wells, Rev. Wm. Grant Smith and George

History Of South Delphi

(Gleaned hurriedly from the Historian's book.)

By Faye Wood

At the close of the Civil War, South Delphi was a 65-acre barley field, owned by Morgan Wright, County Auditor. John A. Cartwright and Abram Martin first conceived the idea of plotting this tract for a town, allowing one acre for each lot. Lots on North Street sold for \$600 and on Summit Street, for \$500 a lot.

The new town was first called Lebanon, the first house built is now owned by the Harry Hattons. There were four houses on the hill before the tract was plotted. Mr. Fort Wangler owned the house at 708 S. Washington Street, now occupied by John Sacha, and the house in front (Dr. Seese's office) was his cooper shop; There was a house where Frank Fitch now lives, probably lived in by Morgan Wright; the Ellingham house, now owned by Edward Smock; and Sheriff Barnett lived at 222 E. North, now owned by James Kremer. This house, however, was later moved to 924 South Washington Street (now owned by Dr. E. S. Emerson it is believed to be the oldest of all.)

The Gilbert Underhill residence is said to be the only house on the hill built with the points of the compass . . . it faces directly south.

For many years Startzman's carriage shop stood where Orville Cassman now lives; Twelve or fifteen men were employed there and a blacksmith shop was in the rear. It

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M. Smith represented the clergy and Blackstone Cult in appropriate oratory. Mrs. George Ives gave a most interesting history of the Cliff Dwellers' suburb; A. L. Akers read an original poem descriptive of the hill, Mr. and Mrs. John Todd, as the deacon, and Widow Beadott displayed wonderful histrionic talent; Robert Julius, Helen Arnot and Mrs. Yantis Wells gave delightful readings; South Delphi trio: Noah Landis, Dean Smith and Williard Cartwright sang.

1956 - WEDDINGS - 1957

Kathryn Little, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Glen Little, to Ronald Walker, Aug. 18, 1956.

Dorothy Lane to Wayne Hathaway, October, 1956. Dorothy had made her home with Dr. and Mrs. John Kirkpatrick.

Carol Sue Underhill, daughter of Chief of Police and Mrs. Gilbert Underhill, to Gerald G. Ward, June 9.

Two granddaughters of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Smock married this year: Sandra Smock to Ronald Grady, Jan. 26; Jane Smock to Richard F. Chambers, June 9.

Beulah James, daughter of Mrs. Ruth James, to Joseph A. Flynn, Jan. 6.

Ted Williams' engagement to Linda Snoeberger announced.

OFFICERS 1956-57

President: Frank Fitch

Vice-president: Butch Shoup

Secretary-Treasurer: Mrs. Robert Jerry.

Historians: Mrs. Charles A. Wood, Mrs. John E. Walker

Young People

Danny High, Tommy High, Johnny Duckwall, Jane Underhill, Johnny Beale, Dea Duckwall, Doris Page and David Beale went with the Methodist Youth Fellowship group on their annual retreat to McCormick's Creek State Park. Mr. and Mrs. Ray High were counselors.

Many young people from the hill attend the new No-Name Club, of the Presbyterian church. This enthusiastic group is sponsored by Cliff Dwellers, Raymond Todd, Ted Brown, Marcus Haggard and Morris Skiles. Watch this group!!

In Memorium

Mrs. Yantis E. Wells — November 7, 1956

James O. Roth — June 5, 1957.
Infant Isaacs at birth.

To my knowledge, this is the only edition of the Cliff Dwellers Review. Too bad because it gives such a great slice of life on the Hill, in 1957.

WELCOME ... by President

"As current president of the Hilltop Association, I would like to say welcome to all of you. Since I cannot do it personally, I am grateful for this opportunity to do so.

"It is most gratifying to see new names added each year to the roster. New names mean new potential for Delphi as a whole and especially South Delphi. We are growing to the South with good possibility of great expansion in the near future. With the new National Guard Armory being built here and several new homes being planned, our hill is definitely growing.

"I sincerely hope in the next few years we will need to have accommodations for many more families at our hilltop picnic. Let's all strive to keep this project functioning so all newcomers as well as present residents will look forward eagerly to meeting with their fellow "Cliff Dwellers" on this one night of each year.

"I also would like at this time to thank all the committees for their splendid co-operation, and to Mr. Joe Ives for acting as M. C. Also for something new that has been added which is this tabloid: A lot of work has gone into this by Mrs. Barbara Walker and Mrs. Opal Wood."

Frank Fitch

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Wood and family of Ventura, Calif., are spending the summer with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Wood.

Junior Businessmen

Junior private enterprise on the hill:

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|---------------|------------------------|
| Judy Cassman | } Kool Aid 5c & 10c |
| Tom Wood | |
| Steve Wood | |
| Gloria Borton | |
| Steve Borten | |
| Jim Borten | |

One of the junior partners told us they made \$550. Can we all help kids?

Newcomers

IN 1956-57

Mr. and Mrs. Ross Tipton, to 816 S. Hamilton St., vacated by the Royce Kurtzs, who moved to Greencastle.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul McMurray bought the property at 204 W. North St., vacated by Mr. and Mrs. Dale Yeoman, who moved to Kokomo.

Mr. and Mrs. Jess Patrick bought the Tom Smith home, 122 E. North St.

Mr. and Mrs. Paige Borton and four children bought the Alvin Tiffin home, 820 Prince William Road.

Mr. and Mrs. James McGreevey moved into the Bob Gordon apartments.

Gerry Underhill, son of Chief of Police and Mrs. Gib Underhill, returned home from France after two years with the Air Force. He and his wife moved to Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Mr. and Mrs. Marcus Haggard have purchased the Murphy property on R. F. D. 4.

Mr. and Mrs. James Kremer moved to a newly purchased farm. Mr. and Mrs. Rex Hann and three children have moved to the property vacated by the Kremers.

Mr. and Mrs. "Bud" Darby moved into the Robert Brown home.

Mr. and Mrs. Bev Berninger have moved to 116 E. Summit.

The David Woods moved down town. Mr. and Mrs. George Parmer have moved to 1005 Masonic Road.

Mr. and Mrs. John Reynolds to Meredith Berge apartment.

Accidents

Skip McMurray was bitten in the mouth by a dog, and has had plastic surgery.

Ross Tipton lost in a battle with a power mower — sore foot.

Shelly Pastor severed a finger in a freak bicycle accident. She will have further corrective surgery soon.

Cliff Dwellers have traveled all the U S. A. this past year, fishing, camping, sight-seeing, visiting. The world gets smaller every year.

Births

Dr. and Mrs. E. S. Emerson, son, Bruce, joined Barry and Billy, on Aug. 15, 1956. The same day and at about the same time, Barry fell off his pony and broke his arm. Their home is the oldest on the hill.

Mr. and Mrs. William Disinger son, Jonathan David, Sept. 9, 1956. Shortly afterwards the father entered the hospital for a back injury.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Penn, son, Mike, in November.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Downs, 1003 Masonic Rd., daughter, October 26.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Zook, daughter, Bethany Ellen, Jan. 16, 1957.

Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Humphrey, son, Kurtis Iles, March 29, 1957. Wes is the new music director of D. H. S. and has won many honors for the school. They live at 1009 S. Masonic Road.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gordon, son, Brock Reid, May 21, 1957. Bob is the new principal at Owasco next season. Debby is proud of her new brother.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Sales, daughter, Ronda Sue, June 6. They live at 1128 E. Vine Street.

Mr. and Mrs. John Reynolds, Theresa, June 28.

GRANDPARENTS

Mr. and Mrs. Duane Lamb, grandson, Robert Scott Sullivan, April 4, 1957.

Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Julius, a grandson, Robert.

Mr. and Mrs. William Schooler, grandson.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Ives, grandson, Robert Thomas Ives.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo C. Craig, granddaughter, Marlene Kay French.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Hathaway, granddaughter.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Thayer, granddaughter, Deborah Ann.

Avocations

Did you know that Esther and Bob Cunningham, David and Diane, have the first color T-V on the hill?

Have you seen George Wagoner's car collection?

Mrs. Ollie Limp, chairman of the Woman's Club tree planting project, has been seen planting iris along the highway, near the viaduct. Beautifying the town got in her blood!

Dr. Neal Petry is president of the Carroll County Medical Society.

Lec C. Craig, editor of The Delphi Journal, is president of the Little League organization. Promise yourself to see a Little League game real soon. These boys are good!

Jim Blythe has been earning many music honors. He was at Purdue to an All-State Band Reading clinic and won first chair. He will be at Indiana University this week.

Russell Williams was G. O. P. Labor chairman.

Winnie Weaver and Ross Tipton have started a golf team for high school students.

Ray Kenens continues to win stock car races.

Doug Cripe, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Cripe, is a soap box derby entrant. Father Lloyd is supervising the new Pony League.

New artists have exhibited their paintings recently. From the hill we have Mrs. Paul Crundwell, Mrs. Joseph Ives, Mrs. Robert Wood, Mrs. John Walker, Mrs. George Revington and Miss Mary Smock. Move over Rembrandt!

Tony Berto's summer recreation program has started most successfully — 99 children enrolled. Many of these are from South Delphi. Every Wednesday they go to Columbian Park for swimming.

Many dogs from South Delphi attended Obedience Training School last fall. From the looks of things many need to go.

The school-home phone installed for Howard May, polio victim, by the Carroll Telephone Co., was a first for the town. It proved successful and Howard was able to keep up with his class while confined to bed after a back operation.

Miss Mary Smock received a 25-year pin for membership in Rose Chapter of O. E. S.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Williams found the treasure of the year — more than 400 large mushrooms!

Many hill people volunteer their services to help with the Bloodmobile when it comes to Delphi.

We Proudly Present

Charles A. Wood succeeds Robert Fitzgerald as president of the Chamber of Commerce. Chilly was given the Silver Beaver award for outstanding service to Scouting and Youth.

Mrs. Robert Wood is the new president of the Delphi Associate Chapter of Tri Kappa.

Mrs. Norman Ebrite re-elected president at Psi Iota Xi.

Wayne Talbert, president of Lions Club.

Isabelle Freeman is retiring president of K. K. K.

Mrs. John Kirkpatrick has had so many honors, we may miss a few. In November, she was a delegate of Indiana Association for Mental Health to the annual convention of National Association in Washington, D. C.; In May she was a delegate to Chicago; She has been made State Chairman of Christmas Gift program for 1957; She is a first vice-president of the Second District Legion Auxiliary and a Counselor at Girls State

Mrs. John Pastor is retiring Province VII officer of K. K. K.

Mrs. James C. Smock, one of the organizers of Hill Picnic, was 92 in December

Frank Fitch is president of the new Carroll County Shrine Club. Jesse Patrick is secretary-treasurer.

Harry Hatton has completed his first year as superintendent of county schools.

Ross Tipton took Royce Kurtz' place as superintendent of Delphi schools.

Kay McMurray was a member of the Hoosierettes.

Sherry Wagoner is president of the Junior Legion Auxiliary.

Bill Schooler has given 30 years to the teaching profession and was honored at the 100th anniversary at a National Education Association dinner in April. Richard Fox and Mrs. Byron Beesley are officers in the Delphi Teachers Federation.

Gold Ladies, Mesdames Frank Loudon, Duane Lamb and Glen Little have been helping at Logansport State hospital.

Mrs. Robert Pearson was president and Mrs. George McCain, vice-president of the World Day of Prayer.

The Scout cabin, completed this year in Riley Park, had these Cliff Dwellers on the building committee: Charles A. Wood, George Revington, Jr., and Bill Freeman. Many others helped with the actual building, donating time and materials to make it an outstanding project

Education

Started School In 1956

Mike Myers
Candy Pastor
Fence Revington
Geraldine Seese
Mike Wingard
Stephen Wood
Mike McMillian
Sam Lucas

Attending Kindergarten

Steve Borton
Barry Emerson
Jimmy Moore
David Cunningham
Philip Walker
Lucille Van Sickle
Mary Lou Kenens
Becky Darby
Robert Sales
Susan Lohrman

D. H. S. Graduates

Joe Clawson — hopes to become a lawyer.

Faye Hathaway

We congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Earl Hathaway. We are most certain that, with fifteen children, they have the largest family of anyone on the hill.

Enter College

Ted Williams
Ed Wagoner

College Graduate

Elizabeth Ives received her B. A. degree from DePauw this June.

Carolyn Talbert, business school.

Mrs. John Pastor is attending summer school at Purdue and will teach in the Deer Creek high school next fall.

Bob Myers, four month's training at Fort Benning, Georgia.

for the Scouting youth of the whole city.

Frank "Butch" Shoup helps the Lions Club each Christmas by repairing toys. The club reciprocated by helping him build a new house for his mother, Mrs. Mae Shoup, located on the back of his lot.

The only other new house on the hill this year is being built by the M. M. Treichels.

Joseph Ives is president of the Delphi Planning committee. Frank Fitch is on the committee.

Cliff Dwellers will long remember the caravan of cars which went to meet the returning victorious sectional team coached by Bob Gordon.

• History

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also was the first voting place, as well as the scene of political celebrations noise being made by placing powder between two anvils.

A brick kiln was made by Joseph Sims to furnish brick for his own residence (now owned by Tom Peters, 226 W. North). The house where Mrs. Loudon now lives also was made from the Sims brick.

For many years Henry Martin had a green house back of his residence (now owned by Robert Gordon).

The house now owned by Ruth James was the first school house built about the time the town was platted. Later, the brick school house was erected, and also used for all city business.

The residence of the Hathaways was once the Fortwangler Cooper Shop.

From later Records:

In 1829, Henry Robinson erected a grist mill down by Deer Creek, which was one of the most essential industries of that time. Ox Hill was the main thoroughfare to the mill and to Delphi proper. Later Josua Garrett bought the mill and built the house where Robert Wood lives. In the 70's he sold to Charles Bulger who added to the mill and painted it red. It was famous as the Red Mill.

William Garrett built, and for many years, operated a general store at the present address of 122 West Summitt St., John Barnett residence.

At about the location of Lloyd Cripe's home was once an animal pond, where all stray animals, including cows, horses, etc., were taken until called for by owners who were charged a small fee.

Fences were necessary as chickens and livestock roamed the streets. There once was a deer park west of Mrs. George Beale's home.

Before cement walks, board walks and steps led down the hill past the old breweries and on to the covered bridge, lanterns were carried at night to prevent falling over sleeping horses and cows. Stones were said to fall from the top of the bridge, and many night crowds would collect there to investigate the noise. The sound could be heard but no rocks were reported found.

The Hill can boast of at least one

auto race . . . in 1911. The starting point was at the foot of Ox Hill, proceeding up the hill west over North Street, over the overhead bridge, around and over the South Side, then down the cut, past Ruth James' house and back to the starting point again, etc. Three cars entered a Brush, a Buick, and an Air-Cooled Cameron — the latter being driven by Vernie Brown who won the sweepstakes on the race.

A house once burned at the present location of Leo C. Craig. With it went \$800 hidden in an old coffee pot.

The barn and house (where Frank Fitch now lives) were damaged by fire. While neighbors were busy carrying out fine furniture and clothing, the young daughter of the household tearfully carried a skillet of steak across the street to a neighbor and asked her to watch the steak carefully so it would not burn.

Numerous covered wagons of campers and horse traders used to frequent the hill sides adjacent to the Minneman property. In a drunken brawl, Mr. Whitmore shot Mr. Leary who was taken to the then unused brick school house where he died that night. . . . The case was tried in Logansport. . . . The late Wade Farr, a small boy at the time and the second to reach the scene, was an important witness at the trial. . . . The criminal was so changed in appearance that when Wade was asked to identify him, he had difficulty in finding him and was on the verge of pointing to one of the jurymen. . . . A quick-thinking judge saved the situation by subtly directing him to the right man. . . . Whitmore was given his freedom on the plea of self defense. . . . Goldie Scott, historian, pointed out that this was the only murder committed on the hill, also that Whitmore was not a native of the hill.

At one time there was a toll gate at the intersection of 39 and Crooked Road to Flora. The Fair Grounds was at this corner and horse racing was a favorite sport.

1925 — Sewers were put in and streets were paved

1930 — Land given by E. W. Bowen for Riley Park

1935 — Highway 39 rebuilt to go straight South under viaduct instead of turning on Prince William Road.

1940 — Charles Beale raises chickens in the old school house: first — children, second — cheese, third — chickens.

1947 — George Beale, Robert

Businesses

Blythe & Son sold to Dick Eikenberry.

Leo C. Craig buys out the Delphi Journal.

"Bud" Darby bought Denk's Shoe store.

Dwight Lohman bought Hill Top Shell station.

Frank Simmerman and Dale Stark operate the Standard Oil Station on highway.

Joe Tolen has remodeled a building on his property for an insurance office.

Frank Fitch becomes principal stockholder in Wynkoop, Inc.

Bill Myers remodeled his Shell station on Main Street.

The John Sachas bought the Sandwich Shop building.

The Ranger Products Co., owned by the Paul McMurray and Marcus Haggard, is getting national recognition for their revolutionary ideas in livestock equipment.

The hill is home for three doctors, one lawyer, three piano teachers, three nurses, three county agents or assistants, 25 school teachers, one dentist, one veterinarian, one chief of police, one chiropractor, one pharmacist, one beauty operator, two contractors, two grocers, four insurance salesmen, one jeweler, two plumbers and one newspaper editor and publisher.

Wood, Robert Pearson homes and Vine street annexed to city. Farm Bureau bought tract of land south of town and divided into lots.

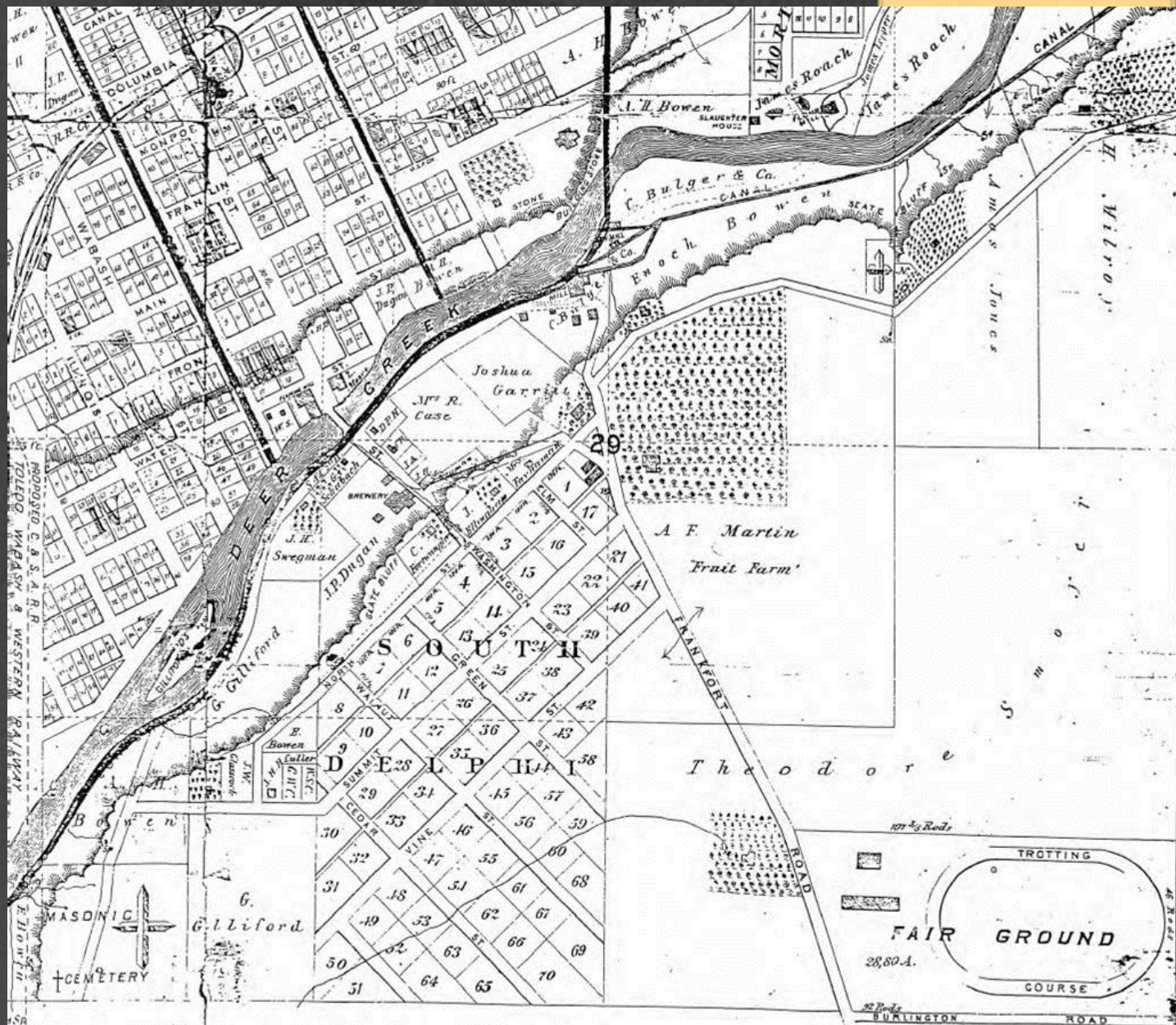
1950 — 22 acres of land purchased from Weavers and Pearsons to build \$125,000 Hillcrest school for first six grades.

1957 — After many delays, ground is broken for the new National Guard Armory, straight south of Hamilton street.

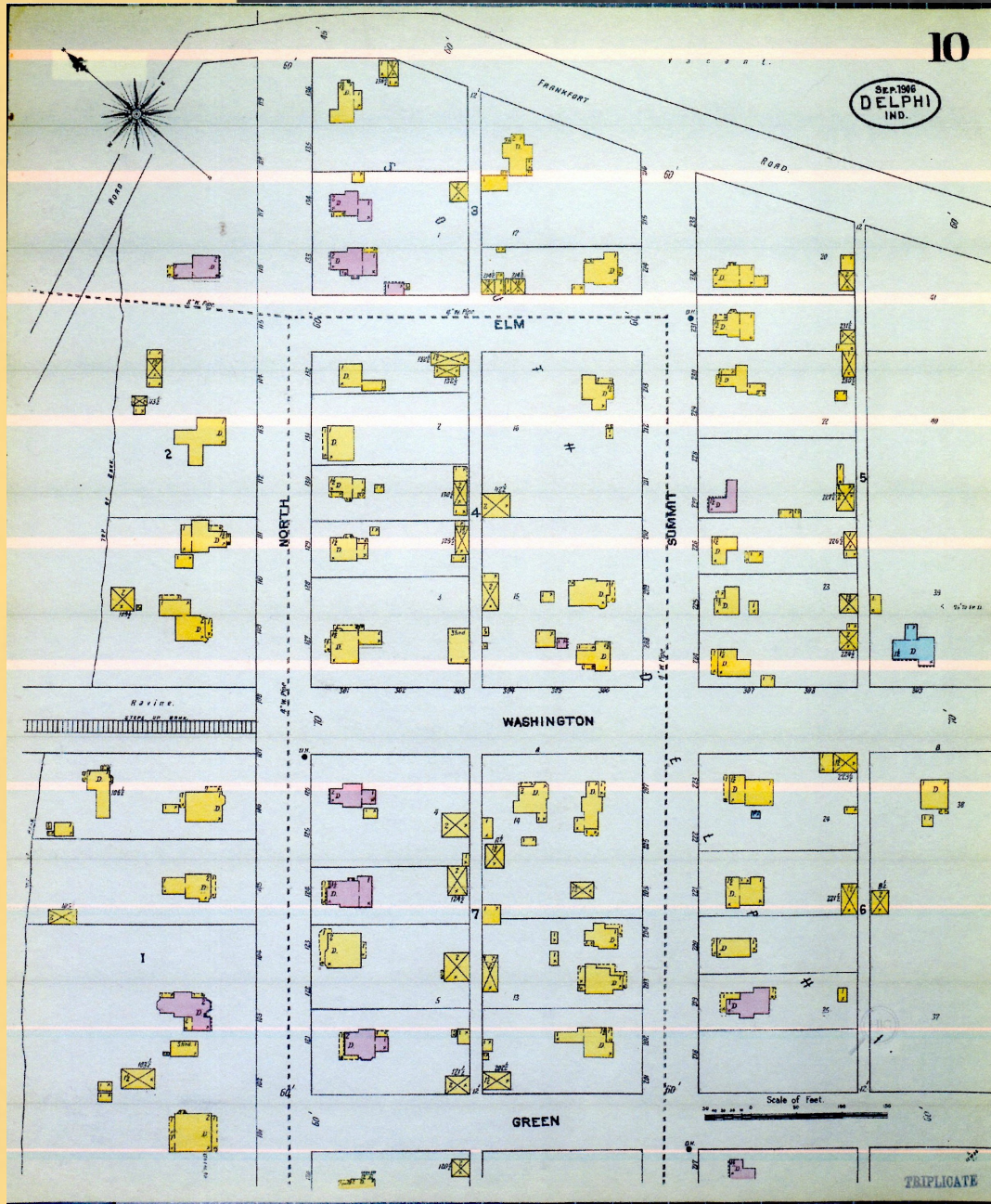
Clement Duckwall and Albert Burkle went to a national ABC Fowling tournament in Fort Worth, Texas. Clemmy won a bronze medal.

The Paul Quicks took a winter cruise to South America.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Talbert won a trip to Hawaii.



South Delphi after it was
platted in 1864



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South Delphi 1906

Carroll County Comet January 21, 1993

DAN'S DETAIL SHOP & CAR WASH has opened at 1020 S. Washington St. in Delphi.

Owned by Dan Noonkester, it is next to Dan's Body Shop and behind Kinsler Car Clinic.



HILLTOP PASTERY SHOPPE.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Theophile are making the necessary arrangements to open a high grade pastery shop in the business room adjacent to the Kerlin filling station in South Delphi operated by the Standard Oil Co. It will be known as the "Hilltop Pastery Shoppe". They will handle fancy pastery of all kinds and have a sandwich counter and later in the season will have ice cream, and soft drinks. Delphi Journal 2-18-1937

Delphi Journal 9-23-1874

DELPHI, Ind., Sept 3rd, 1874.

Mr. Editor:—Please remind the people of Carroll (or any other) county, that we have the finest lot of apple trees for sale this fall that was ever grown in Carroll Co. Our trees are from six to eight feet high. We warrant them to be in good condition and true to name, and as the price of wheat is so low and times hard generally, we have concluded to give them away in lots of fifty and over for the small sum of 10 cents a piece. Come and see our trees, we charge nothing for showing them. G. W. BAUM, Prop'r. of Wabash Valley Nursery.

Though most businesses were located downtown in Delphi, the Hill has had its share of food establishments, gas stations, doctor and vet practices, piano teachers, and other assorted businesses. These are a few of them.

BUSINESSES ON THE HILL

Delphi Citizen 7-12-1962

WEEKEND SPECIAL

FIVE (5) OF OUR FAMOUS CONEY-DOGS FOR \$1.00

This offer good Friday, Saturday and Sunday. For carry-outs phone LO 4-4472.

DOG 'N SUDS

Your Family Drive-In
1022 S. WASHINGTON ST. DELPHI

Delphi Journal July 28, 1966

Standard Oil Division

American Oil Company

Announces

New Agents In Delphi and Camden



BUD KESLING WATNE CHAPMAN

Bud Kesling will be the new Delphi Agent, replacing Bob Graham, who is retiring. He will consolidate the agency with the Camden agency which he has operated for six years.

Wayne Chapman will be working for Mr. Kesling in the consolidation as agent salesman.

Truck Phone Service

The Trucks of both agents will be equipped with phones to provide excellent, toll-free, fast service for the many customers, old and new.

Truck 1 - Bud Phone Camden 686-5895
Truck 2 - Wayne Phone Camden 686-4395

Office at 1044 Prince William Road in Delphi
Phone Delphi 564-2195

Carroll County Comet 4-18-1978

HYMAN'S

HILLTOP GROCERY

SOUTH ON US 421 — Delphi



It's Grilling Time!
See Us For
FREEZER BEEF

Beer Department Specials

Pabst 12-pack cans \$3.49
Miller Lite 6-pack cans \$1.99

NEW BUSINESS HOURS

Monday - Friday - 8 to 8 Saturday 8-6

The Allen brothers have sold their Standard Filling Station in South Delphi to Charles Ward and Dill Myers. Ward and Myers have taken possession. Charles and Sanford Allen have owned and operated the station since 1933 with Charles Allen as manager. Charles will now do car washing and simonizing at his home in South Delphi.
Logansport Pharos Tribune 2-2-1949

The Early Rose Potato.

The Early Rose Potato was raised at the gardens of George Gilliford in south Delphi, and can be had at the grocery stores of Noah Cory, Jos. Dellinger, and A. M. Eldridge & Co. at the lowest market price. These potatoes sold last year at \$40 per bushel not including freight charges. Mr G. has over 200 bushels for sale. Price 1.99 a peck or \$3.00 a bushel. A5tf

Delphi Citizen May 23, 1940

Time to paint and redecorate.
Let us give you an estimate.
Phone 309 or write Paul J. Jones
122 W. Summit, Delphi.

WANTED: Hemstitching, sewing and curtain stretching. Mrs. Willard Dean, phone 488 Black, 209 E. Summit St., Delphi. Delphi Citizen 3-18-1943 3-3t.

GOOD YEAR
PIT STOP
ON-THE-FARM TIRE SERVICE

JUST CALL **564-2712**

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• Flats repaired or replaced promptly • Tube valves repaired • "One liquid" MTR • Tire sales & service for every truck, tractor, and auto on your farm!

Smith Tire Service

1025 S. WASHINGTON 564-2712 DELPHI
 Carroll County Comet 4-25-1979

Delphi Citizen June 16, 1949

POWER LAWN MOWERS
 and
GARDEN TRACTORS

Visit us in our newly constructed building at 122 East Summit Street in South Delphi.

Regular \$119.00 Lawnmowers at \$85.00
 Garden Tractors \$139.00

• Demonstrations Without Obligation •

DON L. WHEELER
 Phone 488 White
 122 E. Summit St. Delphi, Ind.

ANNOUNCING

The opening of a new car washing and Simonizing Service in Delphi at my residence 117 E. North Street. Phone 242-green.

Delphi Citizen 1-17-1949 **CHARLES ALLEN.**

Delphi Journal 7-29-1948

Thomas C. Brown M. D.

Announces the opening of an office for the General Practice of Medicine

201 West North Street
 DELPHI, INDIANA

OFFICE HOURS: 10-12 and 1-5 Daily, Except Sunday
 7-8 p. m. Monday, Thursday, Saturday. PHONE 329

Carroll County Comet 5-4-1977

SPECIAL

Thurs. & Fri. Only

Shrimp Dinner \$2.30

inc. 21 golden fried shrimp, French fries, cole slaw, shrimp sauce, rolls & jelly.

Sloppy Jo Sandwich Reg. 50¢ 40¢

Shakes or Malts Reg. 50¢ 40¢

SHILOH DRIVE-IN

1022 S. Washington, Delphi Ph. 564-4472

Delphi Journal June 4, 1959

OPEN

OUR NEW HOURS ARE:

6:00 A.M. To 10:00 P.M.
 Monday — Tuesday — Wednesday — Thursday

6:00 A.M. To 11:00 P.M.
 Friday — Saturday — Sunday

Hutton Shell Service

Phone 632
 900 S. Washington South Delphi

Delphi Journal December 5, 1957

Representative For
Charis Foundations
American Hosiery
Realsilk (200 Items)

Satisfaction Guaranteed
Mrs. Margaret Limp
 104 E. Summit Phone 94
 Delphi, Indiana

Delphi Journal 10-15-1964

New Firm.

BUDD, EURY & DIMICK,

SUCCESSORS TO N. STANTZMAN, in the MARSH factory of

WAGONS & CARRIAGES,

are prepared to do all kinds of work in this line, in good style and on reasonable terms.

All customers of the old establishment are cordially invited to call and see the new firm, and give them a trial.

ALL WORK WARRANTED.

J. A. BUDD,
 G. A. EURY,
 J. F. DIMICK.

South Delphi, April 16, 1964.

Delphi Journal July 11, 1957

FOR SALE: Rag rugs. Mrs. William Spry, 130 E. Summit. Phone 765 Black. 3916

Member Democrat February 21, 1963

W. H. LEE IMPLEMENT CO.
 1000 S. Washington St. Delphi, Indiana.

"In 1945 he made his home in Delphi and in 1947 opened a grocery store. He operated the store for 28 years before his retirement in 1975. Hilltop Grocery can be considered a valuable piece of not only Delphi history but to every kid in the past 40 years. I'm sure many memories include that store on the South Hill. It was a favorite place to buy; before school - a Twinkie and milk, which I called breakfast; on a hot afternoon - a cold pop; or before supper - a gallon of milk or loaf of bread. It was at Hilltop Grocery that many people found a friend in this year's recipient. Carroll County Comet 1-30-1991.

Carroll County Comet 1-1-1975

When Ollie Limp locked Limp's Hilltop Grocery in South Delphi on U.S. 421 at 5 p.m. Tuesday, New Year's Eve, he concluded 28 years in the store and started his retirement from the grocery business.

Mr. Limp said he did not like the word retirement-he had been busy all his life and couldn't stop now.

He has had many job offers, but plans on just being a handyman around town-doing the various jobs for people that they want done and are unable to get someone to do.

He had maintained long hours in the grocery-7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday. For the first 13 years, he was in the store seven days a week. He hired no help and his wife took his lunch to him. He said he had spent two lifetimes in the store, that is, according to eight-hour-days in the factory.

Nothing is definite, but Mr. Limp indicated negotiations are underway to have the grocery reopened-probably in about three months.

The store was neat and clean. Meat was a specialty, especially hamburger which now sells for \$1.19 a pound after going to \$1.39. In 1950 he sold hamburger for 39c.

Charlie Stewrrt operated the store about five years before Mr. Limp rented it and opened it on Jan. 25, 1947. It was when the rent was raised that Mr. Limp decided to build a 24- x 26-building on his own property across the street at the present site. He moved there in August, 1951.

BUYS HILLTOP GROCERY

Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Limp of South Delphi have purchased the Hilltop grocery business from Charles Stewart who has been in ill health for some time. Mr. Limp a veteran of World War Two has been employed at Monticello for some time. They have leased the building from Mrs. C. M. Kerlin Mrs. Limp is the former Margaret Pearson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Pearson. Delphi Journal 1-30-1947

STORE MOVED

Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Limp have opened their new Hilltop Grocery in South Delphi and wish to thank everyone who helped to make it possible. A new Super Cold vegetable case has been installed making the store complete in every detail. Delphi Journal 1-1-1975

SOME OWNERS & OCCUPANTS

Hector and Rosa Salazar
Charles and Patsy Delaney
Stanley and Kathleen Hyman
Krista Hyman Watson
Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Limp
Charles Stewart
Mrs. C.M. Kerlin



Many of us considered Ollie Limp to be the unofficial Mayor of the Hill, back in the 1950s. His Hilltop Grocery on South Washington Street was the place where you ran into neighbors and heard the latest gossip. For kids, it was nirvana - you could use your carefully saved pennies to buy candy and Hostess cupcakes and Popsicles and the coldest, iciest soda pops ever. Ollie knew all of us and watched over us. And if we were up to mischief, he might have phoned our parents to let them know. Once or twice. Even so, everyone loved Ollie.

I always thought it was funny when he'd tell one of us to, "watch the store for me" because he needed to run over to his house for something. He always looked out for the kids on the Hill!

- Diane Spurgeon

Ollie was so good to us kids. I'm sure we must have gotten on his nerves, but he never showed it. He called me "Dutchman" until he died.

- Nedda Smith

He was a "destination" for us kids

- Pence Revington

After Ollie Limp retired from active business, he was valuable help with Christmas Baskets, Inc. He could rattle off the food items that needed to be purchased, what a good price would be, and how far each could be stretched. He was very specific about everything, but it was also easy to see he knew what he was doing.

- Teresa Jervis Maxwell

HILLTOP GROCERY

919 South Washington Street

12 Carroll County Comet, Wednesday, December 25, 1974

CHRISTMAS

Enjoy peace at heart and hearth for Christmas. Warm thanks.

Limp Hilltop Grocery

We appreciate the loyal patrons we have served these past 28 years. Delphi

HENRY CRONE'S GAS STATION AND BARBEQUE

Prince William Road



Delphi Citizen June 30, 1927

H. CRONE IS TO OPEN HIS FILLING STATION SATURDAY

Intends to Make it a Most Attractive Place

H. Crone, who during the past few weeks has had under construction a filling station on State Road 39 in South Delphi, will have a formal opening next Saturday. Mr. Crone has had his tanks in for several days and reports that he has been serving a large number of machines while at the same time working on the station and is more than pleased with the business he is doing.

The station is of stucco and when the finishing touches have been put to it and the contemplated improvements planned about the station have been completed Mr. Crone will have a most inviting place. Barbecued sandwiches, soft drinks, candies and cigars will be handled, and just as soon as possible the proprietor says that booths will be arranged for the privacy of parties who desire to eat at the station.

Mr. Crone has named his station "The Florida," and will handle the Shell products.

Henry was also a building contractor, and he built many stucco houses in Delphi. He built a gas station next to his house, and besides gas, which was pumped by hand in those days, he sold barbecue sandwiches made from whole hams cooked over a spit near the station. The sandwiches, made with homemade relish, became quite popular.

From Carroll
County Legacy
1824 - 2005

Grandchildren who helped pump gas or serve sandwiches were always rewarded with ice cream cones or a bottle of pop.

Henry liked to make wine with the grapes he raised. He would let the wine ferment in wooden barrels in the basement. He enjoyed baseball, and he loved to give the grandchildren a ride on his foot as he sang Irish songs.

PATRICIA CRONE
DRAPER

NATHANIEL STARTZMAN WAGON AND CARRIAGE MANUFACTURER

Prince William Road

—Another enterprise which is entitled to public consideration has been opened up and is now in operation. The carriage factory and all the appurtenances belonging to the same heretofore owned by Nathaniel Startzman, have been purchased by John I. Budd, Chas. A. Eury and J. F. Dimmick, who began operations on Tuesday last. Each member of the firm is an experienced workman and the three combine all the qualifications necessary to make the enterprise a success and there is no reason for predicting other than immediate and continued good fortune. The new firm has the best wishes of the TIMES and, we are sure, of all good citizens.

—Delphi Times 4-18-1884

According to the Cliff Dwellers Review (1957), "For many years, Startzman's Carriage Shop stood where Orville Cassman now lives. Twelve or fifteen men were employed there and a blacksmith shop was in the rear. It was also the first voting place, as well as the scene of political celebrations."

Monday Morning, N. Startzman shipped to J. Bitterwolf at Monticello, the finest hearse ever seen in this vicinity. It was built by Mr. Startzman, and is a marvel of beauty, being black with silver trimmings and railings, and black and gold curtains. The price was \$1000, and it is considered a bargain at that price. Mr. Startzman informs us that he has two more hearses at his manufactory nearly completed, which will rival the one shown us. They will be sent to Lafayette. Mr. Startzman thoroughly understands his business and Delphi may well be proud of his productions.

—Delphi Journal 12-21-1881

NATHANIEL STARTZMAN,
Dealer in and Manufacturer of



CARRIAGES, SPRING WAGONS, &c. &c.

All orders left for work in his line of trade will receive prompt attention. Shop and salesrooms, South Delphi.

Delphi Times 2-18-1876

Delphi Times 12-31-1880
NATHANIEL STARTZMAN

commenced the manufacture of carriages in South Delphi in 1870, and from the commencement his manner of doing business and his work grew in popular favor with our people. He has pushed his business with undaunted vigor, and had it not been for the cheap, shoddy work with which our county had been flooded by manufacturers in larger cities, we would now have a carriage factory in our midst of no small proportions. But, notwithstanding the ruinous competition to which all local manufacturers are subjected, his business has steadily increased until he now employs from eight to ten men at an expense of about \$15 per day, and turns out work to the amount of about \$6,000 per year, with a fair prospect of a largely increased business next year. Samples of his work can be seen every day upon our streets, and in all cases gives satisfaction, and whenever he sells a buggy, in that purchaser he has a valuable assistant in the sale of another.

DR. TOM BROWN

Delphi Citizen 7-15-1948

Dr. Thomas Brown . . .

. . . announces the opening of his office for the general practice of medicine at his residence, 201 West North Street in South Delphi.

Dr. Brown, who is a native of Sullivan, Indiana, is a graduate of the Indiana University School of Medicine. He interned at General Hospital, Indianapolis, and for the past two years has been



DR. THOMAS C. BROWN

serving with the U. S. Navy as a doctor at the veteran's hospital in Marion.

At Indiana University, Dr. Brown was a member of the SAE social fraternity and Nu Sigma Nu, medical honorary fraternity. He is a member of the Moose Lodge.

Dr. and Mrs. Brown and their two children, Tommie age 20 months, and Bonnie, age 8 months, recently purchased the Warnie Mullendore property in South Delphi where they will reside and where Dr. Brown's office will be located.

101 West North Street
Built: before 1897



DOCTORS WHO LIVED ON THE HILL

I only remember two doctors who actually had their offices on the Hill - Dr. Tom Brown and, subsequently, Dr. Robert Seese. But there were several doctors who lived on the Hill; and back in the 1950s, most of them made house calls. I can still see Dr. Wagoner coming up our front walk to check on me when I had the flu. Much less scary than going to his office, where the feared polio shots awaited.

SOME OWNERS & RESIDENTS

- David Bonham
- Robert Seese (for his medical practice)
- Dr. Thomas Brown
- Mrs. Anna Snyder
- Anna and Granville Hubbard

Dr. George Wagoner
304 W. Summit

Dr. Eldon Baker
816 S. Hamilton
204 W. Summit

Dr. John Wagoner
314 W. North

Dr. Albert Clauser
224 W. North St.

Dr. P.W. Conway
107 E. North

Dr. Neal Petry
211 W. North
130 W. Summit

Dr. E.G. Bridwell
708 S. Washington



Warm heart, warm stethoscope

Carroll County Comet 6-16-1993

Dr. Robert Seese of Delphi has had a warm relationship with his patients. To make sure his stethoscope was warm too, he tucked the end under his belt. He will be officially retiring July 1. He has been honored already by the Carroll County Medical Society and at a public reception at Birchwood Health Care Center. After 40 years of working inside, he will now have more time to spend outside. Two of his outdoor interests are gardening and bird watching. If he can find time, he may

watch some TV. He and his wife have only had a TV the last two years. They managed to raise five children without one. The Seeses may do some traveling, but they will always call Delphi "home." "It's a friendly town, and we could never have found a better place to raise a family," Dr. Seese said. His patients are sad about his retirement, but he assures them that he is only retiring as a doctor; he will always be their friend. Comet photo

DR. ROBERT SEESE

ROBERT SEESE TO ASSUME PRACTICE OF MEDICINE HERE

Dr. Robert M. Seese, who will assume the practice of Dr. Tom Brown on July 1 in Delphi, spent last weekend in Delphi making acquaintances. Dr. Brown will leave June 20 for Texas where he will take a special course in X-ray.

The new Delphi doctor is a native of Denton, Maryland. He is now completing a year of residency at Cleveland City Hospital



DR. R. M. SEESE

in which he has specialized in internal medical ailments and previously spent a year as rotating interne at Cleveland City Hospital. He is a graduate of Western Reserve Medical College in 1951.

Prior to entering medical school, Dr. Seese graduated from Bridgewater College, Bridgewater, Virginia, in 1939, receiving his BA degree. He then taught in the high school in Falling Spring, Virginia, for 3 years. During the war, he spent four years at Duke hospital, Duke University. He has also taken special work at Duke University and Cleveland College.

Dr. Seese, his wife, Ruth, and their two children, Dale, 4, and Geraldine, 3, will move to the Dr. Brown residence in South Delphi on July 1. They are members of the Church of the Brethren.

WILLIAM GARRETT'S GROCERY STORE

122 West Summit Street

Delphi Journal 10-15-1924
William A. Garrett has opened a grocery and variety store in South Delphi.

VETERINARIANS

924 South Washington Street

DR. MARCUS HAGGARD

Delphi Journal 3-12-1953

Dr. Emerson Buys Haggard Hospital

Announcement was made this week that Dr. E. S. Emerson has purchased complete interest in the Haggard Veterinarian hospital on west Main street.

Dr. Emerson, who came here about a year ago from Batavia, O., has been associated with Dr. J. M. Haggard, who has gradually been retiring from the business during the past few months.

A graduate of Ohio State university in veterinarian medicine, Dr. Emerson served three years in the U.S. Army and was discharged as a captain.

The business will continue as in the past, serving the community under the name of Emerson Veterinarian hospital.

—William Garrett is going ahead with his new brick store-room, in South Delphi. Delphi Times 6-23-1876

CORRECTION

The Citizen erred last week in stating the Baker grocery store was to be the first in South Delphi. "Hillers" quickly informed us there have been two before: William Garrett, many years ago, and more recently, Oasie Wells. Delphi Citizen 8-13-1924



Logansport Pharos Tribune 2-19-1924
Madison Arnott is remodeling the building in South Delphi that was formerly used for a store by Wm. Garrett, turning it into a residence.

Oasie Wells has resigned from his position with the Dickerson grocery store to devote all his time to his own grocery business in South Delphi. Ed Hall, of this city has been employed to take his place. Logansport Pharos Tribune 5-12-1926

DR. EDWARD EMERSON

Delphi Journal 5-8-1952

Dr. Emerson Joins Local Veterinarian

Dr. Edward S. Emerson, from Batavia, O., arrived in Delphi last week to become a partner of Dr. J. W. Haggard in the practice of veterinarian medicine in this community.

A graduate of Ohio State university with the class of 1946, Dr. Emerson practiced with Dr. Joseph E. Morris at Lima, O., before entering military service.

With the U. S. Army he was overseas in the Pacific theatre of operations for two years, serving as a veterinarian inspector in rehabilitation work on various islands, working with the army, navy and the marine corps.

He was released from the army after serving his assignment with a rank of captain.

Mrs. Emerson and their two sons, Bill, age 3, and Barry, age 15 months, will move to Delphi as soon as suitable residence can be located.

DR. LAWRENCE STAUFFER

Dr. Emerson Sells Veterinarian Practice



Dr. Lawrence Stauffer



PIANO TEACHERS



George & Leona
McCain

LEONA MCCAIN

308 West North Street

PIANO RECITAL

Mrs. George McCain will present the following pupils in recital at the Methodist church July 3 at 2 p.m.: Cheryl Talbert, Millie Sheldon, Robin Walker, Sandra McClean, Shelly Pastor, Alice Odell, Margaret Odell, Becky Smith, Lucinda Mears, John Orr, Suzie Walker, Mark Smith, Judy Eikenberry, Jerry Seese, Judy Pastor, Cynthia Pearson, Judy Simons, Amanda Mears and Kirk Odell.

Delphi Journal 10-13-1955

Students To Give Recital Thursday

Mrs. Joe Tolen will entertain a group of piano pupils with a picnic and party at her home Thursday evening, October 13.

Following the party, the pupils will present a short program of piano music for their parents and guests. Pupils participating in the program are: Tommy Wood, Susie Walker, Carol Tolen, Jane Walker, Joyce Page, Joe Grimm, Deanne Kuriz, Marilyn Porter, Diann Mulh, Maria Porter, Glenda Fisher and Pat Coghill.

BLANCHE CARTWRIGHT

113 West North Street

GLADYS SPRY

126 East Summit Street

Piano Recital

Mrs. William Spry presented the following pupils at a piano recital June 6th: Jeff Young, Robin Best, Christina Young, Janet Merrell, Patricia Isaacs, Tom Grimm, Fern Anderson, Danny Henderson, Geneva Anderson, Ruth Ann Shonk, and Carol Lou Oliver. Delphi Journal 6-10-1965

Mrs. George Cartwright entertained at a delightful musical Thursday morning for the beginners in music, who take lessons of her. Each of the twelve beginners brought two guests. The program was most pleasing. The little folk assisted Mrs. Cartwright in serving dainty refreshments to the guests.

RUBY EIKENBERRY

500 Riley Road

PIANO RECITAL

The following students were presented by Mrs. Wayne Eikenberry in a piano recital at the Eikenberry home on Riley Road Saturday evening, April 8: Craig Groninger, Cynthia Rohrabough, Dale Eikenberry, Christina Bradshaw, Mike Pyle, Gaye Groninger, Danny Haggard and Renda Groninger.

Others were: Jack Hartford, Kristi Hanson, Christine Roach, Greg Hanson, Robert Tolen, Janet Ferrier, Susan Smith, Jimmy Ferrier, Mary Lou Been, Sam Kerlin, Molly Been, Jeff Smith, Lynda Wilcox and Sandra Groninger. Delphi Journal 4-13-1961



SOME OWNERS & RESIDENTS

Arvilla Burge
 Esther Talbert
 Smiths Flower Garden
 Rev. William Grant Smith

I'm not sure any of the kids on the Hill knew that the old man who had the beautiful garden at the corner of Summit and Market was a minister. I don't recall ever talking to him. But we did watch him tend his garden. Every day, during growing season, we'd see him out walking among his flowers. I remember thinking how lucky we were to have all those gorgeous blooms in that one spot, where we could admire them.

When Reverend Smith died, they had an estate sale in front of his house. This was the first sale I'd ever seen, and I watched the action with all the attention a 6-year-old can muster. Finally, at Mom's encouragement, I took one of my carefully-saved quarters, spent at least 20 minutes assessing my options, and bought a small ceramic horse, thinking it was the most wonderful treasure ever.

But I also remember being kind of sad that I wouldn't see that gentle old man sitting on his porch or tending his flowers again.



SMITH FLOWER GARDEN

128 West Summit
 Built: 1900

Public Is Invited To Inspect Prize Winning Blossoms

Now that the delphinium is just entering full flower, the Rev. William Grant Smith of Delphi has issued an invitation to the public to visit his gardens. Already he reports that many of the giant hybrids in which he specializes are five to seven feet tall with flower spikes three to four feet long and two to three inches in diameter. According to the Rev. Mr. Smith, a retired minister whose hobby is floral culture, the delphinium is in full blossom from the middle of June to the first of July. During 1935, the retired minister was awarded one of four prizes by the American Delphinium society for

delphiniums adjudged exceptionally fine. Visitors to the gardens are welcome and may find them in the south part of Delphi one block from the standard filling station, the Rev. Mr. Smith directed.

Kokomo Tribune 6-14-1939

Many Visit Flower Garden
 The Rev. and Mrs. William Grant Smith of Delphi have greeted scores of visitors this week who have come to see their flower garden, which is now a riot of color. The Rev. Mr. Smith is nationally known as a grower of fine delphiniums. He develops his own seed and creates new plants by artificial cross-pollination.

Kokomo Tribune 6-20-1941

William Grant Smith, of South Delphi, grower of prize delphiniums, is the editor of an article in the annual year book of the National Society of Delphinium Growers. Rev. Smith has been a contributor to the magazine for many years.

Delphi Citizen 7-9-1942

Delphi Citizen 7-24-1943
FOR SALE: Flowers for Decoration Day, Smith Flower Garden. Phone Delphi 447, 128 West Summit St. 13-11

KERLIN GAS STATION

Washington & Summit

KERLIN STATION OPENS ON HILL

SOUTH DELPHI TO HAVE CONVENIENT GROCERY

Mahlon Kerlin's new ultra-modern filling station on State Road 39 in South Delphi, opened Saturday. The new station, one of the finest in this vicinity, will handle Standard Oil products, with Dale Young as attendant.

Part of the building has been leased to William Baker of Ockley, who will operate a convenient grocery store for South Delphi customers. Mrs. Baker will manage the store to be the first ever located "on the hill."

The building stands on the site of the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Gregg, grandparents of Mr. Kerlin and prominent residents of Delphi in former days.

Delphi Citizen 8-6-1936

HAROLD THAYER'S DAIRY

815 South Hamilton Street
Built: 1925

JUST SAY THAYERS
THEN YOU ARE SURE YOU WILL GET
PASTEURIZED MILK
QUARTS 10c. PINTS 5c

Pasteurized Milk, Cream, Chocolate Milk, and that Good Butter Milk. These Products are sold and used by the following merchants in Delphi:

| Groceries | Meat Markets | Pool Rooms |
|-----------|----------------|-----------------|
| CLAYTON | WYSE | COBBETT |
| CLAYTON | WALKER | COBBETT |
| | WONG | |
| DEWANE | Subsides | Restaurants and |
| HOAGS | WYDEN | Hotels |
| WICKLEY | WYDEN | DRUMS |
| | WYDEN | LOCAL |
| | | WYDEN |
| WYDEN | Drug Stores | WYDEN |
| WYDEN | ADAMS & LITTLE | WYDEN |
| WYDEN | WYDEN | WYDEN |

OUR PLANT IS STATE INSPECTED
THAYERS - You get the Cleanest, Finest and Best. The one to look for.

THAYER DAIRY

We lived two houses from the dairy, and my brother and I would help Harold Thayer at the business - just small jobs like cleaning, etc. I remember the huge St. Bernard. Such a gentle dog as I recall. Many moons ago. - Pat Toole Porter

I remember my uncle working for Thayer's for many years - Basil Isaacs. He sure had utmost respect for Mr. Thayer. Lots of stories. - Kay Slater



SOME OWNERS & RESIDENTS

Terry and Faye Francis
William and Jean Sales
Reid Sales
Byram T. Crosby
Harold Thayer (Thayer's Dairy)

REID SALES BUYS INTEREST IN DAIRY

Reid Sales, who has been employed at the Federated Store in Delphi for the past 4 years, has resigned his position there and has purchased a half interest in the milk distributorship, building and equipment of Harold Thayer.

Ah - those good ol' days when the milkman arrived a couple of times a week to deliver fresh milk. I remember having a metal box that sat right outside our door. That's where he'd leave it. And the milk came in bottles - seemed to keep it colder that way.

FORTWANGLER COOPER SHOP

101 West North Street
206 East Summit Street



The heavy rain that fell on the 4th cut up the road so badly on the Fortwangler hill as to render it impassible for carriages or wagons. A few more good rains will place it in good condition for grading.

Delphi Journal July 16, 1873

SOME OWNERS & RESIDENTS

David Bonham
Robert Seese (for his medical practice)
Dr. Thomas Brown
Mrs. Anna Snyder
Anna and Granville Hubbard

Charles Fortwangler was a cooper. The 1957 Cliff Dweller newsletter says his shop was in front of his home (708 South Washington), which would be the house at 101 West North Street (Dr. Seese's office). But it also mentions the Fortwangler Cooper shop at 206 East Summit Street (where Earl Hathaway lived at the time). Maybe it was both. Maybe he made his barrels close to home and sold them at the other location, which would have been on the main road at that time. More research required.

Death of Charles Fortwangler.

Charles Fortwangler was born in Berne, Switzerland, May 11th, 1831. Died at Delphi, Ind., March 23, 1888, aged 56 years.

His parents came with their family from Switzerland to the United States when he was three years old, and settled at Defiance, Ohio. When he was eight years old they moved to Toledo, Ohio. His father died when he was only a lad, and it became necessary for him to make his own living and help support the family. He went cheerfully to work and learned the cooper trade, which he continued to the close of his busy life.

He came to Delphi in 1849, and this city has been his home for almost forty years.

Delphi Times 3-30-1888

Delphi Schools —

Before Carroll County was organized in 1828, Sarah B. Robinson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Robinson, first settlers in what later became Delphi, taught a school in a log cabin which stood just east of where the Robinson-Baum cemetery stands today on the South Delphi bluff.

Aaron Dewey arrived here in the spring of 1827 and built a log cabin just east of the Robinson-Baum cemetery on the South Delphi bluff and here he taught a private school for a time.

From *Carroll County Indiana Postal History, Rural Settlements, Towns, Development of Modes of Travel, Townships* by Dora Thomas Mayhill Published 1954



According to the 1957 Cliff Dwellers' Review, this house at 241 W. North Street was the first school house built on the Hill, about the time the town was platted (1864).

SOME OWNERS & RESIDENTS

Edward Graves & Lauren Waymire
Eric and Michelle Burkle
Albert Fisher
John and Sandra Orr
Kent and Karen Garrison
Charles and Janice Fix
Howard Bieghler
James Alexander
Mrs. Ruth James



The South Delphi School was built in 1875 and operated until 1908 or 1909. It was converted to apartments about 1914. Sadly, this beautiful old building was torn down in the 1970s.

SOME OWNERS & RESIDENTS

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| Levobics Marton | Ernest Perkins |
| Frank Elliott | Freeman Redding |
| Robert Andrew | Lawrence Smith |
| Lee Cooper | Peter Unzicker |
| Wilbur Lane | Paul Welker |
| William McCain | Ed Wingard Jr. |
| Wilber Lucas | |

I started school at Hillcrest Elementary School in the mid-1950s. I still remember the smell of the crayons and oil cloth; the excitement of seeing what new decorations our teachers put up in the rooms; playing soccer or Red Rover at recess; standing under the solitary tree in back of the school, talking with my buddies; memorizing James Whitcomb Riley's "Little Orphant Annie;" using our clip-on roller skates to skate up and down the front sidewalk, which had the perfect incline; being chosen to clean the erasers (which meant going outside and banging them on the concrete until the chalk was out); the lunch line in the hall; and the excellent teachers...Mrs. Mason, Miss Shindler, Mrs. McCormick, Mrs. Grimm. Fond memories.

The School in South Delphi will open next Monday, Rev. L. B. Stimson as principal.
Delphi Times 11-3-1875

Teachers' Institute.

The teachers of Deer Creek township met at the South Delphi School building November 21, for the purpose of re-organizing. The meeting was called to order by Dr. Lewis Jordan, who made the following speech: Delphi Journal 12-2-1874

The South Delphi school will be abandoned next year. This is done because there is not enough pupils to pay the expense of maintaining the exist school and the appropriations will not warrant any unnecessary expenses. Hoosier Democrat 6-6-1908

SCHOOLS

The school in South Delphi will open on Monday, September 13th, with Miss Josephine Shealy as teacher. This is Miss Shealy's second year in the South Delphi school.
Delphi Journal 9-2-1877

NOTICE. Delphi Citizen 2-26-1898
—The South Delphi school closed Thursday, the short term being due to a mistake in the school levy last year. Miss Josephine Shealy, under whose charge the school was, gave good satisfaction, being a teacher of more than ordinary ability.

Delphi-Semi-Weekly Times 4-13-1898
SOUTH DELPHI TICKET.

The voters of the town of South Delphi held an interesting convention in their school house on Monday evening. It was the largest convention the little village ever held and on the question of trustee forty-seven votes were cast. The convention was a very spirited one, the question of cement walks and other improvements being paramount. John A. Cartwright stood for improvements and was elected by a heavy majority over Alford Boothroyd who was the "go slow" candidate. After Mr. Cartwright's election he made a few remarks in which he sarcastically stated that he "was not in favor of paving the alleys of South Delphi with gold," he said that he was however in favor of building the road proposed up the hill where the steps now are and on the principle streets of placing cement walks.

The remainder of the ticket was the same as now holding office:

Clerk—John L. Sinkes
Marshal—Newton Gist
Treasurer—William H. Holmes.

As South Delphians never nominate but one ticket the candidates are pretty sure of an election.

Second Grade Pupil Names South Delphi Building 'Hillcrest School'

The name is "Hillcrest school."

Delphi's new south side grade school was named Monday night at the July meeting of the Board of Education as it received a report from a Chamber of Commerce committee which reviewed names submitted about six weeks ago by some 250 boys and girls.

The name selected was submitted by Virginia Lynn Smith, eight-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lionel Smith of 610 N. Wilson street. Her father is employed at Reifers furniture store in Lafayette.

Virginia, a student last year in the second grade room of Miss Edna Kirkpatrick, will receive \$15 cash award from the Chamber of Commerce for her suggestion.

Judges, who included Curtis McCain, H. B. Wilson and Ralph Melin, submitted their choice to the school board after they deliberated at considerable length over the many fine names entered in the contest.

The name Riley school also was certified to the board but the school board pointed out that without a doubt there would be confusion arising between the school property and the city-owned park along the banks of the Deer Creek. Whether rightly or wrongly called Riley park, the area is known far and wide by that name and called such. They also pointed out that in all probability in the future there will be a baseball diamond at the new school while one likely will remain at the park. Thus, because baseball diamonds are frequently called parks, added confusion would arise.

In her reasons for suggesting Hillcrest, Virginia, in her neat second-grade printed letters said, among other things, "The school is on a hill and it will help boys and girls to reach their crest in life."

As a side product of the naming of the new building, the present grade school will be called, for official designation, the Monroe street school. School directories next year will list three schools—Delphi high school, Monroe Street elementary school and Hillcrest elementary school.

In other items of business, the school board awarded a contract to High Point Oil company of Indianapolis for furnishing fuel oil for heating the new building on a bid of 12.19 cents per gallon.

Immediate steps were taken by telephone on a suggestion directed toward locating two 5,000 gallon oil storage tanks, which are a scarce were taken over by projects with them. Tanks originally purchased higher priority, leaving the local construction project in a serious situation.

One board member said that location of tanks is a must if the building is to be used next fall and then added that if they can be found the building's use is virtually assured.

All other materials are secured, the board believes.

Bids for furnishing coal for the Monroe street building were taken under advisement.

STUDENTS MOVE INTO HILLCREST SCHOOL BUILDING

OCCUPY NEW SCHOOL PLANT WEDNESDAY; TO DECORATE GROUNDS

Although not completely finished, the new six-room Hillcrest school in South Delphi was opened Wednesday for instruction. The formal opening at which parents will be invited to inspect the new building will be held at a later date according to an announcement of the local school board at a meeting held Monday night.

Students who attend the school were not required to attend classes on Tuesday while the new desks and books were being moved from the Monroe Street building and from the various churches to the new building.

Tops for the permanent type desks for the teachers have not been installed and window trim has not been applied, but the school officials received the o. k. from the architect to occupy the building.

The contract for landscaping of the grounds around the building was let Monday night by the local board to the Twin Lakes Nursery of Monticello for the sum of \$1196.50. Other bidders on the project were a Plymouth nursery and Pat Reifert of Delphi. The plans, which were prepared by Lowell A. Moore, an architect of South Bend, call for seeding of the grounds and the planting of many different types of shrubbery. Work on the project will start at once and will be completed by May, 1952.

Selection of the new members of the Lay Advisory Council to the School Board for the city of Delphi were announced as follows: Reed Gushwa, Walter Popejoy and Mrs. George Wagoner.

The local School Board consisting of Paul Johnson, Olaf Brown and Charles Melson and Supt. of Schools Wayne Eikenberry will attend a School Board Workshop at Bloomington Sunday and Monday.

Delphi Citizen 10-4-1951

OPEN HOUSE WILL BE OBSERVED AT HILLCREST SCHOOL

PUBLIC INVITED TO VIEW NEW BUILDING IN SOUTH DELPHI

The public is invited to attend open house at Delphi's new Hillcrest school in South Delphi on Wednesday evening, November 14, from 7 to 9 p. m. Arrangements for the event are being made by Wayne Eikenberry, city school superintendent and members of the Delphi-Deer Creek Township Consolidated School Board.

No formal program will be offered at the event. Parents and patrons of the Delphi schools are invited to inspect the beautiful new \$170,000, six-room building which is of the latest and most practical architectural design.

The six rooms in the building are connected by one long hallway and each two rooms have individual heating units and toilets. Each room is equipped with a drinking fountain. Soft pastel colors are used in decorating the rooms and the out-moded blackboards are now green. The furniture in each room is of the latest design.

Landscaping of the school grounds is about completed, Mr. Eikenberry stated this week.

The Hillcrest school is the first unit in the planned expansion of local school facilities. Within another few years an additional six rooms are planned for the south side building and a small auditorium will also be constructed at this site. Future plans also call for the construction of a new gym, but this building will have to wait until adequate class-room facilities are made available.

Increased enrollment in the local schools has made the expansion necessary. Mr. Eikenberry has released the local school enrollment figures for the past 10 years and they show a decided increase in elementary children attending school here. In 1942-43 the school enrollment was 695, of which 133 were transfer students; in 1943-44, the enrollment was 694; 1944-45, 674; 1945-46, 740; 1946-47, 746; 1947-48, 773; 1948-49, 758; 1949-50, 817; 1950-51, 837; 1951-52, 850. This year there are 135 transfer students.



OUR SCHOOL BUILDING

Delphi Journal 7-5-1951

HILLCREST SCHOOL TO BE OCCUPIED

Delphi Citizen 1-19-1961



Delphi Public Schools will move into the all but completed Hillcrest addition next Monday, according to an announcement made today by Wayne Elkenberry, superintendent. The preliminary inspection of the new addition to Hillcrest was made Tuesday afternoon by the school officials, officers of the Delphi School Building Corporation, the Architects and General Contractor.

The building, pictured above in an artists sketch, consists of eight additional classrooms, principal's office, children's play room, store rooms, locker rooms, kitchen, art instructor's room, etc.

When the move is completed Monday, all grade school children in grades 1 through 5 will be at Hillcrest. Children in grades 1

through 5 will not attend school Monday, January 23 which is the day set for moving classroom furniture and fixtures to the new building. They will resume normal classwork on Tuesday, January 24.

Sixth (6th) grade children WILL BE in school on Monday, January 23. This class will be divided into three sections starting January 30. Mrs. Raedene Nelson will teach the other section.

Elementary children who reside in the City of Delphi and who are presently attending the Monroe Street Elementary School will be transported to the Hillcrest school. Children will walk either to the Monroe Street Building or to the corner of Washington and Franklin (Margowski's Corner) where they will board buses and be trans-

ported to Hillcrest. In the evening, the children will be returned to Monroe Street or to the corner of Washington and Franklin where they will disembark and walk home.

Lunches will be transported from the central kitchen at Monroe Street to the Hillcrest school. The kitchen help who will be responsible for lunch services at Hillcrest are Malvina Goyer and Mildred Waymire. They will also be assisted by Mrs. Robert Hawkins who will serve as matron at the new school.

\$300,000 Building

The new addition, erected at a cost of some \$300,000 was financed by a bond issue through the School Building Corporation whose officers are: Charles Bradshaw, presi-

dent; Harold Talbert, vice president; Kenneth Pyle, secretary; Kenneth Newell and John Gingrich, directors. Fleck, Quebe and Reid of Indianapolis are the architects; Construction Associates of Logansport were the general contractors. George Obeare and Ralph Hanna were attorneys for the Building Corporation.

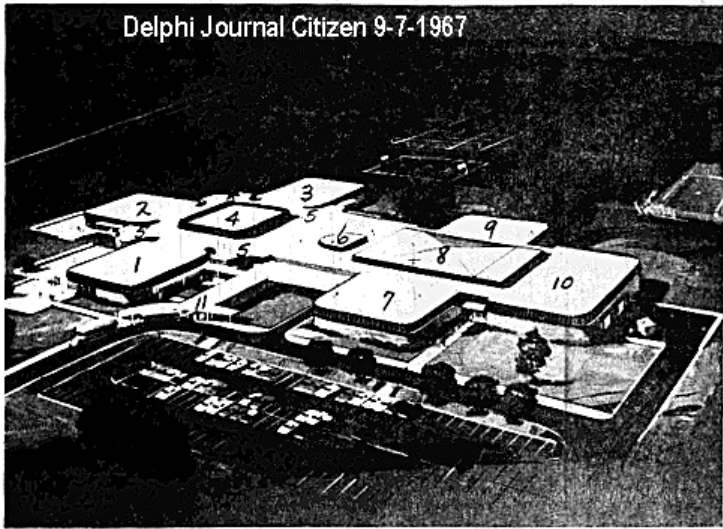
Temporary plans are being made for a public Open House on Sunday, February 12. The Delphi School and Home Association will assist with the open house.

Rooms vacated at Monroe Street will be utilized by the junior and senior high school classes, and by the additional sections of the sixth grade.



Top right: First school bus to arrive on the opening day of Hillcrest School. Left: Candi Pastor (129 W. Summit), Pence Revington (601 Riley Rd.) and Steve Wood (101 Riley Rd.) about 1958 in front of Hillcrest Elementary. Right: Hillcrest in 2012.

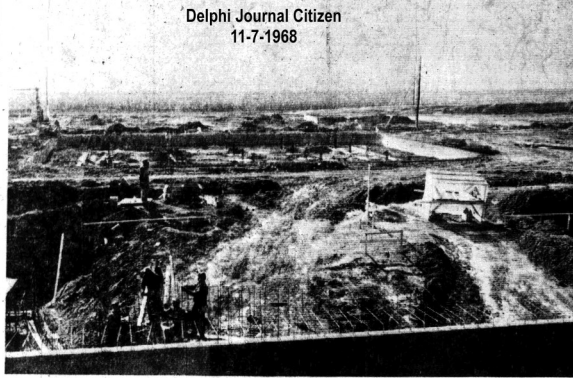
Delphi Journal Citizen 9-7-1967



PROPOSED DELPHI BUILDING — The proposed new Delphi Community High School building, as outlined by the architects, is shown above. The building, located at the intersection of US 421 and Armory Road at the South edge of Delphi, will face north on Armory Road. It is to be erected 250 feet from Armory Road and 225 feet from the highway. Numbers on the photo above indicate the following main areas: 1—Little theater, arts

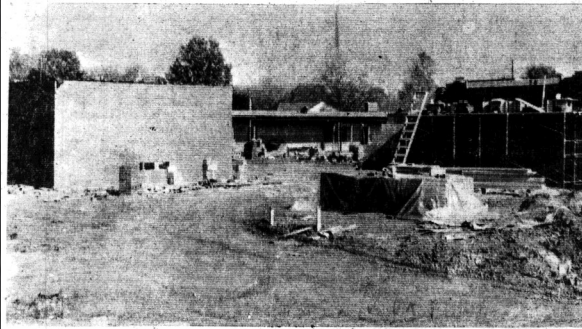
and crafts and music, 2—Homemaking and business, 3—Science, 4—Library and administration, 5—Classrooms, 6—Cafeteria and lecture hall, 7—Swimming pool, 8—Gymnasium, 9—Auxiliary physical education, 10—Industrial arts and vocational agriculture, 11—All-weather bus-loading concourse. Outdoor physical education facilities are seen at the top of the photo. North is at the bottom of the photo shown here.

Delphi Journal Citizen
11-7-1968



SCHOOL PROGRESS — Delphi Community High School's new building is progressing as anticipated. At the front of the photo here is the little theatre

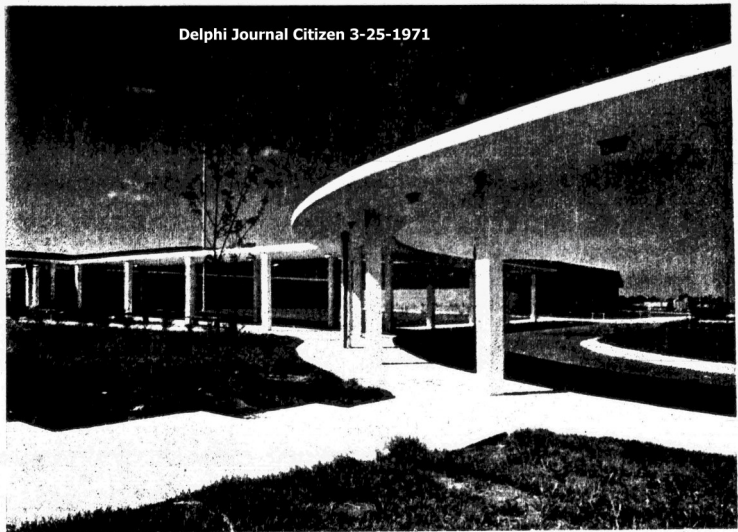
area of the building and the resources material area is seen behind it. Staff Photo



HILLCREST — Work at Hillcrest Elementary School is going according to schedule, and possibly is slightly ahead of that expected. Eighty per cent of the

demolition work is completed with all foundation walls and footings in place. Staff Photo

Delphi Journal Citizen 3-25-1971



DELPHI COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL students entered the new school for the first time on Tuesday, September 1, 1970. The building will be dedicated Sunday

at 2 p.m. Open house and reception will follow until 5 p.m. Shown above is the main entrance. The lower pictures are aerial photos of the school and development site.

DEDICATION PROGRAM

Delphi Community High School

SUNDAY, MARCH 28, 1971

2:00 P.M.

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| Music | Delphi Community High School Band Robert Trame, Director |
| Presentation of Colors | Harry Bohannon American Legion, Post 75, Delphi Camden American Legion, Post 413 |
| National Anthem | Delphi Community High School Band |
| Pledge Of Allegiance | Rale Eikenberry, President of Student Council |
| Invocation | Rev. Michael Kettron St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Delphi |
| Introduction of Guests | Charles M. Flora President of the Board of School Trustees |
| Presentation of Keys | Richard Westergren Shaver and Company, Architect |
| Acceptance of Keys | |
| For the Delphi Community School | |
| Building Corporation | John McCormick, President |
| For the Board of School Trustees | Charles M. Flora, President |
| For the Students and Staff of Delphi Community High School | Garald F. Manahan, Principal |
| Presentation of Speaker | Arthur O. Weddell, Superintendent of Schools |
| Dedication Address | John Loughlin State Superintendent of Public Instruction |
| "Battle Hymn of the Republic" | Waring-arr. |
| Delphi Community Concert Choir | Michael Fisher, Director |
| "Alleluia" | Randall Thompson |
| "This Land is Your Land" | Guthrie |
| Benediction | Rev. Kent Duke Baptist Church, Camden |

Construction of the new ultra-modern educational facility began in September 1968 and occupancy was September 1970.

Although there are about 650 students in grades 9-12, the capacity of the building is 1,200 students.

The 39 acre site is located south of Delphi on U. S. Highway 421 at the southwest corner of the intersection of Armory Road.

The construction cost including general construction and mechanical and electrical work and carpet was \$3,231,472. Cost of the equipment and site development totaled \$901,580, making the total construction cost \$4,133,052.

With a total building area of 179,000 sq. ft. the building cost per sq. ft. was \$18.05 or \$2,700 per students at 1,200 capacity.

The facility contains 21 academic classrooms, five science classrooms which include a greenhouse, four business education, an arts and crafts room, a vocal and instrumental music room, a language laboratory, homemaking foods and clothing laboratory, trades and industrial education areas including drafting, electronics, wood shop, metal shop, and auto mechanics shop and vocational agriculture shop.

ROBINSON-BAUM CEMETERY

Riley Road

The Robinson-Baum Cemetery was deeded to the City of Delphi in 1906 by Amanda Baum Martin (photo at right). Among those who rest here are:

- William "Colonel" Crooks, Mayor in 1838 and a merchant with Reed Case.
- Henry Robinson, forefather of the Hill and grist mill owner.
- Whitely Hatfield, farmer and woodworker who specialized in cabinets and coffins. His granddaughter Mattie Hatfield married James Smock and were long-time residents of the Hill.
- James Bradshaw, whose daughter, Mary Emma, married James Blythe, well-known local furniture dealer and undertaker.
- Daniel Baum, patriarch of the local Baum family.
- George Washington Baum, who built 901 Riley Road. Known for his fruit orchard. His Civil War diaries are on display at the Indiana State Historical Society. George helped build the Civil War monument on the Square.



(Compiled by Carroll County Historian Mark A. Smith)

Oh, how I want to trod through the Masonic Cemetery and greet all the residents, now that I know more about them. According to the Carroll County Indiana Historic Sites and Structures Inventory, the Masonic Cemetery was established in 1817. Though I couldn't find a history, I was able to find news clippings back to October 1861, when the local Masonic Lodge sold plots. I remember bringing peonies to the graves of my great grandparents on Memorial Day, riding my bike through the gravel roadways, and playing hide-and-seek among the grave stones. I don't think we were being disrespectful. I imagined the residents might think it wonderful to hear children's laughter.

A small wooded tract adjoining the Masonic Cemetery, given to the Masonic organization by Della and Hilda Bowen, is being cleared and will make an attractive addition to the cemetery. Carroll County Comet 12-8-1993

Masonic Cemetery.
All persons owning lots in said Cemetery, will please call on Dr. M. W. Edmonds and pay the tax on the same.
By order of Mt. Olive Lodge. 3t
Delphi Journal 6-1-1881

—All persons holding lots in the Masonic Cemetery, and having shade trees planted thereon, are requested to have the same trimmed, especially those standing on the corners of lots. Unless this request is complied with within a reasonable time, the superintendent of the cemetery will be compelled to have it done at the expense of the owners. Delphi Times 3-24-1876

MASONIC CEMETERY.
Hall of Mount Olive Lodge, F. and A. M.
Delphi, Ind., Sept. 23, 1880.
Resolved, That all persons owning lots in the Masonic Cemetery be taxed one dollar and fifty cents per year for the purpose of keeping said lots in good condition and to pay the expenses of the sexton. And be it further
Resolved, That the sexton have charge and supervision of digging all graves and that he receive for such service the sum of three dollars and fifty cents for all full sized graves, and that said sexton shall be subject to orders from the Trustees of said lodge.
JOHN K. FRY, W. M.
JOHN B. KANE, Secretary.

MASONIC CEMETERY
Masonic Road and Armory Road

Notice
I hereby given that a public sale of Lots in the Masonic Cemetery will take place on Saturday October 26th, 1861. Terms of sale will be made known on the morning of said day
All persons desirous of purchasing lots can before the day of sale select them and notify the Committee, when the lots first selected by each individual will be first offered—the highest bidder getting it.
EDWARD WALKER,
R. L. HIGGINBOTHAM,
J. C. APPLGATE.
Oct. 16, 1861. Delphi Journal 10-16-1861 46tsc



THE HILL PICNIC

CLUB AND SOCIETY NEWS NOTES FROM OVER THE COUNTY

The Cliff Dwellers

A new organization has been formed in South Delphi, the membership being limited to those who reside in that section of the city. The object is to strengthen community spirit, and the officers are: President, Mrs. George Cartwright; vice-president, Mrs. A. L. Akers; secretary, Mrs. E. C. Wells; treasurer, Noah C. Landis; historian, Mrs. N. J. Howe.

The first annual picnic of the society was held Wednesday evening on the John A. Cartwright lawn and was attended by one hundred and fifty persons. Flags and bunting were used in decoration. The grounds were lighted with electric lights, torches and Japanese lanterns. Tables were spread over the lawn and from one center table, the bounteous array of good things was served cafeteria style. Chicken and noodles, with all the accompaniments, cakes innumerable, six gallons of ice-cream, two wash-boilers of coffee were part of the menu, which the society editor of the Citizen-Times was TOLD was served.

The program which followed the supper consisted of singing, "Blest Be the Tie That Binds;" invocation, Rev. E. C. Wells; "Early Days on the Hill;" Mrs. George Ives; introduction of a resolution to Councilman Yantis Wells, by A. L. Akers, which stated that the Cliff Dwellers desired that the courthouse, city hall and fire department be moved at once to the hill, but that the jail remain where it is most needed, i. e., where it now stands; readings by Mr. and Mrs. John Todd; musical numbers by the quartette and by Willard Cartwright, soloist, accompanied by Dean Smith with the ukelale; reading of the By Laws; Mrs. E. C. Wells; song, "God be with you till we meet again;" benediction, Rev. W. Grant Smith.

The person who has lived in South Delphi the longest was not seated at the pioneer table, for though younger in years than many and therefore not a "pioneer," he remembers when John A. Cartwright, now in his ninetieth year, and Al Cartwright and others moved to South Delphi. The oldest South Delphian, in point of residence, is Edward Blythe, who has lived there fifty years, but is still counted as "one of the young folks."

The date of the annual picnic has been set for the second Wednesday in July. The first picnic was a success in every particular and we are told that since the supper, real-estate prices in South Delphi have taken a sudden advance. Delphi Citizen Times July 17, 1920

DELPHI JOURNAL 7-15-1920 THE CLIFF DWELLERS

The residents of South Delphi, also known as the Fourth ward, have organized themselves into a community center named the Cliff Dwellers, with the following officers: President, Mrs. George Cartwright; vice president, Mrs. A. L. Akers; secretary, Mrs. E. G. Wells; treasurer, Noah C. Landis. The first annual picnic was held on the lawn at the home of Mrs. George R. Ives Wednesday evening, and was attended by about three hundred. Preceding the supper a lecture on eating was delivered by George Smock and the invocation followed "Blest Be the Tie That Binds," sung by the whole company. The hill people demonstrated their ability for furnishing and disposing of a chicken supper which was too much for mere words to describe and made the hill band players almost inadequate for their part of the entertainment. A pioneer table of a dozen people who have lived for thirty years in South Delphi was an attractive feature of the scene, which was brilliant with lanterns, flags and pennants, and the most interesting part of the picnic was the fact that no resident of the city north of Deer creek was present. Rev. E. C. Wells, Rev. William Grant Smith and George M. Smith represented the clergy, and Blackstone cult in appropriate oratory; Mrs. George Ives gave a most interesting history of the Cliff Dwellers' suburb; A. L. Akers read an original poem descriptive of the southernmost ward; Mr. and Mrs. John Todd as the deacon and Widow Beadott displayed wonderful histrionic talent, while other delightful readings were given by Robert Julius, Miss Helen Arnot and Mrs. Yantis Wells, to say nothing of the beautiful songs by the South Delphi Trio, Noah Landis, Dean Smith and Willard Cartwright.

I remember lots of fried chicken, cooked fresh veggies, desserts. It was fun!
- Dea Duckwall Caid
115 E. Summit

CLIFF DWELLERS PLAN FOR ANNUAL PICNIC

Delphi Citizen 6-21-1924

The people who reside in south Delphi, the Cliff Dwellers by name, will hold their annual picnic dinner on Wednesday evening, July 9 on the lawn of the Dr. A. C. Clauser home. The program of the evening will be given from the front porch of the John K. Todd residence. Mrs. Anna Snyder, president of the Cliff Dwellers announces the following appointments for this fifth annual Cliff Dwellers event:

Kids growing up on the Hill in the 1950s looked forward to three events: Christmas, Old Settlers, and the annual Hill Picnic.

Begun in 1920, the Hill Picnic was held in July. It was a pitch-in supper, planned and executed by just about every person who lived on the Hill. Even kids had jobs. After dinner, the adults elected officers for the following year, reviewed the history of the Hill, and enjoyed some light-hearted program, normally featuring the talents of Hill residents. We kids played. The evening usually ended with ice cold watermelon. What could be better?

For many years, the picnic was held at the home of a Hill resident. In 1953, the Hill Picnic moved to the playground behind the Hillcrest Elementary School. Sadly, the Hill picnics ended after 1958. Oh, how I wish this tradition could be resurrected. I'm quite sure future generations of Hill kids would love it as much as we did.

Delphi Citizen July 11, 1929

CLIFF DWELLERS GATHER ON HILL

Outstanding Event of South Delphi Enjoyed Wednesday Evening

Just as nature was painting one of her most radiant, glorious sunsets toward the close of a perfect day, July 10, approximately one hundred and seventy-five Cliff Dwellers were enjoying a feast on the lawn of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Andrews.

The tenth annual meeting was called to order by the president, Mr. Fred Griffith and opened with the singing of "On the Banks of the Wabash" led by William MaHanna. Greetings were received from Mr. and Mrs. John Todd, former hill resident. Rev. E. C. Wells extended a hearty welcome to the newcomers, and Mrs. Fred Martip responded in her gracious manner on behalf of the newcomers. She said that: "The grass grows greener on the hill, the sky seems bluer on the hill, the snow seems whiter on the hill, the stars shine brighter on the hill, the rain falls harder, the wind blows louder, the streets seem slipper, but I have surely fallen hard for the hill."

The history was read by Ed Smock.

I remember long tables set up and lots of food. My parents hosted the picnic at least one time that I recall. We lived at 328 W. North Street and had a huge side yard, which was perfect for the Hill Picnics. It was a great way for the Hill people to get to know one another. - Pat Toole Porter 328 W. North

Delphi Citizen 7-5-1945

Annual Picnic Of Cliff-Dwellers Is '45 War Casualty

When officers in charge of the annual Cliff-Dwellers' picnic met this month to plan for the affair, usually held the second Wednesday evening in July, they found that the current war food shortage would prohibit holding the party this year.

Earl Hubbard, president, other officers and committee chairmen canvassed those who were assigned to provide meat and other food items, and as a result, decided to declare the 1945 picnic a war casualty. At the same time, the present officers who will continue to serve until a picnic is held, made plans to hold the affair just as soon as food rationing will allow the old-style "table-groaning" dinner like those of the past.

Long an institution of South Delphi, the annual hill picnic and entertaining program which follows will be continued just as soon as conditions permit, Mr. Hubbard said.

**Cliff Dweller Presidents
(Year of election)**

1920 Mrs. George Cartwright
 1921 Mrs. John (Ida) Todd
 1922 Mrs. Charles Dock
 1923 Mrs. Anna Snyder
 1924 Mrs. Walter Gochenour
 1925 Mrs. George Smith
 1926 Mrs. A.C. Clauser
 1927 Mrs. Water Utterback
 1928 Mrs. Fred Griffith
 1929 C.O. Julius
 1930 Rev William G Smith
 1931 William B. Smith
 1932 Wade Farr
 1933 Joseph Ives
 1934 J.B. Dickison
 1935 Mrs. Quinn Lewis
 1936 Leo Craig
 1937 Charles Wood
 1938 Mrs. Goldie Scott
 1939 William B. Smith
 1940 Gearold Clawson
 1941 Clarence McKinley
 1942 Walter Clawson
 1943 John Kirkpatrick
 1944 Earl Hubbard
 1945 (picnic cancelled because of war)
 1946 Harry Hatton
 1947 Clement Duckwall
 1948 Conrad Dawson
 1949 Robert Brown
 1950 R.E. Thomson
 1951 Dr. J. M. Haggard
 1952 Tom Peters
 1953 John Pastor
 1954 Betty Wagoner
 1955 Arnold Teel
 1956 Frank Fitch
 1957 Ross Tipton
 1958 Gene Lahr

Hill Picnic Locations

George Ives home
 George Ives/George Cartwright homes
 John Todd home
 George Ives home
 Delphi Park (moved because of rain)
 Josephine Ives home
 Josephine Ives home
 E.W. Bowen home
 E.W. Bowen home
 Robert Andrews home
 C.O. Julius home
 Dr. A.C. Clauser home
 Lillian Blythe home
 Dr. A.C. Clauser home
 Lillian Blythe home
 Lillian Blythe home
 Lillian Blythe home
 Lillian Blythe home
 Clarence McKinley home
 Clarence McKinley home
 Lillian Blythe home
 Lillian Blythe home
 Robert Pearson home
 John Kirkpatrick home
 Robert Pearson home
 Donald May home
 City Park (moved because of rain)
 Donald May home
 Warren Woods home
 City Park (moved because of rain)
 John D. Smith home
 Hillcrest School
 Hillcrest School
 Hillcrest School
 Hillcrest School
 Hillcrest School

Delphi Citizen July 15, 1948

**Move Hill Picnic
To Park; Dawson
Named President**

Because of the inclement weather Wednesday, the 28th annual gathering of the Hilltoppers was held at the Delphi City Park. Conrad Dawson, local attorney, was named president of the association to succeed Clement Duckwall. Other officers named were: Don May, vice president; Mrs. Leonard Blythe, secretary; Ollie Limp, treasurer; Mrs. Gilbert Underhill, chairman of the flower committee and John Klepinger, historian.

**HONOR FOUNDER
OF HILL PICNIC**

**Program Planned
For Annual Event**

Mrs. Blanche Cartwright will be honored at the 1952 Hill picnic, to be held Wednesday, July 9, at the John Smith home on the Prince William road. It was announced this week by Dr. J. M. Haggard, president of the picnic organization.

Mrs. Cartwright was first president of the hill picnic and is the only one of the original group of organizers.

The 1952 picnic is slated to begin about 6:30 o'clock (d.s.t.)

Dr. Haggard said that there will be plenty of fried chicken and all the accompanying specials. Those who attend are to bring baskets with a variety of good things to eat.

The picnic area, the president said, is to be sprayed for insects.

The program will include a dancing program, music by the Hilltoppers and by the Delphi high school double sextette. Mr. and Mrs. John E. Walker and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wood are in charge of the program. Delphi Journal 7-3-1952

**HILLTOP PICKS
BETTY WAGONER**

Delphi Journal 7-15-1954

For the first time in many many years, the Delphi Hill picnic is headed by a woman!

Wednesday night, at the 34th annual outing, held on the grounds of the Hillcrest school, Mrs. Betty Wagoner was named president. She succeeds John Pastor.

Other officers named include: Mrs. Phoebe Peters, vice-president; Mrs. Myron Bessley, secretary; Frank Wilcox, treasurer, and Mrs. Leota Weaver, historian.

Not since the early days of the organization has a woman been the chief officer, despite the fact that the first president was a woman.

The hill picnic was organized by a group of six or eight women, called together by Mrs. Max Julius, on the front porch of her home, which is now the home of Mrs. George Cartwright.

Mrs. Cartwright, who then lived where Mr. and Mrs. Yantis Wells now reside, was made the first president and that year the first picnic was held in the yard between her home and the house now occupied by the Joseph T. Ives family.

Delphi Journal July 10, 1958

**GENE LAHR
PRESIDENT OF
CLIFF DWELLERS**

Gene Lahr, Delphi automobile dealer, was elected president of the Cliff Dwellers, at the annual picnic of the residents of South Delphi, Wednesday evening at Hillcrest school grounds.

The annual get-together of the Cliff Dwellers is a highlight of the summer season when local talent always presents an entertaining program.

Other officers elected were: Robert Fitzgerald, vice-president; Mrs. William Freeman, secretary; Ted Brown, treasurer; Mrs. Harold Talbert, Mrs. George McCain and Mrs. C. O. Julius, historians.

Right: Miss Hilltopper contest held in conjunction with the Hill Picnic of 1953; winner: Candi Pastor!

When I was a child, Hill picnics were always in Lillian Blythe's yard. Her house was the last one on that side of the street, and she had lots of land south of the house. The highway stopped there, before it was extended in the 1930s. There was always a flatbed wagon for the stage, and generally Chilly Wood was the MC. I recall one year he was dressed as a native American. The entertainers were mostly Hill kids showing off their talent. One year, I was to recite a poem or something and forgot what was next. Everyone laughed. I stamped my foot and walked off, and I don't recall ever walking on again. Temperamental talent! The picnic was always something we looked forward to. There was plenty of food, even in the Depression years. It might not have been fancy, but you brought what you had; and everyone enjoyed the evening.

- Frances Craig French 824 S. Washington



BUILDING THE HOMES ON THE HILL

Many of the early homes built on the Hill were custom homes built by individual owners. Abraham (Abram) Martin built several homes on the Hill around 1900, and Henry Crone built stucco homes along Prince William. A number of the homes built after the Depression through the middle of the 20th century were examples of innovative approaches to home-building. You can find Sears kit homes and at least one all-electric "Medallion Home" among the treasures.

Delphi Journal 10-28-1909 SOUTH DELPHI IMPROVEMENT.

Statement showing ownership of property affected, with frontage and pro rata assessment, together with appraised valuation of lands and improvements.

| NAME | Lot No. | Frontage | Value of lands | Value of lands and improvements | Pro Rata assessment |
|----------------------------|---------|----------|----------------|---------------------------------|---------------------|
| Wm. Haugh | x | 355 | 400 | 1200 | \$898.15 |
| John A. Cartwright, (Sims) | x | 91 | 300 | 1100 | 230.23 |
| Josephine C. Ives | x | 183 | 500 | 2500 | 462.99 |
| Blanche O. Cartwright | x | 74 | 250 | 2250 | 187.22 |
| Mrs. N. J. Howe | x | 80 | 250 | 850 | 202.40 |
| Citizens National Bank | x | 209 | 250 | 850 | 628.77 |
| L. A. Higginbotham | x | 159 | 100 | 350 | 402.27 |
| T. C. A. Randolph | x | 268 | 300 | 1800 | 678.04 |
| James C. Smock | x | 65 | 300 | 800 | 164.45 |
| Henry Stansell | x | 145 | 390 | 680 | 366.85 |
| Mrs. Wright (Farneman) | x | 329 | 580 | 1700 | 832.37 |
| A. B. Martin est. | | 115 | 200 | 850 | 230.95 |
| | 1 | 135 | 500 | 2500 | 341.65 |
| N. W. Crawford | 2 | 120 | 400 | 1000 | 303.50 |
| S. J. Shortridge | 2 | 60 | 150 | 650 | 151.80 |
| M. Jakes | 3 | 60 | 150 | 700 | 151.80 |
| Henry Mohr | 3 | 291 | 700 | 1000 | 736.23 |
| Baker Fowler | 4 | 291 | 450 | 1400 | 736.23 |
| Matthias Julius | 4 | 60 | 250 | 1450 | 151.80 |
| James C. Smock | 5 | 60 | 200 | 2000 | 151.80 |
| F. Acheson | 6 | 120 | 400 | 1800 | 303.50 |
| Eliza J. Buckley | 6 | 90 | 250 | 950 | 227.70 |
| Noah C. Landis | 6 | 90 | 250 | 900 | 227.70 |
| Alice E. Stewart | 7 | 180 | 450 | 1650 | 455.40 |
| Margaret F. Garrett | 8 | 60 | 400 | 950 | 151.80 |
| John Ekhart, est. | 9 | 100 | 125 | 600 | 283.00 |
| City of Delphi, (school) | 9 | 180 | 300 | 1400 | 455.40 |
| Margaret Garrett | 10 | 180 | 300 | 400 | 455.40 |
| Alice E. Stewart | 11 | 180 | 400 | 400 | 455.40 |
| Matthias Julius | 12 | 180 | 400 | 400 | 455.40 |
| Thad. Davis | 13 | 120 | 170 | 800 | 318.90 |
| John K. Kerlin | 13 | 60 | 150 | 800 | 126.50 |
| Chas. Dock | 14 | 95 | 200 | 600 | 217.58 |
| Thad. Davis | 14 | 20 | 150 | 1400 | 59.60 |
| James Obeare | 14 | 245 | 200 | 800 | 619.85 |
| C. and W. S. Margowski | 15 | 351 | 450 | 1650 | 888.03 |
| G. M. Briney | 16 | 180 | 450 | 1850 | 455.40 |
| J. E. Ruffing | 17 | 60 | 100 | 500 | 151.80 |
| Henrietta Bowen | 17 | 100 | 300 | 800 | 268.18 |
| " | 19 | 24 | 400 | 1000 | 60.72 |
| Madison Arnett | 20 | 65 | 150 | 600 | 164.45 |
| John E. Girard | 20 | 131 | 250 | 800 | 331.43 |
| Chas. Benjamin | 22 | 90 | 150 | 500 | 227.70 |
| A. T. Bowen | 22 | 90 | 150 | 550 | 227.70 |
| Chas. Benham | 23 | 60 | 150 | 750 | 151.80 |
| Robert Coats | 23 | 60 | 150 | 500 | 151.80 |
| A. B. Martin | 23 | 60 | 150 | 500 | 151.80 |
| Geo. Gregg | 24 | 110 | 240 | 800 | 278.30 |
| Mary E. Odell | 24 | 70 | 150 | 450 | 177.10 |
| Harry Boothroyd | 25 | 120 | 250 | 750 | 303.60 |
| M. Clifford | 25 | 60 | 150 | 550 | 151.80 |
| Edward Blythe | 25 | 90 | 150 | 800 | 227.70 |
| Abbie F. Griffith | 26 | 90 | 300 | 700 | 227.70 |
| Harry Arnold | 28 | 180 | 400 | 1000 | 455.40 |
| Harriet Gist | 28 | 60 | 100 | 400 | 151.80 |
| Anna Hubbard | 28 | 60 | 100 | 350 | 151.80 |
| Henry Mynard | 28 | 60 | 80 | 80 | 151.80 |
| David M. Boyles | 29 | 45 | 75 | 75 | 113.85 |
| Benj. S. Hendrickson | 29 | 45 | 60 | 160 | 113.85 |
| L. B. Sims, (est.) | 29 | 90 | 80 | 80 | 227.70 |
| Nancy A. Julius | 30 | 75 | 100 | 200 | 189.75 |
| | | 7473 | 16295 | 51375 | 18896.69 |

x Unplatted. North side of North street.

SOUTH DELPHI LEADS HOME-BUILDING BOOM; NEW HOUSES PLANNED

NEW CONSTRUCTION IS AT HIGHEST MARK IN MANY YEARS

Delphi is in the midst of a home-building boom. Not since the beginning of the depression in 1929 have there been so many new homes built, old homes remodeled and plans made for new residences as in the past year. Home-building activity has centered in South Delphi, but the whole city has seen the effects of the remodeling program. A general shortage of homes and an improvement in economic conditions are the chief causes of the recent building and remodeling.

Three new homes have been completed on the Hill within the past year. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wood recently completed what is one of the most attractive of Delphi's new homes. The home is conservative in design and the lawn is attractively landscaped.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Pearson have their new home on State Road 39 and 18. A spacious lawn is one of the attractive features of the home.

Mr. and Mrs. George Beale recently completed Delphi's first modernistic home. A skilled carpenter, Mr. Beale built the new South Delphi residence with little assistance.

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. McGuire have moved into their new Elmwood home, which is nearing completion. McGuire did nearly all the construction himself. The house will be painted white and a garage is to be added at the side connecting with the house. The front lawn is to be a miniature sunken garden.

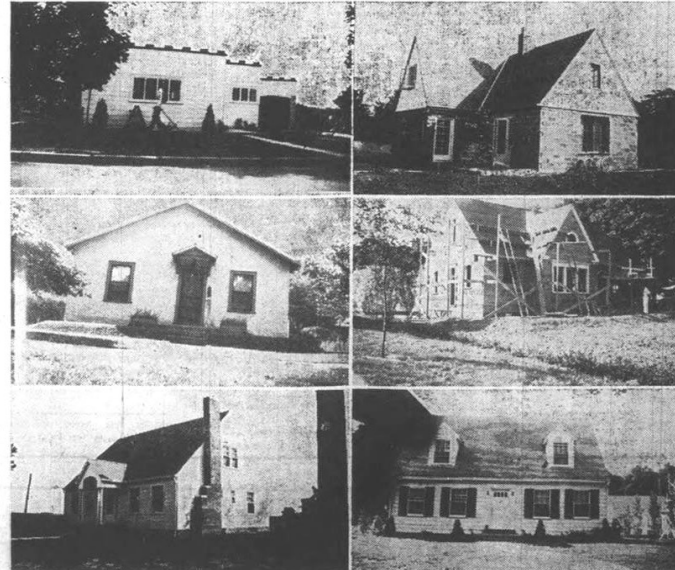
Others who are planning to build new homes in South Delphi are Mr. and Mrs. Harold Brewer, Mr. and Mrs. Duane Lamb and Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Dickison.

A new four-car garage was recently completed for Thayer's Dairy. New garages completed on the Hill include those of Larry Boone, George Loveland and Caesar Margowski.

eration, \$15,00. Mr. L. B. Sims bought a lot of Mr. J. P. Dugan, in South Delphi, and, we understand, contemplates building thereon immediately. Mr. Sims also bought a lot in the same vicinity from Messrs. J. A. Cartwright, J. A. Sims and J. H. Stewart. Delphi Times 7-28-1876

Delphi Citizen July 13, 1939

These Homes Lead Delphi Building March



Some of the results of Delphi's 1938-39 building boom are shown above. New homes built in recent months have added to the beauty of the community and have helped in relieving the most acute housing shortage here in many years.

Top Row, Left, new modernistic home of George Beale on North street in South Delphi; right, partially completed home of E. W. McGuire in Elmwood.

Middle Row, Left, one of two new homes recently built by Henry Crone on East Summit street in South Delphi, this one owned by Jack Bloyd; right, home of Gerald Clawson under construction on West Summit street on the Hill.

Bottom Row, Left, New home of Robert Pearson on State Road 39; right, the new residence of Charles Wood on West Summit street in South Delphi.

BUILDING NEW HOMES

Two more new homes are under construction here. Mr. and Mrs. Harold Brewer will build a new home just back of the Smith flower garden in South Delphi. Mr. and Mrs. James Dickison have started work on a new bungalow to be constructed at the rear of their present residence in South Delphi. Mr. and Mrs. Joe Sanderson and son will occupy the new residence. Delphi Citizen 7-6-1939

FOR SALE: Real estate, choice building lots on the hill, (South Delphi) best location. George Revington, Sr., Realtor. Phone Justice 1-7672, Monticello, Indiana. 2513

NATIONAL HOMES

In the mid-1940s, former Green Bay Packer Lou Brock moved to Delphi to build the first National Homes at the end of Summit and Hamilton Streets. These pre-fabricated houses offered good quality homes at low cost to returning WWII service men and women.

If you look at the homes on the south side of the 500 block of West Summit and the west side of the 1100 block of Hamilton, you'll see many examples of these early National Homes.



502 West Summit Street
Built: 1946

SOME OWNERS & RESIDENTS

- Edward Holderly
- Ritchie and Janet Goyer
- Dennis Webb
- Ludelia Wehling
- Elsie Crundwell
- Mr. and Mrs. Ed Thomson
- Mr. and Mrs. Lou Brock

Excavation Started On National Homes Addition

Lou Brock, a representative of the National Home Corporation started excavating Tuesday morning for the erection of four new homes in South Delphi on a number of lots recently purchased from the Margowski family near the Roy Trobaugh residence. Mr. Brock, of the Green Bay Packers fame, stated that he expects to have the first house up by April 15. Former service men will be given the preference. The corporation has an option on 38 lots in South Delphi. Delphi Journal 2-21-1946

Mr. and Mrs. Lou Brock are moving into their newly built home in the Brock addition to South Delphi this week. Mr. Brock is employed with the National Homes and has completed two homes in the addition and has the basement of two more houses completed. Delphi Journal 4-25-1946

Mr. and Mrs. Lou Brock who recently sold their home in S. Delphi to Mr. and Mrs. Ed Thompson, will move the last of this month to their new home in Logansport. Mr. and Mrs. Thomson, who have been residing with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Obe Campbell for the past several weeks, will take possession of their home October 1. Delphi Citizen 9-18-1947

Design B
ATTIC PLAN
ROOF
CLO. LAV. CLO.
BED ROOM 10'-0" x 14'-10"
BED ROOM 9'-3" x 14'-10"
HALL
STORAGE
ROOF
SCALE
A SUGGESTED PLAN FOR TWO FUTURE ROOMS AND LAVATORY IN ATTIC

Design C

Design D

Design E

Design F

Design G

AVERAGE DATA
Cubic Feet: House 16,520, Square Feet: Living Area 776, Future 2nd Floor 472, Ceiling Heights: 1st Floor, 8'-0", Basement 7'-0".

OPEN HOUSE FOR MEDALLION HOME HERE FRIDAY TO SUNDAY

A preview trip through the new Gold Medallion home which will be the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Beverly Berninger and family, disclosed the many delightful features which will mean comfortable living for the new owners.

To allow the general public to take an appreciative look at this most modern of houses, the Metzger Lumber Company, the Public Service Company and Mr. and Mrs. Berninger are co-operating as hosts at an open house this Friday, Saturday and Sunday. The hours are from 1:00 to 8:00 p. m. on each of these days. The Medallion home is located at 1123 S Hamilton St., in Delphi.

Perhaps the most outstanding features of the home is the electrical heating which is sealed into the plaster of the ceilings. Completely hidden from view, tiny wires, as fine as the lead in a pencil, provide comfortable well-distributed heat throughout the winter months. From a housewife's point of view, this will mean no more scheming as to where to place furniture around unsightly registers. In the two bath rooms of the home, neat wall registers provide warmth.

The marvel of electrical convenience continues throughout the entire structure. The spacious living room will have flattering indirect lighting from a fluorescent tube running the full length of the picture window. The fixture is concealed beneath a decorative cornice which completes the drapery arrangement. In the kitchen, Mrs. Berninger will prepare her meals with ease on her built-in range and oven. Placed conveniently above a wide expanse of work area, is the only electrical service center in Delphi. However,

other housewives are sure to promote the installation of this electrical marvel once they witness its performance. Four outlets designed with an automatic timing device will provide plug-in space for small work appliances in the service center.

Strolling through the house was a pleasure. The living room is designed for gracious entertaining and boasts a guest closet, placed near the front entrance. The front door itself is unusual. A graceful design of white wrought iron is painted onto the glass panel of the door.

The three bedrooms of the home are equipped with quantities of closet space. Triple door closets are used in the children's rooms and two double closets in the master bedroom.

A small utility room houses the control panel for the electrical wiring of the house, the automatic washer and sewing machine encased in shining wood cabinet. There is built-in cabinet space provided in almost every room. Storage may be accomplished in a neat, effortless and orderly fashion.

The kitchen, always a focal point in every home, is combined with a dining area as well as a second living area. It is a room for enjoyment with airy windows, low cabinet divider and well-planned work areas in the kitchen. Here, the Berninger family will gather around their round golden oak table, polished to a satiny finish, for meals eaten in a room built for practical comfort.

The Berninger home is truly the result of modern down-to-earth architecture aimed at comfortable everyday living. It is well worth a visit at the forthcoming open house.



**1123 South Hamilton
Built 1960**
SOME OWNERS & RESIDENTS
Andrew and Melanie Mills
Timothy Murray
Kenneth Murray
Richard and Kathleen Morgan
Joe and Sallie Ralston
Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Kolter
Mr. and Mrs. Bev Berninger



MORE BUILDING

8 Carroll County Comet, Wednesday, October 20, 1974 **Delphi homes tour, courthouse tea Sunday**

The first home on the tour is the Bill Campbell residence, 116 W. North St., a Victorian home built in 1897 by the parents of the late C.O. Julius. The Campbells acquired it in 1954 from Mrs. John Cartwright. Seven different kinds of wood are found in the intricately designed first floor woodwork. The exterior bricks were made of gas-fired kilns.

The two story red brick Victorian home of the Tom Ives family is on a one-acre lot in what was originally known as the Town of Lebanon and overlooked Deer Creek. It was built in 1877 for Louis B. Sims, an attorney. The ten chimneys serving the stoves and fireplaces have been reduced to two. The home was a long time residence of the John Cartwright family, great-grandparents of Mr. Ives.

The Thomas Ashton home, 102 Crest Drive, known originally as the Bowen home, is a three-story brick residence surrounded by trees. It was built by Mr. and Mrs. Abram Martin in the 1860's or 1870's. Ed Bowen purchased the home in the early 1900's and it was the scene of many social and

political events. Guests in the home have included Jane Adams, founder of Chicago's Hull House, and Medill McCormick, owner of the Chicago Tribune. Furnishings include a walnut desk used by Mrs. Ashton's great-grandfather when he was recorder of Carroll County.

Construction of new homes for Mr. and Mrs. Gene Lahr and Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Kahle was started this week by Duane Lamb. The homes are to be constructed on land recently purchased by the two couples from Mrs. E. W. Bowen just east of the Robert Gordon property in South Delphi.
Delphi Citizen 18-17-1957

Ernoch Cox has bought the A. B. Martin property in South Delphi, now occupied by L. B. Sims. Price \$3,000.

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HERE AND there in and around Delphi there are several new homes under construction this summer. The Ralph Hannas are building on Wilson street overlooking Deer Creek; John Bowman's are erecting the house (a brick veneer with some interesting touches) above a basement which has been used for some time; the George Revington's new home southeast of town next to Paul Quick's home is coming along; Don Leitakes are adding another conventional home to another of Delphi's attractive neighborhoods on west Summit street; Don Larimore, who has built homes for others is constructing one for himself on the west side of road 26 just southwest of the Deer Creek bridge, and the Bob Lentners have a new home well under way north of the city on the Carrollton road.
Delphi Journal 8-28-1952

Delphi Citizen 6-22-1939

Several new homes have gone up here in the past few years, but the most modernistic is the George Beale home on the hill. One feature of the home is particularly appealing, a large window in the basement overlooking the town. Basement windows don't usually overlook anything, but this house is built into a steep hill-side.

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LOW COST HOUSING IS HERE. Small homes, lake cottages, tourist cabins, laying houses, hog houses, corn cribs, garages—factory sectional built, delivered and erected. Why pay rent? Easy terms. Address W. J. Beard, Box 23, Delphi, Indiana. *Kokomo Tribune 6-7-1939*

SOME OLD HOMES ON THE HILL

101 Riley Road
Built: 1860



921 South Washington Street
Built: 1860



212 West Summit Street
Built: About 1860



924 South Washington Street
Built: Pre-1864



100 Riley Road
Built: abt 1880



901 Riley Road
Built: 1873



226 West North Street
Built: 1860



708 South Washington Street
Built: pre-1864



211 West North Street
Built: Abt. 1883



203 East North Street
Built: 1850



122 West Summit Street
Built: about 1875



I got construction dates from the County Assessor, newspaper clippings, and - in a few cases - owners. There are other homes on the Hill that probably were built before 1900 - I just couldn't confirm their construction dates.

204 East North Street
Built: 1897



121 West Summit Street
Built: 1880



116 West North Street
Built: 1897



106 East North Street
Built: 1864



132 West North Street
Built 1865



125 West North Street
Built: 1876



104 West North Street
Built: 1865



125 West Summit Street
Built: 1895



204 West Summit Street
Built: 1865



HOMES NO LONGER HERE

Of course, some homes came and went over the years. Some burned. Some were moved. Some were demolished to make way for new homes. Here are three homes on the Hill that are no longer here. I wish I knew about the others. They're all part of our history.

106 West Summit Street



The musical Gregg family - seen at left - lived at 106 W. Summit (corner of South Washington and Summit) for many years. George Gregg owned a music store downtown. The house is no longer there, having burned in the 1920s. Now, a gas station stands on that lot.



205 Riley Road



Will and Opal Cartwright Wood - parents of Delphi native sons Charles "Chilly," Bob, and John Wood - lived in this home on Riley Road for many years. After Will's death, the property was purchased by Ed Thomson, who built a new home there.



William Harter Wood
b 24 July 1865
Delphi Native Son



Mary Opal Cartwright Wood

131 West Summit Street



Fred and Flora Ferling
History of Carroll County Indiana by Odell

I remember visiting Mr. and Mrs. Fred Ferling in their tiny house - with a big garden - behind ours, when I was really young. Though I barely remember Fred, I remember Flora quite well. One of the sweetest ladies ever. They are spotlighted in Odell's History of Carroll County.

Fay Ebrite, executive director of Area

IV Council on Aging, has been awarded a Sagamore of the Wabash tribute from Gov. Evan Bayh.

Ebrite received the special award from State Representative Sheila Klinker who represented Bayh at a luncheon in her honor.

The tribute honoring her reported that the award was for her "humanity in living, loyalty in friendship, wisdom in council and in-



Ebrite

spiration in leadership"

She has served as director of the age-worked in the school cafeteria for 34 years.

Lafayette Journal Courier 10-24-1989



Sagamore recipient

Carroll County Comet 7-5-2000

Sue Penn is pictured receiving the Sagamore of the Wabash award from State Senator Katie Wolf during her retirement party on June 30. Penn retired after 18 years of service to the Carroll County Office of Family and Children. With family and friends looking on, and amid a few tears, Penn was "surprised" by the visit from Wolf and the award. Comet photo by Kathy Mylet



Sagamore of the Wabash

Myrhn Beesley of Delphi was named a Sagamore of the Wabash, the highest honor bestowed by the Governor of Indiana, at a Lions Club dinner last Wednesday evening at Camp Tecumseh. Pictured above, l-r, are Beesley's wife, Lois; Beesley; and State Representative Rich McClain, who presented the award.

Beesley has been an active Lions Club member for 49 years, is a former Delphi business owner and city council member, past president of Delphi Chamber of Commerce, and long-time supporter of Camp Tecumseh. He also was presented a plaque by Mayor Sam Deiwert for all his contributions to the Delphi community.

HILLTOPPERS WHO ARE SAGAMORES OF THE WABASH

The Sagamore of the Wabash award, given by the Governor, is Indiana's highest award.

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| Myron Beesley | Tony Berto |
| Leo Craig (2) | Fay Ebrite |
| Frank Fitch | Ollie Limp |
| George Obear | Sue Penn |
| John Smock | Wayne Talbert |

Carroll County Comet 2-3-1982



MILROY WINNER - Dr. George Wagoner, right, who recently retired November 30 after 35 years as a physician in Delphi, was named the second winner of the "Samuel Milroy Award" at Thursday evening's Delphi Chamber of Commerce annual banquet. The presentation was made by Mike McCord, C of C president. The award recognizes special philanthropic or entrepreneurial talents and achievements of the recipient which promote the economic and social well-being of the City of Delphi. The award honors General Samuel Milroy, a prominent early Delphi citizen. He originated the name Delphi. Comet Photo

HILLTOPPERS WHO WON THE SAMUEL MILROY AWARD

The Milroy Award is the most prestigious award given to a member of the Delphi Community. It recognizes someone who has integrity, business sense, and has left - or will leave - the community better than they found it, as a result of their dealings.

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| Myron Beesley | Dick Bradshaw |
| Frank Fitch | Tom and Mary Ives |
| John Klepinger | Ollie Limp |
| Norm Miller | Elsie Myers |
| George Obear | Dean Overholser |
| Carolyn Pearson | Bill Penn |
| Carolyn Wagner | Dr. George Wagoner |

Carroll County Comet 2-6-2002



Milroy Award recipient

Bill Penn, left, was honored last week by the Delphi Chamber of Commerce with the Samuel Milroy Award. He is pictured with outgoing Chamber president, Terry Davidson. Photo provided



CANDI PASTOR HARRISON

I was born in 1949 and lived in Delphi until 1965, when I was 15. I grew up at 129 W. Summit St., with my grandparents - Grace and Gearold Clawson - right across the street. We moved to Lafayette after my freshman year, and I graduated from Lafayette Jeff. But the Oracle Class of 1968 is my class. They're the kids I grew up with.

I graduated from IU, worked at Rider University in New Jersey and the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia, and served at the Department of Housing and Urban Development in Philadelphia and Washington DC for 24 years, the last 10 years as editor-in-chief of HUD's website. My hubby Russ and I moved to Tucson in 2001. We live 15 minutes from my sister Shelley and most of her 5 kids, and - just as we did in Delphi, lo, those many years ago - we have family dinners on Sundays.

My Clawson cousin, Bonnie Maxwell, began encouraging me to do a book about the Hill, after hearing my endless stories of growing up there. So I have. I hope my love for my hometown - and especially the South Hill community - comes through.

I may not live there, but - in my heart - I'll always be a "Delphi Gal."

I have so many people to thank for their help with this book:

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| Beth Bradshaw George | Kay Clawson Burnett |
| Bill and Tom Freeman | Alice Gianoulis Everhart |
| Carolyn Howe Boone-King | Kevin Cripe |
| Dane Ward and the Underhill family | Michael George Griffey |
| Dee Duckwall Caid | Pat Leitzke Larson |
| James Borton | Pence Revington and the Revington family |
| Jane Thomson Miller | Stan and Kathy Fitch Hyman |
| Sandra Seele | Tom Grimm |
| Tom High and the High family | Suzannah Walker and Robin Walker Allbaugh |
| Sarah Cross | Teresa Ebrite Richards |
| David Sciaachitano and Lynda McCain Brooks | Kathy Powlen Zink |
| Janice Brewer Girton | Cathy Cartwright-Chow |
| Fonda Miller | Mary Blonigen |
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- History of Carroll County - John C. Odell
- Carroll County, Indiana: Postal History, Rural Settlements, Towns, Development of Modes of Travel, Townships - Dora Thomas Mayhill
- Many Delphi Oracle yearbooks (special thanks to the DCHS alumni website and Norm Miller)

I love this story of the People on the Hill, and I hope you'll help me preserve our history and special memories by adding to the collection on the Delphi South Hill Facebook page. To those who have happy memories of the Hill in the 1970's, 80's, 90's, and 2000's... maybe you'll continue the story of this place we all call, "home."



I dedicate this book to my mom, Mary Clawson, and my grandparents, Grace and Gearold Clawson, who taught me to value our Delphi community, to revere those who shaped it, and to do what I can to perpetuate the Delphi spirit for generations to come. I'll never forget.



Photos on this page: top: 226 W. North Street in the early 1900s; bottom left: North Street viaduct about 1918; bottom right: corner of Riley Road and Prince William Road, about 1900

