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*"On the Banks of the Wabash"*

A sepia-toned photograph of a river scene. In the foreground, a large, multi-decked boat is on the water. In the background, a city skyline is visible across the river, featuring several prominent buildings and a tall tower. The sky is overcast.

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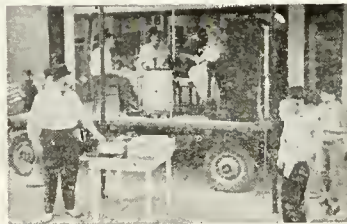
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**St. Francisville, Illinois**

**JULY 2, 3, and 4, 1962**

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## Foreword

We are presenting a short history of St. Francisville, Illinois. We have attempted to deal with phases of the development of our community by recording events in story form, as they are connected with our lives—past and present. It is impossible to give full credit to the many persons who have been so helpful in compiling this material. Our sincere thanks are extended to everyone who has contributed material, clippings, and pictures for the book; for advertisements contributed by interested people; and to all those who have helped make our Sesquicentennial a success.

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### Meditation on the Wabash

MRS. N. J. PEPPLÉ

The evening sun is setting  
O'er the Wabash old and gray,  
And I watch its lengthening shadows,  
As the bright light fades away.

And I fancy many pictures  
As the waters roll along,  
And I wonder not the poet  
Has its beauty told in song.

And I wonder not one's lonely  
As they wander many ways,  
And the thoughts so often linger  
On the scenes of other days.

So I view the rolling Wabash,  
And I note its every form  
Sometimes shining in the sunlight,  
Sometimes angry in the storm

Then I see the moonlight gleaming  
O'er the waters calm and still,  
And we hear the distant echo  
As it soundeth o'er the hill.

'Tis a bell we hear so often  
Calling on the other shore,  
Someone's on the other side  
Waiting to be ferried o'er.

Then we see the busy boatman  
Row across the waters wide  
And he lands the weary traveler  
Safe upon the other side.

Then we see the fortune hunter  
With his anchor at his side,  
Drifting in the deepest waters,  
For 'tis there the pearls abide.

Then we see the boats come freighted  
Some with produce, some with sand;  
Man must labor on the water  
Just the same as on the land.

So I've watched the rolling waters  
Of the Wabash far away  
And I see it moving onward  
In course that none can stay.

Then I think that life's a river  
And we are drifting down the stream.  
And the way laid out before us  
Is no vain and idle dream.

For the hand that guides the boatman  
O'er the waters dark and wild,  
With an anchor safely grounded,  
Never will forsake a child.

So we're sailing toward the city  
While the sunset lingers near,  
And we'll anchor in the harbor  
Ere the morning dawneth clear.

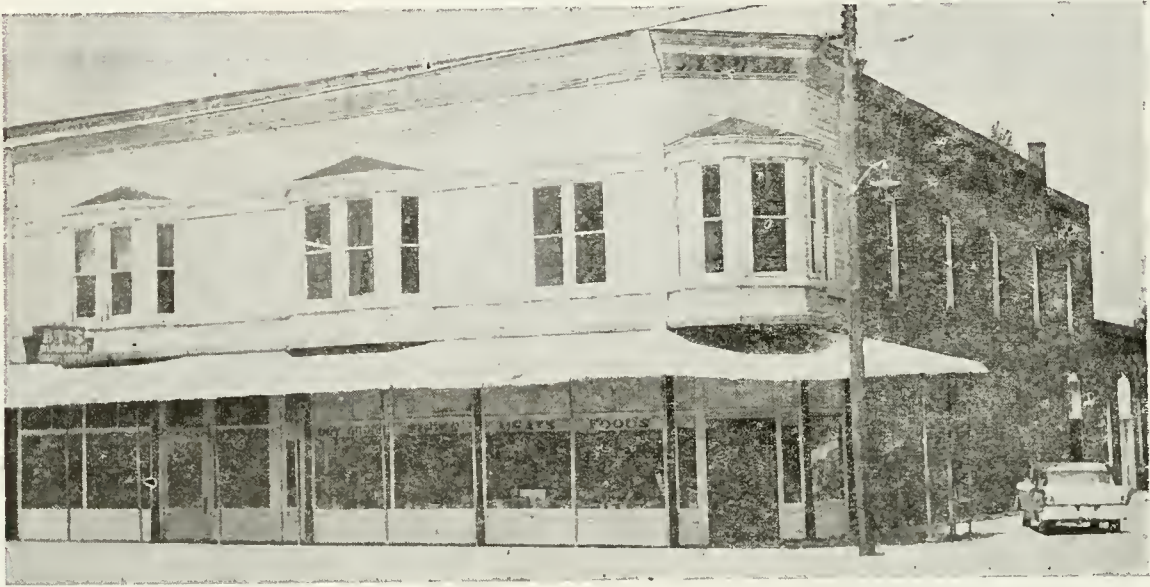
There to rest beside life's river  
Is a promise that is given,  
And to meet the many loved ones  
Will increase the joys of heaven.

Then we'll know why all life's changes  
As we drifted on its way,  
And we'll praise our blessed Savior  
In that land that's fair as day.

Mrs. Peppé was the mother of Oris Peppé who lived in the home now occupied by Truman Barnett. She wrote this poem while living in sight of the Wabash ferry and could see the musselers digging for pearls.

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# St. Francisville — My Home Town

The little town of St. Francisville nestles on a sandstone bluff overlooking the Wabash River or Wa-ba, which is an Indian word meaning "summer cloud moving swiftly."

This is one of the oldest French settlements in Illinois. John Mason Peck's 'New Gazetteer of Illinois (2nd edition 1837) states "French settlement, in the southeastern part of Lawrence County, ten miles from Lawrenceville, is a timbered tract and rather broken. Of the population which consists of sixty families, about one half are French." From 'Pioneer History of Illinois' by John Reynolds, 1852, we learn "These early French had many customs in relation to the common fields that were just and equitable. There was a time fixed that all should have their crops gathered. After that the fences were not attended to; and the same in the Spring to repair the fence and keep the stock out of the field. The Indian corn was not so much cultivated as was wheat. A species of Indian or hominy corn was raised for the voyagers which was an article of commerce."

"The old plow used by the French would be a curiosity at this date 1852. It had not much iron about it. The French seldom plowed with horses, but used oxen. The French cart was constructed without an atom of iron about it. When "Americans" came to this country they called these carts

"bare-footed carts", because they had no iron on the wheels."

The true French element has, in a great measure passed from our community. Names of families today connote emigration into our areas (1) from Ohio, Kentucky and Virginia, (2) the oil industry brought people from later generations from the same areas as well as from West Virginia and Pennsylvania.

In the early 1700's a military post was established on the present site of Vincennes, Indiana, by Sieur de Vincennes. The French led in the early settlement of Illinois. Their first object was trade with the Indian tribes. Second, the missionaries gained the grudging esteem and respect of the Indians.

Many of the French settlers in Vincennes came with their families from Canada. Others came directly from France! Later these came to the trading post on the Wabash—the present site of St. Francisville.

Joseph Tougas, (now Tougaw) is credited as being the first permanent settler of Lawrence County. There are conflicting records as to the date of his coming. One gives 1803 or 1804 -- another states he settled on the present site of St. Francisville in 1804 or 1805. He came to St. Fran-

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**There was a flurry of excitement at the depot when the Cannonball Express boomed into town. Trains, in the old days, had the fascination of today's jets.**



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Indiana was wet, and St. Francisville was dry, so this tavern was located across the river and under the trees. Why was it called "The Dragout"? Ask your daddy, son!

## St. Francisville - My Home Town . . .

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cisville from Vincennes. History pictures Joseph as a giant in stature with characteristics of courage and daring. He gained the admiration of the Indians by defeating their braves in their own games and contests.

Joseph cleared the land on which the town now stands and also a great deal of other land in this vicinity. He was the leading character in Lawrence and Wabash Counties—a man of prominence! He was married to Frances Valle, the daughter of Alexander Valle.

In 1805-1806 Joseph established the first ferry, which by its location on the westward trail became one of the most famous on the Wabash River. It was near this site that George Rogers Clark crossed the Wabash River when making his historic advance upon Vincennes. Those early traders travelling by canoe from Quebec and Montreal, Canada, disposed of their wares at this French

trading post on the Wabash. Often the settlers accompanied the traders part of the way back and then walked or rode down again on rafts constructed from timbers on the shore. Men travelled in numbers for protection from wild beasts and Indians. At a later period there was "the old shanty house" wherein supplies were kept—and the bell by which one summoned the ferryman. Pete Coy at one time used a wire pulley and two horses to operate the ferry. Mr. A. B. Jordan told me many times how he put up the first cable across the river. Today our ferry is one of the very few cable ferries in use.

Many changes have come since the day of the steamboats, showboats, (routes Terre Haute, Vincennes, New Orleans) and flatboats with Dave Hoyle as pilot. Hoyle knew the river from Vincennes to New Orleans, so Mr. Doug Fields (deceased 1953) told me during an interview in 1952.

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## St. Francisville, My Home Town . .

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The cargo of corn, pork, hay, flour, pelts, and beeswax always provided quick cash. Often times one disposed of the flat boat along with the cargo and returned on steamboat or on foot. Wood was cut, stacked along the river bank, and sold at two dollars per cord to supply the steamboats.

A "lighter", or small barge, carried 120 barrels of flour from Mt. Carmel to Vincennes. In Mr. Fields' words, "the boat was manned by 'two niggers', with a white man to steer." They would exchange the flour for merchandise. Doug recalled "Cobweb" was one steamboat which plied the river.

He also told me that back of the present Mrs. Ivers' property was a grist and saw mill. The same steam power was used and there were certain days for grinding grain and others for sawing logs.

Before the railroad was built in the 1880's Frank Root's house, the present site of Lawrence Bell's store marked the west edge of town. The Wabash Cannonball, one of the finest early trains came through St. Francisville on its run from Cairo to Vincennes. The tracks were west of the Catholic block in the heart of St. Francisville. The depot was just west of the Cabbasier filling station. There have been three depots. One in the north part of town and the last one at the end of north Eleventh street.

Mr. Fields watched the emigrating of the Indians from Indiana to Oklahoma. They were taken by soldiers of the U.S. Army to the reservation. Again, we see evidence of our strategic location on the westward trail. It was a good day for St. Francisville when Charles Parkinson came to our town. He had a store and eventually a bank, whose vault remains in east side of present building of the fire department.

The exact spot on which Joseph Tougaw built his mansion house is unknown. It had taxable value of \$300.00. In 1812 there was much unrest among the Indians, and to provide protection for himself and his neighbors, a picket or stockade fort was erected on the present site of St. Francisville, and named Fort Tougas. The pickets were 12-14 feet high and formed a city wall. At two corners watch houses or towers were erected. Within this wall were a number of log dwellings, for families seeking protection, and a negro hut for the slaves. (In 1814 Joseph Tougas



Dr. R. J. McMurray owned the first horseless carriage in St. Francisville, and here his two granddaughters whizzed along—as fast as 15 mph, maybe.

and John Stillwell were the only slave owners in Edwards County, Lawrence County was once a part of Edwards County.)

At night heavy oaken doors swung to and were barred. Guards took their places in watch towers, while the inmates rested.

A traditional story is that Joseph Tougaw was taken captive near Logansport, Indiana, by hostile Indians. He was given a choice of death by violence or acceptance of a "poisoned morsel." Joseph accepted the latter—was set at liberty—mounted his horse hoping to reach help before the "morsel" could do its work. This was not to be and thus ended the life of St. Francisville's first permanent settler. Another version is that he died from natural causes.

In 1834 the northeast section of the village was laid out by William Jackman and named Van Buren. Jackman was the grandfather of Aunt Jessie Clark (deceased in 1940). He was a prominent officer in the Black Hawk War. He located on a farm west of Bunker Hill and in 1836 moved to St. Francisville. On the north side of his home on 5th street he established a grocery store, later moved to the corner of 4th and Main street. In 1835 the land of Frances Tougaw, widow of Joseph, was laid out by William Jackman and surveyor Walter Buchanan, great grandfather of Walter Buchanan, RFD 1, St. Francisville, Illinois.

A hundred fifty years ago records were not as well kept as they are today. There are several

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PARADE—Bill Pavitt, Paul Tougaw, John Stephenson, Frank Potts, Sam Gray.

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WABASH BELLES CONTEST—Marjorie Cogdill, Audrey Ireland, Virginia Pavitt.

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PUBLIC HEALTH—Stanley Pierson.

WINDOW DISPLAYS—Charles and Marion Hovermale, John and Jacqueline McKelfresh.

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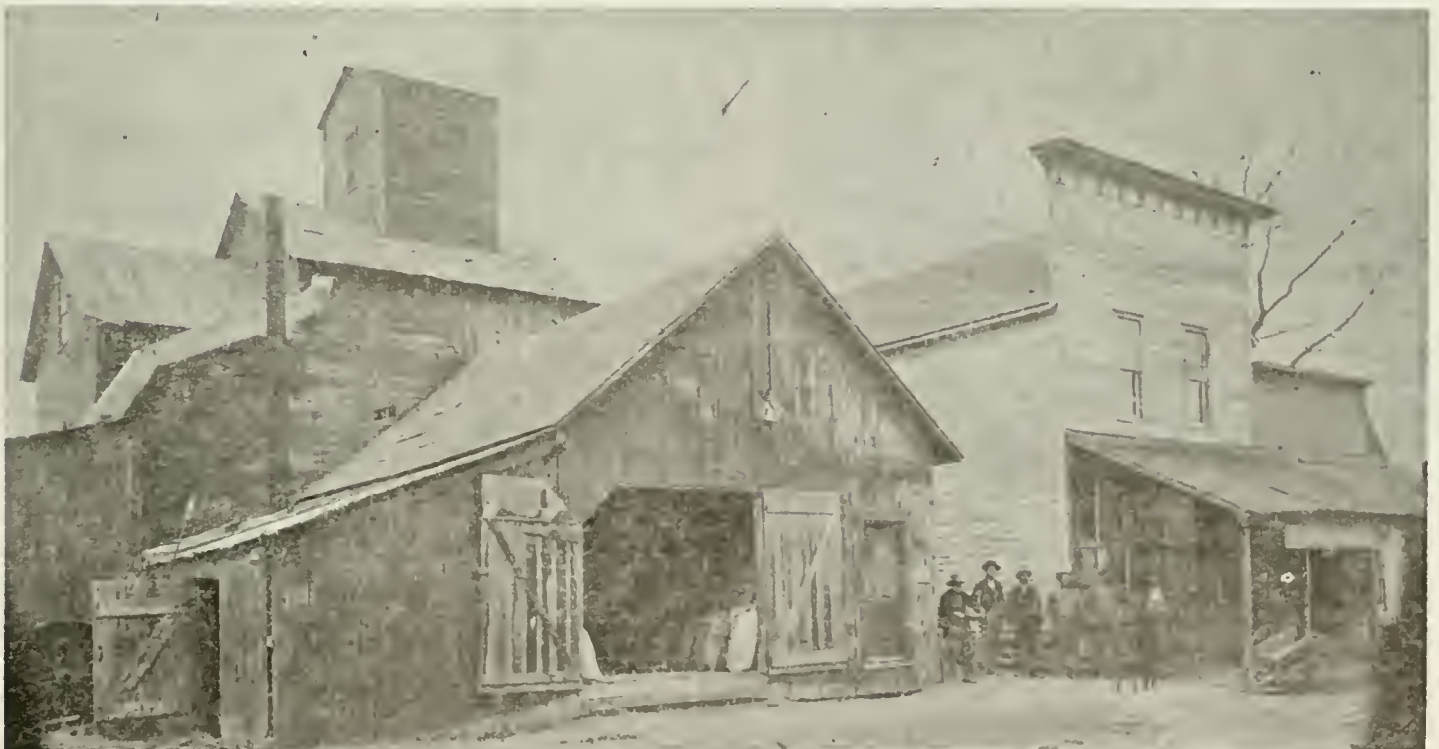
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## *Queen to Reign Over Celebration*

A Queen is to be selected to reign over the festivities of the Sesquicentennial. On the opening evening of the celebration the winning contestant will be crowned "Miss Sesquicentennial." Queen candidates and their sponsors are:

Karen Rhinehart . . . . .	Masonic Lodge
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O. A. Lovejoy—About 1860. Dr. Lovejoy also sold drugs

H. F. Cleary—Date of registration unknown. (Also practiced in Bridgeport.)

W. P. Harvey—Born in Kentucky in 1836. Certificate Dec. 29, 1877, recorded Jan. 5, 1878. He was a surgeon in the Union Army. Attended Indiana Medical College, Indianapolis, 1877.

Robert J. McMurray—Dr. McMurray was born in Hanover, Indiana, in 1852. He attended Medical College of Ohio in Cincinnati—graduating in February, 1878. Later he attended graduate school at Northwestern University. He began his medical practice in Linn (Orion), Illinois, in November, 1878. In the early 1900's he moved to St. Francisville, where he practiced for several years. Dr. McMurray passed away in Sebring, Florida, in 1923.

William A. Apple—Certificate 1892, Hospital College of Medicine, Louisville, Ky., 1892.

Dr. Vontress—Date unknown. College unknown.

W. A. Lyons—Dr. Lyons was born near Liberty vicinity April 23, 1861, the son of John and Sara Jackman Lyons. He graduated from the University of Tennessee College of Medicine Feb. 26, 1884, and began the practice of medicine in St. Francisville in 1887. In 1895 he became a registered pharmacist. He died in 1899 and his practice was taken over by Dr. J. R. Brian.

Harry N. Leeds—Certificate and registration unknown.

Anson T. Abell—Certificate June 18, 1895, recorded July 31, 1895. Attended Hospital Medical College, Louisville, 1895. Dr. Abell also practiced in Mattoon and Charleston.

Dr. John R. Brian—Dr. Brian was born in Wabash County, Ill., Feb. 9, 1871, a son of Martin and Melissa Schrader Brian. He taught in the district schools for seven winters and meanwhile attended school himself. One year at Danville and two years at Valpariso, Ind. He attended Barnes Medical College in St. Louis from which he was graduated in 1899. Dr. Brian was in practice 43 years. Just after World War I he moved to Vincennes, Ind., and practiced there until 1936, when he came back to St. Francisville and continued in practice here until his death Nov. 19, 1944.

Dr. Randolph F. Snider—Dr. Snider was born January 20, 1889, in Charleston, Ill., a son of Edward and Mary Snider, farmers. He attended common school and high school in Charleston, Ill., the Hahnemann Medical School in Chicago (graduating in 1913), the Army Sanitary School, Langres, France. During World War I he was a captain in the Medical Corps, 356th Infantry, 1917-1919. Dr. Snider came to St. Francisville in 1914 and practiced medicine until his retirement in 1956.

Victor MacMurray Brian—Dr. Brian, affectionately known to his friends as "Cheeso," was born in Linn, Ill., in Wabash County on August 7, 1891, a son of Martin and Melissa Brian. He attended grade and high school in St. Francisville Valpariso University, National University of Arts and Science, St. Louis, and George Washington University Medical School, Washington, D.C., from which he graduated in 1917. He was surgeon for the Cerro-de-Pasco Copper Corporation, Peru, S.A., in 1918. He practiced medicine in St. Francisville from 1919 to 1936. From 1926 to 1932 he was District Health Superintendent, and during this time he was instrumental in having the St. Francisville school children to be among the first in the state to be immunized against communicable diseases. He moved to Lawrenceville, Illinois, in 1936, and practiced medicine and surgery until his death March 27, 1945.

Frank Arnold—Dr. Arnold came to St. Francisville from Chicago in the early 1930's. He was born February 16, 1891, near Greenfield, Indiana. His parents were farm-



Dr. R. J. McMurray, beloved physician, began his practice in 1878.

ers. He attended common school near Greenfield, Indiana, and high school at Raleigh and Muncie, Indiana. He also attended Valpariso University and Lovola University Medical School, graduating in 1927. In 1936 Dr. Arnold moved to Lawrenceville and continued the practice of medicine until ill health forced him to retire.

Lee Roy Ireland—Lee Roy Ireland, M. D., was born in St. Francisville, Ill., April 3, 1910, the son of Roy and Sara Breen Ireland. He was educated in the St. Francisville public schools. He also attended high school in Lawrenceville. His pre-med school was taken at the University of Illinois in Champaign. He received his Bachelor of Medicine degree in 1933 from the Chicago Medical School, and Doctor of Medicine and Surgery degree in 1936 from the same school. Interned one year at West Side Hospital of Chicago, and six months of internship at Francis E. Willard Hospital, also of Chicago. He practiced two years in Chicago, then came to St. Francisville in the year of 1939. His present office is at 905 Main Street, St. Francisville.

(From "Medical Records of Lawrence County," compiled by Dr. Tom Kirkwood and Byron R. Lewis.)

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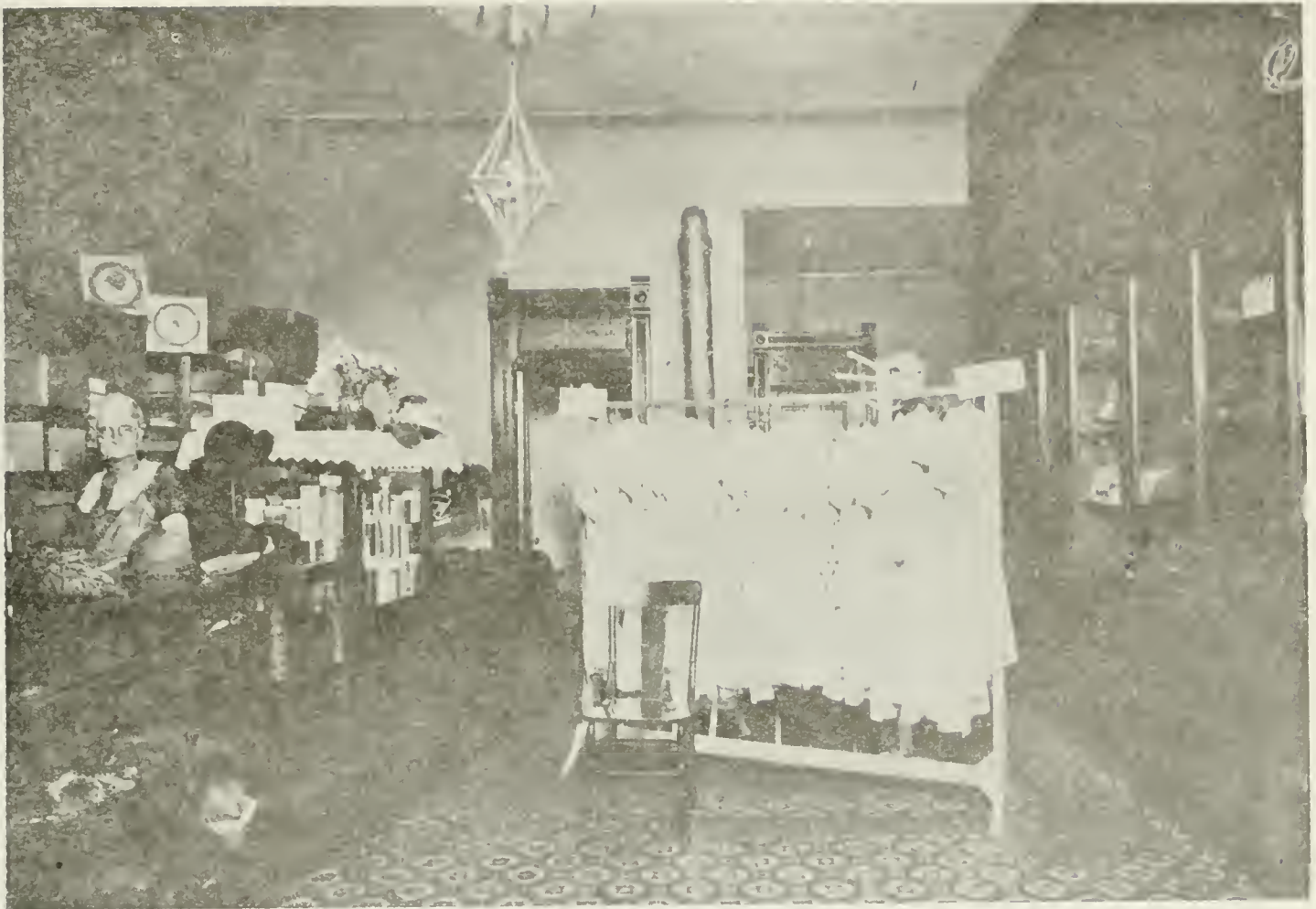
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By Addie McKelfresh  
(From 1947 Vincennes 'Commercial')

Sprightly and still young at "past 74," St. Francisville's milliner for the past 47 years, Mrs. Mary Pierson, would say to the women who envy her good health and vital interest in life, "Keep busy if you want to be happy."

And it would seem to be good advice, for this woman whose only hobby, in her own words, has been "making a living" finds happiness and satisfaction wherever she turns—in her business, in her church work, and in her friends. St. Francisville is her town; she's as proud of it as she is of the hats she has made for its feminine citizens.

"Making hats was an art in those days," observed Mrs. Pierson, recalling 1900, when she opened her first shop on the site opposite where her church, St. Francis Xavier, now stands. "You had to have a knack for it." Plus, apparently, the patience—and stamina—to work until midnight and after during rush seasons in the spring and fall, getting out orders for women who came in one Saturday to pick out the color, material, flowers and feathers and who returned on the next Saturday for the finished creation, and "creations" they were, too, for Mrs. Pierson designed her own hats, fitting the hat to the customer's personality—as much as the customer would allow.

It's easier, though, to suit the personality than it is to suit the customer. "You can see the type of hat for a woman," she says, "but you can't see what she will like."

She has seen styles come and go—and come again.

Today's fashion trend, for instance, seems to favor the feathers-for-trim of the milliner's heyday and to prove her point she presents the case of the ostrich plumes she dug out of a box in her smokehouse not too long ago—and sold. She had had them for 30 years.

Hats turned out by Mrs. Pierson and her aides, a number of whom later established businesses of their own, sold for from \$5 to \$25, averaging from \$8 to \$10 during what Mrs. Pierson called "high times."

"It's the workroom that makes the money in the millinery business," confided Mrs. Pierson, adding that she "handled a lot of money but didn't keep it." In the workroom the milliner saw her dreams take shape as her deft fingers manipulated the wire that went into the frame, the basic material, the braid or feathers that were added instead of the bright ornaments that later became the fad! "Why," she says, without bitterness, "anybody can sell hats nowadays."

Mrs. Pierson's customers came from all over Lawrence and Wabash counties, and many women from Vincennes made the trip to St. Francisville on the old Cannonball and bought their hats from her. "I could make hats cheaper than they could in Vincennes," boasted the white-haired business woman.

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(Mrs. Pierson's business was closed in 1957 and she passed away July 20, 1959, at the age of 86.)

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# *The Lumber and Blacksmith Business*

## **At the Turn of The Century, There Were Many Blacksmiths. An Important Business in Early Days**

In 1902 William A. Brian and Samuel Brian, brothers, started a lumber yard in a building where the present Collison's Store now stands; a building with two large rooms and a stable behind with a fenced enclosure.

The brothers were working in St. Louis and their father, Martin Brian, who had previously moved to St. Francisville from Linn (Orio), operated the yard for them along with his blacksmith shop.

In 1904 the brothers returned and moved their business further "uptown" in a building where the present Post Office now stands. They organized the St. Francisville Supply Company. The stockholders were: William A. Brian, Samuel Brian, Dr. Robert J. McMurray, Dr. J. R. Brian and Charles Moore. At this time there was no telephone in their office and when it was necessary to make a call, they had to go to the Exchange.

Another yard, McClures, was operating at the present site of the Builder's Supply Company. In 1903 it was purchased by the St. Francisville Supply Company and they moved to this site. Martin Brian operated his blacksmith shop in an adjoining building, where he was actively engaged in this work until he was 90 years of age. He continued in business in the same location making brooms, until he was past 95 years of age. Before moving to St. Francisville in 1900 he built the first buggy ever made in Lawrence and Wabash counties. He also assisted in designing and constructing an airplane before the turn of the century.

The lumber business at this time was quite prosperous. Among employees were Marion

Fyffe, Asa Armstrong and James Edwards. The first two remained many years, until their retirement.

Lumber was shipped from a distance—from as far as Texas. Redwood shingles, used for roofing, came from California. They were partners with William Freshour in a sawmill located where the Nick Potts home now stands.

Mr. Freshour operated the sawmill and met his death while felling a tree.

When the oil boom came to Lawrence County the first wells were near Bridgeport and Billett. Sam Brian opened a yard in Billett to supply the oil companies with the materials they needed to drill and put the wells into operation. This yard closed as the drilling neared St. Francisville.

They did not have delivery equipment of their own in the earlier

days, but hired city draymen Eugene Laughlin, Frank Wilson and Jud Black to deliver supplies for them. In one year they supplied materials for 45 houses built in St. Francisville.

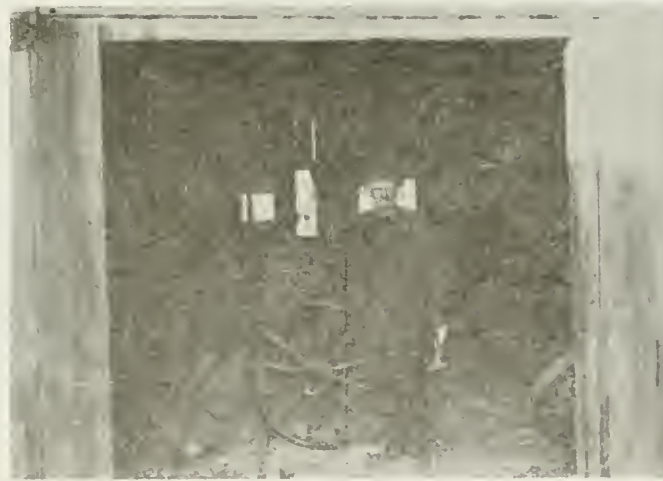
After Samuel Brian's death in 1917, William Brian managed the business. In the early 1930's the lumber yard was sold to Fred Brian, Sumner, Illinois, and became the Brian Lumber Company. Later it was renamed the Builder's Supply Company.

### **TELEPHONING**

The first telephone in St. Francisville was installed in the Dr. Wm. A. Lyons Drug Store with an extension in his home. It was a private line from Vincennes, Ind. Later, in the year 1900, a switchboard with about twenty-two numbers was installed in the home of Mrs. Lizzie Lyons (widow of Dr. Lyons), the present home of Merle Fox. It was a small boxlike affair which hung on the wall. It was large enough as there were only about eight or ten subscribers.

The present office of the General Telephone Co. of Illinois is located in the National Bank Building on North 7th and Main.

—Mary Edith Beard



Blacksmithing was an important trade, and Uncle Mart Brian plied it until he was past ninety. He built the first buggy made in Lawrence County, and designed an airplane.

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**FAR RIGHT**—Tobias Ramsey, grandfather of Mrs. Wreath Jordan, answered his country's call to colors in 1862, with many other St. Francisville patriots. This picture is a typical picture of the Civil War soldier.



**ABOVE** — Yesterday's Tougaws: Joseph Tougaw, son of the original Francis Tougaw, great - great - great - grandfather of Mrs. M. B. Fuchtmann, and his wife.



**AT RIGHT** — Today's Tougaws, brothers Paul, Bill and Charles stand behind their uncle, Joseph Tougaw.

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# St. Francisville Churches

St. Francisville residents have always loyally supported their churches and have devoted much of their time to their religious observances. Each of the five denominations now having congregations has a fine structure in which to conduct services.

Much of the early history of the city is entwined around St. Francis Xavier Church, for the original settlement was French, and the early pioneers predominantly Catholic. Through the excellent records kept by the parish, present day citizens are able to learn a great deal concerning the early days of the town and of the state of Illinois. (See "My Home Town" for further details). Father John Spors is the present pastor.

In 1891, the Free Methodist Church of St. Francisville was founded. At first, services were held in the house now occupied by Truman Barnett, and the first minister was the Rev. A. F. Niswonger. In the beginning, there were six charter members. The present pastor is L. B. Eggleston.

The United Brethren, which later became the Evangelical United Brethren Church was established in 1878, and the first pastor was the Rev. P. F. Kettering, who later moved to Terre Haute, Ind. Its first meeting of record consisted of ten persons who met on the banks of the Wabash and affected an organization. One member of its congregation, Dr. Paul W. Millhouse, is now Bishop. The present pastor is the Rev. LaVerl Cook.

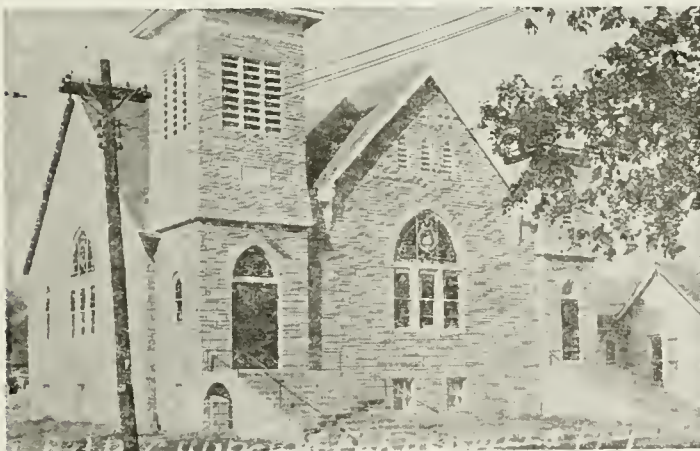
The Methodist Church was organized very early in the 20th Century, either in 1903 or 1905, and the church was assigned a pastor by the Southern Illinois Conference.

The St. Francisville church was on a circuit with Bethel, Simpson, and Allendale, and the first minister was Rev. I. N. Johnson. Rev. Roscoe Rose is now the minister serving the church.

The St. Francisville Christian Church was organized in October, 1894, the congregation at first meeting in homes and in an upstairs room of a building on the corner of Sixth and Main Streets. The first communion set, purchased by the congregation in 1911, is still in use. Rev. Larry Reynolds is the present minister.



Methodist Episcopal Church



Evangelical United Brethren Church



Christian Church



St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church



Free Methodist Church

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Barnett had four sons (Clarence, Byron, Dexter, and Gilbert) follow in his footsteps as barbers. The youngest, Eldon, is a foreman in a steel mill at Hammond.

He has worked at his profession for 71 years, and recalls that haircuts used to be 10c and shaves 5c. During his lifetime he has had only one vacation — and that was forced on him by major surgery. He feels fine, now.

Mr. Barnett has no special formula for longevity, but says that he quit smoking early in his long life.

He recalls vividly the boom times in his shop, when the Irish workmen laid the track of the Big Four, and gave him their patronage.



### August LeVieux Operated Livery

August LeVieux built the first house in St. Francisville to have a modern bathroom, when he opened his livery business in 1904.

He had a surrey with a fringe around the top which was reserved—sometimes weeks ahead—for the young bloods to take their sweethearts riding.

The Winston bus, which met the train at the depot, once transported the Chicago White Sox to the ballpark and Jean Griggs, St. Francisville's star, pitched against them. Between innings, the city "band played on."



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## *A Typical Family Picnic Dinner in 1912*



# St. Francisville Sesquicentennial Ce

## Sesquicentennial Pageant

LOIS McKELFRESH, Director

Presented July 2, 3 and 4, 1962

### — SYNOPSIS —

#### INTRODUCTION

This is the true story of St. Francisville. We present in episode form scenes which represent different periods in the history of our town.

#### PROLOGUE

Miss Sesquicentennial and her attendants

#### EPISODE ONE

George Rogers Clark

On their way to Vincennes, Clark and his men waded the waters of the flooded Wabash. It is thought that they marched near the present site of St. Francisville and crossed the river a short distance north of the ferry.

#### EPISODE TWO

Joseph Tougas

This scene shows the arrival of Joseph Tougas, the first white man to settle in this vicinity.

#### EPISODE THREE

Fort Tougas

Fort Tougas erected in 1812 was a place of protection for the early settlers.

#### EPISODE FOUR

The Early Church

In the early days the Catholic Church Service was held in one of the homes. Bishop Brute, a Jesuit missionary, would come here and say Mass, when the weather was too severe for him to make longer trips.

#### EPISODE FIVE

The Stage Coach

William Jackman and others eagerly await the arrival of the stage coach.

#### EPISODE SIX

The Trading Post

Canadians on their way south stopped here and exchanged furs and pelts for powder, guns and food.

#### EPISODE SEVEN

The Early School

In 1843 Colonel S. B. Smith taught the one room school.

#### EPISODE EIGHT

The Civil War

Young men from this vicinity answered the call for volunteers to fight for the preservation of the Union.

#### EPISODE NINE

The First Railroad

The railroad was built and trans started operating here about 1880. The Wabash Cannonball, one of the finest early trains came through St. Francisville on its run from Cairo to Vincennes.

#### EPISODE TEN

The Kings Ball

Kings Balls were very popular in St. Francisville, especially among the people of French descent. The social season extended from New Year's to Shrove Tuesday and during this time many parties and dances were enjoyed by the people.

#### EPISODE ELEVEN

World War I

In 1917 the United States entered the War that was to make the world safe for democracy.

#### EPISODE TWELVE

World War II

In the 1940's we were again plunged into war. This time our boys were sent to many parts of the world, some to places almost unheard of before the war.

#### EPISODE THIRTEEN

The Soaring Sixties

We have briefly relived scenes of the past. Now let us return to the present "the soaring sixties."

#### FINALE

A Salute to the Future

All groups of the pageant assemble.

#### FIREWORKS

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## Sesquicentennial Program

### Sunday, July 1:

- Morning—Religious services at all churches.
- 1:00-5:00 p.m.—School reunion in the gymnasium.
- 12:30 p.m.—Boat show in the river.
- 2:00-6:00 p.m.—Horse show.
- 8:00 p.m.—Union Vesper Services at the river.

### Monday, July 2:

- 7:00 a.m.—Flag Raising.
- 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.—Registration of visitors.
- All Day—Antique displays and visits to points of interest.
- 2:00 p.m.—Go-Cart races.
- 5:30-7:00 p.m.—Special music.
- 7:00 p.m.—Beard contest.
- 7:30 p.m.—Crowning of queen.
- 8:30 p.m.—Historical pageant.
- 10:00 p.m.—Fireworks.

### Tuesday, July 3:

- 7:00 a.m.—Flag Raising.
- 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.—Registration of visitors.
- All Day—Display of antiques and visits to places of interest.
- 10:00 a.m.—Dressparade and style show contest on Main Street.
- 11:00 a.m.—Sesquicentennial Band and Wash Belle Bonnette serenade on Main Street.
- 4:00 p.m.—Boat display and water show.
- 6:00 p.m.—Special music.
- 7:30 p.m.—Boy Scout Indian Dance.
- 8:30 p.m.—Historical Pageant.
- 10:00 p.m.—Fireworks.

### Wednesday, July 4:

- 7:00 a.m.—Flag Raising.
- 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.—Registration of visitors.
- All Day—Display of antiques and visits to points of interest.
- 10:00 a.m.-12:00—Special music.
- 1:00 p.m.—Grand Parade.
- 4:30 p.m.—Special music.
- 8:30 p.m.—Historical Pageant.
- 10:00 p.m.—Grand Finale and Fireworks.
- (Note: This program is not complete, and is subject to change.)

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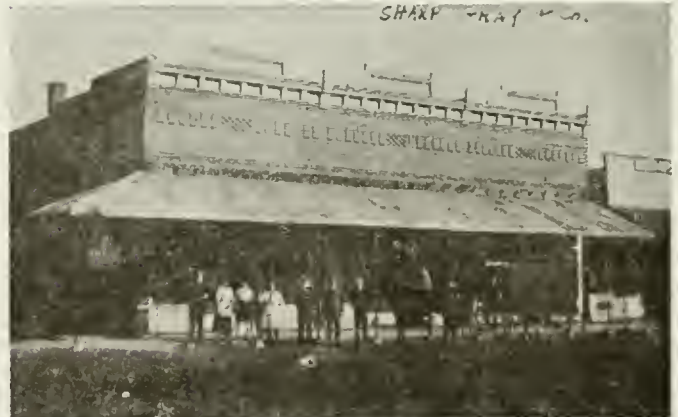


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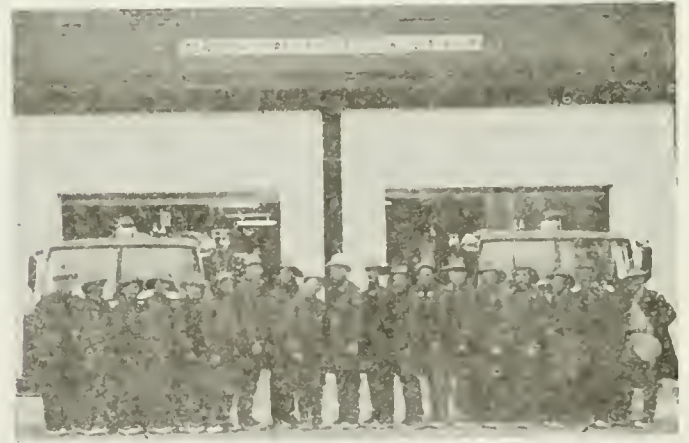
Members of the Sesquicentennial Executive Committee are shown above. Seated (left to right) are Betty Brian and Eva Mae Hall. Standing are (left to right) Fred Punlney, Joe Vangilder, John England and Frank McCormick.



The "Wabash Buddies" helped mightily



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Members of the Denison Fire District volunteers (above) labored long and well to clear the banks of the Wabash for the historical pageant site.



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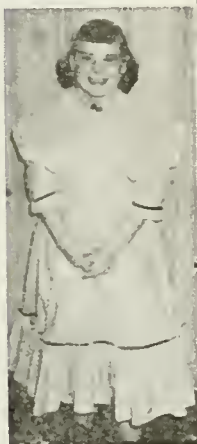
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ABOVE — Prentice Weed-en was "The Tinner" and came to town in 1907. He owned the shop from 1911 until his death in 1953.



The 1913 basketball team played 22 games and lost only one. It won over Vincennes University. Standing: (Left to right) Frank Cogburn, B. F. Shafer (coach), and Lee Beal. Seated: Olen King, Bernie Stivers, William Smith, Merle Lewis and Howard Freshour.



ABOVE—W. F. Boyer is the town's oldest living French-born citizen.

## Remember When?

BELOW—Wesley Schroyer vividly recalls those days of 1906, when overalls sold for 50 cents a pair and most brands of coffee were 18 cents a pound.



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My Grandfather, Mr. John V. Griggs came to St. Francisville from Bridgeport, Illinois soon after 1890, to establish the first grain, lumber yard, and hardware business here. The family remained in Bridgeport for a few years, where he also maintained a grain elevator and stock yard.

Mr. and Mrs. Griggs were the parents of four children—two boys and two girls, namely: Charlie, Bessie, Jess and Maude, who attended the Bridgeport Public School before moving to St. Francisville in 1896.

Grand-dad, known to many as "Uncle John," later sold his Bridgeport business and devoted his entire interest to the St. Francisville area. Here he expanded his business by buying the Main Street location at Eighth and Main adjacent to the railroad, which serviced the well known, "Wabash Cannon Ball." Here he built his grain elevator and second hardware store. The lumber yard, stock yard, and small hardware store, first in operation soon after 1896, were located on the corner of Eighth and Main West, where the brick building bearing his name, now stands. This is the present location of Collison's General Store, established and operated for thirty years by his daughter, Maude and her husband (Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Collison) and now operated by Ray and myself (Mr. and Mrs. Ray W. O'Dell.)

While engaging in these various businesses, my Grand-dad employed a number of local men, some of whom are living today. Mr. Bill Boyer, one of the oldest who was born in St. Francisville and lives today at the location of his birth, worked for Grand-dad. Mr. Boyer recalls that during the summer of 1895, he and Mr. Frank Wilson, deceased, helped pick and load watermelons into box cars

sidetracked at Billett. Grand-dad purchased these melons from the Kemp Farms now the "Arthur Akin Farms." As many as eight hundred watermelons were placed in each box car. Sometimes there were as many as three cars to fill to this capacity.

Mr. Edward Murphy, a retired farmer, of the St. Francisville area, relates that, as a young farmer, he sold his first wagon load of corn to Grand-dad Griggs. He recalls other business transactions made at the first hardware store.

Mr. Charlie Deckard, a resident of St. Francisville, recalls that at sixteen he sold "Mr. Griggs" a mule. Mr. Deckard then lived in Indiana. (It has been confirmed that Grandfather Griggs bought horses and mules for the United States Government.)

In 1896 he was appointed a delegate from this district to the Republican National Convention in St. Louis when McKinley was nominated as a candidate for President.

In 1909 Grandfather started the "new building," as we in our family termed it. It was finished in 1910. The "boys" Charlie & Jess were now associated with their father in the business.

Grand-dad had a great vision of a new and expanding type of business, because there were new products, such as the Reo Car being added to the list of items for sale. The old "Banner Buggies" must give way to the new gasoline propelled buggies. "Morse & Fairbanks Engines," (types of generators for electric power) were being distributed and installed by the firms of John V. Griggs and Sons. In fact the new building had been wired for such an electric system and the power it provided pumped a deep well in the rear of the building as well as operated the large elevator lift to the second floor.

St. Francisville was growing and many new businesses

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Farmers brought their grain from miles around and waited in line for hours at the elevator. At least, the long wait gave them a chance to chat with their neighbors.



John V. Griggs



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had already been established by other young business men. Grand-dad had sold his lumber yard (1902) to Mr. Wm. Brian and Mr. Sam Brian. This was moved to a new location soon afterward.

The elevator at Eighth and Main was moved across the river, in order to accomodate the Indiana farmers, who had been coming by ferry to deliver their grain to Grand-dad, here. (The elevator was then reached by the upper ferry crossing.) Old pictures indicate that quite a number of wagons filled with grain, during harvest, crossed the Wabash each day, and lines of waiting wagons were in great evidence. In order to encourage business with his "Indiana Neighbors," Grand-dad had paid the ferriage for these customers.

However, he did not forsake the grain elevator business in St. Francisville. He built one at the West end of Main Street. Those same scales are still in use by Mr. Clarence Moody who weighs coal at this point.

In February of 1913, a tragedy occurred in our family: Grandfather was stricken with a severe paralytic stroke, which claimed his voice.

He did not regain his speech during those remaining thirty-two years of life. This ended his business career. But he never lost contact with the outside world. His great interest was basketball. Although a whole new generation grew up not hearing his voice, he seemed to command their respect. He rarely missed a basketball game, and each season, the basketball boys saw him in their dressing room at half-time. He went to every practice and if he wasn't there they always inquired about him. He was "Uncle John" to each of them. All of this extra attention and kindness shown him, during those remaining semi-invalid years, gave Grand-dad a great measure of pleasure.

Geraldine Griggs O'Dell



Clarence Umfleet was coach of this 1910 basketball team, and the varsity members were Lee Beal, O. E. Gher, Wm. Smith, Enoch Potts, Frank Cogburn and Bernie Stivers.

People came for miles around to see the soda fountain Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Beal installed in the restaurant back in 1909. It had a marble bar and black bar, and sodas were 5¢.



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These two friends in business were known to everyone as "Cy" and "Louie." Several men were employed during and through this partnership business. Acetylene welding service helped many people and farmers with their broken implements. This partnership was dissolved in 1924 with the war problems and Louis then worked in a government plant in Evansville, Indiana.

Cy Hill continued the garage alone and enjoyed the machinist work. The business was sold in the 1940's to Mr. Amon Legg then to "Buzz" Eggebrecht. Mr. Hill continued his service until his death in 1949 across the street in the tin shop that is presently owned and used by the Gray's Shop.

## THE ST. FRANCISVILLE TIMES

The "St. Francisville Times" was a weekly newspaper published from 1909-1942. The paper was founded in 1909 by A. P. Spencer who operated it for approximately five years. Around 1915 he sold it to John Prout who edited and published it until the middle 1920's when he sold it to H. Brownfield Scott. Mr. Scott published the paper until it was purchased by Haskell Hall, who published it from 1930 until 1942, when he sold it to Mr. Roy Rucker of Bridgeport, Illinois. The Times is now a part of the Bridgeport Leader.

## CITY LIGHT PLANT-

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**Enterprising C. P. Hill built the first garage in St. Francisville, and his gas pump was supplied by the tank wagon at the right in the picture below.**



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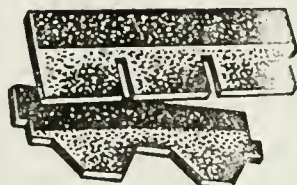
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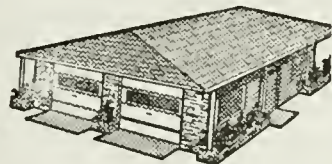
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The picture above is of the Coy House between Third and Fourth streets on Main St. The architecture of the house is typical French pioneer now rarely seen. At right, Jules Grandclair stands at the doorway of his home. Grandclair was a Frenchman by birth. The mansion of Charles Parkinson was given to the Methodist Church as an Old Folks Home (lower right). At the lower left, 'Uncle Joe' and Caroline Tewell stand in the yard of one of the oldest houses in the city.





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## St. Francisville, My Home Town . .

traditional stories as to how St. Francisville received its name — (1) Frances Valle Tougas named the town for the patron saint of the diocese, St. Francis, for whom so many churches were named (2) when the Jesuits came to the newly established village, they named it after St. Francis Xavier, their patron saint.

Frances Tougaw sold the first goods and Mason Jones built the first blacksmith shop. Jackman's saw and grist mill were built about 1837. The post office was established in 1838 with William Thompson, postmaster at a salary of \$7.52 per year. St. Francisville was incorporated in 1869 and its first election of officers was held February 27, 1869.

Under the bluff, some distance up in what was once the town, there was once a cave, hollowed out in the sandstone where traders hid their furs and wines. South and west of this cave stood the trading post. Main street was a trail leading from the ferry to the post, where Canadians brought their furs and pelts of northern game to exchange for powder, guns and edibles. This early prosperity was due largely to the visits of the Canadians, who came by canoe or rafts down the Great Lakes and Maumee River, to the Wabash and to St. Francisville.

The second foundation by the Sisters of Providence of Saint Mary Of-The-Woods was St. Francisville, Illinois. Quote, the History of the Sisters of Providence by Sister Mary Borromeo Brown.

"The next of the Indiana clergy to ask Sisters from Mother Theodore was Father Louis Ducoudray, St. Francisville, the second missionary venture of the Sisters of Providence in America, opened toward the end of the year 1842. Known earlier as Riviere du Chat, St. Francisville, was in 1842 a poor and small Canadian French settlement twelve miles south of Vincennes as the crow flies. Riviere du Chat appears in the Catholic Directory for 1837 as visited from Vincennes and Bishop Flaget and Father Nicholas Petit, S.J., had included this little settlement in their missionary tours from Kentucky.

"Sister Liguori was the local superior and Sister Augustine, her companion, 'a French sister and an English speaking sister' Father Ducoudray had asked for.

"The little school was a township school and the Sisters gave great satisfaction to the trustees. It was closed by Bishop de la Hailandiere in 1843.

(The Bishop had learned that the eastern third of Illinois which was under the jurisdiction of Vincennes was to be transferred to the new diocese of Chicago which was to be established about 1844.)"

Reverend Ducoudray is credited with building the first log school near the site of our present public school. (See "History of Schools").

The original frame church was down on the bluff overlooking the Wabash. The parish house stood approximately on the present site of the Yarber home and the church was about due South of the Parish house. Mrs. Frank Tougaw (deceased 1954) confirmed this statement.

She remembered attending church at that location. The building was later moved and used as a recreation hall. It stood on the northwest corner of the present lots. There have been three edifices. Mrs. Calista Breen (deceased) said undoubtedly there had been a log structure before the first frame church was built. The present St. Xavier Church with its sturdy brick walls and beautiful stained glass windows offers a contrast to the first little church which overlooked the Wabash.

With Joseph Tougas came his two brothers, William and August, and John Longlois, who soon moved to Wabash County. In 1809-1810 came Francis, another brother, who settled one and one-half miles north of St. Francisville.

Mr. Jesse Tougaw had an interesting collection of records which were evidence of business transactions in the early years. The oldest was dated 1801 and was signed Joseph Tougas. There is also a land grant signed by President James Monroe and dated October 1, 1821. Mr. Jesse Tougaw told me about his old home up north of town and how his mother kept two "hired girls", so she would have time to visit with company.

Mrs. Calista Breen — granddaughter of the first Francis Tougaw, brother of Joseph Sr.— whose home was on the site of the Ed Burns farm, told of hearing her mother tell how the Indians came when her father was a baby and wanted to take him for the day. They motioned to the west, meaning they'd bring the child back at sunset. Though hesitant, the mother permitted the baby to be taken. The child was returned at setting sun. This was evidence of trust and faith and from then on, there was no trouble with the Indians. Joseph Tougaw, Jr. had a store on what is now the Truman Barnett property. The important street of that time was Fourth street.

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## St. Francisville, My Home Town . .

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Mr. John Boyer told me the oldest houses in St. Francisville today are the homes of Barbara Cunningham, Wm. Hankins, Truman Barnett, Adam Wise (now Nellie Wise), Oliver Tussey, the former Mandy Clark property at the north end of Sixth Street, and the Tewell property, Riverside Hotel, now the home of Mrs. Matilda Bullard.

Mr. Boyer recalled as a boy there were no stock laws. Cattle were taken to the timber north of town in the spring. Milk cows were driven in at night and would take shelter under the porch of the Charlie Parkinson's Store (Present site of the Fire Department).

John Collison (uncle of the late John and Clarence Collison) had a coffin shop near Gerald Lane's home. He kept lumber and trimmings. Coffins were made to order. A \$45.00 burial was a big funeral. He was the first undertaker in St. Francisville and brought the first hearse to town. He sold his business to Hugh Cluxton, who located where the Methodist Church now stands. Mr. Cluxton in later years sold to Charles Spencer and Frank Abernathy. They in turn disposed of the business to Burton and William Gillespie. Mr. Charles Winfree was the next undertaker. At the close of World War II, Lewis and Lyle Tougaw established the Tougaw Funeral Home. They, in 1955 sold to Don Martin, present owner.

Among the names of early French settlers we find families of LaCoste, Greemore, Valley, Shirkey, Godaire, Bonaut, DeBeouf, Potvine, Deschaut, Rasico, Ravellette, Deloria, Boyer, Rousseauville, LeGout, Levieux, and Moyes (nicknamed Coy, meaning "spot" — originating, when Moyes went under the yoke from which his ox "Coy" had dropped dead, and assisted in drawing the load). Mrs. Frank Tougaw was of the LaCoste family. Her grandmother's brother was tomahawked by an Indian, while hunting. They lived on the sand hill across the river in Indiana. There were a few persons who had come from France. Barbara Cunningham's father, Jules Grandclair came from a little village called Blurville near Paris, France, in 1874 at the age of nineteen. He married Frances DeBoeuf in 1876, located on the present Roy Ridgley farm and later moved into St. Francisville. A custom in

many French homes was that on New Year's Day the children would kneel and wish their parents a Happy New Year in French. The parent would respond with a pat on the head and "God Bless You"!

St. Francisville remained predominantly French and for years many traditions were preserved. New Years to Shrove Tuesday was the social season. On New Year's Eve groups of young men (7 or 8) would trek from house to house singing a begging or treating song. They would be invited to enter and were given gifts of cookies, wine, liquor and tobacco.

The King Ball was an important social event. Invitations were given at random and the elaborateness of your "King Ball" depended on your social and financial standing. Fifty pound pigs roasted whole were a common delicacy. Whiskey, the common drink, was supplied by barrels. Dancing and eating went on all night. Guests departed before dinner the next day. A big event of the evening was the crowning of the Queen.

Byron R. Lewis, President of the Lawrence County Historical Society, gave the following information taken from John Reynolds', 'Pioneer History of Illinois.'

"About the 6th of January in each year, which is called le Jour de rois, a party is given and four beans are baked in a large cake; this cake is distributed amongst the gentlemen, and each one who receives a bean, is proclaimed King. These four kings are to give the next ball. These are called "King Balls". These Kings select each a Queen, and make her a suitable present. They arrange all things necessary for the dancing party. In these merry parties no set supper is indulged in. They go there not to eat but to be and make merry. They have refreshments of cake and coffee served round at proper intervals. Sometimes Bouillion, as the French call it, takes the place of coffee. Towards the end of the party, the old Queens select each a new King, and kisses him to qualify him into office; then each new King chooses a new Queen and goes through the ceremony as before. In this manner the King Balls are kept up all through the carnival.

"In the ballroom much order and decorum are observed. Two aged discreet persons, are chosen, who are called Provosts, one to select the ladies for the dance, the other for the gentlemen, so that each one dances in proper turn. It is in this manner that these innocent and merry people spend much of their nights in the winter. The old people regulate all; the time to retire and time to meet again. By this regulation much of the excesses of dancing parties are avoided. The young people are not so capable to judge in these matters as the old."

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## St. Francisville. My Home Town . .

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With the passing of the years many families would invite friends in for "Chicken Bouillon" on New Year's Eve to watch the old year out and the new one in. This supper would consist of chicken rice soup, crackers, celery and pickles. The evening was spent in card playing and dancing.

We remember the grist mills; saw mills; button factory; box and tomato factories; livery barns, which have given way to filling stations; blacksmith shops to garages; millinery stores; the old American Theater; the saloons and their tales of bloody encounter; the River Showboats, that would tie up and put on a week's entertainment; the floods, especially the disastrous one of 1915, and the big fires — (1) 1909 which destroyed Brian and McMurry Building, Griggs home, Dr. Abell's barn (2) 1922 a business block including Gillespie Furniture Store, I.O.O.F. Hall and dining room, store building, LeVieux Barn and the Boyd home, (3) 1940 Farmer's Cooperative Grain Elevator—a \$10,000.00 blaze. An oil boom de-

veloped in this vicinity. A gusher was drilled in on the Michael Murphy farm in 1914. Our population went up to approximately two thousand. The boom passed and today St. Francisville is a combination of an agricultural and oil community.

There are three places I would like to call to your attention. First, the site of the frame church overlooking the Wabash. Second, the old spring which for years was the main source of water supply. Third, the site of the old Jackman Cemetery, which lies a few blocks north of town.

If we take the date 1804-1805, the time Joseph Tougaw settled on the present site of St. Francisville, our town is more than 150 years old. However, due to the fact that it is practically impossible to establish definitely the exact date of the first settlement in a given locality, the date the village plat is recorded is usually taken as the date of founding. In the case of St. Francisville, evidently this was 1837. In this Sesquicentennial Celebration of 1962 we are commemorating the building of Fort Tougas in 1812.

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## *Banking in St. Francisville*

Organized banking came to St. Francisville in the year 1907, Mr. Charles W. Parkinson had been conducting a private bank in a room of the building known as the Sharp Building at Sixth and Main Streets since the summer of 1902. His business had grown quite rapidly, and through the activities of Mr. Parkinson, The Peoples Bank was organized and opened for business on April 1, 1907. Mr. Parkinson was president; Dr. A. T. Abel, vice-president; George H. Corrie, cashier. The capital stock of \$25,000 came from residents in St. Francisville and farmers of the community. In 1909 Mr. Parkinson died. J. M. England became the president of the bank and Joseph E. Diver was secured as an assistant cashier and worked with Mr. Corrie in the bank. In 1910 the bank office was moved from the Sharp building to a new site on the south side of Main Street between Sixth and Seventh Streets.

The National Bank was also organized in 1907 and was opened for business in September of that year in the Lyons building on the north side of Main Street. William H. Highfield and his son, Hugh, made up the office personnel. Others associated with the bank were C. L. Lewis, James H. Buchanan, Solomon Dager, and W. S. Cluxton. In 1911 W. H. Highfield retired from the bank, and his place was taken by W. S. Cluxton. Later Thomas H. Gutteridge and James M. Corrie were added to the office force. In 1914 the National Bank moved to its new location at the corner of Seventh and Main Streets.

In November of 1920, The Peoples Bank and The National Bank consolidated their operations and reorganized under the name of The Peoples National Bank of St. Francisville. The National Bank building was used by the new organization. Its officers were T. H. Gutteridge, president; J. M. England and C. L. Lewis, vice presidents; George H. Corrie, cashier; J. M. Corrie and Carl T. England,, assistant cashiers. T. H. Gutteridge, J. M. England,

C. L. Lewis, George H. Corrie, W. S. Cluxton, C. L. Stephenson, George M. Highsmith, Joseph Gray, J. H. Buchanan, W. C. Gillespie, and W. D. Milligan made up the Board of Directors.

For a number of years the new organization was quite prosperous, having the reputation of being one of the soundest financial institutions in the State of Illinois. However, with the stock crash of 1929 and the depression that followed, the bank in St. Francisville suffered along with all other banks in the country. On October 31, 1931, the bank closed its doors and did not reopen on the next banking day. The loyal people of St. Francisville and community came to the support of the bank. Stock changed hands, notes were purchased from the bank, and preferred stock was taken up by the Reconstruction Finance Corporation. Within six weeks the bank was again open for business with no loss to any depositor. At the time of the bank moratorium in 1933, the St. Francisville bank was closed just one day when permission was granted for its reopening by the Comptroller of the Currency. It was the only bank in this section of the state for many months and the only one in the county for more than year.

Economic conditions during the depression were such that banking was not profitable for small communities. By 1938 the stockholders of The Peoples National Bank decided to move their bank to the county seat. By so doing, it was hoped that the bank could serve more people, and that those who had invested their money in the capital of the bank would receive better returns on their investment. In August of 1938, the bank was again reorganized. The State Bank of Birds was purchased by the new organization which then moved to Lawrenceville under the new name of The Peoples National Bank in Lawrenceville.

—Vera Laughlin

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## *St. Francisville Today*

Time has brought changes to our town. There are new names and new faces. Many old names and faces are gone.

Organizations and clubs in our community are: American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary, Junior Auxiliary, Home Bureau, Kiwanis Club, Key Club, Woman's Club, Order of Eastern Star, Masonic Lodge, Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, and 4-H Clubs.

Business establishments in and near town include: five grocery stores, a general store, a cabinet shop, one barber shop, three garages, three service stations, two bulk plants, three insurance agencies, one lumber yard, one T.V. and appliance store, a farm implement dealer, a restaurant, five

beauty shops, one furniture store, a plumbing and heating establishment, two welding shops, a coal yard, a laundramat, a new dairy mart, a funeral home, general trucking and oil servicing.

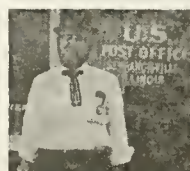
St. Francisville has one doctor, Dr. Lee R. Ireland, and a veterinarian, Dr. Carl McCammon.

We have one nursing home.

Recent improvements in our community include: Denison Fire Protection District, tennis courts, a new sewer system, a park on the banks of the Wabash.

We hope that this book has brought back old memories and preserved our present times for future memories.

Credit Must Go to Every Organization, Group, Family, and Individual  
For Hard Work Done Toward the Success of St. Francisville's Sesquicentennial.



**Sincerest Best Wishes**

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**in its**

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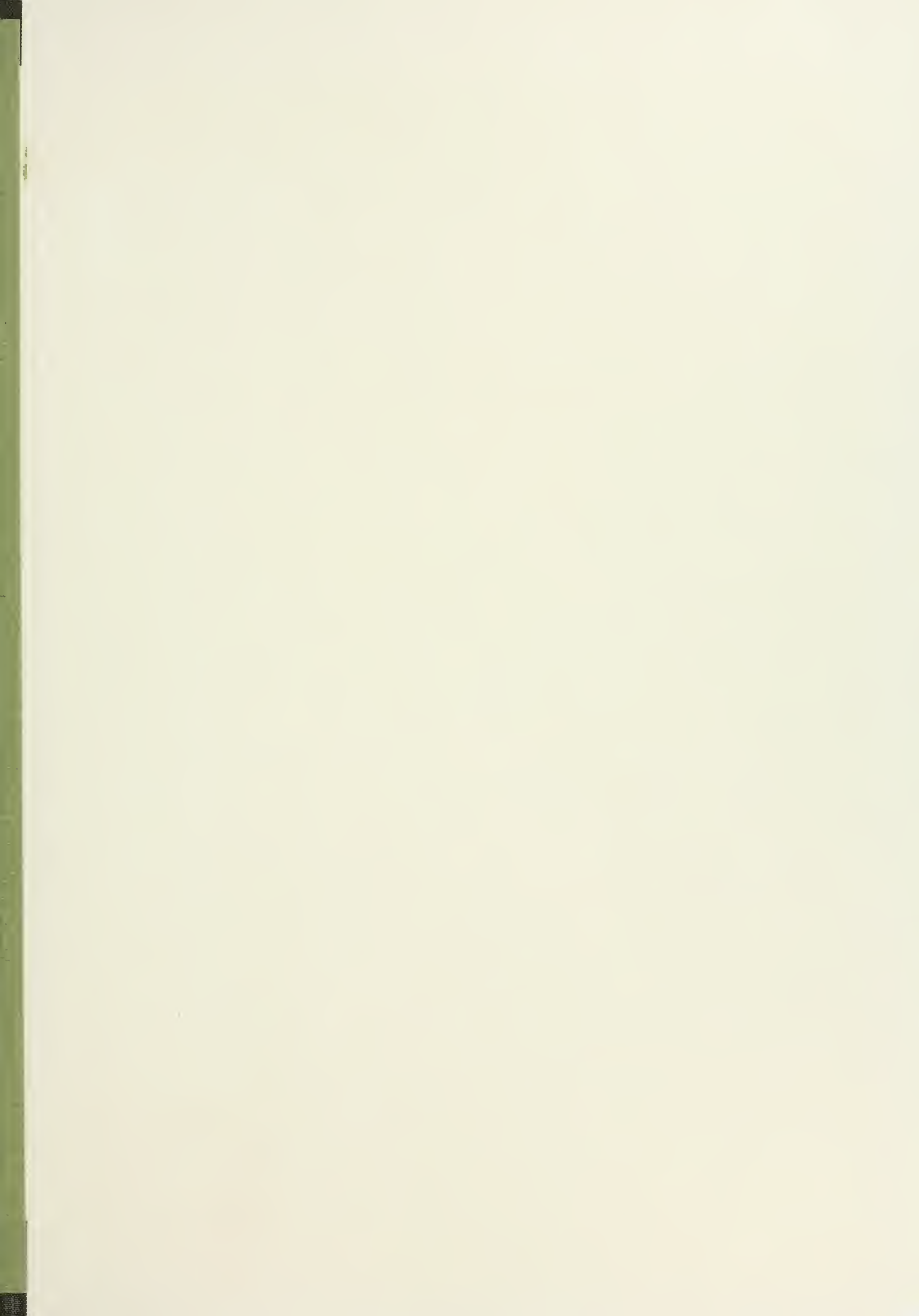
P.S.—Several “herds” of Elk will make the trek down the old Buffalo Trail to help observe your celebration!



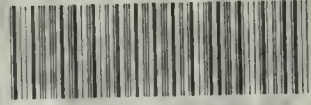
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