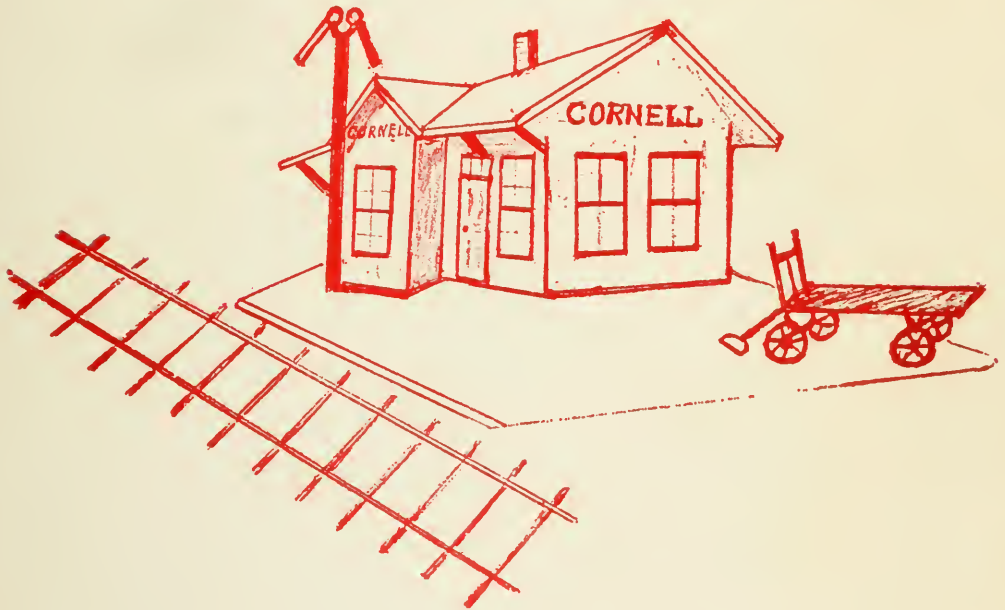


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The
CENTENNIAL HISTORY
of
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THANKS

No undertaking such as the writing of the Centennial History of Cornell could be accomplished single handed. Many, many willing Cornell people have had a part in writing our book. It would be impossible to list them all, but we do thank you for your ready assistance. It may be inaccurate in some spots, but the facts are printed as we read them in histories, old newspapers and as friends gave them to us. Time and space will not allow us to tell you more.

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Dedication

We dedicate this book to our pioneer fathers and mothers who braved the hardships of an open prairie and paved the way for an easier life for generations who follow them.



TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

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Cornell

A little village in the heart of Illinois
Not famous for anything
But
Struggling on for a hundred years
Struggling to keep its place in the sun
And it won
A hundred years
Of sunshine and rain
Cold and heat
Birth and death
A little place
Where people
Laughed
And Loved
And Learned
There were many hardships in its struggle to survive
The settlers worked together
Formed a lasting friendship
Built the churches, schools and homes
Prayed together
Stayed together
And the village grew
It sent its sons to many wars in a century
Some returned
Some not
But all were honored.
Dozing peacefully, like Rip Van Winkle
Never fully awakened by the giant Progress
Aware
And yet not really affected by change
Though there were many changes in this Hundred
Years
Buggies, to cars, to planes
Candles to electricity
Radios, television
And trips to the moon
Many changes
But this little village in the heart of Illinois
Still holds its place in the sun.

Eola Beckwith Mills

Cornell Today



CORNELL WATER TOWER



C-R TELEPHONE CO. AND POSTOFFICE



CORNELL GRADE SCHOOL



CORNELL HIGH SCHOOL

OUR OVER NINETY CITIZENS



Mr. John Carlson—99



Mrs. Emma Bennett—96



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OUR OVER NINETY CITIZENS

John Carlson (Our Oldest Citizen)

Mr. John Carlson, 99 years young, lives three miles south and two miles west of Cornell, on the Amity Township line. He is our oldest citizen and lives on his same 160 acre farm with his daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Cox.

Born in Sweden in 1874, Mr. Carlson left his homeland at the age of 19, to come to the USA. He arrived in Graymont, Ill. in 1893, at the home of his brother, Frank, who was already settled here. He hired out as a farm hand for 50 cents a day and started farming on his own in Rooks Creek Township in 1899.

Mr. Carlson became a naturalized citizen in September

1898 and cast his first vote for President William McKinley. He married Clara Ryerson in 1901 and very soon started farming in Amity Township, where he still resides. They were parents of Gilman, now of Rochester, Indiana; Maurine, with whom he now lives; and Evelyn of Highland Park, Ill. He has six grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren. Mrs. Carlson died in 1936.

Mr. Carlson is a member of the First Lutheran Church of Pontiac and the Livingston County Farm Bureau. He retired from active farming in 1943.

Mr. Carlson's favorite pastimes are reading, and watching TV.

Emma Bennett (Our Oldest "Cornell" Citizen)

NINETY-SIX years have hardly slowed our own jovial Mrs. Emma Bennett too much!! Warm weather always brought out the fishing pole, bait and Mrs. Bennett, when she could so often be seen headed southwest towards the river or else putting in her garden and flowers, which she loves so dearly.

Mrs. Bennett was born January 7, 1877 in Polia, Indiana, coming to Illinois in 1900. She married Dove Bennett in 1901, making their home in Dana, where they operated a restaurant for seven years. They farmed in the Dana, Long Point, Blackstone and Cornell areas until 1931, when they moved into their present home. Dennis (deceased), Dessa, Gilbert, Viola, Blanche (deceased), Geneva, and Ruby (deceased) were their children.

Dessa married Francis Jamison and are parents of Francis, Jr., Darlene and Nancy, now living in Streator. Gilbert married Alice Taylor of Long Point, parents of Kenneth and Karen, now resides in Indianapolis, Indiana. Viola, now of Burbank, California, married Clyde Hahn and have James, Don and Helen. Geneva married Paul Scrogam of Streator. Ruby married Don Skaggs of Streator and they have a daughter, Carolyn. There are 24 great-grandchildren. Mr. Bennett is deceased.

Mrs. Bennett stays very active, living alone, does her own house work, still has her own garden and flowers in summer and sews as her hobby. She knits and has pieced 14 quilts the past year as gifts for her great granddaughters. She goes to Bingo once a week and stays interested in visiting with everyone. Last year she received 96 birthday cards for her 95th year, which pleased her so much. She attributes her happy long life to her early Christian training and her many helpful friends and neighbors. She is truly one of the friendliest, "great" ladies of "our town".

Minnie (Beckman) Santelman

Minnie (Beckman) Santelman was born to Mary and John Beckman December 2, 1881, in Germany. She came to America with her parents at the age of eleven months. They first came to Chicago; then they came to Blackstone, where her father farmed until moving to Steen, Minnesota.

She came back to Illinois on a visit, and met Edward Santelman, son of Sophia and Henry Santelman. He was born in LaSalle County May 21, 1879. They were married February 6, 1902, in Steen, Minnesota. Mr. Santelman passed away December 20, 1960.

To this union, one daughter, Lula May, was born. She married Reno Barton November 27, 1924. He passed away April 24, 1972.

Lula and Reno Barton had two sons, Kenneth and William. Kenneth married Helen Janssen, and they have two children, Richard and Judy. Ken is chairman of the Division of Technology at Rock Valley College at Rockford.

William Barton married Barbara Smith, and they have five children, Brian, Beth, Brad, Blair and Brett. William has purchased the family farm from his grandmother, so the farm is now in the third generation.

At the age of 91, Mrs. Santelman still keeps busy with housework, crocheting, and sewing. She goes to church and Sunday School every Sunday. Her philosophy is, "That I may live each day with quiet courage and find daily joy in serving my master".

Amity Township History



Mr. and Mrs. Harrison Carroll living in stone house or "Castle" in 1890. They were the grandparents of Carroll Springer now of Cornell.

Amity or Buckley Township is one of the thirty-six townships of Livingston County. It means friendship or good will and this was well selected trait of the Buckleys who settled in Livingston County.

Amity is township 29 N and Range 4-E in the county. This township was perhaps the most generally settled by the date 1843 of any in the county. It had within its limits around 200 persons in about forty families. Unlike many neighborhoods, whoever came usually remained. This society was better than that found in most frontier places, and the interest manifested in Educational enterprises was praiseworthy.

The township of Amity was one of the first twenty organized in the County in 1858. Electors assembled on the sixth day of April in 1858 and proceeded to organize by the election of Liberty Louderback as moderator and Walter Cornell, Clerk pro tem. Reason McDouglass was elected Supervisor; Charles Hallam, Clerk; James Bradley and Liberty Louderback, Justice of Peace; Walter Cornell, Assessor; Moses Allen, James Gourley and E. W. Breckenridge, Commissioners of Highways.

On the question of keeping up stock, the vote stood singularly unanimously for allowing stock to run at large. Doubtless this can be explained by the fact that Amity, being one of the most heavily timbered townships in the

county and the farms being already fenced by this time, the owners preferred the free use of the vacant prairie lands for pasture, rather than the trouble of herding their stock.

Amity Township is one of the best watered and was one of the best timbered townships in Livingston County. To the early settlers there were three special attractions in this new County—wood, water, and stone and a bountiful supply of game. These were all found in the vicinity of Amity Township.

The Vermillion River passes almost directly through the center of the township from the southeast to the northwest. Rooks Creek comes in from the south and forms a junction with the Vermillion near the center of the township. Scattering Point and Short Point Creeks flow from the south, and empty into the Vermillion, near the northwest corner of the township. Mud Creek flows through the northeastern part of the township, and empties into the Vermillion in Newtown Township. There are several other smaller tributaries which furnish water to almost every section of land in the township.

Each of these creeks was fringed with a belt of timber, varying in width from a quarter to one and a half miles in width, so that originally, fully one half of the township was well timbered.

Coal, doubtless underlies the entire township. Shafts were sunk north and west of Cornell a good many years ago, and a good quality of coal was found. Some open pit mining was also done. The results can be seen today by the small piles of shale.

In 1839 Walter Cornell, from Rhode Island, located in the county. He was an engineer, treasurer, collector and a school commissioner. For eleven years he was township supervisor. The town of Cornell was laid out by him in 1871, and he was the first Postmaster, and later Amos Edwards held that position, and he also taught school for fifty cents a day.

Moses and Hiram Allen settled in the township as early as the spring of 1837. They farmed and Moses was Supervisor for five terms.

Philip Nigh set foot on Amity soil in 1840. Nigh Chapel and a cemetery are located near the old homestead, and are named for him. He was Postmaster at Rooks Creek for a number of years. He and his wife were prominent Methodists in that community.

Charles Earp came from England in early childhood to this area with his parents, and James Bradley came with his family in the mid 1800's. They came from Navoo, and he later served as a county court justice.

John Mitchell was the first Norwegian to settle in the township. His neighbors called him the Norwegian King, because he owned around 1,000 acres of land, and was such a generous man to his neighbors.

Nathan Springer was also an early settler. Thomas Gregory, a minister, and his wife came here in the late 1850's.

Three Ohioans, Thomas N. Reynolds, Samuel K. Reynolds, and Elmer Breckenridge were the first to make permanent settlement in Amity Township. The wife of one of the Reynolds died and her coffin was made from a walnut log cut from the timber. There were other Reynolds that came from Ohio. One Cornelius W. Reynolds, was a physician; Joseph Reynolds, sheriff and tax collector; John Reynolds, built the first grist mill, and was justice of peace. He married the first couple in the township, Isaac Painter and Nancy Springer. Thomas Prindle, another man from Ohio, was the first blacksmith.

In the mid 1800's Henry Morris, Thomas Arman and William Reynolds arrived from Indiana. Henry Morris preached in the cabins of the neighborhood each Sunday. Samuel Boyer arrived from Pennsylvania by the way of Ohio, Mississippi and Illinois Rivers to take over when Morris died. Then the settlement was increased by the arrival of Thomas Louderback and Uriah Springer and their families. They located on what is now known as Scattering Point and South Point. Levi Louderback, a son, resided in the township for 71 years and until his death.

Uriah Springer, Albert Moore, William Popejoy and Morris served as county commissioners. They were presented a bill from Henry Weed for \$4.12½ cents (who was circuit clerk) for paper, sand and ink. They failed to mention what the sand was used for.

Calvin Blue came to Amity Township in 1848. He served in the Civil War under General Thomas. John Lucus came here in 1856 and located near what is now known as Cornell. Others that located here were William P. Davis, Morris Foley, James H. Hayes, William McVay and Presley Lucus. A little later Reuben Long and Eben Perry were among the early settlers of Amity Township.

The first schoolhouse was erected in 1840 on section 16. The logs for the building were cut and hewn from the timber by the early settlers and the building put together on the mutual assistance plan. The first teacher in this "Academy" was Miss Elizabeth Miller. It was a subscription school of three months and the tuition was \$1.50 per term. The three R's were taught and the teacher's salary was \$2.00 per week. She was required to make goose quill pens and ink from berries for her scholars.

In 1836 Henry Morris erected the first cabin in the township. It was located on a wooded point, located four and a half miles southwest of Cornell. Later this cabin was torn down and the logs were sawed into shorter lengths and used in building a smaller cabin. This was located a few rods to the east of the original one. This cabin a years later was replaced by another cabin and it may be seen in this location today.

The census report accounted for one thousand two hundred and fifty two people in the township for the year of eighteen hundred and ninety. Of this number four hundred and thirty were living in Cornell.

Amity is bordered by Newtown Township on the north, Esmen on the east, Rooks Creek on the south and Long Point on the west.

Today most of the township is farmland. Some of the implements of agriculture, used in the early time were very primitive. At first, it was not supposed that the vast prairies to the east and west would ever be cultivated. The little bar-share plow, with the wooden mold-board, in common use in the Eastern States, was thought to be incapable of turning over the prairie sod that was matted with grass roots and was as hard as almost any hickory withes. Soon the inventive genius of the Yankee supplied an article, though somewhat rude and unwieldy, with which most of the plains have been brought into cultivation. The original "sod-plow" is seen no more, as it has long since outlived its usefulness. The most modern machinery can be seen in the township today, and farming is a most profitable occupation. Modern fertilizers and scientific farming have resulted in enormous yield increases the last few years.

The year of eighteen hundred seventy one was an eventful one for this part of the county as it saw the completion of a railroad through this section and a trading post located in the midst of the township which, within a few years grew in size and influence beyond the expectations of its enthusiastic friends. Of all the nine stations located on this railroad, in the township, Cornell is the only village remaining today.

In the early thirties an all weather hard road was completed, and it crossed the township from west to east. Today surveying is being done preparatory to widening, resurfacing and some relocations of this route. As of today our railroad is used sparingly and will run only upon request.

The friendly Kickapoo Indians roamed the land around Cornell and Amity Township and the Chenoa area. They came to this territory from the south and east part of America. They were typical American Indians, with a copper complexion and long black hair. This is evidenced by artifacts of various kinds found here today, including some pottery and Indian axes and arrow heads. They hunted, fished and farmed along the river bottoms. The clear sparkling streams abounded with many types of fish which they caught for food. The prairie abounded with game, including the bison, so the men and boys did a lot of hunting. The bison were exterminated with the advent of the white man, and firearms. Beans, corn, potatoes, sweet potatoes, pumpkins, tomatoes and squash were the farm products.

A dinner with these Indians might consist of venison, coon, opossum, turtle, fish, corn coked on the cob, beans, potatoes. These were generally all cooked or boiled together. These Indians numbering around 650 souls, remained in Amity until around the eighteen forties. These Indians were Christianized and established missions all along their trails. They were removed by the government to lands to the west of St. Louis. They finally stopped to camp on government land in Kansas.

The Kickapoo Indians were friendly with the Pottawottamies who had their headquarters around LeRoy. Sometimes they would hunt and fish together. In 1828 headquarters for the Kickapoos was near Indian Grove, in

Livingston County.

We must not fail to mention another old land mark found in Amity Township and that was an old stone house called the "Castle". It stood along the Vermillion River in the north edge of section 5. Pictures show that this stone house in its original form was made entirely of stone. It was called the "Castle" because of its resemblance to ruined castles in foreign countries. Thomas Campbell, the builder, came here in 1826 from LaSalle County. He spent several years as a squatter enjoying living in his hut, fishing and hunting before he built his "Castle". This Castle was built of stone quarried along the Vermillion River. This cabin stood a little east of the old Illini Trail. Today it is known as the Kickapoo and Pottawottamie trail. This trail later became known as the old State Road. It followed along the Vermillion River through the county and Amity Township. It joined Dixon, Ill., and Danville, Ill. The exact date of the erection of this "Castle" is unknown. A nine room two-story log cabin also built along side this stone structure and served to accommodate travelers. It was built by Joseph Reynolds. The Federal Road ran within ten feet from the door of these structures. Many early settlers used this route coming to this new country and camped along the road in Amity Township.

Today Amity Township is a modern community of many religions and people. There are several modern camp grounds along the streams and along the Vermillion River Valley. It has good productive farm land, along with several modern churches, a modern grade school and a fine high school.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford St. John

Cornell History



WALTER CORNELL



JESSIE CORNELL, HIS DAUGHTER

Born in Newport, Rhode Island in 1811. Born of Quaker parents. In 1838 he came west by way of the Lakes landing at Chicago. He was an engineer on the Illinois and Michigan Canal. He worked a year and embarked in an agricultural life, having purchased a quarter section of land in section 2, Amity Township, where he lived the remainder of his life, devoted to farming and stock raising. He established the first Sunday School in Livingston County. Nine children were born of his second marriage. Eight died in infancy. One remaining being Jessie. She died in 1936. They made their home on the old homestead, north end of Cornell. The residence was a frame structure containing nine rooms, built about 1854. The house was last tenanted by Mrs. Betty Erschen and has since been burned. Mr. Cornell died May 5, 1889.

The Village of Cornell is located in Amity township, Livingston County, Illinois. The Vermillion River flows in a northerly direction about two miles west of the center of the village. At the time Cornell was founded and named by Walter B. Cornell on June 15, 1871, there was a population of 600. Walter Cornell plotted the Village north of the present site, from the southwest quarter of Section 11. Walter Cornell laid out the plot and named it Cornell. Two days later, on June 17, Willard D. Blake laid out from Section 14 the town named Amity.

The supremacy strife was carried on several years ago. The first Railroad was known as the Chicago and Paducah, and later known as the Wabash. A branch Railroad running from Streator to Forrest is why Cornell was moved to the present site.

There are two lovely parks. One known as the "North Park", which was improved several years ago, and was the original site of the village. The "South Park" is in Blake's addition. The village was incorporated July 18,

1873.

The question of licensed saloons was the thing of contention that is remembered by several older members. It was brought up at election time and if temperance won out, the Methodist Church bell would ring loud and long.

First Mayor of Cornell was Walter Cornell. The first board of trustees were Henry Cornell, Joseph Rucker, George Bradley, John Withrow, James Bond, and Jason Curtiss. In the early days of electricity, the plant was operated individually by Milford Rhodes, in 1903. There were ten arc lights and two-hundred-fifty incandescents.

There were a few cement and brick sidewalks, and ten miles of board and cinder walks. Most homes had hitching posts. None of the streets were graveled and became very muddy in wet weather. Along the street near the hitching posts it was almost impossible to walk and keep from being spattered with mud from the horses stomping off the flies. At present most of the streets are gravel, blacktop, or cement slabs.

In the early days of the village there were four churches, all of frame construction. They were the United Methodist Church, the Baptist Church, St. Joseph's Catholic Church and Dunkard. All churches have been remodeled at the present time.

Several fraternal organizations existed. The Cornell lodge "A.F. and A.M." instituted in December 1877. The charter being granted to John P. Guernsey, a druggist; H. M. Cornell, H. Bower, Philip Arman, I. P. Santee, H. M. Bolt, John Green and J. W. A. Lilly. The frame building razed on the north side of Main Street was known as the "Santee" building.

Beacon Lodge No. 618, Independent Order of Odd Fellows was instituted on June 23, 1876. In 1907 the members erected a two story brick building, the upper story being used for lodge purposes, such as dances, and the lower floor as a store. At the present time the lower floor of the building is being used by the Cornell Milling Company for storage of their products.

Other fraternal organizations were The Grand Army of the Republic, The John H. Johnson Post No. 769 which was organized February 14, 1905. Past post commanders were J. B. Cummings, H. M. Cornell, J. W. A. Lilly, and R. E. Jacobs.

In the early days of Cornell there were five or six grocery stores. The proprietors names were States, E. A. Jamison, Kelita (Clyde Allen), J. E. Shackelton, Nels Lindquist, Dennis J. Foley, Grant Connett, George and Henry Miner, Will Wellman, A. C. Wellman and M. Weinberg.

Mrs. Don Wayman is presently the only grocer. Several grocers carried a line of dry goods and shoes. Among the hardware merchants were George Whitham, Lewis States, Theodore Miner, Z. F. Carroll, Abel Gourley and Frank Spaulding.

Harness shop merchants were David Heckman, Stephen States, William Jamison, Theodore Muffer, Bert Beckwith, Ray Husted, Blacksmiths were John Sullivan, B. C. Sullivan, Ed Sullivan, Peter Braben, and John DeBoer.

John E. Shackelton operated a men's clothing store with Nels Linquist, a cobbler and shoe maker. They also sold groceries.

Drug stores were operated by J. P. Guernsey, pharmacist; Melton J. Syphers, Fred Blake, George Hunt and H. E. Burgess.

Meat markets were operated by B. F. Brown, Ezra Parker, Brown and Clark, W. P. Corbin, Perry Murphy, his brother Pat Murphy, Will and Earl Husted and Merlo Turner.

The Cornell Journal and printing press was owned and operated by Arthur E. Tiffany and Ed Wendell. A. E. Tiffany was succeeded by his son, Ralph Tiffany. Upon his death, Margie Tiffany sold the business to Cornell Enterprises.

Early dairymen in Cornell were Frank Lutyen, Henry Schneider, Charlie Wellman, Harry Mason. At one time the Mass Brothers lived west of Cornell Community High School, where they operated a sorghum mill. A creamery

was operated in the southeast part of town, south of the A. R. Leonard property. The Mass brothers owned and operated a sugar cane and sorghum industry where the Frank Lutyens lived later.

Mrs. Dan Mills, the former Amy States, had a lunch room and small restaurant, where she sold lunches, home made pies, bakery goods, home made ice cream, and sandwiches. The lunch room was west of Harold Monro's shop.

Mrs. Milton Syphers had a restaurant in the early 1900s. She was assisted by several of her family.

When the Cornell Post Office was in the Dan Blake building, a barber shop, run by Henry H. Ide and Delbert Rucker was in the basement. Charles Hastings conducted a cleaning and tailoring establishment.

In the early 1900s Bennie Beaman resided at the east end of Main Street on the south side of the street. He resided with his mother and in the mornings he could be seen pulling a small wooden wagon with a small size cream can setting in it. Also he had a measuring utensil to measure milk for his customers. The customers provided pans, pails, and what ever for their own use. In the evening Mrs. Beaman delivered milk again.

The Creamery, owned by Theodore Miner was located on the south side of the village, along the railroad tracks. Mr. Miner drove to Streator to supply butter and cheese to several grocery merchants.

In 1896 the Cornell Mill, run by W. J. Reeve, advertised that they were prepared to do all kinds of grinding. The terms were tall on cash.

C. E. Lishness and Frank Barton had the Undertaker and Furniture business in 1896. They also sold wall paper and advertised to hang it.

George Whitman was a prominent business man in Cornell in the 1890s. He ran a hardware store where Hamilton's Mobil Station is now. Mr. Whitman was very successful in his business of hardware, implements, and grain. He was assisted by Dan Mills.

In about 1920 the Shackelton poultry business always bought poultry during the winter, usually in early December, and sent it out by freight to Chicago. Morris Weinberg, his competitor, also purchased poultry to ship. Both men would ship their loads by train to Chicago, but later they trucked the poultry and produce to Chicago.

After the railroad was completed, the town was moved to its present site. The railroad was first known as the Chicago and Paducah. Later it was purchased and known as the Wabash, now the Norfolk & Western.

In the business section from east to west on Main Street, the first business was a blacksmith shop. It belonged to John Sullivan in the late 1890s. He then sold it to Charley Lishness and Ira McVay, and they built a garage there. They sold Overland automobiles.

To the west of this garage was a wagon shop, operated by "Shorty" Anderson. In the same building farther west, there was the office of J. W. Lilly, who was quite prominent in the different civic organizations, such as

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Maury's Tavern, Cornell, Ill.
Ross Hardware and Repair Service, Cornell, Ill.
Dick's Custom Cabinets, Cornell, Ill.

the Masonic Lodge, and band leader of the **Fife and Bugle Corps of Civil War Veterans**. The next building was the printing office.

Next to the printing office was a doctor's office, built by Dr. Veatch and later sold to Dr. Morgan, who moved it south of Main Street to where Gary Earp now lives.

There was a house west of that, later used as a poultry house by Hyman Heclit, and later by Morris Weinberg. The next building was Dr. Sawyer's office. He came here from Manville and practiced here many years. Across the street to the west was a two story building used for a doctor's office and other businesses such as an eating place, and millinery shop. The next building was a barber shop run by Henry Ide, F. H. Rucker and Earl Barr. Morris Weinberg moved his poultry house and creamery to the next building, which had been Fred Blakes Book Store and Drug Store. On west of Main Street on the north side were a grocery store, John Ryan's Saloon, and John Shackeltons grocery and dry goods store. There was a shoemakers shop in the back of Shackeltons, run by Mr. Nels Linquist, who repaired shoes for many years.

In the vacant lot to the west was where retired people pitched horseshoes and had many arguments. Next was a building owned by Jessie Cornell and used by a grocery store by several people. They were Grant Connett, Alphonso Wellman, and the Penny Grocery. On the west was Murphy Brothers, Perry and Patrick; the Husted brothers, and Merle Turner. The next buildings were Kelita Allen's Grocery, Barton and Lishness Furniture and Miner Brothers Grocery. West, across the alley, was the hotel owned by several different families which

were Jones Blue, the W. P. Corbin family, the Albert Mitchells, the Isaac Flemmings, the Marion Lundys, and Elmer Stahl was the last one.

The Wabash depot was across the street and west from the hotel. In earlier years there was a tile factory owned and operated by C. M. Meyers. It was called Tile Meyers. A pit was to the west of the lot. To the east was the Roger's Elevator which later burned and was not rebuilt. The tile yard was where the tent shows were held.

At that time there were eighteen businesses along the north side of Main Street, now there are only ten or eleven. Some have been torn down and others rebuilt.

John Gates built a restaurant, now known as Little Peg's Cafe. The voters of Cornell voted in a tavern and it was owned in 1968 by Maurice Grant, now deceased. His wife, Annette, now runs it. The Murphy's building, is on the corner of Main and 6th Street and is still owned by the Murphy family. It was built in the 1920s and is now Red's Pizza Parlor.

Some of the people who helped build this town in the 1870s and before were Henry Cornell, real estate; Walter Cornell, farmer; D. W. Blake, farmer; H. Bolt, store-keeper; C. Bolt, clerk; Eben Norton, physician; John Guernsey, druggist; and Foley Morris, farmer. The churches and school also helped to build the community. Different organizations helped too. They were: The Community Club, The Lions Club, The American Legion and Auxiliary, The Village Board and the Cornell Volunteer Fire Department.

Written by Claire Leonard and Gertrude Bradley

CORNELL SCHOOLS



Cornell Grade School taken in 1889, was taught by Susan Katherine Carroll, great-grandmother of Mrs. Jean Godden, in 1884 and 1885.

Cornell Grade School History

On April 8, 1872, the board of trustees of the schools of township 29 of Livingston county met to form district seven. The new school was a one story, three room wooden building. In 1900 a new brick school was built, with classes being held in the Woodman Hall while being completed. This structure had four class rooms and a small library and was in continuous use until 1972.

In 1925, three teachers were employed at salary of \$115 per month, with the principal receiving \$125. By 1930, the school was down to two teachers, so with the consolidation with the surrounding country schools in the early 40s, by 1946 there were four teachers. Bus transportation was begun around 1947.

By 1950 it became necessary to add two new rooms to the south, with a cafeteria in basement and two years later two more rooms were added above these, with eight teachers having been hired.

1955 brought the new gym, three new classrooms,

restrooms, lockers, office and supply room, with two more classrooms to the far north three years later.

Kindergarten was started in 1961.

In 1972, the old part was replaced with four new classrooms, library learning center, teachers lounge and a beautiful new cafeteria. The top floor of the first south addition was converted into a large music room.

The school as it now stands is a beautiful asset to our community and with the very capable teachers, has much to offer our town and country students. Much new equipment, including the most advanced audio, visual aids, has been installed, helping to present the best educational facilities possible.

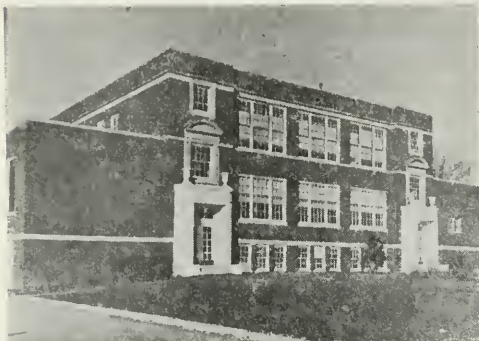
The school year 1972-73 shows 245 students enrolled, with 15 teachers, making the total personnel thirty. Ralph Halderson is superintendent, with Karen Propst employed as school treasurer and office and board secretary. Stanley Jones, Robert Gundlock, Charles Russow, Jr., Edward Capko, Orville Cagley, Ray Roth and Marvlyn Schleuter now serving on the board of education.

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Cornell High School 1924

Two year high school classes were held in our grade school and for a few years, three year classes were held. The last class graduated from the three year class was in 1898, with members, Ethel Hunt Blake, Madge Gregory Rucker, Glenn Mills and Tom Jones. After finishing the two years, some pupils went to Pontiac or Streator High Schools.



Cornell Community High School

After a period of years, an election was held in April, 1921 with a vote of 400 "for" and 159 "against", to establish a four year school. On January 28, 1922, District 70, authorized by election, the purchase of a site, build-

ing of a school and issuance of \$65,000 bonds. Directors elected were F. D. Barton, C. H. Patterson, J. I. McVay, A. R. Gourley, and Samuel Burton.

In the fall of 1921, the first four-year high school classes were held in the Cornell Methodist Church, with enrollment of 58 pupils.

A group of taxpayers, deciding taxes would be too high, roads in poor condition, distances too great for students to travel, and many other reasons, brought suit against the five directors. After many delays, hearings and court hearings, also an appeal from circuit court of Livingston County of Illinois Supreme Court, it found no sufficient showing to declare District 70 void.

The first graduates of the newly organized school were Mildred Gourley, Haze Miner, Earl Cox, Victor Jones and Victor Lindquist. From the fall of 1922 until March 1924, classes were held in the Woodman Hall. The new school was occupied in March 1924, and was considered one of the best schools in our county. To date 992 students have graduated from Cornell High School, including several generations.

In 1964, an addition was added to the school, science room, home economics room, office and supply rooms and music room and many added improvements.

The class of 1973 has 25 graduates.

The present superintendent is Mr. Carroll Garrison. Present school board members are: Dannie St. John, Robert Sherwood, James Schultz, Robert St. John, William Schweizer, Eugene Lyons, Kenneth Russow.

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St. Joseph Catholic Church

The first Catholic services in Cornell were held in 1877 when Father Humphrey Finch of Pontiac began celebrating Mass in private homes and later in Smith's hall. As the number of Cornell Catholics increased, plans were undertaken for the construction of a church on land donated by Henry Cornell, son of the man for whom the town was named.

The first wedding held in the church was that of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Corrigan on Feb. 21, 1887. Mrs. Corrigan (Frances Foley) was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Morris Foley, who lived north of Cornell.

Father Finch was the first pastor but the parish later came under the care of the Franciscan Fathers of St. Anthony's Parish in Streator. In 1934 the Cornell parish was annexed to St. Bernard's Parish of Budd, near Blackstone, with Father Joseph Farley as pastor.

In 1934 the church underwent extensive redecoration and again in 1951. In 1964 a new enclosed entrance was



ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

added to the building. In 1972 the interior was again remodeled with new heating, air-conditioning, panelling, and carpeting.

Father John Menco was appointed pastor in 1966 and served until November 1972 when Father John Niemeyer became pastor.

The parish has an active Altar and Rosary Society for the women of the parish. Weekly religion classes are held for both grade and high school students. There are about forty families in the parish plus a large summer attendance of weekend campers.

William Pleasant and Clare Kelly are the parish trustees.

Community Lutheran Church

A dream in the hearts of a small group of Christian laymen and pastors became a reality in June of 1969. Their dream was to have a Lutheran congregation in Cornell. To many people, it sounded like an impracticable dream; the kind children have. After all, one does not attempt to form a mission congregation in a rural town of 600, especially when it already supports three congregations. Any sociologist can tell you that the population is moving from the country to the city. One does not attempt to form a Lutheran church in such a town when there are already five Lutheran churches within a fifteen mile radius of the town. And one does not attempt to form a new congregation without a building to hold said congregation. One does not attempt such a "Mission Impossible".



Nevertheless, the dream was dreamed; the seed was planted; and the impossible mission was begun. Spearheaded by Pastor Herman Lehman—then pastor of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Rowe, Illinois—and supported by other area pastors, a summer experiment was initiated. All interested laymen were assembled together in early June, in the Legion Hall, for a planning session. Partial financial assistance for a three month period was received from the Board of American Missions—Depart-

ment of Special Ministry of the ALC. The new Cornell Funeral Home was offered rent-free as a building in which to hold Worship Services and Sunday School.

The very first Sunday they planned to meet, the funeral home was not available due to a funeral but the brotherly love of the Methodist laymen and minister invited them to share their church with them. So on June 8, 1969 the first service was held with 70 present. The Rev. Herman A. Lehman of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Rowe, was guest speaker. Following services, a meeting was held and committees named. Serving on the Sunday school staff was Mrs. Clark Husted, Marvelyn Schlueter, Mrs. Roger Gourley, Mrs. Ethelyn Klein. Working on worship needs which included the altar, lectern hymnals and offering plates were: Mrs. Marvelyn Schlueter, Mrs. Phillip Corrigan and Mr. and Mrs. Benny Burkett. The interim council, designated to take care of janitorial service, a tentative budget, general organization and programming was comprised of Charles Russow, Sr., chairman; Mrs. Harold Monroe, secretary; Charles Russow, Jr.; Jesse Leach, Roger Gourley, Mrs. Burdell Crow, Mrs. Clifford Cashmer, Jr., Mrs. Dale Kuepker, Albert Seeger and Clark Husted. The Luther League Committee was Jesse Leach, Jr., Galen Crow, Carol Husted, Laura Schlueter, Kathy, Susan and Steven Kuepker, Alan Klein, Dale and Cheryl Wells. Public relations committee responsible for signs, bulletins and announcements included Mr. and Mrs. Walter Wells, Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Russow and Burdell Crow. Mrs. Jesse Leach was appointed organist. The women had met the previous week and organized the ALCW with Mrs. Charles Russow, Sr. elected president.

A summer Intern was applied for to assist the budding congregation. In late June, Gary Simpson and wife Muriel arrived from Luther Seminary, St. Paul, Minnesota. The seed had begun to sprout. Throughout the early summer an average of seventy faithful people attended Sunday Worship Services. July passed and the same enthusiasm and zeal permeated the lives of this nucleus of dreamers. On August 10, 1969 when this new family of "turned-on" Christians made the ultimate decision as to whether or not to continue their efforts. An unanimous vote of YES proved that all systems were definitely GO! In less than two months the experiment had proved successful; the dream had become a reality; the seed had reached maturity.

When it was decided to officially organize, it was done with the idea that no help would be asked of American Missions. That was a true test of how willing they were to sacrifice for something they truly believed in.

When permanent housing for the Intern and his family was needed, a mobile home was offered the congregation on the stipulation that they were willing to move it from a neighboring city and make all needed repairs. Within a matter of days tractors and pickup trucks were transporting the parsonage to Cornell where the ALCW waited with brooms, mops, scouring pads, and paint brushes.

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Don's Market, Pontiac, Illinois
Wayman's Grocery, Cornell, Illinois

The home was attacked with the same zeal and enthusiasm that had now become a way of life with those people.

With the parsonage in good shape, thoughts turned to the furnishing of the church. It was evident that the Funeral Home which was used was quite adequate except for lack of sufficient altar, pulpit, paraments, lighting, etc. "I'm no carpenter," exclaimed Trustee Roger Gourley, "but we definitely need an altar and pulpit. I'll give it a try". The ALCW then set about to sew paraments to adorn the forthcoming altar and pulpit. Other furnishings were made or contributed.

On November 30, 1969 Dr. Elmer A. Nelson, Pres. of Ill. Dist. of the ALC presided at the official organization of the Community Lutheran Church of Cornell. There were 66 chartered baptized members and 40 confirmed charter members at this time. Approximately 25 families. The members will never forget the preparation for that event, as the evening before, Intern Simpson was returning from Rowe after borrowing a flower stand from Rowe Lutheran Church and was involved in a car accident and was hospitalized with a broken jaw. He was incapacitated for several months but the congregation carried on with supply pastors of neighboring congregations and lay members participating.

In April of 1970 it was decided to call a full time Pastor as Intern Simpson would have to go back to the Seminary in the fall.

On May 20th, a call was sent to Rev. Ralph Marquardt of Dundee, Iowa. He accepted the call and was installed as Pastor on August 2, 1970. After calling a full time Pastor, it was decided they had to have a parsonage. After much consideration, on May 24, 1970 the congregation met and decided to purchase the Phillip Corrigan home for the Lutheran parsonage. After making this big investment, the church council was quite shocked one day in June when they were called together for a special meeting with Mr. Elwood Courtney and wife to tell them they were going to sell the Funeral Home and the congregation would have first option to buy it. The congregation agreed to purchase it with the help of a loan from the Illinois District Sunday School Mission Fund.

The congregation has grown to a total membership of 148 baptized members on January 1, 1973. Besides the ALCW which annually sponsor a Salad Luncheon in the spring and a homemade Ice Cream Supper in the fall, there is an Adult Choir and a Youth Choir. The Youth also have a Youth Group organization, Worship Services and Sunday School are held every Sunday at 9:30 and 10:30 C.S.T. and 9:00 and 10:00 D.S.T.

Rev. Ralph Marquardt is the present pastor. He and his wife Dorothy, have three sons, Michael, age 5 years, Scott, age 3 years and Jon, age 8 months.

The present Council members are: Al Seeger, president; Robertha Finkenbinder, secretary; James Brandt, treasurer; Verona Beck, financial secretary; Wilma Corrigan,

Gene Barton, Bill Gourley, Lois Husted, Sandra Knight, Burdell Crow, Leroy Janssen, Roger Becker, Charles Russow, Jr.

The present officers of the A.L.C.W. are: Aldine Monroe, president; Ethelyn Klein, vice president; Lillian Ferguson, secretary; Robertha Finkenbinder, treasurer; Gail Janssen, secretary of Stewardship; Florence Seeger, Secretary of Education.

Nigh Chapel Church

Nigh Chapel was one of the earliest, if not the earliest church to be organized in Livingston County. As early as 1840, H. G. Gorbet, a Methodist preacher known as the "Prairie Breaker" organized a society of this denomination (not Prairie Breaker but Methodist) at the Scattering Point Institute. He seemed, however, not to have cultivated the soil to any degree of success, as the organization went down in a few years. Perhaps his first crop, like the first crop of sod corn, was not of sufficient yield to warrant harvesting or to encourage subsequent planting. So in 1843 the United Brethren occupied the land.

They organized the society under the leadership of



Located 4½ miles southwest of Cornell

Isaac Messer, which flourished for six years, when to, for want of cultivation or other cause disbanded. In 1849 another branch of the Methodist church, "the protestant" was organized by Jacob Fowler. Under the efficient leadership of Fowler and his successors it has flourished ever since.

The first quarterly conference of the Vermillion Circuit, now known as the Long Point circuit, was held on Nov. 3, 1855 with Rev. T. J. Gregory as pastor. At that time the pastor and local preachers supplied a circuit of eight appointments. They were namely Marks School, Reading, Ancona, Long Point, Rooks Creek, Short Point, Scattering Point, and Gorbett School. The plan of appointments was to visit two churches each Sunday at 10 o'clock and 3 o'clock. In 1876 the present building was erected at a cost of \$1400. The pastor was William

Fogel. In the same year Hope Church was built on the Kyle farm. The Long Point church was erected in 1880, and these three together with Ancona Church remained in the circuit together for several years. People did not have preaching every Sabbath or every other Sabbath, the pastor came only once in four weeks to each church.

In the year 1912 the Nigh Chapel Church was remodeled, the basement was dug beneath the church and the front and rear rooms were built. The cost of remodeling was \$1767. The next summer new seats were installed and the first furnace was put in. On July 13, 1913, the Nigh Chapel Church was rededicated.

In the early fall of 1929, a new coal furnace was installed and the church shingled and painted. In 1948 the old parsonage was sold and the home of Maude Vincent was bought for the parsonage. In 1953, a new floor and wall supports were put in the basement, also the same year a new oil furnace was installed and paid for by donations. In 1956, all new stained glass windows replaced the old windows. Also in 1953 the Vincent property was sold and the Turner property was purchased. It was remodeled and dedicated in Oct. 1953, and is the present home of the Nigh Chapel and Long Point minister. In March of 1969 the church was redecorated, put in new carpet, new drapes and lowered the ceiling. At present there is Sunday School every Sunday at 9:30 and church service at 10:30. Rev. Icenogle is minister of the church.

T. J. Gregory was the first minister to serve. During the years there has been 58 ministers. There has always been an organization of the church for the ladies. First, it was called Mite Society. Later it became Ladies Aid and now since the churches have united, it is called Women's Society of Christian Service. This has been changed to United Methodist Women.

In 1939, the Methodist Episcopal and Methodist Protestant churches united being called at present the Nigh Chapel Methodist Church.

There have been many beautiful memories given the church from the families in memory of their loved ones who have passed away.

I will close with this little poem.

A CHAPEL IN MY HEART

I am serene for I have built
 A chapel in my heart
 A silent, sheltered citadel
 A Separate place apart.
 To which I come in solitude,
 To lift my thoughts in prayer,
 Telling God my troubles,
 And confiding every care.
 Yes, in this chapel of my heart,
 I can renew my soul,
 For solitude will bring me peace,
 And prayer will make me whole.

Cornell Baptist Church

Seventy-eight years ago, on August 22, 1895, several families, who had moved here from West Virginia, Ohio, and Pennsylvania, met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. I. B. Fleming to discuss establishing a Baptist church in the community. A week later, the group met again with council of neighboring Baptist churches and officially established "The First Baptist Church of Cornell". The six original members were Mr. and Mrs. I. B. Fleming, daughter Cora, Mr. E. A. Partridge, Mrs. Rhoda Murphy, and Mrs. Emma Rhodes Whitham. Mr. Fleming and William Partridge, Sr. were selected to find a suitable building spot and in May 1898, the first part of the church was dedicated to the work of God, completely free of debt.



Rev. George L. White was the first pastor, with salary of \$25.00 per month, with board. Pastors came from neighboring churches from time to time and students came from Chicago for weekends and in summer months. The church became officially affiliated with the Bloomington Association and in 1907, the Esmen church merged with the Cornell church and at that time the parsonage was purchased.

After a union revival meeting held in the Woodman Hall by Rev. R. S. Kirkland and F. F. Leonard, 274 persons were converted and it became necessary to add a wing to the church, as it stands today, completed in 1912.

A new constitution was written and adopted in 1958, and the Baptist Women's Society reorganized, staying very active as a mission group. The church has held ordination services for five of their pastors and a 50th anniversary for Rev. "Doc" Hershey, who ended his pastorate here, having served here for four years.

Remodeling of the church has taken place gradually, with restrooms having been added, lowering sanctuary ceiling in 1964, paneling and adding 3 rooms for church school classes, new carpeting and new ceilings in back rooms in 1969. The parsonage was remodeled in 1964.

The small congregation has been on the verge of clos-

ing at different times, but in 1968, Gary Grammar, Sociologist at Illinois State Prison of Pontiac, held us together and in July 1970, Graymont and Cornell Baptist Churches agreed to share a pastor and Rev. Earl Wickline has come to serve the two churches.

Some of the families of the direct founders of the church that still attend are: the Arnel Garretson (Harriett Partridge) family, including the Ray Erschens, the Charles Partridge family, including the Forrest Burkitt family and the Clinton Mills family.

Trustees now serving the church are Robert Greenman, George Kreitner, George Cassidy, Clinton Mills, and Ray Roth. Ladies Mission Society officers are: Pat Burkitt, president; Jean Godden, vice president; Verona Beck, secretary and Hazel Cassidy, treasurer.

Cornell Methodist Church

LET US REMEMBER, LET US REJOICE!

Godliness and courage were the two words best said of the first settlers who came to Amity township. The effect of Methodism was felt in the early community before the village of Cornell was laid out.

Arriving with the settlers from Indiana in 1837 was H. M. D. Morris, who is credited with being the first preacher in Amity township. During the week he worked his farm on Short Point and on Sunday he preached at the cabins in the neighborhood. Mr. Morris was not an itinerant, but a Local Methodist Exhorter. D.M. Prindle, who came to the community in the same year, was a great singer. Since there were no musical instruments or choirs, he pitched the tune and led the singing in those early religious services.



Walter Cornell came to this community in 1838. No other person was so vitally and continuously related to the formation and development of this church. The history of Livingston County credits him with organizing the first Sunday School in the county.

The earliest known date of an organized "society" in our history is in 1840 by H. G. Gorbet. He seems, however, not to have cultivated the field with any large de-

gree of success. Three years later, under the leadership of Isaac Messer, a society was formed which flourished for six years before disbanding.

The conference records indicate that the Ottawa charge was extended to include Livingston county in 1844. This was the first contact of the community with organized Methodism. The Rev. Jacob Fowler helped organize the Methodist Protestant society in 1849. This work was lasting and led to the erection of the church building (1876) known as Nigh Chapel.

In November of 1856 the first quarterly conference was held at Bethel church. Walter Cornell was recording secretary. Other names mentioned in this record are Joshua McIntosh, John Brown, F. A. Whitely, W. E. Head, D. Shaw, Ewing Houchins, James Jefferson, H. R. Hamilton and Amos Lundy. Not all, but most of these names appear again and again in the records of the organization and development of this church.

During 1857 services were held in the Cornell school house.

John Hampton had donated a plot of ground at Oak Dale, two and one-half miles northeast of the present village of Cornell, on what is now the Wm. Partridge estate. Work began on the first church building and it was dedicated on February 19, 1862. It was at this dedication that Z. R. Jones was recommended for license to preach. At the fourth quarterly conference in July, "Brother Z. R. Jones' character was passed and he was recommended to the traveling connection". Thus this church sent its first representative into the regular ministry of the church.

H. M. Cornell was licensed to preach and recommended to the traveling connection in 1858. At about this time the name of the Annual Conference was changed from "Peoria" to "The Central Illinois" conference.

The first pastor to hold services in the new church at Oak Dale was the Rev. Horace Tiffany. In 1872 he was again preacher in charge of the Cornell church. Rev. Tiffany not only holds the distinction of twice serving as pastor of the church, but he later located in the community.

On March 30, 1862, following the dedication of the new church, Rev. H. Fritchie, presiding elder, baptized a number of children in the sanctuary. This group included Hannah Gamblin, Sarah J. Gamblin, George E. Cornell and Julia Cornell.

In the year 1868 Streater was added to the circuit. The charge became officially known as "The New Michigan and Streater circuit". The pastor's salary was fixed at \$1200. Of this amount Oak Dale was apportioned \$280.

As in many other communities the location of the railroad caused the rearrangement of social and religious boundaries. After the railroad went through, and after the laying out of the village of Cornell, the Methodist society decided to move their first church building from

Oak Dale to the site of the present church building. We find the following record of "A meeting of the members of the Oak Dale church for the purpose of electing trustees for the Methodist Episcopal church at Cornell".

"On motion, Walter Cornell was elected chairman, and James Gourley secretary". The following named persons were elected trustees: Walter Cornell, James Gourley, William Gamblin, James H. Hayes, Eben Norton, William L. Conner, Alfred Gourley, Joseph Rucker, and John Hampton. The document was dated April 22, 1872.

Extensive repairs were made on the church during the summer of 1872, in the form of plastering, painting, and the building of chimneys. An interesting note here is, for the first time the records give the women of the church official recognition, in the following item: "moved the refitting of the altar and the pulpit to be referred to a committee of ladies". In June of the same year the trustees were authorized to build a belfry and purchase a bell. The bell purchased at that time is still heard to ring out every Sunday morning, one hundred years later.

In June 1872 the church is referred to as the Cornell church, and the charge became known as "Cornell and New Town circuit". By the year 1879 Cornell Charge included four preaching points, Cornell, Blackstone, New Town and Esmen.

The first woman whose name appears on the list of the official members was "Sister Leonard", (Mrs. Roscoe Leonard). The date was July 6, 1878.

On September 11, 1896 is recorded, "the greatest revival experience that has ever come to this church". There were 319 members and 28 probationers. The Rev. T. C. Moots united together these new converts, in what some refer to as the high point in the history of the church.

In March of 1900, subscriptions were taken with intent to remodel the old first church building. Interest in the project seems to have gathered such momentum, that on June 2nd of the same year another document was circulated to get permission of the subscribers to use the money in building a new church.

The old church building, first known as Oak Dale Church, was purchased by B. R. Johnson for \$175. It was moved to the Johnson farm just north of Cornell. Sometime after 1936 it was struck by lightning and burned.

The construction of the new building was completed in late 1900, at a cost of \$6,654.53. A thankful group assembled on Sunday morning, December 9, 1900, to see the sanctuary dedicated to the worship of God and the service of the community. The pastor, Rev. W. F. Jameison, was assisted in the service by residents of the community.

It was during the pastorate of Rev. F. J. Giddings that a new and modern parsonage was erected at a cost of \$4,000. The parsonage, located on Johnson street, is still used today as a home for our ministers and their families.

At about this time the growth of interest in organized Sunday school, and the crowded condition of the church, led directly to the enlargement of the building. Rooms were added to the east of the building, and equipped to care for the educational program of the church. This new addition was used for the first time on August 9, 1909 and marks another step in the advancement of the society.

The next outstanding record day in the history of the church is October 23, 1910. On that date Rev. John Small baptized 108 souls, and one week later he added thirteen to the number.

It was this same year that The Merry Workers Sunday School class was organized and granted a charter. The names of twenty-six women are found in the list of charter members, but only Mrs. Mabel Springer still resides in this community. Some of the remembered activities included the annual wiener roast held in the country, food sales and ice cream suppers, magazine subscriptions and distributing baskets of fruit to needy families at Christmas time.

During the next fifteen years the charge set a high standard for the support of the pastor and interest in the missionary work of the church was good. This was an area of prosperity and good feeling.

Then came the depression of 1929 and the failing of the Cornell bank. The church became very disorganized and the spirit of its members was very discouraging. It became the task of the Rev. Homer F. Delap to minister to the broken hearted and to restore the foundations of faith to his congregation.

The Kings' Heralds was organized under the direction of Mrs. Delap in 1933. The children studied about the people in other countries; and the money they received was given for the purpose of helping missionaries.

Rev. and Mrs. Delap were a shining light in the darkness for the people of Cornell. They did much to restore faith and hope in the future of this community and church.

New life seemed to surge into the church veins during the pastorate of Richard Muhleman, and some referred to it as the beginning of a revival. The Builders Class was organized in 1943 with Clifford St. John as its first teacher. The group has remained very active through the years, and is best remembered for serving farm sales and ice cream suppers. The Builders' meet socially once a month in the homes of its members.

Rev. Guy W. Holmes came to the charge in 1947. He and Mrs. Holmes did much to put Cornell back on its feet following a period of apathetic feeling toward church attendance and financial support. Their work with the youth of the church did much to rebuild the strength of the young peoples' organizations.

The economy of the country was surging ahead and society was changing fast, following World War II. Cor-

nell and the surrounding community was no different, we were undergoing changes also in 1950. This was the year that Rev. Leslie Prueshner came to minister to the Cornell-Esmen charge. However, early in 1951, the Esmen church voted to close its doors, because of lack of attendance and financial support. Many of the members transferred to the Cornell church. During the next four years there was renewed interest and increased attendance in all departments.

Remember the "Church Messenger"? This booklet was printed under the direction of Rev. Prueshner, and contains many pictures of the members, church groups and organizations that have kept the church spiritually active.

In 1954, Rev. Rardin Vergin and family, from the state of Washington, arrived to serve this church, while he completed his education in Evanston. Rev. Vergin, a pastor from outside the conference and from another state, here for a definite period, was in the unique position to not only serve as a pastor, but also as an outsider to direct the thinking of the members in the proper use and development of their talents for the greatest possible results. Through his work, interest continued to mount in church attendance and financial giving, with the result that the remodeling of the church property was undertaken.

These improvements, at a cost of \$4,600, included the removal of the old belfry and outside steps which led to the sanctuary entrance, and a new gas furnace and modern rest rooms. It had been many years since the church had seen any great change in its building, and the members rejoiced!

In 1958 the Commission on Education reported, that because of the increase in attendance of the church school, new folding chairs had been purchased. The enrollment was 234 with an average attendance of 155 for the year. The Rev. T. Wayne Biehl was serving our church.

The Methodist men voted on November 30, 1957 to sponsor the organization of the Boy Scout Troop No. 73. The first meeting of the boys took place on April 18, 1958 in the church basement, with Mr. H. P. Whitcamp as Scoutmaster.

Also in 1958 we reached a "Milestone in Methodism". The observance of the hundredth anniversary of the founding of the Methodist Society at Cornell was held October 19 through October 26. Much enthusiasm was generated and a week of many and varied activities was held. The Sunday School rooms were used for picture and antique displays. A centennial banquet, a homecoming event was held in the High School gymnasium on Saturday evening. On Sunday the Centennial sermon was brought by Bishop J. Ralph McGee, assisted by District Superintendent W. W. Bennett. In the afternoon a pageant was presented in the church sanctuary by members of the congregation.

It was recorded that, "The centennial costumes will be in vogue at all events during this week of celebration", and "after Sept. 1 there will be a heavy fine for any man over 21 who cuts his beard and a shaving permit will cost \$5".

In June 1960, Rev. H. C. Zimmerman and family came from Pennsylvania to occupy our parsonage and serve the church. The records state that 1960-61 was a year of decision. The trustees named a building committee to consider the possibility of redecorating, remodeling or building a new structure to the glory of God.

The committee reviewed the possibility of a new building, but rejected it on the basis of four significant reasons: 1. the memorial value of the present building; 2. the amazing amount of available floor space; 3. the building is sound of foundations and structure and 4. the tremendous cost of new construction.

On March 15, 1961 the committee presented to the quarterly conference its detailed plan to expand and remodel the present building at a cost estimated to be \$21,484.40. The plans would include the relocation of the altar and pulpit, add a balcony for our organ and choir, close off the original choir loft and league room, and excavate the basement. The motion to proceed passed by five votes, with sixty-seven members voting.

The following summer will long be remembered as a busy one, with over 1,200 hours of labor donated by the men of our church. However the project moved along swiftly because of a desire to complete much before winter, and then there was to be a wedding in our remodeled sanctuary in mid-August. During the summer months Sunday morning services were held in the High School.

A Consecration Service was held on Sunday morning, May 6, 1962. Many memorials were dedicated along with our sanctuary, "for the Worship of God and the Service of men."

In February of 1962 the Blackstone church was without ministerial services and the Cornell-Blackstone charge was formed.

The Zimmerman family returned to Pennsylvania in 1965, and the Rev. Charles Fradenburgh and family were welcomed to Cornell to serve for two years.

Our remodeling program was still in effect, the women were most happy with the new modern kitchen facilities in the church basement. The parsonage was undergoing many changes also to make it more convenient. The kitchen had been relocated and new cabinets had been installed, and a new heating plant was put in.

Gilbert T. Fletcher came in 1967 to serve the charge. Rev. Fletcher brought with him to our community and this congregation a spirit of renewal. 1968 saw new flooring, altar railing and padded walnut pews added to beautify our sanctuary.

A most happy occasion took place on Sunday, November 8, 1970 when the Burning of the Mortgage ceremony was conducted by Bishop Lance Webb.

Today in 1973, though the church membership of 197 is not the largest it has been, the members are showing an active concern for the growth of Christian witness in our society today.

From its beginning in 1858 until the present time, 2,108 names have been recorded on the membership list of this church. Over the past century we have seen lean years and prosperous years. Our members have been happy to share the fellowship of the other religious groups in this area.

Just as the church bell called our ancestors to worship, may it continue to peal forth as a reminder to future generations of their religious heritage. It is our hope and prayer that the Methodist church may continue to serve God and this community for many years to come.

CORNELL MINISTERS

1880-81	O. M. Dunlevy
1882	H. Brink
1883-84	G. I. Bailey
1885	E. W. McMillan
1886-87	F. R. Lord
1888	R. H. McDade
1889	J. A. Edmondson
1890	H. B. Seymour
1891-92	W. C. Knapp
1893	D. A. Ferrin
1894-95	H. A. Ewell
1896-98	T. C. Moots
1899-00	W. F. Jameson
1901-06	F. J. Giddings
1907-08	G. P. Snedaker
1909-10	John Small
1911-13	C. Wesley Ayling
1914-17	J. C. Craine
1918-20	C. E. Hawkins
1921-27	H. M. Blout
1928	Silas H. Hoar
1929-30	Van B. Sullins
1931-35	Homer F. Delap
1936-39	C. E. Johnstone
1939-43	Franklin Harwood
1943-47	Richard Muhleman
1947-50	Guy W. Holmes
1950-54	Leslie Pruehsner
1954-57	Rardin Vergin
1957-60	T. Wayne Biehl
1960-65	H. C. Zimmerman
1965-67	Charles Fradenburg
1967-73	Gilbert T. Fletcher

Dunkard Church

The Dunkard Church was located at 201 West Main Street. It was erected in 1888. Some of the family names connected with the church were Ben and Jennie Beaman, Charles Klensman, John Barringer, Dave Heckman, John Vanderee, Mr. and Mrs. John Cox, Phobe Zook and a Mast family. The church closed about 1900 and was made into a residence, which later burned. The house located there now was built by Mrs. Dot Blue and now owned by Mrs. Sue Rowe.

Our Country Schools

Amity township had 8 country schools before consolidation.

Columbia—5½ miles southwest of Cornell

Lily—3½ south and west of Cornell

Athens—2 miles west and 2 miles south of Cornell

Antioch—3½ miles northwest of Cornell

Sutcliff—2 miles north and 1 mile west of Cornell

Green—½ mile east and 1 mile north of Cornell

Short Point—3½ miles northwest of Cornell

Baker Run—½ mile east and 1½ miles south of Cornell

Below are pictures of some of the area schools.



THE ORIGINAL LILY SCHOOL BUILDING
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Willow School — 1919

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL — Gertrude Louderback, the teacher, posed with her students at Willow School on the last day of classes in May, 1919. They were, front row, left to right—Arnold Peterson, Ernest Olson, Frances Peterson, Jenora Olson, Gordon Jacobson, Paul Peterson, Edna Thornell, unidentified girl; second row—Melvin Locke, Chester Peterson and Orlin Jacobson; third row—Sylvia Thompson, Ruth Peterson, Dorothy Hendershot, Gertrude Louderback, teacher; Evelyn Peterson, Helen Morrison, Juanita Hobart, and Hazel Hendershot in the rear

older boys would only attend after field work was done in the fall and before spring work started. Average wages were about sixty dollars a month, with the teacher doing all janitor work. After consolidation and before buses, cars were hired to transport students to town. The first teacher of this school was Oscar Tiffany and the last was Dorothy Gmelich in 1944.



Hilton School

3 miles north, 2 miles east of Cornell

Left to right—Orcille Gorman, Charles Russow, Elmer Russow, Wilbur Russow, Dorothy Knutson, Marie Knutson, Francis Gorman, Howard Simons, Albert (Bud) Knutson. Gilman Carlson, teacher.



Excelsior School

The Excelsior school located $\frac{1}{2}$ mile east and 3 miles north of Cornell was built in 1876 by Simon Heckman and Joe Aughbright. It was built on land leased from John Russow.

During the time from 1876 to 1945, at which time the schools were consolidated, there had been 50 teachers and 250 pupils in the school. Some of the teachers only taught in the winter months, others would take over in the spring. Winter would sometimes bring 30 pupils as



Green School — 1928

Top row, left to right—Glen Partridge, Mary Partridge Albright, Mildred Knudson Morrison, teacher, Harriet Partridge Garretson, Birdie Knudson Drake, Shirley Thompson.

Second row—unknown, unknown, Geneva Corrigan Vauldieck.

Bottom row—Carl Swanberg, Harold Swanberg, Ivan Thompson.

Athens School – 1907

Teacher, Elizabeth Metzner of Odell.

Standing, Mae Springer, Robbie Morris, Bill Thomablen.

Seated, Dannie and Warren Morris (holding slate) Louie Thaden.



Columbia School – 1913

Teacher, Elizabeth Gingrich Sellmeyer

Back row, left to right—Kathryn Blake, Ursula Blake, Hazel Earp, Ila Earp, Dewey Munson, Ervan Hansen, John Riblet, Roscoe Blake.

Front row—Orville Tesch, Regnald Blake, Robert Earp, Ina Blake, Rose Tesch, Edith Barton, Beulah Mossberger.



Antioch School in 1898

3½ miles southwest of Cornell

Top row, left to right—Lottie Hardin, Hattie Locke, Nellie Patterson, Will Johnson, teacher, Mabel Patterson, Cora Perkins, Bessie Blake, Grace Bash.

2nd row—Maggie Iverson, Hattie Harwood, Edna Lundy, Cora Ramme, Hersie Manley, Porter Blue, Cora Louderback, Verdennia DeGroat, Marie Louden.

3rd row—Hazel Cassidy, Stella Jamison, Johnnie Foley, ??? Prusner, Gladys Lamb, Philip Corrigan, Maurice Foley, ??? Prusner.

The school was located ½ mile west of the Cora Ramme home.

Short Point School – District 3 or 64

Short Point School was one of the country schools that was set up by the North West Ordinance of 1849 to give instruction in the common branches of work which extended from first grade to the eighth grade inclusive. The government set aside the 16th section of each township as a school district, and they were required to construct a school building. A man passing by one of these country schools remarked that for a small factory building it was a fine example, the best one he had seen. He asked, "What do they manufacture there?" The answer came back at once, "Brains, that's a schoolhouse". Short Point was one of those "Brain Factories".



SHORT POINT SCHOOL IN ABOUT THE YEAR OF 1893

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Short Point continued for many years as a one-room rural school. It was later found out that when the school house burned in 1940-1941 that it would be better and cheaper to consolidate with the graded school in the village of Cornell, Illinois, which was only two miles away.

The records are not completed from the beginning of the school, but those from 1890-1941 were found in the office of the County Superintendent. The old records were destroyed when the school burned. It was very fascinating to find that the salaries of teachers ranged from \$25 a month to \$125, with an average of \$75, and an average of 19 pupils per year. The terms ranged from seven and a half to nine and a half months a year. At first the District was Number 3 and later Number 64.

Some of the teachers that have taught in Short Point in Amity Township are: Cora Corrigan Ramme, Clifford St. John, Gertrude Bradley, Dorothy Gmelich, Gladys Mayback and Seth St. John. Several other former teachers are living in Livingston County and the State of Illinois.

Some of the early teachers recorded were: Kate Howell, Lydia Hill, Leon Graham, Lottie Barton, Lizzie Gingrich, Cora Bennet, Priscilla Gingrich, Maybelle Rucker, Ester Dunlap, Hilda Girard, F. H. Rucker and U. W. Louderback. Robert Rucker taught the longest number of years in the district. That being eight years and he had the highest salary of \$125. Only three of the former school directors that served the school district still live in the area and those are George Werner, Louis Hatzer and R. B. Morris.

An interesting fact concerning Short Point was that the trustees met on May 27, 1861 and plotted the school districts of the western part of Livingston County, in the Short Point School.

The school year was divided into three terms, fall, win-

ter and spring. Many times three different teachers served the district in one school term. The students were allowed to remain home during the fall term to help with the harvest of the farm crops.

Short Point is now a part of the Cornell Consolidated School, District 426, and the land that was set apart for the original school went back to the original owner, the McVay Estate.

Baker Run School



1st row—seated: Clarence Murphy, David Barton, James Brown, Ralph Turner, Howard Garretson, Mary Barton, Margaret Barton, Annie Erickson, Zelma Gourley.

2nd row—Charlie Murphy, Reno Barton, Ruth Barton, Mabel Erickson, Glen Garretson, Jean Husted, Glen Husted, Paul Barton, Ethel Wibbenhost, Lula Turner.

3rd row—Irwin Turner, Sarah Garretson, Ella Husted, Lela Turner, Verna Wibbenhost, Velma Wibbenhost, Anna Zwiefel, teacher.

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M. E. Aid Society

A meeting was called on March 7, 1888 by the ladies of the M. E. Church for the purpose of organizing themselves into a society; "the aim of proposed society to be to aid their church in such manner as the society should agree upon".

Officers of the first organization were: President, Mrs. D. Reader; First Vice, Mrs. J. B. Day; Second Vice, Mrs. Dr. Jones; Recording Secretary, Lillie Cornell; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Lucy Shackleton; Treasurer, Mrs. L. Lord and Chaplain, Mrs. Hardy.

The membership fee would be 25c semi-annually and the group would meet every Thursday afternoon. The women devoted their meetings to sewing on projects that they would sell. There was a vice-president in charge of crochet work, quilt department, carpet rags, plain sewing and fancy work department.

After meeting together for one year, the women voted

to change the dues to 10c a year and meet every two weeks. Officers were elected every six months. There were fifty-three names on the roll. The meetings were opened by the group saying, "the Lords' Prayer in concert". The women made sun bonnets, aprons and dust caps, sewed carpet rags and made quilts. A Festival was held and strawberries, ice cream and cake were served. Also there was a variety table where fruits and confectioners were offered for sale.

In 1900, when the new church was built, the Society pledged \$200. It was also noted in the minutes that, "\$5.00 was given toward paying for Cassie Myers casket". The women voted to give \$20.00 for the new telephone in the parsonage in November 1902. After much discussion the women voted to buy chairs for the church pulpit at their December 8, 1904 meeting. The cost of the furniture to be \$56.50.

In December 1905, a Society member was appointed to meet with the trustees in regard to placing electric lights

in the church. It was agreed that this could be done and the women assumed the debt of \$68.90.

During the twenties, the ladies sold tubes of Peerless Rust and Stain remover, dusting mitts and mops, silver polishing cloths, ironing board fasteners and furniture polish. They also continued to sew at each meeting and sold popcorn at the baseball games in the summertime.

Since the church basement was too small to hold affairs in, the bazaars were held in the "hall", and a pancake supper at the C. E. Lishness restaurant. Dinners were prepared and served to threshers in the area. The women served meals in a tent in the Park for the Big Bend Reunion. The reunion lasted for four days and the Society always reported a "nice profit" from this event. It is recorded that these meals were served each year 1925 through 1932. On July 10, 1929, it was decided to serve a chicken dinner the first day of the Big Bend Reunion to the Booster Crowd, who were going to dedicate the opening of Route 118.

In October 16, 1929, Mrs. Sullins, the ministers' wife asked the Society, "if they might have the privilege of putting a hand pump in the kitchen at the parsonage?"

In the thirties, the women were still busy quilting and having bake sales. The Aid members are to sweep and dust the church every two weeks. The women liked to attend potluck dinners, because sixty members were present for one at the home of Mrs. Ray Husted on June 19, 1930. The first mention of a "white elephant sale" was in 1934. A bake sale was held before Easter, and the women used "American Beauty Flour", which was donated by the company. In 1935, at the annual supper, an adult could purchase a ticket for 35c.

In the mid-thirties, the Aid was divided into four groups. Each group was responsible for entertainment at the general meetings, and was to earn money for the treasury. Some of their projects now included: plays presented at the High School; food sales; Father-Son banquet; ice cream socials; and Epworth League luncheons. The annual chicken supper in 1938 was served at the High School gymnasium and the price of the meal was now 50c for adults and 25c for children.

Not until 1940 did the women become interested in missionary programs. In September of this year, a new organization had been born within the Methodist church for women. It was to be known as the Woman's Society of Christian Service. Mrs. Lyle Husted served as the first president for the Cornell organization.

The world was now confronted with World War II, and so the work of the women of the church took on new services. The men in the service received Christmas cards, the women worked at the canteen in Streator, and we studied about our missionaries, who were caught in the battle fronts. Because of the scarcity of food the serving of meals for threshers was discontinued.

There was a group who called themselves the "Sunshine Sisters", who planted three American Elm trees on the parsonage lawn. The members also put together the "Cornell W.S.C.S. Cookbook", which was sold.

In 1950, the women celebrated the tenth anniversary of the Women's Society and invited guests. In 1955, it was voted to organize three circles, so the women could meet in the homes of the members for a social time and study. They were the Mary-Martha, Mary-Lelitia and Naomi-Ruth, the latter an evening circle. We were busy doing things like visiting the Baby Fold in Normal, touring a candy factory, and the circles also furnished flowers for the altar on Sunday.

We had our first introduction to Study Classes in the fall of 1955. Then we took over the Sunday morning services and had "Laywoman's Day". It was also about this time that we started the carpet fund. We served many farm sales, and the Naomi-Ruth circle sold food choppers, some of the members cleaned house for the older society members in the spring and fall. Many projects were undertaken before our new carpet was finally purchased.

Our first executive meeting was held on Monday, May 21, 1956, and we all learned what ex-official meant! We served our first Graduate luncheon on May 7, 1957, when the graduates of both the grade and high schools were entertained. Also in this year we served the Cornell Alumni Banquet. What a big undertaking that was.

1958 was the year of the hula hoop craze and a demonstration on how to master the "hoop" was given during the recreation period of one of our meetings. Also during this year, it was voted to give the Egermeir Bible Story Book as a wedding gift. A new way of serving was introduced to our people with the Smorgasbord supper, instead of the annual chicken supper. Many of our older members were a little skeptical of our attempt, but all worked hard and it was a success.

The sixties found the women celebrating the Twentieth Anniversary of their Society. A special guest day was held and each past president received a pink carnation. The Alumni Banquet was again served at the High School, and this time we were much better prepared. Everyone knew more about Marian Kay and her vanilla, for we were using it by the quarts so we could purchase some cooking utensils for the church kitchen. The Mary Letitia Circle was selling paring knives.

1961 was a busy summer for we were remodeling our church. The men worked many nights until midnight and the women encouraged them with cool drinks and delicious cakes and cookies. The Circles lost their names and they became known as Circle I, Circle II and the Evening Circle.

In July 1962, we voted to accept the challenge of the Methodist men, who had raised \$500 to pay towards a new furnace. We will pay the \$400 needed to make up

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the balance needed. Also this year we purchased 72 new chairs for the church basement, and the Syracuse China of nutmeg pattern was added to the kitchen cupboards.

Now that our church basement had been enlarged, we had a more convenient place to hold our annual supper and bazaar. The women have continued their contributions to the church budget each year, as well as making a Pledge to Missions for the work of our church in other areas. There are now just two circles. Hope meets in the afternoon and Naomi-Ruth in the evening.

The planning of the Graduate Luncheon is now shared by the other church women of the community. The luncheon is still held in May of each year. The senior citizens and shut-ins are remembered each Christmas with a fruit and cookie plate, that is packed and delivered by the members of our Society.

In 1972, it was voted nationally to change the name of our organization to the United Methodist Women. This new name came about because of the change in structure of our United Methodist Church. The purpose of our organization today is: "... to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative, supportive fellowship and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church."

The U. M. Women officers for 1973 are: Mrs. Helen Ketterer, president; Mrs. Marge Burkett, vice-president; Mrs. Wanda Schaer, secretary; Mrs. Faye St. John, treasurer.

Lions Club

The first Lions Club received its Charter on April 12, 1957 with the charter members being: Keith L. Scott, Ben Kristal, Marion Mitchell, Louis Hatzler, Wilbur Carlton, Elwood Pastors, James Cashmer, Lawrence Brueggeman, John E. Jacobson, Claude Cashmer, Glenn Earp, John Murphy, Donald Wayman, Ray Kimmey, Arnold Maville, Wayne Patterson, John Snyder, John Henry Cave, Ralph Voigts, Leonard Beck. This club later disbanded. The Lions Club reorganized on May 10, 1972 and held their Charter night July 14, 1972. Charter members of the newly organized club are: Ben Burkett, Clifford Cashmer, Jr., Philip Corrigan, James Donze, Billy Gregory, Elmer Hamilton, Richard Hatzler, John T. Jacobson, Robert Jones, Elwood Pastors, Wayne Patterson, William Pleasant, John W. Snyder, Francis Vollmer, Willard Van Weelden, Joe Moore, Ed Grant, Robert Sherwood, Dick Leonard, Irvin Bohm, and Stanley Crews. The club now has twenty-five members. Some of its projects have been: sponsored share of bingo license to help finance Centennial, bought glasses for school girl, septic system for family who lost home by fire, gave out fruit baskets to elderly at Christmas, purchased shares for Centennial and recently sent donation for former resident who needs kidney transplant.

Officers are: Pres., Ben Burkett; 1st vice pres., Jim Donze; 2nd vice pres., Phil Corrigan; 3rd vice pres., Wayne Patterson; secretary, J. T. Jacobson; treasurer, Francis Vollmer; Lion Tamer, Elwood Pastors; Tail Twister, Richard Hatzler; Directors (1 yr.) Robert Jones and William Pleasant; Directors (2 years) Elmer Hamilton and Will Van Weelden.

The American Lutheran Church Women

ALCW was organized here in Cornell shortly after the church was started in 1969. Our purpose is "To Know and to Do the Will of Our Lord, Jesus Christ". Our general theme for 1973 is "Be Alive".

Officers are: president, Aldine Monroe; Vice president, Ethelyn Klein; secretary, Lillian Ferguson; treasurer, Robertha Finkenbinder; stewardship secretary, Gail Janssen; educational secretary, Florence Seeger. We meet the second Wednesday of every month, in which we have our business meeting first then our Bible Study.

We have two big money making projects each year which are the Salad Luncheon in April and the Ice Cream Supper in September. We are also having a bake sale and serving breakfast to FC in February. Last year (1972) we made four quilts and sent them to Lutheran World Relief. This year Rowe ALCW have joined us on our sewing days in making quilts. We are also making scrap books cut from cards, sending them to children's homes and rest homes.

Last year the 2-3 Club was organized, which is a fellowship of Christians in groups, who in joint prayer, pray for each others concerns and share the joys of answered prayer. There are four groups with four in each of them.

Retrospect — Yearbook of Cornell High School

The faculty sponsor of the Retrospect is Mrs. Jean Godden. Editor, assistant editor and business manager are selected by the faculty, with other students signing up if they desire serving as members of the staff. The book is financed by soliciting advertisements and by purchase of each book. 1972-73 officers are: Editor, Linda Leach; Asst. Editor, Donna Schlueter; Business Manager, Kaye Kelly; Asst. Manager, Leann Soule; Art Work, Carol Moore, Debra Schaer; Senior Session, Linda Taylor, Becky Cave; Underclassmen, Julie Delheimer, Debbie Gourley, Sandra Gaston; Sports, Terry Mullen, Wayne Schaer, Dennis Leach; Activities, Becky Wonders, Sally Fitzgerald, Michele Burkett.

Student Council of Cornell High School

Three from each class and one from each club form the membership of the student council, sponsored by the Supt. Mr. Carrol Garrison. All members must maintain a C average. Purpose are to let students help make decisions, especially since they are the representatives of the

entire student body and have the students views in mind. Present officers are: president, Terry Mullen; vice, Dennis Leach; secretary, Kaye Kelly; treasurer, Cindy Gourley. Activities sponsored by them are the magazine drive, homecoming and at times, special programs to be presented. This year they have been instrumental in installing a new student parking lot to the south of the school, which is a great improvement for the whole community. They have also participated in drives for funds, such as St. Judes annual drive.

The Country Club

On April 7, 1970, the Country Club was formed, sole purpose being fellowship. We're scattered over a six mile area west of Cornell and south of Route 23. After meeting one another on the street, in the grocery store or at school functions, and after "many promises of getting together sometime," five of us met one evening, leaving the kids and chores at home with Dad or a baby sitter. Mrs. Lester (Marie) Goodrich invited Mrs. William (Kathi) Schweizer, Mrs. James (Gale) Donze, Mrs. Robert (Joan) Krug and Mrs. Stanley (Mary Carol) Jones to her home for the first meeting. We chose the third Thursday of the month for our time, with hostesses taking their turns and deciding their own entertainment.

At the second meeting in April, Mrs. James (Barbara) Orr, Mrs. Gene (Mary Sue) Wonders and Mrs. Alfred (Sarah) Nelson joined our group and we drew names for secret pals to be remembered on birthdays and Christmas and anniversary cards. In June, Mrs. Leroy (Gail) Jansen became a member and in September, Mrs. Donald (Shirley) Zehr joined, bringing total membership to ten.

Cards are usually played with Progressive Rummy being the favorite game. Many times other games, sharing pen pals, recent snapshots or other things of interest are enjoyed, which includes many good times of visiting and good food and coffee. Last Christmastime we invited our husbands to our special party held at The Lodge in Dwight, at this time revealing our "Secret Pals" and giving "gag" gifts to our husbands.

At this time we still have nine members, having lost Barbara Orr, since she moved away. We always welcome guests and new members.

The American Legion History

The first American Legion was formed on June 26, 1922. The charter was mailed July 10, 1922 to Melburn Lamb and the application was signed by:

Melburn E. Lamb	Deceased
Don F. Murphy	Deceased
John D. Sims	Deceased
Myron E. Lishness	Deceased
Harlow Iverson	Cornell, Ill.
Donald Gregory	Deceased
Morris Weinberg	Deceased

Clarence Beamon	Deceased
William J. Lamb	Ohio
Fred Morris	Deceased
Elmer L. Beaman	Deceased
Lawrence Hilton	Pontiac, Ill.
William M. Goddard	Streator, Ill.
Clyde Earp	Cornell, Ill.
Howard E. Gamblin	Cornell, Ill.
Reuben Earp	Deceased

Very little is known about the post except that its name was the Walter Cornell Post 752, and they turned their charter back March 15, 1935. The records burned when Morris Weinberg's poultry station was destroyed by fire.

In September of 1947, Max C. Husted started the reorganization of a Legion Post in Cornell. The first meeting was held September 30, 1947 when a charter was applied for. Temporary officers were: Commander, Max C. Husted; Adjutant, John Hardin; and Finance Officer, Amer Shay.

The signers of the petition for a charter were: Duane E. Voorheis, William R. Taylor, Wilbur A. Martin, Arthur O. Koltveit, Richard D. Cashmer, Roscoe F. Hammell, Charles N. Webb, Orville J. Johnson, Paul B. Lang, Samuel C. Pond, Merle E. Sandleman, Amer E. Shay, and two other veterans were present, Carrol Springer and Walt Sandleman.

At this meeting, it was decided to change the name from Walter Cornell to Harold N. Shank Post 752. A temporary charter was issued on Oct. 8, 1947.

The other members of the post the first year were: Manley Solomon, William Pleasant, Dale Gourley, Hugh E. Burton, Joe H. Moore, Delbert Brunton, Maurice Foley, Howard E. Mills, Andrew Stortz, John DeCicco, Harold Martin, Winfield Wayman, J. D. Sims, John S. Husted, Francis Springer, Morris Weinberg, Irvin Turner, Clifford Louderback, Howard Wayman, Irvin C. Johnson, William Voorheis, Ervin E. Burkett, Frank Mills, Donald Highland, Frank Olivieri, Richard Rucker, Adam F. Morrison, Harold F. Munson, Clyde Earp, William Gregory, Gerald B. Talbot, John H. Oltman, Donald F. Ely, George Delheimer, Howard Gamblin, Vincent Corrigan, Clarence Beaman, Roy Sullivan, Floyd Cool, Jr., Doris McKenny, James E. Dolan, James L. Dolan, Elmer Lawrence, Frank Wayman, Harold Johnson, Max Miner, Fred Morris, Virgil Tull, Gerald Allen, Elmer Stahl, Clifford Barham, Willard F. Wayman, Chris R. Gmelich, Walter Redfern, Eugene Corkin, Raymond Akeridge, Doyle Sandleman and Robert F. Redfern.

The American Legion met at several place in Cornell until they received permission to meet at a lodge on the F. N. Smith place north of Cornell. Their first meeting was held December 23, 1947.

In May of 1948, Clarence Beaman approached the Legion to place flags on the graves of deceased veterans on Memorial Day. The duty was accepted by the Legion and a few years later, Ervin Burkett and George Delheimer made a thorough search of the cemeteries around

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Cornell with a list supplied by the Veterans Administration.

There were seven or eight graves that were not found in the Bayou Cemetery, at this time. Probably there were no headstones erected or had been wooden and rotted away.

There were no revolutionary war veterans found, but veterans of the Blackhawk War and many Civil War veterans were found and of all wars since.

During this time it was decided to move to Cornell, and the Henry Ide building on the south side of Main Street was purchased. The first meeting was held Sept. 14, 1949, in this building.

In 1958, the American Legion was approached by the Cornell Lions Club to build a new building for the use of the community. They pledged \$1000 over a period of three years. With this impetus, the Legion, who had been talking of a new building, on Sept. 23, 1959 purchased two lots from Mike Murphy, one adjoined the American Legion building on Main Street and one across the alley. After the purchase of the two lots, Ervin Burkett and George Delheimer of the building committee approached Dot Blue on purchasing the Main Street lot that adjoined the Murphy lot. Dot Blue's lot was occupied by a mobile home in which Clarence Blake lived. She agreed to give the lot to the American Legion if they would move the mobile home to the Murphy lot across the alley. This was accomplished on Oct. 25, 1959. The American Legion considers this lot on Main Street a very generous gift from Dot Blue.

On June 1, 1960, the contracts for the foundation of the new building was given out and by late 1960 or early 1961 after six months of hard work on the part of the membership and the citizens of Cornell, the American Legion moved into their new building.

During 1961, the old building was razed, the basement filled in, and a parking space was made.

With the tearing down of the old Legion building, the Cornell industries tore down several old buildings on the north side of Main Street, and Cornell took on a new look with the buildings that has housed prosperous business in the late 1920's and now are gone.

The American Legion membership rose to a high of 105 members and with the forming of a post at Long Point, fell to 68 and has been a strong post every since with a present membership of 78.

Cornell Jr. Farmers

The Cornell Jr. Farmers 4-H club has been in existence for a number of years. Many changes in the type of projects available have occurred through the years and now there are numerous projects for both boys and girls whether they live on the farm or not. Presently there are twenty-six boys and ten girls in the club. Since there

is not an active Home Economics Club this year, some of the girls are taking these projects through membership in this ag club. Meetings are held regularly and the year of work ends with the 4-H Fair, held the first week in August. A tour of the 4-H members homes is taken prior to the fair by all the members and leaders to view each project. The present officers are: president, Terri Lyons; vice president, Scott Delheimer; secretary, Mark



4-H TOUR 1946

Garretson; treasurer, Stephen Wonders; reporter, Sherry Voights; recreation, Dave Russow and Jeff Voights; song leader, Paul Jones; and 4-H Federation delegates, Terri Lyons and Jeff Voights. Robert Jones is the leader and is assisted by: James Garretson, William Barton, Charles Russow, Jr., and Mrs. Eugene Wonders. Information about the club in the early years is not complete, but it is believed to have been formed in the late 1920's. Some of the past leaders were Joe Erschen, Sr., Milo Pitcher, Wilson Stamp, Glen Diamond, Claire Potter, George Staggs, John Gaspardo, Mr. and Mrs. Reno Barton, Ervin Burkett, Ralph Voights, Robyn Knox and Ben Burkett.

The Neighborhood Club

One afternoon back in April of 1932, this date being the nearest we could arrive at after much discussion reviewing and talking over various things that had happened, that the history of "The Neighborhood Club" was made up.

The following were charter members: Mary Louderback, Daisy Lundy, Mrs. Tom Carter, Mamie Burkett, Myrtle Morrison, Luella Cashmere, Ina Cashmere, Mrs. Glen Cashmere, Mary Gaspardo, Irma Delheimer, Bessie Delheimer, Florence Hyberger, Cora Fraily, Wilma Hamilton, Eola Mills, Cora Louderback and Jesse Louderback.

The first meeting was held in the home of Mary (Grandma) Louderback. This was a quilting party and everyone brought a sack lunch and Grandma Louderback served coffee.



Top row—left to right, Mary Gaspardo, Opal Lawrence, Jessie Louderback, Esther Girard, Ina Cashmere, Pearl Valentine, Belle McClane.
 2nd row—left to right, Grandma Cashmere, Margaret Burkett, Mamie Burkett, Annie Wahl, Enda Eutsey, Julia Wolf, Evelyn Cashmere.
 3rd row—left to right, Esta Cashmere, Norma Loudon, Margaret Beckman, Cora Frailey.
 Bottom row—left to right, Donna Burkett and Daisy Lundy, children of Esta Cashmere.

At one of the following meetings Grandma Cashmere was appointed our general chairman. This was the only officer that we had from 1932 to 1948, that was 16 years.

The only activities we had in all of these years was sewing and mending for ourselves, if we had it, or for our hostess.

In 1934 the club decided to have a name for the group. It was in the home of Irma Delheimer that each member submitted a name. After many eliminations the name that Cora Frailey put in was chosen. It was "Lend-A-Hand Club". For her fine thoughts, she was given a hand painted canister set as a gift which was given by Daisy Lundy.

Later on we started to play Bunco due to the kindness of the Cashmeres. They brought the dice, bell and punch.

At the meeting at Maggie Beckman's on June 10, 1943, a set of by-laws were drawn up and a new set of officers were elected. They were Mamie Burkett, president; Pearl Valentine, secretary-treasurer. They voted that day to give the retiring president, Mrs. Cashmere a gift. It was a black purse.

On June 24, 1948 at the home of Lillian Morrison, they decided to change the name of the club to "The Neighborhood Club". The club ran along this line with an occasional potluck for the families, about one a year.

As years has passed the following members have been added to the club. They were: Belle McClane, Enda Eutsey, Esther Girard, Julia Wolf, Anna Wahl, Maggie Beckman, Donna Burkett, Margaret Burkett, Mildred Morrison, Esta Cashmere, Norma Loudon, Audrey Paton, Marge Gamblin, Verna Burkett, Dorothy Calder, Dorothy Delheimer, Kath Hoobler, Evelyn Cashmere, Opal Lawrence, Doris Cashmere, Elna Bayles. Mary Lou Gragson, Elsie St. John, Eva Dodge, Marge Burkett, Bernadine Johnson, Connie Girard, Evelyn Hale, Mazie Lawrence Mayme Handy and Lucille Snyder.

The Neighborhood Club still meets on the first and third Thursdays and the officers now serving the Club are: Mary Lou Gragson, president and Marge Burkett, secretary-treasurer. Each April the Club celebrates the clubs anniversary. We have lost many of our members during the years, but we have a real good attendance and a most enjoyable afternoon, visiting and playing Bunco.

Sportsman Club

The Cornell Sportsman Club was organized in 1934. After the club became inactive, they transferred to the Manville Club in 1958. Since most members were from the Cornell area, they merged the two clubs in 1964. Meetings are held the 2nd Monday nights of the month at the homes of members. Officers now serving are: president, Charles Russow, Sr.; vice president, Wilbur Russow and secretary-treasurer, Lou Barton.

Afternoon Bridge Club



Bottom row—left to right, Mary Morrison, Mrs. Chamberlain, Ane Gardner, Lottie Weinberg, Carrie Sawyer, Kath Hoobler.

Second row—Mable Springer, Eva Murphy, Mildred McMenamin, Jess Louderbach, Aldene Myers.

Third row—Mae Shafer, Belle Sims, Daisy Lundy

Top row—Lela Gochanour, Vera Werner.

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In the late 1920s, a group of ladies, 12 in all, formed an Afternoon Bridge Club, that played Auction Bridge. They played every two weeks on Tuesday, with prizes being awarded to high and low at each table and 80 honors. Lunch being served at conclusion of games. The original twelve were Mayme Myers, Carrie Sawyer, Mae Shafer, Ane Gardner, Eva Murphy, Mary Morrison, Effie Stephens, Jessie Louderback, Daisy Lundy, Edna Shackelton, Mrs. McCully and Mrs. Dr. McLaughlin, all of which are now deceased. The club now meets on Monday afternoons with dessert luncheon with eight members, who are Mildred McMenam, Aldene Myers, Clara Russow, Rosemary Russow, Lulu Barton, Gayle Mills, Vera Schuler and Ethel Cool.

"Suitsus Club"

The ladies of the community, in an informal gathering at the home of Mrs. Mayme Myers, decided to form a club and continue meeting at a one o'clock luncheon in the home of each of the members. Mrs. James Calder of Kansas City, Mo., who was spending the summer with her sister-in-law, Mrs. Myers, assisted them in forming the club. In organizing, it was decided to have a name for the club. So the name of "Suitsus" was unanimously decided on. When they organized, ten guests and the two hostesses, were present. Later others were invited until there were sixteen members.



This picture was taken of the members when they journeyed to Mt. Pulaski and met with Mrs. H. M. Blout, wife of a former pastor of Cornell Methodist Church. The meeting was held Friday, September 13, 1929. Those in the picture, from left to right, bottom row, are: Mrs. Mae Shafer, Eva Murphy, Mary Morrison, Emma Dickerson, Julia Johnson; second row: Nellie Johnson, Daisy Lundy, Elma Gardner, Effie Stevens, Mayme Myers, Edna Gmelich; third row: Florence Beaman, Jessie Louderbach, Edna Shackelton and Emma Blout. Another member unable to attend was Mrs. Carrie Sawyer, who was residing in Champaign.

During a meeting they composed a song to the tune of, "It Ain't Going To Rain No More, No More" and was as follows:

There are 16 ladies in our little town
Who got together and formed a club
Which has won great renown
We have called it "Suitsus"
For it suits us fine
And you should see how we can eat
When we go out to dine.

Chorus—

Oh, the Suitsus, the Suitsus, the Suitsus Club for me
If I live and die in old Cornell. in the Suitsus Club
I'll be.

Mrs. Florence Beaman was married on February 3rd, 1926, so the group presented her with a silver tray engraved with the clubs name "Suitsus".

The only living members of the club at this time are Mrs. Julia Johnson of Grand Rapids, Michigan and Mrs. Florence Beaman of Cornell.

P. T. A. History

On August 1, 1950, the Cornell Grade and High School P.T.A. Clubs met and voted to disband these two organizations and join in one group. The name chosen was Cornell Community P.T.A. and it was to meet the second Thursday of each month. The officers were: president, Mr. Clarence Oyer; 1st vice president, Mrs. Janette McCabe; 2nd vice president, Mrs. Helen Richardson; secretary, Mrs. Irma Delheimer; treasurer, Mrs. Vera Werner; asst. secretary, Mrs. Dorothy McClane.

They sponsored the cafeteria as their project and it was decided on September 13, 1951 that the Grade School would take over the responsibility of the cafeteria.

On May 14, 1959, the club decided to meet every other month with the place and dates to be set by the officers. It was decided on October 25, 1961 to have a room award, a monetary gift would be given to the class having the best percentage of parents present at a meeting.

Cornell left the national P.T.A. organization September 16, 1965 and they chose to call themselves the Parent-Teacher Club. Officers were: president, Mrs. Betty Erickson; 1st vice president, Mrs. Inez Gokoo; 2nd vice president, Mrs. Marion Gourley; 3rd vice president, Mrs. Mary Sue Wonders; secretary, Mrs. Joan Mullen; asst. secretary, Mrs. Pru Louderback; treasurer, Mrs. Charles Calder.

The club's purpose is, bring a better understanding between parent, student and teacher and to acquaint the parent with some of the different techniques being used by teacher and student. Present officers are: president, Mrs. Phil Corrigan; vice president, Mrs. John Skeens; secretary, Mrs. Roger Weber; treasurer, Mrs. John Blair; room mother chm., Mrs. James Garretson.

The Friendly Circle Bunco Club

The Friendly Circle Bunco Club was organized by Mrs. Florence Gochanour in 1928. Early members were Mrs. Ada Leonard, Mrs. Effie Leonard, Mrs. Emma Leonard, Mrs. Emma Jamison, Mrs. Anna Sullivan, Mrs. Dora Miner, Mrs. Florence Manly, Mrs. Minnie Santelman, Myrtle Gingrich and Florence Girard. Several members added to the group were Gertrude Morgan, Claire Leonard, Lela Gochanour, Lou Barton, Florence Blue, Venis Spaniol, Zellah Beaman, Cora Frailey, Mabel Springer, Elsie St. John, Lizzie O'Neil, Mary Gaspardo and Zeilia Cashmer.

The Amitytown Society Of Painters

The Amitytown Society of Painters was organized in 1940 by a group of local painters who had been painting together. They usually got together on Sunday and Thursday afternoons along the river on the Lyle Husted farm south of Cornell. Dr. Thomas Lockie and Thomas Googerty were the founders of the society. Dr. Lockie was a Pontiac dentist and a member of the Brown Co. Indiana Painters group. Mr. Googerty taught forge and wrought iron work at the Pontiac State Penitentiary for more than thirty years. He bequeathed his own work to the Chicago Art Institute. The Poor Box at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Pontiac; the gates of St. Mary's Cemetery and the South Side Cemetery are examples of his work. He was considered one of the country's finest designers and makers of decorative wrought iron.

Mr. Googerty chose the name "The Amitytown Society of Painters" because they met and confined their activities around the abandoned house and mill site known as "Amity" on the Lyle Husted farm, two miles south of Cornell on the Cornell-Graymont state aid road. The object of the society was and is the advancement of all those people interested in painting.

The original active members were: Dr. Thomas Lockie, president and director; Mrs. Lyle Husted, vice president; Mrs. Virginia Smith Miller, secretary-treasurer; Catherine Yost and Thelma Patterson Gehring, lecturers; Maurine McCelland and Mary Elizabeth Reynolds of Dwight, Moore Foster, Louise Schneider, Minneola Bonnell, Tom Googerty, Ann Myers, Betty Jane Duncan, Paul Monser of Pontiac and Gertrude Bradley and Mary Husted of Cornell. Associate members were A. E. Tiffany and Clarence Louderback of Cornell, Mrs. C. M. Dargan, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Smith, Clarence Miller, Dr. John J. Ryan, Richard Miller, Warden O. H. Lewis, Mrs. H. I. Shepherd and Paul Yost of Pontiac.

The society has had exhibits every year since 1940 with exception of 1943, when World War II was going on. These were held in various places, including the Williams Mill, Masonic Temple, YMCA, Water Company office and Pontiac Library. Last year they also exhibited on

Courthouse Square.

The group now numbers thirty-two and they hold meetings twice a month with some of members getting together oftener to paint. Present officers are: president, Mrs. Virginia Diaz; v. president, Mrs. Grace Lugar; secretary, Mrs. Linda Tullos; treasurer, Mrs. Muriel Stephans; historian, J. Paul Yost. At the present there are no members of the society from Cornell.

Cornell Community Club

In October, 1946, Clarence Louderback, Principal of Cornell High School met with several interested persons desiring the forming of a community club. Sixty-five men gathered in November, deciding on the name and electing the following officers: Clarence Louderback, president; Clark Husted, vice; Robert Beck, secretary-treasurer. Projects picked at this time were: securing a doctor from the town, securing better fire protection, health projects, and aiding the telephone company. By May 1947, Clark Husted had petition for fire district explained, and in July, John Snyder reported the selling of 159 shares of telephone company.



Front row—left to right: John Snyder, Lyle Husted, Elmer Blue, Clark Husted, Amos Selby.

Back row—left to right: guest speaker, Gary Harbs, Wilbur Cashmer, Alvin Schuler, William Barton, Gilbert Lauritzen, Rev. Gilbert Fletcher, Wayne Patterson, John Gaspardo, Lyle Girard, John Cashmer, Larence Ketterer, Virgil Ross, Burdel Crow, Floyd Cool, Sr.

In January 1949, the first committee started on the building project for the construction of a doctor's office. The first trustees elected for this were: Rev. Holmes, John Snyder, John Deciccio, John Gates and Louis Hatzler. It was through the untiring efforts of John Gates and the many, many work hours of several men of the whole community that the building was completed on lots bought from Bob Beck in November 1951. We have had three doctors, Dr. Ripley, Dr. Dementrenko and Dr. Gokoo, who came in 1958.

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The club had served the community in many ways, with their biggest money-makers being, serving the Selby Rodcos and joining the fire department in sponsoring the annual community sale held every August.

Projects of the past years have been, besides the original ones, summer programs for the young people, annual Christmas treats for the grade students, a \$100 scholarship for a boy and girl of the graduating class of the high school, financial aid to the American Legion building and fire department building. The last project was installing street signs and house numbers, with the cooperation of the village board. Wilbur Cashmer, the president, was very instrumental in getting this accomplished. Other officers of the club are vice, Rev. Ralph Marquardt; secretary, Elmer Blue; treasurer, Raymond Spaniol. There has been an average of 30-35 members throughout the 27 years and there are still nine charter members of the organization.

The Amity Home Extension

The Vermillion Household Science Club was organized on January 15, 1915 at the home of Mrs. McMillian. We had a fine set of by-laws, and a program committee that planned our programs with members participating.

Most of the talks were given about our own experiences of raising chickens, sewing, cooking for the threshers and many other duties of a homemaker. Our dues were 25c per member. In the early springtime, we had a family night, inviting our husbands. When we disbanded to become the Amity Home Bureau, we had a membership of 75. Miss Swan helped to organize our unit. In the early days some of the members were sent to Urbana to bring back reports.

We have happy memories of the plays we gave at the High School. One of these plays we presented was also presented at the annual meeting in Urbana, receiving an A rating.

We had good local officers, and with the faithful members, we have continued as a very good unit through the years. At the present time we have 15 members in our unit. The present officers are: Mrs. Cecil Richardson, president; Mrs. Orville Gingrich, 1st vice president; Mrs. Lester Goodrich, 2nd vice president; Mrs. Eugene Wonders, secretary; and Mrs. Donald Walker, treasurer.

Legion Auxiliaries

The first American Legion Auxiliary Unit of Cornell was organized under the Walter R. Cornell Post No. 752, as a charter was applied for on April 20, 1923, and issued on April 27, 1923.

Mrs. Mrs. Morrison was first President of this Auxiliary. The Unit had 26 members and the following names were listed on the application for a Charter: Martha Cornell Dunbar, Eliza M. Myers, Eva Murphy, Lela Gregory, Alta Grounds, Gladys Lamb, Josephine Williams, Zellah

Beaman. Almera Allen, Sylvia Lishness, Alto Lindquist, Margarette Allen, Alice Hilton, Emily Lindquist and Harriet Goodard. The last record of this units operations was during April of 1925. Probably disbanded for lack of interest.

The second organization of a Legion Auxiliary came after World War II. A Charter was applied for in Feb. 29, 1943, with the following people being listed on the application of the Charter, for organizing the Harold N. Shank Legion Auxiliary No. 752. Rosemary Delheimer Johnson as president. Betty Hardin, Margaret Barham, Fern Husted, Margaret Cashmer, Lottie Hardin, Bessie Delheimer, Lottie Weinberg, Irma Delheimer and Helen Pleasant.

This later was dissolved and Charter cancelled on Jan. 20, 1950. Apparently due to inactivity.

The third group to organize an active Legion Auxiliary came about on October 19, 1955, as a group of ladies met with Don Ely, Commander of the Harold N. Shank Legion Post, to discuss the duties and purposes of an Auxiliary Unit. The meeting was held at the "Old Legion Hall" property formerly owned by Henry "Hank" Ide. From this meeting the Harold N. Shank Auxiliary Unit No. 752 was organized.

Mrs. Edith Judd of Colfax installed the following officers on November 28, 1955: Florence Walker, president; Josephine Ely, 1st vice president; Betty Taylor, 2nd vice president; Elna Bayles, treasurer; Verna Burkett, historian; Betty Hardin, Sgt. at Arms; Mildred Girard, secretary; Lottie Hardin, Chaplain.

Membership has grown from 30 to 54 over the years. A charter was issued from the Department of Illinois on January 12, 1956.

The following have served as President:

Florence Walker
Mildred Girard
Betty Taylor
Betty Reynolds
Betty Hardin
Dolly Cagley
Elna Bayles
Esther Ide
Helen Greenman
Janice Hamilton
Mildred Girard
Ruth Corrigan
Dolly Cagley
Betty Reynolds
Robertta Roth
Helen Greenman

Florence Walker and Dolly Cagley, also served as President of the Livingston County Council of the American Legion Auxiliary. This organization meets the fifth Monday of each month at the various towns throughout the county. Cornell was host to the group this past October.

The Auxiliary has sponsored ten girls from Cornell to attend the Illini Girls State, which is held on the campus of MacMurray College, Jacksonville, Illinois for one week in June. The following are a list of the girls who have attended: Mary Hatzler, 1963; Cynthia Patterson, 1964; Donna Redfern, 1965; Carol Ely, 1966; Sandra Husted, 1967; Ruth Ann Delheimer, 1968; Nancy Shay, 1969; Beth Pleasant, 1970; Ann Kelly, 1971; and Linda Leach, 1972.

Our two Gold Star Mothers are: La Vera Griffith, mother of Harold N. Shank, for whom the post was named, and Harriet Garretson, mother of William Garretson.

There are six deceased members: Norma Loudon, Lela Gochanour, Frances Girard, Viola Husted, Cora Frailey and Mamie Burkett.

Poppy Day is observed by selling Poppies in Cornell on Saturday before Memorial Day.

Family Histories

Nels N. Lindquist

Nels was born in Sweden in 1867 and emigrated to this country in 1888. He married Emily Peterson and moved from Minnesota to Illinois shortly thereafter. He came to Cornell about 1895 and started a shoe repair shop in the J. E. Shackelton store. He then worked in that store for about 30 years. They were parents of eight children, Raynold of Denver, Colorado; Gotfrid of Sun City, Arizona; Florence Blue of Cornell; Edythe Marsh of Downers Grove, Ill.; Victor of Pontiac, Ill.; Hugo of Seminole, Florida; Helen Tascher of Morris, Ill.; and Berdine Bailey, deceased, of Springfield. Mr. Lindquist died at Cornell in 1934 and Mrs. Lindquist at Pontiac in 1965.

John Corrigan

Among the pioneers of Livingston County were Mr. and Mrs. John Corrigan. They were born in County of Cavan, Ireland and landed in New York in 1863, after a rough stormy voyage of four weeks, from Liverpool. Mr. Corrigan accumulated several hundred acres of land and raised thoroughbred Shorthorn cattle, blooded horses and high grade hogs and sheep.

The mother of Mr. Corrigan came from Ireland in 1865 after the death of her husband. She died at her home in Cornell and was buried near Aurora.

Peter, a brother of Mr. Corrigan, came to America in 1856. He landed in New York and enlisted in a New York regiment of the Army. He was taken prisoner and confined to Libby prison eight months. In 1864, he was exchanged and returned to his regiment, was captured again at the battle of Antietam and sent to Andersonville prison where he died. The family were of the Catholic

faith. They were parents of 8 children who are all deceased. They were: Peter, Eugene, Mary, Hugh, James, Alice and Maggie. On child, also named Alice, died at the age of ten months.

Peter Corrigan married Frances Foley in 1887 and were the first couple to be married in the newly built Catholic Church in Cornell, Ill. They were the parents of nine children.

Corra, born in 1888, married Otto Ramme, the parents of 4 children—Ernest, Howard, Maurice and Russel.

Philip, born in 1889, married Rena Imm, the parents of 5 children—Geneva married Victor Cahleideck, parents of 1 child, Craig; Vincent married Ruth Long, parents of 2 children, Douglas, Patrick; Betty married Joseph Erschen, parents of 6 children, Stanley, Steve, Connie, William, Mary Jo, Chuck; Ruth married Gene Hoag, parents of 3 children, David, Diane, Debbie; Phillip, Jr. married Wilma Russow, the parents of 4 children, Kevin, Kirk Kimberley, Kipp.

Alice, born 1896, married Harry Hohenshell, parents of 1 child—Phyllis.

Mabel, born 1900, married Sidney Trainor, parents of 9 children—Joe, Vincent, Frank, Larry, Phillip, Emmett, Kathleen, Richard, Billie.

John, born 1902, married Esther Sandleman, parents of 3 children—Gene, Joan, Mary.

Frank, born 1904, married Marie McDonald, parents of 2 children—William, Edward.

Victor, born 1909.

Two girls died in infancy. Phillip, Alice, John and Victor are now deceased.

Among Cornell men in the military service, who served in World War II were Brigadier General Ernest L. Ramme, Capt. Howard F. Ramme, Lt. Maurice L. Ramme, all in the Air Force. Vincent Corrigan served in World War I and Philip Corrigan, Jr. served in the Korean War.

Capt. Howard Ramme flew 104 round trips over the Himalaya Mountains known as the HUMP. All were grandsons of Peter Corrigan.

Much of the land owned by John Corrigan over 100 years ago is in possession of his grandchildren.

Russel Ramme farms part of the first land owned by Mr. Corrigan.

Antrim Family

A Mr. David Corbin settled in the Cornell area about 1835. A Corbin tombstone is located in Rooks Creek township, now in the Oral Olson pasture, where several old markers are found. Mr. John Cline Antrim and family settled southwest of Cornell in 1863, in the spring.

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Leaving Ohio in April of same year, our father, William Jordan Antrim, was just 6 weeks old. When the family left Ohio, they traveled by covered wagon, taking 3 weeks to make the trip. The old residence still stands where the Antrims lived for 2 years. During these years, Mr. Antrim served in the Union Army and was discharged in 1865 from Nashville, Tenn.

This was before Cornell was established and there were only five post offices in Livingston County, one of which was located in the home of James McKee. This home was located just south of John Snyder's corn crib on east side of drive to Bayou Bluff area. George Rice carried the mail by horseback, since this was the old stage road from Dixon to Danville. In this area was an old grist mill where the Bayou creek and Vermillion river join. The stone from this mill may be seen in Pontiac at the west entrance of the court house. The Bayou Cemetery, one of oldest in county, is also located here.

John Cline Antrim, after the Civil War, bought 240 acres in Amity township, located just west of the Don Zehr farm. This is where William Jordan Antrim grew to manhood and attended school just east of the Nigh Chapel Church, with the rest of his family.

In 1883, Susan Carroll came from Iowa, staying with her cousin, Milt Carroll and taught school in the Springer and Cornell schools. She met William Antrim in the Nigh Chapel Church and later they were married in her home in Iowa. They started farming on his father's farm and then moved to their farm in Rooks Creek township, where they lived to celebrate their 65th wedding anniversary. To this union were born Glenn L., John "Billy", Dorothy Brue, Keturah "Kit" and Mary Ann Linsey.

Glenn married Anna Weber, who were the parents of Jean Godden, the present homemaking teacher at the Cornell High School. They still live on the home place. "Kit" was also a teacher in the High School of Cornell in the 20's, teaching math and science.

Calder Families

John Calder was born in Sterling County, Scotland, December 24, 1833. He came to Illinois in 1852. On Jan. 19, 1859, he married Elizabeth Decker, who was born in Crawford County, Ohio, Oct. 24, 1839. She had come to Illinois with her parents, Martin and Margaret Decker, in 1865. Mr. Calder passed away Dec. 3, 1895. Mrs. Calder passed away April 10, 1918. Five children were born to this union, three boys and two girls. Two children died in infancy. The three living children were: Jennie, wife of W. S. Tiffany, Allison E. and William E.

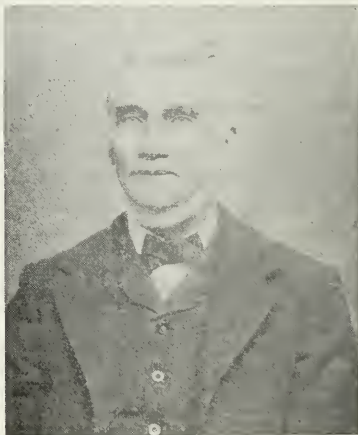
Allison E. Calder, son of John and Elizabeth Calder, was born in Amity Township, July 4, 1862. On Dec. 26, 1886, he was united in marriage to Catherine Webb of Esmen Township. Catherine Webb was born May 11, 1861, in Bridgeport, West Virginia. Allison E. Calder passed away March 7, 1927. His wife, Catherine Calder, passed away Feb. 14, 1944. To them were born two daugh-

ters, Jessie Mac, born Jan. 10, 1894 and Florence Cordelia, born Oct. 26, 1899. Jessie was united in marriage on Dec. 15, 1915, with Marion (Doc) Louderback and Florence was united in marriage on Feb. 3, 1926 to Clarence (Jake) Beaman. Jessie Louderback died Aug. 11, 1970 and Florence Beaman still survives.

History of the Gourley Pioneers

Abel and Elizabeth Richards Gourley were natives of eastern Virginia, Loudin County. It was here they were married in the year 1800 and to their union 16 children were born; namely, James, Joe, Alford, Abel, John, Sarah, Liddy, Mary, Elizabeth, and two children named William the eldest who died at an early age, and Ann.

In 1854, the older boys, John, Jim, Abel and Alford were seized with the pioneer fever and started for Illinois, settling in Livingston County. Here, John and Jim purchased the 80 acres of land where Kenneth Gourley did live. Here they farmed as partners for about 4 years, during which time they encountered many hardships—the greatest hardship being that of losing all their horses with some unknown disease. John returned to Virginia on two different occasions returning each time with a new string of horses.



Mr. Alford Gourley

In 1860, John purchased the 160 acres, where Harlo Garretson did live, and the following year he was united in marriage to Miss Emily Hampton, to whom 3 children were born, John, Julia, and Elmer.

About the time of his marriage, he formed a partnership with Walter Cornell and they began buying cattle and other livestock. Later on he began feeding cattle and followed farming as a general occupation. He became quite successful and accumulated considerable wealth

with which he bought several farms in Esmen and Amity Townships; also several hundred acres in Indiana.

His first wife died at an early age and in 1885 he was united in marriage to Mrs. Lizza Blake. They continued living on the farm until they retired and moved to Pontiac, Ill., where they died a few months apart in the year 1918. A grandson, John F. Gourley, lives on one of his farms in Amity Township.

Jim Gourley remained on the original 80 acres the rest of his life. He married Cynthia Ann.

Abel and Alford returned to Virginia in 1858 where they were later married and in 1864, Abe returned and lived on the place where Irvin Sinclair lived until 1871, when he, with his family, joined a group of pioneers and set out for Missouri.

William Gourley came to Illinois in 1864 with a party of relatives. He remained here until 1871, later settling in Lincoln County, Kansas.

Ann Gourley was married to John Mills of Parkersburg, Virginia. To this union were born 7 children: Charles, Henry, Abel, Edward, William, Mary, May and Ella. Abel and Ed came to Amity Township in 1890 and William in 1900.

Alford Gourley was born in Loudin County, Virginia in 1826. His wife, Rebecca Jane Ferris Gourley, was a native of what is now Harrison County, West Virginia.

In 1864, Alford Gourley drove through with his team and implements to Amity Township in Illinois, and in the following year, brought his household goods. He then bought from Bob Ingersoll, 160 acres of land in Amity Township to which he added subsequent purchases of acres. He was an invalid for 14 years, due to the amputation of one of his feet. He died in 1898. His wife survived until 1900. His children were Sarah, James, Josephine, Abel R., Thomas, William, Alice, Mary, Ida May, Lewis, Agatha and Minnie.

James Gourley farmed for many years in the Cornell community, later retiring and moving to Cornell. His death occurred in 1927.

Abel R. Gourley farmed until 1896. He moved to town and bought an interest in a hardware business with his brother-in-law, F. J. Spaulding. Later Mr. Spaulding sold his interest to Dan Mills. Later Mr. Gourley became the owner and continued so, until he turned the business over to his son, Kenneth Gourley in 1918. Kenneth continued to own the business until his death in 1939.

Over the period of years, Fred Lundy, Earl Gourley and Charley Gourley worked in the store.

Thomas Gourley was a farmer and stock buyer.

William Gourley owned the livery business, later selling and moving to the farm, then moving to Corwith, Iowa, where he farmed until his death in 1946.

Charles Gourley farmed many years in the Cornell area, later selling out and moving to Pontiac, Ill. A few years later he bought land near Oswego, Ill. and farmed until his death in 1953.

The daughters of the Alford Gourley family married and moved to different states, mainly California, except Alice Lawson, who stayed in Illinois.

James P. Gourley Family

James P. Gourley was a son of Alford Gourley and Rebecca Jane Ferris of Harrison County, West Virginia. James was born in 1860, coming to Amity Township in 1865. He was educated in the country schools near his home. He assisted his father in the operation of the farm until he was nineteen years old, then worked on a cousin's farm for two years.

On December 24, 1882, he was united in marriage with Ida Buren of Grundy County, Ill. They become parents of Ray E. (who later moved to Indiana and now is deceased); Fay (deceased at age of 8); Clarence, married to Cleo Turner, residing in Lake Worth, Florida; Earl E., married to Mabel Garretson, resides in Ancona, Ill.; Flavious R., moved to Indiana, now deceased; Florence M., married to Ernest Manley, deceased; Edith J., married Peter Smith, resides in Michigan; Ethel J., married to William C. Ott, resides in Grand Ridge, Ill.; and Howard, who died at age of 26.

Mr. Gourley farmed for many years and raised stock. Later he retired to Cornell.

Snyders

John W. Snyder, born in 1906 on the farm he now owns, qualifies as a native son of Amity Township.

Tracing the geneology of the present Snyder family involves a somewhat complicated pattern. Chronologically, however, it can be established that in 1840, John's great-grandfather, James McKee, one of nine residents who once lived in the "Bayou" area, used his home, situated at that time just south of the present residence, as the Amity post office.

His daughter, Margaret McKee was married to William Snyder, whose father, Daniel, was a retired Methodist minister. Daniel settled in the Nigh Chapel area in 1860. Besides serving as a lay Pastor, he also farmed and operated a tile manufacturing business.

To William and Margare McKee Snyder was born Ray F. Snyder. Ray married Alice Corrigan, daughter of John Corrigan, who settled in this area in 1883. Ray F. Snyder and his wife, Alice, had three sons, Raymond, Eugene and John W.

John married Bernadine Lyons of Odell. Their chil-

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children are Patrick of Columbus, Indiana and Joan Soltis of Ottawa.

In 1945 John's brother, Eugene and his wife were killed in an auto-train accident. Their four sons, John, Michael, Eugene and James also made their home with the John Snyder's after the fatal accident. Michael and Eugene are now deceased. John lives in Bloomington, Ill. James, presently living in Cornell, has four children, who represent the sixth generation of the Snyder descendancy in Amity Township.

The Daniel Iverson Family

George and Olena Olson Iverson emigrated to this country from Dahle near Viga Vag, Rennes Island, Norway in 1855. Their five children were Helen, Daniel, Iver, Ole, and Emma. They settled southwest of Cornell, east of the present John Snyder farm. The land is now owned by Howard Garretson.



DANIEL AND IVER IVERSON—1924

Helen married Enoch Olson and lived in Iowa. They had one daughter, Ena.

Ole married Louisa Carpenter and lived near the Iverson farm for a time and then moved to Wisconsin. Their

children were Addie, George, Elma, Leonard, Bertha, Albert, Olive May, Grover and Verga.

Iver married Martha Anderson of Pontiac. They also lived near the parental home and then moved to Mar-selles, Illinois. Their children were Josie and Edward.

Emma died of drowning, in the Illinois River near Peoria, at the age of eighteen.

Daniel married Mary Alverda Chaffin, of near Rowe, Illinois in 1879 at Streator, Illinois. They lived at the homestead all their married life. Daniel told of wearing a pair of boots belonging to John Wilkes Booth, (the man who killed Abe Lincoln) in his younger days. After Daniels death in 1934, Mrs. Iverson and daughter Eulalia lived on the farm several years and then moved to Cornell.

George, Olena, Daniel, Mary Alverda and Eulalia are all buried in the Cornell Cemetery South of Cornell.

Daniel and Mary Alverda's children and descendants are listed according to age.

1. Napoleon, born in 1879, wed Jessie Corbin, daughter of Perry Corbins of Cornell. They homesteaded in Montana near Roundup. Their children are Florence (died at age one month); Ellen (Mrs. Emmett Smith); Nathan (died at 3 years of age); Norman, and Selma (Mrs. Joe Kuzara). Napoleon died in 1949. Mrs. Jessie Iverson resides in Roundup, Montana.

2. A son died soon after birth in 1882.

3. Mabel, born in 1893, married Wylie Spencer Wayman and made their home in Cornell. Mr. Wayman was a carpenter. Their children are Stella, Frank (deceased), Lottie Belle (Mrs. Jack Haydter, deceased), Clark (deceased), and Glenn.

4. Lottie, born in 1886, wed Fred M. Patterson. They made their home in Cornell and he engaged in carpentry. Their children are Fredrick (deceased), Ruth (Mrs. Charles Partridge), Irma (Mrs. Walter Delheimer), Kenneth, and Mary (Mrs. Arnold Peterson). Fred M. Patterson died in 1922, and Lottie remarried in 1925 to John H. Hardin. Two children were born to this union, John, Jr., and Larry.

5. Verdena, born in 1888, married John J. DeGroot. They farmed around Pontiac and Odell and since the death of her husband has made her home in Pontiac. Their children are Evelyn (Mrs. Henry Gall), a son (stillborn), and Doris (Mrs. Merle Hubbs).

6. Marguerite, (Maggie) born in 1890, wed Walter Eisinger. She died soon after her marriage and is buried in Washington, D.C., where she was employed in the Treasury Department.

7. Eulalia, born in 1893, never married. Died in 1968.

8. Harlow, born in 1895, married Nona Williams. They farmed several years in Livingston County and then settled in Cornell, where he worked at carpentry and

specialized in cabinet work. He is now retired. Their children are Howard, Laverene (deceased), Betty (Mrs. Herschel Reynolds), Florence (Mrs. Paul Majesky, deceased), Kenneth, Marian (Mrs. Norman Rudolph), Donna (Mrs. Robert Brackney), Fredrick, Sharon (Mrs. Robert Jones), Beverly (Mrs. Robert Modglin), and Gene.

9. Nina, born in 1898, wed George Sandusky and they also farmed in Livingston County. George died in 1962. Nina resides in Pontiac, Illinois. Their children are Earl, Gordon and Mildred (Mrs. Harold Kennedy).

10. Reno, born in 1900, married Bernadine Nicol. They farmed several years and then settled in Long Point, Illinois where Reno also engaged in carpentry. Bernadine died in 1972. Their children are Clifford, Betty Bernice (Mrs. Lester Rients), Agnes Marie (deceased), Elsie (Mrs. Kenneth Moran), Harold Daniel (deceased), Rena Ann (Mrs. Robert Schilling), Rosalie (deceased), George, and a girl and a boy who were stillborn.

11. Alva, born in 1903, married Mary Richardson. They farmed north of Flanagan and are now retired and living in Flanagan, Illinois. To them were born Wayne, Russell, Ivan, Edward, Roger (deceased), and Paul.

There are also 106 great-grandchildren of Daniel and Alverda; 75 great-great-grandchildren and 2 great-great-great-grandchildren. (50 grandchildren named herein).

Written and submitted by: Mary Patterson Peterson.

The William P. Davis Family



Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Davis, father and mother of Wm. P. Davis. Taken in 1818. Vada Ide's great-grandparents.

The William P. Davis family came to Amity Township, Livingston County, March 4, 1856. They settled on 80

acres of land located southeast of Cornell. The land, at that time, was valued at \$40.00 per acre. Previous to 1856 they lived at Earlville, Illinois, LaSalle County.

William P. Davis was born in Ripley, New York on April 15, 1834, the son of Nathan and Nancy Whitesley Davis. Migrating to LaSalle County in 1844, by way of the Erie Canal and the Ohio and Illinois Rivers, they landed at Peru, Illinois. After looking the land over they decided there wasn't enough timber for a cabin and fences so they moved on to Wisconsin. The early part of the year 1844 found them back in LaSalle County, where they settled at Earlville.

On October 27, 1852, William P. Davis was united in marriage with Lucetta C. Miner. The marriage was performed at Serena, Illinois.

Lucetta C. Miner, daughter of Allan B. and Lucinda Burnham Miner, was born in Bradford County, Pennsylvania, January 8, 1832. There were nine children in the family. They came to Illinois in the early 1840's settling at Aurora. Later the Miners moved to a farm east of Cornell.

Two sisters, Sarah Jane Miner and Lydia Miner, as well as a brother, David Miner, were long time residents of Cornell.

William P. and Lucetta Davis were the parents of eight children, Ezra K., Theodore P., born in LaSalle County, Marcia A. (who married a Birch in Kansas), Esmarelda J. (wife of Leander Turner), Charles M., Daniel (who died very young), Gurdon H., and William G.

In the fall of 1880 the farm was sold and the Davis family moved to a farm near Burlington, Kansas, later moving to another farm near Emporia, Kansas. Ezra and Theodore did not go to Kansas because by this time they were married. The rest of the family were married in Kansas except William G.. Marcia A. died when her fourth child was very young. In the fall of 1899, William P., Lucetta and one son, William G. returned to Cornell. The trip was made in a covered wagon. Cornell and vicinity was their home for the rest of their lives, William P. passing away in 1916 and Lucetta in 1926.

Esmarelda married Leander Turner. They were the parents of two daughters, Ardie Turner Schneider and Cleo Turner Gourley (wife of Clarence Gourley), one son Merlo Turner, who for many years was the proprietor of a grocery store in Cornell. Their family home was the large house across (west) of the Methodist Church, where they lived until they passed away. There are no living descendants of the Turner family in Cornell now.

The rest of the family moved on to South Dakota and other parts of Illinois. There are many descendants of the Davis family living in and around this community—the Girard's, Shoemaker's, Davis', Ide's, Riordan's, and Garretson's, who were descendants of Charles and Minnie (Morris) Davis. They were married in Kansas and be-

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came parents of seven children—Anna (Riordan), Vada (Ide), Carrie (Garretson), Ov, Abner, Albert and Everett. The Charles Davis family lived in this community, as well as Pontiac and Long Point (where Charles lived at the time of his death in 1953). The immediate members of his family in Cornell are Vada Davis Ide and Merle Ide Girard.

William Grant Davis married Ruby Johnson in Cornell on November 4, 1903. They were the parents of four children—Glen (who died at 13), Iris (Bowers), Claude and Jean (Maubach). They lived on farms in this area until 1923 when they moved to Cornell. In 1965 they moved into an apartment in Marseilles, Ill., where they were residing at the time of Grant's death in April of 1966. He was 94 years old at the time of his passing. His widow, Ruby, still lives in Marseilles. There are no descendants of Grant Davis living in Cornell.

The Oliver Johnson Family

Oliver Johnson and Hannah R. Sellman were married April 10, 1864 while he was still in the United States Cavalry. From December 23, 1863 until September 15, 1865, he was a member of Company A, 17th Illinois Cavalry, during the Civil War.

His ancestors came to Charlestown, Mass. prior to 1637. His great-grandfather was with Washington when he crossed the Delaware, was injured at the Battle of Trenton and died at Valley Forge. His great-grandmother, along with her children, were survivors of the Wyoming Valley Massacre of the Revolution. His grandfather, Oliver Johnson came to Sangamon County, Illinois in 1820. The Johnson family and Abraham Lincoln's family were good friends. His father, John Johnson, helped to build the first frame house in Springfield, Illinois. In 1833, John Johnson came to Rooks Creek Township. He was the third settler there and Livingston County boasted a population of fifty people.

John and Mary Bloyd Johnson were the parents of ten children—Oliver and Stephen being the only two to live in or around Cornell. However, a daughter, Elizabeth, married Benjamin Blue and their descendant living in Cornell now is Lorene Neifing Sullivan.

Oliver Johnson passed away in March, 1900 at the family home five miles northwest of Cornell. His widow and unmarried children then moved to Cornell. Four children had died in infancy, the remaining members of the family were: Henry (who never married), Rose (wife of Arthur Cramer, lived in Kansas), Arvilla (married to Lincoln Decker and Frank Jameson) Sarah (wife of John Decker) most of their life was spent in Iowa, John (who never married), Jessie (wife of Otto Blue), Ruby (wife of William G. Davis) and Guy B. (who died as a result of World War 1).

John and Henry lived in Cornell until their mother, Hannah, passed away in 1927. Jessie spent all of her

life in Cornell, she left this world in 1968. Ruby, lived in and around Cornell all of her life until in 1965 she and her husband, Grant, moved to Marseilles, Illinois. She still lives there, at the age of 89, the only living member of the Johnson family. The only descendants remaining in Cornell are Elmer Blue and Mary Decker Mills.

Louderback Families

SIX GENERATIONS IN CORNELL AREA

Cornell Grade School 5th grader, Lorena Lynn Loudon, represents the 6th continuous generation descendant of a Cornell area settler. Liberty and Mary Jane (Corbin) Louderback, pioneer residents near Nigh Chapel, Amity Township, were the parents of John H. (b. 3-25-1850); George W. (1851-1934); Chester W. (1854-1933); Julia (Mrs. Thomas Gregory (1856-1934); Hersie J. (Mrs. Harry Manuly) (1863-1947); and Harriet (Mrs. William Graeser, (1865-1915).



4 generations of M. W. Louderback family at their golden wedding anniversary observance: 1st—M. W. and Jessie Louderback (seated); back row, left to right—Esther Kirk, James Loudon (3rd), Mrs. Lyle (Mae) Chester, (2nd), Berneice Stimpert (3rd); front row—Sharon and Lynn Stimpert, Lorena Loudon (4th).

John H. Louderback was married May 11, 1873 to Mary Augusta King (b. 1854) of Long Point. He taught school for a number of years and later became a farmer and Amity Township landowner. They were the parents of Marion W. (b. 5-5-1875); Jessie Edwin (1876-1898); Cora A. (1878-1951); and Hersie Minerva (1882-1902). John H. and Mary King Louderback were privileged to celebrate their golden wedding anniversary in 1923. He died in 1928 and his wife in 1936.

Marion W. Louderback attended business college in Peoria and returned to the area to farm. He was first married to Cora Bennett and they were the parents of two daughters, Lorena Mae (Mrs. Lyle Chester, 1900-)

and Esther Myrle (Mrs. S. J. Loudon, 1898-1929). In 1915, Marion W., known as "Doc" throughout his long life, married Jessie May Calder. Both were very active in community activities. For many years he was President of the Cornell Sportsmen Chapter of the Livingston County Sportsmen Club. He is remembered for having organized many successful foxhunts, which attracted participants from the surrounding communities. Mr. Louderback retired from farming in 1952 and subsequently he and Jessie moved into the village of Cornell. For a number of years he continued to be active by selling seed corn. Mrs. Louderback too was very active, in particular with the Cornell Methodist Church and its WSCS. Both were avid card players. They too enjoyed the opportunity to celebrate their golden wedding anniversary in 1965. Though the couple was childless, they shared their love and zest for living with a grandson, James Loudon, for whom they made a home when he was two years of age. Jessie died on August 11, 1970 and Mr. Louderback on September 8, 1971 at the age of 96. He was at that time one of Cornell's 3 oldest citizens.

Esther Myrle was married to Samuel J. Loudon on August 16, 1919. At that time, she was a school teacher, as had been her grandfather. Mr. Loudon operated the Cornell Motor Company. They became the parents of Esther (Mrs. William Kirk, Streator); Bernice (Mrs. Harvey Stimpert, Streator); Sam, Jr.; James Lee and Rosalie. Sam, Jr., died in 1927 at age of 3 of diphtheria and scarlet fever. Less than 2 years later, in 1929, Mrs. Loudon died suddenly with her 2 month old daughter, Rosalie, at her side. Following Mrs. Loudon's death, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Werner took the infant Rosalie, maternal grandparents Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Louderback took James Lee, and maternal aunt, Mae Chester took the girls, Esther and Bernice. Mr. Loudon died in 1961.

Fifth generation James Lee Loudon was married April 23, 1960 to Concetta Lamagno of Streator. Their daughter, Lorena Lynn was born Jan. 14, 1962 and the family still resides north of Cornell.

Mae Louderback married Lyle Chester in 1920. He operated a garage for many years until his death in 1962. They had no children but raised her two nieces.

Our Doctor in 1865

Dr. T. W. Jones, a native of Mercer, Maine, arrived in Cornell a few years before it was incorporated. He had practiced medicine about two years in Maine, after graduating from the Bowdoin College Medical School at Brunswick, Maine. A good friend, Dr. Harding, had settled in Blackstone and persuaded him to locate in Cornell.

The family home was built on the southwest corner of 6th and Johnson streets and he had his office in his home. This is the home of Mrs. Marie Wayman now.

He rode horseback when calling on patients in the

country until there was an improvement in the roads, when he used a two-wheeled cart. Later he drove a buggy part of the time, using a heated foot stone to keep his feet warm. He never owned a car. Before the time of hot water bottles, bags of oats were heated and used also.



DR. T. W. JONES AND FAMILY

He was an active member of the Cornell Methodist Church, a director in the bank several years, also a member of the Odd Fellows and Masonic Lodges.

According to his record books, the fee for delivering a baby was five dollars.

He practiced medicine in Cornell until 1915, when the family moved to Normal, Ill., where the daughter, Mabel, entered ISNU. After graduation she taught second grade in Granville, Ill., 1 year. Later she was married to a classmate, Noah Braden, who was teaching at the Normal High School at Terra Haute, Indiana. The following year they moved to the Jones farm east of Cornell, where they still reside.

Dr. Jones had two grandchildren, Robert and Betty Braden, both of whom graduated from the University of Illinois. Robert has been a farm manager in Indiana

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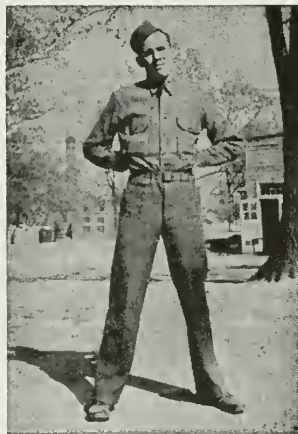
since his graduation. His wife was the former Mildred Davis of Pontiac. They live near Lowell, Indiana. Their children are Ruth Ann Pruitt of Smithboro, Ill., who graduated from Greenville College and is doing social work in Greenville; Helen, a junior at Indiana University, majoring in art; Carol Bridgewater, living in Lowell; Nancy, a senior in Lowell High School and Thomas, a freshman there.

Betty was a Home Advisor of Henderson County, Ill. over seven years, but had to resign because of poor health. She is living at home with her parents.

Cusick Family

Frank C. Cusick was born near Cornell, Dec. 5, 1866, son of John L. Cusick and Isabelle Leonard Cusick. He was the father of Lawrens, born in 1896 in Cornell; Clifton born in 1900 in Cornell, and Laverra Griffith, born in Siloam Springs, Ark. in 1905.

He was a barber all his life and was Justice of Peace for many, many years. He was grandfather of Harold N. Shanks, who he raised, who was killed in action in 1943 in the service of his country, for whom the Cornell American Legion Post was named. He died at the home of his daughter in Woodside, New York in 1948 and is buried in Cornell.



Tech. Sgt. Harold N. Shanks, grandson of Frank C. Cusick.

"The Springers"



This log house is located four and one half miles southwest of Cornell, Illinois. Springer log cabin.

Nathan Springer, Sr., was born June 9, 1845, in Vermillion County. He enlisted in the 129th Illinois Volunteer Infantry in 1862, and served in Company C until the close of the war. He was discharged from the Army June 19, 1865. His last service was under the leadership of Sherman. The last serious conflict in which he was engaged was that of Bentonville, North Carolina, and after marching from Richmond to Washington, he was one of the blue-coated veterans in the Grand Review. He was wounded three or four times and was hospitalized for short periods.

After his marriage in 1867, he rented a tract of land in Long Point Township. He then moved to Allen County Kansas, and farmed one year and moved back to Illinois in 1884, and rented land for one year. He then located on his present homestead in section 19, Amity Township. The marriage of Mr. Springer and Mary Catherine Carpenter took place on Sept. 12, 1867. Mrs. Springer is a native of Ohio and since 1854 has been a resident of Illinois. They became the parents of eight children: Sarah Elizabeth (died at the age of 4 years), Otto C. (was accidentally killed March 22, 1898 at age 19), and Robert, Walter, Nathan, Alonzo, Martha, Francis, are all deceased.

Walter married Elizabeth Stehle in 1895. They became the parents of two daughters, Mae and Marie. Mae married Roy Santelman in 1923. He died in 1940. She then married Harry Mason in 1948 and he died in 1961. Marie married Paul Long in 1921. They were the parents of Betty Mae, Dorothy, Shirley, Ivan, who died in infancy, Charles and Vera Louise.

Husted Family

William Husted, the first of the family to reside in the Cornell area, was born in the Bridgeton, New Jersey area, in 1814. In early manhood he came down the Ohio

River and settled in Franklin County, Indiana. There he met and married Rachel Miller Whitney. In 1850 he brought his wife and young family to Putnam County, Illinois. William and Rachel were the parents of Hannah Shepherd, Samuel Husted, Sarah Johnson, Caroline Campbell, David Husted, Lydia and Rachel Husted. In 1862 they came to Livingston County and farmed for awhile on the place where Ed Lyons now lives in Esmen Township. A few years later they moved to Sunbury Township on the Norton farm where Eddie Rinn now lives. In 1869 there was a great flood and William told of visiting at the river south of Cornell, where he saw only the peak of the sawmill roof above the water. Now in 1973 the mill race is still visible but it may not last many more years. Wm. Husted's sale bill dated 1875 is in Lyle Husted's possession. After the sale they moved into Cornell into the residence now owned by Mrs. Warren Morris. William died in November 1900. Rachel died in 1888.

Samuel Husted was born in Franklin County, Indiana in 1845. He was five years old when he came to Illinois. He farmed with his father until he was married in 1866 to Martha Wilson Holcomb, who was a widow of a Civil War veteran. From this marriage the following children were born: Albert, who died at age 10; Charles, William, Raymond, Earl, Mabel (Klinzman), and Edna (Klinzman). All are deceased. Later, about 1875, Samuel was in partnership in the grocery business with his brother-in-law, Ben Johnson, in Cornell on the south side of the Main Street about where the present Legion Hall is now located. After he left the grocery business, Samuel and Ben bought the present Husted farm south of Cornell. David, Samuel and Ben had a three way partnership in the farm. Samuel and David's families lived together on the farm in the same house. In 1897 Samuel's wife, Martha, died.

Of his family, William was married to Pearl Rucker, daughter of William and Amanda Rucker. William and Earl operated a grocery store in Cornell from 1906 to 1920. Their children were Irene (Mrs. William Lamb), Cleveland, Ohio; Max C., deceased; Ralph, Akron, Ohio; Gladys (Mrs. John Kroeckel) Akron; Edith (Mrs. Granger), Akron area; Claude, Robert and Anita, all deceased.

Raymond married Eva Young. He had a harness shop in Cornell from 1912 to 1919, then moved to a farm near Pontiac. They had four daughters, three of whom died at an early age. Pauline (Mrs. John Ford), Salinas, California is the only survivor.

Earl was married to Lulu Motts. Besides operating a grocery store, he was postmaster in Cornell in the early 40's, retiring in 1945. Their children were Mildred (Mrs. Robert Jamison), Cleveland, Ohio; Fred, deceased; Esther, Fort Lauderdale, Florida and Helen (Mrs. George Sims), also of Fort Lauderdale.

Mabel was married to Dan Klinzman and moved to Iowa in 1919 and farmed. Their children are Charles, Yale, Iowa; Floyd, Storm Lake, Iowa; Ethel (Mrs. Dale Prescott), Lake View, Iowa; and Katherine (Mrs. Earl Smith, Jefferson, Iowa.

Edna was married to Jess Klinzman and moved to Iowa in 1918 and farmed. Their children were Elmer, deceased; Earl, Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Russell, Bagley, Iowa; William, New Sharon, Iowa; and Lloyd, Des Moines, Iowa.

In 1891 Samuel married Belle Mackinson, of Esmen Township, who had just finished teaching a year in the Baker Run School. Samuel and Belle's children were Lyle, living on the Husted home farm; Ella (Mrs. Roy Klinzman), Jamaica, Iowa; Glenn, Waterford, Michigan; and Jean, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Lyle, a farmer, was married to Viola Long in 1915. Their children were Vernon, Armstrong, Ill.; Mary, Metropolis, Ill.; William Dean, Colorado Springs, Colo.; Harold Clark, on the Husted home farm; and Marcia (Mrs. Donald Metzger), Woodhull, Illinois.

Ella, a farmers wife and piano teacher, is married to Roy Klinzman. They have one son, Derrill, Iowa City, Iowa.

Glenn, a teacher and Principal, is married to Helen Flynn. They have one daughter, Sharrie (Mrs. Harold Van Gilder), Warren, Penn.

Jean is now retired from being a proof reader for a large publishing company in Philadelphia.

Of Lyle and Viola's family, Vernon, a school Principal, is married to Helen Wilson and they have five children: Sharon (Mrs. Edgar Hovel), Thomasboro; Judith (Mrs. Steve Blackford), Janet (Mrs. Eldon Huls), Robert and Susan, all of Armstrong.

Mary is a Home Extension Advisor in Massiac County, Ill.

Lt. Col. (Ret.) William Dean now is the postal service, is married to Jayne Fox Moser. Their family consists of Barbara (Mrs. LeRoy Croissant), Denver, Colo.; Mary Lou (Mrs. Jerry Pierce), Palmer Lake, Colo.; Charles and Gwen, Colorado Springs, Colo.

Harold Clark, a farmer, is married to Lois Shay of Esmen Township. Their family is Sandra (Mrs. David Knight), Pontiac, Ill.; Carol (Mrs. Paul Darveau), Normal, Ill.; and David, Cornell.

Marcia, a teacher and principal's wife, is married to Donald Metzger. They have one daughter, Ruth Ann, Woodhull, Illinois.

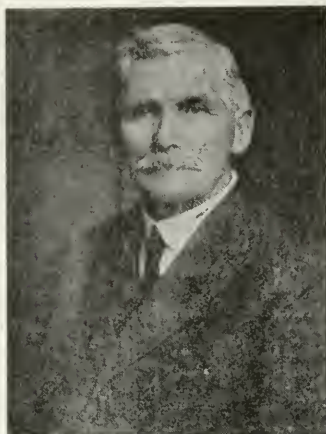
The descendants of William and Rachel are many, and we have no doubts that the story will continue.

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Joseph M. Bradley

Joseph M. Bradley, son of James and Nancy Bartholemew, Bradley resided on the western bank of the Vermillion River in Amity Township.



JOSEPH MILTON BRADLEY, 1840 - 1929

Joseph M. Bradley was born in Clarksville, Illinois, on September 28, 1840. He had very few advantages of an education. He was practically a self educated man. In 1874 he purchased a farm of his own. He owned the farm for 26 years, but did not move onto it until 1933.

In 1878, he married Florence Patterson, daughter of Samuel and Julia Patterson, sister of Stephen H. Patterson. She was born in Washington County, Pennsylvania, and came to Illinois as a child. She was reared in La-Salle County and received her elementary and high school education in Ottawa, Illinois.

Their oldest child was Mabel E., a successful teacher in Pontiac, where she received her high school education. She then pursued her college education in Dixon, Illinois College.

Samuel M. was educated in Pontiac. Later he was in the mercantile business, where he sold men's clothing and hats. His business establishment was in Sterling, Illinois. He died there in 1937.

Daisy was educated as a nurse at Mercy Hospital in Chicago. During World War I she became an Army nurse and was stationed at Petersburg, Virginia. Two other children, Julia and Ross were at home.

Mr. Bradley held many public offices, such as Constable, Highway Commissioner, Township Collector, and Justice of the Peace, up to the time of his death in 1929.

His son, Ross, purchased the home estate in 1950, in which he retired from in 1968, due to ill health, and moved into Cornell.

Mr. Bradley is survived by one daughter, Julia, several grandchildren, one daughter-in-law, Mrs. Gertrude Bradley, wife of Ross Bradley.

He is also survived by three grandsons, John Naser, Roger Nasser, and Bradley Johnson. Also surviving is a granddaughter, Virginia Naser, all of Chicago. John Naser is a retired Colonel of World War II. Roger Naser was also in World War II.

One daughter of Joseph Bradley survives and lives in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Her name is Esther. The son, Bradley Johnson, lives in Washington, D.C.

During the time J. M. Bradley owned the Bradley farm, which was later owned by J. R. Bradley, his son, many interesting events were held there. At that time it was known as Bradley's Grove. Some of the events were: The Old Settler's Picnic; many Sunday School picnics; political rallies, such as the Democratic Picnic in August, 1931. Henry Horner was campaigning for Governor. There also was J. Ham Lewis and a Mr. Scott.

Mr. James Bradley, father of J. M. Bradley, was one of the surveyors of Amity Township. He also took care of the land mark, The Mile Tree. In the 1920s a service was held at the tree and a plaque was placed on the tree with a poem by Joyce Kilmer. This was done under the direction of Mr. John Mconaha of Pontiac, the head of Conservation in Livingston County. Later the tree got dutch elm disease and died.

James Bradley was an early surveyor of Amity Township. His surveyor set is still in the family and has been placed on exhibit for several years at the Hobby Show in Streator. He was a Postman in Cornell after the railroad was finished.

The Miner Family

One of the early settlers in Illinois was David K. Miner. He came from Bridgebury, Pa., with his parents in 1846. In 1850 he was united in marriage to Susan Anderson, who had come to this country from Bergen, Norway, crossing the Atlantic in a sailing vessel. They moved to Livingston County in 1861.

In 1870, when Cornell was just starting, David Miner moved his family in a covered wagon and ox team to Kansas where they spent three years. When they returned to Cornell, it was incorporated and had three saloons. It might be interesting to know that Lloyd Miner, Jr., in 1939, took his grandfather, Theodore Miner, on an auto trip to Kansas over the same route he had traveled with his father. At this time Theo. was 81 and very active, often riding horseback.

David and Susan Miner lived in Cornell till he was 83 years old and she was 91. They had three sons, who were in business for 37 years. George, Theodore and Henry operated their first general store, located in the two story brick building, on the south side of main. Several years later they moved in the building now occupied

by John Gaspardo's Laundomat, which was erected for them. About this time, they purchased from Wibbenhost and McVay, a hardware store, which was a frame building located where the Elmer Hamilton gas station is now. Still later, they moved the grocery and dry goods store to Waymans present location, and hardware was moved to Finkenbinders Feed Store. Theodore ran the hardware and sold buggies and implements for farming, also operating two farms and feeding cattle.

In 1912, George Miner died and Theodore's son, Lloyd, took over the general store, with his uncle. At one time, Martha Springer and Frank Reeve worked in the store. Years later, Irving Miner, the younger son, worked also. A sister, Mrs. George (Madolyn) Strode lives in Chicago.



Wedding picture, 1912



Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Miner on 50th wedding anniversary, 1962.

In 1912, Lloyd Miner was united in marriage to Dora Sullivan, daughter of Anna and Burt Sullivan. Their children were: Rex, Lloyd, Jr., and Pauline Fredericksen of California, Dorothy McClane of Cornell and Lyle of Colfax. Picture is of 50th wedding anniversary, taken by Streator Times Press. Dora passed away three years later. Lloyd worked in Miner Bros. Store 25 years, was high school custodian 11 years and grade school bus driver 11 years.

Irving has Cornell's only radio and TV Service.

Theodore Miner married Nancy Burt, daughter of Benjamine and Rebecca Campbell Burt, who came here from New York and bought farm land.

Another son of Theodore was Max, who along with his father and brother Irving, ran a dairy in Cornell for several years, delivering milk throughout the village. Theodore died at age of 91, his wife dying at age of 87. Max died in Veterans Hospital, Dwight, at age of 55. Nancy and Theodore Miner were kind, good hearted people and at different times throughout their married life, opened their home to several, making them a part of their home.

History of William Partridge Family

William Partridge was born at Barnett, Vermont, May 1, 1828. He was educated at a Military Academy that was founded in 1820 by Capt. Alden Partridge. He married Lucy Abbott in 1869.

Mr. Partridge came to Illinois in 1869. In 1894 he bought a 252 acre farm in Amity Twp. Livingston County, then later 282 acres more. He came to Cornell in 1905 where he lived until death of his wife.

Then he lived with his son, Edward, and his wife on the farm. Edward Partridge was the oldest son. He married Lizzie Smith. They lived on their farm until their death. Their children are as follows: William M., Edward F., Lucy, Louis Alden, and Charles E. Louis died at an early age.

William Milton married Mae Patterson. Their children are Glenn, Floyd, Robert and Ruth Elizabeth. Milton lived in Cornell and operated a garage, and later was a Standard Oil agent. He moved to Pontiac with his family. He and his wife now reside in Normal, Ill.

Edward F. (Frank) married Blanche Eddy. Before this he taught at the Cornell High School. Their children are Ruth Ellen and Margaret. Frank is an ordained minister in the Baptist faith. Most of the Partridge family have followed the Baptist faith. He and his wife now live at West Chicago, Ill.

Lucy married Grant Dawson. Their children are William, Dorothy, Richard and Anna. They live in Akron, Ohio.

Charles E. married Ada Olson. Their children are Patricia A. and Thomas Charles. Charles was engaged in business in Cornell for a number of years. This marriage was resolved. Charles later married Ruth (Patterson) Rhodes. They reside in Streator, Ill.

Patricia A. married Forrest Burkitt. Their children are Mark W., David F., Daniel S., Thomas C., and Timothy L. Mr. Burkitt operates a garage and service station in Cornell at the present time. Patricia is employed at the Cornell Grade School Cafeteria. They live in Cornell, Ill.

Thomas married Sallie Sweet. They have four children, Michael, Sherry, Scott and Cindy. They live at Bettendorf, Iowa.

W. F., the second son of Capt. William Partridge, was married to Ada Corbin. They lived on their original farm until their death. Their children are Charlotte, Harriet, Ruth (now deceased) and Mary.

Charlotte married Todd Richards and had one child, Antonette. Mr. Richards died in 1928. Charlotte later married Fred Greil (now deceased). Their two children were Barbara and John. She resides in Las Vegas, Nev.

Harriet married James Arnel Garretson. Their children are William A., (who died in the service of his country in 1953), Ruth H., Jane A., and Alice M. Mr. and Mrs.

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Garretson still reside in Cornell He was Amity Township Road Commissioner for 12 years. She has taught in the local area schools for 20 years.

Ruth married Robert Husum. They had no children. They lived in Chicago. She died in 1966, he survives.

Mary married James Albright. Their children are James, Richard and Charlotte Anne. They live in Downers Grove, Ill.

The Ide's

The Ide's originally came from England.

Sherman E. Ide was born in Chautauqua County, New York March 20, 1835. He came to Illinois as a young man, and settled in Ancona, Illinois. He married Mary Leonard in 1861, and she passed away on April 14, 1870,



Left to right—Henry, Charlie and Arnold Ide with Mary Ellen, his daughter.

leaving him with five children, Fred, John, Henry, Charlie and Mary, who passed away as a child. Sherman was a blacksmith and he also farmed. He married a second time to Lucretia Ann Waggoner of Dana, Illinois on December 25, 1870. They were the parents of four children, William Sherman, Guy, Ida and Edward. His second wife passed away in June of 1886 and he passed away November 28, 1903.

Fred Ide married Rebecca Kuntz, and he also was a farmer. They had five children, Frank, Archie, Leona Alqua and Isable, all are deceased except Isable, who resides in Ottawa, Illinois.

John was a butcher and had one son, Dent. John resided in Manville, Illinois and passed away there.

Henry Harrison was born in Newton Township on March 25, 1862. He married Eliza Jane Robertson on January 8, 1889. They were the parents of Charles Sherman, James Leo (Lee), Mary Evalena (Eva), Rollo Robertson (Jack), Anna, ROLLIE and Claudia. Anna and ROLLIE passed away in childhood. Henry H. was a farmer until 1900 when he moved into Cornell and opened a barber shop on Main Street. On January 1, 1907, he got a United States patent on a collapsible chicken crate, later selling the patent to someone else. Eliza Jane passed away November 11, 1906 and he later married Ida Ree Shively of Dana. He also had a shoe cobbler shop in his barber shop. After he retired from barbering, he opened a general store and gas station in a large brick building. It stood on the ground the present American Legion building is located. He operated this business until he passed away February 7, 1944.

Charlie, son of Sherman E. was taken as a child to Kansas and raised by a family by the name of Fowler. He also was a barber. He lived all his life in Kansas, married and had four daughters. He is deceased.

William Sherman (Billie) was a barber. He lived and barbered in Minonk, Illinois. He passed away young.

Guy Ide married and lived in West Allis, Wisconsin.

Ida Ide was married to Ben Taylor of Long Point. They were also farmers. They were the parents of Esther (Mrs. Fay Girard), Edith (Mrs. Delbert Fulkerson), Gertrude of Chicago, Alice (Mrs. Gilbert Bennett) of Indiana, Gladys of Florida, Ray and Robert of Long Point, Illinois and Clarence of Texas, who passed away a year ago.

Edward Ide married Carrie Brown of Dana, Illinois. They also farmed and were the parents of Anna (Mrs. Rex Harris) of Indiana, Roy and Guy.

The Henry H. Ide family lived here in Cornell longer than any of the others.

Lee Ide married the former Lola Grimm and they were the parents of Jeannette (Mrs. Ellsworth Collins) and Robert. They all moved to California years ago, where Lee passed away on May 31, 1954. He was a butcher.

Eva married Milo Blue of Cornell in 1912. They moved to Amboy, Illinois in 1924 where Milo passed away a few years ago. They were the parents of Beatrice (Bee) Mrs. Guy Sloan of Cleveland, Ohio, and Mary Jane (Mrs. Otto Gehant) of Amboy, Illinois.

Rollo (Jack) born August 28, 1900, married the late Mildred Neifing. He was a painter by trade, and lived in Davenport, Iowa. They were the parents of Margaret, Betty and Marilyn Jane. His second marriage was to Evelyn Cook, there children are Rollo Raymond, Kathleen and Donna. Rollo passed away a few years ago.

Claudia Ide, deceased, was taken by her aunt to Kansas when she was six weeks old, at the time of her mother's death. She grew up there and married Reed Davis.

They were the parents of Paul and Mary, twins, and Esther. Mary died at the age of three.

Charles Sherman Ide, son of Henry H. Ide, was the last family to live in Cornell. He was born in Newton Township September 14, 1889. He went to work on the farm as a boy. He married Vada Davis. They farmed until 1920 when he followed his father in the barber business. He also did a lot of carpenter work. He was a member of the First Baptist Church. His first barber shop was on the south side of Main Street, then he moved to the north side next to Murphy's Corner. That shop burned down, so he built a new one and later added the present apartment next to it. He barbered until 1958 when he let his son, Arnold Ide, take the shop, but he continued to manage his insurance business until his death on June 15, 1967.

Arnold Ide, like his father, was a barber. He completed his three year apprenticeship before he was out of high school in 1930, and received his license. He barbered in Graymont, Illinois for many years and also was a painter.

Arnold married Florence Cassidy and they became the parents of Mary Ellen Ide (Mrs. James McDonald) of Ottawa, Illinois.

Later he married Esther Alltop. They had one son Gary Lee Ide, of Indiana. There are six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Charles and Vada Ide are also parents of Merle (Mrs. Cyril Girard) of Cornell and Helen (Mrs. Joe Burkett) of Pontiac, Illinois.

Charles Ide had four grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

For 73 years there has been a Ide barber shop on the Main Street of Cornell, Illinois. It has been operated by three generations, Henry H. Ide, Charles S. Ide, and Arnold Ide until Arnold passed away October 3, 1969. The shop is still owned by Mrs. Charles Ide (Vada) and operated by Willard Ratliff from Streator, Illinois.

The Jacob Gingrich Family

Jacob Gingrich was born of German ancestors, who resided in Alsace, France. He was born in Woodford County in Illinois, July 28, 1842 and resided there until enlisting in the Union Army in 1861. After returning from the call of his country, he remained in Woodford County for an additional three years.

Jacob was the son of Johannes Gingrich, who with his wife, Barbara Gerber Gingrich, sailed from LeHarve, France, May 8, 1840. After four days of good weather, their ship was caught in a four day storm. During the storm, a daughter, Barbara, was born, birth place—the sea. Forty-eight days after leaving LeHarve, the ship landed at New Orleans. They settled near what is now

Metamora, Illinois and purchased 250 acres of land which they cleared and improved. Later they extended their estate until it comprised 800 acres. The father departed this life in 1845, leaving the task of rearing the nine children to his widow. All children lived until maturity.



THE THREE JACOB GINGRICHS

Left to right—Jacob Gingrich, Metamora, Ill., Grandpa Gingrich, Cornell and Jacob Gingrich, Cazenovia, Ill.

Jacob aided his mother and brothers in the management of the homestead until the president issued his first call to the lovers of the Union. After serving three months, being seriously ill, received an honorable discharge and returned to the old homestead. After sufficiently recovering, he aided his mother for another three years.

In July 1864, Jacob Gingrich and Susan Farrell, who was born in Zanesville, Ohio, were married in Metamora by Squire Page. This union was blessed with eleven children, namely: Gustavus, who married Minnie Carr and engaged in farming in Iowa and later in Minnesota. Their family consisted of a daughter, Susan (Mrs. Cyrus Hegstrom) and a son, John, who settled in California; a son, Jacob, who married Irene Carlson. They have a son, Donald and a daughter Karen; a son, Gustavus married Marvel Kempfer. They have three daughters, Lorene, Roberta and Claudia. Their second child, John, settled in California. David united in marriage with Mollie Fos-

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dick and resided in Flanagan, Illinois. Their son, Orlyn, a dentist, and wife, Margaret Reimer, lived in Princeville, Illinois. They have a son, Douglas and a daughter, Sandra. David's daughter, Hilda, married Clarence Good, Flanagan. They have one daughter, Mary Frances (Mrs. Buford King) and husband live in California. Peter, a farmer, married Lottie Barton. Their son, Orville and wife, the former Ruth Lawrence, live on a farm southwest of Cornell. They have a son, Roger, and a daughter, Norma (Mrs. Robert Gee) Streater. The Gee's have two sons and a daughter. Eunice, wife of Leonard Harris of Rooks Creek Township had a daughter, Mildred of Taylorville and a son, Russell of St. Paul, Minn. Both are teachers. Russell married Dorothy Stephenson. They are blessed with a daughter, Kathryn. A daughter, Emma, who remains at home. Elizabeth, wife of Albert Sellmeyer, who were blessed with two children, Elcanor (Mrs. Theodore Leemhuis), and a son, Dean. The Leemhuis family members are three sons, Eldon, LeRoy and Paul and two daughters, Carol (Mrs. Dennis Vapel) and a daughter who died in infancy. Dean and wife, the former Harriet Moyer, have two children, a daughter, Janice (Mrs. Donald Wills) and a son, David. Priscilla, wife of Roy Barton, whose family consists of two children, a son, Weldon, who married Mildred Schobar, and a daughter, Edith, wife of Earl Richardson. Edith had three daughters, Betty (Mrs. Earl Erschen), Jeannette (Mrs. Victor Weichmann), Flanagan; Esther (Mrs. Thomas Leheney), Kernan; and two sons, Earl, Jr., Coal City and Thomas, Streater. Emanuel, who married Lela Gregory, and four and a half years after her death, married Mrs. Helen Cays. A son, Jacob, married Myrtle Munson. They have one son, Howard, who married Pauline Cook. Their family consists of a daughter, Patricia (Mrs. Ronald Novotney) and a son, Leslie. Susan, wife of Jesse Gourley lives in Lincoln, Kansas. Their family consists of two daughters, Helen (Mrs. Lee Bockman), Salina, Kansas and Violet (Mrs. Robert Daleen), Wheaton, Illinois and three sons, Keith, Dee and Vance of Lincoln, Kansas.

During the first years of his married life, Jacob Gingrich and his wife lived on a rented farm near Chenoa, Illinois later moving to Waldo Township, where he resided on two farms for the ensuing fourteen years. He and his family moved to Kansas for a brief stay before moving to Streater. He then lived on a rented farm before purchasing two hundred and ninety acres in Amity Township in January of 1888. The land consisted of timber, a tract of swamp, twenty-seven acres of cleared land and no buildings. He built a small house, cleared land, sold posts, lumber, and props for coal mines cut from the timber. These in turn furnished the exchange for lumber, tile and wire needed for buildings, drainage and fences. In a few years with fences, buildings, fruit trees, livestock and growing crops, there was little resemblance to the farm purchased a short time before.

In political matters, Jacob Gingrich was a Democrat. Although he had no desire to hold a public office, he believed in maintenance of good government and aided ma-

terially in obtaining improvements in roads, bridges and proper educational facilities for the young. He enjoyed the confidence of all with whom he had any dealings, as well as his neighbors and the heritage of an untarnished name he left to his children.

All his daughters were successful school teachers, while his sons remained true lovers of the soil.

There are two surviving children, Susan (Mrs. Jesse Gourley), of Lincoln, Kansas, and Emanuel, a retired farmer, who makes his home in Pontiac, Illinois.

After the death of Jacob Gingrich in October of 1925, his son, Emanuel, remained at the homestead with his mother, who departed this life in February of 1928. The following December, Emanuel purchased the homestead from the heirs.

Emanuel served as treasurer of the Cornell High School and Grade School and all the country schools of Amity Township for twelve years resigning when he retired and moved to Pontiac in October of 1940.

The Gingrich homestead is still owned by a son of Jacob Gingrich.

The Wylie S. Wayman Family

As a youth, Wylie Spencer Wayman, deceased, migrated from West Virginia to Illinois. He came with his parents, Jessie and Mary Jane. He had two sisters, Belle (William Wertz) and Sylvia (Charles Lishness), one brother, Will (Matilda Gamblin). All are deceased. He was a carpenter and lived in Cornell. He was seventy years of age at his death.

He married Abbie Lishness. To this union were born four boys and four girls, of whom three died in infancy. Merritt Spencer married Ruth Barickman, in Cornell. To this union, seven boys and two girls were born. He was also a carpenter and resided in Cornell. These children were namely, Robert and his wife, Ruth, have two sons, Robert and Roger, and one daughter, Linda. They resided in Phoenix, Arizona. Robert is an accountant. Willard married Genevieve Bannerman from Chicago. They have two children, James and Christine, and live in DeKalb. He served in Africa in World War II. Donald, deceased, married Marie Sullivan, of Streater. There are two boys, Donald and Mark, two girls, Mary and Laura. He served in the European theater during World War II and was the recipient of the Purple Heart and the Bronze Star. His widow, Marie, continues with the Wayman Grocery, in Cornell and his son, Don, operated Wayman's Superway in Pontiac. Wayne, deceased, married Lucille Kosma, of Streater. His widow lives in Roselle. There were no children. Helen married Ernest Buchholty, a railroad employe of Chicago. They have two sons, Dennis and Lee, and one daughter, Roberta and reside in North Lake, Ill. Russell married Dorothy Farrell, of DeKalb. They have three children, Candiee, Michael and Thomas. He served in the European Theatre during World War II. They live in De-

Kalb. Mary married Donald Hallet from Wisconsin. They reside in Minneapolis, Minn., and have no children. Keith married Leone Allen, of Cornell. They live in DeKalb with their three daughters, Jamie, Jean and Janice, and one son, Wayne. Roger married Mary Snyder, from near DeKalb, where they now reside. They have five children, Theresa, Susan, Debra, William and Daren.

All children of Merritt and Ruth Wayman were born in Cornell and attended schools there. The boys were prominent in basketball at Cornell High School. Four brothers, Willard, Russell, Keith and Roger and Wayne, deceased, run a hardware store in DeKalb. They still consider Cornell as their home.

Jesse Claudine, deceased, married Dora Brown, deceased, from Nashville, Tenn. They made their home in Miami, Florida. He was a carpenter and a veteran of World War I. They had an adopted son, Jack, who lives with his family in Virginia, near Washington, D. C. He is associated with television.

Winfield W., deceased, never married and lived in Cornell. He served in World War I and was a carpenter by trade.

William Stanley, deceased, and his wife, Thelma, deceased, made their home in Moore Haven, Florida. They had two sons, Stanley Jr., and Thomas. Stanley Jr. was a photographer for Life magazine until his death. His widow, Diane and three children, Seth, Sara and Katherine Ann reside in Washington, D. C. Tom lives with his family in Florida and is in real estate. Stanley Jr. later married Rena Partridge from Kewanee, Ill. He was a mail carrier and a dairy worker. His widow resides in LaBelle, Florida.

Eva, deceased, a registered nurse, married Joseph Aronstam, deceased, in New York City. He was a pharmacist. There were no children. They resided in Mt. Marion, N. Y.

Wylie Wayman later married Mable Iverson, at Cornell. To this union, three boys and two girls were born, Stella, a registered nurse, married Albert Welch, deceased, merchant marine, in New York City. There were no children. She resides in Peoria, Ill. Frank Russell, deceased, married Anna Dutko, deceased, of Streator. They resided in California where he served with the military police in World War II until his death. There were no children. Lottie Bell "Bee", deceased, married Jack Haydter at Cornell. He managed the Smith Lumber Yard in Cornell and later one in Streator, where they lived. She attended Cornell schools. There were no children. Clark Edward, deceased, never married and lived in Cornell with his mother. He served in the Pacific Theatre World War II in ordinance. He played basketball at Cornell High School and worked at Interlake Steel, Pontiac.

Glenn Wylie married Marie Nicodemus from Tulsa, Oklahoma. He is a World War II veteran, having served

in the European theatres. He works for Jean McCoy Construction in Pontiac, where they reside. He attended Cornell schools. They have one daughter, Rachel, who married Tom Fite in Bophell, Washington. He works for General Tire Company and they now live in Everett, Washington. There are no children.

Mabel Wayman, mother of the above five children, resides in Cornell. She is eighty-nine years of age. Currently she is a resident in a nursing home.

Barton Family

Thomas Knox Barton, son of David and Sarah Barton was born December 15, 1844 in Juniata County, Pennsylvania, about 15 miles west of Harrisburg. He grew to manhood there and recalled hearing cannon shots during the Battle of Gettysburg; also how a rider came through the valley every 15 minutes warning the people. A brother was killed at the Battle of Gettysburg and is buried in the National Cemetery there. As his father had died, he helped his grandfather take their valuables and hide them in the mountains until the war was over.

In the spring of 1866 he left Pennsylvania, coming to La Salle County, Illinois where he rented a farm. In the fall he went back to Pennsylvania and brought his mother, brothers and sister back to Illinois to live with him.

On February 16, 1870 he was united in marriage to Sarah E. Smith, also a native of Juniata County, Pennsylvania. In 1875 they moved to a homestead in Long Point Township, Livingston County and in 1883 he purchased 80 acres in Amity Township, west of Nigh Chapel Church. There was much improving to do as the house was a log cabin and only a small portion of the land was broken for farming.

Five children were born to this union—Frank, Laura, LeRoy, Carl and Jesse, who died in infancy.

Mr. Barton died in 1908. Mrs. Barton remained on the farm with her sons for a few years and following their marriage, she moved to Pontiac. She died in 1942.



Mr. and Mrs. Frank Barton

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Frank Barton was born Nov. 8, 1872 in Long Point Township. He received his education in rural schools and graduated from Dixon College. On June 30, 1897 he married Martha Gamblin. They resided in Cornell where he was a partner with M. Lishness in the furniture and undertaking business. They later moved to a farm south of Cornell from which he retired in 1930. He served as supervisor of Amity Township for 14 years. He was also a teacher and Sunday School superintendent in Cornell Methodist Church for many years.

They were the parents of a daughter, Mrs. Paul (Ruth) Long and 4 sons, Reno, Thomas, Ralph and one son, who died in infancy.

The daughter, Ruth, died Dec. 30, 1920, Mrs. Barton on June 14, 1941, Mr. Barton on April 26, 1944 and Reno on April 17, 1972.

Laura B. Barton was born in Long Point Township September 23, 1873. She moved with her parents to the home in Amity Township where she received her education in the rural schools and later taught school until her marriage to Peter Gingrich on October 1, 1902. They lived on a farm west of Cornell until retiring in 1928 and moving to their home in Cornell. She was a Sunday School teacher and very active in church activities during her lifetime.

They were parents of a son, Orville.

Mrs. Gingrich died at her home in Cornell December 13, 1947 and Mr. Gingrich died May 1, 1957.

LeRoy Barton was born May 14, 1878 in Long Point Township and moved with his parents to the farm in Amity Township at 4 years of age. Following the death of his father in 1902, he and his brother, Carl, farmed the family farm until his marriage to Priscilla Gingrich on December 31, 1902. They farmed in the Nigh Chapel community until 1941 when they moved to the farm at the northeast edge of Cornell. They were both active in the church and community activities wherever they lived.

They were parents of two children, Mrs. Earl (Edith) Richardson and Weldon. They also raised a foster son, John Riblett.

Mr. Barton died Jan. 24, 1955. Shortly after his passing, Mrs. Barton moved to Streator, where she resided until her death December 19, 1969.

Carl Barton was born April 22, 1886 in Amity Township and received his education in the rural schools there. Following the death of his father, he assisted his brother, LeRoy, in farming the family place.

On March 16, 1910 he was married to Frances Rork of Graymont. Several years later, they moved from the family farm to a farm near Cornell where they continued to live until retirement, when they moved to their home in Cornell. They were both active in community and church affairs.

They are parents of 2 sons, John and George. Mrs. Barton died at the family home January 1968, and Mr. Barton at their home October 1969.

James Gates

James Gates was born in Ohio, February 20, 1821 On December 29, 1843 he was united in marriage to Elizabeth Longnecker, of Harris County Kentucky and in 1845 they came to Illinois and settled on government land near Cornell, Illinois. Seven children were born: Saul (1846), John (1856), Rufus (1860), Rachel (1843), Minerva (1850), Emily (1853), and Lucy (1864). They resided in and near Cornell until their deaths, James on February 3, 1900 and Elizabeth on April 14, 1901. The old Gates home still stands on West Main Street in Cornell.

When James Gates moved from the farm into Cornell, his son John (1856) and wife, Mary Catherine Louderback (1862), to whom he was married on May 2, 1887, lived on the farm where daughters, Harriet and Gladys were born. The family later moved to a farm on a bluff above the Vermillion River, southwest of Cornell, where Cora was born. They later moved to Cornell, residing in the old Gates home, where Lucille and Lloyd Mills were born.

Harriet later became a school teacher, then married Benjamin Harwood and lived on a farm near Manville and later to St. Charles, Missouri, where Harriet passed away in 1925. To this union were born four children: Catherine Juvonen of Indian Wells, California; Helen Lisle of Corona del Mar, California; Arthur G. of Fresno, California; and Janet E. Stroud of Santa Ana, California. Gladys was a clerk in the Cornell bank, later married to Melbourne Lamb, who passed away in 1963. The Lambs moved from St. Charles, Missouri to Santa Ana, California in 1929. Cora was an employee of the A.T. and S.F. railway in Streator and Pure Milk of Chicago. She is married to William Leander and they now live in Santa Ana, California. Lucille was employed by the Cornell Journal and later a clerk in banks in Streator, now lives in Santa Ana, California, married Kenneth Barickman, who passed away in 1939. To this union were born Harriet, now of Santa Ana, and Willis, USAF in Lancaster, California. Lloyd M. (John L.), a carpenter, is married to the former Evelyn Patterson and they live in Cornell, Illinois. They have one son, John D., an employee of the Rockford Postal Department, and he along with wife, Sylvia, daughter, Lisa, and twin sons, Matthew and Mark, live in Rockford, Illinois.

John H. Gates passed away in 1932 and Mary Catherine Gates in 1960 at the age of 98.

Mills Louderback, born in Brown County, Ohio, October 13, 1828. When three years old his parents moved to Livingston County, Illinois. He was married to Harriet Corbin in 1853 and to his union were born five children: Matthew, "W.E.," Mary Catherine Gates, Sally

Rounds, Mattie Cohenour. Harriet Corbin Louderback passed away on June 2, 1872. In 1882 he married Sarah Bradfield of Cornell who passed away in 1907. In 1878 the family moved to Jefferson County Nebraska, where they resided until his death on December 29, 1913. He was an enlisted soldier in Company C, 129 Illinois infantry under Captain Perry in 1862, receiving an honorable discharge at Washington, D.C. in 1865.

Mr. B. R. Johnson

Born in Ohio in 1850. In March of 1872 he came to Cornell and was in mercantile business with K. Heckman for one year and sold out to him. He was in the mercantile business with S. M. Husted and E. A. Jamison. He was also in business handling hogs and cattle with John Day and later with S. B. Miner. This continued until 1901. Mr. Johnson, then with two sons Frank and William, founded a corporation in 1899. This started the Bank of Cornell with B. R. Johnson as president and William as cashier. In 1900 B. R. and sons bought the lumber yard from D. M. Brown and Frank became manager. For six years he was supervisor of Amity Township. He also owned 300 acres of land in Livingston County.

In 1871 Mr. Johnson married Sarah E. Husted. They had the following children: Estella, Franklin, William R., Sidney, Marcina, Edward Amer, Lucille and Harry. Mr. Johnson was a prominent Methodist. He died in Clermont, Florida in 1908 and was buried at Cornell.

Henry J. Santelman

Henry J. Santelman was born in 1862. He was a prominent farmer in the Blackstone and Cornell area. He later married Sophia Beckman. She was born in 1885 and died in 1958. Mr. Santelman died in 1926. Both he and his wife were active in the community with church activities and raised a family of six children. One daughter, Mrs. Ella (Santelman) Mossberger was born in 1889. She later married Ben Mossberger of Albion, Illinois. (1888-1968). They were farmers of the Nigh Chapel area for 47 years. They were parents of one daughter, Mrs. Verna Burkett. Her husband is Ervin Burkett. They have one son, Benny, who is married to Drucilla (Tesch) Burkett. They also have one son, Bradley Kyle Burkett. They are all residents of Cornell at this time.

Louis R. Beaman

Louis Robert Beaman was born September 7, 1863 and on February 23, 1888 he married Ester Ann Earp, who was born May 23, 1868. She was the daughter of William and Amanda (Bacon) Earp.

Mrs. Beaman's paternal grandparents were Charles and Esther (Morlage) Earp, and her maternal grandparents

were Socrates and Anna (Earp) Bacon.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis R. Beaman were the parents of three children—Charles W., born January 22, 1890; Clarence Louis, born November 11, 1891 and Mabel L. born November 14, 1894

Mabel L. Beaman married John B. Ryerson on January 10, 1917 to whom one son was born April 2, 1919.

Roy R. Holmes

Mabel Springer's father, Roy Richard Holmes, was born in Norfolk, Virginia in 1856. He came to Illinois in 1862. Her mother, Alice Bennett was born in Cornell in 1862. They were married in 1879.

They had four children, Oscar Holmes, Maude Holmes, Mabel Holmes, and Bertha Holmes. Mr. Holmes died in 1889. Mrs. Holmes died in 1958.

Mabel Holmes was born in Amity Township, near Cornell in 1885. She married Francis Springer in December of 1925. She was a telephone operator for 15 years. She was also postmaster for 11 years. Mabel has lived in her home here in Cornell for over 80 years.

Calvin Blue

Born in Ohio in 1832. His parents were Isaac and Jane Blue. He came to Livingston County in 1848. He later married Obedience Corbin in 1850 at Pontiac. She died in 1857. They had three children, Sarah Ellen, Jones and John. Calvin married again in 1858 to Mahala Louderback. They had eight children, Levi, Lucian, Charlie C., Mary M., Annette, Isaac C., Liberty and Otto. Mr. Blue enlisted in August of 1864 in Amity Township in Co. H., 44th Illinois Vols., 4th Corps under command of General Thomas. He mustered out on June 15, 1865 at Nashville.

Jones Blue married Kate E. Irwin February 14, 1878 and they lived their entire lifetime in the Cornell area. They had three children, Mattie, Nelle and Marland.

Mattie married Charles Greenman October 30, 1897. Sixteen children were born. Two died in infancy, Charles Jones and James Harding. There were Garold, Doris, Jean, Catherine May, Mamie, Margie, Jack, Ruth, Dottie, Allen, Joe, Virginia, Donald and Helen. Those living are Doris Johnson Jack Greenman, Ruth Martin, Joe Greenman and Helen Smythe, all of California; Jean Lannin of Glen Ellyn, Illinois; Mamie Mearns of Mt. Morris, Ill.; Allen Greenman of Ohio and Virginia Hart and Donald Greenman in Nevada. Mattie passed away in November 1961. Charles Greenman passed away on August 19, 1956.

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Nelle Blue married Guy Patterson July 27, 1905. They were the parents of four children: Aldene, Ralph Marland (deceased at one year), Evelyn and Wayne. Aldene married James Myers and they were parents of two children, James and Jacqueline. James married Phyllis Wolf and they have five children: Denise, Stephan, Jeffery, Dawn and James, Jr.



Jones and Kate Blue. Mattie Blue Greenman, Nelle Blue Patterson, John Marland Blue.

Jacqueline married Fred Kettman and their children are Mike, Pamela, Paula, Theresa, Jim and Christopher.

Evelyn married John Gates and they have a son, John D.

John D. married Sylvia Bieshr and they have three children, Lisa, Mark and Matthew, (twins).

Wayne married Donna Metz and they have two daughters, Cynthia Dembski, and Christine Lamb. Guy Patterson died March 5, 1960 and Nelle died July 30, 1961.

John Marland Blue married Dottie May Blake Feb. 22, 1905. They had no children. John M. passed away July 27, 1944. Dot passed away July 30, 1961.

Otto Blue married Jessie Johnson in 1896. They had

one son, Elmer. He married Florence Lindquist. They have two daughters, Shirley and Joyce. Shirley is married to Willard Stewart. They have two daughters, Judy and Joan. Judy is married to Wade Gilmour and Joan is married to Roger Anderson. Joyce is married to Tom Coultas. They have a daughter, Nancy Adams and a son Tac.

Elmer and Florence have a great-granddaughter, Arwin, daughter of Nancy Adams.

Elmer started working with his father at the age of 13, at the masonry trade. He later was custodian of the Cornell Grade School for 35 years, and resides with his wife, Florence, in the home he was born in.

Otto Blue died April 20, 1952. Jessie died April 12, 1968.

The Earp Family

In 1840, Charles Earp came from Ohio to Illinois and settled near Cornell in Amity Township. He was the father of Charles S. Earp, who owned a well improved farm near Cornell. He was an extensive farmer and livestock raiser.

Charles S. Earp was married to Anna Louisa Fergus, whom he met in Pontiac, on December 26, 1860. She died on May 11, 1898 and was buried in the Earp Cemetery near Cornell. Charles S. Earp died November 9, 1925 and was also buried in the Earp Cemetery.

Charles S. Earp and Anna Louisa Earp were the parents of five children, Elmer, Cora, Earnest, Reuben and Clyde.

Elmer Earp married Bessie Cox and they lived on a farm before retiring and moving to Cornell. They celebrated their 67th wedding anniversary in December, 1972. They were the parents of four children: Cloyde, Glen, Evelyn and Eugene.

Cloyde Earp was married to Florence Johnson. They have three children, Phyllis, Donna and Richard.

Glen Earp, a contractor and fur buyer, married Madeline Morris. They have four children, Norman, Kenneth, Karen and Gary. Norman married Karen O'Leary. They have one son, Christopher. Kenneth married Joan McIntosh. They have one daughter, Kelly Jo. Karen married Fred Ifts, Jr. They have two children, Brian and Marcia Kay. Gary married Pauline Johnson. They have three sons, Dennis, Kenneth and Gregory.

Evelyn Earp married Elmo Bencendorf. They have one son, Don.

Eugene Earp married Roberta Wood. They have a son, Robert.

Cora Earp married Ray Gourley. They are both deceased and are buried in a cemetery near Hanna, Ind.

They were the parents of six children, James, Dorothy, Ida, Clyde, Roy and Gladys.

Clyde Earp married Minnie Rhodes in 1917. She died March 15, 1918. They had one daughter, Louise. He married Mary Staggs January 19, 1924. They farmed near Cornell until 1960, when they retired and moved to Cornell. Louise Earp married Robert Brennan. They have six children, Mary, Judy, Patricia, Susan, Patrick and Ann.

Earnest Earp married Beulah Britt. They are deceased and are buried in a cemetery at Steward, Illinois. Reuben Earp is buried in the Earp Cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Patterson

Guy Patterson, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Patterson and Miss Nellie M. Blue, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jones Blue, were married July 27, 1905 at the home of the bride's parents. The Rev. L. S. Kidd, pastor of Nigh Chapel, officiated. Their attendants were Miss Alpha Windle of Chicago and Otis Snyder of Nigh Chapel.



Mr. and Mrs. Guy Patterson

Mr. and Mrs. Patterson resided on their farm for 53 years, when they moved into the front apartment of their daughter, Aldene Myers. Their son, Wayne, now owns the home farm.

They were parents of four children, Aldene, Ralph, (who died at age of one year), Evelyn, and Wayne. Al-

dene married James M. Myers, who have two children, James L. Myers, married to Phylliss Wolf, now of Kankakee, parents of Denise, Stephan, Jeff, Dawn and Jim, Jr., and a daughter, Jacqueline, married to Fred Kettman, now of Toledo, O., parents of Mike, Pamela, Paula, Theresa, Jim and Christopher. Evelyn married John L. Gates, who have one son, John D. married to Sylvia Bishiar, parents of Lisa and twin sons, Mark and Matthew, residing in Rockford. Wayne married Donna Metz, who have two daughters, Cynthia Dembski of Chicago and Christine Lamb of Pontiac.

Stephen H. Patterson

Stephen H. Patterson, son of Samuel and grandson of William Patterson, was born January 26, 1840 in Washington County, Pennsylvania. He came with his parents to Illinois in 1852 locating in La Salle County. He early learned the lessons essential to farming from the wise instruction of his father.

On August 11, 1862, he enlisted in Co. B. 104th Illinois Infantry. He was actively engaged in the battles of Chattanooga, Chickamanga, Missionary Ridge, Look-out Mountain and Sherman's March to the Sea. He was honorably discharged June 17, 1865.

On Christmas Day, 1872, Stephen wedded Cynthia Hathaway, daughter of Simeon and Eliza (Stillwell) Hathaway, who were natives of Pennsylvania. They came to Ford County, Illinois, and farmed in La Salle County for about ten years, where their three children were born: Charlie H. and twins, Guy Dumont and Emma Geneva. They came to Amity Township locating southwest of Cornell.

After their own children were grown Mr. and Mrs. Patterson took Ida Mae Campbell, a motherless baby girl, only a few weeks old, into their home and hearts and cared for her as their own until her marriage to Milton Partridge. They have four children: Glen, Floyd, Robert and Ruth. Stephen H. Patterson passed away March 6, 1905 and in 1906 Mrs. Patterson and Mae moved to Cornell where she lived until her death December 12, 1926. Both were members of Nigh Chapel Church.

Charles H. Patterson married Mabel L. Louderback on Feb. 12, 1902 and they were parents of three children: Doris, Harold and Lois. Doris married Howard Garretson and are parents of Letha, Jarlath, (died at age two) and James. Letha married John W. Byrne and they are parents of five children: Linda, Denise, Peggy, Mike and Jeff.

James married Rosalie Cashmer and they have two children, Mark and Julie.

Harold Patterson married Clara Lawrence.

Lois Patterson married Charles Beck and they have three children: Sandra (Mrs. Brad Hardy), Steven and Todd. Charlie Paterson died August 21, 1960 and Mabel L. died January 29, 1968.

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On January 4, 1905 Emma G. Patterson and Cary A. Harper were married and farmed in Amity Township until her health failed. They then moved to Colorado spending their remaining years in Colorado Springs and Canon City. He died Nov. 3, 1944 and she May 11, 1951.



Stephen Patterson Family

Seated: Stephen and Cynthia Patterson; standing, Emma Patterson Harper, Charlie H. Patterson, Guy Dumont Patterson.

Guy E. Patterson was married to Nellie Blue July 27, 1905. They became the parents of four children: Aldine, Ralph Marland (deceased at one year), Evelyn, and Wayne. Aldine married James Myers and they were parents of two children: James and Jacqueline. James married Phyliss Wolf and they have five children: Denise, Stephen, Jeffrey, Dawn and James, Jr. Jacqueline married Fred Kettman and their children are: Mike, Pamela, Paula, Theresa, Jim and Christopher.

Evelyn Patterson married John Gates and they have a son, John D. John D. married Sylvia Bishear and they have three children: Lisa and twins (Mark and Matthew).

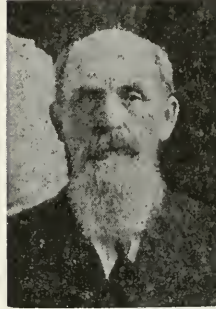
Wayne Patterson married Donna Metz and they have two daughters: Cynthia (Mrs. Paul Dembski) and Christine (Mrs. Al Lamb).

Guy Patterson died March 5, 1960 and Nellie died July 30, 1961.

Archie Dicken Family

Archie Dicken was born July 24, 1854 in Grant County, Indiana. Mr. Dicken passed away Dec. 11, 1933.

He attended rural school in Indiana and came to Illinois in 1877, settling in Amity Township, farmed in the vicinity all his life.



He met Mary Jane Cook and was married December 15, 1879. They had three daughters, Grace Bash, California; Hattie Locke, Marshall, Ill.; Hazel Cassidy, Cornell and one son, Harry, who preceded him in death. Surviving are nine grandchildren, eleven great-grandchildren, twenty-seven great-great-grandchildren, two great-great-great-grandchildren.

William Sutcliff and Charles Cashmer History

In late 1850, William and Laura Sutcliff settled on 80 acres of land northwest of Cornell in Amity Township. They donated an acre of their land on which a school house was built and named it Sutcliff School. It was agreed the land would be used for the school as long as it was so used, then to revert back to the estate if the school was ever discontinued. In the year 1890, the school was destroyed by a tornado. Luckily only one child was injured. Following this damage the building was rebuilt and continued to be used until 1954, when it was dismantled and moved away.

In the 1890's, a daughter and son-in-law of the Sutcliff's, Luella and Charles Cashmer, moved onto the homestead. Soon Mr. Cashmer purchased 40 more acres of timber land to the south of the original farm. They were blessed with a large family of ten children, so in 1910 they built a new nine room house in which to raise the family. The family of six boys and four girls all received their education in the school that was named after their grandfather.

About 1916 this family started a sorghum mill. Molasses was made from cane raised on their farm and by neighboring farmers. The molasses was processed for about

three or four weeks in late September. When this was first started a horse powered crusher was used. The cane had to be topped and the leaves stripped off before it was run through the crusher. After the cane was crushed, the sap was caught and strained through two filters and put into a large container four feet wide by sixteen feet long and boiled. The container had three compartments so as this product came from the last compartment it was caught into a wooden cooler and as it cooled became a golden color molasses. This required fifteen hours a day. When the neighbors brought their cane in to be processed into molasses, they either had it made on fifty-fifty shares or were charged 35c per gallon for the making of it. It took several loads of cane to make forty or fifty gallons of molasses. The family worked 7 days a week during this season until all was finished. On Sundays many people came to watch and get samples of molasses.

In the late 1920's, a tractor operated new crusher was purchased and also a new copper pan. This improvement made the process much faster as well as much easier as the pan was not so hard to clean. In the 1930's Charles and Luella passed on leaving their family to carry on the work they had started together. Three of the Cashmer boys and their sister continued to make the molasses until 1944 when they sold the mill to a man in Iowa. One son and a daughter lived on the homestead until 1967 when the place was sold to the present owner.

There are six sons and one daughter living. They are: Elmer, Claude, Wilbur, all in Cornell; Donald, a farmer near Manville, Ill.; Arthur in Colfax, Ill.; Glenn in Utah, and Stella in Ottawa, Ill.

By Wilbur Cashmer

Rucker Family

Another early family, the Rucker family, came from Summerfield, Monroe County, Ohio. There were nine children.

William Rucker was married to Amanda Myer. They were parents of Pearl Rucker Husted, Maybelle Rucker Smith, Delbert Rucker, Claude Rucker, Harry Rucker and Robert Husted. All of this family are deceased.

Another brother of William settled in this area. He was Martin Rucker, married to Mary Hampton. They had three children. They were: Flora Rucker Reeve, Daisy Rucker, and Daiche Lundy. Before the parents came to Cornell they resided on a farm east of Cornell. Deciding to send their children to Cornell Village School, they moved to Cornell. William Rucker continued to farm his land and Martin Rucker rented his land and was employed in a store owned by the Shackeltons.

The Charles Lishness Family

Charles E. Lishness was born in 1862, son of M. S. and Keziah Lishness, at Tiskilwa, Ill. The family moved to Livingston County in 1875 and in 1885, he married Syl-

via Wayman at Ancona, Ill.

In 1893, Mr. and Mrs. Lishness moved to Cornell, where in partnership with F. D. Barton, he opened a furniture store along with his undertaking parlor. Later he and J. L. McVay operated a garage in Cornell, while he still kept the undertaking parlor. Still later an ice cream parlor and restaurant were added. When his health began to fail, Mr. Lishness sold the undertaking business to Raleigh Harris of Pontiac.

They were the parents of five children, three of whom died in infancy. A son, Myron, died in 1960 leaving a sister. Mrs. A. G. Lindquist of Sun City, Arizona as the only survivor.

Mrs. Lishness passed away in 1927 after a long illness and a year later Mr. Lishness married Mrs. Rosella Eisenhower of Iowa, an old friend of the family. Mr. Lishness died at the home of his daughter in Chicago in 1930.

Early Blake Settlers

Among early settlers of Amity Township was the family of Joseph and Druscilla (Carpenter) Blake. These were grandparents of Blanche Blake (daughter of James Blake). Joseph Blake was born in 1811 in Maine. He moved with his parents to Ohio in a covered wagon in 1816. The parents made a home there in the wilderness, a house made of hewn logs. Shoes for the family were made by Joseph's father, Daniel Blake. Their clothes were spun, woven, and sewed by the mother.

In 1852, the Joseph Blake family came to Illinois and settled near Ottawa, Ill., as farmers. Later they moved to Amity Township, buying and settling on a farm about two miles east of Nigh Chapel, now farmed by Harold Munson.

Thirteen children were born:

Daniel, married to Desaline Earp, farmed in Rooks Creek area, had 13 children. Robert and Aron, carpenters, lived in Kansas; Mary Jane Earp, lived in Kansas, had one child. Margaret McClellan, lived in Kansas, had one child. Elizabeth married Samuel Wertz, lived in Amity Township, had four children. Winfield married Mary Stevens, lived in Pontiac, had eight children. James married Anna Eliza Allen, had six children. J. Columbus married Nettie Lucus, had six children. The two latter families lived on the farm in early life managing it for their mother at the death of Joseph (father). Later James lived in Cornell having a wagon and repair shop. Columbus and wife operated the Blue Front Restaurant. Carolyn Reynolds, widowed early in Missouri, had two children. Reason H., Joseph W. and Alexander Blake were younger members of this family.

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The Beck Family

Frank Beck, son of Leonard and Mary Beck of Ohio, with his bride, Agnes Delse Murphy of West Virginia, moved to Cornell in 1909. To this union were three sons: Leonard, Robert and Charles.

Leonard married Vivian Rhodes, daughter of Harlow and Margaret Rhodes and is employed at Owens Glass Co., Streator. To this union five sons: David, Paul, William, Mark John and one daughter, Margaret, were born.

Robert married Verona Imm, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Imm of rural Long Point and was employed as rural mail carrier in Cornell until his death in 1966.

Charles married Lois Patterson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Patterson of Cornell, and now lives in Cincinnati, Ohio. Sandra, Steven and Todd are their children.

Frank Beck was engaged in farming all of his life. He served as president of Cornell High School Board 18 years, was president of Cornell Telephone Co. and deacon of Baptist Church. His wife died in 1944. He died four years later.

James Luther Beck, brother of Frank, moved to Cornell in 1920. He and his wife, Bernice Witham of Ohio, were parents of three daughters, Mary Louise, Lois and June.

Mary married Elwood Pastors, son of Will and Nellie Pastors of Ohio, who now owns and operates the Columbus Dental Lab in Streator. They moved to Cornell in 1944 and were parents of Sheila, Ernest and Coral. Their daughter, Sheila, married Ernest Rowe of West Virginia, now of Streator, employed by Owens Glass Co., and they have six sons: Matthew, Mark, Luke, John, Timothy and Micah. Earnest lives in Chicago and owns a leather and candle shop. He is unmarried. Coral married George Paton, son of Audrey Morrison Paton and the late Ron Paton of Cornell, who is a barber in Elmhurst and attends school. They have a daughter, Mary Louise.

Lois Beck married Sylvester Bauer of Columbus, Ohio and they have one son, James.

June Beck married Paul Bourcier of Cambridge, Mass. They are parents of Paul, Suzanne and Chad.

Luther Beck farmed in Cornell area until he returned to Columbus in 1934 where he became Chief of Police on the Ohio State University campus. His wife died in 1941 and he died in 1956.

Mills Brothers

Abel and Edward Mills, sons of Ann (Gourley) and John Mills of Parkersburg, West Virginia, came to Amity Township in 1890. Their brother, William, came to the same area in 1900.

Abel married Rose Campbell and they were parents of Dorothy, Amer, Kenneth, Claude, John and Russell.

Dorothy (deceased) married Amer Johnson, now residing in Peoria and had one daughter, Virginia. Amer married Mary Decker, was a cement finisher, and in later years until his death, bought and sold livestock. Kenneth ("Skinny") married Eola Beckwith, who were parents of John, Mary Margaret and Helen, and farmed in Cornell, Ancona area to the time of his death. Claude ("Sparky") (deceased) married and lived in Minnesota. John married Mary Sue Hartman, a former Cornell High School teacher, and lives in Wyandot, Ill. Russell, now of Burlington, Iowa, married and has son Neil and daughter, Darlene, is a former teacher.

Abel was well known in the community and surrounding area as quite a cattle buyer. He enjoyed playing cards and continued very active in later years, always enjoying sports, as did his sons, some of whom played on some of Cornell's best basketball teams.



Edward and Grace Mills

Ed married Grace Murphy in 1896. They became parents of Lottie, Howard, Alice, Mildred, Agnes, Frank and Clinton. Lottie, a retired Business Education teacher, died in 1972 and just 10 weeks later, her sister, Alice, a retired secretary of Swifts and Co. of Chicago, died. Howard married Reita Christopher, whose children were Howie "June" and Gloria. After his first wife's death he married Florence Mudgett of England. He is a retired guard of Pontiac Prison. Mildred mar-

ried Ingram Norton, lives in Peoria, retired, and parents of Jean, Gwen, Harry, Tom and Janet. Agness married Howard Grimm (deceased), lives in Flanagan and has daughter, Carolyn. Frank married Marilouise Miller of Chicago and were parents of Suzanne, Bruce and Joyce, now lives in Danville. Clint married Gayle Beaman and they are parents of Keith, Kaye (deceased), Kipton, Karen, Billy, Kathy, Kris, Kandi and Kim. There are many great-grandchildren, as well as great-great ones, scattered throughout the United States.

Ed always farmed in the Cornell area and had retired only two years before his death. He was quite well-known for his good humor and wit and enjoyed baseball very much. Several of his family were well-known in baseball, his grandson, "June" having played in minor leagues. Many "tall yarns" were spun around him and his two very good friends, Bert Sullivan and Frank Beck, in their later years, giving many of us very pleasant memories.

Thomas Benton Gourley

Thomas Benton Gourley was born in Amity Township in 1866. He was the son of Alford and Rebecca Gourley.

Thomas B. Gourley was educated in the district schools. In September 1887, he went to Springfield, Ill., where he was employed as a teamster in the stone quarries.

He married Letitia Mills in 1890. She was the daughter of Samuel and Mary Mills. In 1891 he started farming and continued to do so for many years. After retiring from farming he devoted many years to livestock buying and selling.

Mr. and Mrs. Gourley had five children: Samuel, married to Ann Hazel; Josephine, married to Claude Metz; Ruth, married to Lawrence Hilton; Madeline, married to Colonel H. P. Whitecamp and Lucille married to Cyril Miner.

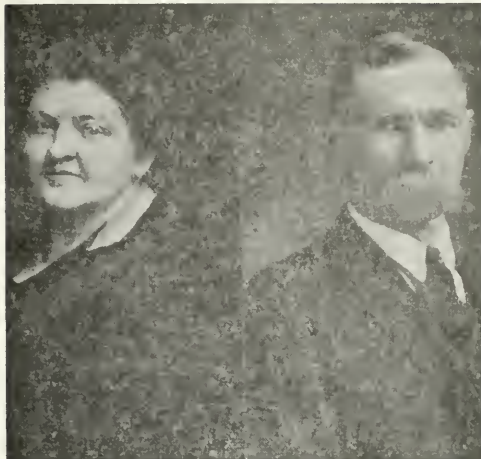
Mr. Gourley died in 1935 and Mrs. Gourley in 1955.

The Rhodes Family

Leland M. Rhodes was born in New York in 1816. He married Caroline Clark, also a native of New York in 1849. They came to Illinois and farmed first in La-Salle County, coming to the Cornell area in 1875. They purchased 320 acres of land four miles east of Cornell in Esmen Township. Mr. Rhodes died in 1888 after which his wife made her home with her son and wife, Harlow and Margaret Rhodes, of Cornell. She died at the home of her daughter, Flora Corbin, in Montana, while on a visit and her body was brought back for burial in Esmen Cemetery by her husbands grave.

Mr. and Mrs. Leland Rhodes had 11 children, five of whom died very young. Emma married George Whitman and lived in Cornell several years where he had a hard-

ware business. Later they moved to Pontiac, living there till their deaths. They were parents of Milton, Charles, Mina, Grace and Carrie.



Mr. and Mrs. Harlow Rhodes

Milford married Grace Chambers and they were parents of Grace, Roy and Ray. Mr. Rhodes and his brother, Isaac, built and ran Cornell's first electric light plant. They later moved to Idaho. Their son, Roy, remained in Cornell and married Bessie Dickerson, living in Cornell and Pontiac several years, then going to Joliet where Mrs. Rhodes still lives with a daughter, Marilyn. Another daughter, Annette lives in Washington.

Isaac Rhodes went to Oklahoma, where he later married.

Olive Rhodes married William Brunskill, and lived in Esmen Township all their lives. There were no children.

Harlow Rhodes married Margaret Barringer, and lived their entire lives in Cornell. Mr. Rhodes was a plumber and painter by trade and they built the house now occupied by Mrs. Aldene Myers. They had four children, Mabel who married Dan Whitmer and lived in Indiana, where she still lives. Their children are Margaret Evelyn, Dan, Jr., and Jack. William, who married Edna Gmelich, also moved to Indiana but resides in Florida now. Their children are Dorothy Jean, Clark, Richard and Alice. Margaret married Delbert Bennett and lived in Pontiac until her death. Their children are Margie (Mrs. E. Hamilton) and Delbert, Jr., married and also living in Pontiac. Vivian married Leonard Beck and lived in Cornell area many years, later moving to Streator, where they still live. Their children are David, Paul, William, Mark, Margaret and John.

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Flora Rhodes married William P. Corbin, who was a farmer. Later he had a meat market and then they lived in the old hotel that stood where our present fire house now stands. They moved to Montana then to Washington, where they both died. Their children were Ora, Jessie, Ada, Pearl, Wilma, Vernon, Lewis and Ruth. Jessie married Napoleon Iverson of Cornell and they moved to Montana. All the rest of the family except Ada went to Montana to make their homes. Ada Corbin married William F. Partridge and they lived on a farm northeast of Cornell until they retired to Cornell, until their deaths. Their children are Charlotte, Harriet, Ruth and Mary. Charlotte married Todd Richards in Cornell. They had one child, Antionette. After the death of her husband, Charlotte left here and went to Chicago where she married Fred Greil. They had two children, Barbara and John. Charlotte is now living in Las Vegas, Nevada. Ruth married Robert Husum in Chicago and lived there until her death in 1966, they had no children. Mary married James Albright and lives in Downers Grove. They have three children: James, Richard and Charlotte Ann, all of whom are married. Harriet is still living in Cornell with her husband, J. Arnel Garretson. Their children are Billy, who lost his life in the Korean conflict aboard the USS Bennington, Ruth married Lyle Leach, and is living in Graymont with two children, Keri and Kathi, Jane married to Raymond Erschen, now living in Pontiac with their girls, Pamela, Teri, and Kim. Alice married to Ron Raber, now living in Kewanee with two children, Karen and Keith.

Mr. and Mrs. Leland Rhodes also raised a niece, Isabelle Rhodes. She married John Wesley Turner and they lived in Esmen. Their children were Elmer, John, Jr., Zellah, Burtis, Delford and Sylva.

Zellah married William Beaman. They farmed and at the present time are living in Cornell. Their daughter, Gayle, married Clinton Mills and they, also with their family, now live in Cornell. Their children are: Keith, Kaye, Kipton, Karen, Billy, Kathy, Kristine, Kandis and Kim.

The William Gamblins

William Gamblin, born in England, came to America in 1854. He lived in New York for two years, then married Sarah Beaman, came to Chicago and to Pontiac. He and his wife walked and carried his double barrel 12 gauge English made "Point and Setter" shot gun, a few carpenter tools and their clothes to a farm, south of Cornell, where he went to work as a hired man for Lyle Husted's grandfather. Sarah worked in the house. It was fall and his first job was husking corn.

A few years later he purchased the farm where Clarence Oyer lives. After several years of crop failures, he went to the banker, Henry Greenebaum, and asked him to take the farm back. Mr. Greenebaum asked him to try it a few years more. He made a deal with the man from Chenoa, who sold him the farm, to break sod. He took his three yoke of oxen to Chenoa and plowed sod.

For each acre he plowed, he earned one acre paid for at home. The flies were bad and the oxen would run away and go out in the slough water and fight flies. He would have to wait till they were ready to be driven back to work. He had over 400 acres of land later, but he always said the home farm was the hardest to pay for.

Sarah, Hannah, William Benjamin, Mary, Maria and Matilda, twins, and Martha were born and reared on the farm. School was for three months after harvest and they grew up with the country.

William B. married Elizabeth Ackley of Minonk and five boys were born: William Walter, Charles, Fred, Harry and Howard. The three younger boys were in World War I.

William Walter married Mabel Steward of Pontiac and three children were born: William Steward, Flo Elizabeth and Fred Ackley.

William Steward married Marjorie Kramer of Pontiac. Their three children are William Walter, Betty Jeanette (Mrs. Robert Erschen), and Larry.

William Walter, Jr., married Mary Wayman and their first born son is named William Michael VI, the second son is Joel Patrick.

Emanuel Gingrich, a former resident of south of Cornell has known six generations of William Gamblins. A four generation picture of the first four was taken in 1914 and a picture has been taken of the present four generations now living.

The old shot gun was last shot by William Walter as a youth. William B. gave it to William Steward before he passed away. William Walter, a gun fancier, has it now. When it was refinished it was found to have one barrel loaded. It has been test fired and ready to go.

Gregory Family

Rev. and Mrs. Thomas J. Gregory and their two oldest children immigrated to America in the spring of 1855 from Holmes, Lancashire, England. In 1848 he was married to Ellen Holdsworth, a lady preacher, of much talent. While at New York on their way west, Brother Gregory was sick. A man whom they befriended and assisted to get to America, stole from them \$1500, leaving them almost destitute of means, strangers in a strange land. Fortunately they had bought tickets through to Chicago. They first settled near Wilmington, Will County, Illinois, on what was then called Garden circuit of the Methodists Protestant Church. In the fall of 1855, Brother Gregory united with the North Illinois Conference and was appointed to the Vermillion Circuit. He served this charge at different times for 10 years. He also bought some land here, and settled his family upon it, which has been the family home ever since. He took a very active part in building the Nigh Chapel Church, besides doing much preaching. Ten children were born to the Gregory family, four died in infancy. Rev. Thomas Gregory was born

in 1827 and died in 1886. His wife was born in 1820 and died in 1900.

Elizabeth Gregory, daughter of Thomas and Ellen was born in England. She married William Ellis. To this union one son was born.



Grandma and Grandpa Gregory

Thomas J. Gregory, Jr., was the oldest son of Thomas and Ellen. He was married to Julis Louderback, daughter of Liberty Louderback. They had three children, Charles, who was not married, Madge, who married Floyd Rucker. They had two boys, Richard of Virginia, and Ronald of California. Floyd died in 1960.

George married May Daisy Plank. They had six children. Edward married and had two daughters. He was a contractor and carpenter in Kansas City, Mo. George, who married and lived at Litchfield; Frances who married Byron Willhoite. They have children and live in Pontiac, Ill. Byron has passed away. Robbin, who lives in East Peoria; Henry, who lives at Berry; Florence, who married Robert Girard. They have three children, Linda, Wesley and Wendy.

Philip W. Gregory was married to Elizabeth Campbell. He was a teacher. They had four children, Ella, Golda, Grace and Wilbur.

James A. Gregory married Mardilla Boyer. He was a doctor and practiced at Chatsworth, Ill. for awhile.

William Gregory married Geneva Morris. There were no children.

Charles H. Gregory, was born in 1860 in a log cabin in Amity Township one half mile west of Nigh Chapel Church. In 1887 he married Olive Widdifield at Dana, Ill. They had three children. Wilbur died at the age of five. Lela M. was born in 1890 and married Emanuel Gingrich in 1930. There were no children. Lela died in 1960. Donald A. Gregory was born in 1895 and died in 1931. He married Anna Carstens in 1929. They had one child, Shirley, born in 1931. She married Donald L. Zehr in 1950. They have 5 children. Carol, who is married to Spencer Skip Jones of Emington, now living near Saunemin, Lynn, Gary, Lori and Jan. They are living on the Gregory farm which has been in the family for one century and one and a half decades.

James Abraham Garretson

James Abraham Garretson, a resident of Cornell, Livingston Co., was born in Harrison County, West Virginia, July 23, 1854. His maternal grandparents, Abel and Elizabeth (Richards) Gourley, were both natives of Eastern Virginia as were his parents, Wm. H. and Mary Elizabeth (Gourley) Garretson, the latter natives of Loudoun County, Eastern Virginia.



Garretson Family Picture

Top row, left to right—Earl Gourley and Lois, Will Ahrens, Charlie Eppel, Alphonso Wellman, James Brown, Milo, Harlo, Howard, Glen and Arnel Garretson, and Elmer Wellman.

Second row—Pearl Wellman, Julia Ahrens, Buelah Garretson, Annie Garretson, Hannah Brown.

Third row—Ralph Eppel, Earl Garretson, Harry Brown, Cora Brown, Sarah Eppel and Gladys, Hannah Garretson, Robert Garretson on lap, James Garretson, Maxine Garretson, Carrie Garretson, Esther Garretson, Mabel Gourley and Evelyn.

Children on ground—Loretta Garretson, Fred Wellman, Lena and Mona Brown, Anice Brown, Helen Eppel, Lucille Garretson, Ivan Brown, La Verne Garretson, Fred Eppel, Harold Garretson and Reeva Gourley.

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By trade the father of James, was a carpenter and millwright, a business which he followed with splendid success, but which he nevertheless sacrificed to enlist his services in behalf of his country's welfare. He became a member of Co. H., 112th West Virginia Infantry in 1862 and during his two years service had ample opportunity to witness the horrors and dangers of warfare, nowhere more noticeable probably than in the battle of Piedmont, one of the most desperate encounters of the entire war. He participated in the charge up the heights into the jaws of death. It was on this battle field that he was instantly killed, June 5, 1864.

In October, 1864, Mrs. Garretson with her six children left their home in Virginia and came to Illinois, settling in Esmen township on a farm owned by her brother. At first, she was assisted by her father, who made his home with them.

This farm remained their home until James A. was 27 years old when they moved to Grundy County and made their home on a rented farm for 6 years. They again returned to Amity Township.

Septembr 23, 1880, Mr. Garretson was united in marriage with Hannah Gamblin, who was born in Amity Township, June 30, 1861, the daughter of William and Sarah Jane (Beaman) Gamblin. Mrs. Gamblin descended from English ancestors and both her parents and grandparents (the latter Benjamin and Jane (Lewis) Beaman, were born in England.

Mr. and Mrs. Garretson were parents of ten children: Cora, Mabel, Pearl, Julia, Milo, Harlo, Sarah, Glen, Howard and Arnel.

Cora wed Harry Brown and were parents of six children: James, Hannah, Lena, Ivan, Anice and Mona.

Mabel wed Earl Gourley and were parents of six children: Reeve, Evelyn, Lois, Mary, William and Leah.

Pearl wed Alphonso Wellman and were parents of two sons, Elmer and Frederick.

Julia wed William Ahrens.

Milo wed Carrie Davis and were parents of eleven children: Esther, Harold, Earl, Loretta, Maxine, Robert, Leora, Theresa, Betty, Charlie, and Mary Sue.

Harlo wed Annie Highland and were parents of three children: Lucille, LeVerne and Raymond.

Sarah wed Charles Eppel and were parents of four children: Fred, Ralph, Helen and Gladys. After the death of Charles Eppel, she wed Frank Wilm and to this union four children were born: Ernest, Junior, Paul and Dorothy.

Glen wed Buelah Shoemaker and they became parents of five children: Glen (Bud), Anita, Charles, Kenneth and Alice.

Howard married Doris Patterson and are parents of three children: Letha, Jarlath and James.

Arnel married Harriet Partridge and are parents of four children: William, Ruth, Jane and Alice.

Mr. and Mrs. Garretson located southeast of Cornell on a farm and in 1904 they moved to their home south of Cornell. He was a farmer and raised livestock. Mr. Garretson passed away September 30, 1932 and Mrs. Garretson, March 21, 1933.

The Harth, Miller, Johnson Families and their Descendants

Miss Mary Helena Harth, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mathias Harth, R.R. Cornell, Ill., married Peter Miller in the Minonk Catholic Church, November 25, 1870. To this union ten children were born, five boys and five girls. All helped farm. The land was later to be their homestead, located five miles west of Cornell. In about 1883, a new home was built close by and a new home also in Peru, Ill. John Harth and son helped his brother, Mathias and the family build these homes. They lived in Sreator at that time.



The family of Mr. and Mrs. Charley and Anna (Miller) Johnson

Standing—Mrs. Earl (Lucille) Snyder, Sylvester, Bernard, Mrs. Joe (Esther) Neumann.
Middle row—Charley, Edward, Mrs. Vincent (Mary) Hanley, Joseph, Anna.
Front—Isabella, Charles (Butch).

The Millers moved to Peru when their oldest daughter, Anna, married Charley Johnson here in the St. Joseph's Catholic Church, October 4, 1892. This was the second marriage in this church. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson moved into this home, farming the land and building other buildings. To this family five boys and five girls were born. Their oldest sons, Joseph and Bernard and a daughter, Mary, only saw their great-grandmother Harth. Grandfather Harth passed away in 1888 at the age of 83. In 1902, great-grandma Harth passed away at the age of 83, in Peru, where they had moved with the Miller family.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Johnson celebrated their silver wedding in 1917. This also was the year their son, Bernard, had married Matilda Jaegle, in January. These children, Joe Bernard, Mary, Esther, Sylvester, Lucille, Edward, Isabella, Charles (Butch), all made this day a time to be remembered by relatives and friends who came to help the neighbors cook the dinner. One daughter, Lauretta, had passed away in 1912 at the age of 5.

In about 1919, Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Johnson, presented their parents with a granddaughter, Marcella. She was the only grandchild that Grandpa Johnson held and loved as he passed away September 9, 1921.

In about 1926 Anna Johnson married Jay Thurber. They farmed for awhile. Moved here to Cornell later. Edward, son of Mrs. Thurber, passed away in 1930 and a daughter passed away in 1931 (Isabella).

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph (Lena Valesano) Johnson of Streator have three children: Anna Mae (Mrs. Dick Terrill) have two son, Eddie Joe and Brian; Mr. and Mrs. Henry (Deloris) Enno, have five children: Mary Ann, Joseph, Thomas, Henry, Jr., Peter of Springfield, Ill.

Carl Johnson married Mary Dunnigan. They live in California and have three children: Michael, Ann Marie and Kathleen.

The B. W. Johnson families are: Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd (Marcella) Sulzberger. They have five children. Mr. and Mrs. Roland Gantzert (Sandra); Mr. and Mrs. Daniel (Cleone) Wright; Mr. and Mrs. Richard (Monica) Becker. Two sons, Richard and Michael Johnson.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Johnson have seven children, living in Streator: Miles, Jerrilyn, Neil, Marta, Clay, True and Darin.

Mr. and Mrs. Cyril Johnson have five children: Jim, Vickie, Janie, John and Patricia, all living in Villa Park, Ill.

Mary Johnson married Vincent Hanley in 1920. They traveled and lived many places before they retired to Florida, when Mr. Hanley's health failed. He passed away in 1961. Mary then came here to live and be with her aged mother, Mrs. Anna Thurber, who was living in the home here in Cornell purchased by Earl W. and Lucille (Johnson) Snyder. They were married Sept. 3, 1927. To this family eight children were born: Edna, (Mrs. Dominic Canovi) had one daughter, who passed away when she was one week old. They are now living here in Cornell. Earl W., Jr., Alice, Kenneth, living at home, Mr. and Mrs. Carl (Viola Schott) Snyder have four sons, Carl, Jr., Gordon, Ronald and Dennis, living in a farm home near Odell, Ill. Mr. and Mrs. Lovell (Helen Snyder) Pulliam, have two sons, Billy and Robert, one infant daughter, Rose Marie, passed away at birth. Annet, now Mrs. Richard Foley, living in Bloomington, Ill. They have two children, Theresa and Richard, Jr. Mr. and Mrs. Roger (Sue Ellen Snyder) Lehmann. A daughter, Linda, from Batavia, Ill. Mr. and Mrs. Snyder cele-

brated their silver wedding in 1952. He enjoyed farming till his health failed and he passed away in August 1963.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph (Esther Johnson) Neumann married in February 1922 at St. Anthony's Church in Streator. Also in February 1972, celebrated their golden wedding there. They became the parents of seven children. One son passed away in infancy.

Charles and his wife, Ella, living in Nebraska, have two sons. Cecelia and Rita Neumann are at home. Robert and his wife (Pat Carrol) Neumann have eight children: Robert, John, Joe, Mary, Margie, Bridgett, Theresa and Edward, residing in Streator. Mr. and Mrs. Leo (Darlene) Neumann, living in Arizona, have one daughter, Kelly Jo, and a son, Kent.

Sylvester and his wife, Doris Johnson, Belle Glade, Florida, have a daughter, Linda, now Mrs. La Fayette. She has two sons.

Charles (Butch), the youngest son of the Johnsons, has one daughter, Joyce Ann. She is married and has one son. All live in Florida.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Miller celebrated their golden wedding in 1920 with their children, grandchildren, great and great-great-grandchildren. Mr. Miller died in 1924 and Mrs. Miller in 1935. In January 1967, Bernard Johnson died and his mother, Mrs. Anna Thurber, died October 1967. She was the oldest (96) member of this family. She lived all her life in Amity Township and retired to Cornell, Livingston Co. She traveled very much and had a hobby weaving rugs, which she learned with the help of Mrs. Mabel Wayman. She later bought it and helped her daughters, who are still busy at the art of making fine rugs like she did.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Johnson celebrated their golden wedding January 1972 with their families and relatives, all gathering at morning Mass in St. Anthony Church, later dinner and visiting in the church hall

Two of Mrs. Thurber's sisters are living in and near Chicago. Mrs. Peter (Margaret) Brost. She has eight children (living in and near Chicago), all married with families of their own. Mrs. Harry (Kathryn) Bornhofen, three sons, all married with families. A brother, William Miller and his wife, Ruth, have a daughter, Rita.

In writing this history for these families, which goes into the seventh generation, I hope it gives you and yours a great deal of pleasure, as I, Mrs. Earl Snyder, have had in writing it for our centennial book. God loves me. Ask him, he will love you.

Morrison Family

Doug Morrison was one of five brothers born in Glasgow, Scotland. He and his family came to this country when he was five. Shortly thereafter, they settled on a farm near Otter Creek, later moving to a farm north of Cornell. He lived in the vicinity his entire life.

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Adam Francis ("Doug") Morrison (May 27, 1858 - Dec. 7, 1944) m. Mary Pueblo Welch (Mar. 30, 1865 - July, 1938)

3 sons and 1 daughter

William Melph (June 27, 1883 - April 1, 1964)

m. Mary Myrtle Lundy

1 son Francis Lundy (July 21, 1910 -

m. Leona Arnold on July 23, 1937

1 son William Alfred (Mar. 27, 1948 -

m. Glenda Coffey on Jan. 2, 1971

1 daughter Mary Jo (May 18, 1949 -

Lee Noah (Sept. 15, 1885 -

m. Lillian Walker

1 son and 1 daughter

Donald Adam (Feb. 28, 1911 -

m. Mildred Knudson

1 son and 1 daughter

Roger Adam (July 9, 1937 -

m. Sharon Mullikin

Shannon (May 29, 1961 -

Steven Adam (Oct. 12, 1963 -

Connie Gertrude (Sept. 14, 1943 -

m. Jerry Drake

Jordy

Valerie

Audrey Lee (July 10, 1913 -

m. Roland A. Paton on Dec. 2, 1939; he died Aug.

1972

1 son and 2 daughters

Jane (Jan. 3, 1942 -

m. Roger Weber April 8, 1962

Jerry Lee (Jan. 4, 1962 -

Amy Jo (Dec. 30, 1964 -

Roger Daniel (Feb. 18, 1970 -

Roland George, April 16, 1944 -

m. Coral Pastors July 4, 1965

Mary Lou (Sept. 22, 1969 -

Sally Jo (Sept. 29, 1953 -

Adam Francis (Dec. 8, 1887 -

Helen Ely (Nov. 15, 1892 -

m. Everett Wheeler Bemis on Aug. 18, 1917

1 daughter

Mary Ella (May 4, 1929 -

m. Donald Jenkins

Jennifer Ely (Feb. 3, 1960 -

Rebecca Helen (Mar. 12, 1966 -

Ekke Wibbenhost Family

Mr. Ekke Albert Wibbenhost was born in Aurich, Germany on October 12, 1866. He was the son of Albert and Mary (Johnson) Wibbenhost. When he was sixteen years old he came to America. He made his home with his sister, Mrs. Mary Weers at Minonk, Ill. He then came to a farm southwest of Cornell and worked for Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Lishness. On December 15, 1892 he married Kizzie Jane Lishness. They were the parents of

three daughters: Verna Marie, Velma Andria, Ethel May. The family moved to Cornell in 1901, where he and Ira McVey went into the implement business. In 1906 the family moved to a farm south of Cornell, of John Gourley, and then in 1915 they moved to John Gourley's farm a mile and a half east of Cornell. In 1920 the family moved to Cornell where he worked as a grocery clerk for Grant Connet in the Penny Grocery, and later on he was janitor at the high school.



EKKE WIBBENHOST FAMILY

Verna was married to Harvey Voorheis; Vlema was married to Andrew Rush and Ethel was married to Floyd Cool. There were four children born to the Voorheis family, one son died in infancy. There were seven children born in the Rush family, and five children born in the Cool family.

Mrs. Wibbenhost passed away on August 4, 1925.

Verna Voorheis passed away on January 4, 1944.

Mr. Wibbenhost passed away on February 5, 1954.

Lundy Family

Emma L. Lundy (July 6, 1869 - Nov. 19, 1925)

m. Elvira Smith (Nov. 20, 1843 - Oct. 14, 1927) on Apr. 15, 1868

3 daughters and 3 sons

Emma L. Lundy (July 6, 1889 - Nov. 19, 1925)

m. Charles Decker (1885 - Jan. 16, 1926)

1 son Lloyd (Sept. 28, 1893 - Feb. 18, 1966)

m. Monica Atwood on March 1, 1916

1 son Lloyd D., Jr. (May 29, 1927 -

m. Carol Beckendorf (d. Oct. 17, 1968)

3 sons and 3 daughters

David Lloyd (Nov. 25, 1957 -
Donald Scott (Dec. 15, 1961 -
Douglas Henry (Jan. 10, 1963 -
Lisa Lee (Aug. 26, 1956 -
Lynn Kay (Jan. 16, 1959 -
Laurie Lee (Jan. 12, 1960 -

Julia M. Lundy (Oct. 8, 1871 - Oct. 5, 1891)
m. Frank Hoobler

2 sons

Claude (Mar. 6, 1890 - Jan. 16, 1965)
m. Kathleen Fallon

1 daughter, Julia Phyllis (Oct. 20, 1931 -
m. Norman Collner on Nov. 7, 1953; he died
Sept. 22, 1966

3 sons and 2 daughters

Matthew Norman (Oct. 20, 1957 -
Thomas Claude (Mar. 16, 1962 -
Douglas Joel (Dec. 3, 1964 -
Michele Marie (Oct. 14, 1954 -
Stephanie Jo (Mar. 19, 1956 -
Jennifer Lee (Feb. 13, 1960 -
m. Daniel Boik on June 17, 1972

Thurlow

1 son and 1 daughter
Frank (deceased)
Dorothy

1889. m. Fred Lundy in 1928

Mary Myrtle Lundy (Oct. 21, 1881 - Aug. 28, 1972)
m. William Melph Morrison

1 son, Francis Lundy (July 21, 1910 -
m. Leona Arnold on July 23, 1937

1 son and 1 daughter

William Alfred (Mar. 27, 1948 -
m. Glenda Coffey on Jan. 2, 1971
Mary Jo (May 18, 1949 -

Edward William Beaman

Ed Beaman was the son of Benjamin and Sophia (Schwachheim) Beaman, who was the son of Benjamin and Jane (Lewis) Beaman of Wilshire, England. They came to New York and established a tannery for white leather, which occupied the present site of Central Park. The Sr. Ben Beaman family came to Amity Township in 1856 and 10 years later the Jr. Benjamin Beaman family arrived, purchasing the unsettled prairie east of Cornell. This farm is a "CENTENNIAL FARM" as it is still owned by Ed's daughter, Mildred (Beaman) Melvin and is tenanted by her daughter, Louise Voigts and family. The southeast part of Cornell was originally part of the Beaman farm, known as Beamans' addition to Cornell.

Edward married Sophia Gmelich, daughter of Christ and Johanna (Winkler) Gmelich, and they were parents of Elmer (deceased), William married to Zella Turner of Esmen, parents of Gayle Mills and Mildred, married to Charles Melvin (deceased), parents of Alan, Lucille Cashmer, and Louise Voigts. They celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

The 7th generation of the Beamans now residing in Cornell are: the Keith Mills children, Stephanie, Jeff, Brian, Eric, Michael and Alicia; the Karen (Mills) Propst children, Ricky and Marla Kaye; Christopher Gourley, son of Kathy (Raymond) and Donald T, Gourley.

The William E. Beamans

December 30, 1972, marked the 58th wedding anniversary of Zella (Turner) and William Beaman. They have one daughter, Gayle, married to Clinton Mills, son of Grace (Murphy) and Edward Mills. They have nine grandchildren—Keith, married to Rose Bucalo of Streator, parents of Stephanie, Jeff, Brian, Eric, Michael and Alicia, is deputy sheriff of Livingston County; Kaye (deceased), married to Sharon Jackson of Streator; Kipton "Butch" married to Nettie Bockman of Cornell, parents of Susan, Tina, Scott and Kirby, is commercial airline pilot for Roper Stove Co. of Kankakee; Karen Propst, mother of Ricky and Marla Kaye, is Cornell Grade School secretary; Billy, married to Judy Gregory of Cornell, parents of Michelle, is Business Education teacher in the Dixon High School; Kathy, married to Jerry Erschen of

Lundy Family



Left to right—Frances Morrison, Elvira Lundy, Paris Lundy, Emma Decker, Myrtle Morrison, Perry Lundy.

Paris Lundy (Nov. 12, 1875 - Jan. 29, 1964)
m. Daisy Rooker on June 15, 1921

Perry E. Lundy (June 11, 1883 - June 5, 1969)
m. Edna Grimm (Sept. 20, 1948 d. June 12, 1972)

Fred P. Lundy (Oct. 23, 1877 - May 10, 1958)
m. Nell Atwood. She died Feb. 28, 1915

m. Anna McIntyre. She died Oct. 31, 1972. b. Oct. 17,

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Cornell, parents of Jenny and Douglas, lives in Kalamazoo, Michigan where he is employed with Woolahan Lumber Co., and Kristine, Kandi and Kim at home.



Bill, Gayle, Zella Beaman

Zella "Lalla" and Bill retired from farming several years ago and Zella retired from the post office of Cornell in 1959. They both are enjoying good health and stay reasonably active, living next door to six of their fifteen "great" grandchildren.

Zook Family

Solomon Marion Zook was born at Farmington, Fulton County, Ill., May 31, 1855. He was the son of David B. and Catherine (Fink) Zook, pioneers of that vicinity. His education was received in the Farmington and Chenoa, Ill. schools, the family having moved to Chenoa when Mr. Zook was thirteen years of age.

Miss Phoebe Anna Dale was born Oct. 4, 1853 in Dark County, Union City, Ohio. In 1857 moved near Muncie, Ind. In 1884 to Secor, Ill. Woodford County, Illinois. This was a very memorable event, their mode of transportation being a covered wagon. Later her family located on a farm in Livingston County, near Cornell, Ill.

On Dec. 26, 1880 Miss Phoebe Dale, and Mr. S. M. Zook were united in marriage at the bride's home near Cornell. They took up residence on a farm south of Chenoa, Illinois. In 1887 moved to Dighton, Kansas where they took up a claim, living in a sod house for a brief period of seven months, then moving back to Chenoa, McLean County, Ill. in 1898. Later they moved to a farm 3½ miles south of Cornell.

Mr. and Mrs. Zook became the parents of one son and two daughters. Alva Adelmor Zook, born Sept. 21, 1881; Bertha May Zook born Dec. 24, 1882; Winnie Belle Zook born Oct. 23, 1885 (died in infancy).

After residing on the farm for a number of years, they moved to a farm one mile south and ½ mile east of Cornell, then owned by Mrs. Jack (Eliza) Gourley. (This farm is the present home of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Olson).

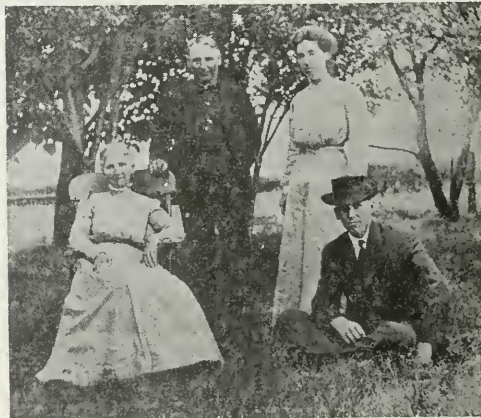
Mr. Zook was assisted in farming by his son, Alva A. Zook.

On Dec. 25, 1912, Alva Zook was united in marriage to Miss Ruth May Jacobs, at Rutland, Ill., home of the bride's parents.

Ruth (Jacobs) Zook was born at Plymouth, Mass., daughter of Rev. Varney Jacobs and Lelia (Murch) Jacobs. Attending schools in Mass., Conn., New York and Wisconsin, moving to Illinois at age 18, making her home with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Meyers until her marriage to Alva Zook.

They resided on the farm with Mr. Zook's parents until the elder Mr. and Mrs. Zook retired in January 1915 to their residence at 1056 E. Howard St., Pontiac, Ill. It was at this residence that both Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Zook passed away. Mr. Zook on October 31, 1931 and Mrs. Zook August 1934.

Mr. and Mrs. Alva Zook remained on the rented farm until they purchased the present Zook farm, moving to it Feb. 1919. The farm was purchased from Mr. and Mrs. Charles and Elizabeth Gourley, and is located ½ mile south of Cornell.



Solomon M. Zook, Bertha May Zook, Phoebe (Dale) Zook, Alva A. Zook

They became the parents of one daughter, Beulah Zook. She graduated from Cornell Grade and High School. She was married to Lloyd B. Leonard, Manville, Ill., son of Mr. Almo and Lillie (Berge) Leonard, Manville, on Dec. 22, 1938. They lived near Manville for one year then moved to the Zook home to assist Mr. Zook in farming.

Mr. and Mrs. Zook purchased a home in Cornell from Mrs. Gardner. They retired to this home in Nov. 1943. Mr. Zook passed away July 21, 1970.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Leonard became the parents of Donald Lloyd and Richard Keith.

Donald married Patricia Easton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Easton, Streator, Ill. They are the parents of Daniel Todd, age 9, and Melissa Marie, age 8. The family resides at Dodgeville, Wisconsin where Donald is pastor of the Dodgeville Bible Church.

Richard married Donna Baughman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Everett Baughman, Flanagan, Ill. They reside in Cornell where Richard is owner of "Dick's Custom Cabinets".

Bertha May Zook never married. She was a registered nurse receiving her training at Deaconess Hospital, Chicago and Deaconess Hospital, Helena, Montana. She was employed at the Baby Fold, Normal, Ill., the local area, also St. James Hospital, Pontiac, Ill. She passed away on May 2, 1954.

With no men folk to carry on the family name, seems as if the name "Zook" will one day be only a vague memory in the Cornell area; but nevertheless we can look back and say, "we were there".

14 Generations of St. Johns



ORIGINAL OWNERS OF THE ST. JOHN FARM
W. I. St. John and Mrs. W. I. St. John. Back row: Bert St. John and William Seth St. John

All the St. Johns in this country are believed to have descended from Mattias St. John, Sr., who, with a large family of sons and daughters, settled in the town of

Norwalk, in Fairfield County Conn., before the year 1654. The name is written "Sention" on the town records down to the year 1706, when it first appears as "Saintjohn". In 1726 it is first written St. John, and it was generally accented on the first syllable down to the year 1800.

Matthias St. John, the first of this name whom we can trace in America, was born in England, came to Dorchester, Mass., in 1631 and was made a freeman there on 3 September 1634. He moved to Windsor, Conn., in 1640, and to Norwalk, Conn., in 1654, where he was granted 16 acres. He died October, 1669, and his estate was valued at 300 pounds. His son, Matthias, who was born in 1630, was a select man of Norwalk and lived near the cove until his death in 1728. Matthias, Jr., (grandson of the first Mattheais) was born in Norwalk in 1667, and owned land at "Flaxhill". He helped build the school house, was paid two shillings to burn the woods for the town, was Fence Viewer, wrote an article on wolf killing, and was paid by the town to "beat ye drum on Sabbath days". His son was Captain Samuel St. John.

Captain Samuel St. John came from Norwalk with his brothers and was an original proprietor of Ridgefield, Conn., in September, 1708, when 24 persons bought the land from the Indians. In 1709 they took possession of this 20,000 acres and divided them into lots. He was Surveyor and Moderator of the town meeting in 1729 and was later appointed Captain of the Train Band of Ridgefield. He died before 1756.

Job St. John, the 10th child of Captain Samuel, moved to Westchester County, New York, where his son John was born in 1750. John, along with four of his brothers, fought in the Revolutionary War. In 1770 he married Anna Lockwood, and after the war they moved to Hamilton County, Ohio, where he died in 1819. His son was Seth St. John.

Seth St. John was born in 1792 and fought in the War of 1812. He was mustered in at Lebanon, Ohio, and his company joined the Regiment at Dayton, Ohio. Under the command of Col. James Findley, the regiment marched to Detroit, where they were placed under the command of General Hull, and was by General Hull, surrendered to the British in August 1812. They were taken to Cleveland, Ohio, where they were parolled and ordered home. While in the army Seth St. John became a friend of William Henry Harrison, and the Indiana branch of the family has a cane with Harrison's name engraved on it that he gave to Seth, as a token of their friendship. After the war, Seth moved to Warren County, Indiana. Two of his sons, Samuel and John, left Indiana and moved with their families, to Livingston County, Illinois.

Samuel St. John, the eldest son of Seth St. John, and Harah Holliday St. John, was born in Clarke County, Ohio, in 1814. He married Margaret Coldron in Warren County, Indiana, in 1837, and they moved to Illinois in 1852, settling south of Pontiac. He farmed until 1866, when he rented his farm and moved to Chenoa and

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worked at wagon making. He died in 1893.

William Isaac St. John, son of Samuel, was born in Warren County, Indiana on July 20, 1843. He had one brother, Seth, who was captured during the battle of Drury's Bluff, Virginia, during the Civil War, and was sent to prison at Andersonville. Later he was taken to the stockade at Florence, South Carolina, where he died at the age of twenty-one. William Isaac had three sisters: Eliza, Ada and Ruth Ann, who married brothers. They were the sons of Judge Eli Myer, the first settlers to come to Eppards Point Township and to buy land there. William Isaac enlisted at Pontiac during the Civil War, and was at the Battle of Gettysburg and later on Sherman's march to the sea. He was wounded at Peach Tree Creek, near Atlanta, Georgia. He later rejoined his regiment. He was present when Johnston surrendered and then they marched to Washington, D.C. and participated in the "Grand Review". After returning home, he married Permia Stone. Permia's sister, Lydia, married James Bricker and their grandson, John Rucker, became Governor of Ohio, and he ran unsuccessfully as a Republican Vice-President candidate in 1944.



ST JOHN FAMILY IN 1910

First row: Lula St. John (Vollmer), W. S. St. John, Seth St. John, Minnie St. John, Clifford St. John. Back row: Roy St. John, Bert St. John and Mabel St. John (Garretson).

William Isaac had two sons. Bert, who married Saidee Brannon and they owned a grocery store in Pontiac for many years.

William Seth St. John was born in 1867 and died in 1948. He was a farmer all his life, having bought the home farm west of Cornell from his father. He married Minerva Jane Talbot, who was born in a log cabin south of Cornell. She died in 1952. The William Seth St. John's family have farmed for more than three quarters of a century west of Cornell. They were the parents of eight children. They are Mabel, Roy, Bert, Claude and Clifford (twins), Seth T., Lula and Robert. Claude and Robert died in infancy. Mabel Garretson lives with her

sister in Pontiac. Roy lives at his residence three miles north of Cornell. His wife, Elsie, is deceased. He has three children: Dannie and his wife Xenia live north of Cornell. They are the parents of three children: Roberta and Randy are at home; Cynthia St. John (Hart) and husband live in Streator. Seth G. and wife and daughter, Darla, also live in Streator. His daughter, Elsie Lou (Jenssen) and husband with their two sons, Mike and Eric live at Burlington, Wisconsin. Bert and wife live in their mobile home in Long Point. They have a daughter, Leah Mae St. John (Nolan) and live in Ottawa. Seth T. and wife, Frieda, live three miles south of Cornell. Lula St. John (Vollmer) lives in Pontiac. Her husband, George, is deceased. She has four children Ruth (Seggerman) and husband and son, Tommy lives in Pontiac. Francis Vollmer and wife Janet live east of Cornell in Amity Township. They have three children: Susan, David and Stephen. Merle Vollmer and wife with their two children, Sherri and Brian, live in Pontiac. Jane Vollmer (Wiertz) is deceased, and she leaves five children: Julie, Janet Jeanne, Jill and Jimmie. They live with their father in Tonica. Mabel St. John (Garretson) formerly of Long Point lives in Pontiac. Her husband is deceased. Clifford and wife, Faye, live in Cornell, and their son, Robert Lee and wife, Frieda (Nafziger) and daughters, Lori and Joni, live on the St. John farm two miles west of Cornell.

This year climaxes a combined one hundred seventeen years of school teaching for Seth T., Faye, Clifford and Robert St. John. Over sixty years have been in teaching schools in Amity Township. Seth T. has taught 37 years in the Cornell Grade system.

The St. John farm, located two miles west of Cornell had been in the hands of the St. John family for more than eighty years. It is now owned by Clifford and Faye and is operated by their son, Bob, his wife Frieda and daughters, Lori and Joni.

The beautiful Vermillion River with its wooded banks forms a horse-shoe bend around the farm. It affords many pleasant hours for the family to scout about on a sunny afternoon searching for arrowheads or artifacts, boating, swimming, picnicing and camping for a weekend.

Frieda Jean St. John, Clifford St. John

Allen Geneology

These are reminiscences of the early lives of the Jacob Allen family as told by their daughter, Anna Eliza Blake, (mother of Blanche Blake) to her children.

Jacob and Eunice Rucker Allen came west from Calias, Ohio, in a covered wagon in the summer of 1865 with two small children, Kelta, 11, and Eliza, 6. Mrs. Allen had \$1200 sewed in patches in her underskirt, with which they bought their first 40 acres of land at \$30 an acre. Banks were few in those days and money was hard earned. They came west to the vicinity of what is

now Cornell, where Mrs. Allen had two brothers, Martin and William Rucker, already there, and a sister, Martha Cornell.

Eliza remembered a perilous event on the way out. They had a runaway. Mr. Allen and Kelita decided to relax a bit one day, so were walking along the road a little ahead of the wagon, leaving Mrs. Allen and Eliza to manage the driving. Suddenly another wagon appeared along side of theirs. Just then the driver cracked his whip at his team to speed them up. The Allen horses were frightened and began running so hard Mrs. Allen could not control them. She thought fast. She lifted the flap at the back and dropped Eliza in the corner of a stake and rider fence near by. Then she herself jumped. She struck her hip on the hub on the wheel and fainted. By that time the horses had become tangled in the harness and one was choking. Both were down. Mr. Allen got there in time to cut the throat latch of the one. They took Mrs. Allen to the nearest barbershop in a town nearby and bled her. In those days, they bled people instead of giving them transfusions.

They finally arrived at the home of Martin Rucker, a little east of what is now Cornell. They settled about a mile west of (now) Cornell, purchasing the 40 acres on the north. As they were able they kept adding land, which was 170 acres—on either side of the road, now owned by Donald Morrison, Dewey Munson and Lee Bartley.

Eliza tells of the hardships her parents endured to get ahead. After about 5 years, triplets were born, three boys, one of which died in early infancy. William and James grew up never having been separated for one night for 34 years. There were no funds to hire help, so Mrs. Allen took the place of a hand. They would go to the fields as soon as it was daylight and work until dark. They took cornbread and molasses for food. The children were cared for by Mrs. Allen's sister, Martha Cornell.

Eliza tells that her folks were very religious. Family worship was a daily habit. For several years the only church near was the Oakdale Church, located at the Will Partridge farm east and north of Cornell a short way. The family traveled by wagon to the church, prepared to spend most of the day in worship and fellowship with others.

Cornell Methodist Church was built about 1880. Then it was moved to the north of the village and a new one built about 1900, the same year Cornell (brick) Grade School was built. Rev. F. J. Giddings was the minister. While Rev. Giddings was serving, the old parsonage was moved and the one now standing was built. The original parsonage now stands just across from the Catholic Church.

The Allen farm is a centennial farm since it has been in the family more than 100 years. The last part was sold in 1969.

Lawrence Family

John V. Lawrence, born in 1836 in Oslo, Norway, came to the United States at age of 20. He was a sailor on ship which docked in Chicago, after which he walked to Ottawa where he had friends. His knowledge of the English language was acquired through his own unaided efforts. As a young man he worked on his fathers' farm, learning the carpenter trade. After coming to Streator, he was hired to build a tippel for a coal shaft southwest of Streator. He then moved to Amity Township and bought 240 acres of government land for \$1.25 an acre, later selling 160 and lived on 80, where he raised his family.



GRANDMA AND GRANDPA LAWRENCE

He married Brunella Richardson and they had nine children, five dying as infants. Those living, Knute, Saul, Millard and Christena. Mr. Lawrence and his sons farmed and built many buildings in Livingston County.

Knute married Mary Jane Knutson, they being parents of Elmer J. of Cornell; Nellie Ogden of Sheridan; Rose Barickman of Cornell; Clara Patterson and Ruth Gingrich of rural Pontiac and Mable Moore of Joliet.

Kenneth Edward died at 6 months.

Saul married Daisy Tiffany and they were parents of Lucille Fuller of Streator; Venus Spaniol of Cornell and Reinard of Oglesby.

Millard married Hannah Hoskins, who died same year and several years later married Pearl Ryerson, who were parents of Edith Oberg.

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Christena married Charlie Fosseen, moving to Iowa and they were parents of Antonette Bergeson, Mae Hinderocker, Ruth Orrison, Arlene Gehrke, Loyde, Carl Bruton, Jay and Glenn.

Along the years there have been 3 sailors in the Lawrence family, John Lawrence, Elmer Lawrence, Edward Harold Moore. Knute Richardson, a brother of Mrs. Lawrence, was a veteran of the Civil War and attended Big Bend Reunion for years.

There are several grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren surviving Mr. and Mrs. John Lawrence.

Morris Foley

Morris Foley was born in Ireland in 1827 and came to America in 1851. He located first in La Salle County and came to Livingston County in 1856. He lived on what is now the Clare Kelly farm.

His wife was the former Bridget Whalen. They were the parents of thirteen children, one of whom died in infancy. Among the children who spent most of their adult lives in the Cornell area were Patrick, John, Dennis, Fred, and Mrs. Fannie Corrigan, all of who are now deceased.

Mrs. Cora Ramme is a granddaughter of Morris Foley. Among other grandchildren who lived in this community were the late Philip Corrigan, husband of Mrs. Rena Corrigan and the late Maurice Foley, husband of Mrs. Agnes Foley.

John Foley

John Foley was born in County Wexford, Ireland in 1833. He came to America in 1852 and settled first in La Salle County. He came to Livingston County in 1859.

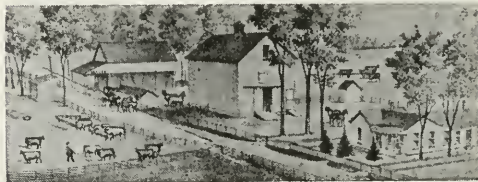
His wife was the former Catherine Whalen. They were the parents of ten children, one of whom died in infancy. They lived on the farm north of Cornell where their granddaughter, Mrs. Florence Hoffman, now resides.

Mrs. Hoffman's father, John J. Foley, was born in 1873, the same year that Cornell was founded. He was the only one of his family who remained in the Cornell Community. He moved to Pontiac just three years before his death in 1923.

Chester F. Morris

CHESTER F. MORRIS. The extensive and valuable farm property of this gentleman is located on section 17, Amity Township, and forms one of the most valuable and well conducted homesteads in the western part of Livingston County. It includes 450 broad acres, 300 of which has been brought to a high state of cultivation. The remainder is in pasture and timber, the proprietor

being largely engaged in the raising of fine stock. Mr. Morris is widely and favorably known as one of the most enterprising men and skillful farmers of central Illinois; and his very example has proved an impetus to his neighbors around him, whose farms, have no doubt been given better care and cultivation than they would otherwise have received. A view of the residence and its beautiful surroundings is given on another page in this ALBUM, to which the reader is referred.



Residence of C. F. Morris, Sec. 17, Amity Township

Mr. Morris came to this county at a time when it most needed resolute and enterprising men to cultivate the soil and introduce the improvements which are so necessary to its progress and enlightenment. His early years were spent in Tippecanoe County, Ind., where his birth took place Dec. 12, 1828, at the modest home of his parents, Henry and Mary (Reynolds) Morris. They were natives respectively of Virginia and Ohio, whence they removed in 1836 to Illinois. The father, however, was not long lived, his death occurring at the age of thirty-nine years, nine months and nine days, on the 11th of September, 1843, when his son, Chester F., was a youth of fifteen years.

Henry Morris was a circuit rider or traveling preacher. The father of our subject was a well-educated and intelligent man, a Whig politically, and a prominent member of the United Brethren Church, to which the mother also belonged. She remained a widow, surviving her husband over thirty years, and passed away at her home in Livingston County, at the age of sixty-three years, eleven months and twenty-eight days. They were the parents of eight children, of whom Chester F., our subject, was the eldest. Mary R. died Sept. 28, 1843, at the age of thirteen years, seven months and fourteen days; Philip died Sept. 29, 1843, age twelve years, seven months and twenty-eight days; Andrew enlisted in the Union Army at Pontiac, in August 1861, returned from the service unharmed, and died at his home in Livingston County, Oct. 12, 1872, at the age of thirty-nine years, ten months and nineteen days; he had been married and was the father of one child, who is now deceased. Nancy died in 1843, when about eight years of age. William H. gave his life to the service of his country, having enlisted in Company F. 33rd Illinois Infantry, and died at Ironton, Mo., Nov. 27, 1862, aged twenty-two years, nine months and four days. Joseph died Sept. 9, 1843, aged ten years, and Ellen, Sept. 19, 1845, age one year and four days.

Our subject came to Illinois in 1836, and was married in Amity Township, this county, June 11, 1857, to Miss Susan Springer, who was born in Ohio, Sept. 17, 1832, and died at her home in Amity Township, Feb. 13, 1874. Of this union there were born the children whose record is as follows: Henry was born May 8, 1858 and died Sept. 8, 1858; Perry J. was born Sept. 21, 1859 and died April 18, 1879; Scott B. was born Sept. 30, 1860 and died Aug. 18, 1861; Mary was born Oct. 25, 1861 and died Jan. 10, 1862; Rose was born April 4, 1864 and died Sept. 17, 1878; Joseph was born Nov. 26, 1865; William R., May 20, 1868 and Geneva, Jan. 3, 1870.

The present wife of our subject was formerly Mrs. Sarah (Smith) Goddard, and they were married Jan. 13, 1878. She is the daughter of David and Mary Smith, natives of Ohio, and was born Dec. 8, 1837. Of this union there have been born three children, all of whom are deceased: Chester was born July 19, 1878 and died July 30 following; May was born Aug. 30, 1881 and died when one year and sixteen days old. William Henry Morris died aged two years and twelve days. Politically, Mr. Morris is an uncompromising Democrat.



LOG CABIN BUILT IN 1846

Mr. Chester F. Morris gave the ground which is the Morris Cemetery. He and his first wife, Susan, as well as five of his children, two grandchildren and one great-grandson are buried there.

Mr. Morris' son, William R. and Ella Blake were married May 27, 1887. A few months after their marriage they moved into a log cabin which was on the property. No one had lived in it for a number of years. In this log cabin their first two children, Frederick L. and Lena

E. (Mothersbaugh) Morris were born. Within a short time, Mr. Chester Morris moved to the village of Cornell and W. R. and his family moved down to the home place where the other members of the family were born, Robbie B., Gertrude (Morgan) Morris, Warren C., Daniel B., Mary G. (Bruner) Morris, Emma K. (Morgan) Morris, Alonzo J., Mabel (Cashmer) Morris, Albert G. and Russell C. Five of the children are deceased, Albert, Mary, Daniel, Frederick and Warren. Later another family, Alonzo Springer and his wife, Kitty Carroll, moved into the log cabin. Kitty passed away there in childbirth.

Robbie B. and his family also lived in the log house.

William Robert Morris

William Robert Morris, a progressive member of the agricultural class of Livingston County, is one of the most successful young farmers of Amity Township. His entire life has been spent in this immediate locality, and here, where he is so well known, he bears a reputation for uprightness and justice and a conscientious regard for the rights of others and his duty as a citizen and head of a household.

William R. Morris, more familiar known as Robert Morris, comes from an old and honored Virginia family, and his grandfather, Henry Morris, possessed that spirit which has filled the hearts of all of the sturdy brave pioneers who laid the foundations of future civilization and prosperity. Henry Morris first moved from the Old Dominion to the wilderness of Ohio, subsequently located in Indiana and as early as 1837, when this country was new and sparsely settled, came to Livingston County. Choosing a tract of land in Amity Township, he spent the remainder of his life here, his death occurring in 1841. His homestead, which he had partially cleared and prepared for cultivation, is the identical one now in the possession of our subject.

C. F. Morris, father of William Robert Morris, was born in Tiptecanoe County, Indiana, December 12, 1828, and from his tenth year until his death, February 10, 1900, he dwelt in Amity Township, one of her most esteemed citizens. His death is felt to be a public loss in this community, where so long and faithfully he used his influence for its permanent welfare. In early manhood he wedded Susanna, daughter of Joseph Springer, who was an early settler in this locality also. The young couple commenced keeping house in this township and in the course of time came to live on the old Morris homestead. Under his management, the place was wonderfully improved, and a well built house and barns added much to the value and desirability of the farm. Mr. Morris was engaged in the actual work of the farm until in 1892 he moved to Cornell, where he purchased a pleasant residence. His long and useful life closed in peacefulness, and, surrounded by his loving relatives and numerous sincere friends, he breathed his last and passed to his reward. His mortal remains were tenderly laid

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First Methodist Church, Pastor Gilbert Fletcher, Cornell, Illinois
First Methodist Church, Pastor Gilbert Fletcher, Blackstone, Illinois

away in the old Morris cemetery, on the homestead, with which the name has been associated for more than three-score years.

His first wife, the mother of our subject, died in 1874, and afterward he married again. Joseph C., his eldest son is a resident of Kansas City, and Geneva, the only daughter, is the wife of William Gregory, a farmer of this township.

The birth of William Robert Morris occurred on the old homestead, May 20, 1868, and here his boyhood days were passed in the usual quiet pursuits of country lads. After completing the curriculum of the common schools, he further qualified himself for life's duties by attending college at Dixon, Illinois, where he was a student for two years. He then returned home and assiduously devoted himself to the cultivation of the farm, deciding to make agriculture his chief business in the future. Since 1890 he has had entire charge of the old farm, and now manages about four hundred acres of well cultivated and highly desirable land. He is practical and in sympathy with the progressive spirit of the age, and it is safe to predict for him, wealth and prominence, though these things are not his chief aspirations.

On the 27th of May, 1887, Mr. Morris married Ella G. Blake, daughter of Daniel W. Blake of Cornell. Mr. Blake was born in Ohio in 1835 and came to Illinois in 1854. He married Sallie F. Burnham in Amity in 1862. She was born in Pennsylvania in 1845. Mr. Blake enlisted at Pontiac, August 8, 1862 in the 129th I.V.I., was through the Sherman campaign and was mustered out in 1866. He served as commissioner of highways for four years and as village trustee for two years. He owned farm ground and also 10 acres in town which became Blakes addition. They were the parents of three children, Fred and John (who died as a youngster), and Ella Gertrude, born January 9, 1869, who became Mrs. Morris. Twelve children blessed the union of this couple, namely: Fred, Lena, Robert B., Gertrude, Chester Warren, Daniel D., Mary Geneva, Joseph, Emma, Mabel Josephine, Albert (who died at birth), and Russell.

In his political faith Mr. Morris is a Democrat. For himself he has never aspired to public office, as he finds his time fully occupied in attending to his manifold business affairs. Yielding to duty and the desires of his neighbors, he has officiated as district clerk and on the board of education, giving his influence to all measures calculated to benefit the community permanently in his opinion.

Fred (deceased) married Florence Andrews, parents of Leo (deceased), Daniel, Ella and Carolyn. Lena married Calvin Mothersbaugh, no children; Robbie married Verta Cashmer, parents of four daughters, Madeline, Claudene, Geneva and Betty. Gertrude married Clyde Morgan, parents of Maxine, Robert, Helen, Jean and Morris. Warren married Lela Leonard, parents of Esther, Robert W. and John. Emma married Arthur Morgan, parents of William, Marjory and Joyce. Mabel married Claud Cashmer,

parents of Richard, Beverly (deceased), Dorothy, Gloria, Rosalie and Philip. Alonzo J. married Lela Andrews, parents of Nancy, then married Billie Sweet, parents of Joseph L. Russell never married.

Liberty Louderback

Liberty Louderback was born in Brown County, Ohio, July 4, 1824, a son of Thomas and Sarah (Springer) Louderback, and was given the name Liberty by his grandfather, Uriah Springer. He came with his parents to Illinois in 1831 and settled in Vermillion County near Danville where they lived until 1837. They then moved to Amity Township where they entered a tract of land from the government. He was the oldest of his family, namely: Liberty, Mills, Thomas, Levi, Thirza, William, Polly and Mahala. He grew to manhood on a farm in Amity Township and though he had little opportunity for schooling, he early mastered all the details of farming. At the age of twenty-one he began life for himself working as a farm hand.



LIBERTY LOUDERBACK AND MARY JANE
(CORBIN) LOUDERBACK FAMILY

Seated, left to right: Liberty Louderback, Julia Louderback Gregory, Mary Jane (Corbin) Louderback, John H. Louderback.

Standing, left to right: Chester Louderback, Harriet Louderback Graeser, Hersie Louderback Manley, George Louderback.

On April 26, 1849, he married Miss Mary Jane Corbin, who was born in Va. Oct. 9, 1827 and came to the county with her father, David Corbin and family in 1831. Mr. and Mrs. Louderback began their domestic life on his farm in a log cabin with furniture of his own manufacture. His first land was purchased from Illinois Central Railroad Co. He later added more acres to this in section 20 of Amity Township. He continued farming until 1877, when they retired to a home in Cornell where he passed away

June 13, 1907. His wife passed away May 11, 1900. Six children were born to them, namely: John H., George W., Chester W., Julia, Hersey and Harriet C.

George W. Louderback and Ellen Gates were married Nov. 15, 1876 and were the parents of three children: Bert Harold, Mabel and Edna.

Bert Harold Louderback married Blanche McDonald May 8, 1907. They became the parents of a son, Harold B. Louderback, who is now married to Velma Metz. Blanche died in 1908 and Mr. Louderback married Iva May Allen April 14, 1910. They were the parents of two sons, Clarence and Clifford and a daughter, Dorothy. Clarence married Ruth Bryan. They are the parents of five children: Kenneth, Judith, Bruce, Douglas and Mary Ann. Clifford (deceased 1968) married Prudence Fortner. Dorothy married George Delheimer, Jr., and they are the parents of John, Steven, Ruth Ann, Patrick and Scott.

Bert Louderback died Oct. 5, 1949. Iva died May 3, 1940.

Mabel Louderback married Charlie H. Patterson Feb. 12, 1902. Three children, Doris, Harold and Lois were born to them. Doris married Howard Garretson and they became parents of three children, Letha, Jarlath (died at age two) and James. Harold Patterson married Clara Lawrence. Lois married Charles Beck and their children are Sandra (Mrs. Brad Hardy), Steven and Todd,

Charlie Patterson died Aug. 21, 1960. Mabel died Jan. 29, 1968.

Edna Louderback married Herman Grimm in 1913. He died in 1946. She was married to Perry Lundy, who preceded her in death. She passed away June 12, 1972.

Chester William Louderback, born 1854, died 1933 married Normanda Young in 1878. She died 1932 children: Doll, Bertha, Frank LeRoy

Julia Alice Louderback, born 1856, died 1934 married Thomas Gregory 1875, he died 1888 children: Charlie (died 1920); George, Madge George died 1918, married May Plank (died 1946) children, Edward, George, Francis, Henry, Robin, Florence Madge married Floyd Rucker in 1911, he died 1960 two sons, Ronald and Richard

Hersie Jane Louderback, born 1863, died 1947 married Harry L. Manly in 1882, he died 1933 one daughter, Edna born 1883, married Arthur Harwood, who preceded her in death. She died 1960

Harriet C. Louderback, born 1868, died 1915 married William H. Graeser in 1869 one daughter, Gertrude

The Munson Family

Chris Munson was born November 15, 1848 in Denmark. He came to the United States when he was in his early teens and lived with friends at Tonica. He married a Benedict from Kankakee and they had one son, Charles.



MR. AND MRS. CHRIS MUNSON

Charles B. Munson (1882-1954) married Mary Ellen Way (1887-1911)

Virgil

Nellie married Leslie Nicols

Frances, Mary Ellen, Alice Marie, Marjorie, Glenn Gordon was adopted as an infant by an aunt, Goldie Jeters

He is married and lives in Missouri

Mary Ellen Way is buried in Nigh Chapel Cemetery. After her death, Charles Munson moved to California, where he later married a lady who had two children. There were four children born from this marriage, Benjamin, Edwin, Goldie and Harold.

After his first wife's death, Chris Munson later married Carrie Anderson, who came to the states from Denmark at the age of 13. They were married September 4, 1883 and moved to Amity Township around 1892, living west of Nigh Chapel Church (NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec. 30). He spent his whole life in farming, until retiring and moving to Pontiac in 1919. They lived at the corner of Water and Elm Streets He died July 5, 1926; she died May 28, 1935. They are both buried in Nigh Chapel Cemetery. They were the parents of seven children: Nellie, John, Bert, Florence, Myrtle, Alfred and Dewey.

Nellie died at the age of two.

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Community Lutheran Church, Pastor Ralph Marquardt, Cornell, Illinois
St. Paul Lutheran Church, Pastor Len Carlson, Cornell, Illinois

John A. (1884-1948) married to Jessie Hakes
Vernon Leroy, married to Anna Sparrow
Kenneth, Donald, Randall

Bert (1886 -), married to Carrie Grace Snyder
Ellen Marie, married Paul Rosebrugh
Mary Anne, Betty Jean, Francis Paul
Russell Albert (d. 1971) married to Ada Johnston
Olive Ruth, Russell, Jr., Brian James, Robert
Dorothy May, married Edward Smith
Betty Ellen, Jerold Edward, Sandra May, Donna
Joanne
Dale Snyder, married Mary Frew
Gary Dale, Reverdy Leigh

This family settled in the New York area.

Florence (1889-1936) married Warren Wertz (1885-1969) They are buried in Nigh Chapel Cemetery.

Myrtle (1981--living in Ransom) married Jake Gingrich (1884-1957)

Howard married Pauline Cook
Patricia Ann married Ronald Novatney
Shawn, Scott
Leslie

Alfred (1895-living in Streator) married Mary V. McNutt (1895-1965)

Edward Dewey married Ellen Bresney
Dorothy Jean, Coral Jo, Ronald Lee (killed in service), Randall James, Edward Dewey, Jr., Karla Kay, Kimberly Ann, Shawn Dwayne
Kenneth Eugene, died in infancy
Cletis Albert married Dorothy Kreiser
Phyllis, Louann, Larry, Lori
Vera Irene married Carl Call
Evelyn Marie, Shirley Ilene
Velma Ilene married Elmer Laurine
Debbie

Oral Dean married Marie Hunter
Debbie, Larry, Steve, Kathy

Alfred later married Goldie Wilson. She died in 1972.

Dewey (1897-1969) married Anna Jensen (1896-living in Pontiac)

Harold
Kenneth married Elinor Harrison
William Harrison married Janet Rasmus
Linda Harrison

Early Burkett Family

Early Burkett was born in 1880 and grew up near Golden Gate, Illinois. Early came to the Livingston County area in his younger days and worked on farms by the month. Some of his earliest employers were Bob Orr, Marion Louderback, Pete Corrigan, Guy Patterson and Will Blue to name a few. Early and Delmar (Dude) Blake made several trips to Iowa to dig "tile ditch" for Edward Gourley.

On December 31, 1910, Early Burkett and Mamie Mounts of Griffin, Indiana were married. They came to

Cornell by train, and the first home for the Burkett's was a small house in the block west of the United Methodist Church in Cornell. In the spring, they moved to a house on the Dennis Foley farm, one and a quarter mile north of Cornell. It was on this farm that Early was to spend the rest of his life. The farm is now owned by F. N. Smith of Pontiac.

Their next move was a one-half mile north along the Wabash tracks. This home was formerly a hotel during the "hey-days" of North Cornell.

By this time, Lewis Mounts, Mrs. Burkett's son by a previous marriage had joined them and their baby girl, Louise.

It was fortunate that Mr. and Mrs. Burkett moved into a nineteen-room, three story house; in as much as seven more children were to come along. In fact, all the children grew up at the "hotel". The children are: Lewis Mounts, Louise, Foster, Joe, Ervin, Clark, Helen, Muriel and Gene. All of the children attended the Sutcliff Grade School. Lewis, Louise, Clark, Helen and Muriel graduated from the Cornell High School.

Lewis Mounts, retired school teacher, lives in Odell, and is married to Agnes (Gourley) Mounts. They have a daughter, Uretta and two grandsons, Thad and Rhys Lovell.

Louise is a librarian at Northern Illinois University and is married to Harry Bronson. They have one son, Robert and two granddaughters, Robbie and Debbie and a grandson, Robert J. They make their home in Waterman.

Foster works for the Ford Implement Company in Pontiac and is married to Donna (Breicholz) Burkett.

Joe is employed by FS Company in Pontiac and is married to Helen (Ide) Burkett. They have one son, Tim.

Ervin is living on the farm where his father started farming around 1911. He served with the Engineer Corps during World War II, in the European Theatre. He is married to Verna (Mossberger) Burkett. They have a son, Ben and a grandson, Bradley.

Clark is employed by FS Company as a truck salesman, and just completed his 25th year of service. He is married to Margaret (Chorba) Burkett and resides in Cornell. They have two daughters, Barbara and Michele, one granddaughter, Tonia Shambo.

Helen is married to Robert Greenman and resides on a farm in Esmen Township. They have a son, John Robert. Muriel is married to William Testa of Wilmington, Illinois and have a daughter, Maria.

Gene farms in Newtown Township. He is married to Marjorie (Mitchell) Burkett. They have a daughter, Susan. A son, Gregg and a daughter, Gayle passed away in 1988.

Anna Odle, mother of Mamie Burkett made her home with the Burkett's for several years. She was always on hand to care for all of her grandchildren.

Early passed away May 11, 1963, and Mamie passed away September 20, 1971.



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
WASHINGTON, D. C.

LESLIE C. ARENDS

February 21, 1973

Dear Fellow Americans:

Every once in a while we need to take time to consider our heritage, how we started, and how we have grown. A centennial celebration is indeed such a time.

America has been built on a foundation stemming from the values and the cooperative spirit of rural communities. In a busy time of urban problems and unrest, of friction and conflict, it is necessary for us to concentrate on the real strength of America which still lies in those rural communities.

I have watched Cornell grow and change and thrive. I have always felt honored that Cornell has been a part of my congressional district since I first came to Congress. I am proud that it remains a part of my district today.

To all the people of Cornell and all those in the surrounding countryside who call Cornell their home, please let me extend my heartiest congratulations on the occasion of your centennial.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely,

The Village of Cornell
Cornell, Illinois 61319

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Community Club, Wilbur Cashmer, President,
Cornell, Illinois



Gilbert J. Lauritzen

Born on August 10, 1912 in Round Grove Township, (section 13) and farmed in Round Grove Township (section 18) and in Pontiac Township (section 9). Moved to the W $\frac{1}{2}$ of the E $\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 35, Amity Township in 1954 where along with farming, raised cross bred hogs. Quit swine project in 1971.

Began writing insurance in 1956 as an agent for Pontiac Mutual County Fire Insurance Company, of which company, my father, Charles Lauritzen, was President, wind coverage being written in the Rockford District

Mutual Tornado Insurance Company, which is now the Rockford Mutual Insurance Company.

Since 1956 many agency connections have been acquired, so that I now can provide Accident & Health, Auto, Fire, Crop Hail, Hospitalization, Liability, Life, Truck and Workmen's Compensation insurance for anyone.

Am now a Director and President of the Pontiac Mutual County Fire Insurance Company. Also President of the Church Council of St. Paul Lutheran Church of Rowe.

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Cornell - 1973

Population - 550

Centennial King and Two Queens



MINNIE SANTELMAN, 91
JOHN CARLSON, 99
EMMA BENNETT, 96

Cornell Community Senior Citizens

80 and over

March 4, 1973



1st row, left to right—Mrs. Oscar Swanberg, Emma Eddy, Minnie Santelman, John Carlson, Emma Bennett, Ella Mossberger, Mable Springer.

2nd row—Frank Morrison, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Earp, Lee Morrison, Hilda Ogden.

3rd row—Cora Ramme, Lottie Hardin, Minnie Ketterer, Mary Johnson, Bill and Zellah Beaman, Vada Ide.

4th row—Hazel Cassidy, Helen Bemis, Lydia Ely, Mrs. Tom Bayles, Claire Leonard, Rena Corrigan.

5th row—George Cassidy, Edward Isham, Lyle Husted.

Those not pictured are—Lloyd Miner, Josephine Metz, Harold Trainor, R. B. Morris, Golda Crum, Margaret Twohey.

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WILL GAMBLIN



MABLE WAYMAN



R. B. MORRIS



William Wayman with his sorrel team of mares—
full sisters.

Cornell Businesses

Bayou Bluffs Campground

This campground was opened for business in 1965 by the John W. Snyder family. It consists of 70 acres and is part of a 292 acre farm. Campers from all of the states in the United States, Canada and Europe stop here.

John's grandfather McKee, on the paternal side settled here in the 1830's. The "Bluffs" area was chosen by several other families also because of its wood, water and stone. These are the same things that appeal to campers today. The Bayous of the Vermillion River lie on one side of the campground, Rooks Creek on the other side. There is also a stocked man-made lake. These are favorite spots for the fisherman and hiker.

There are 200 shady campsites with picnic tables, electricity, and fire wood. There also are two complete shower houses.

Recreation consists of playground equipment, baseball, basketball, hiking, fishing, wading pool, and hay-rack rides.

The recreation hall has a fireplace, pool table, juke box and games. There is also a store stocked with groceries, snacks, gifts and camping supplies.

Cornell Postal Department

Walter Cornell was the first postmaster in Cornell in 1873. Dan Blake occupied the post for 17 years with Franc Jones and Mabel Holmes Springer as clerks part time. The office was then located at the Ide property,



Picture left to right—Verona Beck, Mary Mills, J. D. Sims, Zella Beaman.

where the American Legion now stands. It was moved to the north side of main street to the Shackelton building just west of the present restaurant some time later. Frank Brady was postmaster when Zella Beaman first

started working part time along with Mable Springer. Harlow Iverson was appointed in 1916 and resigned in 1917 when Mabel Springer was appointed for 13 years with Zella Beaman as clerk. Earl Husted was appointed in 1930-46, during which time the office was moved to the old bank building, now occupied by Girard's Antiques. In 1943, the office was made 3rd class and the Star route was established, with mail coming by truck from Streator instead of Wabash Railroad.

After the retirement of Earl Husted, Robert "Bob" Beck was appointed from 1946-52 after which he transferred to rural mail carrier, due to the retirement of J. D. Sims, who had carried mail for 30 years. Keith Turner was acting postmaster for part of two years, after which Aldene Myers was acting until James Jirus was appointed from 1954-60. Due to his death, Aldene Meyers was again appointed acting until Arnold Ide was acting 1960-62, Annette Grant acting 1962-64, when William Pleasant was appointed permanently.

Zella Beaman continued as clerk until 1959 under Jim Jirus, when she was required to retire, having reached the age of 70. With the exception of three years of her early married life, Zella had spent the most part of "half a century" with the postal department. Most patrons of the Cornell area remember her pleasant ways and congenial manner. She is still enjoying very good health, with the exception of poor eyesight. She recalls many incidents and has made many friends. Among her memories are the many 10 hour days at \$1.00 a day, but considered herself "lucky" to have a job. Very little money was allotted for expenses and oftentimes the postmaster would go next door to get warm in the winters. None of the offices had furnace heat, water or rest rooms—a far cry from the nice office now occupied. Even in the early fifties, they would go to the office on Christmas morning to distribute the mail.

Past rural carriers were Charles Sutcliff, Taylor Shin, Harry Rucker, Ralph Sawyer, J. D. Sims, Bob Beck and the present carrier, Orville Cagley.

Mrs. Robert (Verona) Beck was appointed clerk to replace Mrs. Beaman and Mrs. Clinton (Gayle) Mills was the substitute. The new building, built by Cornell Industries, was constructed in 1961, with Arnold Ide moving the office, with dedication being held in October.

Bill Pleasant, formerly of Streator, is married to Helen Delheimer, daughter of the late Bessie and George Delheimer. They have one son David, three daughters, Pat, Beth and Amy, also a granddaughter, Jenny. Bill operated Bill's Body Shop several years in Cornell before becoming postmaster. Bill creates a most friendly atmosphere in the office and he lives up to his name, as some call him Pleasant William.

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Livingston County Democrat Central Committee, Edward Hornick, Chr.
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Seamstress and Dressmaker

Tesuko (Terri) Goforth, a native of Japan, has been doing alterations and dressmaking since coming to the United States in 1960.

Her skills at dressmaking, and also pattern making, were learned while employed for three years, with the Sanshi Dress Company of Tokyo, Japan.

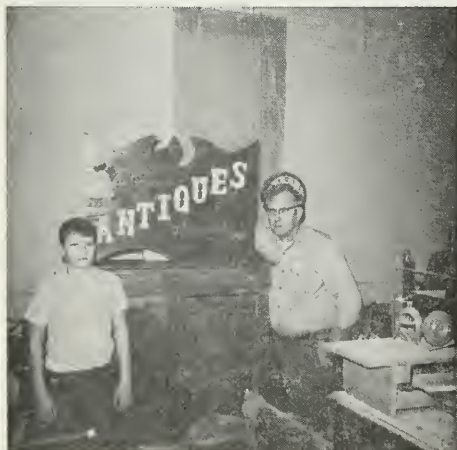


In 1960 she married Tom Goforth, who was stationed at Camp Drake, Japan with the U.S. Army.

They have resided in Cornell since 1965. Their children are Debbie, age 12, and Kathy, age 9.

Girard's Antique Shop

Girard's Antique Shop opened in the fall of 1970 in the former Cornell Bank Building, owned by Mrs. Marie



LYLE GIRARD AND SON, JIM

Wayman. The shop is owned by Lyle, Mildred and Jim Girard. Many varied articles have come and gone

through the doors such as an Indian totem pole, furniture of all description, muzzle loading guns and many other types of articles. Indian relics from common arrows to museum pieces are for sale and displayed at all times. Indian relics have been sold to customers from as far away as Connecticut and shipped by mail to customers in over thirty states.

Furniture is sold in the rough to many dealers or stripped of paint and varnish and then refinished. Over the years more people have become antique minded. Prices for good material has steadily increased, such as brass beds that used to sell for 50 cents on an auction, are now selling for \$100 and more. Round oak tables, that were banned to the basement, are being once again refinished and put to use.

Although the business is sometimes not too profitable, it is interesting and offers the chance to meet a lot of nice people.

The Girards extend a welcome for anyone to stop by and browse.

Irving Miner's Radio & TV Service

My interest in electronics goes back to my grade school days when my parents bought me an electrical experimental set. That started me to read a lot about "wireless" as it was called then.

A friend and myself started to purchase parts for a receiving outfit, but that was taboo with Uncle Sam as World War I was still going on, so we had to drop it.

While I was working at the Western Electric in Chicago in 1923 and 24, radio was beginning its boom and building your own set was almost a necessity. So I built one—plenty of parts stores. Loosely built, parts were scattered all over the table I had.

Was quite excited when I heard Jack Chapman's orchestra playing "Dream Daddy", the first tune I had ever heard on any radio.

Later I built a much better model and brought it home the next year. It lasted for several years and my brother, Lloyd and Jody Murphy listened to the World Series between the N.Y. Giants and Washington Senators. It would operate two or three sets of headphones which were most satisfactory then.

By 1952, television had proved itself, so decided to get into the service business seriously. Took a radio-TV course from one school and a TV course from another in which I built my first TV set.

Purchased test equipment, most of which has been replaced and added to, so kept up to date. Valuable as the schooling was, years of experience has been by best teacher.

Cornell Telephone Company

In reminiscing over early years, Mrs. Mabel Springer recalls a two-story building on the south side of Main Street in Cornell. Mr. and Mrs. John Barringer resided there. Mr. Barringer built a brick oven in his back yard and Mrs. Barringer baked homemade bread in this oven and sold it for 5c a loaf. She also sold one pound fruit cakes at 10c each. The Barringers also served meals and lunches, charging 25c per meal. In 1900 a switchboard was installed in the upstairs. It was operated by Miss Hattie Layne, the very first telephone operator in Cornell. She became ill and resigned. Miss Bessie Barringer was hired. She was assisted by Miss Stella Syphers. When Miss Syphers and her family moved to California, Miss Mabel Holmes then assisted in the office.

When Bessie Barringer married Charlie Gill, a barber shop owner, they moved to Goshen, Indiana. Mabel Springer's sister, Miss Bertha Holmes then took over as assistant on the switchboard. They were employed for about fifteen years.

Following the Holmes girls, a lady from Morton, Illinois was hired as operator. Later she resigned and Mrs. Emma Dickerson was hired. Her daughters, Claire, Bessie and Gertrude assisted her. Other operators were Mabel Beaman, Jessie Calder, Dora Johnson, Cora Gates, Verna Voorheis, Ethel Gourley, Eola Mills, Lela Morris and Mae Chester. After Mrs. Dickerson, operators were Maxine Morgan, Jean Divis, Helen Ide, Claudene Morris, Jean Morgan, Rose Myers, Helen Burkett, Betty Trainor and Florence Allen.

Rose Myers was operating the switchboard when the Murphy building caught on fire. The switchboard was located on the second floor of the building. She stayed at her post until rescued by climbing down the ladder from the second story window.

In 1947 the Cornell Telephone Company was purchased by the Cornell Community Telephone Company at a sheriff's sale. They organized with Charles Bennett, president; Raymond Spaniol, secretary; John Gaspardo, treasurer. Serving as directors were: Homer Dodge, Elmer Eutsey, Orval Gingrich and Albert Palm. The Company was purchased in January 1948, and that evening there was a sleet storm and 80% of the lines were down on the ground. This was on a Saturday and on Sunday three directors, John Gaspardo, Albert Palm and Raymond Spaniol went to Odell and ordered a car load of telephone poles to start building the lines. It took two years to get things back to a normal working condition. As they rebuilt the lines, they changed from a grounded system to a metallic system which was a great improvement over the grounded system. Shortly after, the company purchased the office building formerly occupied by the late Dr. Gardner, a dentist here from the early 1900's. At that time the company purchased a switchboard of 100 positions to replace the 50 position board. At this time, there was three full-time operators in charge of the switchboard. These operators were Claire Leonard,

Lela Morris and Mae Chester. These operators each received \$2,400 a year salary. There was also extra operators hired on a part-time basis who were Ruth Corrigan, Claudine Johnson and Venus Spaniol.

In January of 1964 the Cornell Community Telephone Company received an offer to purchase from the Farmers Mutual Telephone Company of Allen in Ransom, Illinois. This was accepted by the stockholders of the Cornell Community Telephone Company at their annual meeting in 1964. The sale was completed July 20, 1964.

Mr. Floyd G. Porter was manager of the Telephone Company. Mr. Raymond Spaniol and Mrs. Madeline Earp, who had been long time employees of the Cornell Telephone Company, were retained by the Farmers Mutual Telephone Company. The Company rented temporary office space from Mr. Don Wayman (on the corner next to Wayman's Grocery Store) for a commercial office building. Mrs. Earp then started working on a full-time basis as billing clerk and receptionist. Mr. Raymond Spaniol was in charge of outside plant maintenance and the installation of new telephones.

Mr. Floyd G. Porter immediately begin to make arrangements for financing to convert the entire system to dial operation. After these financing arrangements had been made, a new commercial and central office building was built and dial equipment was installed. The telephone company then purchased the necessary material and equipment to bury all the outside plant and install new telephones in all the subscribers homes. The exchange was converted to dial operation in August of 1966.

In 1965 the name was changed to C-R Telephone Company initialing the two exchanges it then served.

After approximately 25 years of service to the community for the telephone company, Mr. Spaniol is now retired and enjoying his winters in Florida. There was a retirement party for Mr. Spaniol held at Valley View Restaurant in November of 1972. Among the 40 attending this party were the officers and directors of the Cornell Community Telephone Company at the time it was sold in 1964. These were Raymond Spaniol, president; John Gaspardo, treasurer, Cecil Richardson, secretary, Alvin Schuler, vice president, John Cashmer, Charles Russow, Sr., Albert Palm, Elmer Blue and Clark Husted.

The Cornell Exchange had 387 subscribers in 1964 and now serves 433 subscribers at the end of December 1972. The Company now has five full time employees. These employees are Floyd G. Porter, president, Virginia M. Porter, secretary-treasurer, Gary L. Porter, Madeline Earp and Robert Owey.

Cornell's Unique Chicken Business

In 1906, Lloyd Miner, then a boy of 14 years, was working in Miner Bros. general store, which was in the same building now occupied by Johnnies Laundromat.

At this time, Ed Foley operated Cornell's Hotel, which stood on the same ground as the new fire department.

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Foley kept chickens and they had free range of the hotels back yard. With these chickens was a rooster, which stood out in attractiveness from the other common fowl. He had long beautiful plumage of red, blue, orange and lemon coloring and carried his head high as though he were proud of himself.

Each day as Lloyd came to work, he noticed this beautiful chicken and became fascinated with him. Finally he asked Foley if he would sell the chicken. Foley refused to sell, but informed Lloyd that he could buy one from Nick Vipond in Streator.



Lloyd Miner, his chicken and pens

The next day Lloyd asked his father for some money to buy one of these chickens. His father didn't want him to have this breed of chicken and refused to give him the money, but Mother Miner did, and Lloyd caught the early morning Wabash passenger train to Streator. (At this time this train made two round trips a day from Forrest to Streator). Lloyd came home on the evening train with not only a rooster, but also two hens, at the cost of five dollars for the rooster and two dollars each for the hens.

He learned from Vipond that these were pit game chickens and that the roosters, when eight months old, had to be penned separately or they would fight and kill each other.

For this reason, Lloyd had to have some chicken houses and pens built. An uncle (Ransom Miner) and John Johnson (Pug) built the first pens. Over the years, many more have been built, one hundred in all. When first built, all buildings and pens were painted white. Now, with many years of wear on them, the paint is gone and they show their age. Lloyd said he often wondered which would last the longer, he or the pens.

Vipond told Lloyd there were three magazines published which were devoted exclusively to game chickens and that an advertisement in any one of them would help sell the young fowl he planned to raise. The magazines were Feathered Warrior, published in New York; Grit and Steel in South Carolina and The Gamecock in Arkansas. All are still published, as they have many subscribers in every state as well as foreign countries.

At first raising these chickens was a hobby with Lloyd but as the years went along and the demand for them be-

came greater, he advertised more, sent out circulars and raised more chickens. What was a hobby became a good paying business. They sell readily for from \$15.00 to \$100.00 each.

Lloyd retired from other work at 68 years, but is still self employed at 80, doing the same as he has done for many years. His doctor tells him to keep on doing this, as it keeps him young.

The general public has no idea as to how many years there are in the game chicken fraternity, but Lloyd has shipped his chickens to England, Canada, Mexico, Central America, Guam, the Phillipines, Hawaii and every other state in the union. He also has had visitors come to his place from coast to coast as well as some foreign countries.

Through the sale of these chickens, Lloyd has become acquainted with many people, some who are now close friends and come to visit each year. Lloyd firmly believes that every person should have a hobby, something to do after they retire. He also likes baseball, football and all sports, but baseball is his favorite. Chicago Cubs, of course.

Earp Fur Company



BARRY HIGHLAND, GLENN EARP, GARY EARP

Glenn A. Earp started buying fur in 1948. Animals were skinned, stretched and dried in the basement of the home. Two years later business was moved to a 12 x 20 garage. In 1966 a 24 x 32 two story fur house was built by Glenn and youngest son, Gary. In 1971 this was enlarged to 24 x 42, with a 10 x 12 walk in freezer. Glenn and Gary formed a partnership in 1966. Fur is bought

and picked up within an 80 mile radius of Cornell. Glenn has a north pick up route and Gary has a south pick up route. Pelts are bought from the trapper either skinned or unskinned. The trappers get more for the pelts that are skinned and stretched. The furs are taken care of by Glenn and Gary, Barry Highland, Joe Garretson, Dick Garretson, David Burkitt, Greg and Kenneth Johnson, David and Gene Highland and other local help. Pelts are matched for color and quality and made into garments and fur pieces, hats and rugs for customers, the rest are sold to New York fur dealers. The lowest price paid



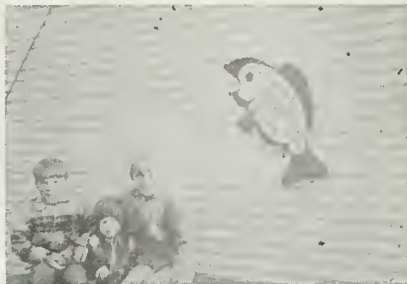
GLENN A. EARP, GARY W. EARP

to the trapper for muskrat was 40c to 50c most to date was \$2.65 to \$2.75 per pelt, raccoon, 40c to 60c, highest \$6.00 to \$12.00. The largest raccoon weighed 28½ lbs. opossum, no value, now 25c to \$1.00, red fox, no value, now they are worth \$25.00. Beavers are worth \$5.00 to \$20.00, depending on size, the largest beaver bought by Earp Fur Company weighed 65 lbs.; mink \$3 to \$6 now \$20 for female and \$30 for male; skunk, not much value but are made into skunk hats. In 1972 Earp Fur Company bought a large volume of muskrat, raccoon, mink, opossum, fox, beaver, and coyote and weasels. A full line of trapping supplies are kept on hand and sold to trappers. In 1973 the fur house will be enlarged and a larger walk-in freezer added.

Bohm's Best Bait Buys

Irvin Bohm, Jr. and Jeffrey Bohm started saving their money in 1971 from sales of nightcrawlers that they picked out of the yard. With the help of their Dad, Irvin, Sr. they purchased the material for the bait shop.

The Bait Shop opened in 1972, with tackle supplies and minnows, crawfish, leaches, red worms and of course night crawlers. Irv, Jeff and their Dad seine for the minnows and crawfish. They still pick up nightcrawlers when they can, but they have to buy them in order to keep enough for sales.



They hope to improve their tanks and storage this year and add more tackle supplies.

Valley View

Valley View is the reality of a life long dream. For many years, it was the ambition of Louie and Helen Hatzter to someday move their family to a farm. During the depression years of the 1930's, it seemed like an impossibility, but always the longing was there. In 1940, an opportunity came along, and here was the chance to buy a 60 acre piece of land. A farm ??? There was no house. There was an old tumbled-down barn, fencing badly in need of repair, a forrest of weeds over the entire 60 acres. It was a ramshackled piece of property, but to Louie and Helen, it was the most beautiful farm in the country, full of promise, and full of possibilities.

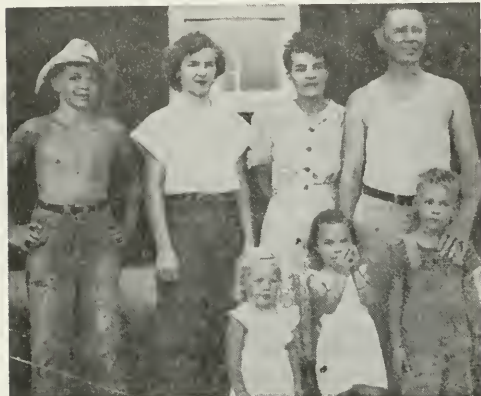
The arrangements began, they sold their home in Streator, much against the wishes of their families, and decided to leave the security of living in town. They built a one-room cottage to house them and their 3 children, Joan, Pat and Dick. As Helen and Mary each arrived, a new room was added onto the house. They were now living on a farm! Louie continued working at Owens-Illinois Glass Co., and tried farming on the side. Having never been on a farm before, trying to plant, cultivate and harvest corn was quite an experience. Their farm animals included horses, cows, sheep, chickens, and pigs, none of which they'd had any knowledge about, nor been around at all and some of their experiences that happened could fill a book. Thank goodness

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for some kind neighbors like Johnny Gayan, Floyd Rucker, Herman Steppe, Frank Ogden, Buck Graves, and a few others to advise these city slickers through many hard-won experiences.

And so with farming, raising chickens, and animals, selling eggs, driving the school bus, and gardening, this enthusiastic family managed to get to be at home on the farm.



Top row, left to right—Pat, Joan, Helen and Louie, Mary Helen and Dick.

Fighting the mighty Vermillion has always been a big and costly problem as crops were flooded each year. In 1949 Louie quit his supervisors job at Owens and he saw the possibility of people in town needing all the black dirt that the Vermillion was depositing in his flooded fields, and he began selling dirt. This led to drilling for coal, which was a main commodity then. Under the coal they found drillings of gravel, and further investigating showed a good deposit of gravel, which also had possibilities. One thing led to another and Louie and Helen found themselves excavating gravel. At this time, Joan and Pat were still in high school, and Pat was soon to leave for the Air Force, and so Valley View Dirt and Gravel Co. consisted of a mortgaged farm, a large family, a 1936 Osgood crane, 1937 Diamond T truck, a 1934 Farm-all tractor and lots of guts and determination. Louie was chief engineer, crane operator, salesman and all-round maintenance man. Helen, besides the family duties, as chief helper for the whole operation, and Joan was the truck driver. All the other children were just getting big enough to pitch in and help when they could.

Charles Sloan, the Long Point road commissioner then, and Charles Loudon, supervisor, will always be remembered and placed high on the list at Valley View for they were the first to purchase the gravel that started Valley View on the road. Many miles of roads in Long Point Township have been built and covered with Valley View gravel. They have also serviced many surrounding town-

ships by building roads and hauling rock and stone. Valley View is now expanded in the road construction, and excavating shale for the Division of Clow in Wheaton, Ill., for the production of verified sewer tile.

In 1958 the Bud Bradley farm was purchased and is now called Valley View Acres, and known statewide for camping and swimming. Valley View Restaurant was built in 1963 and is a beautiful lounge and eating establishment and is known for its delightful atmosphere and fine food. Another division is the Village of Valley View, a mobile home park located above the original gravel pit that is now a beautiful lake.

Valley View is a family organization, with the whole family, including the sons, daughters, sons-in-law, daughters-in-law and even the grandchildren, all active in the business. Louie is still president of the organization, and Helen is the bookkeeper. They still are the chief spark of ideas and enthusiasm of the organization.

Now the gravel company employs 16 men from the Cornell and Long Point areas, most of them have been with them many years, several starting while still in high school.

The Restaurant and Acres employs 25 full and part-time employees, many are high school students and all are from the Cornell and Long Point area.

Valley View is proud to have contributed to the growth of Cornell to offer the opportunity for employment and service to the Cornell area, and helped put Cornell on the map.



CORNELL GRADE SCHOOL CAFETERIA

Mari Bammann, Doris Cashmer and Erma Delheimer serving lunch at the cafeteria, at noon, at Cornell Grade School. Patty Partridge also an employee and Terri Goforth the substitute. They serve an average 250 pupils per day. Serving both grade and high school students.

Jan's Beauty Corner

Janet Volmer is the owner and operator of Jan's Beauty Corner, which is located in the Vollmer home. She attended Pontiac schools and the Streator School of Beauty Culture.

In 1962 she married Francis Vollmer. They live just east of Cornell where Mr. Vollmer has lived for 29 years. Their children are Susan, age 9, Steven, age 6 and David, age 5.

She is the daughter of Mrs. Thelma Shoop of Pontiac and the late Floyd Shoop.

The Pizza Parlor

In the summer of 1971, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Crews and their children, Glenda, Brenda, Stacey and Cubby made the village of Cornell their new home. It was then that they rented the Murphy Building, previously owned and operated by the Murphy family. The "sundries" store, as it had formally been known, was transformed into "Red's Pizza Parlor", featuring a variety of pizzas in three sizes.

The opening date of the new business was June 5, 1971, with all employees being family members.

To begin with, the menu offered was small pizza, sandwiches, coffee, milk and soda. In November 1971, chicken dinners, French fries and soup were added to accommodate the customers.



For nearly a year the pizza parlor was open only during the evening hours, but in May 1972, the hours were expanded to include breakfast and lunch in the menu.

The Stanley Crews family would like to express their gratitude to the people of Cornell, and their pride in serving them and the surrounding communities.

Kelly's Chicken Business

In 1969, Clare and Delores (Gaspardo) Kelly and their family went into the poultry business. They raise two broods of 36,000 chickens a year, from day old chicks to five month pullets. The chicks are brought to the Kelly



THE POULTRY HOUSE

farm by van where they are housed in a 40 by 608 foot building divided into 50 foot pens, which was designed by a feed company. The floor is covered with rice hulls and temperature regulated with gas heaters. Everything is automated.



THE CHICKEN CATCHING CREW, FEB. 1973

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One of the biggest jobs is unloading the chicks and keeping them under observance for the first ten days, hand feeding and keeping water troughs full. Disease is such a big hazard that no one except the family itself is allowed into the building.

"Producing a Good Pullet" is their business and their farm, located just one mile north of Cornell (the home Gaspardo farm), is one of very few in this area, others being in Nebraska and Wisconsin. Kellys are under contract with a large feed company and the operation is part of a vast network.

Twice a year many local farmers and high school boys are hired to ready the pullets for shipping to caged laying houses. Caring for the chicks consumes several hours a day and even the Mary, John, Pat and Anne are away or in college, Kay, Joyce, Tim and Tom are still at home to help with the family project.

Rev. T. H. Leemhuis

Rev. T. H. Leemhuis was born near Kreis Leer, Germany in the rural area of Holtermoor. Emden was a town about 25 miles from there. The family consisted of four boys and two girls. Klaas came to the United States in 1923, Rev. Leemhuis in 1925 and a brother, Ahlerich was a WW II prisoner in Russia, where he died two days after VE Day. His father was an engineer on a ship that cruised the canal to keep open the shipping lanes between the North Sea and the East Sea.

Farms in the vicinity were laid out in 5-acre tracts, adjacent to each other, and each tract was completely surrounded by dikes for irrigation purposes. In the winter the dikes were opened, flooding the land, and people could ice skate for miles and miles. Rye was the main crop, barley was also planted. Potatoes thrived in the rich soil. Many farmers were engaged in cattle raising and milking. The big farmers had a threshing machine, one that was driven around and around by horses. Oxen were put to work pulling carts.

Other than vacations of two or three weeks in July and again in September, school was conducted on a year-around basis and rules were very strict. Classes were held daily and until noon on Saturday. Latin and many other high school subjects were included in the curriculum.

Rev. Leemhuis was ten when WW I began and recalls that the war was all about them, with the noise of heavy cannons and planes flying overhead. Rationing, especially food, was quite severe and getting flour almost impossible. After the war, the flu epidemic swept in and many were taken.

He came to the United States at the age of 21. In that he knew no English, his arrival in New York posed serious problems. He would have taken the next ship back had he the fare, but necessity propelled him, and he

managed to join his brother in Mason City, Iowa. The cost of his ticket, two hundred dollars, required eight months of farm labor to pay back.

In 1930 he attended God's Bible School in Cincinnati, Ohio, working his way through by planting flowers, trees, shrubs and similar work. After graduating in 1933 from the Theological School, he hitchhiked west, with empty pockets, and by accident stopped in Bloomington. Friends took him to a Nazarene Assembly where he met a Rev. Harry Morrow, who made a great impression upon him. Rev. Morrow's persuasion brought him into Cornell and he began preaching here in 1933. He kept going to school and attended the Cornell High School. In 1935 he pastored various Nazarene Churches in southern Illinois. He continued his formal education and also his education in the Church of the Nazarene, the latter requiring four additional years.

He was married to Eleanore Selmeier of Cornell in 1936 while a pastor at Gorham, Illinois. In 1937 he was ordained. The move to Cornell from southern Illinois came in 1939 and the following year he became a naturalized citizen. He continued in the ministry at the local Nazarene Church.

After moving to their present location, where they built a home in 1941, the Leemhuis family began growing nursery stock and flowering plants, and the Cornell Nursery was on its way. Vegetables only were sold at first—flowers could not withstand the outdoor cold frames. The family began to grow iris in 1947 and the project grew in later years to a national mail order business. They now have approximately 1000 varieties of the finest iris in the United States. The 100 iris chosen most popular by the American Iris Society have been added to the Cornell Iris Garden in the past three years. Requests for the prize iris now come from every state in the union and from the foreign countries of Australia, Japan, Switzerland, Canada and Columbia, in Central America. In a joint family effort the greenhouse became a reality in 1965 and went into operation immediately selling vegetable plants and flowering bedding plants.

In 1954, believing he should enlarge his ministry to reach more people, Rev. Leemhuis began to publish a monthly Holiness Journal. His publication, "The Gospel Mission Trumpet" an interdenominational tract, reaches almost every state and crosses the water into England, Nigeria, New Zealand, Scotland, Columbia in Central America, Indonesia, India, Israel and Canada. In addition to publishing the "Gospel Mission Trumpet" he prints and distributes thousands of Gospel tracts each year.

In 1956 Rev. Leemhuis began his Radio Ministry with a 15-minute program on WIZZ at Streator, Illinois. The broadcast was widely accepted and a station in southern Illinois was added before the year was out. In the years following, many radio stations throughout the country carried his half-hour program as he proclaimed the Gospel. For four years his broadcasts were heard in

Puerto Rico. His radio messages may be heard at present over stations in Iowa, Minnesota, Illinois and Wisconsin.



REV. T. H. LEEMHUIS AT THE MICROPHONE

A "Christmas Wonderland" at the Leemhuis residence has attracted many people during the Yule Season. An inspiration of son, Leroy, who had missed three home Christmases while in service, the display began with just the Nativity Scene. Each year saw additional scenes and decorations. This past season the count on the decorations figurines was 40 and on the outdoor bulbs 1300. Each evening's display has been accompanied by Christmas carols over a speaker system from December 10th till New Years. The stream of people who drove by or stopped to more closely examine the decorations, was estimated at well over 40,000 during the 1971 Christmas season. People from eighty towns in Illinois, from eighteen different states and from Washington, D.C. signed the register.



CHRISTMAS LIGHTS AT THE LEEMHUIS HOME

Rev. and Mrs. Leemhuis are the parents of three sons and a daughter. They have four grandchildren. All three sons saw duty in the Air Force—one in Spain and Pakistan, the other two in the Vietnam War. While a student at ISU in Normal, Illinois, Carol was elected

President of the Kappa Delta Epsilon National Honorary Educational Sorority for the 1967-68 school year. She is now married and does substitute teaching. Eldon is married, Leroy and Paul are college students.

For the past eight years on summer Sunday mornings Rev. Leemhuis has held services at Valley View Acres, west of Cornell.

Burkett Poultry Farm 1959 - 1971

The Burkett Poultry Farm came into existence about 1959. That was the first year that any birds were shown. Benny started showing some birds at the 4-H Fair. The next year he showed at the Odell Fair and the Fairbury Fair and Illinois State Fair. We just had White Plymouth Rocks that year.

In 1960, more varieties were added to the showstring. Any person who showed several varieties of chicks was called a stringman. There are a few of the old stringmen left. Over in Indiana, there are several breeders and exhibitors still showing chickens. Some of them have been showing over 50 years with their fathers having shown before them, so they just keep the old hobby going.

In later years, we added more and more varieties to the string. In about 1960 through 1971, we showed 300-400 birds annually at the State Fair in Springfield.

We purchased most of our baby chicks from different breeders around the midwest. We did have our own incubator to hatch some of the breeds we had.

Besides showing poultry at shows, we have had Bantam roosters in contest. They were called rooster crowing contests. The Indiana State Fair always has one. We were lucky enough to win a championship at one of the Indiana contests. We have had several that did real well in contest. A person would not believe that a rooster would crow from 40-100 times in 30 minutes, which has been done many times. The best we ever had was a little Leghorn bantam that crowed 74 times in 30 minutes.

Some of the other places where we exhibited were the Kentucky State Fair at Louisville, the Indiana State Fair at Indianapolis, the Kane County Fair at St. Charles, the DeKalb County Fair at Sandwich. We received 18 trophies and some 2500 ribbons of different placings from Reserve Champion, Grand Champion, Champion, Firsts, Seconds and Thirds.

Some of the many varieties included the American breeds of White Rock, Barred Plymouth Rock, Buff Rock, Columbian Rock, Partridge Rock, Silverlaced Wyandotte, Goldenlaced Wyandotte, White Wyandotte, Black Wyandotte, Buff Wyandotte, Partridge Wyandotte, Single Comb Rhode Island Red and Rose Comb Rhode Island Red.

In the Asiatic breeds, there were Light Brahmas, Dark Brahmas, Buff Cochins, Partridge Cochins, White Cochins,

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Black Cochin, Black Langshan and White Langshan. The Asiatic breeds were all a large breed mostly used for meat and eggs.

The English breeds were Darkings (silver and gray), the Cornish, White Dark and Whitelaced Red Cornish. These breeds were mostly for meat. They have been used in todays modern crossbreeding to give us the broilers which we eat today.

In addition to these breeds, there are also Mediterranean breeds, such as the Dark Brown Leghorn and Light Brown Leghorn. These have single and rosecomb both. The White Leghorn, single and rosecomb. The single comb was used some years ago as the egg layers. In about 1950, the hybrids came into the poultry industry and have taken over as the egg producers and are used in the cage houses today.

Getting back to some of the breeds and varieties that we showed, the bantams were added to the barnyard flock in about 1962. We raised about 50 varieties for showing and in later years, the water fowl were added. The Pekin ducks were first shown and the White and Gray call ducks. In about 1970, more ducks and geese were added to the show string. We had most of the other varieties of ducks such as Rowen, Blue Swedish, Buff, White Crested, Runner ducks, Khaki Campbell, Black East India, White and Dark Muscovy.

The geese were first shown in 1969. We had the large type Toulouse, Emden, African, Brown and White Chinese, Sebastopol, Buff and Pilgrim.

When about July came around, it was time to start getting chickens cooped up to get ready for the fairs. We would have about 300-400 birds in separate coops. They all had to be watered and fed separately. A few days before showtime was time to give all the white varieties a bath or just a good washing. Then they dried out in the sunshine. This took lots of time and work which almost got the best of a person after about 5 weeks of showing. It would take almost a day to load trucks to go to the fairs. Then sometimes we would make return trips to get all the birds to the fair on time.

In the last 2 years, the waterfowl classes were discontinued at the Illinois State Fair and other fairs also. So it was about time to get out of the chicken and waterfowl business. So 1971 was the last year we showed at any fair.

The poultry industry has gone through some big changes in the last 20 years. We now see the large buildings through the midwest which house the laying breeds. Some farmers specialize in raising started pullets that go into the cage operations. Most of our broilers are raised in the southern states by the millions. Just in the last few years, the homemaker has been able to buy poultry meat at a very low price compared to beef and pork. As of this writing, we have seen our red meat and poultry meats at all time record highs. Yet the poultry meat has played a very important role in the diet of the American family today. It doesn't take long to increase the poultry

production to the extent that it gets to be not too profitable.

Finkenbinder Trucking and Grain

Finkenbinder trucking and grain is owned and operated by Glenn W. Finkenbinder who started driving a truck in January 1943.

In 1947 he acquired his trucking permit and went into the trucking business hauling grain and livestock.

In 1949 he added a corn sheller and continued in the trucking and shelling until 1955 at which time he sold his sheller.

In 1957 Mr. Finkenbinder became a Smith-Douglass dealer, bought a truck and spreader and started hauling and spreading fertilizer and limestone.

In 1967 he acquired property on the west side of the



FINKENBINDER TRUCKING & GRAIN
Owners Glenn & Tootie Finkenbinder

village of Cornell from H. J. Harwood and built a large metal building to house his equipment.

In 1969 he acquired a grain dealer license and started buying grain from farmers and hauling it direct to the river terminals.

In 1972 he purchased an applicator and started to do custom applying of anhydrous ammonia.

At the present time his equipment consists of one tractor, a grain trailer, a stock trailer, two lime trucks and dumps trucks, plus various other pieces of equipment.

The office of Finkenbinder Trucking and Grain is in his home. The business is conducted with the help of his wife, Tootie, who is his secretary and through the use of a commercial two-way radio.

Dick's Custom Cabinets

Dick's Custom Cabinet firm began operations in the fall of 1970. It was the beginning of fulfilling a life-long ambition in creating handsome, as well as efficient wood cabinetry. Operations began with the aid of one radial

arm saw and other hand tools and has expanded rapidly. The business is owned and operated by Dick Leonard—a life resident of Cornell. A double garage was converted into the wood-working shop and new equipment and material have been acquired in the two years. As the third year progresses, it is necessary to expand operation-



al facilities to a new and larger shop. The new area will allow for cabinets of all designs to be built more efficiently. At present the cabinet finishes are all hand crafted and the same quality workmanship will be emphasized in the new area. It is the aim of Dick to provide expertise craftsmanship in cabinetry to the Cornell and surrounding area. It is hoped that in the near future Dick's Custom Cabinets will be a leading asset of Cornell. Quality is not a thing of the past; and at Dick's Cabinet Shop, quality and care go into each cabinet

N. J. Cafe

Phil Corrigan has run the N.J. Cafe since 1966, it is a truck stop on Route 66 between Dwight and Odell and is open 24 hours a day. In 1966 the cafe employed 15 people and now employs 29, some of which are from the Cornell area.

Wayman's Grocery

It is often said that the home town roots of a person can be a strong and influential part of his life. This was certainly proven by Donald Gordon Wayman, who was born and grew up in Cornell. As a young man, he left Cornell, and for a short time was in Chicago, then went to live in Streator where he was employed at Owens Illinois Glass Plant. It was while living in Streator with his wife, the former Marie Sullivan and three children, Donald R., Mary and Laura, that he learned of an opportunity he could not and did not want to overlook.

In the fall of 1951, a simple "over the neighbor's fence" conversation brought with it a change of direction for Mr. Wayman's life, and that of his family. He learned that Fred Kettman desired to sell a corner grocery

store in Cornell, thus sparking an interest in Mr. Wayman to return to his boyhood home.

In November, 1951, the Wayman family moved to Cornell, and Wayman's Market was established.

Remembering what the store was like in the winter of 1951, Marie Wayman recalls the times she had to hand fire the furnace at night, a job normally done by her husband, while Mr. Wayman was in Chicago having surgery. The store's refrigeration in the early days of the Wayman ownership consisted of only three cases, one for meat, one for dairy products and an ice cream dipping case for those delicious hand dipped cones.



Pictured left to right: Velma Calder, Mildred Morrison, Marie Wayman, Dorothy Barton and Mark Wayman.

Many of the townspeople might remember the freight elevator located in the back room which was used to carry goods to and from the cool basement where they were stored. The elevator was taken out by Mr. Wayman when it was no longer serviceable.

Marie Wayman recalls the first years of operating the store when customers phoned in their orders which were then delivered. The store was not operated in the "self service" manner in which it is today; in fact, Mrs. Wayman remembers that there were only two shopping carts in the store. These were the very old style which had a detachable basket, unlike the modern type used today.

Although the store has not enlarged any, it has been modernized to offer more convenient service to Cornell. Interior changes are seen in the addition of more refrigerated cases, indirect lighting, and finally the biggest change of all, the conversion of the coal furnace to gas. The remodeling of the front and side entrances was completed in 1970, a change which improved the exterior of the building.

In 1964, Mr. Wayman expanded his interests by purchasing a second grocery store in Pontiac. He operated stores until his death in 1965, at which time Marie Wayman continued managing the Cornell store with the help of her younger son, Mark and Donald R. managing the Pontiac store.

Wayman's Superway is now a very familiar fixture in the village of Cornell.

History of the Grain Elevator

In the late 1800's there was an elevator built in Cornell on the present site of the Jacobson Grain Elevator. There was no electricity then to elevate the grain. The power source then was horses. The elevating machine had some gears and a long beam which was called a sweep. The horses were hitched to the sweep at one end. The other end was bolted firmly to the main gear, then the horses would be driven around in a circle, turning the gears, thus raising the grain.



JACOBSONS ELEVATOR

All of the grain was hauled by horse and wagon. The farmers could only haul about 50 bushels of corn on a wagon. The horses could only pull the wagon at about 5 to 7 miles per hour. This was very time consuming for the farmers.

In about 1905 the elevator owner purchased a one cylinder gasoline engine to replace the horses. Sometimes

it would take a half a day just to start the Iron Horse, especially in the winter time.

In 1927 electricity came to Cornell and the gasoline engine was replaced by electrically powered motors. This was a big step forward because electricity was powerful, clean and quiet.

In 1940 the elevator was sold to Mr. Harry Henry. There was a fire around 1950 and the south elevator burned down.



J. T. JACOBSON

In 1954 Jacobson Grain purchased this elevator from Mr. Henry. Jacobson Grain Companies date back to 1907. John Jacobson and Oliver Ryerson purchased the Aygarn Elevator in Rowe in 1907 and operated it as partners for a number of years. Mr. Ryerson then decided to devote more time to farming, so Mr. Jacobson purchased his interest.

This was indeed a modern elevator. It was equipped with a 16 horse 1 cylinder gasoline engine, that started only when it felt like it.

The floors at the elevator were cribbed 2 by 4's. The sides were made of lined boards and re-enforced with long rods. This was one of the three elevators in Rowe. In the early 1920's, Mr. Jacobson purchased the W. W. Morrison Elevator, but after a few years it was torn down.

In 1926 electricity came to Rowe and Mr. Jacobson built a new elevator. It had electricpowered motors and a hydraulic hoist with a leg that was supposed to handle 2,000 bushels of grain per hour.

In about 1925 the small trucks began replacing the beautiful teams of horses hitched to wagons and bob sleds. Mr. Jacobson recalled a story of Bill Kimber. He

was shelling corn and bringing it to Rowe. His hired hand drove within a mile of Rowe but went straight through to the Cornell Elevator, with the corn, got paid for it, and never missed his turn at the sheller. (Now that's progress).

Mr. John Jacobson, Jr. became a partner with his father in 1940. His mother passed away in 1945 and his sister and her husband came to Rowe and became partners with him. He married Geraldine Metz in 1940, and they were blessed with two sons, J. T. and Claude.

In 1950 the Jacobson Elevator in Rowe burned down completely and they purchased the grain elevator in Cayuga and Pontiac owned by Mund and Murray. In 1954 they purchased the Cornell Elevator and built a feed mill there, which is still operating. In 1966, a third generation of Jacobsons took over the management of this elevator. They manage a modern feed mill, elevators, and two large storage bins. In 1968 they installed a new modern scale, and also built a new scale house and office.

Maury's Tavern

It was in August 1968, that Maury's Tavern came into being and opened its doors for business, providing a gathering spot and social haven for folks from near and far.



The building in which the establishment is located was acquired by Maurice W. Grant in 1968 and was completely renovated and remodeled to accommodate a retail liquor business, which he operated with the assistance of his wife, Annette, until his death in 1970.

Mrs. Grant assumed management at that time and is assisted by her sons, Ed and Tim and her daughter, Lucy Ann Durdan. Other employees are Cornellians, Barb Delheimer and Gus Fitzsimmons and Frank Johnson of Pontiac.

The most popular items on the weekend dining menu are Mrs. Grant's specially prepared deep-fried chicken, along with steaks and seafood, and many other tempting

dishes prepared solely with the customer's satisfaction in mind. Maury's also serves a complete line of sandwiches and lunch-hour specialties.

Although the Grants are not natives of this locale, they have called Cornell their hometown for a quarter century and they are direct descendants of early Amity Township settlers. Mr. Grant was born in Pontiac, the son of James and Margaret (Corrigan) Grant and a grandson of John and Lucille (Dunlap) Corrigan. The Corrigan's came to this vicinity from Ireland and acquired farm holdings in Amity Township in 1883. Annette Grant is a native Chicagoan, but is the great-granddaughter of pioneer settlers in the Ransom, Ill., area, Timothy and Ellen (Staunton) Corbett, who acquired a farm near that village in 1875.

Thelma's Beauty Shop

Thelma's Beauty Shop was opened in Cornell on Feb. 1, 1959, in the same room that has been used as a barber and beauty shop for the past 38 years. As near as I can ascertain from records, Irvin Turner opened a barber shop here October 25, 1943.



MRS. THURBUR, 95 YEARS OLD

Over the years there have been two employees, Jane Patton Weber and John Redfern.

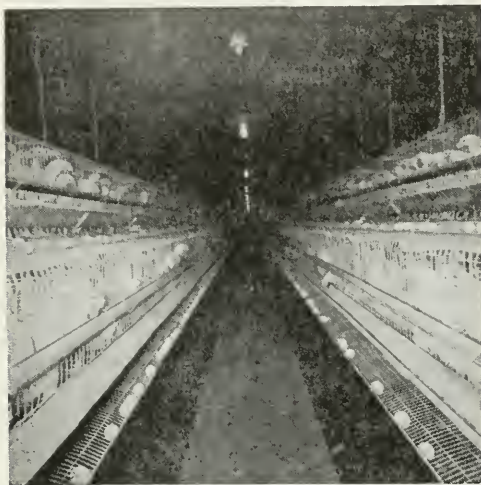
Thlma Tiffany, eldest daughter of the late Frank and Ethel Bennett, was born and reared at Long Point, attending the grade and high school there and was graduated from University Beauty School, Bloomington, Ill. in October 1944. She was united in marriage to Dale Tiffany in El Paso, Ill. Aug. 12, 1945.

They are the parents of 3 children: Janet Cook of Long Point and Lyle and Lori of Cornell. Two grandchildren, Carol Cook of Long Point and Chad Tiffany of Cornell.

Tesch's Egg Business

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Tesch reside seven miles southwest of Cornell and operate a 280 acre farm. They have always had an interest in poultry, having chickens in several locations around the farm.

In the summer of 1965 they were offered the opportunity to go on an egg contract with Graymont Co-op Association. In August, the construction of a new poultry cage house, 240 ft. long and 40 ft. wide, was started and completed the first week in November. The house has a capacity of 10,500 birds. Each cage holds three birds. There is an automatic water system and motorized feed cart for feeding. It is a windowless house and its environment controlled.



On November twelfth, their first 20 week old pullets were housed. The eggs are gathered by hand and placed on carts. After the eggs are gathered they are placed in a 12 ft. by 18 ft. cooler and left to cool overnight and cased the next morning. The eggs are shipped to an egg processing plant once a week.

The layers are kept in production fourteen months, the entire flock is sold. The house is idle approximately four weeks during which time it is completely cleaned and ready for new pullets.

The History of the Cornell Rodeo

The Diamond Horseshoe Rodeo originated near Tonica, Ill. Owned and produced by Mr. and Mrs. Amos Selby.

Mr. Selby was born and raised in Montana, where he learned to ride wild horses, by the time he was 18 he was competing with the countries best bronc riders.

In 1925 he produced his first rodeo. In 1939 the rodeo was named The Diamond Horseshoe Rodeo, and became recognized as the best traveling rodeo east of the Mississippi.

In 1950 the Selbys purchased the Bill Murray 300 acre ranch, 5 miles northeast of Cornell. It was also known as the Cornell Rodeo.

The rodeo traveled thru the country having shown at many state and county fairs, for Police, Shriners, Lions Clubs, Legions and Centennial Organizations. It traveled through 9 states, Illinois, Ohio, Indiana, Penn., New York, Kentucky, Missouri, Iowa, Michigan and Wisconsin.

In 1947 and 1948 they furnished stock for Roy Rogers Rodeo at the Arena in St. Louis and at the Stadium in Chicago. They produced the rodeo for the Michigan State Fair for 3 years. Featuring stars as: Tex Ritter in 1949; Cisco Kid and Poncho in 1954. In 1955 Cisco Kid and Anne Oakley and the Cass County Boys. They also furnished stock for the same fair for 2 years for other rodeos. They produced the rodeo at the Ohio State Fair in 1955, featuring Hopalong Cassidy and Lassie Dog. At the Fairmont Race Track, East St. Louis the star was Hobby Gilman of "Trackdown". At Alton, Ill., it was Dale Roberts of "Wells Fargo" and Clint Walker of "Cheyenne".



BARBARA SELBY—1957

Through the years the specialty acts were numerous only to mention a few, up until 1950 Chauncey Barnes of Henry, Ill., with Pony Boy and Sonny Boy were a permanent fill-in. The Ed Purcells and Donna of Chickashs, Okla., with their 2 white Indian horses "Chief" and "Squaw" followed the circuit. The Armstrongs of Montuzuma, Ind., and the Harris Twins of La Moille, Ill., supplied the comedy with their bucking Ford. Trick riders and trick ropers were always featured. The bucking stock was always supplied with numerous cowboys and contestants. All personnel followed the circuit the entire season.

The Selbys also had the pleasure of being the first live rodeo on television at Milwaukee, Wis., in 1943. The broadcast could only be seen in a 50 mile radius.

Mr. Selby acquired a good string of bucking horses, some were purchased in Lusk, Wyo., and Ekalaka, Mont. The Brahma bulls were a big attraction in this part of the community, some were shipped from Texas and Fla. All the roping calves were brought from Florida. These were raised at the ranch and later used as bucking stock. All the livestock was wintered at the ranch and at Antrim's pasture. Glenn Antrim of Graymont took a great interest in the rodeo and was the judge at many rodeos.

The Selbys have a daughter, Barbara. She rode Grand Entry on her first pony at the age of four. She also had a high schooled pony, "Duke" that she performed with for many years, later she had a Palomino, "Rocky".

From 1950 to 1967, the Cornell rodeo opened the season with a spring show in early June at the ranch. There was a large arena and bleachers. The event was attended by large crowds and contestants.

The Community Club of Cornell, of which Mr. Selby is a charter member, served the lunch, which was appreciated by all. It was through this event that the Club paid off the mortgage on the Doctor's Office, which the Club had built for a Doctor in Cornell.

Mr. and Mrs. Selby have sold the rodeo and the ranch and are living in Cornell and are retired.

Cornell Community Federal Credit Union

The first meeting of the Cornell Community Federal Credit Union was held at the Legion Hall on February 21, 1963 and was called to order by A. P. Liesz field representative of the Illinois Credit Union League. The following officers were elected: President, Clark Burkett; Vice-President, John Snyder; 2nd Vice-President, Clark Husted; Treasurer, Don Wayman; Secretary, Richard Harder.

The board appointed Mrs. Aldine Monroe, Gilbert Lauritzen and Seth St. John to serve on the supervisory committee. 21 members joined the credit union and the assets were \$140.00. Anyone within a radius of five miles of Cornell is eligible to join the credit union. The office is located at 509 Main Street and is open from 9 to 5 weekdays.

The Cornell Community Federal Credit Union directors and officers meet the second Monday of each month. There is an annual meeting each January, at which time all members are urged to attend. At that time they bring their pass books and receive their interest and hear progress reports by the various committees. The membership has grown to 65 with total assets of over \$20,000.00. Loans of 10% of the assets can be made to any member providing he has proper securities. The interest rate is 1% per month on the unpaid balance.

A credit union is a savings and lending service open only to its members. It pays dividends on savings and makes low cost loans. Federal Credit unions such as ours are supervised by the National Credit Union Administra-



Clark Husted, Sec., H. Monroe, Credit Comm., C. Burkett, Vice Pres., W. Cashmer, Director, B. Crow, Director, G. Lauritzen, Sup. Comm., Pearl Hamilton, Pres., M. Burkett, Education Com., A. Monroe, Sup. Comm., R. Finkenbinder, Treas. & manager.

tion, Washington, D.C. They are run by a board of directors elected by its members. This board appoints a manager who is usually the treasurer. They also appoint a credit committee, supervisory committee and an education committee. All officers elected or appointed must be members. To become a member you visit the credit union office and fill out an application form, pay the membership fee and deposit \$5.00 for one share.

The present officers are as follows:

Treasurer and manager, Robertha Finkenbinder; President, Pearl Hamilton; Vice-President, Clark Burkett; Secretary, Clark Husted; Credit Committee, Harold Monroe, Burdell Crow, Lyle Husted; Supervisory Committee, Aldine Monroe; Gilbert Lauritzen, Helen Greenman; Education Committee, Margaret Burkett.

Mills Concrete Products

From "junk pile" to a going business, due to the interest and influence of Melvin Bockman of Bockman Tiling Service, Mills Concrete Products was established in 1960 on the Bill Beaman property in south Cornell.

In a converted barn with two machines installed to manufacture 5" - 24" drain tile, Kipton "Butch" Mills, his wife, mom and dad, brothers and sisters started making

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tile from bagged cement, a pile of sand and the water pail method, with a big mixer. Gradually, Butch, his father and father-in-law (Melvin Bockman) designed and built the automated plant. It was operated from one location hydraulically, weighing cement and sand from overhead bins, with a metered water gauge, elevating the mix into both tile machines. This enabled one to do the work of three. Originally the tabled tile were cured in the sun and hosed several times, but more demand for tile made it necessary to build three steam curing kilns.



Top—Kandi and Kris Mills (aunts) of Susie, daughter of Kipton

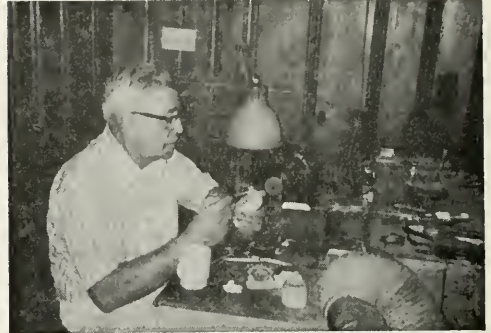
At times there were thousands of tile handled in one week by the tiling service with Bockman Tiling Service serving the farming area for many miles around. Many hundreds of miles of tiling were done by Mr. Bockman until his death, having served the community for seven years with Mills Concrete Products. He was considered one of the best surveyors in this part of the country. In 1967, the business was purchased by Ed Grant and one year later he also bought the tiling service.

Columbus Dental Lab

Elwood "Pat" Pasters was born in Delaware, Ohio. His family moved to Columbus and he received his education there.

He came to Cornell to visit relatives in 1944 and while here met Dr. Roberts of Streator, who persuaded him to open a dental laboratory in Streator, as they needed one very much. In October of 1944, he went there and opened the Columbus Dental Laboratory in the Murray building, later moving to South Bloomington Street, where it is now in operation.

Mr. Pasters has been associated with dental lab work since 1934, working as a technician and managing a lab until he opened the Columbus Dental Laboratory, which



he owns and operates. He is a Certified Dental Technician, a member of National Dental Laboratory Association and the Illinois Dental Laboratory Association. He served as treasurer of the Illinois Dental Lab Association 1948-52 and was the editor of their quarterly magazine for two years.

Standard Oil Fertilizer Plant

Plant manager, Bill Gregory, age 46 years; wife, Irene, age 45 years; daughter, Judith Mills, Dixon, Ill., age 25 years, daughter, Vickie Fitzgerald, Gibson, Louisiana, age 22 years; daughter, Sherry Moore, RR 2, Pontiac, Ill. age 20 years; son, Gary Gregory, still at home, age 11 years; daughter, Robin Gregory, still at home, age 8 years.



The Standard Oil Fertilizer Plant was built in Cornell, Illinois in 1962. It started operating in 1963, with Lyle Girard as plant manager. He was manager until the fall of 1966 when a serious automobile accident forced him to

quit. Bill Gregory has been plant manager since that time.

We sell gasoline, oils, fuel oils, diesel fuel, greases, etc. Also, fertilizer liquid and anhydrous ammonia with A.C.A. Standard Oil was first with anhydrous ammonia additive, going 100% to market with it in the spring of 1973.

Standard Oil also sells home appliances. We have 24-hour burner service trucks on the road constantly, installing furnaces, etc. We sell L.P. gas and we are radio equipped so we can talk to all other units in our service area. Our base station is at Saunemin, Illinois.

HAPPY CENTENNIAL YEAR TO CORNELL, ILLINOIS!!!

Burkitt's Service

Forrest Burkitt is the owner and operator of Burkitt's Service and Sunoco Station located on the corner of 7th and Prairie St. in Cornell, Ill. He has been in business at that location since September of 1972.

He features tune-ups, major overhauls, general repair work, grease and oil changes, and also pumps Sunoco gasoline.

Forrest started working as a mechanic and service attendant at Condon's Service Station, Streator, Ill., at the age of 24. Prior to that, he was in the Motor Pool in the U.S. Army for 2 years. He was then employed by Petersens Car Clinic, Streator, Ill., for 5 years as a radiator repair man and mechanic. He went into business for himself in 1961. He operated a Phillips 66 station in Streator, Ill., and then took over Condon's Station for a few years. He operated a radiator shop in Streator for a short time before moving to Cornell, Ill., in 1963. He worked at Johnson Press in Pontiac, Ill., before starting to work for Hamilton's Mobil Station as a mechanic and station attendant. He then took over the Cities Service Station located on Main St. in Cornell, Ill., for 8 years. During that period of time the station changed from Cities Service to Citgo to Gulf. He left the Gulf Station and went to work as a carpenter for a short time. During that time he built his own concrete block building at home, which is his present place of business.

Forrest is married to the former Patricia Partridge. They are the parents of five sons: Mark, David, Daniel, Thomas and Timothy, all at home.

Hamilton Service Station History

In the summer of 1927, Dot and John M. Blue purchased some lots from Guy Patterson on which Mr. Blue constructed a small brick building. This property was located on the corner of East Main and 6th streets on the south side of Main street, now known as state route 23 going through Cornell. A lease on products to be sold was obtained from the Roxanna Oil Co., and a gasoline filling station opened for business on June 1st, 1928. Sales

and business was conducted in the front of the building with a living area being in the back. Two years later, the merchandise sales contract was changed to Shell Oil Co. The Blues kept ownership for about three years, then they sold to Leona and B. E. Chattin in 1931.

Ivan and Hazel Orr purchased this same property and stock from the Chattins in October 1946. During Mr. Orr's operation of the business, two more lots, which adjoined to the east, were purchased. There was a building on one lot and these were added to the brick building first built by Mr. Blue, thereby enlarging the station. Mr. Orr also enlarged the living area in the back, thus making a comfortable apartment. The brand of products was changed to Mobil with Mobil gas, oil and accessories being sold. After Mr. Orr's death, Mrs. Hazel Orr continued to own the property and kept a contract with Mobil Oil Corporation but leased the building out. The merchandise was owned and public served by a renter. Different operators of the station during this period were Keith Mills and Gene Hamilton.



Elmer Hamilton and wife, Pearl, purchased the stock and equipment from Keith Mills then started operation of the Hamilton Service Station on September 3, 1959. Soon another change took place with Elmer and Pearl acquiring possession of the property and building on Oct. 31, 1961. Right after this purchase, remodeling of the building was started by the Hamilton's. A complete new front was put on the building. The living area was changed from an apartment to storage space and used for the business. To date the building has been completely remodeled and modernized inside as well as outside. Elmer continued to manage the business with the aid of part time employees. At present they are Keith Mills and Charles Cashmer. His place of business is open seven days a week, being closed for only three holidays during a year. Some new services added are the selling of newspapers, ice and fishing equipment. During his thirteen years in business he has continued to sell Mobil products. He enjoys meeting and serving the public.

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Cornell Volunteer Fire Department, Clifford Cashmer, Jr., Pres., Cornell, Ill.
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Livingston Service Company Highlights

Livingston Service Company, a farmer-owned and farmer-controlled cooperative, was organized in March, 1930 to service Livingston County farmers with high quality petroleum products.

In 1954, the company added a petroleum bulk plant in Cornell to better serve the farmers in the northwest portion of the county. 1964 saw the addition of an anhydrous ammonia and liquid fertilizer installation with our petroleum facility. In 1968, the Smith Lumber Yard was purchased by the farmer-owned company to give our patrons storage for steel equipment, a scale and office.

Clark Burkett has served the Cornell area petroleum patrons since January 1, 1947 and has made an outstanding contribution to farmers in his territory over the years. Dave Gilmore is serving the area with FS plant food products.



CLARK BURKETT

Since our modest beginning in 1930, the company has shown tremendous growth. The first year of operation, sales totaled \$111,900.00 and has grown to the last fiscal year's volume of \$3,300,000.00. The past 42 years the company has returned over \$3,500,000.00 in stock dividends and patronage to its patron owners.

Cornell Water System

In 1950 the village board decided to investigate a water system in Cornell. The board members at that time were: Mayor, W. W. Wayman; clerk, Sam Pond; other members. Keith Turner, Virgil Ross, Roy Barton, Arthur Koltveit, Glenn Earp.

They contacted the engineering firm, Caldwells and Rhodes, to make a survey and estimate of a water system.

After several meetings and discussions, they held a bond issue election. The issue passed and in 1953 bids were let for a water system. This system included a 50,000 gallon water tower 96 feet high, and a well that could produce at least 100 gallons of water per minute. This capacity was found 99 feet deep at a site on Bradley St. The contractor started to put the water mains in during the fall of 1953. They were constructed of cement asbestos pipe with cast iron tees and elbows. The contractor finished the contract in 1954 with 25 fire hydrants and about three and one-half miles of water mains. There were 150 water services. Since that time there have been 5 blocks of new mains put in and two more hydrants. There are now 217 water services. The water was turned on in the mains Sept. 1, 1954.

Judy Pickworth Beauty Salon

The Judy Pickworth Beauty Salon in Cornell came into being when it became known that I had operated a shop prior to my marriage, "The Judy Mills Beauty Shop" in Ancona.

Since I received several calls for appointments, I decided to open a shop, which is now known as the Judy Pickworth Beauty Salon.

I feel greatly honored that my first customer was Mrs. Mary Gaspardo, a senior citizen of Cornell, and she still is one of my many cherished patrons.

I intended on operating the shop two or three days a week, but it became fairly steady. Since it was planned for one operator, the shop consists of one unit with two driers.

The shop uses all brand name products which are purchased from reputable dealers. It features facials, manicures, permanent waves, colorings, stylings of wigs and wiglets, as well as all styles of Bouffant Coiffures.

To each and everyone of my patrons, I express a deep appreciation.

We are greatly honored to be citizens of Cornell, and extend our sincere congratulations on attaining their 100th anniversary.

I opened in March 1969.

Cornell Mobile Milling Service

W. R. TAYLOR AND GLENN W. FINKENBINDER

On May 20th, 1958 Mr. and Mrs. William R. Taylor and Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Finkenbinder drove to Lancaster, Pennsylvania and attended school at Daffin Manufacturing Company. Then Glenn and Bob drove a 1958 Chevrolet truck with a Daffin Mobile Feed Mill mounted on the chassis to Cornell and so the partnership began.

They also became feed dealer for Foxbilt Feeds, which was manufactured in Des Moines, Iowa.

On January 1, 1960 the building located at 509 Main Street, which was formerly Lottie Weinberg Grocery store, was purchased from Lottie Weinberg. The building is used for feed storage and office. The secretary is Mrs. Glenn (Tottie) Finkenbinder.



Glenn Finkenbinder, "Tottie" Finkenbinder, Bob Taylor

On January 22, 1963 another Daffin Mobile feed mill was purchased. They also have a feed delivery truck. The Mobile feed mill operated by Bob Taylor carries heated molasses and does on the farm grinding and mixing. The mill runs a daily route covering about fifteen miles each direction from Cornell. The feed store is open daily from 9 to 5 and sells Triple "F" Feeds (formerly Foxbilt Feeds) Nouggers Feeds, medications and other farm supplies.

Our Retired Missionaries

The Rev. and Mrs. H. J. (Harry and Alma) Harwood are not natives of the Cornell community. Mrs. Harwood was of Quaker parentage, was born in Winona, Ohio and grew up in Alliance, Ohio. Mr. Harwood was born on a



REV. AND MRS. H. J. HARWOOD

farm near Manville. His eighth grade teacher was Jesse Wayman, who at age nineteen traveled daily by train

from Cornell to teach the Centennial school 1½ miles west of Manville. In Harry's high school years, Vesta Miner, Robert Rucker and Raynold Lindquist were also Streator High School students. Harry boarded at the Dimmick flag stop, the train on which they travelled daily from Cornell. Fellow travelers also were Harry Noel, Bertha States and Frank Morrison, who went to Brown's Business College. Raynold Lindquist and Harry Harwood graduated together from Streator High School in 1912.

Mrs. Kristinger, wife of Dr. W. F. Kristinger, who was a Cornell village and countryside physician from 1911 to 1924, was the only sister of O. C. Harwood, who was Harry's father. Harry's youngest uncle, Ben Harwood, married Harriet Gates of Cornell in 1911. The Kristingers and Ben Harwood, now in their eighties, have lived more than forty years in California. Harry, as a teenage school teacher, taught the Excelsior school northeast of Cornell 1914-1916. A few of his former pupils still live in this general area. Harry Hohenshell, a longtime music instructor in Joliet, was an eighth grade pupil of Harry's.

The Harwoods, from Illinois and Ohio, met as classmates in Asbury College, Wilmore, Ky., from which they graduated in 1920. In the same year they were accepted as missionary candidates by the Board of Foreign Missions. They were married in October 1920 and left New York on their first voyage to Burma in January 1921. Rangoon was their home city from that year until 1951. Their service was principally among Chinese dwellers in Burma. They got back to this country three times in the thirty year period. They served about two years in India in the World War II period when the Japanese occupied Burma.

After most of a year on a special assignment with the Missions office in New York, Mr. Harwood served three pastorates in Illinois, at Kansas, in Edgar county, at Marseilles and finally in Joliet. On their retirement from active service in 1953, the Harwoods occupied their present home, newly built at the corner of Main St. and Western Ave. In several years of fairly active retirement here, Mrs. Harwood was president for four years of the WSCS of the local Methodist Church; Mr. Harwood was Cornell village clerk 1965-67. Their retirement activities included some 'supply' pastoral posts with churches in Joliet, Wenona and Meriden, a part time chaplaincy at Evenglow Lodge, Pontiac—all served from Cornell—and a two year period in West Bend, Wisconsin as asst. minister of the United Methodist Church there.

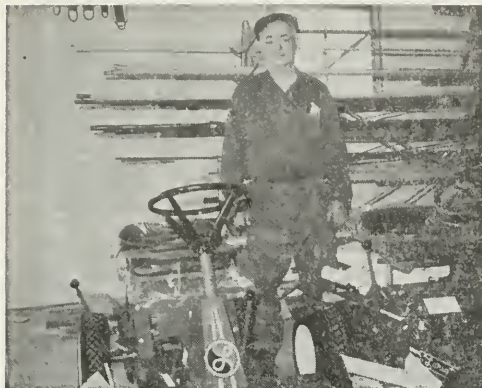
The Harwoods have two sons: Oliver P. is an aeronautical engineer and designer in space rocketry with the MacDonnell-Douglas Corp. in California; Robert F. is chairman of the Entomology Dept. of Washington State University in Pullman, Wash. There are ten grandchildren and two great-grandchildren in the family. The parents of the great-grandchildren live in Brooklyn, N. Y.

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Ross Hardware and Repair

On March 15, 1949, Virgil Ross purchased the old original Blacksmith Shop and property in Cornell, Illinois, which was owned and operated at that time by Max and Jack Husted. It had previously been owned and operated by Bert Sullivan and Bill Jameson. Now it was to become known as Ross Hardware and Repair.



The new business consisted of electric and gas welding and all kinds of repair work and still does. On March 15, 1949, Mr. Ross received a Roof dealerships and as to date still sells Roof lawn mowers and repairs all kinds of lawn equipment. Having a Poulan chain saw dealership, he also sells and repairs chain saws.

On September 2, 1972, the old building, known to be at least one hundred years old, was torn down and replaced by a new building, which was completed about December 1st, 1972.

Ray W. Roth

Ray W. Roth is manager of the Pontiac Hicksgas, Inc., propane plant in Pontiac, Illinois. He has been with the company eighteen years, beginning his employment in Bloomington as a bottle truck driver. Experience on the bulk truck followed and he was a company salesman before his promotion to manager. In 1963 his duties increased when he supervised the building of the Hicksgas Propane Plant at Blackstone, Illinois. Expanding further that year, Hicksgas, Inc., purchased Yordy Gas Company of Flanagan. The two new plants remained under his supervision until they became independent.

During WW II Ray served forty-four months in the Army—with his overseas tour of duty in the European Theatre.

The Roths moved to Cornell in 1962. At present, Ray is a member of the Village Board and a member of the Grade School Board of Education. He and Roberta are the parents of three children Nancy, Barbara and Robert.

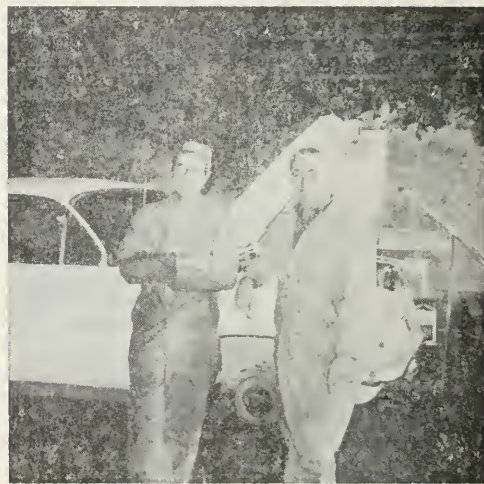
The daughters are married—there are two grandchildren—and Robert is a student at Eureka College in Eureka, Illinois.

Monroe's Garage

Monroe's Garage, located at 507 Main Street, was started in November of 1955. Harold H. Monroe is owner. He repairs cars, trucks, tractors and school buses. Harold started working as a mechanic at the age of 17. He worked for Bradley Motor Co. in Pontiac for several years. He also worked for the Chevrolet and the Dodge-Plymouth Garage in Pontiac and for Marion Mitchell in garages both in Pontiac and Cornell.

Harold started his garage on the north side of Main Street in a building now torn down. He then rented the building he is now in on the south side of Main Street from Lyle Chester. This building was formerly Chester's Garage. Mr. Chester passed away and the buildings were then purchased by Harold. He does all his own repair work, assisted part-time by Clark Husted. His bookkeeper is his wife, Aldine.

Harold and Aldine are the parents of three children: Mrs. Larry (Pauline) Gourley of Peru, Illinois; Bill of Cincinnati, Ohio and Terry of Peoria, Illinois. They also have five grandchildren.



CLARK HUSTED AND HAROLD MONROE

Johnnies Easy Wash

The building of Johnnies Easy Wash Laundromat was built about 1880 by George Whiton. Henry George and Theodore Miner ran a general store in this building until about 1919, then A. R. Gourley moved his hardware store in the building. Then about 1920, when A. R. Gourley

passed away, his son, Kenneth, took over the hardware business. About 1938 the building was sold to George Schlaugter. He remodeled the building and put in a locker plant. They rented out boxes to anyone that wanted to store meat or vegetables. The box would hold 200 lbs. of meat or vegetables for \$12.00 per year. In those days most all farmers raised their own hogs and beef. They would butcher the hog or beef and cut it up and wrap it in packages then store it in these boxes. Each renter would have a key to the box he had rented.



JOHNNIES EASY WASH

This building was again sold in 1942 to John McGrath. He took out all of the storage boxes and made this into a large storage room and used it to store frozen foods. They are still using it for this purpose today. In 1958 Gene Pasterik rented the front part of this building and put in the Cornell Laundry. Then in 1969 John Gasparido bought the equipment and put in some new equipment and changed the name to Johnnies Easy Wash. Johnnies Easy Wash Laundromat is in this building at the present time.

The Old "Santee" Building

In the early days of Amity Township when this township was becoming one of the most generally settled, the officers of the village of Cornell decided on improvements. One was a brick building which was built on the site where Johnnies Laundromat now stands. When it was built, it was named for I. P. Santee, an early settler. The building was to serve as a meeting place for the Independent Order of Odd Fellows which was instituted in 1876. Then the Cornell Lodge A F and A M was instituted in Dec. 1877 and held their meetings there, following their organization. Another order meeting there was the Good Templar Lodge, both men and wo-

men belonged to this order. So the Santee building became a place for meetings, also dancing and other amusements. The early settlers enjoyed speakers from adjacent towns and a good crowd was bound to turn out for the various forms of amusement. Later the building burned.



H. A. Rhodes Building

The above building, 18 rooms, built by H. A. Rhodes in 1904 was purchased from the Rhodes Estate in 1942 by Mr. and Mrs. James M. Myers. Mrs. Myers operated a restaurant in the front for 3½ years. It was then made into an apartment. The following have occupied the apartment: Mr. and Mrs. Amer Mills, Mrs. Grace Mills, Mrs. Priscilla Barton, Mr. and Mrs. Guy Patterson and Mr. and Mrs. Leon Delheimer. It is now occupied by Mrs. Mary Mills.

Some of the "old timers" who have roomed there since the Myers ownership were John Hohenshell, Frank Cusick, Jim Brown, Roscoe Hammell, William Tiffany, Jim Cashmer, Clifford Louderback and Acil Miner. Virgil Ross, who still resides there, moved there in 1946 and Russell Morris. Mrs. Ruth (Graves) Johnston, now of Odell, operated a beauty shop from 1940 to 1948 in the room to the north of the front of the building.

Past Cornell Mayors

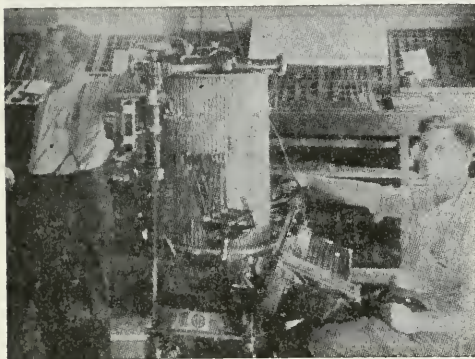
H. M. Cornell, B. R. Johnson, S. M. Myers, Liberty Louderback, S. B. Miner, D. W. Blake, Dr. Morgan, F. H. Rucker, C. F. Lishness, J. E. Shackelton, Will Gmelich, Edward Santelman, Winnie Wayman, Virgil Ross, Col. Henry P. Whitcamp, John H. Cave.

Amity's Only Murder

Mr. Gus Richter owned the farm where Mr. and Mrs. John Snyder now reside. In the fall of 1903, three young men, Jim Thompson, Sam England and Jim Nicholson were gathering butternuts in the pasture when Mr. Richter found them, after being forbidden to be there. Mr. Richter shot at them. Jim Thompson was killed and 49 shots were removed from the body of Sam England and Nicholson got away without injury. On November 16, 1903, Mr. Richter was indicted for murder and was sentenced to Joliet Penitentiary for life.

The Cornell Journal

The Cornell Journal was started by Arthur E. Tiffany. Later Mr. Tiffany purchased the Long Point Advocate and was assisted by his son, Ralph Tiffany, who joined his father in the business in 1910. Ralph attended the Academy of Wesleyan University, residing with his grandmother and two aunts in Normal.



Above: Cornell Journal composing room. One of the Tiffany boys is shown using the Unitype typesetting machine. Individual letters were stored in the 90 channels of the machine, and as the operator fingered the keys, the type was assembled. Word spacing had to be added later, manually, and the lines of type justified.

He was married to Marie Smith in Streator, December 16, 1915. They were the parents of one daughter, Miss Margie Tiffany, who is now a teacher of commerce in Genoa High School, where she has been for several years. In 1941, Mr. Tiffany purchased both newspapers from his father's estate. From 1910 until 1946 he was responsible for the publications of the Cornell Journal. His wife preceded him in death in 1958. He died in 1960. His enterprise of the Cornell Journal will always be remembered in this village. Mr. Tiffany was always a partaker to be depended on in every undertaking both in the church, schools and the village. He was also famous for his good humor and "jokes".

Weinberg Creamery and Produce

In 1919, Morris Weinberg came to Cornell from Long Point and operated a creamery in a building on the north side of Main Street until the building burned down in the 1930's. Mr. Weinberg then moved his creamery to the back of Weinberg's Grocery Store. After the building was sold, he moved his creamery to a small building next to the Village Hall which was formerly the office of the town physician, Dr. Sawyer. Later this building was sold to Gus Koch, who lived there until the building was destroyed by fire. The building has previously belonged to D. Blake and was used for a drug store, a post office and then the creamery.

Cornell Stockyards

In the early 1920's Cornell had a good business going for the farmers. Everyone was raising stock and this made a good business for the stock buyers, and had our stock yard located north of the depot, west side of the tracks.

There were several stock buyers located near the vicinity of Cornell, Brede Miner, Tom Gourley, Thee Miner, Abe Mills, Bert Louderback, Guy Patterson, George Cassidy, Merlo Turner, Amer Mills, Clifford Louderback and Gerald Gourley.

Many times the remark was stated Cornell shipped more stock to Chicago than any neighboring community.

At one time Mr. Miner, Mr. Gourley and George Cassidy shipped twelve car loads of cattle and hogs to Chicago.



The stock was at first taken to our stock yards, in Cornell, driven by men on horse back, driving as many as 200 hogs at one time.

As time marches on the trucks started serving the farmer loading them at the farm, shipping them to Chicago via stock cars.

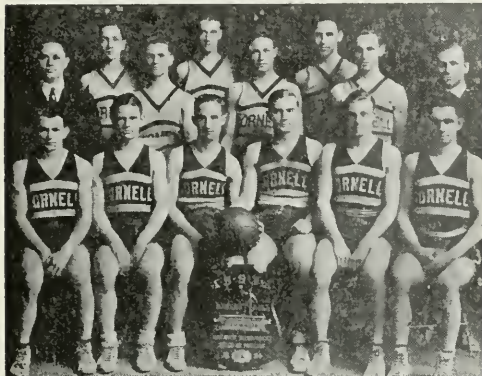
Some of our depot agents at that time were, George Myers, George Gregory, Mose Moore, Herschel Grable and Bob Marshall.

After the stock yards at Cornell closed, the buyers took their business to Pontiac. George Cassidy helped organize the stock yards at Pontiac.

Pontiac District Basketball Winners 1924

The following teams were entrants in the District Tournament: El Paso, Chenoa, Eureka, Pontiac, Dwight, Fairbury, Chatsworth, Gridley, Saunemin, Minonk, Piper City, Lexington, Flanagan, Forrest and Cornell.

Cornell defeated Fairbury in the finals with score Cornell 19, Fairbury 10. Cornell was district winner in 1923, 1924, 1926. On March 8, 1924, the Wabash Railroad ran a special train to Cornell so all who wished to go to tournament could go. No roads were passable for a car. Over 500 people from Cornell and vicinity were aboard the train and saw the final game.



Top row, left to right: Coach F. O. Grounds, Merideth Johnson, Archie Locke, Don Golden, Al Garretson, Ralph Barton, Elmer Wellman and Asst. Coach Frank Partridge. Second row: Kenneth Mills, Lewis Mounts, Howard Grimm, Hugo Lindquist, Fred Husted and Richard Johnson.

Back In "The Good Old Days"

In 1900, Cornell had three wells, with hand pumps, on its main street and a sixty foot flag pole which held our flag on high for proper occasions. On Halloween, a lantern, or almost anything, could be found hanging at the top of this same flag pole. The roads were of dirt, the side walks were all made of wood. Hitching racks, to tie horses to, were on the uptown streets.

Each summer the Jessie Colton tent show would spend a week with us and perform to a full tent each night.

A two story town hall stood at the east end of Main Street. Round and square dances were held here, with midnight lunch being served at Bill Butler's restaurant, located in the same building now occupied by Harold Monroe's garage.

Traveling shows often rented this hall for a night or a weekly stand. Here Steve Dunbar ran a roller skating

rink and Ralph Tiffany had a movie show.

Boys and girls basketball was played here, both upstairs and down. Some of the boys on the team were: Charlie Meyers, Vic Lindquist, Dutch Henry, Sam Sullivan, Jodie Murphy, Pup Lishness and others.



Miss Crawford, a grade school teacher, started girls basketball in Cornell in this old hall. She organized a blue team and a red team. Their uniforms were a blouse and bloomers. They played down stairs and to a full



Main Street Cornell in 1911 showing the old hotel at left on north side and the town hall and the flag pole in the distance on the south side.

house each time. Some of the girls who were on these teams were: Edna Shackelton, Gladys Gates, Rena Springer, Ann Hasel, Dora Sullivan, Lill Walker, Ruth Springer and the Cain sisters.

In the old days Cornell had one of the best baseball teams in this area. They played one afternoon each week and all places of business closed during the games. They met all the surrounding towns' teams, including four or five teams from Streator. Special games were played against traveling teams, such as Japanese, Indian and Negro teams.

The ball park was in Ed Beamans pasture first and later in Andy Leonards lot. Both were just east of the present Andy Leonard home. When the ball parks were being used, Will Wellman lived in the house.

Some of those who played on the Cornell team during this period were Dr. Gardner, Sherm Johnson, Jack McCain, Ralph "Dad" Sawyer, Carl Tiffany, Gene "Kelly" Shackelton, Clarence Tiffany, Tom Richards, Marvin Fonger (pitcher from Odell), Grant Davis, Henry Schneider and a pitcher from Dwight by the name of Mickelson.

Both Carl and Clarence Tiffany and a younger brother, Wid, later played in the Minor Leagues. Carl was awarded for being the best second baseman in the League.

Every fall Cornell had a "Gala Day" celebration. Cash prizes were given for foot races, bicycle races, sack races, wheelbarrow races and horse races. All races, except the horse races were run on Main Street. The horse races were run from one mile south of Cornell to the outskirts of the city limits where Pete Donze now lives.

Cornell had two good running horses at this time, "Old Blaze", once owned by Abel Gourley and later by Les Phillips. She ran the half mile distance. The other was "Telegram" owned by Abel Mills, and was best at one quarter mile. Abel bought "Telegram" from the gypsies, who came through Cornell each summer and camped around the "Old Mile Tree" west of town. They traveled in covered wagons, traded and raced horses and stole anything they could get away with.

Will Wayman had a pony called "Nubbins" and he was never beaten in the pony races. Roy Mitchell and Pat Murphy rode the horses.

Another event which took place each year in Cornell's north park was the Chautauqua. Four afternoons and evenings of entertainment. Hawaiian music was very popular at this time and Chatauqua had a good group.

Then there was the "Old Settlers Picnic" held at Bradley's Grove in September. All you could eat and usually Cornell and Short Point played baseball. Some of the players at this time, which was much later than Cornell's first town team, were Howard Mills, Jodie Murphy, Hugo Lindquist, Claude Hoobler, Myron Lishness, Vic Lindquist and others. Short Point had Nate Springer, Herman Stepp, Jess Locke, Bud Bradley, Francis Springer and Ott and Frank Grimm.

Along about 1930, softball became popular. Cornell organized a league of local area teams and played three games a week. Money was raised to have electric lights installed on the Ernest Manly lot just west of the north park. All games were played at night on this diamond. Baseball was played here during the old soldiers "Big Bend Reunion", which was held fifteen or more years earlier.

From all of this, young people of today, will know that Cornell had plenty of entertainment in the "GOOD OLD DAYS".

Lloyd Miner

Weinberg's Grocery

One of the buildings located on Main Street in Cornell is presently familiar to most of the town's residents as the office for Cornell Mobile Milling. However, the structure has served in many capacities since it's construction.

The early history of the store is known only vaguely. It was built by the Cornell Chapter of the Odd Fellows in 1907. It was leased to a Mr. Blumenshine, who operated a bakery. Then, around 1927 or 1928, Jacob Solma leased the building and continued with the bakery. In 1929, Mr. Solma turned the building over to his son-in-law and daughter, Arthur and Lottie Breiholz, who then opened a grocery store. After Arthur died in 1931, his widow continued to operate the business. In 1933, Lottie married Morris Weinberg and in 1935 they purchased the building from the Odd Fellows.



Mr. and Mrs. Weinberg and daughter, Donna Burkett

The store was open from 6 A.M. to 10 P.M. Monday through Saturday and a half day Sunday. During the threshing season, it was not uncommon to see the Weinberg's and other store employees delivering groceries at 5 A.M. to insure the threshers of a good meal.

In 1947 Mr. and Mrs. Weinberg ceased operation of their store and sold the building to Carl Scurlock in 1948. Mr. Scurlock in turn sold the building to a Mr. Quigby in 1951. Morris Weinberg repurchased the store in 1954, operated a store for one year, then leased it to Bob Lee. In 1956 Morris died, and in 1960 his widow sold the building to its present owners, her son-in-law, Wm. Robert Taylor and Glen Finkenbinder, who, under the name of Cornell Mobile Milling are now operating a feed store.

Cornell's "Big Bend" Reunion

One of the big events in the lives of young and old alike was the Big Bend Reunion held each summer for four days in August at the North Park.

According to the Aug. 29, 1913 Cornell Journal, the first Big Bend Reunion held in Cornell was the week of Aug. 18, 1913. We gather from the publication that the Big Bend had been held in some other towns before Cornell.

The first morning of the Big Bend saw Civil War veterans arriving from far and near to spend the four days meeting old friends and reminiscing of by-gone days.



Cornell Civil War Veterans attending the Cornell Big Bend Reunion in 1914 are from left to right, bottom row—Mr. Lucas, Mr. Saxon, ? ?, Mr. Gingrich, Mr. Setzer, Mr. Erickson. Center row—Mr. Ammonds, ? ?, Rev. Janes, Mr. Springer, ? , Mr. Partridge. Back row—Mr. Myers, Mr. Bennington, Mr. Cornell, Mr. Lundy, ? ?, Mr. Carrol, Mr. Lilly, Mr. Gregory. At top—Mr. Cummings, Mr. Fleming, ? ? Distant right—Mr. Calder, Mr. Husted, Mr. Reeve.

The North Park, where the event was held was described by the Cornell Journal, as being "transformed into an ideal camp ground and with its orderly arrangements of tents and the different amusements and concessions decorated with bunting and hundreds of flags presented a very beautiful appearance by day and by night. Its hundreds of electric lights added to the effect and caused it to look like fairyland". The article continues in saying that "even our citizens who have known this pretty park for years, could hardly believe the transformation was real". Prior to the opening day, tents had been set up, wood gathered for cooking facilities and water supplies made ready for the campers.

Mornings were spent mostly in visiting and then at 1:30 p.m. a well known speaker would take to the grandstand and share the spotlight with a local clergyman, the mayor and other dignitaries. The Cornell Concert Band comprised of Myron Lishness, Elmer Blue, Grant Connett, Ralph Tiffany, Horace Johnson, A. G. (Goff) Lindquist, Sharon Johnson and Earl Husted would preform. Sometimes it would be the Drum and Bugle Corps, who would favor with numbers. This group of talent consisted of Ralph Tiffany, Z. F. Carroll, Charles Lishness and Myron Lishness. Groups of school children would

often preform as well as other local talent. Miss Jessie Calder (Mrs. Marion Louderback) was well known for her readings and Miss Florence Calder (Mrs. Clarence Beaman) favored with numerous vocal selections. A different program was presented each day and was well received.

Official programs were printed for each day's programs. We were able to obtain a program for Friday, Aug. 27, 1920 through the courtesy of Mrs. Howard Garretson of Cornell, (Doris Patterson).

10:30 A.M.—Music Martial Band Entertainment furnished by Old Soldiers

12:00 DINNER

1:30 P.M.—Band Concert, Long Point Band

Reading—Miss Bessie Klotzache

Solo—Miss Florence Calder

2:30 P.M.—Address, Hon. Frank Gillespie of Bloomington

Music—Martial Band

Solo—J. R. Shackelton

4:00 P.M.—Baseball—Winners of Wednesday and Thursdays games—Graymont Greys and Cornell Colts
Aerial Exhibition

7:30 P.M.—Band Concert, Long Point Band

8:30 P.M.—Music, Streator Male Quartette

Reading—Miss Bessie Klotzache

Solo—Miss Gladys Husted

Motion Pictures—Lina Cavaliere in "The Two Brides"

Official Pianist—Todd V. Richards

One could purchase a season ticket or a single ticket daily. Season tickets in 1922 were \$1.35 with an additional 15c war tax making a total of \$1.50.

Baseball games were scheduled for each afternoon. Band concerts and motion pictures each evening as well as dances. The ballgames were played in Manly's pasture. Other attractions included a Ferris Wheel and Merry-Go-Round.

The CORNELL JOURNAL mentions that on one particular day, "every veteran and his wife and members of the W.R.C. were taken as guests of the local committee on a 20 mile auto ride in cars that were kindly donated by their owners of Cornell and vicinity. The auto parade returned to the park at 2 p.m. happy over the treat".

One afternoon, "Company F. entertained with snappy military drill and maneuvers for an hour".

Several weeks before the Big Bend, a caravan of cars containing Cornell people would start out early in the morning and visit surrounding towns to advertise the coming event. The men would get out of their cars, play several instrumental numbers, hand out posters and place some in store windows and then move on to another town and repeat the same performance.

Food concessions were plentiful and operated by the Cornell Methodist Ladies Aid Society. They also served meals to threshing "runs" in addition to serving Big Bend

patrons. Others who operated food concessions included Mrs. Lottie Weinberg, Charlie Lishness, Murphy Bros., American Legion.

Members of the Big Bend Association Board of directors were: Wyley Wayman, president A. R. Gourley, T. B. Gourley, Charles Lishness, Will Blue, Dick Blue, Dr. F. L. Gardner, R. R. Tiffany and Emanuel Gingrich. Emanuel Gingrich worked at the gate each day selling tickets and reported an average of \$600 to \$800 a day was taken in. Abel Gourley worked with Gingrich at the gates.

The exact date of the discontinuance of the Big Bend has not been determined but it is thought to have been in the early 1930's.

Beckwith Harness Shop

It was in the spring of 1919 my father, A. M. Beckwith, bought Husted Brothers Harness Shop on Main Street in Cornell. He had traveled a great distance to wind up in the little village of Cornell. He started, a young man, as a riverboat captain on the Hudson River and the Erie Canal in New York State, where he was born. He moved with his family to Illinois, going into the harness shop and livery stable business in Streator. After he was married and had one son, he moved to Grand Rapids,



Mich., working for a wholesale harness company. He was injured at work there causing him to seek employment elsewhere. He and my mother ran a restaurant in Belding, Michigan for sometime. After a disastrous fire they decided to move back to Streator. He held a number of jobs, then decided to go into business for himself, buying the harness shop. He moved his family, consisting of wife, daughter and youngest son to Cornell, his oldest son already married and living in Michigan.

While waiting to rent a house, he boarded at Mrs. Blake's boarding house, commuting weekends by Wabash Railroad. Business was good, as everyone traveled with

horses and farmers were especially busy in spring and fall. He made many new sets of harness, being very proud of his hand-stitched heavy leather. He decorated with fancy rivets of all kinds. As cars became more common, he and his bachelor brother, Charles, made side curtains, and still oiled and cleaned harness.

In 1925, he started to branch out into the hardware business. He had one of the first artificial Christmas trees with electric lights in his window. He remained in business until 1944, when he lost his sight. He died in 1946.

Cornell was good to him. He raised and educated two children, Harold of Jackson, Michigan, who has two children and myself, Eola, married to Kenneth Mills, parents of John, married to Betty Miller, parents of four children, residing in West Chicago; Mary Margaret, married to Robert Busey, parents of four children, of North Canton, Ohio, and Helen, married to Bruce Gloss, parents of two daughters of Streator.

Remember

When Cornell had three elevators, three ice houses and three saloons.

There was an old elevator standing where the Jacobson Elevator is now located. The grain was elevated by horse power, one horse doing all the work.

To the north was an elevator owned by the Rogers Grain Co. and operated by Frank Evers. The office and scales of this elevator was directly across the railroad tracks from the depot. Years later, Charles Lishness and Merritt Wayman operated this elevator for the Farmers Grain Co., a picture of which is shown. This elevator was later torn down, as was the old one on the south; the best part of the lumber from these was used to build the present Jacobson building.



The two men pictured above are left, Chas. Lishness, right, Merritt Wayman.

Col. Sands operated this new elevator for the Farmers Grain Co. for several years, until it was sold to Homer Crum. George Duder purchased it from Crum and Harry Henry from Duder, who sold it to Jacobson, the present owner.

The third elevator was to the south of Jacobsons and was owned by James Shaughnessy. Jim Henninger worked for Shaughnessy who sold out to Al DeBoer. The final owner was the Farmers Co-op with Frank Leonard as manager.

This elevator burned down with considerable grain in it and never was rebuilt.

Cornell had three ice houses in the old days. One was located across the alley from where Harold Monroe's garage is at the present time, another one on the north side of Main Street where Nettie Murphy's trailer stands. These two were owned by Perry Murphy, who ran a butcher shop and grocery at this time and needed the ice to keep the meat. He usually cut his ice from the Vermillion River or Rooks Creek. Perry delivered meat and groceries to north Cornell when the coal mine was in operation there.

It might be of interest to know that the old village jail stood just east of this ice house.

The third ice house, owned by D. J. Foley, was much larger than the other two. It stood just north of the north tile pit, which is just west of the Otto Blue home in the north part of Cornell. Foley and Trainor ran a butcher shop and grocery at this time and also needed the ice for their meat. They cut their ice from the tile pit. Foley, in later years, put up ice and sold it around town. Remember how the pan under your ice box, put there to catch the water, often was forgotten and water ran over the floor?

The three saloons I remember, were Jack Ryan on the north side of Main Street in the old John Shackelton building (Grant Davis tended bar for him). Billy Grimes on the south side of Main Street in an old brick building, on same location as Harold Monroe's garage, and Tom Kelly on the corner where Elmer Hamilton' service station is at present. This building later was used for hardware stores. Tom Kelly was later Chief of Police in Streator.

The Cornell Bank Robbery

The Farmers State Savings Bank of Cornell started in 1899. B. R. Johnson was president and a son, Wm. R. Johnson was cashier. The bank was in a frame building located on the south side of Main Street where the Girard Antique Shop is at the present.

The bank had ordered a Corliss safe with a hollow revolving globe within a heavy outer rounded shell. It was supposed to be burglar proof. The Corliss Company loaned the bank a square door safe while the burglar-

proof one was being manufactured.



On the night of Dec. 5th, 1899, four men from Chicago came to Cornell. They broke into the bank building and while one man worked at blowing open the safe, the others were stationed at different locations on the street outside. Earl States, who had been calling on one of Henry Cornell's daughters in the northern part of town, was returning to his home in the southern part of town, which made it necessary for him to cross Main Street. As he approached the bank on the north, he was taken by one of the robbers to the back room of the bank, where he was gagged and bound. There was just an ordinary frame partition between him and the safe which was blown open.

After the explosion, Dennis Foley, who had a room in the Harlo Rhodes hotel just south of the bank, fired a gun out of his window, apparently to frighten whoever was causing the trouble.

The sheriff was notified of the robbery and the next day the four were captured as they were trying to leave Pontiac on a north bound freight train. They had stolen the Wabash hand car in Cornell to get to Pontiac. Only a few thousand dollars was taken from the bank and most of it was recovered. One amusing item is that they carried away a bag of pennies and left most of the gold coins scattered on the bank floor. The leader of the group was said to be tubercular and died later in prison.

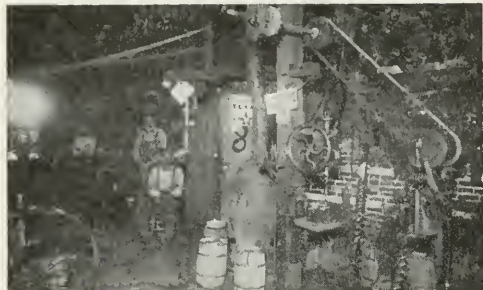
When the new safe arrived, it required a concrete foundation to be built under it, due to the extreme weight. This was done and safe installed on it in the old building. In 1901, Johnson Bros. had a new brick building erected to house the bank and also a store.

The safe was left on its original foundation and the building built around it. It is still in the building and can be seen in Girard's Antique Shop.

The bank closed during the national depression of 1929-30.

The Village Blacksmith

In the late 1800's and for sometime after the turn of the century, when man depended upon the horse for his transportation, his hauling and his farming, the village blacksmith was a much needed man.



Horses traveling many miles on the road needed shoeing regularly. Farm horses especially needed to be sharp shod in the winter when roads were slippery and they were used in hauling grain to the elevators.

Tires had to be set on buggies and wagons and plows had to be sharpened. Machines had to be repaired, etc. With all this to do, the blacksmith was a busy, hard working man.

Cornell had many over the years, who worked at this trade, but the one who was here for the longest time, and the best known, was B. C. Sullivan. He is shown in the picture in his shop with Jim Blake and Ed Sullivan (a brother) who were hired to help.

B. C. Sullivan had his blacksmith shop in the building recently torn down by Virgil Ross, from 1890 until he sold out to Max Husted and son, Jack, in 1947. Max became ill and Virgil Ross bought him out in 1949.

During the 57 years Sullivan ran the shop, many worked for him. To name a few—Shorty Anderson, a Mr. Lehw, John Hardin, Ed Sullivan and Jim Blake. Milburn Lamb, a nephew, worked for him and later bought a half interest, which he kept until he moved away from Cornell. Will Jamison then bought a half interest. In the early years a Mr. Baxendale had an interest in the shop.

At an early date a Peter Barber and John DeBoer ran a shop in Cornell and in later years a Mr. Wilson and Jay Anthony had a shop here.

B. C. Sullivan's father, John Sullivan, ran a shop here for 35 years, until he died.

I wonder how many remember how the blacksmith helped start off the 4th of July celebration early on the morning of the 4th. They would place an anvil on the road out in front of the shop, on this they would put some powder with a sheet of paper over it, then place an-

ther anvil upside down on the powder making the anvils face to face. Next, they would heat an iron rod red hot on one end, the rod being about 20 feet long. This they would take out of the shop and touch to the powder. The result was a tremendous explosion, sounding like a cannon and blowing the top anvil a foot in the air. This was repeated for an hour or more. They really celebrated in those days, giant firecrackers, and torpedoes. How many remember? ? ?

Cornell Football Team—1901

Who remembers the Cornell football team of 1901? Who organized it or where they played is beyond my knowledge.

All I know is that my father, Grant Davis, would hold out his bent and gnarled hands and say to my football playing son, "See those hands, that's from football".

The members of the team (as nearly as my mother could recall were—



Back row—2nd and 3rd from left, Tom and Jeff Richards, 4th, Chas. Whitam. Middle row—1st and 2nd from left, Perry Lundy, Carl Tiffany. Front row—left to right, Grant Davis, Pat Murphy, Art Mitchell. Maybe someone will recognize the others or recall more of the details.

Past Supervisors of Amity Township

Reason M. Douglas, Moses Allen, Walter Cornell, Liberty Louderback, W. D. Blake, D. H. Snyder, Eben Norton, John Shackelton, Frank Barton, Charles Patterson, Floyd Rucker, Harlo Iverson, Aldene Myers, John Gourley, Wayne Patterson.



LAST TELEPHONE OPERATORS

Following the changing to dial, the operators were entertained at a dinner, hosted by Mrs. Loren Redfern, in her home. The hostess was assisted by her daughter, Mrs. Berge. After the dinner, the group were busy reminiscing and playing games. Guests were Mrs. Ruth Corrigan, Mrs. Madeline Earp, Mrs. Mae Chester, Mrs. Lela Morris, Mrs. Claire Leonard, Mrs. Venus Spaniol. Another guest was Mrs. William Redfern.



CORNELL'S FIRST BEAUTY SHOP

The above picture was the place of the first beauty shop located in Cornell. It was operated by Florence Gregory, now Mrs. Robert Girard. She graduated from Liberty Beauty School in Peoria and started her shop in fall of 1938 in the home of her mother, Mrs. Mae Gregory. Florence operated her shop until 1948.



The last horse-drawn mail carriage on Cornell Rural Route—1916. Harry Rucker, mail carrier and his son, Lloyd.



A race on Gala Day, 1923. Scene in front of the Alva Zook residence.



KLINZMAN GARAGE—1915

Unknown, Jess Klinzman, Bill Beaman. Don Klinzman, (by pump)



The High School Faculty of the first 4-year High School in Cornell held in the League rooms of Cornell Methodist Church in 1921. Left to right—Principal-coach F. O. Grounds; Science—Lester Shay; Math—Lillian Arends; English—Amanda Johnson.



Shown above is Wabash passenger train and depot with dray team, waiting for express to be delivered. The train made two round trips a day in the early 1900's, hauling large loads of express and mail, as well as many passengers. There was also a freight train making one round trip a day, which hauled many car loads of cattle and hogs as well as groceries and other freight for the stores. George Myers was depot agent at this time.



THREE GENERATIONS OF LAWRENCE'S—1918
Left to right—John, Elmer and Knute Lawrence. Elmer served in U.S. Navy, 1917-20.



MAIN STREET IN CORNELL, HORSE SHOW—1910
Third from left, Harry Dicken; 4th, Archie Dicken;
5th, Phillip Corrigan; 6th, Billie Wayman



BIG BEND REUNION PARADE 1913—Main St., Cornell
Prizes were given for best decorated horse-drawn vehicle and best decorated car. Todd Richards and Irving Miner in first pony-drawn cart.



H. H. Ide at his gas pump,
1935. Great-granddaughter,
Mary Ellen Ide McDonald.



MISS LIVINGSTON COUNTY WINNER—1961

Miss Linda Girard was named Miss Livingston County of 1961 in ceremonies held at Fairbury on June 3, 1961. Also State Talent winner at Aurora, Ill. Linda's talent was a gymnastic act, done on a single rope. She was a junior at Illinois State University, Normal. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Girard of Cornell, now married to Robert Stepe. She has a son, Robert, and girl, Barbara, and now living in Okinawa. Linda has a brother, Wesley of Payson, Arizona and a sister, Wendy Cooper, of Cornell.



The Planning Committee For Cornell Methodist Centennial 1958

Front row, left to right—Jessie Louderback, Ralph Tiffany, Rev Biehl, Lula Barton. Back row—Freida St. John, Rodney Tiffany, Beulah Shay.

Nigh Chapel Mite Society



Top row, left to right—Francis Girard, Mabel Patterson, Lottie Gingrich, ? ?, Minnie St. John, ? ?, Ethel Wibbenhost Cool, Dot Blake Blue, Parthina Willis, Joe Bradley, Viola Husted.

2nd row—(seated) Mrs. T. K. Barton, Eliza Long, Mrs. William Wertz, Grandma Snyder, Cynthia Patterson, Mrs. Chris Munson, Mrs. Will Snyder, Mrs. Lucas, Mrs. Will Blue.

3rd row—(seated) Mrs. William Antrim, Mrs. William Antrim, Iva Louderback, Ollie Winters, Fern Snyder, Cora Louderback, Will Snyder, John H. Louderback.

4th row—(seated) ? ?, Mollie Dicken, Mrs. Hans Hansen, Mrs. Eick (Kit) Wibbenhost, Mrs. Dick (Kate) Blue, Mrs. John (Mary) Louderback, Mrs. Lucius Blue, Mrs. Charlie Lishness, Mrs. John Gates.

5th row—(seated on side walk) ? ?, Mrs. W. Kowalsky, Kowalsky's daughter, Nellie Patterson, Priscilla Barton, Dick Blue, Francis Barton, Florence (Munson) Wertz, Dorothy Delheimer, Vic Lucas, Robert Girard.

Rev. Kowalsky was pastor at the Nigh Chapel from 1922 to 1924.



CORNELL CORNET BAND—1890

The group was the "old" and "new" members of the Nigh Chapel Mite Society. They had meetings once a month in the afternoons at members homes. They kept very busy piecing and quilting quilts and making garments for children and aprons, etc. Mr. and Mrs. Jones Blue invited the group to their home in April 1924 for a potluck dinner and a social afternoon. The group was from various towns around. The home is the one now owned by Paul Griffith on west Main Street.

Then and Now

THEN—1924



Left to right—Hannah Brown Flavel, Aldene Patterson Myers, Agnes Mills Grimm, Stella Wayman, Fleda Marko Stephey.

Girl's Physical Ed started in 1923-24 at Cornell High School, taught by Kitt Antrim, now of Pontiac. The girls played basketball using the boy's rules. They had the Reds and the Blacks teams. They wore white middys and black bloomers with red or black ties. In 1924-25 the classes played against one another. In April in the tournament, the Sophomores defeated the Seniors in a 3 minute overtime. An all star team was chosen: Helen Lindquist, center; Fleda Marko Stephey, forward; Gladys Santelman, forward; Aldene Patterson Myers, guard; Iris Davis Bowers, guard.

NOW—1973



Girl's Physical Education taught by Anita Hulsal. Left to right—Kaye Kelly, Linda Leach, Donna Schlueter, Sally Fitzgerald, Mary Peters.



Print Shop Opens In Cornell

Following nearly ten years without a printing establishment, Cornell has been selected as the site for a new printing business. A former Cornell resident has located a printing firm here at 506 Short Street, directly north of the Cornell High School. Dean Hamilton of Pontiac, owner of Village Printers, reports his newly remodeled facilities contain offset equipment as well as letterpress to assure quick service and to offer printing of any quantities. He also offers a complete line of wedding invitations and accessories.

According to Mr. Hamilton the shop will be open evenings and all day Fridays and Saturdays and may be reached by phone at 815-358-2959.

Mr. Hamilton says he is looking forward to again serving the Cornell and surrounding area.

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Voigts Manufacturing Company

Once again necessity proved to be the mother of invention. When as a young man Ralph Voigts worked for a truck tire dealer repairing flats and installing new tires. The only way to do the job was by hand. The changing of truck tires had not been mechanized. As he labored, he thought there must be a better way.



In 1952 he entered the U.S. Army and in Korea was a Battalion Motor Officer with 80 vehicles under his command. Again, as he watched his men struggle with the hard task of fixing truck tires he thought there should be a way to do the hard work with machinery.

When returning from service he started farming and feeding cattle in the Cornell area. Again he was plagued with the problem of fixing truck tires. Being mechanically inclined he began to develop a tool to help him. After exploring many methods that were not satisfactory, he made a machine that really was a help. Many visitors came to the Beaman Farm feedlots, and noticed the machine at work would ask where they could buy one.

When the cattle feeding business was phased out of the operation, Mr. Voigts began to think about a wintertime job and again he thought of the tire machine. He developed and perfected the machine and applied for a patent in 1966.

Having worked for different manufacturers, and being familiar with sales techniques, Ralph started VOIGTS MANUFACTURING CO. He manufactured the equipment in his farm shop and sold machines in the midwest area. As the machine's reputation spread, the sales area increased. In 1971 a full-time salesman was employed and the product was nationally advertised in trade magazines and at national trade shows. A patent was issued in 1971.

In 1972 the business had developed to a point where Ralph could no longer just manufacture in the winter-

time and during slack periods. He decided to discontinue farming and to devote fulltime to sales and manufacturing.

Sales are now being made in every state but Alaska. The product is now being exported to Canada, Central America, South America and the West Indies. Plans are now being made to export to Europe and Asia. In 1972 the VOIGTS BEAD BREAKER was the top selling truck tire tool in the U.S.

There are now eight full and part-time employees and three full-time salesmen and factory representatives covering the United States.

March 12, 1973

Cornell Centennial Committee,
Cornell, Illinois

Dear Friends:

It was suggested that I write a few lines about the early history of Cornell as I heard it as a boy about 1912.

As we were plowing in the field east of the old corn crib, we struck what seemed to be a large stone. On digging it out of the ground, it proved to be a grave stone. Both my father, Edward Partridge, and grandfather, William Partridge, told us boys that a grave yard had once existed there. Most of the grave stones and caskets that could be moved had been transferred to the present grave yard south of Cornell.

We were also told that a post office and store had also been located there on the bank of Mud Creek. A small building with a partition was said to be the old post office. The name of the small settlement was said to be Oak Dale, and my father called our farm by that name. It was further stated that when the Wabash railroad came through the area, it missed Oak Dale by about two miles. This caused the community to leave Oak Dale and start a new town which was called Cornell after the name of a family who owned a large tract of land in the new area. A railroad station, general store, hotel, and other buildings, including a grain elevator, were built and Cornell was on its way.

Perhaps there are some old settlers still living in the area who have also heard about Oak Dale.

Sincerely yours,
E. F. PARTRIDGE

Cornell During World War II



WORLD WAR II PLAQUE

This plaque, located just east of the village hall was dedicated in 1942, with Father Farley being guest speaker. Pictured are Mrs. Cora Ramme, who was the president of Mothers Service Club and Mrs. Mable Wayman, with most sons in the service of our country. They were Frank, Clark and Glen. Each boys name was placed on the plaque as he entered service.

GENERAL E. L. RAMME

Air Force Brigadier General Ernest L. Ramme, son of Mr. and Mrs. Otto Ramme, Cornell, Illinois spent 30 years in military service. He was around the world 11 times, was on 6 continents, in 42 countries and at the North Pole. He is now retired and is Corporate Group Vice-President of Management Services of Dart Industries, Inc., in Los Angeles, California.

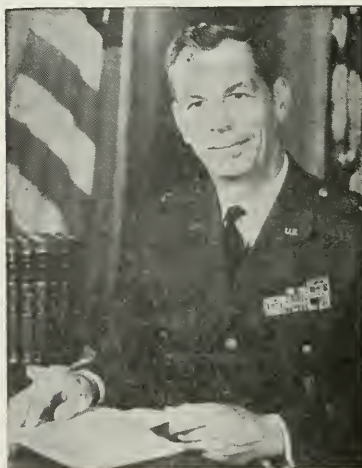
General and Mrs. Ramme have four daughters.



PARENTS SERVICE CLUB

Parents Service Club mothers are pictured at the Santa Fe Depot, Streator, where they served lunch to our service men when they stopped, going through Streator. The group served free sandwiches, cookies, doughnuts and coffee twice a month from 4 A.M. to 9 P.M. during World War II.

Left to right—Ruth Stassel Baker, Pat Svenson, Lottie Weinberg, Bernadine Zimmerman, Mazie Lawrence, Emma Bennett, Vada Ide, Donna Burkett, Lola Turner, Mable Patterson, Cora Frailey, Mamie Burkett, Frances Barton, Mable Wayman, unknown.



In Memoriam



The Memorial Stone pictured above was erected in 1947 by the people of this community in remembrance of the men of this area who served their country in time of war, especially those who gave their lives.

Much credit must be given to Max Husted, a Cornell veteran of World War I, who started the memorial project, to the Cornell Ladies Service Club and to the Cornell High School students, all of whom collected a total of almost \$600.00 in donations from the good people of this community to make this display of gratitude possible.

Let us not forget the Village of Cornell who donated the ground to make this Memorial Park, located a few yards west of the Fire Dept. Building. The monument and park were dedicated on Memorial Day, 1947, with the help of the Streator American Legion of which Ervin Burkett was a member at that time.

Each year a Memorial Day program is held at this park under the direction of the Cornell American Legion with the help of the Cornell High School band and others in the community.



Left to right—Pfc. Arthur Spires, Harold M. Shanks and James Loudon.

Arthur Spires, born April 27, 1925 was killed in action in Germany, January 21, 1945. He was a son of Arthur and Ora Spires and a graduate of Cornell High School. Burial was in Pontiac South Side Cemetery.

Tech Sgt. Harold M. Shanks, born Nov. 18, 1922, son of Mrs. LaVera Griffiths, of Streator, was killed in action May 19, 1943. He made his home with his grandfather, F. C. Cusick, of Cornell. He was a graduate of Cornell High School. He was buried in Ardennes American Military Cemetery, Neuville En Condors, Belgium.

James Loudon, born July 24, 1927, son of Sam and Merle Loudon, enlisted January 20, 1952, discharged 1954, served in the Korean conflict in Territory of Alaska.



FN William A. Garretson—July 26, 1931 - April 23, 1953. Served in the U. S. Navy 1950-53. Killed while serving aboard the USS Bennington, stationed off the coast of Cuba, by an explosion in the engine room where he was on duty.



VICTOR EUGENE RUSH

Born: January 4, 1923. Killed in action in Italy on April 20, 1945.

Parents: Mr. and Mrs. Andrew (Velma Wibbenhost) Rush

Brothers: Albert, Charles and Robert.

Sisters: Mrs. Daniel (Charlene) Gilman; Mrs. Clayton (Alberta) Parcher.

Pfc. Rush, an infantryman was attached to the 10th Div.

This poem was written by
Mrs. Etta Nelson Beckwith

Somewhere in Italy is a soldier's grave,
Where our Victor rests among the brave,
He never shunned his country's call,
But gladly gave his life, his all.
He was buried in Hillcrest Cemetery, Streator, Ill.

COLONEL H. PAUL WHITCAMP

Colonel Henry Paul Whitcamp was born in 1901 at Nilwood, son of Charles and Lena Whitcamp. He was married to Mary Madalene Gourley, St. Louis, Missouri, May 1, 1926. He died in March, 1971. He was a retired Air Force Colonel, having served in the European and Pacific Theaters during World War II. He retired in 1955. He served as Mayor of Cornell from 1959-1963.



CPL. LYLE F. HIGHLAND

Cpl. Lyle F. Highland, son of the late George Highland and Mrs. Agnes Wolf, of Odell, was born February 1, 1925. Died in service March 3, 1945. He was buried in Henride Chapelle Cemetery in Belgium.



SERGEANT WILBUR JOHN DeROSSETT

Sergeant Wilbur John DeRossett was born October 7, 1920. He entered the armed services in 1940 and was killed in action on the Island of Leyete, February 27, 1945. He was the son of James Wesley DeRossett and Helen Barbara Yentz. Brothers, Cecil and Vernon are both deceased. Sisters are Mrs. Mabel Boshart, Silvis, Illinois and Mrs. Hazel Freeman, address unknown.

From the Pen of Our Country Doctor



DR. H. L. SHAFER

I was born on a farm in Livingston County, Illinois, on May 28, 1887.

Among my early impressions is a faint recollection of a 6 horsepower Nichols and Shephard engine and a six-hole Sandwich spring corn sheller. This outfit was owned by my Dad, who did custom shelling for the neighbors along with farming.

In 1893, Dad and two of his brothers purchased a new 10 horsepower Nichols and Shephard engine and separator. This new separator was equipped with a self feeder, the first one in our community. They also purchased a new Ottawa corn sheller. This particular type broke the cobs into smaller pieces than the previous ones. Since long cobs were better for kindling household stove fires, many farmers preferred the old sheller. One of these farmers is still living today on the same farm on which he was living back in the 90's. He is nearing his four score and ten years.

About 1895, Dad became the sole owner of the engine separator sheller outfit when his brothers disposed of their interests.

I recall my earliest ambition was to pull the whistle on the engine. This persistence got me into frequent troubles and brought me a few well deserved paddlings. Too, I loved the tangy aroma of the smoke and grease.

As time brought improvements in all the machinery, more power was needed. The blower, which was a new addition to the separator, especially required a bigger and more powerful engine. Since news broadcasts, our needs soon reached the agents of different companies. One of the outstanding salesman was Harry Cook of Fairbury, Ill. He called on us quite frequently to give his high pressure selling points of the Huber.

ENGINEER OR PHYSICIAN

Nearing the close of my high school days, I began to think seriously of choice of a vocation. Two different

careers seemed equally important to me, one was that of a locomotive engineer, the other was that of a physician. The first had been fostered in my constant environment, and the second was being inspired by a life-long friend and neighbor, Dr. Edward F. Law, now our family physician. Dr. Law had been one of our home boys who had made good and returned to his boyhood community to take up practice as a country doctor. Too, he had been my third grade teacher in our rural schools. To me he was an ideal. In considering these two ambitions of mine, I found that each had its requirements as well as its satisfactions. To be an engineer, one had to have above-average stature; and to study medicine one had to have money. Since I was short in both stature and cash, I settled for embalming school.

My first pay as an embalmer was \$40 per month, the weeks being of six and one half days, on call both day and night. After a year I changed to a position which paid \$60 a month. However, within several months I found myself out of work, and with the old problem—what next.

At this time the streets in front of this last employment was being resurfaced. I noticed that one of the rollers was standing idle. Having previously made a speaking acquaintance with several of the paving crew, I called to the foreman, "Why is that roller not working?" He answered, "No engineer." "How about letting me have the job?" I asked. "Got a license?" he inquired. I said with great confidence, "No, but I can get one, and I've had lots of experience with an engine". "All right," he said, "Get one and be back here at one o'clock today. Oh, yes, bring a pair of overalls with you."

With amazing speed I contacted a city hall friend, and by noon I was back with license and overalls ready for the job.

All I had to do was sit on the seat under the shade of a big umbrella, run the paving roller up and down the block of new pavement, and collect my \$20 per week of six days. The work was really nil. Of course, I had to reverse the engine at the end of the block. A colored boy was there to do the firing, so that I could put all my efforts to keeping the roller rolling. At the end of the outfits contract job, I terminated both my connection with the crew and any plans for an engineering career. Within a short time I again secured employment as an embalmer.

About this time I met a pretty stenographer, Miss Mae Woods, formerly of Wisconsin, and now with an enterprising Chicago business firm. In fifteen months we were married on May 3, 1911. Now I had a life-time boss! With her good business management, I found myself enrolled in medical school, thus on my way to my desired career. In 1915 I graduated as an M.D. After passing required state board examination, I obtained my Illinois State license to practice medicine.

In that eventful week of graduation from medical school and of taking the state board exams, occurred the terrible Eastland catastrophe, the sinking of that excursion boat with its holiday crowd took the lives of over 800 people. Since I was with the Chicago Health Department, I was soon on the scene helping to save any lives possible. There with all available medical help, I worked for two days and nights.

PART II—COUNTRY DOCTOR

After two years of private practice, my wife and I decided to move to my boyhood community, where I would become a country doctor.

Again my admiration for our family friend, Dr. Edward F. Law seemed to guide me, for I was to take over his office. Dr. Law had decided to retire. He and his wife and their son and daughter moved to their farm in a nearby community. His son, Dr. Otis H. Law, has followed his father's profession, and now is one of the outstanding physicians and surgeons of Pontiac, Ill. He too, is my personal physician, intimate friend, and real pal.

My six years of peddling pills as a country doctor in the Weston, Ill., community were begun in those influenza times. I began to realize that I had been born "30 years too soon" for there was still too much horse and buggy practice. There were no improved roads, and certainly no pavements—just plenty of mud. During the winter months practically all trips were by horse and buggy or sleigh. In that winter 1917-1918, three feet of snow covered the ground. Many days temperatures fell to 15 or 20 degrees below zero. Often we drove over hedges and fences covered with high drifts of snow.

Here was my re-introduction to my boyhood winters.

INFLUENZA EPIDEMIC

In the fall of 1918 the influenza really struck the country. World War I had taken so many physicians into service that communities often were nearly, or absolutely without medical service.

This epidemic taxed the few available physicians beyond safe endurance. It was not uncommon to drive ten to twelve miles to take a call, then be asked to stop at a nearby home—and then the next—and on and on until a doctor often extended his trip to include as many as 15 or 20 calls and his few hours to a whole day or more. Being young and wiry, I could endure the "25 hour a day" schedule. This meant irregular meals and only short snatches of sleep. The community soon learned of my love for black coffee and every household kept a ready supply for me. Likewise my wife kept a warm meal awaiting me any hour I could be home.

This severe weather was followed by the real January thaws and rains which left the roads bottomless. Again I spent my days and nights on calls. This added to my wife's duties, too. She became office nurse, stenographer, and general manager. These duties included supervi-

sion of stable help to care for my six driving horses needed on those frequent long trips. Too, there were office and house furnaces to keep going.

In a radius of 20 miles and over a period of three month's time, I served a total of 500 flu patients alone. The regular patients, the new babies, broken bones, ingrown toe nails, etc., became secondary to flu demands. Many of the flu patients developed pneumonia. Several became complicated with pyemema. This usually demanded surgery. One particular night, Dr. J. Glen Young, a Pontiac, Ill. physician—my bosom friend and colleague—and I operated on three such cases. This meant removing a section of rib so as to drain out the offending pus. These operations were each performed in the patients home, kitchen-table surgery style.

At the height of this flu epidemic all public gatherings were stopped. Schools and churches were closed and even the United States Post Office often lacked enough personnel to keep open the usual hours. Nursing care was at a premium and hospitals were filled beyond capacity.

By March the epidemic had spent itself, leaving the patients low in vitality and slow in recovery.

Physicians, too, fell victims to the "germs", so that we often were reciprocal in our services.

A LUCKY CRISIS

In helping out a nearby colleague, I had occasion to take over the care of a seriously ill baby, a child of foreign parents, who still clung to their old country remedies. Their sure cure for pneumonia was greasing the chest. That "grease on the chest" was one of my pet "nots". I had had all the grease on my hands that I wanted back in my embryo engineer days. That meant no grease to act as a sealing coat. When I explained the fallacy of chest-greasing, the mother remarked, "But I have to do something".

Noticing that she was preparing some bacon (pork side meat) for supper, I answered, "All right, put some of that fat bacon on the soles of the baby's feet. Bind them up well and keep it on all night".

Luckily the crisis of the illness came at midnight. With the consequent drop in body temperature, the baby was on its way to recovery.

Imagine my relief and satisfaction! The parents were deeply grateful. They told the neighbors of my prescribed "cure" and I became the "fat on the feet" hero-physician of that foreign community. Consider, too, the razzing I got from my good friend and colleague when he again took over the family's care. Furthermore, he carried his good joke to the Medical Meetings and gave the physicians a hearty laugh at my expense. Such is the life of a country doctor.

The flu germ gradually lost its virulency, and after two years of uneventful practice, my wife and I began hoping for a more normal living schedule.

1923—WE MOVE TO CORNELL

The opportunity for better living came, we thought, when I entered partnership with a physician, Dr. Kisting, in Cornell, a small town amid a good surrounding practice. This arrangement is one of which every physician dreams, as it affords some time off—call, yet leaves his patients in the care of a known partner.

However this arrangement was short-lived. At the end of two years, the partner-physician moved to California to escape the severe Illinois winters. This once again left me on 24-hour call in practically the same driving conditions as I had experienced during the flu epidemic of the 1918-1919 years. The Cornell roads were really bottomless, and the mud more clogging to the wheels of my Model T Ford. However, with the coming of the hard roads and some gravel surfacing of side roads, transportation troubles did lessen by the late 20's.

SERIOUS CASES

Several high points in Medical experiences during the next few years stand out in my recollection. A polio epidemic broke out and within one square mile I had seven cases, all of whom responded positively to the new diathermy treatment.

One winter I had five cases of pneumonia in one household. While I made at least two visits daily there for several weeks, I felt that they recovered in spite of me. According to the rules on pneumonia, none warranted hopes of recovery.

Another real issue I met was a severe case of Vincent's Angina (trench mouth) in a 7-year-old boy. His badly diseased throat fairly sloughed its whole lining. The offensive odor could be detected more than sixty feet from the house. This was such an extraordinary case that a number of physicians from surrounding towns came to see the patient. Again, even against the odds, the patient recovered.

Kitchen table surgery popped up several times again. One case in particular was that of a 75-year-old woman, who became seriously ill with a gall bladder attack. With the aid of nearby doctors, the operation was performed successfully—kitchen table surgery style. Illinois mud roads being bottomless at that time, it was impossible to move the patient to the hospital 12 miles away. The attending physicians came via hand car on the towns one railroad.

A big part of every country doctors practice is that of obstetric cases. Thinking back over the years, I recall that I delivered 2200 babies. It is satisfying to know that I never lost a mother and better yet—I never lost a father! About 99% of those babies were delivered in the home.

PART III—CIVIC CONTRACTS

Rural communities provide many opportunities for a good life along with the many hardships. Among these are

the associations found in different church, political, fraternal and professional groups.

As to church affiliation, I am a Methodist, because my mother was.

Politically, I am a member of the party that elected Lincoln, freed the slaves, put down rebellion, re-united the States, and established our nation's financial credit above that of any other country in the world.

Fraternally, I am a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows; the Modern Woodman; The Ancient Free and Accepted Masons; the Knights Templar; the Mystic Shrine; The Order of the Eastern Star; and The White Shrine of Jerusalem.

The Star and the White Shrine include both men and women in their membership. This gave my wife and me opportunity to share in our associations with its members. We served in various offices, she as Worthy Matron of the Eastern Star, and as Worthy High Priestess in the Shrine; and as Watchman of the Shepherds.

Professionally, I am a member of the American Medical Association and of Emeritus Membership of the Illinois State Medical Society and the Livingston County Medical Society.

COUNTY CORONER

The years 1936-1940, I served as Coroner of Livingston County. This office brought me into contact with various local, state and federal government leaders, all of whom I thoroughly enjoyed.

However, with these added duties to my regular practice, I began to slow down in strength, and to find myself confined more to office calls than to the active practice I had formerly preferred.

HEART ATTACK

On November 13, 1940, I suffered a severe heart attack of coronary emboli. After six months as a bed patient, I began a slow partial recovery. The attack marked my last day of office practice. During the next ten years I also underwent operations for the removal of a cataract from each eye. Arthritis, too, has joined the series of physical difficulties.

FAMILY

More than three score years of my life-time have passed. It was my good fortune to have been reared in a good American home. My parents, my one brother, my three sisters, and I enjoyed the privileges, and accepted the responsibilities found in rural mid-western communities. Of our family, only my two sisters and I remain. They and their families have retired from active farm life and now live in Pontiac, Ill.

My brother and my oldest sister and our parents have passed on. Mother and Dad both spent their last days of their lingering illness in my home.

Along with the changes over the years, I have had a number of permanent relationships—that pretty stenographer, whom I first met over forty years ago is still my secretary, though her hair is more silver than brunette, and she added a few pounds, she can still sit on my lap and take dictation. My wife never reprimands me for this breach of etiquette. She still has her first husband—that country doctor.

Since our home is located in a small town within easy driving distance to several large cities, we can enjoy the comforts and advantages of both country and city life.

Likewise we have always had the companionship of our respective families, located so that we can observe holidays in traditional American family fellowship.

Our mutual affection for animals has given us the constant interest and pleasure afforded by "Mans Best Friend" a faithful dog.

Recalling the days of the steam traction engine and the progress and changes made through the years, helps one to appreciate the many advantages of our Democracy. While "embryo engineer to country doctor" was my particular path, others can find just as satisfying goals.

If progress brings changes in our way of life, then—(paraphrasing General McArthur) "the place of the steam engine and of the country doctor just fades away."

"So Mate It Be".

By the pen of H. L. Shafer, M.D, Cornell, Ill.

Memories of 45 years of Teaching Ending in 1961

My career as a teacher started in the year of 1915 at the Jones School, seven miles east of Pontiac, on the "Saunemin Road". The school itself, which is now used as a tool shed on the Paul Tronce farm, half a mile south of its original site, was in very good shape; but the furniture was somewhat antique. It consisted of a row of



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double seats on each side of the room, a tall unjacketed coal stove, a recitation bench, a teacher's desk, a swivel chair and an organ.

I had high hopes of hiring out at \$50 per month, but

the school board wanted me to accept \$45—we eventually settled for \$47.50. I had a total of nine pupils and six grades at the beginning of the year. There was no first grade until March, when a little lad came to me from a parochial school. His ability to read a little was a lifesaver to me, for I hadn't the faintest idea what to do with a first grader. I remember, too, that the little fellow called me "Sister".

While teaching at the Jones School I boarded with the Lutheran Minister and his family about a half-mile west of the school. In order to get home to Cornell for the weekend, I walked a mile and a half from the school to the station at Rugby, where I took the 9 P.M. I.C. train to Pontiac. I returned on the train Monday morning early enough to get to the school a little before 9 A.M. In bad weather, the minister drove me to the station in his horse and buggy, but otherwise, I walked. Some of the nights were very dark during my walk to the station. In those days we had no flashlights; and while some of the people had kerosene lanterns, I was not one of the fortunate ones. I think that sometimes I literally felt my way along in the dark, but it was Friday night, and that meant being home for the whole weekend—how I suffered from homesickness!

I recall that a few times during that year at the Jones School, I wanted to get to Pontiac earlier than the train would take me; so I started walking west, hoping that I might get a ride, and after two or three miles my hopes were rewarded. In undertaking the seven mile walk to Pontiac, I think I drew my courage from Miss Aima Murphy, who taught two miles west of me. Miss Murphy, who was then middle-aged, walked out on Mondays and back on Fridays; and said she could walk a mile in seventeen minutes. If she could do it, I could! However, though my age was less than hers, my speed was considerably slower.

In the spring we took a half day and all of us pitched in to clean the school. Then in the fall we had "corn-husking vacation" when the County Superintendent released the larger boys to assist with this important work.

A note of interest here is that Mrs. William Follmer of Forrest, who was recently chosen "Illinois Mother of 1961" is married to a member of the Follmer family who lived in my first school district, and Mr. Follmer's sister was my second grade pupil.

From the Jones School I went closer to home—out to Champion School four and one-half miles northwest of Cornell. Monday morning found me walking out to school, taking the railroad track for all but part of a mile. However, in bad weather, Mr. Will Wayman drove me out. On Friday afternoon school was dismissed at 3:30 and I walked a mile and a half to Manville to take the train home again. Once, when I was late, I was almost to Manville, when I saw the train coming. Downheartedly, I stepped off the track and started walking homeward. To my joy, the train stopped when it reached me, and the

Manville Station Agent, Mr. George Gregory (father of Mrs. Robert Girard) said to me, "Why did you turn back? Never do it again. You should know we wouldn't pass you up!"

During one two year period of my rural teaching, I rode three different ponies. The first was a brown and white one belonging to Kenneth and Mildred Gourley (now Mrs. Mildred McMenamin, my co-teacher of the first grade in Cornell). This pony's favorite trick was to come to a sudden stop, squat, and then attempt to roll, complete with saddle and rider. As I was the rider, this idea didn't appeal to me, so I engaged Amer Mill's pony, which was a good one except for one fault—he was weak in the knees. He would stumble and be up again as soon as he was down, but I felt this to be dangerous. I then rode Howard Wayman's pony "Star". Star and I got along magnificently with only one mishap—he collided with Myrtle Gingrich's car on the Vermillion River Bridge (between what is now Selmer Highland's and Clark Husted's) when we were returning home to Cornell from Lily School. The car grazed Star and he turned and kicked at it. Star got the worst of the deal, for he was limping so badly the we barely made it home. That happened on Friday, and on Monday he was as good as new;

While teaching at Sutcliff School, two and one-half miles west, I walked—once again cutting off part of the distance by going down the track. High snow banks, floods, and deep mud were always challenging to say the least, but somehow I always made it.

In those early years, we taught History in Illinois, Civics, and Domestic Science in the upper grades. At Sutcliff School, we had hot lunches, with everyone, boys and girls alike, pitching in to do the dishes and the general "after lunch clean-up". I think I might mention here, that naturally enough, the boys did not in the least appreciate this valuable domestic training.

In 1925, when I came to the Cornell Grade School, there were three teachers—Miss Irma Hewitt (who left in 1930 to go to Dwight, where she is at this time), Mr. Charles Koerner and myself. 1930 found but two teachers; 1935, again three; 1946, four teachers; and in 1950, six. In 1950, two rooms were added to the south with a new lunch room beneath. In 1952, we had eight teachers and added two more rooms above the first addition. 1955 found us with eleven teachers and the addition of three more new rooms: a gym, restrooms, lockers, an office, and a supply room. 1956 brought a principal, who was not a full-time teacher; and 1958 showed a roster of thirteen teachers and brought the addition of two more rooms to the north, a secretary, and two music teachers. This present school year (1961) brought us the services of a kindergarten teacher and a speech teacher.

In all my years of teaching, I have always had a first grade, and since 1952, I have taught first grade only.

I would like to mention at this point, that Mr. O. W. Smith was the first Superintendent in charge of both the

grade and high school. From 1925-1928, Mr. Frank Lutyen was the school custodian. Elmer Blue came to us in 1928; and he and his wife, Florence, are still serving us.

My first school directors in the Cornell system were: Dr. F. L. Gardner, Nels Lindquist, and Sidney Johnson. The district at that time was less than two miles square. Around 1942, we consolidated and added much more territory; and we are now known as District 426, Cornell Community Consolidated.

On my present board of directors are three of my former pupils: Don Cashmer and Irvin Burkett from the Sutcliff School, and Carl Swanberg from Lily School. At one time, it was my privilege to serve under a principal who was a former pupil in the primary grades, Mr. Lyle Miner, now of Cooksville.

During my very first year of teaching, I purchased a Brownie camera, with which I took nearly all of my snapshots; and this camera is still in use.

In the 36 years that I have spent in the service of the Cornell Grade School, 34 of those years were spent teaching in the same room, and I moved from that room to my present one only two years ago, in 1959.

I have always felt that school should be a happy place with a balance of work and play; and the work itself should be fun in joyous activity, especially in the case of small children. Some of the activities through the years, which in themselves are a very real part of the educational program and which are happy remembrances, are—school parties and programs at Halloween, Christmas, February parties, our Rhythm Band, Maypole dances, spring festivals, drills, activity songs, a trip to the woods in the fall and spring combining nature study and pleasure, and of course, the picnic lunch; perhaps a few walks around town observing changes in the seasons, and now and then a movie or film strip having some connection with our lessons.

The preceding words have been happy and nostalgic remembrances of the past 45 years. How our schools have grown and changed! In these years of teaching I have had over 1,000 children, each of them dear to me for his or her own individuality. In closing, let me say that an essential to good teaching is to love one's work and to love the children with whom one works.

I would give a tribute to all sincere teachers everywhere, in whom it is said rests the hope of Democracy and the security of world peace. "The glory of the teacher lies in his or her power to mold and shape young lives for worthy and useful citizenship. What greater calling? What greater challenge? Dare we fail?"

Miss Blake is now a resident of Evenglow Lodge of Pontiac, Ill.

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