

Whitestown, Indiana
SESQUICENTENNIAL
(150 YEARS)

SEPT. 14-15-16 - 2001
THEME - TRAINS



Lois M. Lindley
1525 Caraway St.
Lebanon, IN 46052

Whitestown plans to celebrate 150

By BRIAN HARRIS

1-29-01

For The Lebanon Reporter

WHITESTOWN — In the next couple years, two Boone County towns will celebrate their sesquicentennial, or 150th anniversary. Next year it'll be Zionsville, but for 2001, the birthday candles will be lit in Whitestown.

Lois Lindley, former Whitestown resident, is chairwoman of the Whitestown Sesquicentennial Celebration, and said the event will be Sept. 14, 15 and 16, and this year is replacing the town's annual Pioneer Days celebration.

Lindley has been preparing for this event for a few years now, and is compiling a book of memories that will be distributed at the celebration. For about three years now, she has sent letters, talked to current and former residents, and notified people in the town newsletter of her efforts.

She said she would like to have at least 50 stories in the book, but so far, has only received about half of that.

"The stories I've got are just great, though," Lindley said.

The theme of the sesquicentennial will be trains, because the town was built around the old railroad line. The event will include displays of model trains, old farm equipment and other items that harken back to a bygone era.

One of the highlights of the celebration, she noted, will be a flyover of several U.S. military planes.

To make sure everyone is properly celebrating the town history, Lindley said those who wish to have booths during the sesquicentennial event must wear period clothing from the 1800s through the 1950s, when a school was still located in town. There will be prizes for best-dressed booth vendors.

The event will also feature a horse show at the town park. Lindley's niece, Judy Waggy, is working on a quilt to be given away during a raffle at the celebration. The quilt, Lindley said, will have pictures and will tell the tale of the town's history.

Since it's still about eight months away, "We're just now getting started on planning for this." The sesquicentennial committee, she noted, is meeting on the first Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Whitestown American Legion.

The public, Lindley said, is invited and encouraged to attend the meetings to offer ideas and/or to volunteer to help out.

The sesquicentennial mood will really begin to be in full swing in early March, when new signs are expected to be erected at the entrances to town. Lindley said the signs will cost about \$1,000, and the town council agreed to chip in half.

The permanent signs will read "Welcome to Whitestown—Celebrating 150 Years of History." The signs will also have attached, replaceable hanging signs below it advertising the sesquicentennial. Also, there will be signs placed in front of old homes in town denoting the year they were built.

Lindley warned that annual celebrations in Whitestown may soon become a thing of the past. Pioneer Days, which has been held for the last 30 years, has suffered from a lack of volunteers in recent years, and she and others who organize are considering ending it.

"But this sesquicentennial might get things rejuvenated," she said. "I hope it will." She noted there have been good crowds at the celebration's monthly organizational meetings.

"I'm expecting a huge crowd for this celebration," Lindley said. "I know a lot of people are coming back here for it."

Mike McQueen, member of the Whitestown Town Council, said that in addition to the funds for the signs, he anticipates the council will help out with the celebration in other ways.

He said the town intended to buy new signs anyway, "so this worked out very well." He added that as the months progress, the council will have a better handle on exactly what it will need to do for the celebration.

"We will support them the best way we can," McQueen said.

**Whitestown, Indiana
Sesquicentennial Celebration
(150 years)
Sept. 14-15-16, 2001**

We are making plans now!

Please join this huge celebration of Whitestown's history!

Please help plan the event!

Set up a booth
Sponsor events
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And much more!

Theme - TRAINS

The town started because of the Railroad and was named for the R.R. President. Worth Twp. was named for the R.R. Sec.-Tres.

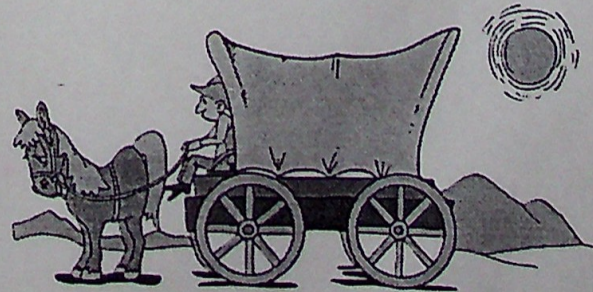
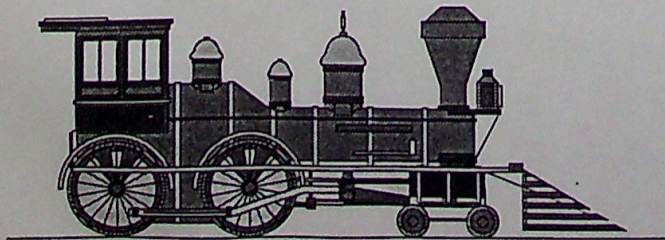
If you have a booth, you must wear clothing from 1800's era up to the 1950's. Best Booth will receive award also prizes for costumes dating 1800's - 1920's - 1930's - 1940's - 1950's.

If you have a Turn of the Century craft, booth space will be free, if you do any demonstrations, you may sell your wares. (such as blacksmith, broom making, weaving, etc.)

There will be Beard-Mustache contest, Fun Jail, much more.

We need old fashion items to decorate and set around town. Not to forget the Liars Bench.

For information call Lois Lindley 765-482-4950 or write 1525 Caraway St. Lebanon, IN 46075.



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(150 years)
SEPT. 15-16

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Awards for best theme booths.

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PIONEER DAYS ROYALTY



Photo submitted

Whitestown youth were crowned with various "royal" titles during the Whitestown Pioneer Days/Sesquicentennial Celebration on Friday. Pictured are (front row from left): William Craft, Whitestown Prince; Ricky French, Little Mr. Whitestown; Kayla Michaels, Little Miss Whitestown; and Stephanie Hackett, Whitestown Princess. Back row from left: Daphne Dickerson, Miss Teen Whitestown; MacKenzie Baker, Miss Pre-Teen Whitestown; Whitney contest coordinator.



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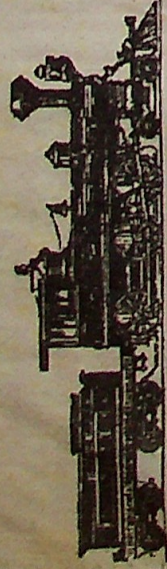
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WHITESTOWN TURNS 150 *SEPT. 2001*



Reporter photo by Bryce Nixon

Lois Lindley stands by the new Whitestown sign that is celebrating the sesquicentennial of Whitestown that will be celebrated this weekend. The theme for the celebration is trains. The three-day celebration begins at 6 p.m. Friday with children's events, including a dance, and continues through 4:15 p.m. Sunday, when there will be a quilt drawing. But there are many activities in-between, including: Saturday — breakfast served by the Masonic Lodge and American Legion (6 to 10 a.m.), a parade (11 a.m.); several contests including the beard and mustache contest (11:15 a.m.); tractor pull (2 p.m.) and the "How well do you know your spouse" contest (8:30 p.m.); Sunday — breakfast by the American Legion (7 to 10 a.m.), tug of war in the town park (1 p.m.), bucket brigade contest (2 p.m.) and a hoola-hoop contest (3 p.m.). For a complete schedule, page 2.



Sesquicentennial Celebration

Whitestown, IN • 150 Years of History

September 14-15-16, 2001

Schedule of Events:

Friday, September 14

- Kids Contest - 6:00 p.m. (stage)
- Disc Jockey Steve Anderson - Kids Dance
- American Legion - KARAOKE with Dwane Eilar - 9:00 p.m. to 12:00 p.m.
- Bingo 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. (across from Legion-Linville Ave.)

Saturday, September 15

- 6:00-10:00 Breakfast - Masonic Hall
- 6:00-10:00 Breakfast - American Legion
- 9:00 Booths Open
- 10:00-4:00 Historic Display (new town hall - Main St.)
- 10:00 Opening Welcomel Dedication of Plaque
- 10:00 Bicycle Decorating Contest (front of bank bldg.)

- 10:30 National Anthem - Alecia Sharp Announcements
- 10:30 Introduce In. Dept. Am. Legion Commander
- 10:55 Release Balloons
- 11:00 Parade starts
- 11:15 Fly over

Don't Miss

- Complete History Display by Town Historian Janice West and the Whitestown Alumni located in garage area of new Town Hall on Main St. across from stage
- Also Front Room of building, Toby McDaniel Book Signing
- You may purchase Town History and Memory Book, Souvenir cups, Hats and old pictures
- Free T-shirts are available, compliments of Smoothreads
- Special Whitestown Panther Name Tags for Alumni only, available with History Display
- Kids pick up material from Post Office for "Design a Stamp" contest. Winners to be announced Sat. Sept. 15. Also free games and prizes at Post Office parking lot Sept. 15.

Sunday, September 16

- 7:00-10:00 Breakfast - American Legion
- 10:00 Booths Open
- 10:00 Church service featuring "The Gathering" gospel group (stage)
- 11:00-3:00 History Display Open (new town hall)
- 12:00-3:00 Bingo
- 12:00 Perry Worth Historic Play & Reenactment
- 1:00 Morning Dove Therapeutic Stables
- 1:00 Demonstration with Kids (town park)
- 1:00 Tug of War (town park)
- 1:00-2:00 Radio Station 95.5 (front of Masonic Hall)
- 2:00 Bucket Brigade Contest (Main & Porter St.)
- 3:00 Hoola Hoop Contest (stage area)
- 4:00 American Legion Surprise Auction (back of Legion)
- 4:15 Quilt Drawing
- Closing Ceremony

- 10:30 National Anthem - Alecia Sharp Announcements
- 10:30 Introduce In. Dept. Am. Legion Commander
- 10:55 Release Balloons
- 11:00 Parade starts
- 11:15 Fly over
- Awards following parade
- Beard & Mustache Contest
- Costume Contest (stage)
- Food serving starts at the Lutheran Church,

- 1:00-10:00 Methodist Church and American Legion Bingo
- 2:00 Talent show (stage)
- 2:00 Kids Tractor Pull (front of old bank)
- 2:00-4:00 Toby McDaniel Book Signing (new town hall)
- 3:00 Hay Stack Hunt (stage area)
- 3:30 Sack Race (stage area)
- 7:00-8:00 Doug DeBaun Music
- 8:30 1st - How well do you know your spouse contest?
- 9:00-12:00 Mike Talbott Band
- 10:00 2nd- How well do you know your spouse contest?

- Fri. - Sat. - Sun. - Food served at Ralph's Sports Bar
- KARAOKE- by Dwane Eilar - 9:00 - 12:00 American Legion
- Sat Breakfast - Masonic Hall, American Legion
- Lutheran Church - Ham & Beans, Corn Bread, Pies, Etc. following parade until ? in basement
- Methodist Church - Chicken & Noodles 12 noon until 8 p.m.
- Bazaar/Bake Sale and Quilt Raffle
- Sons of American Legion - BBQ Chicken Sat. & Sun.
- Check out Antique Post Office Display in our new Post Office.
- See Antique Telephone Exchange Downtown

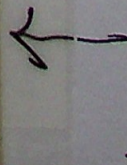


WHITESTOWN CELEBRATES 150 YEARS

SEPT. 15 2001



ABOVE: Members of the Whitestown American Legion Post 410 led the way, carrying various flags.



- 1. RON WALKER
- 2. CHESTER CRAFT

- 4. JASON MAXWELL
- 5. MEGAN KINDLEY
- 6. RICK NIGGINS



Photos by Brian Harris/For The Lebanon Reporter

Whitestown celebrated its sesquicentennial Friday, Sept. 14, through Sunday, Sept. 16, with a host of activities. The three-day celebration began Friday with children's events, including a dance. Other activities included a parade; several contests such as the beard and mustache contest, costume contest, tractor pull, the "How well do you know your spouse" contest, tug of war in the town park, bucket brigade contest and a hoola-hoop contest. Lois Lindley, one of the sesquicentennial organizers, said she was pleased with the hundreds of people who showed up for the weekend festivities. "I'm extraordinarily excited about the parade," she added. "I think it's the best one we've had. I'm just happy with the whole thing."

ABOVE LEFT: Lindley gives a few fond remembrances after winning the 2001 Harold Anderson Citizenship Award, which was given, as the plaque reads, "in recognition and appreciation of your many years of service to Whitestown and American Legion Post 410. On winning the award, Lindley said "I'm excited about it, because (Harold Anderson, who died last year) was a special, special friend of mine."

LEFT: Contestants line up for the costume contest Saturday.

Indianapolis Star, Metro North, Sept. 2001

Residents plan weekend celebration to mark town's 150 years of history

By Brad Johnston
CORRESPONDENT

WHITESTOWN

WHITESTOWN, Ind. — The signs went up two weeks ago, alerting everyone to what residents of this community of 500 already knew — Whitestown is celebrating its 150th birthday.

There won't be any candles for the old railroad town, but former resident Lois Lindley has overseen plans for Whitestown's three-day sesquicentennial celebration Friday through Sunday.

"We are basing this whole celebration on our history," said Lindley, who has printed the town's newsletter for 16 years. "We are going to have an amazing array of activities for young and old alike."

One highlight will be the Whitestown Parade, which will feature several floats with train themes, as well as horse-drawn carriages, the Lebanon High School marching band, the Worth Township Fire Department and several local American Legion color guards.

"We will have a wonderful display of photos, maps and drawings that chronicle the history of the town, its people and businesses," said Janice West, the town's unofficial historian.

"Albert White wanted a town every 10 miles along the railroad between Indianapolis and Lafayette. Whitestown was right at the 20-mile mark from Indianapolis at that time."

During the parade, members of the Experimental Aircraft Association will perform a 12-man flyover.

"We plan to run the 'missing man' formation, and hopefully give the people a little shot of adrenaline," said John Marshal, the leader of the flyover.

"Our aviation team will rendezvous at Terry Airport and fly over during the national anthem. I'll coordinate everything by radio. I think it will be a great effect."

Special needs members of the

Morning Dove Therapeutic Riding club also will be exhibiting riding skills during the weekend.

Whitestown, located northwest of Indianapolis, originally was laid out into 15 plots in 1851 and given the name New Germantown; however, Indiana already had a community named Germantown, so the town was renamed after Albert S. White in 1852.

White was president of the L&I Railroad that ran from Indianapolis to Lafayette. The iron locomotives came screeching through the center of everything, linking Whitestown with the Indianapolis trade.

Whitestown has changed little since its incorporation in 1947. The pace of life still moves at a pleasant crawl, but after 150 years, development is moving toward this sleepy little town.



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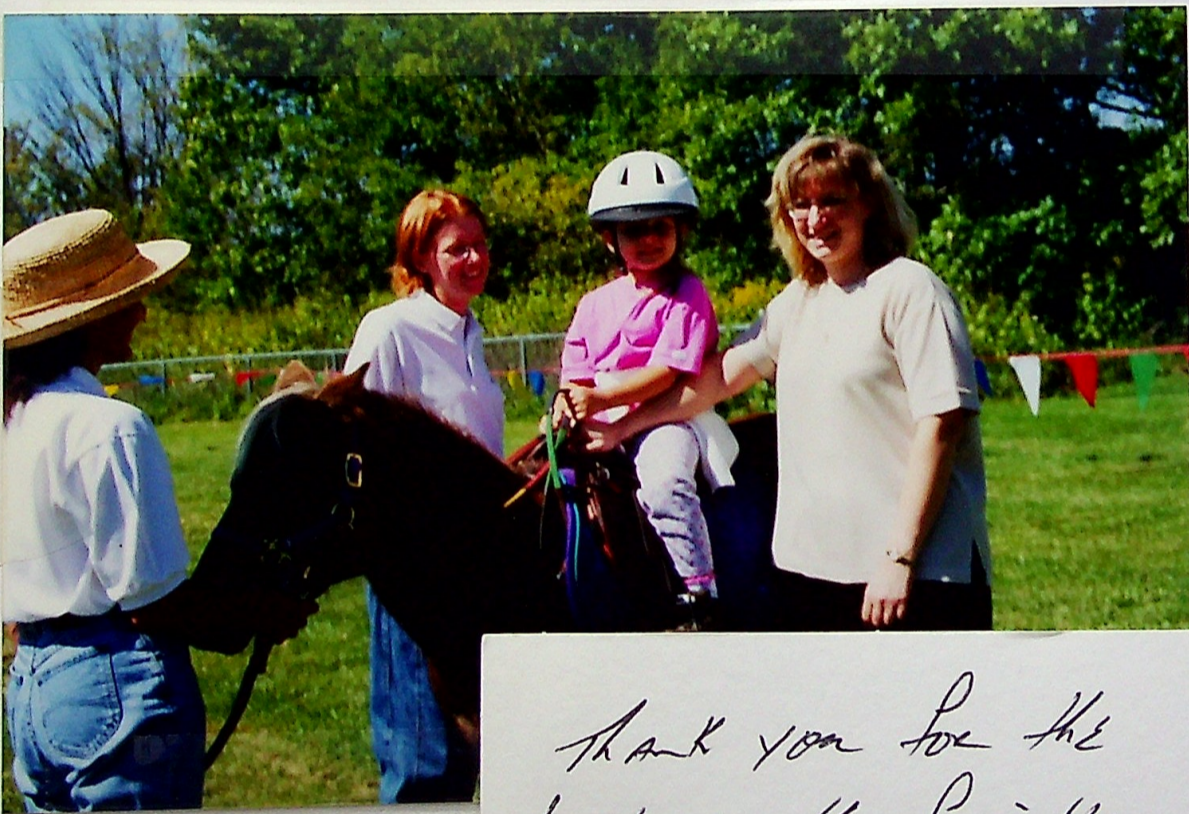
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to support Whites town
at next years activities
Thanks for letting us
be a part of the
week-end.

Morning Dove
Amy

Your thoughtfulness
meant so much.

Lois,

Thank you so much
for a wonderful week-end.
You did a great job with
everything.



WHITESTOWN VISITORS — In an informal ceremony over the weekend, Whitestown officials presented an honorary certificate to the town to the descendants of the town's namesake, Albert S. White. Standing in front of the Whitestown Town Hall are Sam Merrill, president of the Whitestown Pioneer

Days committee; Chris O'Conner, board member of the Whitestown Chamber of Commerce; Janice West, town historian; Eleanor White Mintener, great, great-granddaughter of Albert S. White, and Brandshaw Mintener, great, great, great-grandson of White.

(Reporter Photo by Kathy Linton)

Whitestown honors descendants of town's namesake, Albert S. White

A 'key to the community certificate' presentation last week in Whitestown reiterated once again that the Boone County community's name has no racial overtones.

Residents of Whitestown were honored last weekend with a visit from Eleanor White Mintener of Minneapolis, Minn., and her son Brandshaw Mintener of Canton, N.Y.

Mrs. Mintener is the great great-granddaughter of Albert S. White, Whitestown's namesake.

Albert White was born in 1803. He was reared and educated in New

York, having come to Indiana to practice law in Lafayette. He served three terms on the U.S. Senate and then as the president of the Indianapolis, Cincinnati and Chicago Railroad.

When the rails came through Boone County, new towns were laid out approximately every 10 miles or so. Whitestown was originally named New Germantown, but could not gain a post office under that name. It was then that the town changed its name to Whitestown to salute White, with the new township being named Worth, in honor of Alexander Worth, the

secretary/treasurer of the railroad.

In 1864 White was appointed Federal Judge of U.S. Court for the district of Indiana by President Abraham Lincoln. He died later that year at his home in Stockwell and was buried in Lafayette.

The Minteners brought along a book of family history to show to those in attendance and shared memories of achievements and highlights in their ancestry. Whitestown Chamber of Commerce trustee Chris O'Conner stated that the town plans to erect a marker in memory of White's contribution to the town.



Subject: **Cass Clellen Campbell's Store**
Date: 5/23/2010 5:13:51 PM US Eastern Standard Time
From: hmcampbell39@sbcglobal.net
To: JMWEST07@aol.com

Dear Ms. West,

I have attached a photograph of my great-grandfather's store. I believe it was located on the East Side of South Main Street somewhere between the old Interurban tracks and Pierce Street (300S). Note my great-grandfather's name on the glass above the door.

I would guess that the picture was taken in the late 1800s. Cass C. Campbell died in 1904. As you look at the picture, the lighter skinned man on your left is my great-grandfather. I don't know who the other people are. Perhaps one of the boys is my grandfather Riley or my great-uncle Charles Campbell. I don't really know who the boys are. Cass Campbell and his wife (Margaret DeLong-Campbell) had two children that I know of: Riley (my grandfather) and Charles Campbell. My father told me that Cass and Margaret were engaged in several lawsuits in their later years with people in and around Whitestown and might have been pretty contentious.

Charles Campbell became a legitimate business man and was in the real estate business in Carmel. He died in the late 1950s

I think my grandfather Riley was a house painter. Family legend has it that he was not an entirely pleasant person and might have even run afoul of the law on occasion. I think he died sometime in the 1930s.... maybe 1934. I would have to check. He married a girl from Lebanon, Elizabeth Christy (I knew her and she was a saint. She died in 1946) who was the widow of a dentist named Redden. I believe they had two children, Ione and Willie. After Elizabeth married Riley, they had four children:

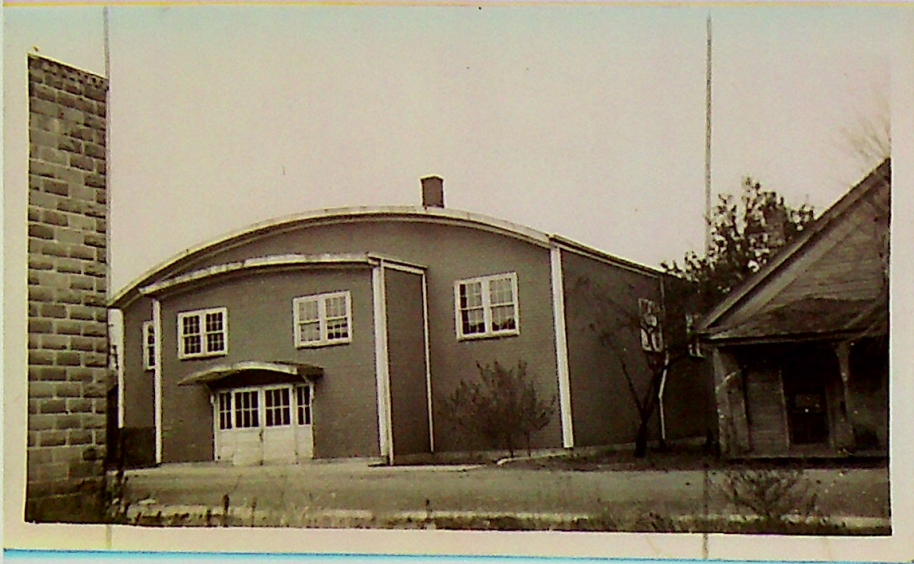
Harry Campbell
Margaret Campbell (never married)
Hervan (my father)
Beulah Campbell-Firestone - we were attending a memorial service for her son Chuck at the church last Saturday.

I am not certain of everything I've told you. It's just hearsay I've heard from family members over the years. I'm not sure how reliable it is.

I hope the attached photograph and what I've told you fills in some gaps. I certainly would be interested in any information you can provide.

Harry Campbell

1 Attached Images



Whitestown Run Down, Chin Up

By MYRTIE BARKER
Special Correspondent

WHITESTOWN, Ind.—Whitestown in southeastern Boone County between Interstate 65 and U.S. 421 is old and tired.

The aged structures in the business section look that way. So does rough Barnes Street on which they face.

There is a dreariness about it all. There is a need to spread a little fresh paint around, mend the street and give the place a forward look.

Whitestown is old—125 years, in fact.

Whitestown was one of those villages that sprang up when the Indianapolis, Cincinnati & Lafayette Railroad came through in 1851. There was a lot of that in those days. First, came the railroad, then the town.

In the beginning, it was called Germantown, but the Post Office Department wouldn't go along with that name, so it was changed to Whitestown. Some folks say it was named

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The NEWS Photo, Patty Haley

Aged structures, rough streets in downtown Whitestown.

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The atmosphere is further enhanced by an old-fashioned ice cream parlour which offers a wide variety of sodas and sundaes as well as a bird's eye view of



The new sign, painted and designed by local artist Victorene Bates, reflects the desire of the owner, Grant McGuire, to preserve the historical flavor of the building with emphasis on the heritage of the town.



Happy Thanksgiving Day!



Thanksgiving Services Planned

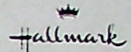
ST. MARK'S LUTHERAN CHURCH and the UNITED METHODIST CHURCH in Whitestown will each hold Thanksgiving services Wednesday evening, November 23rd, at 7:30 P. M. Everyone is welcome.

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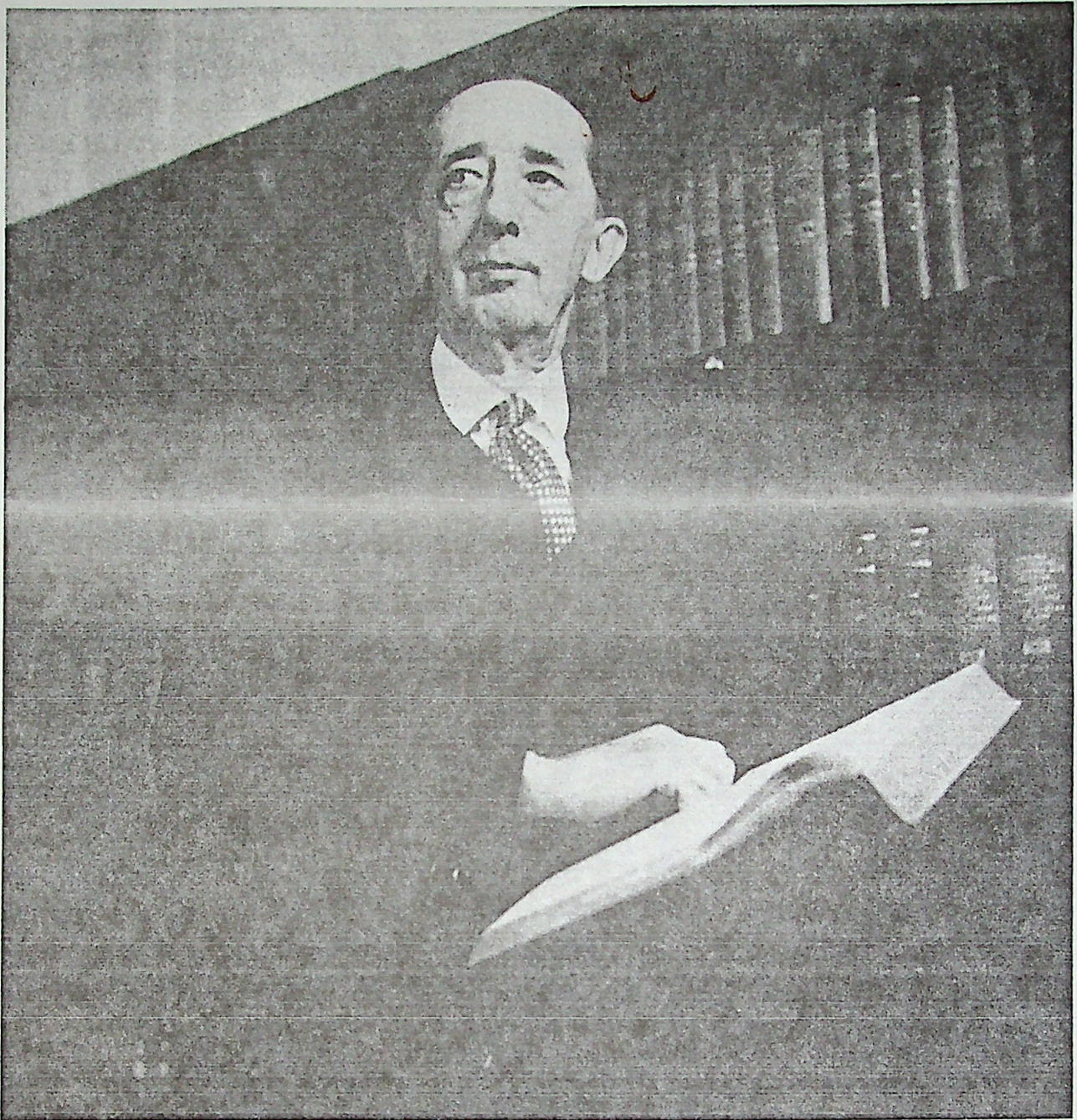
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Claude G. Bowers, United States Ambassador to Spain and to Chili under President Franklin D. Delano Roosevelt, lived his boyhood years in Boone County, attending the elementary schools in Whitestown and Lebanon.

(1917-23), New York Evening World (1923-31) and New York Journal (1931-33).

Meanwhile, the Indiana-New York newsman spent his spare time composing historical works and biographies.

The first two were "The Irish Orators" (1916) and "The Life of John Worth Kern" (1918), both published in Indianapolis. Next came "The Party Battles of the Jackson Period" (1922), "Jefferson and Hamilton" (1925), "The Tragic Era" (1929), and "Beveridge and the Progressive Era" (1932)--all bearing the imprint of Houghton Mifflin in Boston, and two being national bestsellers.

While abroad in the diplomatic service, Bowers concurrently continued his literary work. When friends marveled at his ability to accomplish so much, he replied

that he found plenty of time because he played neither golf nor bridge.

Books written overseas by Bowers included "Jefferson in Power" and "The Spanish Adventures of Washington Irving" as well as "The Young Jefferson" and "Pierre Vergniaud: The Voice of the French Revolution." "My Mission to Spain" came out in 1954; "Making Democracy a Reality" the same year; "Chile Through Embassy Windows" in 1958 (the year he died), and "My Life" was prepared for publication by his daughter four years afterward.

Bowers' service as ambassador to Spain (1933-39) coincided with the inception and actual hostilities of the Spanish Civil War. During his Chilean period (1939-53),

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Mrs. Peters Makes a Denial.

The Whitestown correspondent of The Pioneer reported last week a domestic broil in the family of H. S. Peters at that place. The Pioneer has the utmost confidence in its representative at Whitestown, and believes that he was sincere in the belief that what he wrote was the truth; yet he may have been mistaken, as it is always difficult to get at the real facts in such an affair. Mrs. Peters says the trouble between Mr. Peters and herself has been misrepresented, and goes after The Pioneer correspondent in the following vigorous manner:

WHITESTOWN, July 19.

Editor of THE LEBANON PIONEER:

I notice in last week's paper the Whitestown correspondent wrote a positive lie in regard to H. S. Peters threatening to kill me and the children. He has never used a stick or kicked either one of the family, as some sneaking liar has reported here. The correspondent had better find out the truth of talk before publishing. There are people in this place who delight in telling lies, but would not tell the truth if they were put on the witness stand. The better class of people have talked to me and I have told them the truth, but some in this place are first-class liars. The correspondent is a sneak, and I suppose he or she is a chum of Clarence Shaw, the fellow who threw a brick without any particle of cause.

MRS. H. S. PETERS.

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TWO FIRES CAUSE LOSS OF \$6,000

Whitestown Again Visited by Costly Blaze

Pioneer #4 July 1927

Whitestown and community were again visited by costly fires Tuesday night when two business properties and a farm dwelling were consumed with a total loss estimated at \$6,000. The losses in town were the Roy Sedwick battery shop and the Roy Reynolds blacksmith shop, and on the Mark Booher farm four miles south of town, the residence occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Carl Booher was destroyed.

The shop buildings were in flames when discovered about 11:30 o'clock by Seibert Hine who was returning home from Indianapolis, and although a bucket brigade was formed the volunteers were unable to save these buildings and turned their attention to saving surrounding property. For some time the fire threatened to consume the L. D. Park grocery across the street, the hardware store building owned by the Odd Fellows, and the Bankert building occupied by the Jaques Poultry Company. Several times they were on fire but the flames were extinguished before much damage was done.

The contents of the blacksmith shop were destroyed but several valuable tools in the battery shop were saved. The loss to all the buildings was about \$2,000.

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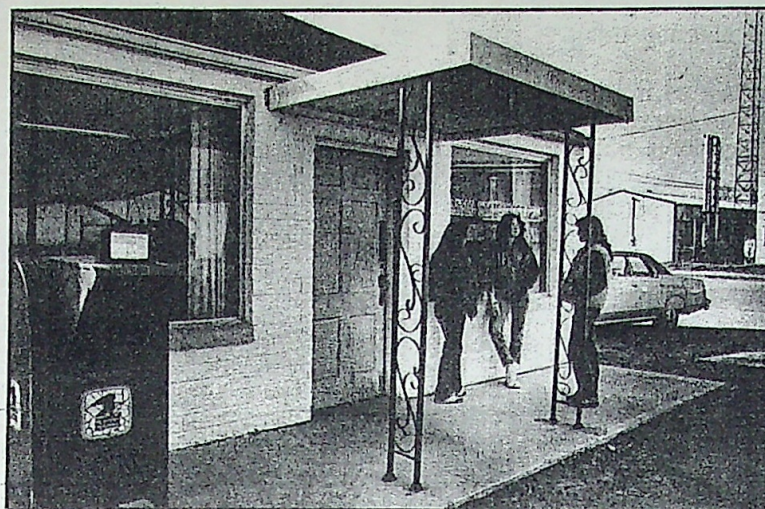
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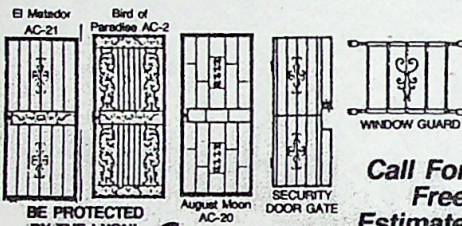
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mission to study the feasibility of the plan.

"The board's interest was that this would provide revenue for the town," recalls Jim Gamble, former clerk-treasurer. "We wanted to know if this would be a good business opportunity."

But while the study was being made, townspeople began talking among themselves, and the fear began to spread that, instead of benefiting the town, adopting the airport would bankrupt it.

"I don't think people understood what was going on about the airport," reflects former town board member Mark Zacharchuk. "I know when I moved here in January, '80, I heard a lot of airport rumors that I found out later were not true."

In the meantime, a group of residents who lived near Terry Airport and were opposed to the expansion of the facility, announced their intentions to sue the town of Whitestown if it supported Terry. Their insistence that airport expansion would be detrimental to the area only helped to fan the growing fear among many Whitestown citizens.

One of the most concerned was Whites-town resident Wayne Johnson, a member of the town board in the '50s and '60s. Rather than have the city face the interference of a lawsuit from outsiders and dead set against the airport himself, he decided to take matters into his own hands. Johnson got up a petition against the airport and took it to the town board, asking them to dissolve the Board of Aviation Commissioners before they even finished their study.

Johnson hoped his 182 petition signatures would end the airport matter, but the town board would not go along with his proposal.

"WE WERE not able to do that because we had received a federal grant to study the feasibility of the airport and hired an engineering consultant to assist

in the project," Gamble points out. "If we disbanded the aviation board without fulfilling our contractual obligations the town would have lost that federal money and had to foot the bill itself."

Gamble said the board tried in vain to explain this to the unhappy residents.

"Somehow the word got around that we had already made the agreement with the airport, that this would bankrupt the city and that we had received personal considerations to do this," Gamble points out. "This was not true and subsequent events proved that."

Gamble says that shortly after the Johnson petition, the aviation board made its recommendation not to sponsor the airfield.

"They felt it was more than our town could handle," he says. "The plan they developed showed that if everything cost what had been projected the city would have no encumbrances. But there would be no immediate benefits either."

"So the town board voted unanimously not to go ahead with it," he adds.

But Johnson, still dissatisfied with the general actions of the board, was pursuing another course of action. "After they refused to do anything (with the aviation petition) I went and filed a suit against them which brought about the election," he explains.

IN HIS suit filed in Boone Circuit Court, Johnson pointed out that the board had two members from the same ward. He also complained that, rather than being duly-elected representatives of the people, the board members were appointees of appointees.

"It seemed to me that the old board didn't try to consider the people, they just did what they wanted to do," Johnson says.

To complicate matters, another project was being proposed for Whitestown at the same time, a federally subsidized apart-

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