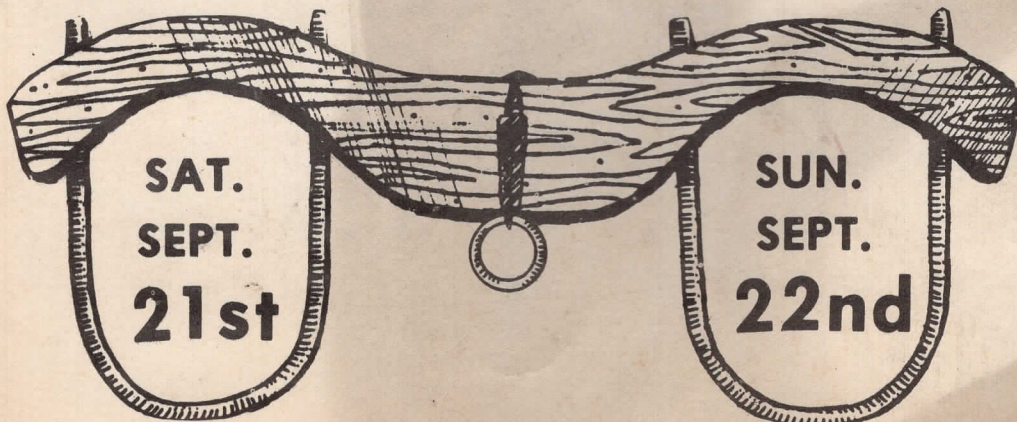


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PIONEER DAYS



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Friday-September 20, 1974

Rides Open...Main Street...8:00 P.M.-11:00 P.M.
 Teen Dance...Main Street...8:00 P.M.-11:00 P.M.

Saturday-September 21, 1974

Parade, followed by Awards
 by Congressman John Myers..Main St...10:30 A.M.
 Lassie and Laddie Presentation
 Best Dressed Pioneer Awards
 Beard Contest
 Antique Awards

Thunderchicken.....Town Ball Park.....1:30 P.M.
 with Ping Pong Ball Drop
 Husband and Hoy Calling Contest.....Main Street.....2:30 P.M.
 Rooster Crowing Contest.....Main Street.....3:00 P.M.
 Bike and Trike Decorating Contest.....Main Street.....3:30 P.M.
 Thunderchicken.....Town Ball Park.....4:00 P.M.
 Sack Race.....Main Street.....5:00 P.M.
 Egg Toss.....Main Street.....5:30 P.M.
 Street Dance.....Main Street.....8:00 P.M.

Sunday-September 22, 1974

Community Church Service.....Lions Club Park...11:30 A.M.
 Senior Citizens Beauty Contest.....Lions Club Park...12:15 P.M.
 Thunderchicken.....Town Ball Park.....1:30 P.M.
 with Ping Pong Ball Drop
 Hay Stack Hunt.....American Legion Lot2:00 P.M.
 Variety Show.....Main Street.....2:30 P.M.
 Afgan Drawing.....Main Street.....4:00 P.M.
 Thunderchicken.....Town Ball Park.....4:00 P.M.
 Watermelon Eating Contest.....Main Street.....5:00 P.M.
 Tractor Pull.....Afternoon.

Free prizes Sat. & Sun. at Ping Pong Ball Drops-Balls returned to the Community Center booth at Fire Station for free gifts. Town History on display at Fire Station..Carnival Booths and Rides..Art Show..Home made Candies and Jellies and Home made Items..Sat. Eve. Antique Auction 6:00 PM

HOME COOKED MEALS...Saturday..Noon..St. Marks Lutheran Church
 Saturday.Evening..Whitestown United Methodist Church
 Sunday..Noon.. Perry Worth Youth Football League
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Sat. and Sun. Lunch.. Eastern Star Building
 Sat. all day..Fish Fry.. American Legion



"Thunder Chicken"

Thunderchicken at Whitestown Ball Park

Saturday, Sept. 21 at 1:30 P.M.

with Ping Pong Ball drop

Saturday, Sept. 21 at 4:00 P.M.

Sunday, Sept. 22 at 1:30 P.M.

with Ping Pong Ball Drop

Sunday, Sept 22 at 4:00 P.M.

Dallas Wittgenfeld, better known as THUNDERCHICKEN is the son of Mr & Mrs George Wittgenfeld, who reside in Decatur, Ind. He is married and has two daughters. A 1967 graduate of South Adams High School in Berne, Ind. and all round athlete, he is also a former U. S. Army Airborne Ranger. He began his parachutting career with the Army in 1968 and became a Green Beret. During his tour of duty in Vietnam, he was awarded two Purple Hearts, a bronze star with valor, a silver star with valor, and numerous other commendations. Thunderchicken started his show while in Vietnam, entertaining the orphans and service men there. He made a big hit with the kids and helped them to forget the war around them. He lives with his family at Celina, Ohio and is employed as the head of security at the Jamesway Dept. Store, in Celina, Ohio.

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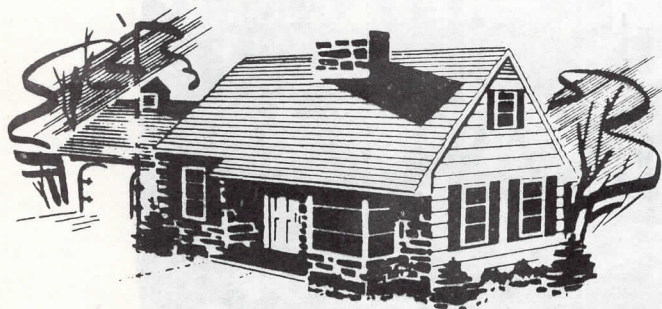
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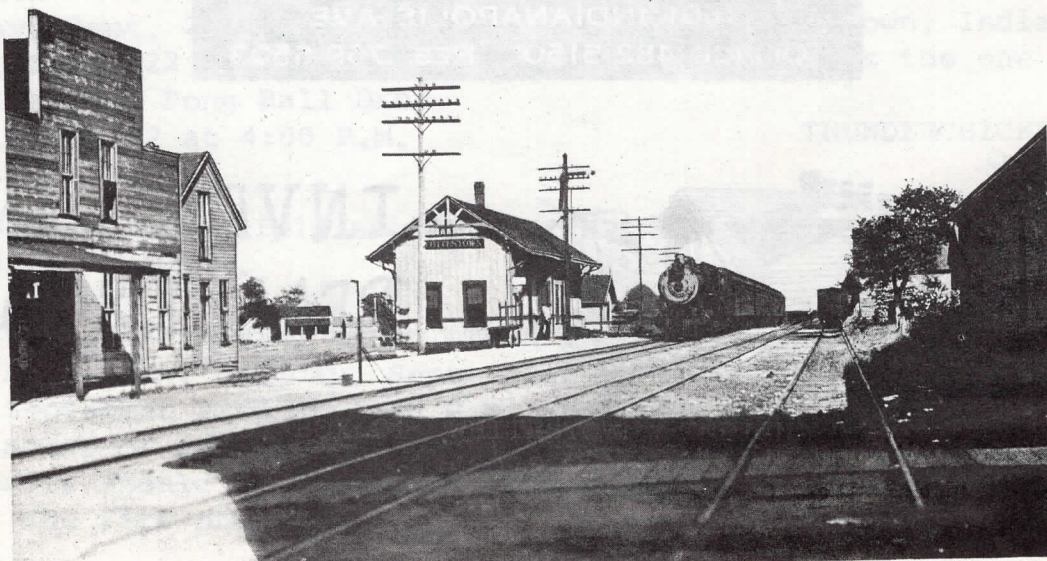
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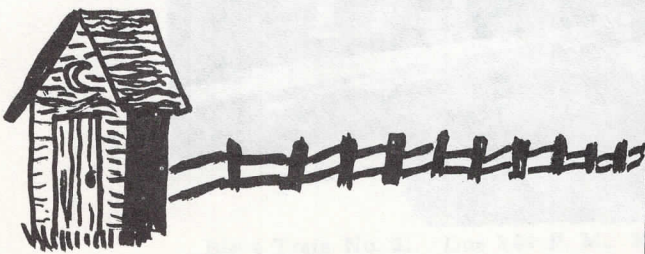
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THOUGHTS OF A RELUCTANT HOUSEWIFE

I've always wanted to hang a sign in our house that read, "If you think THIS is bad . . . you should've seen it before I cleaned." When I think that a woman's house is a reflection of her . . . I get almost depressed enough to be motivated. In fact, often, as I lay on the couch and watch the little dancing specks of light on the wall caused by the disintegrating drapery linings, . . . I think about house cleaning. Fortunately, I'm good at rationalizing.

If I cleaned, I'd deprive the kids of watching the fascinating spider aerial act in the corner of the kitchen ceiling. And then the poor dears would have nothing to do during breakfast, except fight. And that would make a boring, monotonous day for them, since fighting is what they do from breakfast on.

I reach for a bon-bon and console myself with the thought, . . . at least our house looks lived in. . . (the understatement of the year.) . . . at least I don't have one of those showplace homes that stifle a child's natural tendencies . . . (Oh would that it were so.) From my vantage point on the couch, I glance into the kitchen. That table just wouldn't look like ours, without the milk spattered on the legs.

I turn my head and contemplate all the years of careless living, muddy shoes and buttery popcorn it took to make those extra designs on the living room furniture. And that big chair over there . . . I remember how contented the cat was as she shredded the fabric.

Besides, I think to myself, not many visitors realize that the arrangement of the furniture is dependent on the latest and darkest stains on the carpet. The foot stool does look a little weird, though, sitting in the middle of the room, six feet away from any chair. Oh well.

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And another thing . . . (I think, as I stretch out, put my arms behind my head, and look at the ceiling) . . . If I DID clean good. I'd be erasing many happy memories of last summer. Like the results up there of the funny joke the kids played on Dad by shaking up his can of beer . . . And over there, on the wall, where the most gigantic fly was slaughtered with a fancy under-the-leg swing of the swatter.

Anyway, (I think, as I reach for The February Cosmopolitan) it would be kinda dumb to clean now, with Spring house-cleaning time just a few months away. (I try to mentally disregard the past four Springs that just slipped by somehow with no time for cleaning. Let's see now, why didn't I clean anyway? Oh yes, I remember . . . sun tanning in the back yard. I beat all the neighbors with the earliest tan.)

Turning on my side I see the woodwork . . . it would be a shame to wash away all those little baby hand-prints. His hand will never be that small again.

I pop another bon-bon and flop over on my back. I guess I really should try harder to instill some respect for home furnishings into the kids. But how? . . . no, that's out. I'd get sent up for life.

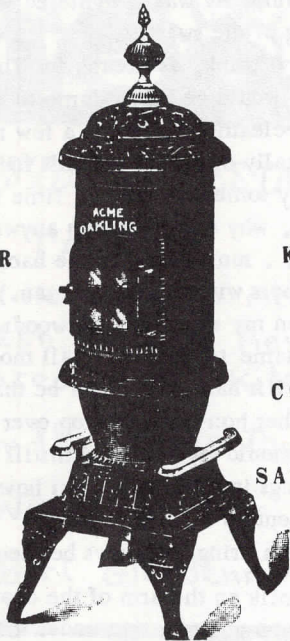
Besides, it's tiring to always be shouting, "Watch that glass of milk on the arm of the chair! . . . I've told you a thousand times that under the couch is not the place for coke cans, candy wrappers and apple cores . . . Get back into the kitchen with that peanut butter . . . if I find one more wad of gum on the floor, I'll go crazy . . ." Especially when the usual reply is, "picky, picky, picky!"

So, I've decided to accept frustration and enjoy life. After all, one day I'll be standing in the middle of my spotless empty house, mumbling "Where is Everybody?" As Myrtle Barker points out in her book by that title . . . 'a time will come to all of us, a lonesome time, when even a smudge of peanut butter on the best chair would be welcomed, if it brought our grown children home to us. These busy, hectic days will soon enough become cherished memories, warming an old woman's lonesome heart.'

(Well, lay it on me! I'm ready! I'll just wait for memory time to clean. Anyway, why fight it, when I could be reading, "Wives Run Away Too - A Startling Report.")

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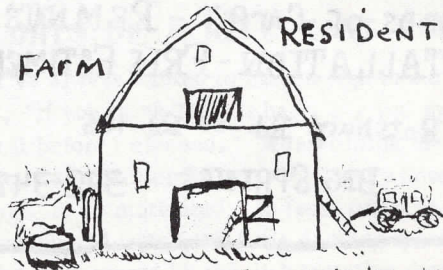
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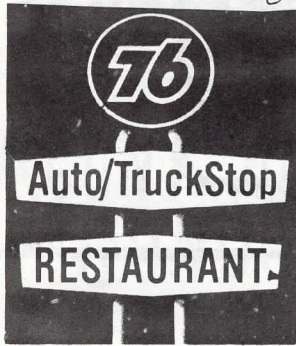
1971

The community was literally bursting out at the seams as the two day celebration was launched with a parade Saturday morning and the crowds kept getting larger as activities continued with the street dance being one of the most popular attractions, crowds staying until 3 am. Sunday.

Miss Barbara Hightower was the Pioneer Lassie, but due to illness the first runner up, Miss Ila Beck reigned for most of the activities. Also in the Queens court were Miss Carolyn Ditzenberger and Miss Vickie Weaver.

Prizes and trophies were presented to the winners of various contests. All organizational booths and exhibits were well recieved and the 300 copies of the history of Whitestown went like hot cakes.

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Early Pioneers got together whenever possible to worship. As the assemblage grew, churches were built. The first to build in Whitestown were the Disciples, around 1840. They were later joined by the Lutherans, from East of town and they formed the Newtown Church in 1852. The Methodist joined in fellowship and erected their church in 1852. A group of short-lived Newlights erected a church in the late 1800's. The Baptist joined together in 1901. At present we have three churches, St. Marks Lutheran, United Methodist and Baptist.

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The first term of school was said to have been taught by Henry Lucas in 1834, in an abandoned log cabin east of what was to become Whitestown. In 1848 Phillip Lucas, father of Henry, deeded 1/4 an acre of land for school purposes. In 1865 there were 4 schools around Worth, in 1878-eight and by 1896 all grade schools were consolidated, Worth being the first in the county to do such. A high school was not completed until 1915 and a gym was added in 1941. The first class graduated in 1916, the last in 1963 when the school merged with Lebanon.

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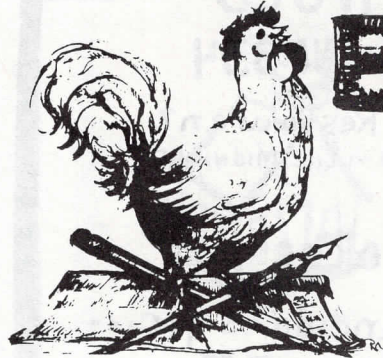
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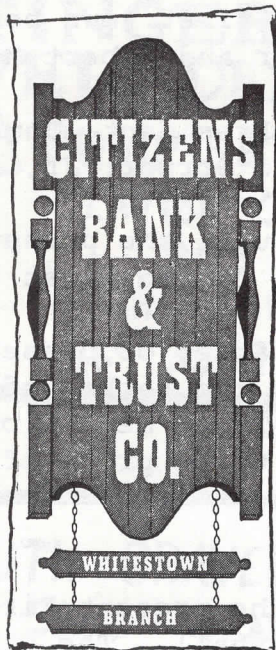
By EM PIRICAL

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BUGTUSSLE, IND.

Well sir, another year has rolled around and here it is Pioneer Days once again! Of course this year is what the big time news fellows call an off year election. That means that Pioneer Days will probably have an ample supply of politicians! It just seems like these fellows can't resist campaigning whenever they encounter a group of people! And if a parade is involved why they'll come in by the droves! I guess a politician must cherish a parade more than anything else!

Why just the other day one of Bugtussle's politicians-will Function stopped by and said, "Em, there is a parade bein' held up in Frankfort would you care to come along with me?" Scince it looked as if it was going to be a pretty quiet day here in Bugtussle I decided to accept Will's invitation! It was kind of fun riding in the parade; however, I enjoyed going around with Will meeting folks even more. Wht Will and me must have shook hands with a thousand people! I enjoy shaking hands with people. I've always kind of figured that you can tell a lot about a person the way he shakes hands! Shy folk don't give your hand a pretty good grip and look you right straight in the eye!

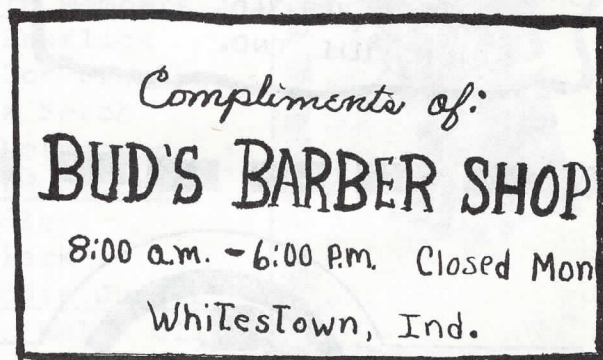
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I was afraid that folks might think I was running for something; however, they figured right off that I wasn't. I guess it was because I wasn't kissing ladies the way Will was! I suspect that if I was a politician I'd enjoy that part of campaigning even more than parades!

That evening at home my wife and I were discussing the day when I wondered out loud if you could tell as much about a ladies character by kissing her as you could by shaking hands? My wife informed me that she better not catch me exploring that idea any further! Still I can't help but wonder!

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Whitestown

Whitestown was incorporated, March 1, 1947. The first town board consisted of John Hull, Wayne Dodson, Minnice Sortor and Robert McMakin, Clerk-Treasurer, with Isaac Wilson, Town Marshall.

The present town board consists of Lowell Hull, President, James Gamble and Phyllis Johnson, Clerk-Treasurer. Donald Sortor, Jr. is Town Marshall. Wm. Bradley Garrison is town Judge.

History has a way of repeating itself. Lowell Hull, the present town board president, is the grandson of John Hull, of the first town board.

Isaac Wilson, first town marshall, is the grandfather of present marshall, Donald Sortor, Jr. Donald Sortor, Sr. is the father of Donald, Jr. and was also town marshall before Donald, Jr. Three men in one family holding the same position is quite a record to be proud of.

WHITESTOWN Firemen

The community has a Volunteer Fire Department and the present Fire Chief, Donovan Melvin also serves as Boone County Fire Marshall. The other members of the fire department are: Larry Reynolds, Wayne Johnson, John Hancock, Wallace Greeson, George Frye, John Essex, Robert Caffey, Larry Brush, Dave Robertson, Charles Kouns, Dale Ditzenburger, Dale Beutler, William Clark, Mike Copenhaver, and Arnold Kinslow.

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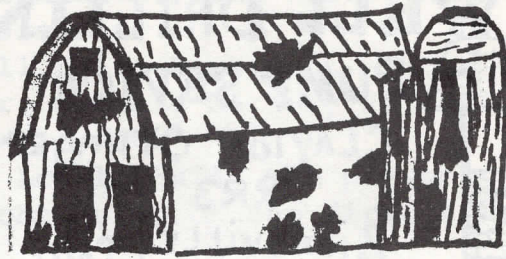
These occupations were a rarity in Whitestown. Maybe because we had so many doctors. However, one William Holler, undertaker, settled here around the early 1870's, but he must not have stayed but a few years.

Later, Jacob Laughner, a cabinet maker and John Bauner, a funeral director, established a business here.

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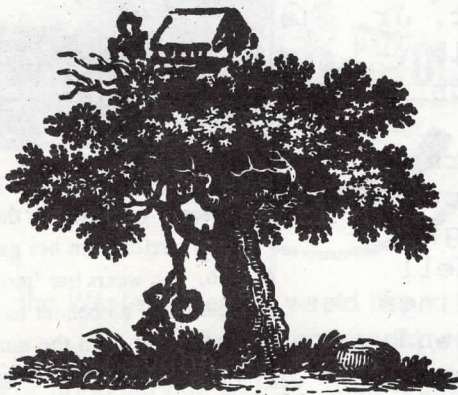
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Since we are small and have limited numbers of people, it was decided that booth space would be rented to outsiders as long as it wasn't interfering with local sales of food and game booths. Organizations that participate in food and games are; The Community Center, Little League Baseball, Little League Football, Mod Mammias Homemakers, Eastern Star Lodge, American Legion Post 410, The Lions Club And a group from 4-H.




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Eighteen students started in
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school. Four finished.

What was once Whitestowns
grade school and high school
is now owned by Col. and Mrs.
Noble Ratts. Col. Ratts has
an auction house in the old
gym and Mrs. Ratts operates
Metropolitan Beauty Accademy
in the old class rooms. This
is but one example, in the
many changes in Whitestown.



The first merchant was Harrison Spencer, soon followed by Henry Lucas and William Laughner. Simpson Trout sold his stock of goods in 1861. Items sold were tubs, 1 barrel Mollasses, Tobacco, churns, Queensware Glassware, Buckets, Sugar, Stoneware, washbowls, coffe, pepper, spice, ginger, cinnamon, soap, candy, blacking, nuts, cigars, starch, soda, cheese, crackers, mudder, celnerles, rope, brooms, thread, needles, pins, Indigo, pencils, ect. enbrassing his entire stock of goods. I would say that was a general store, but what happened to the meat, milk, bread, and potatoes? Presumably though our finest store must have been Neidlinger's operating in the 1880's, and said to have ranked with the best in Boone Co.




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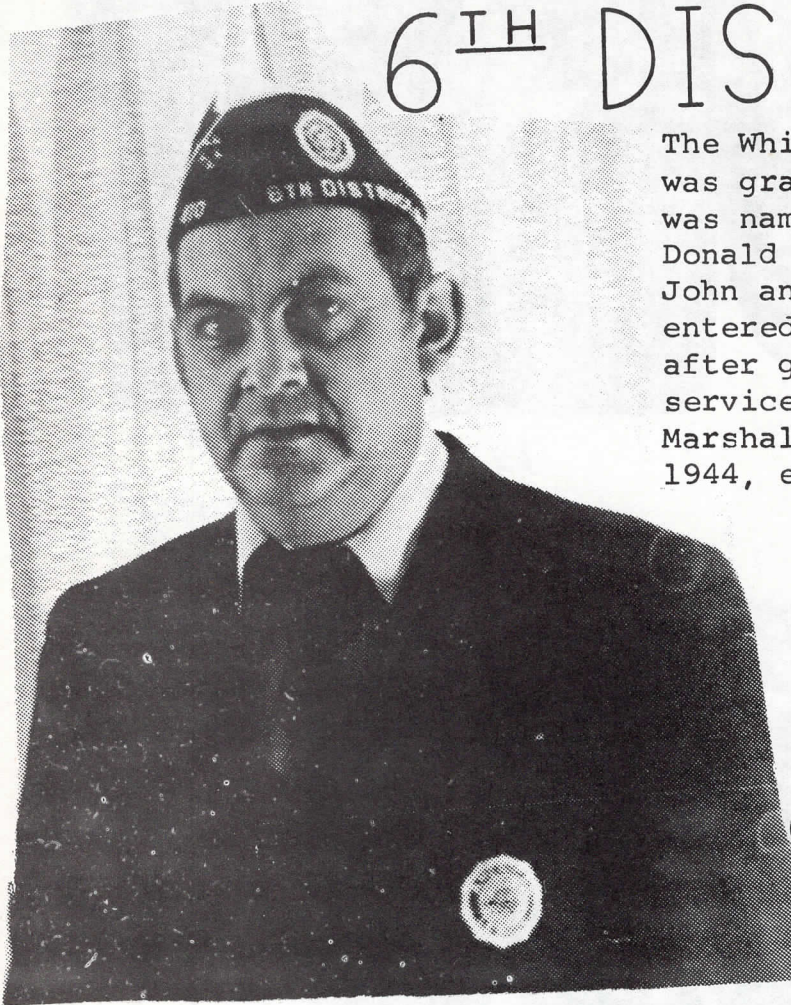
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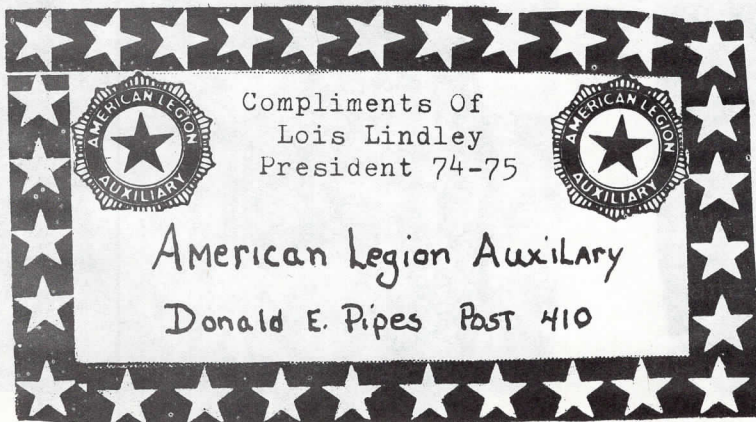
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The Whitestown American Legion, Post 410, was granted a charter on May 10, 1946. It was named in honor of Donald E. Pipes. Donald was born June 19, 1923, the son of John and Georgia Pipes of Whitestown. He entered the Army Air Force, as a tail gunner, after graduation from high school. In service he spent most of his time in the Marshall Islands and Okinawa. On July 28, 1944, eleven men took off on their last mission, one of them was an extra man their Captain. Somewhere over the ocean, they were shot down. The Legion Post first commander was Eugene Exxes, 1946. The present commander is Jerry Lawson. The life members are Horace Wheat, Ollie Byrkett, Noah Byrkett, Bill Engledow, Harry Glaze, O.H. Funkhouser and Cleo Engledow. They are all World War I veterans. The post is proud of its sixth year, as 100 % membership awards. It, as well as the Auxiliary donate time and money to the Lafay-

ette Old Soldiers Home, Knightstown Childrens Home and Veterans Hospital. The Auxiliary was granted a charter in 1948, with Donna Gifford as president. Life members are Georgia Pipes, mother of Donald, and Dyanthe Byrkett. The president now is Mrs. Lois Lindley. Lois has 1000 hours of service in the Veterans Hospital, making a combined total of 4000 hours. The first meetings were held upstairs, over the print shop and later they purchased the Hine Pharmacy Bldg. The restaurant was rented out and the upstairs used as a meeting place. The building was condemned and torn down. The new one was built around 1967 and an addition purchased in 1973.





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Today, Whitestown has, Little League, Pee Wee, Minor, Major and Babe Ruth teams. With the money they raise, they have Ware Field, located in the Lions Club Park, new dugouts and a concession stand. Their money is also used for uniforms and baseball equipment. Today's coaches are John Stevens Kent Glendenning, Edwin Hine, Robert Mills, Dewey Albrecht and Rod Lane.

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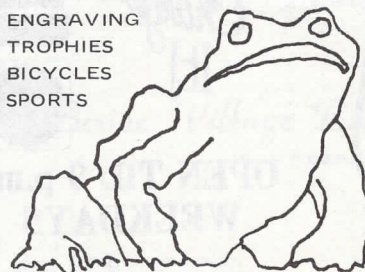
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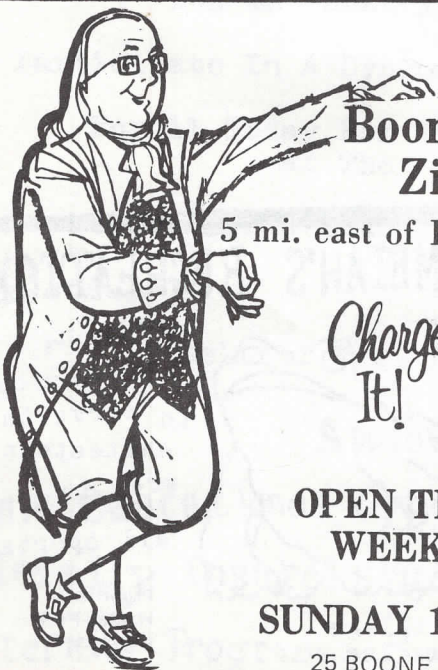
It has been the congregating place of dignitaries and town folks, plus several visitors. Among the list of Jail Birds are, Congressman John Myers, Senator Keith McCormick, Country Western singer Pee Wee King and Cowboy Bob.

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Richard Lingle served as emcee for the various events and Congressman John Myers was the Parade Marshall. Winner of the Lassie contest was miss Debbie Knaflich, other Lassie candidates were Miss Penny Brower, Miss Geraldine Dreiling and Miss Leisa Willis.



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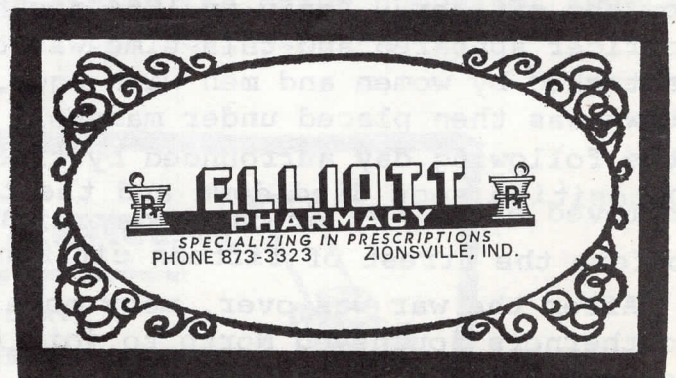
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THE CIVIL WAR

The years before the Civil War, many families came up from the South. Some were from slave owning families, others opposed slavery.

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These were the years, not only of growing times but also of trying times. With the talk of war with the South, over the right of slavery, many forsake their homes and came North. When the rumbles grew stronger, relatives came to join others.

Most of our population at that time were strong Southern Democrats and when war was finally declared, conflict became evident within our county. Going off to battle, meant fighting friends and families that had remained in the south.

If a man had money he could hire another in his place. If not, he himself was taken to battle. Many hurried at the first call.

During this time a group of Citizens formed an organization opposing the war and called themselves, "The Knights Of the Golden Circle". When an enlisting officer came to town in 1861, the trouble began. For in the Whitestown area, the Circle was the strongest. One man pulled a gun and was arrested by the officer. Again in 1864 another officer appeared and this time was openly attacked by women and men with eggs. The town was then placed under marshall law and the following day surrounded by troops. Opposition soon died down and the troops removed after two or three days. But not before the arrest of fifteen citizens.

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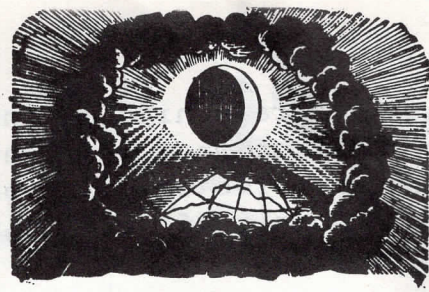
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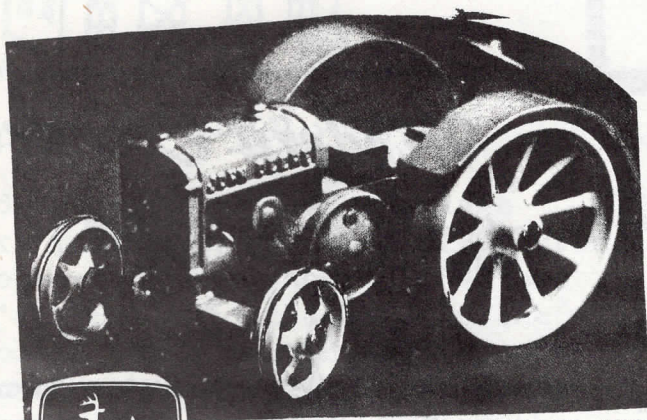
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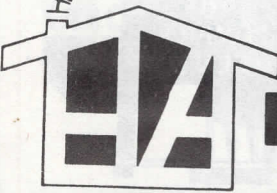
Jewell (Hine) Funkhouser and Janice West have been busy looking up records, talking to people and reading old newspapers. A lot is still needed to make the second edition a success. Mrs. Funkhouser has copied the census for Boone County from 1850-1880. Mr. Ralph Stark, supplied us with the 1830-1840 Census. We now have names of families to 1880, but it is hard tracing branches thereafter. If you have any information and would like your family in the new book, please

contact us. All information will be appreciated. If a mistake was made in the first book, please let it be known also. Anyone wishing to contribute a story of family or personal memories, of the town, school days, special events or of another person that you feel should be mentioned, please write to: Mrs. Janice West, P.O. Box 7 Whitestown, Ind. 46075

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The thrashing machine crew, with neighbors helping each other and the women cooking up a big noon meal, after which favorite stories were told. Maple trees topped each spring.

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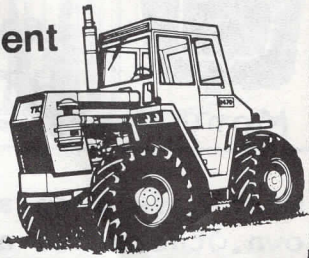
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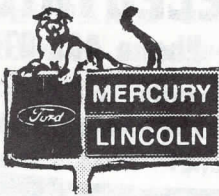
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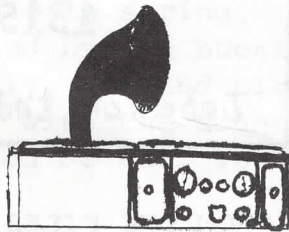
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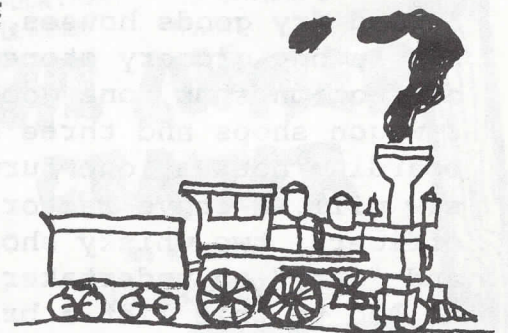
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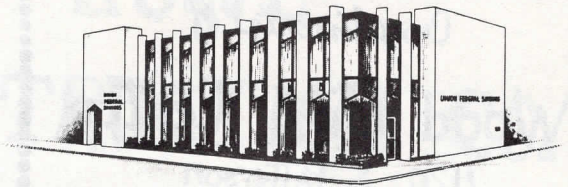
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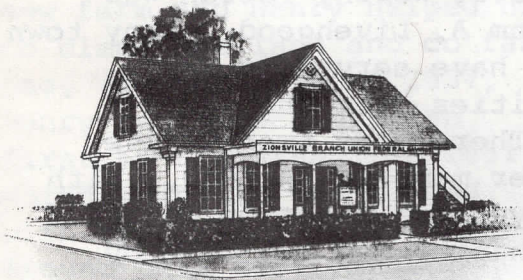
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Pioneer Days

1972

Whitestown was really on the map with a temporary population explosion as thousands thronged to the community for the second annual Pioneer Days. The crowd was larger than in 1951 when we celebrated our Centennial.

The celebration featured several historical displays, carnivals, and booths prepared by towns people. Food was served both days by the Eastern Star Lodge, St. Marks Lutheran Church and the Methodist Church.

Pioneer Lassie was Miss Pam Clark, members of her court were; Brend Marling, Judy Gramlin and Brenda Dean.

There were three dances staged Saturday night with two in the downtown area and one at the Lions Park for the young people. The music went on until the wee hours.

Sunday was started with an old-time church service in the park. The Lutheran and Methodist Churches lead the march from the South end of town to the North end, picking up members of the Baptist Church then proceeding into the park.

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EASTERN STAR

The Whitestown Chapter, number 248 of the order of Eastern Star, was first organized, January 13, 1900 in Celestial Hall, which at that time was located over the present Whitestown Dispatch office. Meetings were first held on the first and third Friday evening. Later this was changed to first and third Saturday evening. Meetings are presently held on the third Wednesday, after Masonic night. The first Worthy Matron was Jennie Little

and first Worthy Patron was William A. Livengood. Many town folks have served in these capacities over the years.

There were twenty-five charter members in 1900. With twenty-three names on petition for chapter and two came by demit from Lebanon. All twenty-five charter members are deceased now but there are fifteen members on the fifty year or more, active membership and they are proud to wear their award, the gold pin. Present membership is 175.

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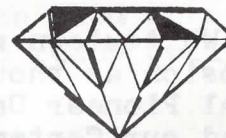
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During our primitive years, perhaps the most notable and enterprising individual, was Henry Lucas, the grandson of a Hessian soldier. Henry was born in 1813, in Fayette County, Penn. The son of Phillip and Hannah Lucas. In 1836, Phillip Lucas purchased uncleared land from the government, in Boone County. His family followed him to the new farm and Henry helped him to clear the land and do farming. In the fall of 1837, Henry taught school, the first in the area. In 1851, Worth Township was formed, with Henry it's first trustee. Around this time, he opened a general store, the third in our newly aquired settlement. He must have been instrumental in gaining Whitestown a postoffice serving as it's first Postmaster. He was also our first Justice of the Peace. Around 1860, he purchased a steam engine, which was used to operate a Grist Mill and Saw Mill, thus helping the town in creating more trade and more shipping of goods. Henry also gained fame throughout Boone County, as one of the finest paper lawyers in the Circuit Court. He was defeated in 1874 for the nomination of county recorder. In 1881, he moved, with his son, to Putman County, where he died in 1886.

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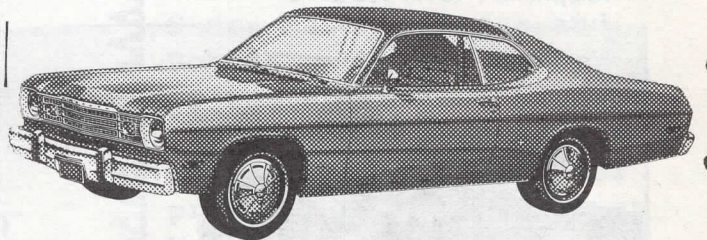


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THE BEGINNING OF A TOWN

The pioneers came in their covered wagons, bringing with them the necessities of life. Land was purchased and the long, hard work of clearing it began. The fallen trees were used to build homes, sometimes the home was just a lean to, so more time could be spent in getting the fields cleared, to plant much needed crops and gardens.

After the fields were sowed and homes built, the forming of a community would take place. The religious gatherings were most important and usually followed by a school for the young.

Trading, borrowing and helping each other, was important to survive the primitive life. Supplies that could not be had, would mean a trip lasting, sometimes, several days, over trails that could only be traveled in fair weather.

As life became less hectic and more land was cleared, it encouraged the people to create business.

Usually, there was a son, old enough to go his way or a father with enough sons to till the soil. William Laughner took crops to Indianapolis and purchased merchandise for resale. David Ray went into the wagon business. Henry Lucas taught school, several went into blacksmithing. Soon it was learned that a railroad would pass through. In 1849, Ambrose Neese purchased land and in 1851-52, plotted the first lots in what became known as Whitestown. It was first called, New Germantown, (showing our German ancestry) but a post office could not be gained under that name, so it was changed to Whitestown.



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Men and Women of the Whitestown News Media

The first known newspaper published in Whitestown, was the Whites-town Enterprise, in the early 1880's, published by W. B. Harris. In 1889 a weekly paper, The Whitestown Hearold, was established. Both of these early papers charged an annual rate of \$1.00

In 1901, The Hustler, established by Ora McDaniel, began publication and in 1914 was bought by Smith and Darnell, who named it The Whites-Town Dispatch. In 1918 they sold the Dispatch to Benjamin McMakin and his wife, Ida Belle (Gorman). They printed it in the upstairs of the building now occupied by the Whitestown Branch of Citizens Bank and Trust. All type was hand set, up to this time. In May 1926, McMakin bought linotype. He then rented the present Dispatch location. Until Mr. McMakin's death in October, 1944, the building was rented. Ben's son Bob and wife Catherine (Thomas), who for many years had helped the elder McMakins, took over the business. They purchased the present building, the following year and continued the publication until 1946. Advertising became increasingly difficult to obtain and they decided to devote their time to job printing. The McMakins specialized in printing school year-books, club booklets, programs and for a while the Lebanon Hi Paper, The

Pennant and the Whites-town Hi paper, the W.H.S. Booster. Catherine has been correspondent for the Lebanon Reporter since 1936. She is author of The Whitestown Centennial History (1951). Bob graduated from Whitestown in 1923 and Married Catherine in 1928. Both are active in The Whitestown United Methodist Church, Eastern Star, Masonic Lodge and Bob is a charter member of the Whitestown Lions Club and has been active in Boy Scouts. They now print the Regular Baptist Messenger and accept small print job work order.

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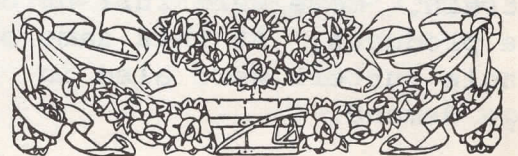
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PIONEER DOCTORS



Early doctors were truly the brave. They were underpaid and overworked. Most received their degrees by self-teaching. Usually an apprenticeship was served under another doctor. A book was purchased, if possible, and a shingle hung.

Of course, this very seldom brought the practice to the doctor, in all likelihood, he had to saddle his horse, grab his bag and fight wind and snow, to get to the sick. If lucky, he was paid cash but sometimes payment would consist of apples, corn chickens or anything else the good doctor would agree to.

Dr. Samuel Ross was the first known doctor to hang out his shingle in our newborn town. He was born in Ohio and first settled near Royalton. In 1851, he purchased a lot on the North West corner of the track. In order to sustain his occupation, he built a drugstore, selling groceries and supplies on the side. In later years he was postmaster and an agent for the railroad. Other early doctors were, Starkey, Larimore, Strain, Bowers, Lane, Hardy, J. T. Ross and Millikan. Perhaps the most remembered were Jordan, Little and Taylor, all of the early 1900s and Drs. Harvey and Lovett, the last two doctors to practice in Whitestown.

Whitestown has no practicing doctor at this date, perhaps some enterprising young medical student would be interested in starting out like his forerunners.

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The Old Pioneers

Oh, I love to read the story
Of the grand old pioneer,
Living in his little cabin
On the wild, wierd frov-tier.

Far away from native homestead
By childhood's memories blest,
When this goodly land of ours
Was a wilderness, out west.

Oh, I fancy now I see him
Sitting in his cabin door,
In the shadows of the evening,
When the hard day's work is o'er.

In the forest dark and gloomy,
Clustering all around his home,
Undergrown with briars and bushes
Where the bear and panther roam,

And the prowling wolf in shyness,
For the sarkness lies in wait,
Whilst he sits alone in silence,
Dreaming of his native state.

All unconscious of the darkness,
And the dangers lurking nigh,
Until wakened from his musings,
By the panther's fearful cry:

Borne upon the night winds chilly,
Heard above the rustling leaves,
Then ge blinds the little windows,
Just beneath the clapboard eaves,

Piles the rough wood in the corner,
On the heavy puncheon floor,
Draws the string in through
the latchet
Fastens well the oaken door.

Wife and children all around him
Sleeps he 'til the morning sun,
Safe as any king in palace,
With his faithful dog and gun.

Honest hands by toiling hardened,
Honest hearts that knew no fears,
Oh, I love to hear the story
Of the grand old pioneers.



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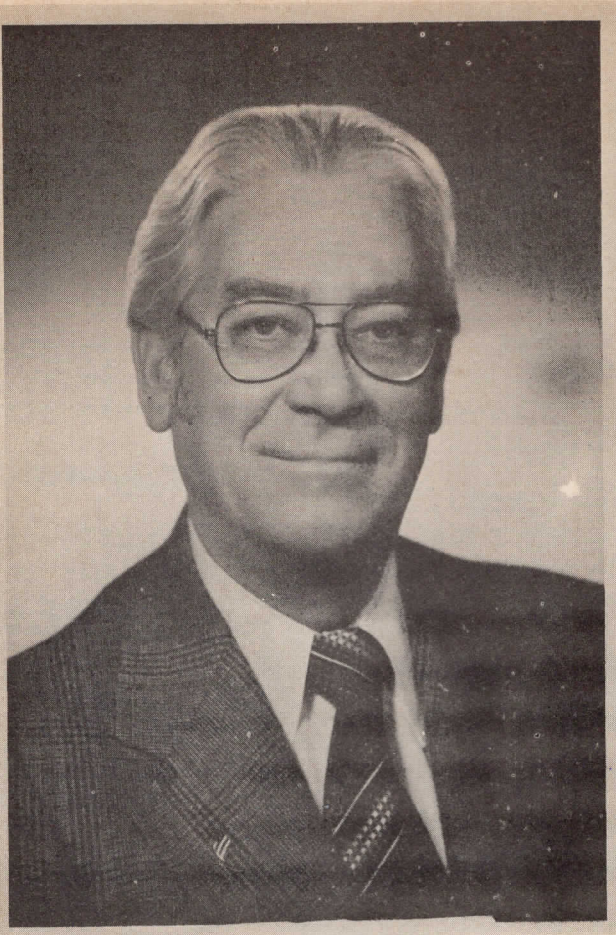
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