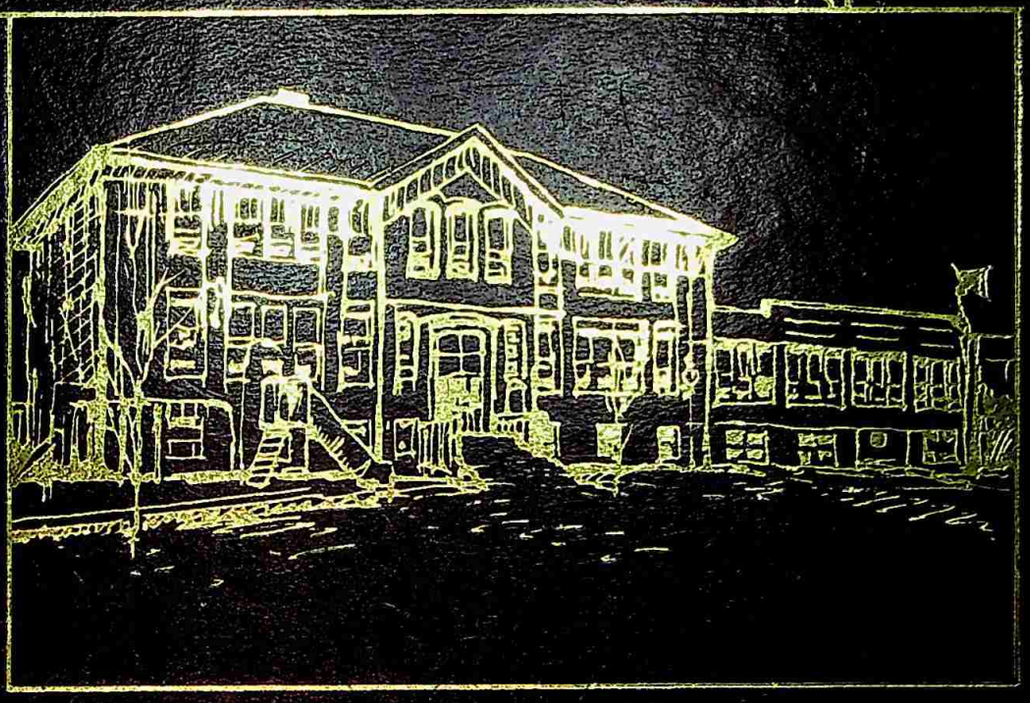




From Third Fork Post Office to Union Star, Missouri 1856-2006

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UNION STAR P.O.

1897

SCHOOL DIST.

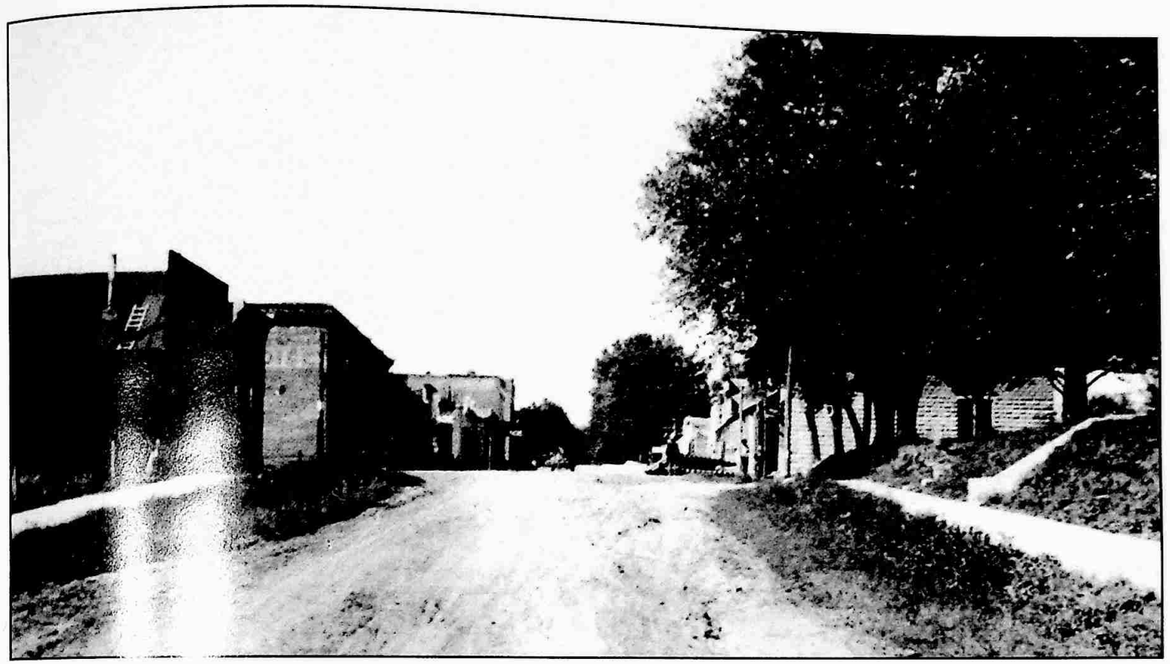
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UNION STAR



Union Star, 1905-1915 - Looking west up Second and Cedar (Main) Street

UNION STAR SESQUICENTENNIAL BOOK FOREWORD

The reason for producing this book is to preserve the memories and history, mostly the 1930s-1960s, that many of us in the 50 and up age group have of Union Star in its "Hay Day."

We remember that Wednesday and Saturday nights were "town nights." The new movie theater built in 1949 did a brisk business through the 1950s. There were four or more grocery stores, one with a locker/freezer plant, which were open until near midnight on Saturday, three produce houses to buy your eggs/cream/chickens/geese, two restaurants, two barbershops, two doctors, four churches, two banks, dry cleaners, three gas stations, two implement dealers, a grain elevator, at least two garages, a Chrysler/Dodge/Plymouth dealership, a vet, a newspaper and a lumberyard. There also was the CB&Q Railroad and the school, which is the glue that has held our town together for 100+ years. Most of these are only memories in our minds now, but we want the younger generation to know about them.

I would like to thank my wife, Rose, for helping me proofread, copy family histories, and make captions for pictures. A lot of the many old pictures of the town and area came from Mildred Moran, Barb Bulla, Patricia Irwin, Hazel Whorton, Becky Whetsell, Elenora Gorman, Flora Pyles, Donna Young and Claylain Moore.

A big thanks to all that sent their family histories and pictures in, for without them, this book would not be possible.

Every effort was made to avoid errors. If there are any, I do apologize for them.

The Sesquicentennial History Book Committee sincerely hopes you enjoy our town history and the fine people who have made up the community since its founding.

John Hutchcraft, Sesquicentennial History Book Committee member

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Early History

UNION STAR TOWN HISTORY TO 1956

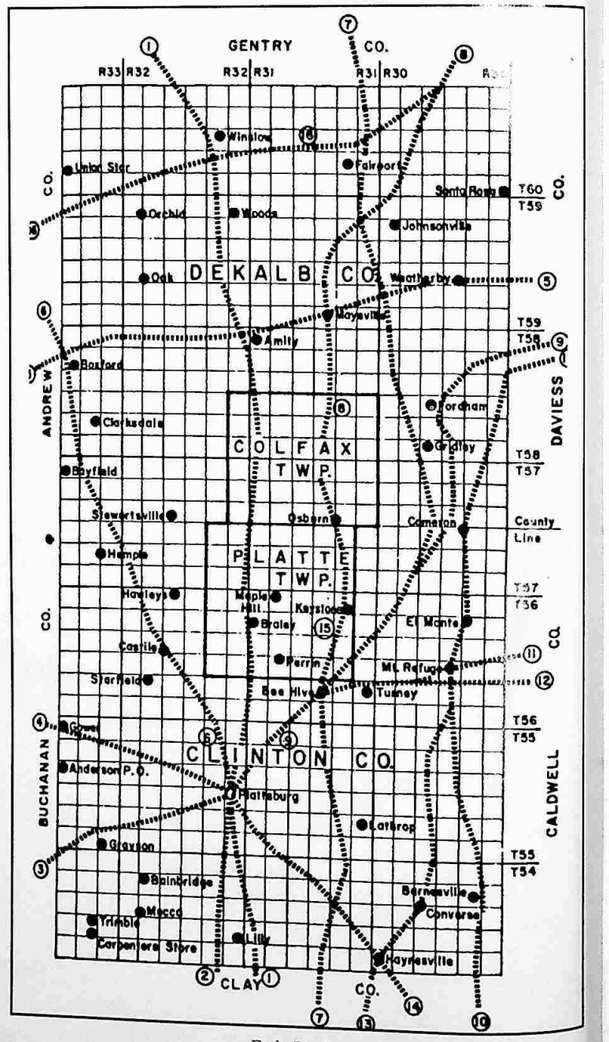
This enterprising little city is beautifully situated in the extreme western part of DeKalb County on the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad to which it owes much of its growth and prosperity. The country surrounding is one of the finest agricultural regions of Missouri, and the town site commands a beautiful and romantic view of a large area of country where elegant residences, large barns, magnificent farms and other evidences of material prosperity bespeak the presence of an intelligent and thrifty population. The town is a place of about 700 inhabitants and is noted for its beautiful location, excellent schools, fine churches, comfortable homes and intelligent and enterprising businessmen. The locality is proverbially healthy—what might be termed by enterprising physicians distressingly healthy—the high and dry location being a safeguard against the malaria and fevers prevalent in early times in the lower lands.

The events which led to the birth of Union Star originated in a general desire of the people of the neighborhood for a trading place nearer than Rochester, Savannah and Maysville. Accordingly, some time in the '50s, James Powell opened a small general store on land outside the present town limits and for some years carried on a successful business, his establishment having been highly prized by the settlers in the vicinity. About the beginning of the Civil War Capt. Story purchased Mr. Powell's stock and, after selling goods for a limited period, disposed of the same to a Mr. Weaver. In the meantime several mechanics were attracted to the place and following these came the hotel which, with the store building, a couple of shops and three or four residences, formed the nucleus of quite an enterprising little village. A man by the name of Ross started the first blacksmith's shop and to N. Zink the credit is due of opening the first hotel. A second store was started by Morris Brady who carried on a fairly successful business for about two years. In this humble and unpretentious way the little village was content to pursue the even tenor of its way until the prospects of a railroad caused the inhabitants to awake from their monotonous existence and dream of greater possibilities. The projection of what is now the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad through the country led to the laying out of a town a short distance east of the village, the survey of which was made in May 1879. The plat, as recorded, shows 11 blocks—143 lots—situated on the northwest quarter of section 34, township 60 north, range 33 west. The proprietor, Levi Sheaffer, at once offered the lots for sale, quite a number of which found ready purchasers as the admirable location promised much for the future of the village.

The building in which Mr. Weaver sold goods was moved to the new town, and a short time after the survey, a store building was erected on Cedar Street by James Van Gilder. This building was subsequently moved and used in the construction of a feed mill and cheese factory. Mr. Van Gilder opened a general store and, after running the same a short time, disposed of his stock to J. T. Simpson & Co. who are still identified with the mercantile interests of the town. W. M. Hudson erected the business house on Cedar Street occupied by J. C. Ogden, and the building now used by Ruby & Co. was built soon after the town was laid out by James Redding, one of the first merchants of the place. Among the first to erect residences were L. Sheaffer, George H. Brines, Dr. W. T. Whiffin and Charles Sheaffer. N. Zink built the first hotel of which he is still proprietor, and the second hotel was erected by J. G. Williams.

The growth of the town during the first five years of his history was steady and substantial, and the businessmen who located here erected buildings greatly superior to those usually found in villages of its size. The Shepherd brick block, erected in 1884 by Shepherd & Co., is one of the largest and most commodious business houses in DeKalb County and but little inferior are the brick storerooms of L. Sheaffer, built in the fall of the same year. The majority of the residences are of a superior grade of architecture and, taken all in all, the material prosperity of the town has undoubtedly outranked that of any other place in the county.

A brick school building, costing $4,000, was completed in 1885; and the Christian Church edifice, erected in 1887 at a cost of $2,800, is one of the finest specimens of church architecture to be found in northwest Missouri. The building on Cedar Street in which the Methodist and Presbyterian societies meet for worship is also a beautiful and commodious structure and a credit alike to the churches and village.



Early Roads



Ed Faul started the livery stable business in Union Star in 1906.

In November [illegible] citizens of Union Star decided to assume the responsibil[illegible]ting and maintaining a town corporation. Accordingly the necessary arrangements were perfected by the action of the county court at the regular November term. On November 9 of the above year, the following officers were chosen to put the municipal machinery in operation: J. C. Ogden, Milton Wise, G. H. Prince, J. D. Shepherd and John McMoran, trustees. The first marshal was John Bradshaw. The official board at this time is composed of W. S. Earls, John L. Newman, W. E. Piper, Amos Casto and James Lindley. James Murphy is marshal, John R. Needles is clerk and Levi Sheaffer is street commissioner.

Union Star Bank

One of the prominent features of the town is the Union Star Bank, established in November 1884, by W. S. Earls with a paid in capital of $15,000. Mr. Earls does a general banking business, and by his business sagacity, successful management and fair dealing has won for himself an honorable place in the confidence and esteem of his numerous patrons. W. L. Earls is the efficient cashier. The following is the financial statement of the Union Star Bank as prepared in September 1887.

Resources

Loans undoubtedly good on personal and collateral security
$28.649.92
Loans and discounts undoubtedly good on real estate security
...
Over drafts by solvent customers
1,044.69
United States Bonds on hand
...
Other bonds and stocks at their present cash market value
...
Due from other banks due on sight draft
29,043.58
Real estate at present cash market value
6,115.56
Checks and other cash items
...
Bills of National Banks and Legal Tender United States notes
2,142.50
Gold coin
...
Silver coin
500.00
Exchange maturing and matured
...
Total
$42,508.20

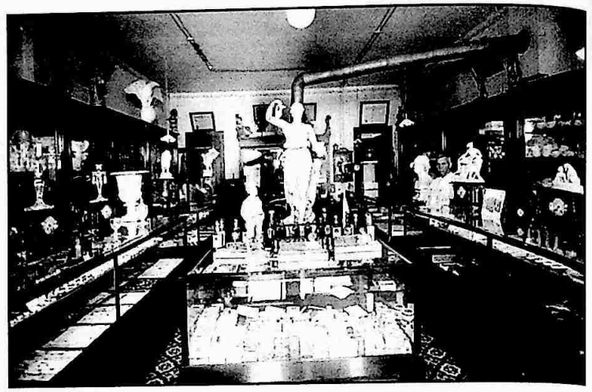
Liabilities

Capital stock paid in
$15,000.00
Surplus funds on hand
3,720.73
Deposits subject to draft on sight
23,787.47


Union Star, 1900s-1920 - Pump and horse trough in front of the building which became John Pickard's Grocery Store in the 1930s to 1960s. Notice wooden sidewalk. This is looking west up Main Street. Charlie Davis is standing next to pump.



Ott's Café in Union Star, 1925 - Ernest Ott, owner and Clark King.



W. H. Hodges Store (watches, jewelry and pharmacy) in Union Star circa 1910.

Deposits subject to draft at given dates
...
Bills payable
...
Due other banks and bankers
...
Total
$42,508.20

Lodges

Union Star Lodge, No. 124, A. F. & March, 1883, with a membership of about 18 of 20, a number which has since increased to 34. The first officers were George H. Prince, W. M.; Henry Knight, S. W.; J. J. McQuinn, J. W.; Henry H. Cochran, Sec.; J. F. Call, Tyler. In the fall of 1886, a beautiful hall was erected over Hudson & Hay's drug store where the lodge has since held its meetings. The organization is in a prosperous condition, and a spirit of harmony existing among its members bespeaks for it a successful future.

The officers elected for 1886-87 are as follows: J. J. McQuinn, W. M.; Marshal King, S. W.; H. D. Moyes, J. W.; Henry Cochran, Sec. L. P. Franklin, Treas.; G. H. Prince, S. D.; W. M. Hudson, J. D.; and W. T. Conyer, Tyler.

G. A. R. Post, No. 198 was organized September 18, 1884, and mustered by C. H. Burnham, special mustering officer of the sixth district. The following are the names of the original members: Samuel Stewart, Alexander Brashear, John W. Williams, Thomas D. Collow, Jackson Trulock, William Speaker, Levi Sheaffer, Amos W. Harmon, Enoch O. Briant, James E. West, Henry Knight, Samuel Showers, Nathaniel M. Zink, Jonathan Eppler, Sylvester Vennard, Moses E. Pickard and Matthias Atterbury.

First officers were Henry Knight, commander; J. W. Williams, S. V. C.; T. A. Brashear, J. V. C.; A. W. Harmon, chaplain; J. E. West, Q. M.; Samuel Stewart, adjt.; T. D. Collow, S. M.; Samuel Showers, Q. M. S.; Jonathan Eppler, O. D. ; N. Zink, O. G.

Present officers (1887) are J. W. Pierce, commander; William Speaker, S. V. C.; T. A. Brashear, J. V. C.; Samuel Showers, Q. M.; Enoch Brown, surgeon; N. Zink, S. M.; F. B. Taylor, chaplain; Jonathan Eppler, O. D.; M. Golden, O. G.; Samuel Stewart, adjt.; A. W. Harmon, D. M. S. Present membership is 30. A lodge of Ancient Order of United Workmen was instituted in Union Star in February 1882, with an original membership of ten persons. At one time the records contained the names of 21 members, and meetings were held at stated intervals until 1886. On account of having no lodge room or place of assembly, the organization was disbanded by consent of the members sometime in the above year.



W. H. Hodges Store, 1910. Arrow is pointing to Hodges.

Other And Present Interests

Union Star has not been backward in the field of journalism, a paper the *Union Star Herald* having been established in the town in the year 1882. The *Tooth Pick*, a live local sheet, was started in 1883 by Theodore W. Gulick who subsequently sold the office to John R. Needles by whom the name of the paper was changed to the *Comet*. The *Comet* is a fixture of the town and has a good circulation and liberal advertising patronage.

In 1887 a feed-mill and cheese factory was started in Union Star by G. W. Hicks who has already built up quite an extensive and lucrative business. The capacity of the cheese factory is 600 pounds of cheese per day for which there is a steady demand in the St. Joseph markets. Mr. Hicks has erected substantial buildings, and his mill and factory are destined to remain permanent fixtures of the town.

Union Star is admirably situated in a commercial point of view and ranks among the best trading towns on the line of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad. Its businessmen are intelligent and progressive, and the town boasts of having the largest mercantile establishment in the county. The following is an exhibit of the business for the year 1887: J. D. Shepard & Co., general merchandise and everything demanded by the general trade; W. M. Hudson & Co., dry goods and groceries; J. T. Simpson & Co., dry goods and groceries; C. P. Miller, confectionery; Hudson & Hayes, drugs; O. N. Noyes, drugs; A. Casto, groceries; M. G. Ruby & Co., dry goods and notions; Misses Kirtley & Graham, milliners; Stewart & Prince, lumber dealers; Mrs. Stapp, millinery; Veal & Autrey, meat market; Joseph Shearer and S. Wise, blacksmiths; Eades Bros., wagon-makers; N. Herbert, carriage painter; Lindley & King, livery stable; Bradshaw Bros., livery; W. M. Hudson, A. O. Varner and Dr. Hill, physicians and surgeons; Henry Boone, attorney at law; J. G. Williams, proprietor of the Williams House; N. Zink, proprietor of Zink Hotel; J. E. Lawhead, railroad agent; C. Caldwell, barber.

UNION STAR'S FASTEST GROWTH CAME IN THE '80S

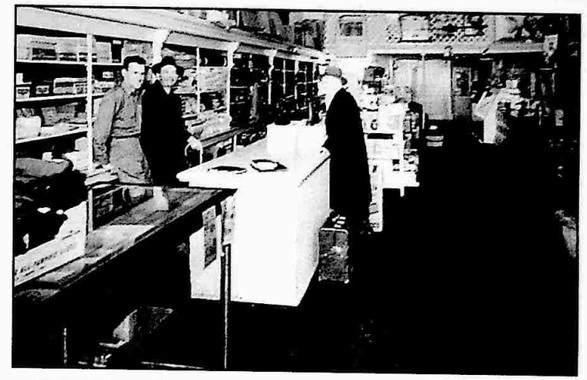
1850-1880 WAGON TRAIN PERIOD

Records show that the land was granted to David Miller in 1844, and in the early 1850s James Powell opened a small general store on the county line a half mile west of Third Fork—a block south of the present highway. A trail from St. Joseph to Albany passed through here in 1860. The stagecoach made daily trips between these two places. The store flourished with proprietors Story, Weaver, Barrett and Zink. It served as a post office and as a social center. The village, which was called THIRD FORK POST OFFICE, was given the name of UNION STAR. The word UNION was popular in this Union Territory and STAR frequently used in conversation about the new route.

Several mechanics were attracted to the locality and opened up shops. During this period there were at least five business places in the village—The Barrett & Zink Store, Morris & Brady, Drugs & Notions, Dunstan & Shuck blacksmiths, Henry Veale drug store, Herron's wagon shop. Dwellings included Zink and Barrett homes adjoining the store, Lowe home on the hill south, Pardee home and Shaeffer home down near the creek, Dr. Wm. Hudson's home and the taverns two miles east of Third Fork crossing.

1880-1930 RAILROAD PERIOD

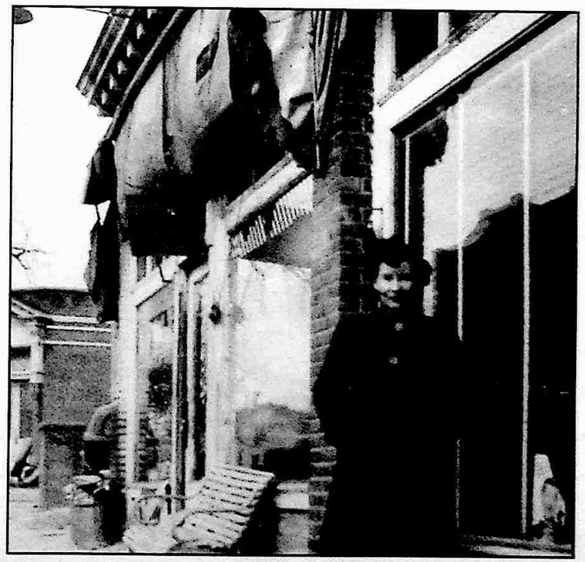
The St. Joseph and Des Moines narrow gauge railroad was completed in 1881 and two years later was purchased by the Burlington who changed it to standard gauge. The projection of this railroad



Pickard Grocery Store was located on Main Street of Union Star where the last Masonic Hall was located. It was owned and operated by John and Etta Pickard for many years. The picture shows the interior of the store taken in December 1949. Shown are Leland Graham, store employee; J. L. Pickard, owner; and a Mr. Brown, a salesman for the Douglas Candy Company
Submitted by Barb Bulla



This is the same store but many years before, maybe 1920s.



Union Star, late 1940s - Margaret McClain in front of the beauty shop. Notice "Old Bank" on left side of picture. This is on the north side of Cedar Street looking west.



Highway 169 being built through Union Star, 1932 - Henry Taube on machine.

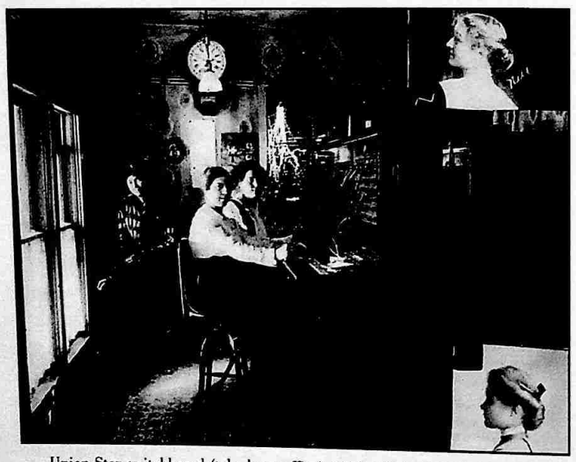
through the county led to the laying out of a town of 11 blocks a short distance east of the village. Levi Shaeffer owned the land and offered lots for sale at once. The business firms moved to the new location near the Burlington station. Mr. Zink built a large hotel and named it "Beehive."

Union Star, Missouri, January 4, 1884

From R. L. Hayes' scrapbook

At this time the newspaper was called *The Toothpick* and was edited by Theodore Gulick. At this date the town had less than 100 population but had the following business houses:

THE STAR MEAT MARKET - Brashier & Carr
AUCTIONEER - Isaac Linn
BLACKSMITH & WAGON SHOP - Shaeffer & Shearer
LAW & NOTARY PUBLIC - Boone & McMoran
PHYSICIAN & SURGEON - W. H. Hudson
MILLINER & DRESSMAKER - Mrs. Chittendon
INSURANCE AGENT -J. B. Zink
NOTARY PUBLIC & INSURANCE AGENT - A. A. Dougherty
THE STARR BARBER PARLORS - H. C. Cadwell
BLACKSMITH & WAGON SHOP - John Collet
MONARCH BILLIARD HALL - Ballinger & Co. Prop.
EUREKA LINIMENT & KING OF PAIN KILLERS - Wm. Carroll
DRY GOODS - J. D. Shepard
GENERAL STORE - Redding & Son
DRUGS & MEDICINE - O. N. Noyes
DRY GOODS, HARDWARE & LUMBER - J. D. Simpson & Co.
PHYSICIAN & SURGEON - Dr. A. C. Varner
SIGN & PAINTER - S. S. Hake
MEAT MARKET - A. S. Farrow



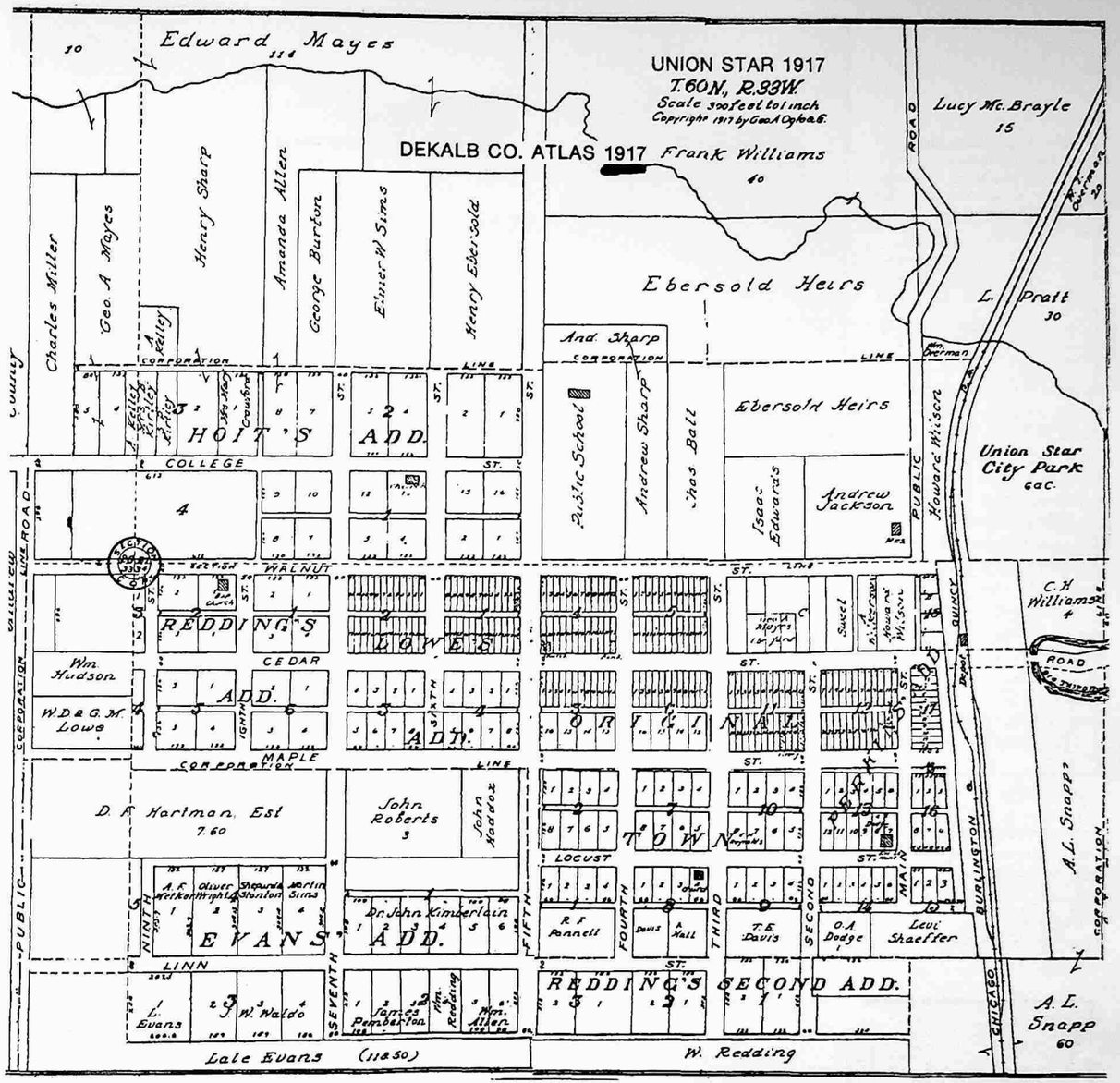
Union Star switchboard (telephone office), 1910-1920 - Bell Hodges sitting in corner in plaid top.

Polk Township

Among the first permanent settlers in Polk Township was Samuel Livingston who moved from near St. Louis in 1843 and settled on the farm where his daughter-in-law, the widow Livingston, now lives, having located the land the year previous. He was a Tennesseean by birth and came to this county accompanied by his son, Young C. Livingston, who is still an honored resident of the township.

James Robinson and sons Edward and Thomas settled in the southern part of the township about the same time, and the following year a third son, Joseph Robinson, moved from Indiana and became a permanent resident of the county. David Moore settled where he still lives in 1843 and as early as 1841 Marshall McQuinn and James McMahan were living in the northern part of the township. Ellis, William, Harvey and Washington McMahan, sons of James McMahan, accompanied their father to his new home and are remembered as substantial citizens of Polk. Joel Taylor came from Virginia early in the '40s and settled near the central part of the township and about the same time C. E. Vaughn moved to the northern part in the vicinity of Union Star where he still resides.

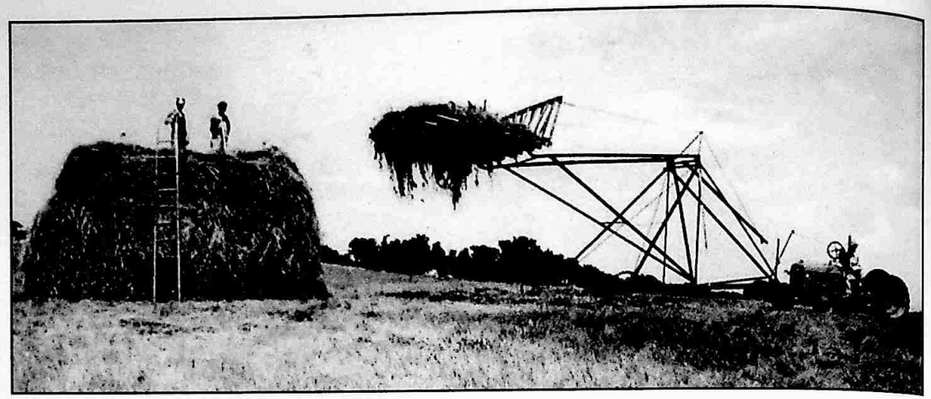
The site of Union Star was first settled by David Miller who came to the township about the year 1844 and improved the land upon which the town was subsequently built. Other early pioneers were



POPULATION OF DEKALB COUNTY, POLK TWP., AND UNION STAR BY CENSUS

By Census	1850	1860	1870	1880	1890	1900	1910	1920	1930	1940	1950	1960	1970
DeKalb Co.	2075	5224	9858	13334	14539	14418	12531	11694	10270	9751	8047	7226	7305
Polk Twp.		1003	957	1345	1731	1779	1478	1365	1295	1250	986	909	890
Union Star				72	272	439	388	434	414	411	373	392	417

CENSUS STATISTICS from U.S. Bureau of the Census.
New Boundaries for Polk Twp. created in 1870.



Oliver Ashler, Orin Aborn and Charlie Davis on tractor in the early-to-mid-1940s possibly on the Charlie Davis farm across from Orin and Nellie Aborn's home. Note the "J-Hawk" hay stacker.

Thomas McGaughey, Robert Fitchew, Joseph McCulloch, James Autrey, Simeon Herndon, James Shaw, Wyatt Kincaid, Mr. Ogle, Moses Wilburn, Robert Stewart, Carroll Means, Lewis Gilson, the widow Henry, James McKowen, Samuel Bray, Eli Bray, Mr. Trotter, Shelbina Trotter, Taylor Trotter, Brenton Trotter, John Ott, William S. Trotter, James Trotter, Isbon Cowen, Lewis Harmon, Christopher Pitzenberger, John Bray, Samuel Bray, —— Lowe, G. M. Lowe, W. D. Lowe, Fletcher Cowen and James Cowen. There are doubtless others entitled to mention in the foregoing list, but the omission of their names should not be construed as intentional.

The lapse of nearly half a century has not only swept from the theater of life most of those heroes of the olden times, but has dimmed the memories of those who yet remain so that some of them have forgotten the exact time when many events appertaining to our history transpired as well as those who figured in the early settlement and development of the country.

Taken from Goodspeed's 1888 history

Town's Stores and Services Adequate to Most of the Community's Needs

Approaching Union Star from the west on Highway 169 stands George Keyes' garage. It has been owned and operated by George and Nellie Keyes. Their business of selling Plymouths and Chryslers has contributed much to our community. They are the headquarters for Covall Hall's Standard service of taking orders by telephone to his many customers.



Remains of a two-story house from a cyclone in 1928 or 1929 west of Union Star, Missouri.

Don Theis owns and operates a garage and Firestone service store, keeping a well-stocked line of tires, radios, repair parts and electrical appliances. In the past few weeks an improved parking area has been leveled on the east side. Merle Spillman leases the service station, selling gas, oil and giving service from 6:00 to 9:00. Anna and Everett Ellis are operating the restaurant adjoining the service station preparing dinners and short orders.

The business district starts with Dr. Lyle Partin, osteopathic physician, coming here in November 1951, and bringing his family.

The telephone office is under the management of Loren Allen and answers all incoming and outgoing calls and is always ready to answer all emergency calls at any time.

The Union Star Implement Co. is being operated by Reuben Hutchcraft and Betty, rendering to our community a service by able mechanics and new farm machinery which is a necessity for all farmers and the equipment they use on their farms.

B. Wilkerson and Bernice own and operate the Wilkerson produce, offering to our community a valuable service.

Jake and Vesta Price own the hotel building, and they still have rooms for rent for transient or monthly guests.

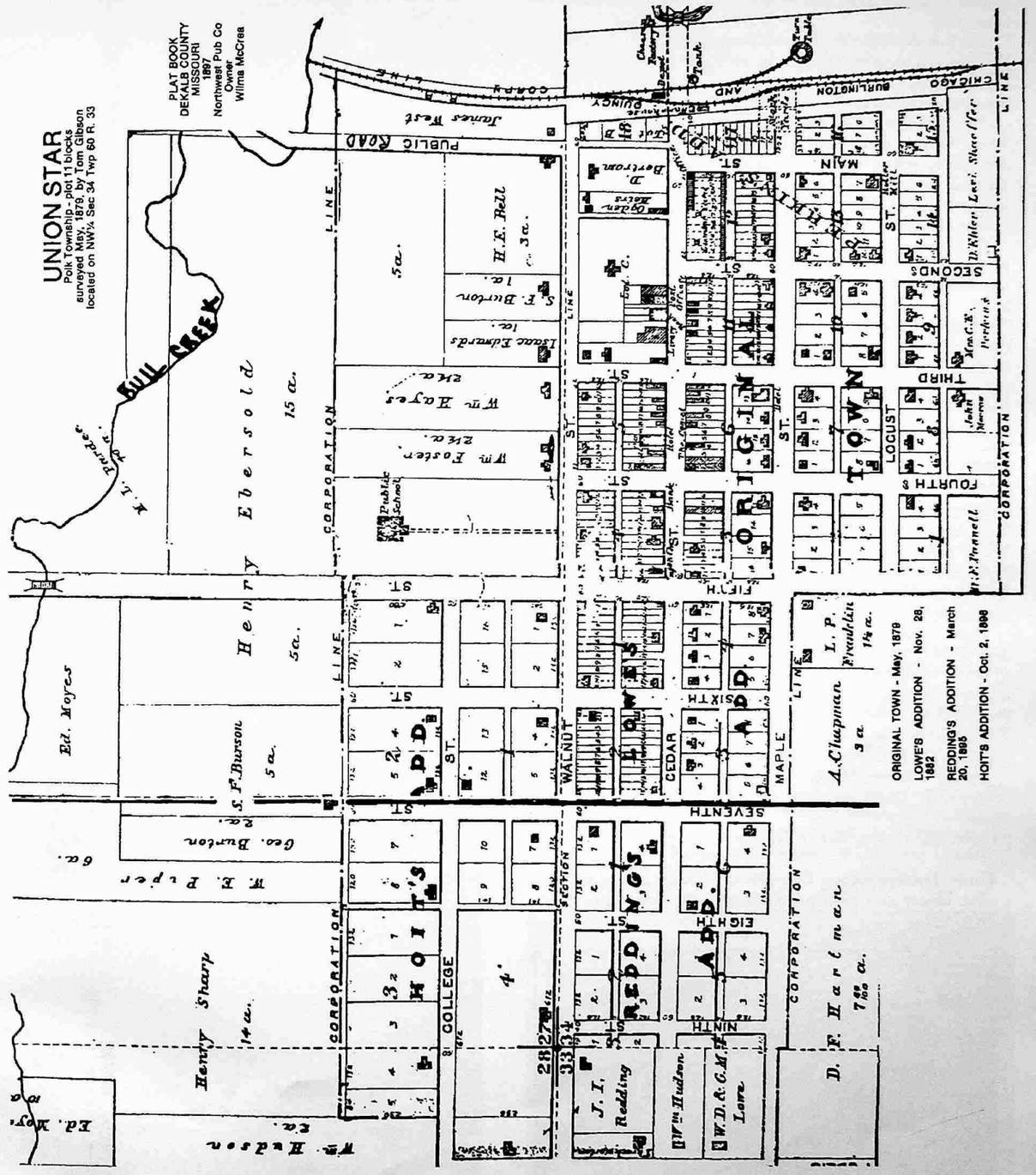
The Mitchell Restaurant is operated by Anna and her sister, May Simpson. They serve breakfast, dinner and short orders and are appreciated by our townspeople.

The post office is open for business at 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Our postmistress is Mrs. Willa Dodge. Her assistant is Mrs. Wilma Miller. Employees are always ready to help you with a friendly smile. There are two rural mail carriers out of the office. They are William White and Warren Gallinger.

Two barbershops are located on Cedar Street. One is operated by John Roberts and Bill Hall and the other by Bert Bottorff and Sam Simmons.



Orchid Station in the late 1920s or early 1930s with General Motors car parked in front. Gas was ten cents per gallon.



The beauty shop is operated by Judy Lewis. She serves our community with advice on new hairstyles and beauty aids. She will soon move her shop into the new building next to the hotel which is being erected by her husband, Keith, who will also maintain an office in the same building. He is salesman in this territory for the M.F.A. Insurance agency. They both render a much needed service in our community.

The Farmers State and Peoples Bank is located in the center of our town and provides a service for all depositors.

The Hayes Cleaners offers a cleaning service known not only in our community but in many others as well.

The Wilkerson Grocery is owned and operated by Lloyd and Verna. Not only do they sell groceries, but also they have a line of dry goods, school and drug supplies and notions. Wilkerson Hardware is owned by Bruce and Cleta and Alberta Graham. This is an outstanding store for a community of this size and does a large volume of business.

On January 1, 1956, Moore's Market, formerly known as Reddings Grocery, was purchased by Dale, Claylain and Mike Moore. They have been serving our community in the grocery line and locker facilities.

Charlie Jenkins owns the Phillips 66 station and operates the oil truck in and out of town.

Gene Troncin came to us in 1955 and has opened up his own place of business, selling parts, overhauling cars and trucks, mechanical work and work of other kinds.

Bill and Edith Laffoon are not only in the produce business, but have recently installed two new gasoline pumps, adding an additional service to their many customers.

J. L. Pickard Grocery is owned and operated by John and Etta, carrying groceries of all kinds, linens and drug articles, a line of shoes and many articles needed in every home in our community.

Our elevator has been operated for the past two years by Roy Clay and Jim Young who, with his family, recently moved from King City. Their business of buying and selling feed and grain in our community is a valuable asset.

Frances Arnold is our depot agent handling all the freight business of the C. B. and Q. Railroad.

Moyes Lumber Co., owned by Palmer and Grace, offers our community a service which is known throughout our territory with prompt delivery service of all their building materials. Wally Teaford is a new oil and gas man in our community. Delivery is his business, and he can be reached at his home.

George Wise and Marjorie are located in the building formerly occupied by Leslie Belton. They are selling different kinds of seeds.

Submitted by Mrs. Warren Gallinger

Three Transportation Eras Divide Town's First Century

The history of Union Star has been influenced more by the avenues of approach and modes of travel than any other factor. Our town owes its location, origin and growth mainly to arteries of accessibility. With this in mind we may consider three distinct phases in the history of the city—the wagon trail period 1850-1880; the railroad era 1880-1930; and the highway age.

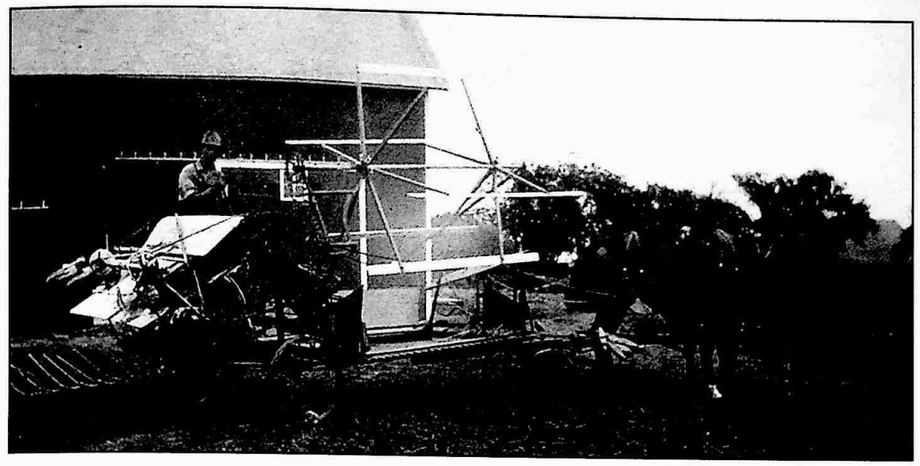
Records show that this land had been granted to David Miller in 1844. The events which led to the birth of the village originated in a general desire of the people of the neighborhood for a trading place. In the early 1850s James Powell opened a small general store on the county line about a half mile west of Third Fork—a block south of the present highway. A trail from St. Joseph to Albany passed through here, and by 1860 a stagecoach made daily trips between the two places. The store flourished with proprietors Story, Weaver, Barrett and Zinc. It also served as a post office and as a social center.



Union Star, Missouri, area - "Threshing wheat or oats, late 1910s or early 1920s.



Windmill on A. E. Ebersold's farm, 1910 - This windmill pumped water to a tank in their attic of their new home. It provided water for a bathroom with a stool and tub and also down to a "lavatory" (we would call it a mud room today) beside the kitchen so hired hands could wash up. The Ebersold family liked to take unusual pictures when Millie Carpenter came with her camera. Bottom: Standing - Millie (Ebersold) Carpenter and sitting - Norman Ebersold. Middle: Erma (Ebersold) Hayes. Top: Neva (Ebersold) Veale and Julia (Ebersold) Bermond.



Galen Ebersold is on a corn binder pulled by a team of horses on his parents' farm. Albert and Clara lived west of the Orchid schoolhouse about two miles. He was their right-hand man.

Several mechanics were attracted to the locality and opened up shops. During this period there were at least five business places in the village—The Barrett and Zinc Store; Morris, Brady drugs and notions; Dunstan and Struck, blacksmiths; Henry Veale, drugstore; Newmandorff shoe store; and Herron's wagon shop.

Dwellings included Zinc and Barrett homes adjoining the store, Lowe home on the hill to the south; Pardee home where H. M. Wilson home now is; and Shaffer home down near the creek.

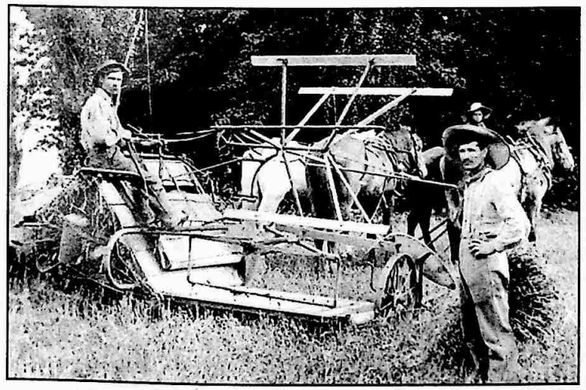
The village doctor, William Hudson, built a home now owned by Roscoe Miller.

Freight wagons ran from St. Joseph to Albany, and often the drivers stopped overnight at the brick tavern about two miles east of Third Fork crossing. From up the line farmers driving stock to market found corrals there for overnight.

People in the village attended church at Oak Grove, and the children went to school in a building about a half mile east of Third Fork.

The Railroad Era

So the village pursued the even tenor of its way until the prospects of a railroad caused the folks to awake to a dream of greater possibilities as they approached the second era in our history—the railroad age. The St. Joseph and Des Moines narrow gauge railroad was completed in 1881 and two years later was purchased by the Burlington who changed it to standard gauge. The projection of this railroad through the country led to the laying out of a town of 11 blocks a short distance east of the village. Levi Shaeffer owned the land, but he offered the lots for sale as soon as the plot was made. These found ready purchasers as the admirable location promised much for the future of the village. The business firms from the village soon moved to the new location near the Burlington station. Mr. Zinc, after moving his store, built a large hotel in the first block west of the station and named it "The Beehive." The growth of the town during the next five years was steady and substantial, and the businessmen who located here erected buildings of good quality. Mr. Shaeffer put up the first brick building, Shaeffer Hall, now owned by the Masonic Lodge, burning the brick in his own kiln. The upper story was used as a town hall while the first floor furnished space for shops. Two other brick buildings, the Shepard building now owned by the I.O.O.F., and the J. T. Simpson building, now owned by J. L. Pickard, along with Shaeffer Hall, stood out as landmarks among the trailing wooden buildings along the street.

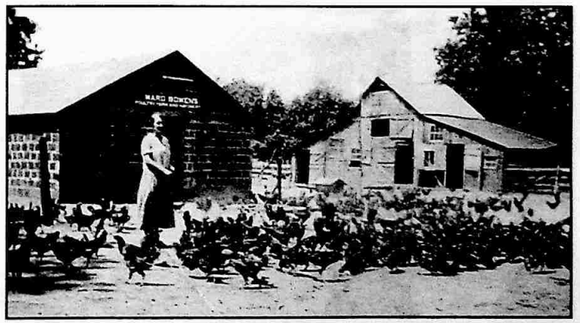


Front: Brothers John and Charles Brink. Boy on horse is Charles' son, Ivan.

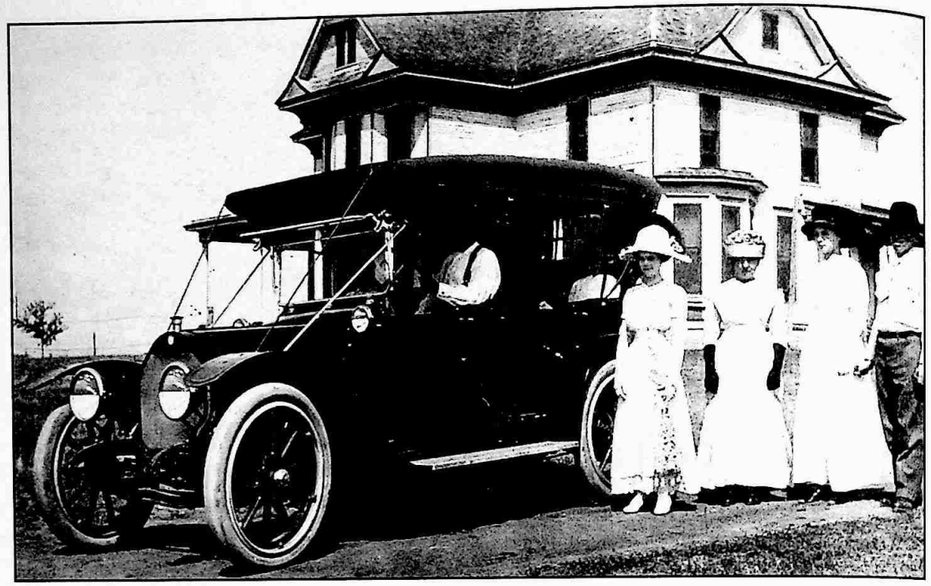
Fastest Growth in '80s

In November 1882, the village was incorporated and soon measures were taken for street maintenance, the building of sidewalks, hitch racks and street lamp posts.

This decade marked the fastest growing period in the town's history. By 1885 two churches, the Methodist and Christian, had been built and a brick school building costing $4,000 had been erected. Mr. Nat Pardee had given land for school ground and cemetery. A newspaper *The Union Star Herald* was published as early as 1882. An issue gives the following exhibit of businesses for the year: W. S. Earl, Union Star Bank Capital $15,000. J. D. Shepard and Company, General Merchandise; William Hudson, Dry Goods and



First hatchery and first hen house in background - Mary Bowen with Anconas (chickens) at Shady Brook Farm.



This 1912 Velie was the first automobile was owned by Mr. A. E. Ebersold. Mr. Ebersold and son Norman are in the front seat, and Erma (Ebersold) Hayes is in the back seat. Standing are Julia (Ebersold) Bermond, Mrs. Clara Ebersold, Lizzie and Charlie Tapp, friends of Mr. and Mrs. Ebersold.

Groceries; J. T. Simpson, dry goods and groceries; C. P. Miller, confectionery; Hardin and Hayes, drugs; O. N. Noyes, drugs; A. Casto, groceries; M. G. Ruby and Company, dry goods and notions; Misses Kirtley and Graham, millinery; Stewart and Prince, lumber yard; Mrs. Nancy Stapp, millinery; Veale and Autrey, meat market; Shearer and Wise, blacksmith; Eads Brothers, wagon makers; N. Herbert, carriage painter; Lindley and King, livery barn; Bradshaw Brothers, livery barn; Van Gilder's, cheese factory; William Hudson, A. O. Varner and Dr. Hill, physicians; Henry Boone, attorney at law; J. G. Williams, hotel; N. Zink, hotel; C. Caldwell, banker; and J. E. Lawhead, C. B. & Q. agent.

Gay Social Life, Too

Social life during this era was not neglected. Fraternal organizations functioning were Masons, organized in 1883, and the Ancient Order of United Workmen, instituted in 1882. A G.A.R. Post was established in 1884. These groups sponsored various picnics and retailers. The village was proud of its 18-piece band organized in 1884 by Professor Beels and directed by Marsee Darnell from Ft. Riley. The Union Star ball club, "The Blues," was well known over northwest Missouri from 1883 to 1887 and took its share of honors in district tournaments.



Charlie and Katherine Davis at their farm two miles northeast of Union Star, Missouri, 1931. Notice their new Ford car.

First Fair in 1884

In 1884 a fair of memorable reputation was held in the Moyes timber. Crowds of 2,000 to 3,000 people attended daily paying admission of 1-15 cents. Main attractions were stock and produce exhibits, horse racing, band music, contests and stunts. A horse-powered merry-go-round delighted the youngsters.

In following years the villagers picnicked at Hudson's lake northeast of town. The main attraction of this affair was a boat slide from a 150-foot chute.

In 1903 a Union Star Fair Association was organized. Permanent grounds were made in the wooded area east of the railroad in the bend of Third Fork. A mile-long race track, floral hall, band and speaker's stand and large grandstand was built and enjoyed by immense crowds during the next five years. Many fine racehorses were owned in this community and took a good share of prizes offered on the tracks.

In later years lasting into the '20s, chautauquas furnished the town's diversion for a full week during the summer with stock companies furnishing the entertainment.



Mrs. Alberta (Clara) Ebersold kept a hundred head of geese. She knew when it was time to pick the downy feather from under their bodies. It kept the geese cooler and were just right for making pillows and featherbeds for the family. She sat on a stool and laid the geese upside down on her apron. She picked and the geese squawked. Her grandchildren helped catch the geese for her and thought it was a fun time.



Home of former Bowen Chickery

Telephones and Lights

Around 1910 telephone lines put Union Star in closer connection with the rest of the country. In 1912 the village stepped in glamour when coal oil lamps gave way to electric lights made possible by A. A. Dodge's plant.

A few factories prospered here during these years and produced Star go-devils, Sunshine washing machines, ax handles and Star stoves which later became Howard stoves.

Activity was lively around the Burlington station during this time. Four passenger trains and two freights daily kept railroad traffic busy. Large stockyards were built for the convenience of livestock shippers from the community. Much inbound freight furnished a good dray business for several wagons. Many local men were employed by the railroad company. Meeting the trains on Sunday afternoons became custom.

In the first quarter of the century Union Star could boast of five churches, a weekly newspaper, two lumberyards, five general merchandise stores, two blacksmiths, two banks, two hotels, two livery stables, two hardware and furniture stores, two grocery and meat markets, a photograph studio, two millinery shops, harness shop, two drug stores, four barber shops, two restaurants and ice house, a green house and nursery, mill and feed store, a jewelry store, three doctors—A. O. Varner, E. M. Reynolds and O. L. Perkins, one dentist, one undertaker, one oculist and three produce houses.

Came the Jefferson Highway

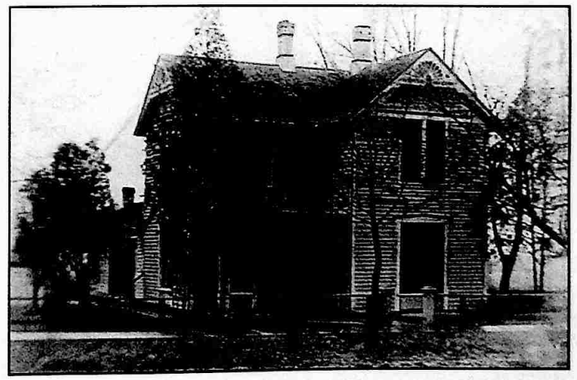
In the 1920s Union Star found itself on the Jefferson Highway. Many people owned automobiles and so welcomed good roads. By 1932 the highway was paved putting the town within a few minutes distance of St. Joseph where its citizens could have the advantage of the city markets, shops, entertainment, etc. Farmers soon were sending their produce to market by truck directly from the farm to the city yards. Truck companies began delivering freight, and railroad passenger service gave way to highway busses. The post office department transferred mail service to the highway. So the business on the railroad shifted to the highway, and much business in the town shifted to other areas.



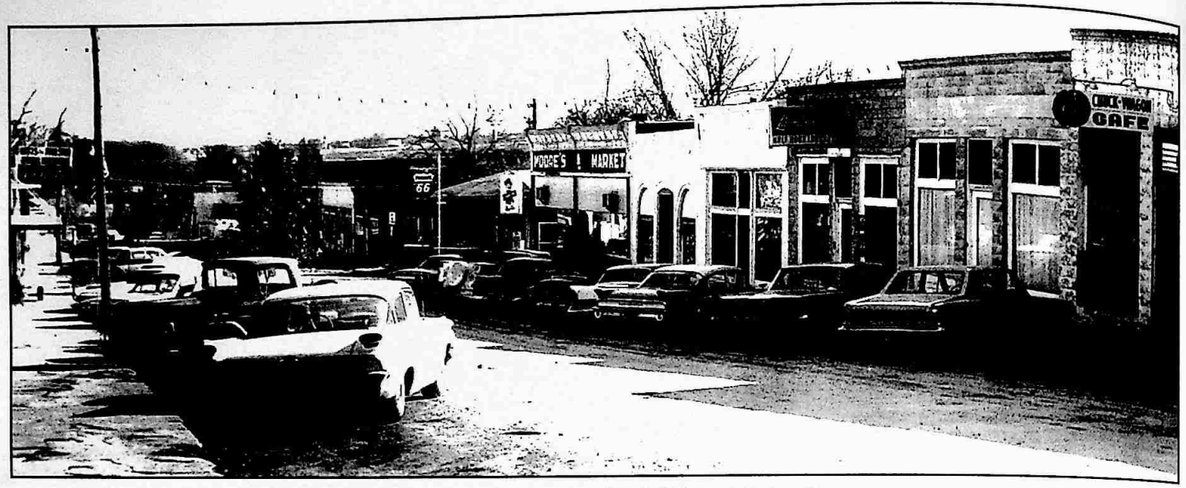
Lennis Maxine (Moore) Ebersold is feeding her flock of chickens on the Goble farm, near the Orchid community, where she and her husband, Galen Ebersold, rented for one year. This was a new experience for her as she was raised in town. This is one of the many flocks she raised in her 39 years on the farm.

Since the beginning of the motor age, Union Star has gone through an adjusting period. The endless advantages brought by the highway have changed the whole way of living. Old businesses have given way to new ones. Instead of livery barns, harness shops and dray service, we find gas and service stations, garages and oil trucks. Stores have altered their line of merchandise to meet the practical demands of the community. The town has emerged into a growing town with many new and modern homes added the last few years. Now the installing of a city water system is a forward step in its history.

For a 1956 portrait of Union Star we give: Four churches with record enrollments; a modern school building with four transportation buses; an efficient telephone service, Loren Allen, manager; a fire station and truck; a modern equipped theater building; a post office serving 400 box holders, Willa Dodge, postmaster; four active lodges, a Lions service club; three Federated study clubs; an extension club; Boy and Girl Scout troops; a community doctor, Lyle Partin; and the following businesses: Farmers State and Peoples Bank for "Security, Courtesy, Service;" Theis' Firestone store, "The Biggest Little Store in Town;" Ernie Littlewood, "The Chip Man;" Bowen's Chickery, "Known to Poultry Men all over the Country;" Wallace Teaford Welding shop and oil distributor; Spillman's Sinclair station, "Where Service Counts;" Union Star Implement Company ,"Better Farming for Happier Living;" Payne's Café for a "Refreshing Pause;" Mitchell Café with "Best Meals Ever;" Roberts Barber Shop, "Who Strives to Please;" Bottorff Barber Shop "Where You Lose Nothing But Your Whiskers;" Wise's Seed



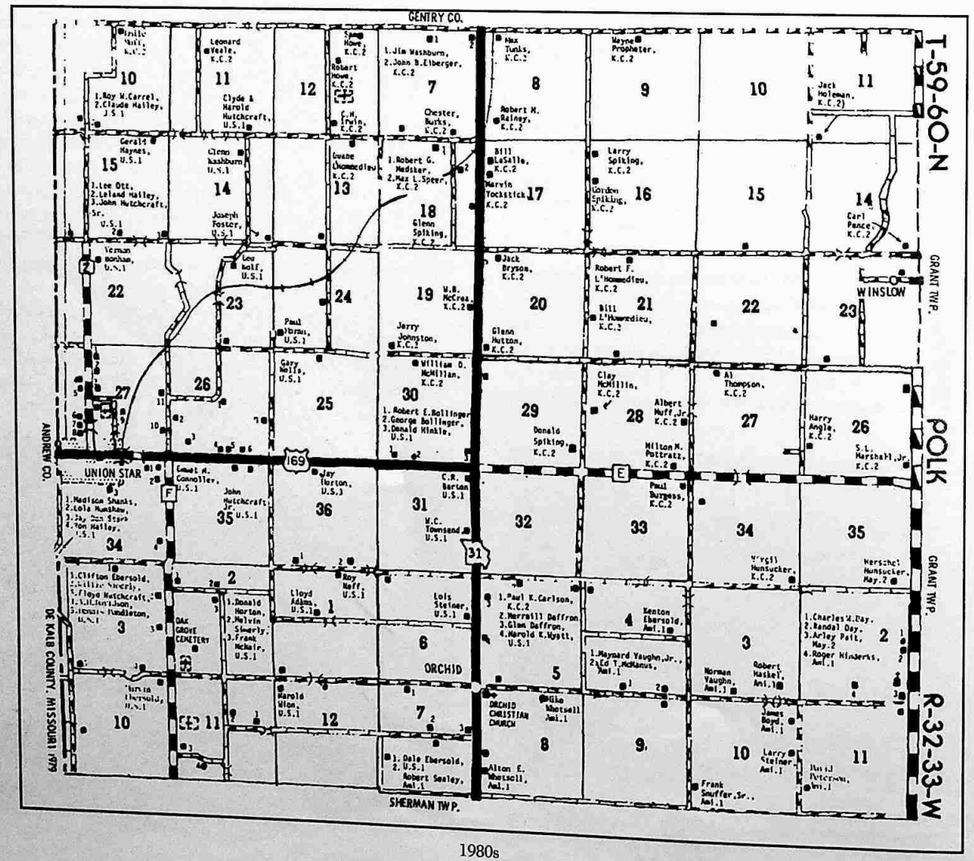
Union Star, 1910-1920



Union Star, December 1962 - Looking east from B. Wilkerson's Produce House.

Store, "Watch 'em Grow;" Moore's Market & Locker Plant, "For Fine Foods to Enjoy;" Jenkins Phillips 66 Station, "Services With a Smile;" Clay and Young Grain Elevator; Tronsin's Shop "For the Best Service;" Pickard's General Store, "The Quality Store;" Moyes Lumber Company, "Where High Quality Counts;" Laffoon Produce with "Best Prices;" Wilkerson Hardware, a "True Value Store;" Wilkerson's General Store, a "Hy-Klas Food Store;" Hayes Cleaners, "Well Pressed - Well Dressed;" Keyes Garage and Plymouth Agency; Judy's Beauty Shop with "Latest Hair Styles;" Wilkerson Produce, "You will Profit Here;" Covall Hall delivers "What you Expect from Standard Oil."

The town official board included: Mayor Wm. Frank; Aldermen, East Ward - Lester Moore and Loren Allen; Aldermen, West Ward - John Beattie and Edward Teenor.



1980s

UNION STAR'S EARLY DOCTORS

In 1866 a young doctor, Dr. William Hudson, who had served as a lieutenant in the Union Army after finishing medical school at Columbus, Ohio, came here to visit his aunt, Mrs. Jennie Hudson, and her family who lived south of Oak Grove Church. He was looking for a location to begin his professional practice, and this locality seemed quite promising. So his visit was prolonged, and he began a small practice.

Soon he met Miss Margaret Palmer of St. Joseph who was visiting here with her sister, Mrs. J. C. Ogden, and family who lived in the brick tavern northeast of the village. They were married in a short time and rented two rooms in the tavern where they made their home the next few years.

His practice territory was growing and his services more in demand, and also he was becoming attached to the community. Then there were growing rumors of the possibility of a railroad being built through this area.

Dr. Hudson decided to remain. He bought some land near the west edge of Union Star and had lumber hauled by team and wagon from St. Joseph to build a home. His territory extended as far as Ford City and probably as far in other directions, and of course, all his journeys had to be made on horseback. He built one of the first store buildings after the village was moved nearer the railroad. This store was operated by J. C. Ogden. He also had an interest in a drug store known as Hudson & Hayes store. He served the community until his death in 1899.

Dr. A. O. Varner

Dr. A. O. Varner, who had been brought up on his father's farm in the Union Chapel community and who had completed a medical course at Missouri Medical College of Washington University in St. Louis, moved to Union Star in 1882. He began his practice here after having practiced three years in the Union Chapel neighborhood.

He holds the distinction of being Union Star's first "City Physician" by appointment of the Board of Trustees.

Dr. Varner gave 53 years of his life in service to the medical profession in this community and was noted for his kind and sympathetic understanding of his patients. He made his calls in the country on horseback or in a buggy traveling through rain, snow and mud to reach those in need.

One of the first calls to which he responded in the Union Star community was at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Higgins where their son, Otho, was born in 1882.

Dr. E. M. Reynolds

Dr. E. M. Reynolds came to Union Star March 1, 1901, from Washington Center, near Bethany, where he had practiced a short time. He was a graduate of Marion Sims Medical College of St. Louis University. He gave the best part of his life in tireless efforts to save lives, cure ills and relieve suffering in this community.

He rode horseback, walked and struggled over bad roads and muddy fields to reach his patients. He delivered hundreds of babies into the world in this community. His practice reached a radius of 30 miles.

His first baby delivered in Union Star was William Stanton Jr. in October 1902, to Mr. and Mrs. William Stanton.

In April 1951, the Union Star community honored Dr. and Mrs. Reynolds with a celebration of his 50 years' service in his profession here. The community mourned his passing in January 1953.

Dr. O. L. Perkins

In 1892 Dr. O. L. Perkins, who was born and reared on a farm a few miles southeast of Union Star and who had received his training in the Ensworth School in St. Joseph, moved to Union Star from the Winslow community and began his practice here. He continued to serve here until World War I when he enlisted and served as an Army surgeon.

Submitted by Mrs. Bruce Wilkerson

POST OFFICE
What's In A Name?

In the 1860s stagecoaches provided transportation from St. Joseph, Missouri, to Albany, Missouri, 40 miles away, carrying mail between trading posts. It wasn't until 1885 that a post office was finally established at Union Star. However, William J. Woody served as the postmaster until it was discontinued in 1886.

Transportation of the mail by stagecoach continued due to the fact authorities approved a star route to the east of St. Joseph, Missouri, in June of 1863 (the word *star* was frequently used in conversation concerning the new mail route). A storefront owned by Nathaniel Zink and Charles Barrett housed the post office in an area considered Union territory. As a result, the post office was established in a city named Union Star in DeKalb County, Missouri.

Third Fork, DeKalb County, Missouri, established on September 7, 1885, was discontinued on March 18, 1886. William J. Woody served as postmaster.

Union Star, DeKalb County, Missouri, was established on June 10, 1863.

Location of Union Star Post Office

1881 - 300 feet west of Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad Station
1912 - 960 feet west of railroad station
1934 - 1,050 feet west of railroad station
1941 - 340 Cedar Street
1963 - 335 Cedar Street

Current employees at the Union Star Post Office (2005)

Current employees include: Postmaster Lynett Bingaman, Postmaster Relief Layne Krause, Rural Carrier Rhonda Schnitker and Rural Carrier Associate Corey Pendleton.



Union Star Centennial, 1956 - Seated: Maxine and Galen Ebersold. Standing: Dale Ebersold, Hazel Whorton, Stanley Ebersold Barbara Romanzak and Kenton Ebersold.

Postmasters	Appointment Dates
Gersham Dunhs	June 10, 1863
Oscar F. Story	July 30, 1865
Matthew Davidson	March 2, 1866
John Weaver	December 4, 1866
Nathaniel Zink	August 12, 1868
Aaron Zink	March 12, 1873
Sarah Zink	July 26, 1876
Will M. Hudson	September 2, 1878
Henry M. Cockran	January 16, 1889
James J. Patterson	August 26, 1889
Henry C. Caldwell	March 21, 1891
Jesse H. Burnam	June 14, 1893
Charles H. Corder	March 30, 1895
James Redding	July 28, 1898
James H. Callahan	May 6, 1903
Oscar L. Perkins	June 8, 1914
Dora Perkins	May 10, 1920
Leonard D. Fisher	December 19, 1921
M. Fisher	June 21, 1930
T. Roberts	August 12, 1930
Frankie F. Tanner	January 9, 1932
Willa Dodge	January 28, 1936
Alma B. Wilkerson	March 3, 1961
Warren E. King	January 31, 1964
Norma D. Ebersold	January 19, 1985
Lynett C. Bingaman	May 4, 1991

First Post Office Here Served By Stagecoach

About 1860 a stagecoach operated from St. Joseph through here to Albany, Missouri. Union Star's Post Office was called Third Fork Post Office and was in a store owned by Nathaniel Zink and Charles Barrett and was located on the county line west of the present Union Star. Mail was brought by stagecoach.

During the Civil War or soon after, Third Fork Post Office was named Union Star Post Office. A committee of three was appointed to lay out a route for mail service from St. Joseph, Missouri, to the northeast. This route had to be laid out and approved by the postal authorities before it was allowed a special carrier. Then it became a star route out of St. Joseph.

In the latter part of 1870 a narrow-gauge railroad known as the "St. Joseph & Des Moines" was surveyed directly northwest from St. Joseph to Albany, Missouri. This would mean safer traveling, better mail service and closer contact with the world. The Burlington Railroad purchased the narrow gauge and laid a standard track eight inches wider, and this was completed about 1881 and 1882.

The Post Office was still in the Zink and Barrett store on the county line, and Charlie Pardee carried the "sack" of mail from the Post Office to the station and back.

The Post Office was soon moved closer to the railroad and about 1912 to the present location.

"SWEET'S SLUGGERS" MADE BASEBALL HISTORY IN NORTHWEST MISSOURI 50 YEARS AGO

In 1905 Union Star had quite a noted baseball team which remained intact and active about six years and was one of the best ball clubs in northwest Missouri.

Clyde Sweet was manager of the team which became known as "Sweet's Sluggers." Following was the line-up: catchers - Elmer Thomas, Paul Van Gilder; pitchers - Lester Dodge, Al Turner, Lee Gross; first base - Jack Hall, Cecil Ott; second base - George Moyes; third base - James Redding; shortstop - Dick Zarbrough; right field - Ed Allen; center field - Clyde Sweet; left field - Curtis Van Gilder; subs - Hamer Campbell, Elmer Bourette and Bud Head.

They played towns within driving distance and usually made the trip in a "hack." Maysville, Clarksdale, Savannah, Grant City and King City teams all knew of the power and strength of the Union Star Club. One defeat was suffered in a game with Maysville on the day they came out in their new gray suits.

It took 16 innings to defeat Clarksdale by a score of three to two one afternoon.

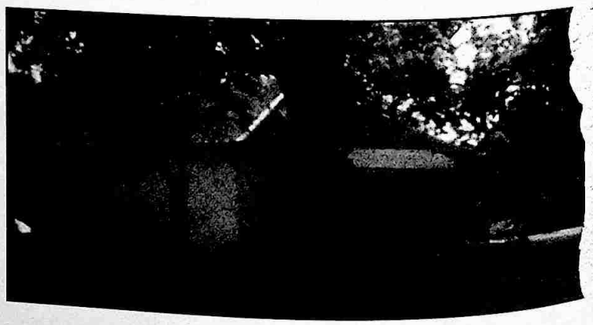
The King City team determined to come down and give them one good setback. They brought along a pitcher and catcher from St. Louis and figured this extra help would sew up the game. They all brought along a wagonload of young ladies appropriately costumed in their decorated conveyance.

In the ninth inning the score was tied, and the crowd was wild. The ladies' squad yelled, sang and screamed to encourage their team. Jack Hall, Union Star's first baseman, came up to bat and once given the chance, knocked a home run, a beautiful ball landing over the ice house. Oh, the dollar bills and silver bucks that showered on him by the Union Star fans.

The following item is copied from *St. Joseph News-Press* in the 1906 season:

"The St. Joseph Yeates were defeated in Union Star yesterday by a score of 6 to 2, the phenomenal pitching and excellent support recorded Dodge proving invincible. Burvenich, for the Yeates, pitched excellent ball but ragged support in the pinches caused the loss of the game. Burvenich also made a double play unassisted. Each pitcher struck out twelve men. The manly and courteous treatment given the visitors by the Union Star players did much toward taking away the sting of defeat."

Submitted by Mrs. Bruce Wilkerson; taken from 195\ *Centennial* paper



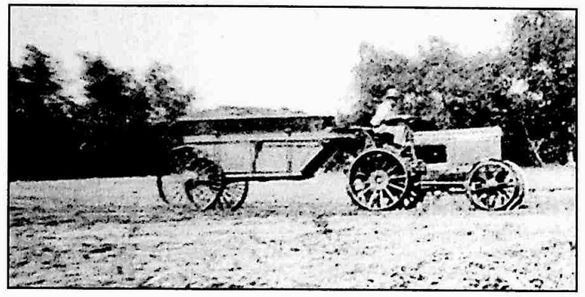
Wesley and Bell Slawson home, Highway 169, Union Star.

BUILDING THE VIADUCT ON HIGHWAY 169

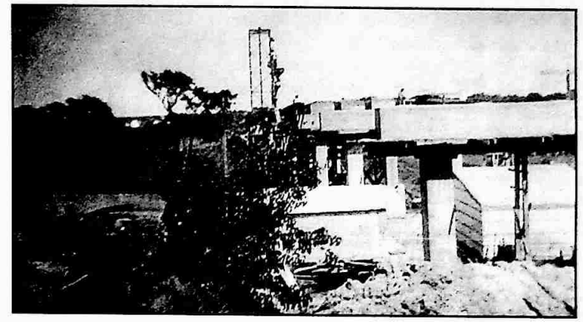
These pictures were taken by my father, Joseph W. Munshaw. He and also my great uncle, Joseph D. Munshaw, took me many times to watch this project.

I have several personal stories to tell about watching the construction. The bridge over Third Fork and the viaduct were built and finished the year I started first grade at Union Star School. I went by this area every day.

Submitted by Joseph J. Munshaw



One of the dirt haulers used to build up the road bed east of the viaduct itself.

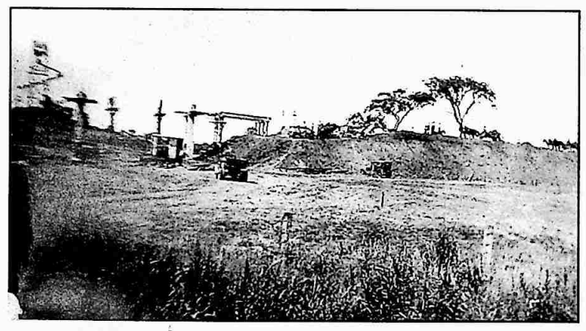


This was taken from the present Highway 169 in front of the Andrew Jackson home, looking east. The viaduct was built to overpass the C. B. & Q. Railroad.



The equipment used to scrape up the dirt and to transport it to the roadbed.





Some of the horse and mule-drawn wagons that were used on the project.



Both of these were taken a few feet apart. This was from the old highway known as Route 4, just south of Third Fork Creek. Third Fork Creek at that time went from east to west at this point. The concrete forms for the present bridge over Third Fork are seen. When the highway was built, the creek was straightened and runs north and south under the bridge.



The new viaduct - the structure on the other side is what they used to lift cement up in place with, indicating it is not quite finished or finished and it's still in place. Looking west into Union Star (notice the grain elevator).

TOWN HAS HAD TELEPHONES SINCE TURN OF CENTURY

Telephone service for Union Star started around the turn of the century as telephones began to be used generally throughout our towns and countryside.

A man by the name of Daingerfield was the first manager, and the office was in the house where Mr. and Mrs. Otis Wise now live, just south of the Lions hall.

Later the office was moved to the house now occupied by Glen Daffron, across the street and west of the Methodist Church. At that time it was managed by Fred Snowden. Dick Zarbrough, famous as a baseball player at the time, was lineman.

At a later date the office was moved to the house presently occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Lester Dodge. The Rev. Francis DeVaull was manager.

With assumption of the managership by Duncan M. Piper in December 1908, we have our first firm date in local telephone history. In 1909 the office was moved to its present location, and Mr. Piper was manager until April 1923.

L. A. Graham became manager at that time and was manager for a period of 31 years.

On April 1, 1954, Loren Allen became manager.

During the years the following "hello girls" have helped handle local telephone business: Miss Belle Hodges, Mrs. Melba Chaney, Mrs. Duncan Piper, Mrs. Ethel Karr, Mrs. Myrtle (Moyes) Ott, Mildred Barton, Lucille Barton, Anna Sharp, Elva Piper, Mrs. Alice (Moyes) Workman, Mrs. Ruby (King) Foster, Minnie Rush, Neva Dunnigan, Mrs. Nell Moyes, Mrs. Mary Smoot, Mrs. Helen (Epright) Bowman, Mrs. Phronia Hart, Mrs. Clara Courtney, Mrs. Faye Wilson, Mrs. Loren Allen and Mrs. Ralph Campbell

Taken from *Union Star Centennial* paper Saturday, June 2, 1956.

FIRES IN UNION STAR

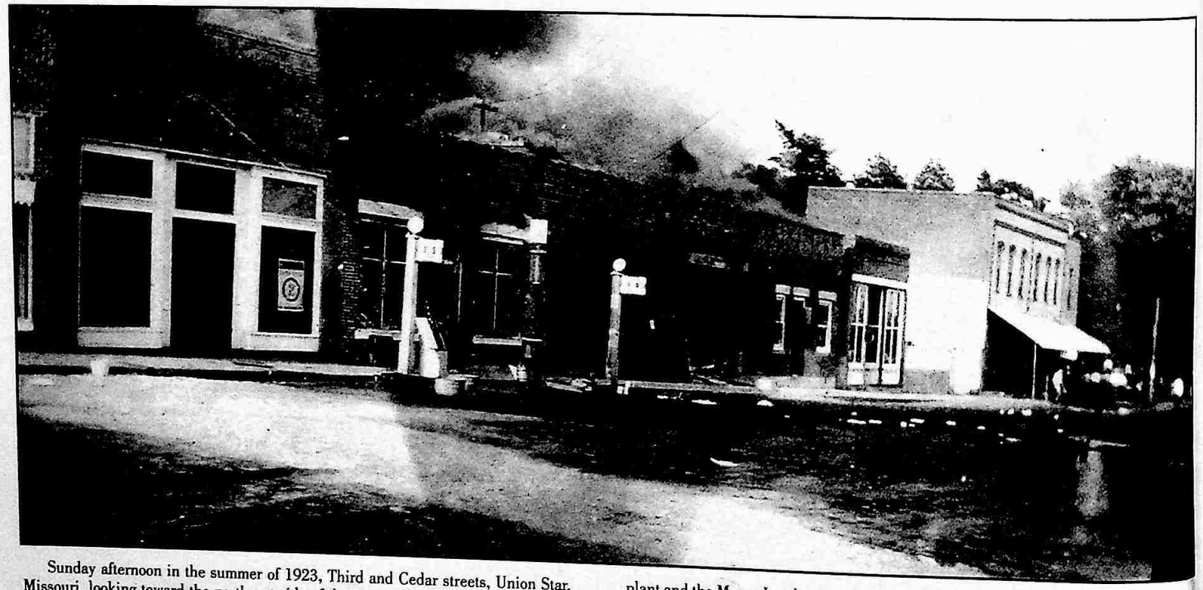
Union Star has been visited by numerous fires. One of the first was the store owned by J. D. Shepard in the early '80s. Another was the meat shop owned by Patten & Groomer which stood about where the Ruoff's Grocery stands now. A millinery shop was in the second story of this building at the time of the fire. It is told how the meat was roasted in this fire and how the fellows all feasted on it taking it to a nearby saloon where they found drinks to complete the celebration.

On Christmas morning, 1910, a fire occurred that destroyed five of Union Star's business houses and took the life of one of its pioneer citizens, Major Cochrane, the postmaster. The fire originated in the Col. Boone building which was used as a residence by Mr. Cochrane. It is believed that he was building a fire when in some way it caught his clothing, and he became too frightened to escape. Before anyone discovered the blaze, it had gained such headway that it could not be controlled, and the following buildings were destroyed: the offices of Drs. E. M. Reynolds and Charles Hoge, a millinery store owned by Mrs. Stapp, the *Herald* office owned by A. F. Turner and one vacant building besides the Cochrane building. Loss was estimated at $4,000.

In 1914 a fire originated in the Fallis Drug store, owned by Dr. Kimberlin, which stood on the corner where the west room of the Wilkerson Hardware is, and the building was destroyed. Above this store was the Masonic Hall. The building across the street caught from this. It was covered with sheet metal and the heat through the metal caused the building to be nearly all burning before it was blazing. The I.O.O.F. hall was above this building which was occupied by Ben Hardin Mercantile Company.

In 1923 on a Sunday afternoon while practically everyone was gone to the ball game at the park between Union Star boys and a St. Joseph Negro team, George Durrant was starting an engine in his light plant and a gasoline torch exploded. The light plant burned, and the Moyes lumberyard east of it was completely destroyed.

Taken from the *Polk Township Historical Book*, page 49



Sunday afternoon in the summer of 1923, Third and Cedar streets, Union Star, Missouri, looking toward the northeast side of the street. George Durrant was starting an engine on his electric light plant and a gasoline torch exploded. The light plant and the Moyes Lumberyard (to the east of it) were completely destroyed. Notice the dirt streets and old gas pump.

UNION STAR HAD FINE PARADE BAND IN GAY '90S

In 1898 Union Star's band, under direction of Louie Cox and Jerry Folks, played in a two-week jubilee in St. Joseph in which 28 bands performed, among them Arthur Pryor's famous band.

The Union Star band was selected out of the number to lead the parade which was three miles long. They marched 12 miles.

This band was also selected to assist a ladies' band from Bethany which was escorting the queen of the carnival. The queen and the Bethany band rode in a decorated float, and the Union Star boys marched beside it. Their uniforms consisted of maroon coat and cap with gray trousers. The coats were decorated with black braid fasteners across the front.

Frank Hudson was drum major. He wore a regular drum major's suit with tall fur cap and gracefully marked time with his major's baton. Other members of the band were Cad Hayes, Ul Hayes, Tom and Sam Word, Craft Hayes, Bud Morris, Will Taylor, Ward Taylor, Charley Taylor, Irwin Acord, John Wilson, Mark and Jap Murphy, John Cooper, Geo. Green, Charley Hayes, Scott Williams, George King, Carl Schuste, Cal Casper and Will Farrington.

This organization hired Perry Eads, blacksmith, to build them a special band wagon in which to make their journeys. It carried 18 men and their band instruments. Four horses pulled the wagon. The harness was kept brightly polished, and the bridles were fringed.

Early Businesses

FARMER'S BANK? PEOPLES' BANK? TAKE YOUR PICK!

The first bank in Union Star was a private bank owned and operated by W. E. Earls from about 1884 to 1890. In 1890 J. D. Shepard and his associates purchased the Earls' private bank and procured a charter for a state bank under the name of Farmers State Bank. The charter was dated April 28, 1890, and the Farmers State Bank opened for business April 30, 1890.

Samuel Shepard was the first cashier and remained active in the bank until 1940 after which time he continued as a director of the bank until 1946.

Also later in the year 1890, The Peoples Bank was organized under a state charter. J. E. Lawhead was the first cashier of The Peoples Bank.

Both banks, the Farmers State Bank and The Peoples Bank, continued in operation until February 1940, at which time the two banks consolidated, and since have been operating as the Farmers State & Peoples Bank. The bank is now in its 67th year of uninterrupted operation. The present capital assets are $140,000, total resources $1,250,000. Present officers are O. E. Howell, president; M. T. Cederlind, vice president; R. R. Woolery, vice president and cashier; and Lulu K. Faul, assistant cashier.

(This is the bank's history to 1956.)

J. D. SHEPARD AND C. D. SMITH MERCANTILE

J. D. Shepard and C. D. Smith operated the largest mercantile business in town for a number of years beginning in 1883. From a clipping dated August 10, 1888, from the *Comet* printed by Joe Hammer, we read that J. D. Shepard paid the editor about $300 per year and that other stores paid as much as $100 per year in advertising. When this issue was printed, the Shepard brick, the Simpson store and the Shaffer brick stood like landmarks among the trailing wooden buildings along the street. Shepard & Smith sold this store in about 1890 to Franklin C. Loving whose name still appears on the west side of the structure.

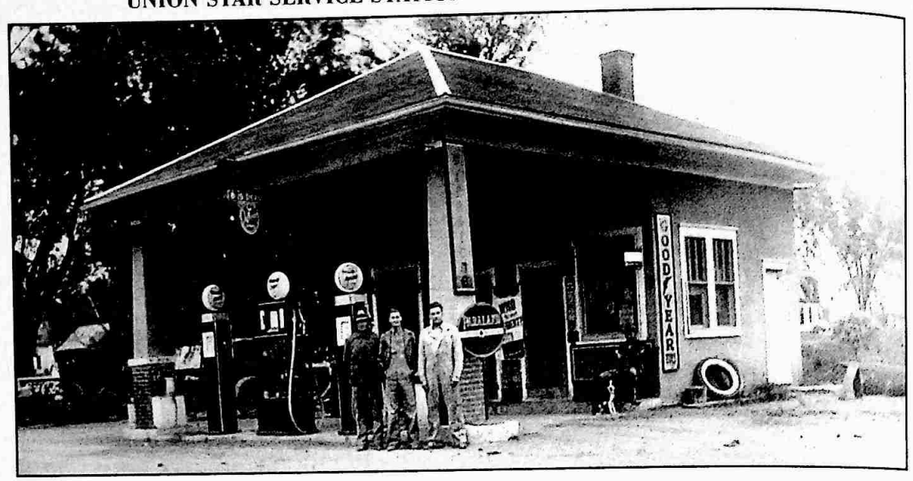
J. D. Shepard, who had been in the merchandising business at Flag Springs, built a frame building at the corner where I.O.O.F. hall stood and put in a stock of merchandise. A year or so later the building burned, and Mr. Shepard replaced it with the west side of the present brick building. In a short while C. D. Smith, from St. Joseph, built the east room of the building and became a partner of Mr. Shepard's. They sold general merchandise and that meant everything that the community needed: clothing, dry goods, groceries, hardware, queens ware, implements, furniture, etc. Union Star's first form of a bank was in this store. A vault was built in the southwest corner when the store was erected, and people brought in money to be deposited there. Thus banking in a small way began in Union Star. In 1883 Mr. Samuel Shepard began work with this firm as bookkeeper.

Submitted by Barb Bulla



Wilkerson Hardware, 1950s. Ottie Trotter and daughter Cleta (Trotter) Wilkerson.

UNION STAR SERVICE STATION



Theis Service Station, 1930s, north side of Highway 169. Bill Theis, Merle Spillman and Don Theis.

Mr. and Mrs. William Theis moved from their farm in Andrew County to Union Star in 1927 and in the fall of 1932 and also in 1933 built a service station and lunchroom on the highway on the vacant lot which they bought from Bob Stevens. Their new business opened in March 1933 and was known as the Union Star Service Station. In 1943 a warehouse and shop were added. Their son Don assumed the business after his high school graduation. In 1956-57 he enlarged the operation by erecting a building, "STAR-ONE-STOP," which housed the service station supplied with Sinclair products, a shop and service department, tire and auto supply store and the Star-Lite Café. At the present time, the Texaco Company furnishes the gasoline. Mrs. Lela Mae Hailey operates the café at the present time and is serving the finest meals found anywhere. John Flanagan is presently operating the service station and Lester Sullivan the service department.

Don has sold Firestone Tires since March 1934 and has operated the auto supply store since it was built.

Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Morris operated the café for 13 years. Other operators have been Mrs. Claude Miller, Mrs. Tom Walters, Mrs. Woodson Jones, Mrs. Lee Coates and Mrs. Rex McKinley.

Researched by Mrs. Don Theis, Union Star, Missouri; taken from *Polk Township Historical Book 1976*



Merle and Alva Spillman operated the restaurant at Theis' Service Station in Union Star from the early 1940s into the 1950s. Pictured is Alva or her sister, Ella Mae Hutton.



Theis Garage in the 1940s. Russ Gillip, Paul Keesler and Don Theis.



Looking west on 169 Highway from Theis' Service Station in Union Star in the early 1940s.



Don Theis standing in front of Don and Bill Theis' Service Station, Union Star, Missouri, early 1940s.



North side of Cedar Street between Third and Fourth streets in front of hotel looking south toward Dr Reynold's office. 1920s or 1930s.

UNION STAR ELEVATOR

Once the tallest structure in Union Star and one of the oldest, the old elevator that stood by the railroad tracks since 1912 gave way to progress and was razed March 1970 by Emil Muff of King City. It was located near the US 169 viaduct and owned by Jim Young. It was razed in order to enlarge the service area around the business place.

In 1912 Joe Frederick, who was in the grain business at that time, built a number of elevators along this branch of the Burlington Railroad, erecting one at Helena, one at Union Star and one at King City. A contractor by the name of Roberts from Sabetha, Kansas, built the one in Union Star. The Burlington Company built a side-track to the elevator and moved the switch on further north. A Mr. Evans was in charge of the elevator for a number of years before selling it in 1917 to Fred Hoerman of Washington, Kansas, who owned seven other elevators along the Missouri-Pacific Railroad in Kansas. Mr. Hoerman, father of Ted Hoerman of Union Star, ran the business until his death in 1921. Frank Stire then purchased the building and business, and he and John Roberts operated it for a number of years. Mrs. Stire operated the business with the assistance of George C. Clark after Mr. Stire's death in 1931. She later leased it to the Dannen Grain Company in St Joseph. They operated it under the lease with John Roberts as agent. Walter Mullins operated it in the late 1930s and early 1940s.

The building remained idle for several years, and Coleman Taylor bought the building for a place to store feed. The next owners in 1953 were Jim Young and his uncle Roy Clay. After a year, Mr. Young bought out Mr. Clay's interest, and in 1976 he and his son J. D. were operating a thriving business. They built a new elevator in 1964 and added liquid fertilizer tanks. The elevator closed in the late 1990s.

Submitted by Donna Young; taken from the *Polk Township Historical Book 1976*

UNION STAR HAS HAD SEVERAL NEWSPAPERS, MANY EDITORS, IN ITS FIRST 100 YEARS

Union Star's first newspaper was called *The Union Star Herald*, and it was published as early as 1882, edited by a Mr. Glazier and Charley Peters. William Bradley helped erect the first printing press.

Records show that *The Toothpick* was published here in 1884 by Editor Theodore Gulick. In 1886 Mr. Needles published *The Union Star Comet*. In 1888 Joe Hamer of Maysville printed the *Comet*. Clay Bell edited the paper for a short time. In 1892 Pines R. Dunn became owner and publisher. Later owners and publishers include Mary Parsons, Howard Peters and a Mr. Rigdon.

In 1900 the paper again became the *Herald* and was published by J. H. Callahan until 1902 when he sold it to Al F. Turner of Grant City. Mr. Turner continued the *Herald* until 1916 when he sold out to Joe White. The following year Mr. White sold the paper to Tom Williams. Williams brought the first linotype machine to Union Star. It was heated by gasoline and powered by a gasoline engine. In 1920 Williams sold the plant and business to L. N. Bowman who moved it to King City and started the *Tri-County News*.

Parrott Robison moved his *Pinhook News* equipment into Union Star and published here a short time under the *Herald* name. He

was followed by G. W. Gromes. Dissatisfied with the appearance and irregularity of the paper, the Union Star banks and business houses appealed to the new *Tri-County News* at King City to establish a branch here and publish a Union Star paper. As a result such an office was opened, the name *Union Star Comet* was revived and W. L. Bowman moved to Union Star and edited it. The printing was done at King City, but the paper was mailed out of the Union Star Post Office.

This arrangement was not financially successful and consequently short lived, and so first the *Herald*, then the *Comet*, were absorbed by the *Tri-County News*, this time to become a "Union Star Comet" section in the King City paper. Parrott Robison came back on the local scene to be followed shortly by R. S. Warren under whose editorship a new linotype was installed, and the *Herald* again did very well for a year or two. But Warren sold his subscription list to the *King City Chronicle* in 1927.

The following year George S. Willey moved equipment here and began publishing *The Union Star Comet*. Mr. Willey continued his paper for the next ten years.

Around 1940 Vincil Stewart moved to Union Star and founded the *Union Star Times* which he sold to Edgar Lippincott after a few years. O. L. Greenmau published *The Times* for a while, then later Wm. Booth and son Jim edited the paper until the subscription list again was sold to the *Tri-County News* at King City. Union Star gets a nice coverage in the King City paper with Mrs. Don Theis as correspondent here.

Taken from *Union Star Centennial* paper 1956

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10 Pounds of Extra Sugar for Canning

Rationing Board Issues Instructions for 1943 Registration

Ten pounds of extra sugar for canning and preserving fruits will be available this summer to every War Ration book holder, according to an announcement by the DeKalb County War Price and Rationing board.

Sugar acquired for canning must be used for that purpose only. There still is a definite shortage of sugar and regulations this year remain very much the same as last year.

Each individual may have 10 pounds of sugar for canning and preserving if that much is needed. This would be 5 pounds for canning fruit—enough for 20 quarts, plus 5 pounds for preserves, jams and jellies. If the entire 10 pounds were used for canning it is estimated that would make 40 quarts of finished fruit per person.

Only in cases where necessity can be proven will more than 10 pounds per person be allotted. Additional allotments if any will be based on such things as fruit grown on your place, history of your past canning activities, etc. If need is positively proven as much as 25 pounds per person might be available. It is intended that no fruit shall spoil for want of sugar to process it, yet if everybody will be fair and not request more than actually needed for canning, everybody will receive a fair share. It is estimated by the government food bureaus that the average amount of canned fruits needed per year per individual is forty quarts.

10 Registration Places

The local board has planned to handle the sugar program in DeKalb county this year as follows:

OPA Form No. 315, Application for Canning Sugar, may be secured at any of the six registration sites. You may prepare your application there or take it home with you to fill out and return later. This information will be necessary:

Name and address of family unit and date.

Have all copies of War Ration Book One belonging to members of your family ready to present with your application. List all names of your family unit as they appear on the copies of War Ration Book One (sugar book), and opposite each name write the serial number of the War Book One issued to that name.

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MY APPRECIATION

Since losing My Little Pal, I find there aren't words to express my thanks for everything done in her behalf. First, friends, I appreciated the loyalty and true friendliness shown Maxie by countless people before she entered the hospital. For cards, letters, inquiries, blood transfusions and dozens of offers of assistance to her during hospitalization, and for the lavish floral tributes to her memory, to those who furnished music, the Eastern Star chapter, and for all other thoughtful acts in her memory, I thank you all and want you to know it helps no end in aiding me to carry on as I realize how you also appreciated her. For your expressions of sympathy and acts of kindness in my behalf, I assure you I am truly grateful.

VINCIL STEWART

Gilbert—Kriesner

A quiet, reverent wedding ceremony was solemnized Saturday afternoon at the Christian church here, when Miss Lois Gilbert became the bride of 1st Sergeant Eugene Kriesner.

The bride, a graduate of the Dixon high school is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred H. Gilbert, and is one of Dixon's most popular young ladies, being very active in church, lodge and social circles.

The groom, whose home was at Union Star, is stationed at Ft. Leonard Wood.

Rev. E. T. Sechler read the sacred vows, and a sister of the bride, Miss Hazel Gilbert, and Sgt. Oakley Fugate of Ft. Wood were attendants of the happy couple.

The Pilot joins the multitude of friends in wishing for this happy pair a long and joyous married life and all will be glad to know that the newly-weds will make their home in Dixon.—The Dixon Pilot.

Alley—Lutjsen

Miss Hazel Alley daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Alley and Elbert Lutjsen of Windsor, Mo., were married in St. Joseph Saturday, May 8. Mr. and Mrs. Lutjsen spent a few days here visiting friends before returning to their home in Windsor where the bridegroom is employed in defense work. All Union Star friends extend congratulations.

HOWDY FOLKS!

Mr. and Mrs. James Young are the parents of a son, James Ronald, born May 8. Dr. L. E. Rockhold was the attending physician.

'HER SUN IS GONE DOWN WHILE IT WAS YET DAY'

Death Claims Mrs. Maxie Stewart, Co-Editor of The Times, at Age 37---Her Funeral was Monday at Methodist Church; Burial at Albany

Union Star paid tribute Monday to the memory of Mrs. Vincil J. Stewart, whose death occurred last Friday night, May 7, at a St. Joseph hospital.

Her funeral was held at the Methodist church, conducted by the Rev. M. M. McGuire, pastor. There followed the impressive O. E. S. funeral service by the Union Star chapter, the principal lecture being given by Mrs. E. M. Reynolds.

Music for the service consisted of a duet by Misses Mary Ruth Moyes and Marjorie Bowen, and a solo by Mrs. Aaron Morris. Mrs. E. B. Wilkerson as the accompanist. The pallbearers were W. H. Sherman, C. S. Bishop and Glenn Bulla of King City and Ernest Woolery, Roy Clay and Bruce Wilkerson.

The community's esteem was attested by the large attendance at the services and by the banks of beautiful flowers. Burial was in the Grandview cemetery at Albany, Mo.

Mrs. Stewart was a full partner with her husband in the operation and management of the Union Star Times, which they founded together in 1940. She had suffered from thyroid trouble before coming to Union Star, and never during her residence here had she been entirely free from its effects, but her jovial disposition and cheerful laugh belied her illness. She enjoyed her friends and business associates and she possessed a personality that attracted people to her. Her untimely passing has come as a stunning blow to her husband, her aging parents and her other relatives and friends.

The following brief biographical sketch was read at the funeral service:

Maxie Snyder Stewart was born July 31, 1905, in Albany, Mo., the youngest child of Andrew Wesley and Emma Chrismond Snyder. She was reared in that community and was graduated by the Albany high school in 1925. She was employed five years in the offices of the county clerk and the prosecuting attorney, and she was married on Thanksgiving day, Nov. 27, 1930, to Vincil J. Stewart of King City. They lived in King City ten years, moving to Union Star in the late summer of 1940 to establish their home and to found the Union Star Times, which they owned and operated together and of which she was the associate editor.

It was in her business associations that Mrs. Stewart endeared herself to the people of the Union Star community. There never was a wife more willing and eager to share her husband's every load. She absorbed his interest in each new piece of machinery, each new font of type, each new business friend, and she enjoyed with him the satisfaction that comes from a new friend made, another good job of work done. Frugal almost to a fault, she was willing to make whatever sacrifice seemed necessary that their business might succeed when, corps. Befailed. Her [illegible] was an inspiration to her teammate and to all others near her, and her passing is genuinely mourned throughout the community of her adoption in which she was filling such an important place.

A sufferer several years from the effects of thyroid trouble, Mrs. Stewart had submitted to three surgical operations. From the effects of the most recent, which was performed April 30 at St. Joseph's hospitel, St. Joseph, Mo., she was making satisfactory recovery until suddenly a week later she made a turn for the worse, and her death occurred there Friday night, May 7.

Mrs. Stewart was a member of the Methodist church at King City and likewise of the American Legion Auxiliary unit there. She was a member of the Union Star O. E. S. chapter.

Surviving Mrs. Stewart are her husband, her parents Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Snydor of Albany; one sister Mrs. Dana Henderson of Gentry, Mo.; four brothers, Linden Snyder of Worth, Mo., Mason Snyder of Seattle, Wash. Dr. J. R. Snyder of Lincoln, Nebr., and Luther Snyder of Detroit, Mich.; also by six nephews and five nieces. She was preceded in death in 1933 by her youngest brother, Walter Snyder. To all of the bereaved relatives, but especially to the grief-stricken husband of whose life hers was so much a part, the sincere sympathy of this community goes out.

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This issue of the Union Star Times, dedicated to the memory of Mrs. Maxie Stewart, co-editor, was printed by the King City Tri-County News, and folded and mailed by Union Star friends. For all of this genuine helpfulness, there are three words which best express our sentiments simply, "Thank you truly."

THE PUBLISHER

MISSOURI MELANGE

• By DWIGHT H. BROWN
Secretary of State

Judge Maurice Hoffman, Division 3, Sixth Missouri Circuit court, at St. Joseph, was [illegible] his law practice and others had [illegible] recently the composing room foreman of the St. Joseph Gazette told the judge of some of the headaches he was experiencing in trying to maintain an adequate force of capable operators and printers. The judge countered with a proposal that he help meet the emergency by working nights, with the result that he found himself seated before one of the Gazette's machines for his first shift on the evening of April 29. Judge Hoffman is co-chairman of the Salvation Army penny ice fund in St. Joseph, and has announced that his pay of $9.36 per shift will go to that worthy cause.

Adult groups have spent countless hours in fruitless tongue-wagging before the War Production board protesting against cuffless pants, pleatless skirts, silkless hose and tailless shirts, but it remained for our nursery tots to show us how to get what they wanted from the stony-hearted WPB without voicing a single articulate complaint. From Washington comes an official announcement that there will be no reduction, either in size or quantity, of three-cornered pants. Even the most ardent advocate of the power of debate must now admit that there are occasions when actions speak louder than words.

Isaac Harry, retired Texas county farmer and the last survivor of the 123rd Illinois Regiment, which entered the Civil war with 1,000 men, was 100 years old on May 3 and was the central figure of a celebration held at the Harry farm, 5 miles from Licking, on May 2. A blacksmith, he served as such through 3 years of the war between the states and came through without a wound. He gave up his trade in 1884 when he came to Missouri to take up residence on the farm where he still resides, and retired from active farming 25 years ago. A representative of the Missouri G. A. R. from St. Louis brought him a birthday cake with 100 candles and friends and neighbors presented him with a bouquet of 100 tulips. About 250 persons were present for the anniversary.

The Cameron Progress says that Glenn Burge is seeing his way clear to plenty of hams for next winter provided more little porkers equipped like one which arrived in a litter on April 8 decide to locate on the Burge farm. This particular pig has two complete sets of perfectly formed hind quarters, including hams, feet and even toes. Furthermore, he uses all of them in getting around and is a husky little chap who is always first at the fountain when mother sow rings the dinner gong. Farmer Burge has the welcome sign out for any other dual-equipped pigs who want to come his way for he figures that one mouth to feed per four hams to cure is a good investment on any farm.

Bookkeepers from Missouri's more than 30 rural electric companies met recently in Jefferson City for a discussion of accounting problems, with representatives from the finance division of the Rural Electrification administration at St. Louis present to conduct classes and lead round table discussions. During the closing sessions co-operative superintendents gathered with REA administrative officers to discuss operating problems and new WPB regulations which recognize farm electrification as a major factor in the production of wartime feed, and which liberalize provisions under which additional farms may be connected for service.

The State Senate, on April 29, confirmed all of Governor Donnell's recent appointments to boards of curators and regents for state educational institutions, and the appointment of Dr. C. W. Keeling, Kansas City, as a member of the state dental board. The appointment of Dr. J. H. Cartwright, Cabool, to the state dental board, was rejeceted by the senate without comment.

Miss Marie Ganote of Kansas City spent the week-end with her grandparents Mr. and Mrs George Ganote.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Smith and children of St. Joseph were overnight guests Saturday of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Smith. The two families enjoyed Sunday dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Coleman Taylor.

A Week of the War....

- A Brief Digest of World War Developments at Home and Abroad . . . .
- A Calm Summary and Appraisal of a Week's News Values

May 7,1943

With three Allied columns driving forward to pin the Axis armies in North Africa on the shores of the Mediterranean, Secretary of War Stimson announced last week that the Tunisian battle apparently "is entering the final phase" but that the German and Italian forces at bay there will probably fight to the bitter end.

The Secretary made his announcement three days after American troops rolled up a 15-mile advance toward Bizerte and capped this advance with the capture of Mateur. A later forward drive by American troops increased the pressure on Bizerte by capturing the Djebel Cheniti range of hills, the last high ground before the great naval base.

To the south the British First army captured the battle-scarred Djebel Bou Aoukaz, the last formidable barrier west of the plain leading to the capital of Tunisia. The northernmost column, made up of French forces, was reported to have driven to the plain lying northwest of Lake Bizerte.

WEATHER HAMPERS PLANES

According to Secretary Stimson, Allied planes have continued their pounding of enemy positions in spite of unfavorable weather conditions. The Secretary said that German planes have stopped seeking combat with Allied craft, with the result that German air losses have declined. Earlier in the week Mr. Stimson revealed that Allied planes were running up a score of approximately 4 to 1 against the enemy in the Tunisian battle area.

Further American successes in the air were reported in widely separated theaters of action. From London came the news that a United States bomber force attacked industrial targets in Antwerp and all returned safely. This was the first time in 10 raids that the United States 8th air force had not lost any of its heavy bombers.

In China the United States Army air forces have destroyed Japanese aircraft at the rate of 10 to 1 in air combat and at a greater ratio in the aggregate, according to Lt. Col. Herbert Morgan, assistant chief of staff and operations officer for the 14th air force. In making his announcement in Washington, following his arrival there from China, Colonel Morgan said:

"We've destroyed better than 10 to 1 of their planes in the air and, counting aircraft destroyed on the ground, about 12 or 15 to 1, with emphasis on the higher figure."

JAP SUBMARNIE MENACE

Following an unsuccessful air raid on Darwin, the Japanese began a submarine campaign against Allied shipping east of Australia, General MacArthur's headquarters announced early last week. With the evident intention of cutting supply lines from the United States, the Japanese underwater attack was launched "in some force," a communique revealed.

The attack on Darwin was made by 51 enemy bombers and fighters. A spokesman for MacArthur's headquarters declared that outnumbered Spitfires, manned mostly by British and Australian veterans of the battle of Britain. "inflicted far heavier damage to the enemy than they received themselves."

This revelation came as General MacArthur's daily communique reported the destruction of four Japanese aircraft in the attack on the Koepang airdrome of Timor by long-range Allied fighters.

The Navy announced that shortly after the complete occupation of Guadalcanal, American forces extended their grip on the southeastern Solomon Islands by occupying the Russell Islands, west of Guadalcanal.

Guests at the Lee Gross Home

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Gross enjoyed a Mother's day visit of their children and their families. Sunday dinner guests at the Gross home were J. O. Gross of Fort Kissimmee, Fla., Mrs. Howard Munshaw and son and Miss Betty Jean Gross of Omaha, Nebr., Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Garrett and daughters, and Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Morris and Miss Zelma Heard of Kansas City.

Mrs. Merle Clark of Kansas City attended the alumni banquet Saturday evening and spent the week-end with relatives here.

J. O. Swink, who was recently given an honorable discharge from the army, arrived home Monday by bus from a training camp in South Carolina.

Miss Doris Miller of Kansas City spent the week-end with her parents Mr. and Mrs. John Miller.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Redding spent Sunday in Kansas City visiting their daughter Miss Claylain.

Mrs. Sadie Jones of Kansas City spent the week-end with her sister Mrs. William Morris.

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(By Miss Barbara Ebersold)

Mr. and Mrs. Charley Whetsell and Mr. and Mrs. Mrs. Wilmer Steiner and family spent Sunday evening with Mr. and Mrs. John Whetsell.

Pfc. Franklin Price of Camp McCoy, Wis., came Friday night for a week-end visit with his parents Mr. and Mrs. Homer Price and family. He left early Sunday morning to return to camp.

Mrs. Norman Ebersold of Kansas City spent the week-end with home folks.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Price spent Wednesday evening at the Frank Hutton home.

Mrs. C. A. Carpenter returned to her home in St. Joseph after having spent several days with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Albert Ebersold. Mr. Ebersold shows some improvement fro... an attack of the flu.

Mr. and Mrs. Mel Mallory of St. Joseph spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Charley Whetsell.

Mrs. Orville Head and son Billie accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Orville Thornton to the home of her parents Mr. and Mrs. Ed Wells near Savannah Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Price spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Campbell.

Hazel Ebersold of Maryville spent the week-end with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Galen Ebersold and attended the alumni banquet Saturday night at Union Star.

Earl Thompson was taken in the Taggart ambulance to Excelsior Springs Monday. He remains in a critical condition and was taken there for examination. His wife and baby son are at the home of her parents Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hutton.

Alton Whetsell was released from the St. Joseph hospital where he had been a patient for several weeks following an accident in which he suffered a fractured leg.

Mr. and Mrs. Charley Whetsell were St. Joseph visitors Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Darrel Guest and son visited with Mr. and Mrs. Homer Price and family Sunday.

Kenton and Stanley Ebersold and Ermal Steiner spent Saturday morning with Alton Whetsell.

The 4-H club meeting was with Mary Brink last Tuesday night. All members attended except two. The next meeting will be with Anabel Price.

Mr. and Mrs. Orville Head and sons were King City visitors Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Merle Spillman and daughter spent Sunday with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hutton.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Krieser who have been working on a government project near Salina, Kas., and who have been visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Krieser, left Thursday for Zanesville, Ohio, where he will be employed in government work.

A RELAYED MESSAGE

Our Supreme Ruler has called Maxie home, leaving the task of expressing her earnest appreciation of deeds and thoughts of friends to me, who, alone may know how fully she appreciated everything.

She spoke so often of the friendly manner in which she was received by so many—young and old—and daily talked of the enjoyment she received from those friendships while in good health.

Maxie cherished every message she received while in the hospital, and with tear-filled eyes, proudly instructed nurses to save each card and letter; she forced pain-strained lips into a smile each time she was told a friend had inquired about her condition; she was cheered when told how folks were rallying to give blood transfusions.

Because I know she enjoyed friends so much, and was appreciative of acts and thoughts of those numerous friends, I relay to you all her heartfelt thanks which she would have wished to give to you personally.

VINCIL

• SOUTH EMPIRE
(By Mrs. Ferd Howitt)

Mrs. Anna Wray, Mrs. Mollie Brown and Manley Vance drove to Rock Port Tuesday to visit Mrs. Della Vance who has been seriously ill for several weeks. They brought her back to her home in King City.

Eddie Bashor spent Thursday afternoon with LeRoy Kibbey.

Mrs. David Eppright spent Wednesday night with Mr. and Mrs. Leland Estep and Donnie.

Mrs. Perry Brown and Geraldyne called on Mrs. Ferd Howitt and Betty Jo Wednesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Orley Wall spent Saturday night with his father Dan Wall who is quite poorly.

Marilyn Sue Manley spent Thursday night with her grandmother Mrs. Mary Manley in King City. On Friday they went to St. Joseph to visit Mrs. Julia Beaver and children and to attend the parade Saturday.

Mrs. Anna Wray and Mrs. Ralph Manley spent Wednesday with Mrs. Della Vance in King City.

Mrs. M. V. Snyder spent Friday with Mrs. Malcolm Frank and son.

Mr. and Mrs. Leland Edwards and son of St. Joseph spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Ashel Campbell.

Beth and Judy Hammond, Mrs. Claude Marlow and Harriet Jane Marlow spent Friday with Mrs. Ferd Howitt and Betty Jo.

Forty attended church services Sunday.

Several attended high school commencement exercises in King City last Thursday night. Effie Belle Wall and Max Howitt were members of the graduating class.

Mrs. Ferd Howitt and Betty Jo called on Mrs. R. W. Munson at a St. Joseph hospital Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Perry Brown called Monday on Fred Swan at the Missouri Methoist hospital in St. Joseph. He was rushed to the hospital Sunday afternoon for an operation for the removal of his appendix.

Mrs. David Eppright expects to leave Friday to join her husband near San Antonio, Texas, where they will make their home.

• BLUE DISTRICT
(By Mrs. Dewey Gibson)

Our entire community was saddened by the death of Mrs. Vincil J. Stewart our associate editor. Surely the text of the message given by Rev. M. M. McGuire: "Her sun is gone down while it was yet day," was very fitting. She was never gloomy, but always cheerful and happy in the presence of her friends. Sympathy is extended to her grief-stricken husband by our community.

Mr. and Mrs. Evart Bashor and Patty and Mrs. Loren Calhoun, all of Kansas City, Elvin Bashor of Fort Riley, Kas., and Mr. and Mrs. Willard Bashor and Janice Marie were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Bashor and Marie.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bashor and family spent Sunday at the C. C. Case home. Mrs. Case was brought home from a St. Joseph hospital Saturday. The cast was removed from her limb.

Mr. and Mrs. Delmar Hunt and baby visited Monday with Mr. and Mrs. Carl Dawes and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Smith and children, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Smith and family, Walter Smith and family, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Smith and Shauk Smith spent Sunday with the Coleman Taylor family. Mrs. Smith is improving, and the injury sustained just below the knee is healing slowly.

Mrs. Donald Bollinger spent Sunday with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Loren Kier.

Donnie Knight spent Monday afternoon with Bobby Akins.

Mrs. Lulu Carpenter of King City came to the Dewey Gibson home Monday evening and was taken to the C. R. Jenkins home to care for Mrs. Jenkins and help with the work.

SERVICE FLAG PRESENTED TO ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

A star for every member of the Union Star high school alumni now in the United States armed forces is a feature of the beautiful service flag presented to the association last Saturday night at its annual banquet. The work of Mrs. H. E. Hall, the emblem is bordered in red, with eighty-seven blue stars appliqued in a diamond pattern on a white satin field.

Heading the list with four sons who were graduated by the Union Star high school and now are serving in the armed forces, are Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Kreiser. Others having more than one son graduated by U. S. H. S. and serving in the armed forces are Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Stanton with two, Mr. and Mrs. B. U. Clark three, Mrs. Bert Stevens three, Mrs. Albert Holland two, M. T. Cederlind three, Mr. and Mrs. Arch Cobb two, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Peacock two, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Clay two and Mr. and Mrs. Earl Hammer two. Several other families have two. Several other Union Star families have more than one son in service who are not Union Star high school graduates.

Oldest alumni in service is Basil Workman, class of '23. Only woman alumnus in the armed forces is Miss Margaret Millen, lieutenant in the Army Nurses corps. Besides the two named the following make up the alumni roll of honor:

Olan Smith, Earl Bills, Harold Ott, Wilbur Holland, G. W. Stanton, Ivan Clark, Arthur Warren, Randall Gottschall, Cecil Moyes, Loren Stanton, Hardin Clark, Donald Woolery, Rex Moore, Herschel Stanton, Ledrue Laffoon, Gordon Stevens, Rex Allen, Arthur Stevens, Leonard Kreiser, Eldon Cederlind, George Elliott, Lester Wise, Harold Stevens, Franklin Price, Glen Max Edmondson, J. O. Gross, Herman Jackson, Earl Sexton, Orville Holland, Chester Cobb, Byron Howitt, Floyd Powell, Howard Veale, Edgar Abbott, Loren Calhoun, J. K. Millen, David Moshier, J. O. Swink, Woodrow Terry, Warren Gallagher, Alvin Hammer, Junior Hammer, Emil Cobb, Virgil Courtney, Willis Cederlind, Russell Cornelius, Eugene Kreiser, Dean Rounds, Loren Garrett, Floyd King, Wallace Clark, Owen Foster, Fred Hoerman, Frank Smith, Robert Krieser, Bobby Macklin, Delbert Foster, Oren Whetsell, Charles Lindley, Vern Andrews, Junior Peacock, Lee Smith, Jack Peacock, John Pettijohn, Billie Price, Arthur Jones, Wallace Teaford, Phil Terry, George Stewart, Archie Higgins and Harold Miller, Jimmie Campbell, Dale Schildknecht, J. D. Marsh, Charles Raines, Don Miller, Wilmer Allen, Covell Clay, Paul Clay, Alfred Clark, Francis Kerns, Keith Kreiser, Harold Moore and J. Norman Edgar.

Marion Moyes of Parkville came Wednesday to attend commencement.

TROJAN CHATTER
By Miss Marjorie Bowen

Announcement has been made this week of the two students who have earned for themselves the right to be called valedictorian and salutatorian of the class of 1943. Mary Ruth Moyes received the highest average and Marjorie Bowen was second. Both of these girls have been good students, and the student body is happy to extend congratulations.

The above paragraph was taken from The Trojan News published by the Sophomore class.

—TC—

The total amount of defense stamps and war bonds that were sold this year came to $2,150. We think this is an excellent record and we hope that the students keep on buying their stamps and bonds regularly this summer.

—TC—

The assembly, which was the last step of closing school, took place Thursday morning in the auditorium. The following received awards:

Volleyball Letters Go To

Alice Barker, Willa Peacock, Virginia Wise, Betty Ozenberger, Nadine Millen, Hattie Hutchcraft, Margarette Bashor, (captain), Joyce Vaughn.

Basketball

First team—Charlie DeShon, Joe Foster, Keith McMillen, Harold Anders, Billy Irwin, Hubert Campbell, Jimmie Miller, Dale Terry, Lawrence Snodderly (captain). Second team—Kenton Ebersold, Carl Jacobs, Bonnie Evans, Kenneth McMillen, Elmo Hammer, James Moore, (captain), John Ashler, Donald Ebersold.

Music Medals

Norma Pierce, Mary Ruth Moyes, Marjorie Bowen, Susie Mae Bollinger, Willa Jean Hunt, Billy Irwin, Olney Belton.

A number of students received typing awards.

Reading Circle Certificates

Eighth grade—Helen Gabhart, Wilma King, Bernard McMillen, June Miller, Virginia Snodderly, Wayne Varner, Betty Loy Welch, Max Wilson, Clayton Campbell, Raymond Watts, Carlene Payne.

Seventh grade—Helen Edgar, Joan Gabhart, Billy Gallinger, Marion Lee Huff, Cecil Humphery, Billie Ray Millen, Douglas Miller, Byron Ott, Carol Simerly, Leroy Simerly, Albert Taube, Glenn Watts.

Sixth grade—Phil Hayes, Marvin Hodge, Donald Kiggens, Paul Lamo, Donald McMillan, Jimmie Mitchell, Harvey Munshaw, Lewis Turner, Carlyle Varner, Phyllis Foster, Ronald Payne, Betty Ann Asbury, Dorothy Miller.

Fifth grade—Mildred Aborn, Bobby Foster, Betty Gibson, Douglas Huff, Luther Millen, Frances Peacock, Sue Rockhold, Donna Simerly, Viola Taube, Helen Watts.

Fourth grade—Lois Barton, Joan Howe, Jon Ott, Ruby Sigrist, Katie Simerly, Georgie Simerly, Betty Jean Teaford, Dixie Payne.

Third grade—Milton Ray Gabhart, Byron Van Gilder, Belva Lou Humphrey, Geraldine Saddler, Ruth Elaine Wall, Betty Lou Humphrey, Kenneth Anders, Maureen Asbury, Donald Ficklin.

Second grade—Robert Wall, Ronald Ficklin, Sue Conway, Merwyn Kauer, Donna Faunice Huff, Frederick Sims.

First grade—Peggy Jane Asbury, Frances Howell, Virginia Keys, Dale Ott, Russell Barton, Patty Ann Henderson, Peggy Jane Henderson, Charles Lamm.

—TC—

This is the last Trojan Chatter for the year. I've certainly enjoyed the hours spent hunting up the news; it's been a pleasure to me. In future years I will always remember how I rushed around on Tuesday evenings trying to find out everything I could, and getting it written down so it was readible. Many times I doubt if it was. I wish to thank everyone who helped me, and for those who write the news in the future I wish them the best of luck. May your days be as happy as mine. Good-bye, everyone.

MARJORIE BOWEN.

School is Really Out!

Marilyn White is Four

Mr. and Mrs. William White entertained Tuesday afternoon at their home in honor of the fourth birthday anniversary of their daughter Marilyn. Games were played on the lawn and refreshments were served. Present were David Schnitker, Eddie and Frances Lee Howell, Freddie and Sue Conway, Gayle Wilkerson, Donna Huff, Mrs. Eward Schnitker, Mrs. Freeman Howell and the honor guest.

Study Club Meets

Mrs. L. E. Rockhold was hostess Thursday, May 6, to the members of the Star Study club. The subject was "The Art of Living," and papers were read by Mrs. H. K. Wyatt. Mrs. Leslie Foster and Mrs. Earl Hayes. A piano solo was played by Mrs. E. B. Wilkerson. Mrs. Clyde Sweet, president elect, announced the subject for next year's study as "Conservation of America's Treasures." A brief outline of the propram was announced. Mrs. John Miller presided at the tea table during the social hour.

"Regards from Wendell Willkie"

A copy of "One World", current best-selling book by Wendell L. Willkie, was received recently by Mrs. Alice Roberts. The book was personally autographed by the author "To Alice Roberts, with kindest regards."

Mr. and Mrs. Caswel DeShon and daughter who have lived the past several years in Los Angeles, Calif., arrived here last week and are visiting their parents Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Ebersold and Mr. and Mrs. C. E. DeShon. Caswell expects to be employed in a Kansas City defense plant.

ALUMNI BANQUET

The twenty-first annual banquet of the Union Star High School Alumni Association was held Saturday evening, May 8, in the school auditorium. One hundred sixteen alumni and faculty members attended. The decorations, favors, programs, etc., were carried out in patriotic colors.

The business session was held in the study hall preceding the banquet with the president, Mrs. H. E. Hall, presiding. Mrs. Guy Gallinger was elected president for the coming year, Miss Jaunita Wilson as vice-president and Miss Madeline Wilson as secretary-treasurer.

Ray Gillip of the Class of 1931 very ably served as toastmaster of the evening. The program, which consisted of toasts and music, was of a patriotic nature. Greetings were read from Joe Munshaw of Denver, Colo., and from Delbert Foster, who is in training with the army air corps at Winfield, Kas.

Honor and tribute was paid to the ninety boys and one girl, all graduates of the Union Star High School, who are in some branch of their country's service. A service flag in their memory hung in the front of the room.

Much credit is due Mrs. Hall, president, her officers, Mrs. Guy Gallinger, vice-president, and Miss Juanita Wilson, secretary-treasurer, and the various committees.

Out-of-town members who attended the banquet were:

Mrs. Ernie Tritten and Mrs. Johnny Tritten of Helena; Misses Barbara Jean Warthman, Dixie Whorton, Grace Shores, Daisy Franklin, Dorothy Lee Gibson, Lila Jean Hayes, Mrs. Nelle Thomas and Mr. and Mrs. Donald Shores, all of St. Joseph; Mrs. Howard Munshaw and Miss Betty Gross of Omaha, Nebr., Misses Maxine Hoerman, LaVonne Cederlind, Henrietta Keyes, Lorraine Bottorff, Hazel Ebersold and Clara Allen and Keith Lewis, all of Maryville; Marion Moyes of Parkville, Pfc. Franklin Price from a training camp in Michigan, Cpl. Fred Hoerman of Fort Riley, Kas., Mrs. Grace McCrosky of Hastings, Nebr., Mr. and Mrs. Caswell DeShon of Alhambra, Calif., Mrs. Lex Creamer and Mrs. Billy Price of Stewartsville, Mrs. John Holmes of Atchison, Kas., Harley Foster of Lathrop, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Gillip, Mrs. Phronis Hilton, Mrs. Merle Clark, Mrs. Merle Calhoun, Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Smith, Misses Ruth Kirtley, Doris Miller, Alene Gillip and Evart Bashor, all of Kansas City.

Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Smith and daughter of Kansas City spent the week-end with his parents Mr. and Mrs. Charles Smith.

Mrs. Ernest Jones and son Dennis of Kansas City returned home Wednesday after having spent the past week with her parents Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Moshier and with Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Jones.

10 POUNDS OF EXTRA SUGAR FOR CANNING

(Continued from Page 1)

Know number of quarts of fruit canned last year.

Know number of quarts of fruit now on hand.

State number of quarts of fruit you intend to can during 1943.

State amount of sugar to be used for preserves, jams, jellies.

One application only is needed for each family unit. Print, type or write plainly the information required, as your application becomes a permanent record. Use pen or indelible pencil if available.

When you have completed your application, attach all copies of War Book One to the completed form and present to those in charge of any of the following places of registration:

Osborn—Tuesday, May 18, 9 a. m. to 4 p. m.

Stewartsville—Wednesday, May 19, 9 a. m. to 4 p. m.

Weatherby—Thursday, May 20, 1 p. m. to 4 p. m.

Santa Rosa—Friday, May 21, 9 a. m. to 12 m.

Fairport—Friday, May 21, 1 p. m. to 4 p. m.

Union Star—Tuesday, May 20, 9 a. m. to 4 p. m.

Cameron—Wednesday, May 26, 9 a. m. to 4 p. m.

Amity—Thursday, May 27, 1 p. m. to 4 p. m.

Clarksdale—Friday, May 28, 9 a. m. to 4 p. m.

Registration at Maysville will be any time after June 1.

Edgar Courtney, employed in defense work in Kansas City, planned to spend the week-end with his family here.

Mrs. W. T. Pearce came Thursday to visit a few days at the home of her daughter Mrs. Lewis Zug and to attend school activities.

The Rev. H. W. Endahl of Manhattan, Kas., conducted services at the Christian church Sunday morning. He and his family were guests Saturday night of Mr. and Mrs. William Theis and Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Sweet.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Schildknecht left Thursday to visit their son who is stationed at Camp Blanding, Fla. They arrived Sunday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Farrow and son Maxwell of Cosby, Mrs. Lea Harris and daughter Winona of Savannah and Miss Juanita Harris of Wshington, D. C., spent Sunday with Mrs. Ethel Howell.

Mr. and Mrs. Evart Bashor and daughter Patty and Mrs. Loren Calhoun, all of Kansas City, and Pvt. Elvin Bashor of Fort Riley, Kas., enjoyed the week-end with their parents Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Bashor.

TRACTORETTE SCHOOL TO GET UNDER WAY MAY 5

The school of instruction in the operation of tractors and other farm implements to be staged by the Union Star Implement Company will start May 5. The sponsors are anxious that all girls and women of the community interested in taking the course, enroll soon that they may know about how many to prepare for.

The first few lessons likely will be held at the company's location here, but most of the training will be given in the field under actual working conditions. The idea has proven so popular everywhere it has been tried that the sponsors stress they don't want curiosity seekers, but only women who actually mean business and are interested in the work. The school is free, but prospective students are warned it is going to be no playhouse, to get the most from the course will require some work.

TRACTORETTES ENTHUSED AFTER FIRST TWO LESSONS

Even after only two sessions, the class of tractorettes being taught the general use of farm machinery in the Union Star Implement company's school for women, fast is catching on and indications are that the community's available farm labor, much of which has been called for army service, soon will have a dozen or more names added to the list. Several who have been unable to attend thus far have indicated they intend to be on hand next Tuesday night for the next lesson. The school will be held each Tuesday night for several weeks.

Already enrolled in the school and eager to learn more are Mrs. Floyd Pierce, Mrs. Hazel Humphrey, Mrs. L. E. Belton, Mrs. J. A. Snodderly, Mrs. Doris Conway, Misses Barbara Ebersold, Norma Jean Pierce and Edna Veale.

The sponsors hope to take the first field trip tomorrow afternoon. If field conditions are favorable, the equipment will be put through the grind under actual working conditions.

TRACTORETTES REALLY TILL THE SOIL ON BURR FARM

William Burr, east of Union Star, can vouch for the thoroughness of the tractorette school started four weeks ago by the Union Star Implement Company. In fact, Burr is said to be contemplating farming on a larger scale next year if there is any prospect of another group of women and girls learning the operation of farm machinery next spring.

Mr. Burr acted against his better judgment in furnishing the test plot for the tractorettes on their first field trip. He had fully expected the beginners, and women at that, to leave the field in a mess, but agreed to turn a 20-acre patch of ground over to them for a practice plot. When eight of the faithful tractorettes, who have taken the course because they wanted to learn it, had taken turns with four tractors, the 20 acres had its best turning in his recollection, and the owner is ready to hire any one of the lot this summer. Of the following eight women who did the work, only two ever had had previous experience operating farm machinery of any kind: Mrs. Ray Ott, Mrs. J. A. Snodderly, Mrs. Hazel Humphrey, Mrs. L. E. Belton, Mrs. Norman Ebersold, Mrs. Doris Conway and Misses Barbara Ebersold and Edna Veale.

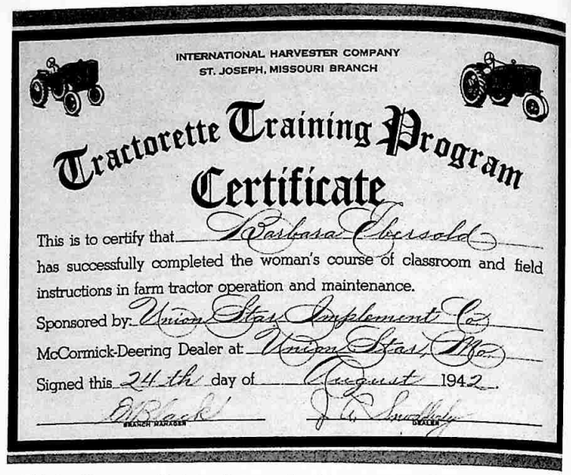
So thoroughly pleased with her work was Mrs. Hazel Humphrey that she borrowed a tractor the next day and plowed a small tract of her own and hopes to be able to borrow the same tractor to plant the seed and later to do the cultivation.

The class has a couple of hay fields to go to next week when they will be taught how to operate tractor-drawn mowing machines. The only request these tractorettes are making now is that farmers don't offer too many test plots—most of them must find some time to do their housework.

UNION STAR IMPLEMENT CO. TO CLOSE OUT WITH AUCTION

Public Sale Next Wednesday Will Be Swan Song to One of Town's Oldest Businesses

When James Snodderly and Roy Clay, owners of the Union Star Implement Company, announced two weeks ago they would close


INTERNATIONAL HARVESTER COMPANY
ST. JOSEPH, MISSOURI BRANCH

Tractorette Training Program

Certificate

This is to certify that Barbara Ebersold has successfully completed the woman's course of classroom and field instructions in farm tractor operation and maintenance.

Sponsored by: Union Star Implement Co.

McCormick-Deering Dealer at: Union Star, Mo.

Signed this 24th day of August 1942.

This is a Tractorette Training Program Certificate presented to Barbara Ebersold when she completed successfully the woman's course of classroom and field instructions in farm tractor operation and maintenance. It was sponsored by the Union Star Implement Co., McCormick-Deering dealer owned by Mr. Jim Snodderly. Her brother, Stanley, remembers tagging along with Barbara to those sessions of classes in the dealership shop. He probably learned something, too. He would have been eight years old. He also went to the field to watch the women plow. This program was held in 1942 so women could do the farm work while the men were fighting for their country in World War II.

out their business here, businessmen of Union Star, as well as everyone in the community, hoped they would change their minds and continue, but after next Wednesday, the old established firm of the Union Star Implement Co. will be no more—they will sell the entire stock at auction that day, hoping to clean everything out of the building in one day's selling.

Right when harvest is coming on and the farming season is at its peak, a $2,000 stock of repairs for McCormick-Deering implements is being offered at auction prices. Included in the sale also will be several pieces of new and used equipment, a complete set of pump and windmill tools, an extra good outlay of shop equipment, an International pick-up, two trailers, parts bins and other fixtures and office equipment. The two proprietors also own the building which is for sale or rent. They already have had a few nibbles and think it likely they will find either a buyer or tenant soon.

Neither of the men has any definite immediate plans. Both were well known and well liked before they bought the business four years ago last January from the late Hugh Stanton and their friends and admirers have increased everyday they have been in business. They have been progressive and active in all civic enterprises, and their like is going to be hard to replace. Both families are active in church work here, and all in all, it is going to be a blow if either or both families leave Union Star.

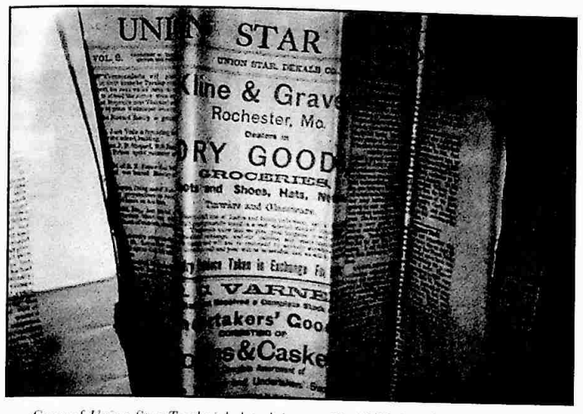
Snodderly last spring was elected to the board of education, and it has been he who single-handed has developed one of the best Boy Scout troops in this area. Clay also is a member of the Boy Scout troop committee and at one time served as assistant scoutmaster.

TRACTORETTE SCHOOL CONTINUES

Clay and Snodderly didn't let the Tractorettes down when they decided to quit. True, they sold the new tractor the women were learning to operate, but not until the purchaser had promised to allow them to use it in the school.

The Tractorettes got their first lesson in operating a mowing machine Monday when Mrs. J. A. Snodderly, Mrs. Hazel Humphrey, Mrs. Ray Ott, Mrs. L. E. Belton and Miss Edna Veale felled 12 acres of heavy clover for John Kyler. They plan to take turns at cultivating corn today if a dry field can be found.

Photo Gallery



Copy of *Union Star Toothpick* dated August 23, 1885, found in a time capsule at the Maysville Courthouse. The capsule was opened in 1995 and contents placed on display.



Mae Simpson and Judy Simpson at Chuck Wagon Café, Union Star, around 1961.



Galen Ebersold plowing for his Uncle Charlie Ebersold in Iowa one summer before getting married.



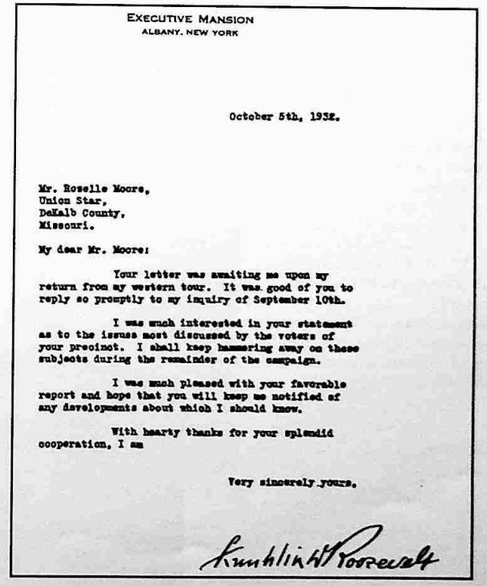
Union Star, Missouri, area.

LETTER FROM F. D. ROOSEVELT

This letter was received by Rozelle Moore when he was the Democratic committeeman of Polk Township. The letter was written October 5, 1932, a month before Mr. Roosevelt was elected president of the United States in November 1932. Mr. Roosevelt was the governor of New York State. The letterhead reads Executive Mansion, Albany, New York. Franklin was thanking Rozelle for the information he sent him about issues most discussed in Rozelle's precinct. We do not know what Rozelle sent Mr. Roosevelt, but it must have been helpful. He was elected president. The family of Rozelle prize this letter. The signature has been determined to be President Roosevelt's and not a stamped one.

Rozelle Moore was the grandson of Russell G. Moore who was in DeKalb County when it was organized in 1845 and was appointed justice of peace of Polk Township. Rozelle followed in his political footsteps.

This letter is dedicated to the time capsule in their memory by the Moore, Ebersold, Whorton and Phillips families who are their descendants.


EXECUTIVE MANSION
ALBANY, NEW YORK

October 5th, 1932.

Mr. Rozelle Moore,
Union Star,
DeKalb County,
Missouri.

My dear Mr. Moore:

Your letter was awaiting me upon my return from my western tour. It was good of you to reply so promptly to my inquiry of September 10th.

I was much interested in your statement as to the issues most discussed by the voters of your precinct. I shall keep hammering away on these subjects during the remainder of the campaign.

I was much pleased with your favorable report and hope that you will keep me notified of any developments about which I should know.

With hearty thanks for your splendid cooperation, I am

Very sincerely yours,

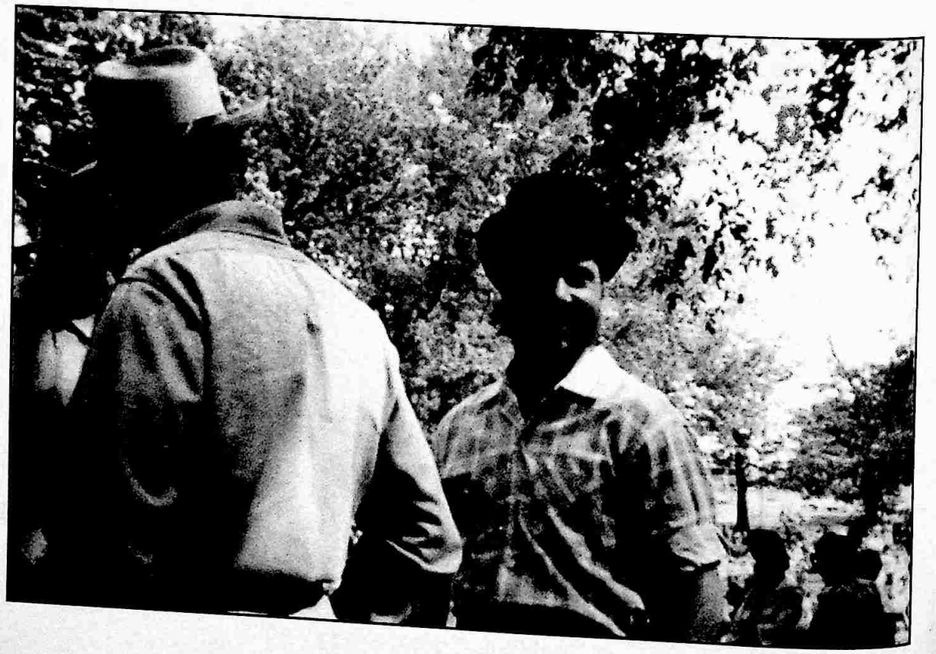
Franklin D. Roosevelt



Waldo Opera, Union Star, Missouri, 1908



Christian Church Members, Union Star, 1940s



Herman Jackson (back to camera) and Clifford Jackson at Union Star's centennial celebration, June 1956, in schoolyard.

Churches

FIRST UNION STAR CHURCH WAS ORGANIZED IN 1881

In the year 1881 a few loyal citizens of Union Star, who had been holding religious services in their homes, met together and decided they would organize and build a church. The following were the first members: Mrs. H. T. Jenkins, Mr. and Mrs. James Redding Sr., Misses Fannie and Anna Ibson, Joseph Ibson Jr., Miss Cora Vangilder and Mr. and Mrs. Amos Hardin. Rev. S. N. Warner was their pastor, Joseph Ibson the class leader, Joseph Redding was steward and John Maymaw the presiding elder.

Services were to be held once each month at 4:00 p.m. in each other's homes. They would call their church a "Union Church" as it comprised the Presbyterians, the Cumberland Presbyterians, the Methodists and the M. E. South. The pastor's pay was by subscription, and the people gave liberally. In 1882 the lot on which the church now stands was deeded to them by Levi Schaeffer. The trustees were George Moyes, Joseph Ibson, M. B. Taylor, R. S. Tilton and J. T. Simpson. The building was completed in 1883.

Each denomination had one Sunday per month, and all 30 members attended regularly. In 1899 the Union Church was dissolved, and on Sunday, November 26, the Rev. C. O. Miller, president of Maryville Seminary, gave a dedicatory address to the Methodist Church.

At 3:00 p.m. the Rev. Mr. Peters, pastor, held an old-fashioned class meeting. By invitation, Elder W. A. Chapman of the First Christian Church gave a most inspiring sermon. Folk Bros., whose memory still lives in the hearts of many, led the singing on this memorable day. In 1915 the building was remodeled. In 1922 when the Rev. Mr. Ives was pastor, the Sunday school room and choir room were installed. In 1943 two new rooms were added, and interior decorating was done by loyal members. The year 1951 saw many war-draped seats of our boys, several of whom gave their all for God and country.

Our church has been on different circuits. The present circuit consists of Union Star, Oak Grove and Star Chapel with the Rev. Jerry Thistlethwaite as pastor. My own memory of pastors date back to Brothers Trotter, Grimes, Cox, Walrafen, McKeown, McGuire, Blackwell and Brother Hill whose untimely passing has yet left a shadow which will never be erased in Union Star. However, never a ship leaves the shore for the harbor lights of home, but what another appears on the horizon and we joyfully shout, "Here she comes," and Brother Jerry is on deck. This is his second year with us, and we welcome him back to a duty and fellowship with Christ. He and his lovely family are cozily at home in the new parsonage, built the past two years and dedicated March 14, 1956. Officiating clergymen were the Most Rev. Bishop Ivan Lee Holt, Dr. H. H. Brower, district superintendent, and the Rev. Jerry Thistlethwaite, pastor of the Union Star Church.

Thus from a membership of 30 loyal patriots of old has grown an enrollment of 300. We have it in a friendly town, on a friendly corner, its slender spires pointing heavenward, calling all passersby to a holier pilgrimage.

Submitted by Mrs. R. V. Rounds

Taken from *Union Star Centennial* paper, June 1956

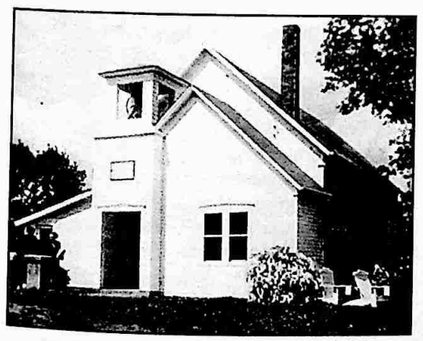
FLAG SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH

Flag Springs Baptist Church has had an influence in the Union Star community for 150 years. Organized in March of 1855, as the Platte River Church, the church name was changed to the Flag Springs Baptist Church in 1873. The present site was selected in 1870, but the date of the completion of the original building is uncertain. This building burned in January of 1982, and construction of the current building was begun in August of 1982, and dedicated in 1983.

Stringed instruments in the church were frowned upon, so an organ was purchased in 1879 for use by the Sabbath school. Much later a piano was added, and now they have a piano and an organ.

In February 1906, ice was cut on the creek, and 28 people were baptized. Sixteen were baptized in the river after an evening service and under a full moon in August 1949. Flag Springs has had 44 pastors and has long considered their mission as that of a pastor trainer as most pastors were seminary students from Kansas City. John DeLee is the current pastor, and he is a bivocational pastor and lives in the community.

An interesting story is that of the tornadoes. The tornado of June 12, 1881 (referred to as the big cyclone by old-timers), leveled most of Flag Springs and moved the church off its foundation. Shortly afterward, the church was repaired and moved back to its original supporting stones. Easter Sunday, March 23, 1913, another tornado traveling virtually the same path moved it off its foundation the second time. Again the durable old structure was strapped together and moved back bodily.



Old Flag Springs Church destroyed by fire January 1982.



Current Flag Springs Church begun in August 1982, dedicated in 1983.

John Mullinix, an old-time resident of Flag Springs, told a different story of the tornadoes to Terry Deshler for the *St. Joseph News-Press*: He said the first one in 1881 moved the church six inches north off its foundation. In 1913 the second cyclone moved the church six inches south and put it back on its foundation again.

Mr. Mullinix said, "That sounds like a lie, but I was at the church at a young people's meeting when the second one hit, so I know it's true. Earl Dunigan ran outside to see what was going on, and the cyclone picked him up and threw him across the road into a pile of crab apples. The windows of the church were broken, and the bell rang like crazy."

Submitted by Cecile Talley

UNION STAR METHODIST CHURCH

In May 1881, the M. E. Class organized the first religious body in Union Star. Its charter members were Mrs. H. T. Jenkins, Mr. and Mrs. James Redding Sr., Misses Annie and Fannie Ibson, Joe Ibson Sr., Miss Cora Van Gilder and Mr. and Mrs. Amos Harmon. The people soon began to make plans to build a church, which would be a Union Church, consisting of Presbyterians, Cumberland Presbyterians, M. E. and M. E. South followers. They raised the money to build their church by liberal subscriptions from many friends and the members.

In 1882 the lot on which the Methodist Church now stands was deeded to them by Levi Sheaffer. The trustees were George Moyes, Joseph Ibson, M. B. Taylor, R. S. Tilton and James T. Simpson. They wanted the best church that they were able to have, and by 1883 the building was completed.

The church was long with two doors in the south. The pulpit stood in the north. There was a short row of benches on each side and a long row of benches on each side and long row of benches in the middle. Two stoves were at the back, one on each side

Each denomination had one Sunday each month for their services, and everybody attended them. It is interesting to know the names and numbers of members that year. There were 30 members as follows: Joseph Ibson Sr. - class leader, Annie Ibson, James Redding - steward, Lucinda Redding, James J. Redding, William B. Redding, Mary S. Redding, A. W. Harmon, Mary Harmon, Cora Van Gilder, Anna Jenkins, Lucinda Ganote, George W. Ganote, M. Jenkins, W. Jenkins, Ibson Cowen, P. H. McDonald, Walden Boles, Tennessee Boles, James Allen, Annie Allen, George A. Brown, William A. Brown, Wm. A. McDonald, Thomas Quick, Kate Venerable and Thomas Jenkins.

The parsonage was built in 1896 when Rev. McNamee was here.

In 1899 the Union Church was dissolved. Presbyterian people built a church of their own. Then the M. E. South sold its interest in the church to the M. E. people. With their pastor, Rev. W. L. Scarborough, M. E. South built a church farther west of the Union Church. The Union Church now becomes the M. E. Church.

The church was remodeled and enlarged, made more modern with a tall spire. It had two doors in the south. It was reopened November 26, 1899, when E. C. Petree was pastor. Rev. C. O. Mills, president of the Maryville Seminary of the Methodist Church, gave the dedication address. At 3:00 p.m. Rev. Petree led an old-fashioned class meeting. By invitation Elder W. A. Chapman of the Christian Church delivered an appropriate sermon to a crowded house. When Rev. Yetter was pastor in 1915, the church was remodeled again when a choir loft was added on the east and pulpit changed to the east, new seats added and a furnace installed. Again in 1932, when Rev. W. J. Imes was pastor, a Sunday school room was added on the southwest, the church entry enlarged and rebuilt, a large window replaced the small one on the north and matched the one on the south, the floor was raised and sloped toward the pulpit. The interior of the church was redecorated.

The church has been remodeled with new rooms being added several times since the first church was built.

In 1939 all Methodist churches (North, South, etc.) merged together and became one Methodist Church. Shortly after 1950, the Missionary Society, which had been organized here in 1925, became known as Woman's Society of Christian Service during the ministry of Rev. Cox.

The Ladies Aid Society, which was organized shortly after the church was built and dedicated, has been an active organization of the church up to this day. The ladies have made their money by quilting, holding bake sales, serving at public sales, serving dinners, auctions and bazaars. In times past they have helped pay on the pastor's salary, fuel, church and parsonage insurance, furnished curtains, carpeting, hymn books, all types of furnishings and fixtures for the church, labor, paint, janitor work, helped buy piano and electric organ. The last major project was furnishing almost $900 toward the upholstery of the church seats last November 1974. They meet each Thursday for quilting. It would have been hard to have kept the church doors open during the Depression and early days without their assistance. The Men's Council was organized in 1952 and sponsored the Harvest Sales. They had their own speakers and took charge of services in absence of the minister. They raised money to dig a basement, added restrooms and north room and, with donations, they started a new parsonage in 1953. Open house for the new parsonage was held in 1954 just after Rev. Thistlewaite came.

The official dedication of the new parsonage was held at the church on March 4, 1956, at 3:00 p.m. when Bishop Ivan Lee Holt of St. Louis gave the dedication address accompanied by the district superintendent, Rev. H. H. Brower of Maryville, and local minister Rev. Jerry Thistlewaite. The trustees for the parsonage were Nellie Keyes, Randal Johnson, Herbert McClure, Martin Cederlind and Olen Guest.

In 1968 the church became the Union Star United Methodist Church because of the merger of the former Methodist Church and the E.U.B. Church.

Through the years this church has been on a number of different circuit arrangements. In 1968 the circuit was changed from the Union Star, Oak Grove and Star Chapel Charge to Union Star and Helena Circuit.

The Second-Mile-Giving Fund was established in 1965. This is a collection in which the contributions are designated as "Missionary Giving" above and beyond the church budget, amounting from four to five hundred dollars a year.

The W.S.C.S. changed its name to that of "United Methodist Women" in 1972. The older ladies' group meets monthly on the fourth Wednesday afternoon while the younger women meet in the evening of the same day.

Through gifts and memorials, many and varied furnishings have been added to the church. A rededication service was held at the church on Sunday, November 5, 1972, at 2:00 p.m. in observance of the extensive remodeling program which was started and finishe in 1972. The sanctuary was paneled, woodwork varnished an painted, carpeted red, new drapes and new swinging doors, churcl painted on outside and several more improvements made. The history of the church was given. Three former pastors or representatives of their families were present. Rev. George Poe gave the address, and our pastor, Rev. DeLoss Hinshaw, gave comments on the progress of the church.

Laymen's Pre-Easter Services

In 1956 Earl Evans and Homer Foster were the instigators of the Laymen's Pre-Easter Services held the week preceding Easter in which the four Union Star churches and the Oak Grove Church participated. Later the Orchid Church and Flag Springs Baptist Church joined in these meetings.

By rotation, one of the four Union Star churches provides the meeting place for that year, and a 30-minute service from 7:00 to 7:30 is held each weekday morning with a speaker representing each of the participating churches.

The interest and attendance of these meetings has grown steadily since that time and have been rewarding and inspirational to all who attend.

The first services were held at the Methodist Church with Charles Myers giving the first message on Monday morning.

Some of the laymen of the church at that time were Shirley Teaford, Charles Myers, Martin Cederlind, Cecil Humphrey, Russel Ott, Warren Gallinger, Kenneth and Don Higgins, Jake Wall and Ernest F. Gillip.

In 1970 a certificate for $1,200 in memory of Mary E. Wall was deposited in the Farmers State and Peoples Bank by Jake Wall and family. The interest each year is to go for Methodist missions to be handled by the Methodist Church Board.

Researched by Mrs. Lola Munshaw

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH WAS ORGANIZED IN 1882

There were a number of Presbyterian families among the early settlers of Union Star, and for several years services were held in the village and in neighboring homes. In 1882 the group was organized into a church body by Rev. F. E. Thompson of the Platte Presbytery with the following members:

Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Daughtery, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Ogden, Mr. and Mrs. George Moyes and Mrs. John Patterson, Mrs. Rebecca Lowe, Miss Anna Lowe, Miss Jennie Moyes, Miss Harriett White, Misses Julia and Kate Ogden, Mrs. Margaret Hudson, Mrs. Mary Teenor and Miss Anna Millen. A. A. Daughtery was chosen elder and installed October 1, 1882. The church was named the First Presbyterian Church of Union Star.

In 1883 this group joined with the Methodist people in erecting a church building. Presbyterians owned one-fourth interest and held their services on the first Sunday of the month. In 1899 they sold their interest in this building and erected a building of their own, dedicating it on April 15, 1900. The usual memorials were sealed in the cornerstone. Pennsylvania relatives and friends sent a gift of pulpit chairs which are still used and cherished by the congregation.

In 1936 the church received a bequest of property from the estate of Mrs. George Burton. The large brick home was remodeled and modernized later into a very comfortable and attractive manse for the minister's family.

In 1950 the church building was remodeled and a wing added with space for classrooms, recreation room and kitchen.

Mrs. Samuel Stewart organized the first Ladies' Aid Society. The ladies have always contributed in the church work both in local and missionary projects. Mrs. Palmer Moyes is president, and the group meets each month.

A men's council was organized in 1953. The group enjoys worship and social meetings once a month and has provided new equipment for the church.

Ministers serving this church have been J. F. Clarkson 1882-85; Willis Weaver 1885-88; J. B. Price 1889-90; S. W. Edwards 1890-91; James Reed 1893-97; F. W. Crossman 1898-99; C. C. Armstrong 1899-1903; C. L. Rodgers 1903-04; W. G. Schell 1904-08; D. M. Boyer 1908-11; W. G. McBean 1911-16; C. S. Calkins 1916-18; F. Rice 1918-19; Robert Crichton 1920-24; D. Morgan 1925; V. R. Barton 1925-27; J. C. Bigbee 1928-33; R. N. Benton 1934-41; A. A. Smith 1946-49; W. D. Canady 1950-53; and W. B. Garner 1955- 1956.

Marion Moyes supplied the pulpit as student pastor from 1943-45 and Charles Kirtley in 1949. There are 76 active members on the church roll and 108 on the Sunday school roll. Elders are Glen Cobb, Friel Hall, Bruce Wilkerson and Vernon Andrews. Vernon Andrews is Sunday school superintendent.

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Union Star Presbyterian Church, 1947 or 1948 - Front row: Billy White, Donna Theis, Linda Schnitker and Lana Tennor. Back row: Nelson Richter, John Hutchcraft, Virginia Childers, David Schnitker, Marylin White, Joyce Humphrey, Helen Garrett and Thelbert "Butch" Childers.

UNION STAR FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH WAS ORGANIZED IN 1897

The First Baptist Church of Union Star was organized in the Union Star Christian Church on October 11, 1897, with 15 charter members. They were Isaac and Lorina Edwards, William and Vinnie Albert, W. E. Piper, Martha Tanner, G. E. and Anna Gromer, Estella Thomas, O. H. Barbee, Thomas Patrick, Laura and Salina Farrington, Gaston and Nancy Farrington. Rev. S. Riggs was called as first pastor. He served the church for a period of 28 years. This little group of Baptists had been having services for six months in the local Christian Church one Sunday in each month. After their organization, they continued to have services there until they could build a church.

Moses Bullock donated the land for the church. Work was start-

ed at once, and they dedicated what is now the First Baptist Church in Union Star on August 11,1893. Rev. S. M. Brown of Kansas City preached the dedication sermon.

The first trustees were W. E. Albert, O. H. Barbee, W. F. Piper and C. F. Trachsel. The first deacons were D. N. Clark, W. E. Piper, S. Duke, W. E. Albert and C. F. Trachsel. First clerk was Garrett E. Grommer, and first Sunday school superintendent was J. H. Callahan.

In the early years of the church they had preaching services only one Sunday in the month. In 1900 twice a month, services were begun, and in January 1948, full-time was started and has been maintained ever since.

Records show that J. M. Thomas donated the church bell and Mrs. J. W. Pierce the large pulpit Bible. The church was heated with stoves and lighted with kerosene lamps; however, in 1908 gaslights were installed, and in 1913 the church was wired for electricity. In 1909 a coal furnace was installed. In 1907 the baptistery and dressing rooms were added. An organ was used until 1913 when a piano was purchased.

In April 1899, the members met and planted shade trees on the lawn and built hitch racks. These shade trees have been a source of pleasure to the congregation down through the years, but the hitch racks have long been discarded.

On August 16, 1948, work was started on building an annex and basement. This work was started under the ministry of the Rev. E. L. Goss and finished in early part of 1950. The church was redecorated throughout. New carpets and piano and gas floor furnaces were bought. On August 31, 1950, Dr. R. G. Lee of Memphis, Tennessee, came and dedicated the completed church, free of debt. The Rev. G. W. Schweer was pastor.

On July 12 a seven-room modern pastor's home was purchased.

Some of the long-term officers of the church are as follows: Mrs. C. N. Benson - treasurer for 23 years and Mrs. Merle Clark - clerk 25 for years.

Some of the pastors through the years were W. G. Ball, O. W. Stanbrough, R. W. Porter, H. A. Hurst, J. W. Heriford, C. E. Goodnight, Fred Baldus, R. K. Grant, E. L. Tiffany, Kenneth Harder, Harry Butler and Isaac Edwards served as janitor many years.

Mrs. Janet Wagenblast was Sunday school superintendent ten years. A. Kelley, W. E. Albert, W. E. Piper, Curtis Redding, F. A. Smith and Hubert Laffoon are among the long-term deacons. The church has never had a large membership, usually between 125 and 135. The church now has a full program with fully graded Sunday school, Training Union, Brotherhood and W.M.S. and full-time preaching. The Rev. Boudreau is pastor.

Written by Mrs. Elmer Simms, May 25, 1956

UPDATE FOR 1ST BAPTIST CHURCH OF UNION STAR

A homecoming was held on September 25, 1937, to celebrate the 40th Anniversary of the church and its redecoration and remodeling. Rev. C. E. Goodnight was pastor at this time.

Dr. R. C. Lee of Memphis, Tennessee, president of the Southern Baptist Convention, spoke at the Sunday morning service. A basket dinner was held at the noon hour followed by a 2:00 meeting. Former pastors spoke, then Dr. Lee gave the afternoon address. Mrs. Freeman Howell was soloist.

In April 1978, the men of the church began another building project. They began by removing several trees on the south side of the church. A bulldozer pushed dirt from the south side to make the basement level entrance and a parking lot. The basement walls had to be dug out and repaired on the outside. Cement was poured and a 20x20 foot room added to the basement and the same was added to the upstairs. The basement petitions were taken out and a kitchen, nursery, bathroom and large fellowship area were included in the remodeling. A stairway to the sanctuary was added to the east side.

Upstairs the sanctuary was redecorated. A pastor's study and a large area for classrooms or an annex to the sanctuary were added. The antique church pews with their ornate wood trim were completely stripped and refinished. The pews were padded and upholstered.

Many love gifts have been given to the church , including the piano, carpeting and communion table in the sanctuary. The stained glass window in front of the baptistery was given in memory of loved ones. Also given were folding chairs and tables, kitchen stove and shrubs around the church. Many other gifts were given, including labor and money.

The two front doors were added to the church before the dedication service on October 28, 1979. Brother Billy Hereford was our dedication speaker.

The Baptist Church is a tithing church. For many years we have supported a cooperative program which includes state, home and foreign missions.

On October 12, 1997, the First Baptist Church of Union Star celebrated its 100th Anniversary as a church in this community. The event was kicked off with a continental breakfast followed by the morning worship service with Rev. Mike Hawkins bringing the message. John Teter led the music.

A carry-in basket dinner followed at noon with a special program held that afternoon. Rev. G. W. Schweer, another former pastor, spoke at this service. Special awards were given out during the day.

The church added two mural window paintings and a new sign outdoors in remembrance of 100 years of serving God in Union Star.

In the fall of 1999 work began on converting a storage room upstairs into an office/library. The old office was then converted into a restroom and storage area. The bell tower was enclosed so moisture could not get in and the entry way was remodeled and front and basement doors replaced.

The church has many community activities during the year including Fifth Quarter for youth, After School Bible Club for the children, Harvest Festival, Summer Carnival and Valentine's Banquet. At this time the church is considering adding on to the church.

Pastors of First Baptist Church of Union Star

S. Riggs	Robert Ebenting Jr.
E. C. Barton	Robert Gray
S. Riggs	Mansel Campbell
R. W. Porter	Albert Shirley
H. A. Hurst	Mansel Campell
O. W. Stanbrough	Roy Heriford
Fred Badus	David Grace
R. Wilson	Larry Carter
L. C. Robinson	R. B. Floyd (Interim)
Brother Seal	R. B. Floyd
S. Riggs	Ted Graham
W. J. Heriford	Mike Hawkins
C. G. Goodnight	Dale Martin
Kenneth R. Grant	Robert Payne (Interim)
Ellis L. Tiffany	Jim Grubbs (Interim)
Elwood L. Goss	Jack Slade
Bill Schweer	Steve Noyes (Interim)
Kenneth Harder	Brian Evans
A. W. Butter	Matt Watts (youth)
D. R. Boudreau	Scott Wright
Jack Borum	Dan Anderson (Interim)

UNION STAR CHRISTIAN CHURCH WAS SECOND CHURCH BUILT

The Christian Church was the second church built in Union Star. Benjamin F. McGauhey, at his death in 1887, bequeathed his estate amounting to $2,000 to John B. Harper and J. O. Gross to be used to purchase a lot and to build a church. Other pledges were raised, and the building was dedicated January 8, 1888. Rev. Good of St. Joseph held a meeting, and at the conclusion of this meeting the church was organized with the following charter members: Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Davis, Mr. and Mrs. John O. Gross, Mr. and Mrs. Myron Tanner, James Murphy, William Moran, Mr. and Mrs. Robert White and Mrs. Susie McKinney. Elders were Robert White and John O. Gross, and deacons were James Murphy and Ellis Davis.

The present board is J. T. Roberts, chairman; Don Theis, assistant chairman; Dale Moore, secretary; Lewis Zug, treasurer. Elders are Ray Hayes, W. W. Frank, J. W. Barker and J. T. Roberts. Deacons are Robert Bollinger, Glenn Ruoff, Jay Whorton, Lloyd Wilkerson, L. A. Powell, C. H. Irwin, Charles Davis, J. S. Wheeler, Robert Kibbey, Lewis Zug, Don Theis and Dale Moore.

The following preachers have ministered here: Bro. Ott of King City in 1888; Bro. Williams, Henry Boone and W. A. Chapman, 1886 to 1903; J. D. McClure of Albany, 1903; Francis DeVol, 1904 to 1910; Charles Wales, 1910 to 1911; George Harness, 1911; Bro. M. O. Dutcher for about two years; A. J. Baird, 1915 to 1920; John Keplinger, 1920 to 1926; Irving Withers, 1928; M. L. Bailey, 1930; G. L. Weidman, 1934-1935; R.. L. Lockwood, 1938-1939; J. B. Montague, 1941-1942; J. E. Colthorp,1943-1948; Don Poorman, 1952; Don Barber, 1954. The present minister is B. F. Holtzclaw.

In August 1911, the church was remodeled. In June 1915, individual communion cups were purchased. In 1923 the building was again remodeled. Improvements included the south annex addition, basement, front steps and belfry changed, new floors were laid and the exterior kellastoned. Bro. Kershner, at that time head of the Bible department of Drake University, was in charge of the rededication.

In 1951 the residence across the street east of the church was purchased, improved and modernized to be used as a parsonage.

The Woman's Missionary Society was first organized in 1921 by Mrs. John Keplinger during her husband's ministry. The organization grew and prospered, and in 1941 the society was changed into a Woman's Council. Since then it has undergone another change and is now known as the Christian Woman's Fellowship. Present officers are Mrs. C. E. Scott, president; Mrs. Lee Gross, vice president; Mrs. C. M. Rosenbaum, secretary-treasurer. This group of women is very active, and they give much financial support to the church. They meet the third Wednesday of each month.

The men have formed Men's Council, and they meet the second Monday night of each month. Their officers are Glen Ruoff, president; Phil Hayes, vice president; and Don Theis, secretary-treasurer.

Submitted by Mrs. Don Their

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Oak Grove Methodist Church, two miles southeast of Union Star. This is the oldest church in the area.

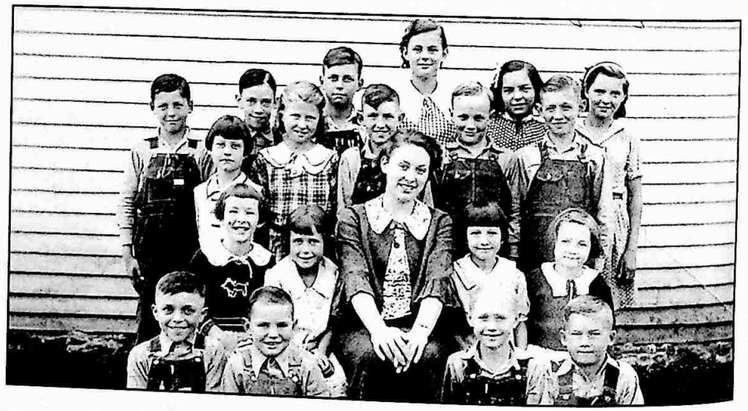
Schools



Blue School, September 1937-38 - Front row: Leroy Kibby, Eddie Dean Bashor, Bobby Simpson, Byron Dean Heckman and Verlyn Abbott. Second row: Albert Bottroff, Richard Simpson, Guy Oren Taylor, Jay Whorton, Don Whorton and Byron Lewis Akin. Third row: Melvin Simpson, Joan Kibby, Viola Simpson, Marlyn Jean Culbertson, Betty Jo Howard, Joan Celoud, Neva Lou Whorton and Doris Jean Gibson. Back row: Margarete Genevieve Bashor, Frances Lorraine Bashor, Margie Taylor, Alice Margie Barker, Barbara Elaine Turner (teacher), Leroy Bashor and Leroy Bottroff.



Blue School, 1938-39, Emile Copeland, teacher - Front row: Alvin Schrader, Eddie Dean Bashor, Byron Lewis Akin, Verlyn Abbott, Leroy Kibbey and Melvin Schrader. Second row: Lois Schrader, Joan Celoud, Marlyn Culbertson, Joan Creamer, Doris Jean Gibson, Joan Kibbey and Neva Lou Whorton. Back row: Albert Bottroff, Mr. Copeland, Don Whorton, Leroy Bashor, Alice Marjorie Barker, Lorraine Bashor, Margarete Bashor and Margie Jane Taylor.



Blue School - First row: Dean Heckman, Eddie Dean Bashor, Verlyn Abbott and Leroy Kibbey. Second row: Doris Jean Gibson, Marilyn Jean Culbertson, Miss Barbara Turner (sitting in middle), Neva Whorton and Joan Kibbey. Third row: Betty Howard, Margarete Bashor, Jay Whorton, Sammie Mitchell and Don Whorton. Back row: Byron Louis Akins, Guy Oren Taylor, Leroy Bashor, Alice Marjorie Barker, Margie Jane Taylor and Lorraine Bashor.



Union Peppers Rhythm Band (first, second, third and fourth grades), 1930-1931 - Front row: Jack Peacock, Betty Jean Hogen, Harold Moore, Harriet Peacock, Jule Willie, Gordon Van Gilder, Claylain Redding Moore, John Dale Schildknecht, Jay Whorton and Wilber Allen.

Second row: Cecil Van Gilder, Billy Hogen, LaNelle Ralph, Clara Allen, Ruby Munshaw, Logan Jefferies, unknown, Lois Foster, unknown, Junior "Bert" Peacock Jr. and Alfred Clark.

Third row:LaVonne Cederling Weston, Barbara Worthman, Marion Moyes, Dixie Whorton, Henrietta Keyes, Wallace Teaford, Keith Lewis, Archie Higgins, Eva King, Doris Miller, unknown and Keith Kreiser. Teacher was Bessie Allen. Their mothers made the costumes using oatmeal boxes for their hats.

This beauty contest was promoted by the businesses in town. Each girl is wearing her sponsor's name across her front. This contest was held in the King City High School gymnasium. The audience determined the winners by applauding. The winner of Union Star girls was Helen Post. King City also held its contest the same night. Its winner was Violet Post, Helen Post's sister. The sisters were being raised by different relatives due to their mother's death. Their pictures appeared in a Kansas City newspaper. Hazel (Ebersold) Whorton was first runner-up and Lila (Hayes) Bollinger was second runner-up. We each wore dresses borrowed from Mrs. Alice Roberts. We three got to go and be introduced at the Maysville beauty contest. This was our closest claim to fame—but what fun. Lila got a new formal to go to Maysville. I wore Mrs. Roberts' old one. This all took place in 1938-1939.



Front row: Elizabeth Galligher, Dorthy Veale, Dixie (Whorton) Wheeler Wood, Hazel (Ebersold) Whorton, Helen (Post) Traut - queen, Lila (Hayes) Bollinger, Lois Foster, Barbara (Warthman) Constance.

Back row: Lorraine (Bashor) Christy, Rosalie (Veale) Holcomb, Ella Mae Hutton, Hazel Alley, LaVonne Cederlind, Eva King, Claylain (Redding) Moore and Gertrude (Hutchcraft) Andrews.



Odd Fellows Lodge, circa 1948-49 - Front row: Dale Ebersold, Harold Wyatt, Lecil Andrews, Coen Marshall, Frank Smith and Leroy Pulley.

Second row: Unknown, Russell Lindley, Alton Whetsell, Kenton Ebersold, Harold Hutchcraft, unknown, Junior Marshall and Ermal Steiner.

Third row: Albert Campbell, Bruce Pardee, Bill Laffoon, Jay Whorton, Omer Ashler, Leroy Kibbey, Donald Morgan, Kenny Herbster and John B. Hayes.



Union Star School. First, Second and Third Grades, 1948 - Front: Joyce Hodge, Donna Theis, Karon Ott, Barbara Joe Price, Naomi Graham, all first grade; Carolyn Baker, thrid grade; Lois Schildknecht and Charlotte DeShon, both second grade.

Middle: Clifford Allen, _____ Hobbs, both second grade; Nelson Richter, John Hutchcraft, both first grade; Jerry Foster, third grade; and Dale Simerly, second grade.

Back: Gene Baker, Betty Marshall, both third grade; Miss Ada Stratton (first year at Union Star); Thelbert "Butch" Childers, first grade; and Dennis Jones, second grade.



Those Pesky Little Brothers - These nine sets of brothers were in the eighth grade and freshman classes when this picture was taken in 1969 for the seniors' annual. The sets of brothers include David and Eugene Osborn, Max and Mitchell Whorton, Gary and Ronnie Steiner, Kendall and Randy Ebersold, Randall and Michael Varner, Melvin and Michael Simerly, Gary and Michael Wells, Dennis and Gary Thompson, Ron and Randall Hodge.

UNION STAR PUBLIC SCHOOL

The first school in Union Star was held in a building which stood on the property now owned and occupied by Mrs. B. C. Stevens located at the southwest corner of Maple and Fourth streets. School was conducted there for only a few years. The next school held in Union Star was in an old building on the site of the Dorsie Redding residence at Maple and Third streets. The playgrounds were the lots to the north and east of the school room, bordering on what is now the business street.

Ed Stewart taught the school in 1883, J. W. Miles in 1884 and D. H. Griffin in 1885. The late Mr. and Mrs. James Monroe Hall were pupils at these two locations and gave the writer, Mrs. Bruce Wilkerson, this information in 1936 when she wrote the first history of Union Star.

In 1885 Mr. Nathaniel Pardee died and bequeathed the present schoolyard and also the cemetery land to the new growing town. The district voted $4,100 in bonds for a building to be located on the new campus. The four-room, two-story brick building was completed in 1885. There was a large hall across the front of the upper story which was later converted into a fifth classroom for use of the high school tenth and eleventh grades which were added about 1888. The lower hall was used for cloak rooms, and a wide stairway ascended to the second floor. Iron ladders at the rear of the building were the fire escapes. These halls and the stairway were excellent gathering places for pupils before school and at the noon intermission. Those were the days when no accident insurance was available for students. A well to the southeast of the building, with a tin cup attached to an iron pump, provided the drinking water. If you were an expert and had a pal to work the handle, you could drink out of your hand instead of using the cup. Furthermore we must not forget the two rest room facilities located along the back fence immediately behind the building. They offered an opportunity to take a little walk in the spring sunshine but, oh, the north wind in winter really changed the student's attitude toward an unfortunate situation.

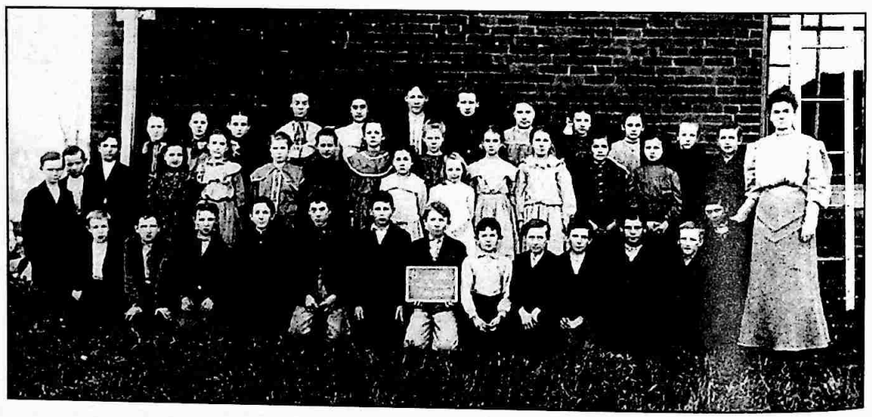
The building of 1885 was topped by a belfry with a bell which could be rung from the upper floor of the building by pulling a rope. The bell was rung at 8:30 and again at 9:00 to start the school day. The bell had a tragic ending many years later at Halloween.

The trees on the campus were planted on an Arbor Day. Col. E. V. Kyler instigated and directed the planting. The district bought the pines, and the children and parents furnished the other varieties. Now in 1975, six of the pines and cedars are still standing. Most of the large elms were victims of a disease prevalent in the 1940s.

In 1913 on the first day of school, sparrows' nests in the belfry caught fire causing quite a little damage and excitement. A bucket brigade of high school students, led by Bruce Pardee, Tom Pemberton, Bruce Wilkerson, Hubert Hall, Jack Lawhead and others, poured much water and the fire was extinguished. This marked the last year for the edifice built in 1885.

In 1914 with L. D. Fisher, O. L. Perkins, D. E. Carpenter, J. W. Pierce, S. Shepherd and G. A. Moyes as board members, $10,000 in bonds was voted and $2,500 in personal subscriptions was taken for a new brick building with slate roof, furnace heat and better lighting facilities. The building had a full basement, four classrooms on the first floor, two classrooms on the east side of the second floor and a large room on the west known as the "study hall." The superintendent's office was located on the upper floor. Large cloakrooms and closets have been a boon for further expansion.

In the early 1920s the Elm Grove District, just west of Union Star in Andrew County, voted to unite with the Union Star District. All schoolroom equipment was moved in.



Union Star, Room II with Gertrude Stewart, teacher, November 22, 1905 -Front row: Ernest Ott, Bruce Pardee, Emmett Hall, David Cranor, unknown, Earl Hammer, Jesse Coy, Reed Moyes, Howard Wilson, Cecil Boyles, Wilbur Morris, Jack Lawhead, George Pickard.

Middle row: Hubert Hall, Ralph Hall, Charley Burgess, Geneva Livingston, Alwilda Cranor, Mildred Barton, Lela Bright, Marie Morris, Meriem Holt, Reka Kyler, Alice Perkins, Anna Moyes, Millie Raugh, Lola Cranor, Clara Pemberton.

Back row: Lena Wilkerson, Maureen Little, Ruth Pierce, Ethel Holland, Leota Lewis, David Ginter, Ivy Hammer, Atha Wilkerson, Stella Bottorff, Anna Mary Riggs, unknown and John Pickard.

Union Star School Administrators Since 1899

1899-1900 J. H. Callahan, 1900-1902 O. M. Peters, 1902-1903 Fred E. Smith, 1903-1905 J. W. McKnight, 1905-1908 A. D. Pierson, 1909-1910 J. C. Moorman, 1910-1911 David C. Boyer, 1911-1913 Noah Dunbar, 1913-1914 Mrs. Susan H. VanMeter, 1914-1915 W. J. Daugherty, 1915-1916 L. A. Zeliff, 1916-1918 Chas. Myers, 1918-1919 Carson G. Carmichael, 1919-1922 E. L. Zion, 1922-1925 Chas. Myers, 1925-1937 David C. Grove, 1937-1939 Garnett Parman, 1942-1943 Chas. Harvey, 1943-1946 Raymond Beam, 1946-1947 Karl Akers, 1947-1953 Wm. E. Booth, 1953-1957 Chas. Myers, 1957-1966 E. F. Ceglenski, 1966-1970 John Adams, 1970-1971 James R. Walker, 1971-1972 Dr. Lee E. Adcox, 1972-1975 Edward H. Sifert and 1975- Terry L. Root.

Principals may be appointed or elected to aid a superintendent in management. The following have served:

High School

1924-1926 John S. McCollum, 1927-1957 Alberta Graham, 1957-1958 E. F. Ceglenski, 1958-1968 Emile M. Copeland, 1968-1972 Oscar Holland, 1972-1975 Tim McDowell, 1975- James Scott.

Elementary Principals

1963-1975 June Clark

Teachers Serving Union Star Schools Ten or More Years

Alberta (Wilkerson) Graham taught 35 years, 1913-15 and 1925-58; Bessie Allen taught 24 years, 1924-1948; Laverne (Patterson) White taught 24 years, 1929-38 and 1956-71; June (Courtney) Clark taught 22 years, 1943-47, 1952-54 and 1958-76; Ruth Bagley taught 21 years, 1954-1976; Emile M. Copeland taught 21 years, 1947-1968; Dixie Wheeler taught 18 years, 1956-1974; Ada Stratton taught 16 years, 1948-1964; Marie Wogan taught 15 years, 1956-1971; E. F. Ceglenski taught 13 years, 1953-1967; D. C. Grove taught 12 years, 1925-1937; Gertrude Stewart taught 12 years, 1897-1909; W. F. Gillman taught 11 years, 1927-1938; Ruby Foster taught 10 years, 1956-1966; and Pauline Rathbun taught 10 years, 1961-1971.

Researched and written by Mrs. Bruce Wilkerson, Mr. Emile Copeland and Mrs. Alberta (Wilkerson) Graham



Union Star Room 3, 1907 - Front: Ernest Ott, Reed Moyes, unknown, unknown, Earl Hammer, C. Burgess, next three are unknown, Ward Bowen, Bruce Pardee, Howard Wilson, Jack Lawhead. Middle: Unknown, Geneva Livingston, unknown, Adra Patterson, next four are unknown. Clara Pemberton. Back row: Second from right is John Pickard.



November 1910 - Front: Earl Hammer, Ernest Ott, Jim Campbell, unknown, Ward Bowen, next three are unknown, Jack Lawhead, Bruce Pardee, Geo. Pickard.

Center: Bill Hall, Reed Moyes, Bruce Wilkerson, Alice Pemberton, Velma Trotter, unknown, Adria Patterson, Inez Payne, Ester Dale, Lucile Barton, Alice Perkins, teacher Dora Carrol, Ralph Hall.

Back: Ruth Allen, Lena Wilkerson, Anna Mary Riggs, E. Holland, unknown, unknown, Ann Moyes, unknown, Lola Cranor, May Robison, unknown.



Union Star's First Girls' Basketball Team, 1912 - Front: Alice Pearce and Mildred Wilkerson. Back: Pearl Sharp, Ann Moyes, Bessie Greer, Lula Faul. Standing: Coach Callahan.



Union Star Class of 1917 (first four-year class) - Front row: Katherine Rockhold and Mildred Wilkerson. Middle row: Lula Faul, Pearl Sharp, Helen Shephard. Back row: Ray Fulcher, Ralph King, John Robison, Palmer Moyes.

The True Teacher

A Tribute to Miss Alberta

Voluntarily Mrs. L. A. Graham is stepping down from her position as principal of the Union Star School. Mrs. Graham, better known as Miss Alberta to her hundreds of friends and students, is remaining in the school as mathematics and home economics instructor. She will also continue in charge of the permanent records.

Mrs. Graham has taught school for 44 years. She came to Union Star from the Elmo, Missouri, school system in which she worked as principal for seven of her nine years there. A native of Union Star, she entered the school here in the fall of 1925. She became principal the following term and has been principal ever since.

Miss Alberta has the qualifications of the true teacher: She is a Sir Galahad. She is utterly fearless when she is right, and wrong needs to be corrected. Time and time again she has been the school "Rock of Gibraltar" while men hid under their beds. More than one recalcitrant student has been the recipient of her famous backhand ... and later thanked her for the lesson.

Miss Alberta is a workhorse. Unstintedly she gives of her time to extracurricular activities. Her school day is hours longer than anyone else's, but she still finds time to plan and to execute her plans.

She is a teacher. One learns in her classroom. She combines a sense of humor with a sense of fair play. She has discipline; she merits respect. She is a molder of character.

Miss Alberta is a friend. She transcends the mere teacher and becomes advisor and counselor to those who instinctively sense her deep interest in them.

She is a community asset. She is here where she is needed ...in her home, in her church and in her school.

This teacher is a lady. Her quiet words have calmed many a tempest. Her refined ways and educated personality have brought untold prestige to her school. She maintains her dignity and poise, even in her righteous indignation.

Over 30 years of service cannot be adequately summarized in these few words, kind though they may be. Nor can we ever adequately repay one whom we have grossly underpaid. We can only be eternally grateful for the true teacher of yesterday and of today ...and highly pleased that Miss Alberta is still to walk among us as the teacher of tomorrow!

Submitted by Emile Copeland



Union Star High School Class of 1921 - Front row: Paul Kibbey, Bill Powell, Barton Reynolds, Joe Munshaw, Leland Knight, unknown. Middle row: Esther Garrison, Alma Miller, Mary Powell, Barbara Kirtley, Mary Knight, Hettie Garrett. Back row: Mariam Pierce, Ray Foster, Geneva Ott.



Union Star Junior Class, 1930-1931 - Front: Harley Foster, Ernie Jones, Ivan Daffron, Howard Munshaw, Loren Allen, Erwin Jones.

Middle: Margeory Wiley, Edith Bowen, Marjorie Jackson, Berniece Bottorff, Jennie Bashor, Mary Ott, Virginia Bottorff, Marie Arnold.

Back: Esther Trotter, Ruth Florea (teacher), Rex Allen, D. C. Grove (superintendent), Gordon Stevens, Mr. Gillman (coach), Miss Alberta Wilkerson (teacher).

Picture sponsored by Berniece (Bottorff) Holmes in memory of her parents, George and Bessie Bottorff.

Large Number of Teachers Have Served District

Following is a list of other teachers who have served the district: A. J. Smith, Marjorie Adkins, J. A. Walker, Anna Wolfe, Emma Dale, L. C. Cottrell, L. E. Petree, Cassie Stokes, Clara Goheen, Mabel White, W. B. Lawerance, B. F. Meek, Edna Williams, Josephine Williams, J. E. Williams, Maggie Wolfe, Alice Hudson, Maude Bosworth, J. H. Calahan, Daisy Peters, Eliza Kyler, Gertrude Stewart, Daisy Franklin, O. M. Peters, Pearl Moulton, Ennis Hicks.

Fanny Jones, Fred Smith, Alice Kennedy, J. W. McKnight, Hallie Eisminger, Bessie Lindley, A. D. Person, Flora Boon, Maudene Wyatt, Dora Carrel, Denna Wilson, Lycurgus Ellis, Minnie Wilson, Willa May Mitchell, J. C. Moorman, Mrs. J. C. Moorman, Ella Hazelrig, David Boyer, Alice Pemberton, Bessie Cline, Noah Dunbar, Charlotte Wright, Belle Lawhead, Mecca Patterson, Albertina Pierce, Bessie Funk, Susan VanMeter, Amy Calahan, W. J. Daugherty.

Ada Blakeslee, Esther Pence, L. A. Zeliff, Esther Weightman, Pearle Wilkerson, Mrs. Charles Myers, Lucille Allen, Ruth Harrington, Helen Crosby, Alwilda Craynor, G. W. Carmichael, Mary Bloom, Jane Calloway, Grace Witmer, L. E. Zion, Helen Knight, Nannie Butts, Anna Moyes, Grace Miller, Etha Henderson, Grace White, Inez Neville, Elma May, Katherine Kolb, Cleta Trotter, Panseye Hawkins, John Keplinger, Georgia Rigney, Naomi Windsor, Lois Hansel, Lula Faul, John McCollum, Miss Gaston, Miss Frieze, Nellie Halsey, Doris Howe, Bessie Allen, D. C. Grove, Ruth Mitchell, Doris Hansel, Ruth Glaves, Allie Lindsey, Anna May Wilson, W. T. Gillman, Katherine Steen.

Helen Ferguson, Ruth Florea, A. M. Wilson, Laverne (Patterson) White, Opal Montgomery, Mary Belle Bigbee, Dessa McElvain, Bess Kemper, Berniece Richter, Ruth Mudgett, Garnett Parman, Eleanor Ball, Wayne Crawford, J. K. Phipps, Almeda Johnson, Opal Yoder, D. U. Gibson, Roberta Smith, Lloyd Owen, Grace McMillen, Wilma Jones, Glenn Randleman, Gladys Welsh, Helen Estep, Raymond Beam, June (Courtney) Clark, Margaret Feeback, Mary Reese, Crickett Kirk, Clarence Godbey, Raymond Meyers, Carl Akers.

Loran Stunz, William Booth, Charles Harvey, L. J. Kaver, Mrs. William Booth, Frances Harrison, Vance E. Carrel, Mary E. Wilson, Helen Pitts, G. B. Heneggler, James Hainey, Howard C. Graff, James C. Moore Jr., Donald Simmons, Mrs. Frank Slawson, Laura (Miller) Lindley, Gladys Adams, Phyllis Phillips, Mrs. Thomas Price, Mrs. Donald Barber, Pricilla Dickey, Richard Merkle and Hazel Waugh. To 1956.



Union Star High School "Trojan" Juniors, 1937-1938 - Front row: Bobby Macklin, Charles Edgar, Robert Kibbey, Virgil Courtney, Vernon Andrews, Eugene Brunk, Lee Smith.

Middle row: Dorothy Files, Doris Miller, Ginger Holland, Elizabeth Gallinger, Viola Hammer, Wanda Smith, Dorothy Hutchcraft, Dorothy Lee Gibson, Imogene Jackson.

Back row: Junior Peacock, Ruby Munshaw, Neva Hutton, Viola Miller, Garnett Parman - sponsor, Lois Foster, Clarence Akins, Vivian Ketchem, Clara Allen, Emil Cobb.



Freshman Class at Union Star, 1938-39 - Front row: Junior Miller, Harold Moore, Paul Brunk, Jay Whorton, Elmo Jackson, J. D. Marsh, Keith Kreiser.

Second row: Hazel Ebersold, Rosalie Veale, Flora Turner, Lila Jean Hayes, Barbara Vaughn, Larraine Bottorff, Ethel Raines, Lavonne Cederlind.

Third row: Coen Marshall, George Matt, Charles Raines, Leroy Bottorff, Dale Schildknecht, Harold Wyatt, Dale Campbell, Louis Laffoon.

Back row: Cecil Swink, Ina Smith, Frances Creamer, Hazel Alley, Mildred Pettijohn, Evelyn Hammer, Miss Alberta Wilerson (class sponsor), Donald Miller.



Union Star School in the 1930s or 1940s



Union Star "Carnival," 1939 - Front row: Hazel Ebersold, Queen Dixie Whorton, Erma Gallinger, Loraine Bashor. Back row: Donnie Miller, King Marion Moyes, Phil Terry and Dale Terry.

We Rate All-District

Once again we are most happy to have our school represented on Northwest Missouri's All-Star team. Dale Tritten has been selected as one of the 22 outstanding high school senior basketball players from the Northwest District. Each year the coaches of the district choose a team of this nature. This All-Star game is sponsored annually by the Maryville Lions Club. The proceeds are donated to the Maryville Girl Scout program.

Tuesday night, March 16, Dale, Mr. Simmons, Mr. Ceglenski and Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Tritten traveled to Maryville to attend the special banquet which was held in the Methodist Church in honor of the Northwest District picks.

Coach Burton Richey, Coach Kurby Lyle and the two officials aligned the teams in an attempt to match the clubs as evenly as possible. The boys were divided in accordance to their height, speed and ability displayed throughout the past season.

Selected to play with the "Greens" were Bill Ehlers, Benton; Bill McKinney, Lafayette; Jim Veselich, C. B.; Bob Churchill, Burlington Jct.; Rodney Quinn, Albany; Ronnie Noah, Cainsville; Larry Plumb, Chillicothe; Lester Manship, Bolckow; L. D. Young, Quitman; Wayne Nelson, Horace Mann; Trojan Dale Tritten. This squad was coached by Burton Richey from Horace Mann.

Shooting for the "Whites" were Bob Nidy, Central; Jack Mesmer, C. B.; George Grable, Faucett; Ron Bradley, Chillicothe; Jim Rosier, Bellevue; Paul Greenlee, Lathrop; Gene Noel, Winston; Bob East, Pickett; Don Bagley, South Nodaway; Larry Campbell, Martinsville; Don Pierpoint, Maryville; Kurby Lyle of Maryville High served as coach.

Thursday at 3:00 p.m. the stars gathered on the St. Joseph auditorium floor for final preparation before the square-off.

After a rough workout, the contenders were sent to the Robidoux Hotel. Three lounges had been reserved for the sole purpose of having the boys in tip-top condition for the big game. They were also served a light supper during their stay there.

At 8:30 the participants were individually introduced to the audience. The starting line-ups took their places, the whistle blew and the big game was underway.

(See top of page 44 for continued story.)



Union Star High School Freshmen, 1940 - First row: Jimmy Miller, Joe Foster, Orrin Aborn, Eldon King, Jimmie Moore, Harold Anders, Charlie DeShon.

Second row: Floyd Hutchcraft, Meredith Miller, Margaret Gantt, Mary Ruth Moyes, Alice Barker, Margaret Millen, Keith McMillen, Dale Terry.

Third row: Don Whorton, Willa Jean Hunt, Alyce Thomann, Leroy Bashor, Lawrence Snodderly, Margarete Bashor, Lorraine Bashor, Billy Irwin.

Back row: Joe Munshaw, Hubert Campbell, Anabel Price, Roberta Smith - English and music teacher, Marjorie Bowen, Norma Pierce, Olney Belton, Herbert Akins.



Union Star High School Sophomores, 1941 - Front: Dale Terry, Margaret Miller, Eldon King, Hubert Campbell, Floyd Hutchcraft, Harold Anders, Jimmy Moore, Charles DeShon, Margarete Bashor, Loraine Bashor.

Middle: Mary Ruth Moyes, Susie Bleazard, Willa Jean Hunt, Ina Siebert, Meredith Miller, Norma Jean Pierce, Anna Bell Price, Herbert Akins Jr.

Back: Orrin Aborn, Joe Munshaw, Joe Foster, Keith McMillen, Junior Morris, Lawrence Snodderly, Leroy Bashor, Olney Belton, Alice Marjorie Barker, Billy Irwin, Don Whorton.



Union Star Basketball Team, 1940-1941 - Front: George Stewart, Gordon Van Gilder, Alfred Clark, Coen Marshall, Jo Ann Howe, Russell Lindley, Reuben Hutchcraft, Wally Teaford.

Middle: Jimmie Moore, Junior Marshall, J. D. Marsh, Leroy Bashor, Junior Miller, Dale Campbell, Charlie DeShon.

Back: Lloyd Owens - teacher, Jay Whorton, Hubert Campbell, Jr. Akins, Lawrence Snodderly, Covell Clay.



Union Star High School Basketball Team, 1942 - Front: Keith McMillen, Leroy Bashor, Jo Ann (Howe) Bonham, Junior Miller, Lawrence Snodderly. Middle: Dale Terry, Dale Campbell, Jay Whorton, Coen Marshall, Jimmie Moore. Back: Bill Irwin, J. D. Marsh, Hubert Campbell, Glen Randleman - coach, Harold Moore, Louis Laffoon, Charles DeShon.



1948-1949 School Year - Front: Frances Harrison, Ada Stratton - first grade, Norene Booth - art, Mary Wilson, Alberta Graham - principal. Back: Emile Copeland, Wm. Booth - superintendent, Vance Caroll.



1958-1959 School Year - Front row: Mary Ruth Hall, Mary Francis Morris, Marie Wogan, Ruth Bagley, Dixie Wheeler, Laverne White, Ruby Foster. Back row: Ada Stratton, Keith Christie, Richard Willis, Basil Lister, Gene Ceglenski, Emile Copeland, Carolea Hays.



Union Star School Teachers, 1949-1950 - Front: Norene Booth, Ada Stratton, Helen Pitts, Alberta Graham, Mary Wilson. Back: Emile Copeland, Wm. Booth - superintendent, Vance Carroll.

Riding the train to Atchison, Kansas, 1953-1954 - Front to back: Gary Keys, teacher Ada Stratton, behind her left shoulder is Wayne Shores, man smiling is Freil Hall and Lorraine Ott in back.





1955-1956 School Year Teachers - Front row: Ruth Bagley, Dixie Wheeler, Alberta Graham, Ada Stratton, Marie Wogan. Second row: Ruby Foster, Laverne White, Gene Ceglenski, Carolea Hays, Mary Ruth Hall. Back row: Bill Norton, Emile Copeland, Lowell Molenkoff, Richard Merkle.



Christmas Party, late 1950s - Front: Unknown, ____ Courtney, LeRoy Jones, Sandy Mitchell, Greg Whorton, Janet Frady, Mary Sue Hall, Linda Jackson. Middle: Mickey Smith, ____ Coats, Rick Irwin, unknown, unknown, John Holland, next three are unknown, Frank Schottel, unknown, ____ Coats. Back: Charles Theis, unknown, Nelson Richter (as Santa).

Union Star School, late 1950s - Teachers Ada Stratton and Carolea Hays.





Sixth Grade Class at Union Star R-II School, 1960-61 - First row: Sara Howell, Shirley Wilson, Phillip Shanks, Ronald Wheeler, Carol Jean Hutchcraft, Elizabeth Young.

Second row: Russel Gallinger, Ricky Ebersold, Dwight Teaford, Beck Irwin, Dennis Whorton, Melvin Andrews.

Third row: Peggy Briner, Linda Roberts, Marcia Andrews, Diane Hutchcraft, Marilyn Angle, Barbara Hutchcraft and Dixie (Wheeler) Wood - teacher.



Junior Class Union Star High School, 1958-1959 - Front: Alice Walker, Iva Jackson, Karon Ott, Donna Theis, Karen Sample, Joyce Hodge, Patricia Laffoon, Judy Simpson. Back: Jerry Smith, Wayne Jackson, Nelson Richter, John Hutchcraft Jr., Warren Lee Akins, Gary Frady, Sherrill Beattie, Richard Willis (shop teacher).

Miss Ada Stratton with Kit Bond



Union Star First Grade Class, late 1950s or early 1960s - Front: Unknown, Vera Pettijohn, unknown, unknown, Carol Lynn Hall, unknown, Jennifer Ebersold. Middle: ____ Coats, Greg Courtney, Vernon Hutchcraft, Ray Hutchcraft, unknown, unknown. Back: Unknown, Johnny Simerly, Eva Faye Schottel, Miss Ada Stratton - teacher, unknown, Sue Hutchcraft, Charles Theis.





Boys Football Team, 1960-61 - Front: Bill White, Ronald Saunders, Robert Anderson, Jerry Gallinger, Gary Keys, Donnie Saunders and Ronnie Young.

Middle: Richard Willis (assistant coach), Neil Wilcoxson, Wayne Shores, Jr. Gallinger, Don Carrel, Ronnie Hailey, Kenneth Lewis, Charley Gordon and Philip John Maher (coach).

Back: Lawrence England, Danny Anderson, Billy Andrews, Dean Courtney, Vernon Humphrey, Johnny Simerly, Donnie Spillman, Mike Moore and Larry Bashor.

UNION STAR ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

In the spring of 1922, Superintendent Charlie Myers became interested and felt the need of organizing an alumni association in Union Star. He talked to Cleta Trotter who was, at that time, a teacher in the grade school under him. The idea was satisfactory with her, so they decided to call a meeting of others who were also interested. Many of the early class members were delighted—including Earl Hardin of the class of 1900, Merle Clark and Ray Stewart of the class of 1902, Randal Johnson and Alice Roberts of the class of 1904, Hazel Moyes and Edna Campbell of the class of 1910. So a meeting was held in the school study hall with Cleta Trotter presiding. H. D. Howard Wilson was vice president. Edna Campbell was secretary and Bruce Wilkerson the treasurer. There was a large attendance. A business meeting proceeded. The question of a meeting place for a banquet came up. The high school was not equipped to serve such a party, and there was no room in the building large enough. But they did know that the Christian Church had a large basement that could be used for a party room—a big kitchen with cooking equipment, long tables, dishes, glasses, etc. So they decided to ask the Christian Church ladies to serve the banquet, and they agreed to do so. Mrs. John Patterson helped.

The next problem was how to get to the church as we would meet at the schoolhouse first, and it was several blocks away. We would have to go through the business district of the town (which was larger then than now). After discussion, all agreed we could easily walk to the church and we did.

The girls in the graduating class began to wonder "How to dress for the affair?" Mrs. E. M. Reynolds, who was very anxious to see the Alumni get started, encouraged them and soon settled that question telling them to "wear what you have. You all know each other and should only be concerned about the party."

So the group all met at the school and made the walk to the church. Here we were met by ushers from the junior class and were seated at long tables, decorated with red roses. Alumni colors were pink and white. Mrs. Reynolds had trained the waitresses so that the serving was properly done. It was a fashionable affair.

Following the dinner, Miss Trotter called a business session to plan the banquet for the next year. New officers were elected: Merle Clark - president, Hazel Moyes - secretary and Edna Campbell - treasurer. One question arose: "Could a graduate bring his/her spouse to the event?" This has been a problem during all the years. After deliberation, it was voted that only graduates were eligible to attend because of the lack of space. At one time members planned a party including all spouses, but that was poorly attended so was discontinued. It was also voted to always include the graduating seniors and to send written invitations to all graduates—which has now been changed due to the rising postal rates, etc. The date was chosen for the Saturday evening before Mother's Day, which is the second Sunday in May, for the convenience of those coming from a distance that they could attend the banquet and enjoy Mother's Day the same weekend. The rule has continued to be followed.

At the first banquet after the business, Bruce Wilkerson gave a toast to the Senior Class of 23 members and presented each with a rose, adding a suggestion that each serve in their community interests.

During the years, the Association has been able to present various gifts to the school; the first was a very expensive gift, a lovely red velvet stage curtain presented and hung proudly in the old auditorium. Other gifts have been given including additional library supplies for the primary through high school, tables, chairs, lighting equipment, picture frame holders and others.

Our Alumni Association is proud of many of its graduates as some have become highly recognized as ministers, doctors, lawyers, elementary, high school and college teachers, businessmen, nurses, political leaders, writers, singers, etc.

The classes of 1931 and 1935 are the largest in the history of the school. The Class of 1931 had 28 seniors, and the Class of 1935 had 29.

Our record for the number of years for holding the banquet surpasses neighboring towns Stewartsville and Clarksdale, Osborn, Helena and Fillmore. The Alumni Banquet has always been and still is the largest social event of the year in Union Star, and everyone looks forward to attending. It is fun to come and meet old friends and classmates.

So here is the story of how it all began. I'm proud that I graduated from Union Star High School. Aren't you?

Additional Facts

The first junior-senior banquet was given at the home of Dr. and Mrs. E. M. Reynolds on May 7, 1920. In 1921 it was at the home of George Gross.

The class of 1936-37 started the yearbook, *TROJAN*, and named it. In those days it was made on a mimeograph, and the pictures were glued in. Due to the war, no annual was made in 1943. It was continued as there is a copy made in 1946. Later it was printed in the form of a newspaper for several years under the guidance of Mr. Copeland. No copies were kept in the library. In the late '70s a box of the old annuals was found up above the stage, rescued and saved. A project for the late '90s is to try to secure a copy from all the years to put in the library.

The Class of 1937 had a winning basketball team that went to state. At that time schools were not divided into the classes they are now, so going to state meant you were best of all. Union Star lost in the first round.

Then in 1966 Union Star won the regional and lost in the first round to Jefferson.

In 1996 the Trojan team beat King City in the district and played in the sectionals at Missouri Western where they lost in the first round. People estimated there were about 900 people in the gym for that winning district game with King City.

Written by Cleta Wilkerson in 1990



1949 Union Star School Carnival. Front row: Clifford Allen, Donna Theis, Karon Ott and Linda Schnitker. Back row: Lela Doris Simpson, Billy Hartman, Donna Hartman, Lloyd Adams, Phyllis Foster, Donnie Higgins, Ruth Wall and Marvin Richter.



1951 Union Star School Carnival. Front row: unknown, Wayne Shores, Lana Teenor and Larry Bashor. Back row: Stanley Ebersold, Jimmy Jonagon, unknown, Jack Humphrey, Jareen Jonagon, Virginia Keys, Clara Mae Hutchcraft and Edith Schildknecht.



Union Star Band 1956-1957. Kneeling: Karen Sample and Deanna Beattie. First row: Don Carrel, John Hutchcraft, Carl Kimble, Betty Kraus, Ron Young, Jr. Gallinger, Helen Garrett, Patricia Laffoon, Janice Blodgett, Betty Weir, Billy White and Jerry Smith. Second row: Karen Raines, Virginia Childers, Betty Marshall, Frances Bashor, Linda Schnitker - drum major, Carolyn Baker, Alice Campbell, Yvonne Wogan, Thelbert "Butch" Childers, Gary Frady, Wayne Jackson and Bill Andrews. Third row: Gloria Morgan, Mary Smith, Dixie Allen, Vonna Morris, Lana Teenor, Nancy McNeal, Carol Ann Baker, Iva Jackson, Joyce Hodge, Karon Ott, Mary Ruth Hall - music director. Fourth row: Sherry Bollinger, J. D. Young, Clifford Allen, Bill Garner, Paul Laffoon, Nelson Richter, Rita Bollinger, Donna Theis, Margaret Knight and Dean Courtney.

Union Star Mixed Chorus 1957-1958. Front row: Helen Garrett, Judy Simpson, Yvonne Wogan, Carol Jo Spillman, Lana Teenor, Nancy McNeal, Patricia Laffoon, Joyce Hodge, Alice Campbell, Donna Theis, Iva Jackson, Cecil Coats, Pat Gass, Mary Smith and Linda Schnitker. Middle row: Gloria Morgan, Charlene Raines, Rita Bollinger, Nancy Coats, Carolee Angle, Betty Kraus, Karen Sample, Karon Ott, Deanna Beattie, Vonna Morris, Dixie Allen, Carol Ann Baker, Margaret Knight, Kendra Gass, Katherine Beattie, Mary Ann Laun, Alice Walker, Georgetta Mitchell, Linda Wilson and Mary Ruth Hall - music director. Back row: Neil Wilcoxson, Gary Frady, Harold "Sonny" Wilson, J. D. Young, Wayne Shores, John Hutchcraft, Jr. Gallinger, Nelson Richter, Bob Coats, Robert Anderson, Don Carrel, Ron Young, Dean Barton, Billy White, Wayne Jackson, Kenneth Lewis, Don Saunders, Daniel Anderson, Larry Bashor and Jerry Gallinger.



COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

Friday evening, May 13, the commencement exercises were held in the school auditorium. Here 16 more efficient seniors received their diplomas, having successfully completed with 16 units of credit. These seniors were Jennie Bashor, Edith Bowen, Mary K. Ott, Marjorie Jackson, Virginia Bottorff, Berniece Bottorff, Eulala Gregg, Esther Trotter, Erwin Jones, Ernest Jones, Harley Foster, Rex Allen, Loren Allen, Gordon Stevens, Ivan Daffron and Howard Munshaw.

The following program was presented: Processional - Mrs. Kermit Jones; Invocational Prayer - Rev. S. Riggs; Salutatory Address "The Value of Education in National Life" - Mary K. Ott; High School Quartet "Indian Dawn" - J. C. Bigbee Jr., Edwin and Ernest Jones, Rex Allen; Musical Reading - Virginia Bottorff; Piano Duet - Esther Trotter, Mary Ott; Valedictory Address "What Does the Future Hold for Us?" - Esther Trotter; Address to Graduates - Rev. C. M. Chilton; Presentation of Diplomas; and Benediction - Rev. J. B. Walrafen.

From the *Union Star Comet*, Thursday, May 19, 1932

OPENING ADDRESS

The following is a copy of Miss Merle Clark's opening address to the Alumni Association and guests at the Alumni Banquet:

A cordial welcome and greeting to everyone. We want you to have an evening of fellowship and fun.

Tonight Station U. S. A. is on the air. Celebrating its tenth birthday fair. From U.S.H.S. 305 graduates have been: 193 women and 112 men. Now we welcome 16 more. Known as seniors of yore. We're so happy to greet the faculty tonight. Love for this school, our hearts unite. An added honor for our celebration is the presence of our official Board of Education.

In the years that we have rounded, Since our Alumni was founded, Time has wrought many changes, And added numbers to our score. Rain has fallen, sun has shone and ten happy years have flown.

I've been asked a bit of our history to repeat; so our first president, Cleta Wilkerson, I want you to meet.

Hers was the guiding hand in this organization, in 1923, of this Alumni Association.

Loyally we are all gathered here, The guest of honor you appear. Thanks and sincere tribute to you we pay on this, our anniversary day. We wish for you the very best, That life will not be fleeting. And when our golden anniversary comes, That you'll be sitting in the meeting. Howard Wilson, - vice president, Bruce Wilkerson - treasurer, Edna Campbell - secretary, our other first officers were. It's a pleasure to greet them all once more; These founders in the days of yore.

In all walks of life our members are found. To honor their Alma Mater all seem bound. They're in 21 states and Washington, D. C. While Emmett Kyler in Canada will be.

165 of our members have married and gone. 10 have finished life's school and passed on. Our first Christmas party was in 1926, each year in a play our actors we mix;

A task undertaken in 1931, Was equipping the stage in our new auditorium.

Thru loyalty and hard work this was done, and Yet I'm so happy to tell you, tonight we are out of debt.

It seems each year we have something new: Now Josie Van Gilder is our first grandmother, too.

Little Jo Ann Peek, just seven weeks old, Is the first grandchild to enter our fold.

Lois and Josie are our only daughter and mother, Strange to say, we have no other.

We have a mother and son, Earle and Hardin, in New Mexico; Who would like to be with us tonight, we know.

We are proud of the Munshaw family, they're surely alright; Five sisters and brothers meet with us at the banquet table tonight.

This U.S.A. can care for you from the cradle to the grave; We have nurses and hospital workers ready to save.

I'll recommend if you will hark, Rachel Wagonblast, Mary Courtney, Margaret Millen, Glen Bottorff or Ivan Clark.

When you start to school, 30 school marms are ready to rule; Berniece Richter, Freda and Ruth Price, Fleeta Clark, Hildreth Allen, Mary Dawes, Velma Trotter and Alberta Wilkerson are some you can't fool.

Only four men ever took up teaching: Evart Bashor is only one still reaching. If in music you wish to specialize, Lula Faul or Cleta Wilkerson are wise.

Let's hippity-hop to the barber shop for Basil Workman or Hubert Hall haven't time to stop.

Clara Courtney or Alice Workman at Central early and late, Will always help you make your date.

Should you wish to buy insurance for your wife, Just call Charlotte for New York Life.

Nelle Thomas or Sophia Jones, sure as fate, Will sell you merchandise up to date.

A woman lawyer, Class of 1906, Glea (Munson) Brown, Was admitted to the bar in a Kansas town.

When you go to the wholesale house by all means, Call for Jack Lawhead, he knows his beans.

Raise a garden and flowers, instead of weeds. Bruce Wilkerson at the hardware will sell you the seeds.

Arthur Warren is an editor at Stewartsville; Ray Files runs a sawmill.

Buy gas and oil that always wins, From Kermit Jones or the twins.

Max Wright, our aviator, takes you flying through the air; Marshall Kyler shearing sheep, does his share.

Joe and Wesley Munshaw are always on the go; Busy with those trucks, you know.

George and Albert Clark you'll find at the Elevator, your corn and feed to grind.

Thirty fine farmers let's don't forget; Among them the Esteps, the Hoovers, the Hayes, Mary and Peck;

Ruby and Leslie, the Laffoons, Lloyd and Nettie. Barton Reynolds and Russell Stanton are electricians, you know.

W. P. Moyes, our vice president, a mail carrier, too.

Ray Stewart a lawyer, Harry Campbell, railroad, and Don Piper, government.

We also boast a radio singer of renown: Bransford Reynolds in New York town.

As you advance in years and need your face lifted or a "banana cure," Why, we have a beauty operator, Alma (Miller) Bonham, to be sure.

Many other trades we have; I cannot tell them all. Yet all help keep things rolling on this old ball.

But friends, when you're ready to go to your last resting place. Call Howard D. Wilson to powder your face.

Now please stand by, for the toastmaster, Bruce Pardee: One of our hometown boys, Class of 1914, was he.

From *Union Star Comet*, Thursday, May 19, 1932



Union Star School was built in 1885 on land donated by Nathaniel Pardee. This building burned the first day of school in the fall of 1913. Some of the students who helped fight the fire were seniors Tom Pemberton, Bruce Wilkerson, Bruce Pardee, Hubert Hall and Jack Lawhead.



Union Star School in 2005



Orchid School - Front row: Glen Watts, Barbara Ebersold, Mary June Peters, Mary Brink, Alton Whetsell, Cecil Bashor and Dale Ebersold. Second row: Raymond Watts, Kenton Ebersold, Wanda Bashor, Paul Bashor, Willis Bashor and Ermal Steiner. Third row: Harold Wyatt, Vern Standage, Floyd Brink, Billy Price, Ella Mae Hutton, Hazel Ebersold and Annabell Price. Teacher - Erma Hendricks.



Orchid School - Front row: Clayton Veale, Harold Wyatt, Kenton Ebersold, Paul Bashor, Harold Veale and Alton Whetsell. Second row: Mary Brink, Alice Veale, Hazel Ebersold, Annabell Price, Wanda Bashor and Barbara Ebersold. Third row: Gerald Veale, Vern Standage, Floyd Brink, Billy Price, Neva Hutton, Ella Mae Hutton and Willis Bashor. Teacher- Erma Hendricks.



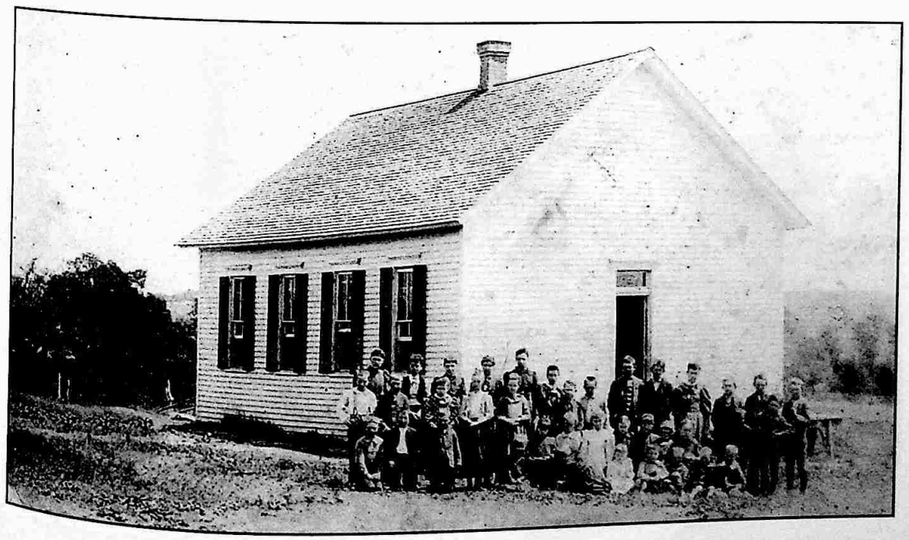
Orchid School - Front row: Alton Whetsell, Curtis Sifers, teacher Margaret McCrea, Dale Ebersold and Cecil Bashor. Second row: Mary Brink, Barbara Ebersold, Ermal Steiner, Willis Bashor, Kenton Ebersold and Wanda Bashor. Third row: Hazel Ebersold, Paul Bashor, Ella Mae Hutton, Harold Wyatt, Annebell Price and Wanda Bashor.



Taylor School, looking north, one and one-half miles east of Union Star, Missouri, at the intersection of Highway 169 and Taylor Road. The school was built in 1914 by William Overman. Miss Bessie Allen taught here from 1911 to 1924.



Orchid School - Front row: Harry Jay Burgess, Vern Standage, Owen Foster, Billy Price, Dale Moore, Bobby Macklin, Floyd Brink, Oren Whetsell and Marshall Harlow. Second row: Gene Watts, Charles Harlow, Paul Bashor, Harold Wyatt, Willis Bashor and Hazel Ebersold. Third row: Ella Mae Hutton, Esther Harlow, Dorothy Gaines, Madeline Macklin, teacher Freda Price, Alva Hutton, Blanche Standage and Neva Hutton.



Waldo School around 1895 - The horse, in left background, pulled the cart (shaft is showing behind building) that was the Turner children's transportation to school (two and one-half miles). In middle row, third from left is Cora Turner, boy holding Mary Turner's hand is Roy Turner and boy to right with hand on hip is James Turner. In back row, sixth from left is Effie Turner and fourth from right is Mary Turner.

Organizations

UNION STAR 4-H CLUBS ACTIVE SINCE 1927

In the Union Star community, 4-H clubs have been active since 1927. Under the leadership of Walt Howell, six members carried on a baby beef project. They were Leland and LaVern Estep, Freeman and Mabel (Howell) Jones, Kenneth Armfield and Virgil Shores.

Mrs. Basil Whorton organized a Blue 4-H Club in 1938. It was reorganized in 1943 by Mrs. Jake Wall, assisted by Mrs. Herb Akins. At times this club has been one of the largest in the county and has exhibited at many county and interstate shows with livestock and home activities. Leland Estep has served as leader for 11 years. The club now has 14 members with the following officers: President Karon Ott, Vice President Wayne Jackson, Secretary-Treasurer Joyce Hodge, council members John Hutchcraft Jr. and Warren Lee Akins and community leader Herb Akins, assisted by Leland Estep.

On March 24, 1950, some of the young people from the old Flag Springs and Liberty school districts met at the Flag Springs hall. Under the leadership of Mrs. Emmett Tannehill, the Liberty-Flags Club was formed. There were 11 members that year.

When the Liberty schoolhouse was put up for sale, it was bought and is now the home of the club. In 1951 the name was changed to the 4-H Boosters. This year there are 23 members. The following officers preside: President Willis Deering, Vice President Helen Garrett, Secretary Barbara Gordon, Treasurer Wayne Deering, council members Frances McCullough and Cecil Coats, community leader Leland Dazey and assistant leader Mrs. Bill Gordon.

These clubs carry projects in livestock, clothing, food preparation, home furnishings, woodwork and farm electricity. A more recent project for the boys has been farm tractor maintenance under the leadership of Thelbert Childers in the Blue Club and Leslie McCullough in the 4-H Boosters Club.

Each year 4-H Sunday is observed in the clubs. The recreation times are always much enjoyed.

Taken from the *Union Star Centennial* paper, June 1956

SCOUTING HAS DONE MUCH FOR BOYS HERE

A well-organized local Scout troop is meeting weekly under the leadership of Scoutmaster Glen Cobb. This troop was organized in 1934.

Parents, realizing the need of planned training for their boys, met and selected Mrs. Donna Cederlind as representative and applied for a charter. Nine boys registered. Rev. R. N. Benton, Presbyterian minister, became scoutmaster.

Under the leadership of Scoutmaster Benton, who was assisted at various times by Don Theis, Edward Schnitker and Bill White, the troop survived the usual ups and downs of a new unit and began to grow. The old city hall served as a meeting place, and equipment was rather meager. Enthusiasm was high and youthful exuberance unlimited, and the spirit of Scouting began to be felt in the community.

Bill White served as scoutmaster with the assistance of Don Theis and C. W. "Charlie" Lewis from 1938 until 1940.

Ray Asbury took the leadership in that year with Jim Snodderly assisting. In 1941 Jim became scoutmaster; Vincil Stewart was assistant. In 1944 M. T. Cederlind was added as assistant.

The year 1946 saw Rev. J. E. Coltharp of the Christian Church as leader. Then the year of 1947 began a record of Scout leadership and growth which continues unbroken to the present. Glen Cobb moved from St. Joseph to a farm near here, and it was soon discovered that he was a former scoutmaster of considerable merit. He was immediately drafted, and then and there Scouting really came into its own in Union Star.

More boys registered, and interest began to develop among the younger boys. In 1951 the Lions Club, then the sponsoring institution, decided a better meeting place was needed. The club started a fundraising campaign, bought the Bray School, salvaged the lumber and went to work. Labor was donated, and soon a cabin began to rise on the Presbyterian churchyard. Edward Teenor and Leslie Foster were the guiding genies of this project. We have a scout cabin 22' x 32'. It has a good fireplace, is wired and is sided with log siding which makes a very appropriate building.

Through these years and until 1952, Harvey Munshaw and Don Theis assisted Glen Cobb as leaders.

In June 1952, eight boys too young to be Scouts were banded together under Rev. W. D. Canady and became known as Pack 82 Cub Scouts. Mrs. John Hutchcraft and Mrs. Irvin Richter were chosen as den mothers. At present there are four dens. Virgil Courtney and Dale Moore have served as cubmaster with Norma Courtney, Jennie Coats, LaVerne White, Dixie Wheeler, Claylain Moore and Dorothy Andrews serving at various times as den mothers.

An addition was offered to our scout program in the latter part of 1955 in the way of an explorer troop made up of young men 14 to 18 years old. Exploring offers the young men an opportunity to plan their own activities under the guidance of a leader known as explorer advisor. The Rev. Jerry Thistlethwaite helped to get the explorers started.

The Lions Club is the sponsoring institution of the Scout program. Rev. Thistlethwaite and Bill White are institutional representatives; Irvin Richter, chairman; Roy Carrel, treasurer; Dr. Lyle Partin, Loren Allen and Don Theis, members of troop committee; Vernon Andrews, Dale Moore, pack committee; Glen Cobb, scoutmaster; Gilbert Keyes, assistant scoutmaster; Roy Carrel, Bernard Troncin, explorer advisors; Dixie Wheeler, Dorothy Andrews, Gertrude Andrews and Berniece Wilkerson, den mothers.

Last year 14 boys attended camp at Camp Geiger which was 42 percent of the membership of the troop. This equaled the high percentage set by the Grand River District of the Pony Express Council of which our troop is a member.

By W. M. White, June 1956

GIRL SCOUTS STARTED HERE 15 YEARS AGO

The story of Girl Scouting in the United States is the story of the tireless energy and enthusiasm of one woman—Juliette Low. She was handicapped by ill health and almost total deafness, but wherever she went she started Girl Scout troops. By the end of 1915, there were 5,000 Girl Scouts; now there are 1,931,253.

The story of Girl Scouting in Union Star began about 15 years ago. Mrs. L. E. Rockhold was the first leader, assisted by Roberta (Smith) Riener. Mrs. Leslie Foster and Mrs. John Miller carried on after them, and they were followed by Mrs. Hazel Humphrey and Maude Gibson. Anyone who was a Scout then, many are married now and are raising "little scouts" of their own, will remember how much the efforts of these women who helped them as they grew up.

The younger girls have a program of their own. They are called Brownies and are from seven to ten years of age. The first Brownie leader, about 12 years ago, was Mrs. Ed Schnitker. Later Mrs. Casper Marsh helped the little girls.

For a period of years there was no troop. It was revived in March 1955, with Mrs. Ed Schnitker as leader and Mrs. Ed Teenor as assistant. The troop committee, always ready to lend a helping hand, are Mrs. Arlin Baker, Mrs. Don Theis and Mrs. Aaron Morris.

The Brownie leader at present is Mrs. Frank Fletcher with Mrs. Robert Bollinger as assistant. Their troop committee includes Mrs. Friel Hall and Mrs. Lyle Partin. The local Lions Club is the sponsoring organization.

There was a time when a woman's place was in the home. For better or worse, boys and girls are growing up into a world that concedes the potential equality of men and women.

Now new freedoms and new privileges lie ahead for girls, and this puts a grave responsibility upon those who have part in their growth. For there is one thing that a woman still retains—an influence for good or bad that is peculiarly her own.

When a girl accepts the Girl Scout Laws and Promise, has a real share in accomplishment and fun with her group and is given opportunity to be of service that is of actual value to her community, the Girl Scout organization believes that she will learn to assume the responsibilities as well as the privileges of citizenship.

Submitted by Ethelda Schnitker (1956)

TOWN AND COUNTRY CLUB

The Town and Country Club was chartered in the spring of 1977 as the Associated Women of Union Star. The 17 members were chartered through the Missouri Federation of Women's Clubs and affiliated with the General Federation of Women's Clubs.

Our club continues to meet once a month, September through June. During the last 27 years, we have accomplished many things through our volunteerism and fundraisers. We have provided playground equipment for Union Star School; we provide scholarship awards to graduating seniors and assist students on the Sophomore Pilgrimages and contribute to Boys and Girls State. Our club also donates to Girls Town in Kingdom City, Missouri. We assist victims of natural disasters and fire and hold blood drives. Each summer we provide an ice-cream float booth for the kids at Camp Quality where the kids love to make their own creations. At Easter we hold annual egg hunts at Union Star School, and at Christmas we pass fruit baskets to the elderly and provide food, clothing and toys to needy families. We have purchased Christmas decorations for the town and assist in putting the decorations up each year. We have provided and planted flowers for the city of Union Star and have volunteered our services to help clear and clean properties for those who are unable to do so themselves.

We raise money by serving food at local auctions, selling candy, wrapping paper, etc. Our club has accomplished the printing of the Union Star history book in 1986 and several community cookbooks that have also proved to be successful fundraisers. Our membership has grown to 24 members. We enjoy giving to the community, and we strive to help make Union Star a great place to live.

Submitted by Printing and Publishing Committee



Town and Country Club - Front row: Connie Wells, Joan Irwin, Martha Potter, Lila Jackson - treasurer and Lesa Townsend. Middle row: Christi Lewis, Susie Ward-Hutchcraft - vice president, Brenda Ebersold - president, Pam Baker and Julie Mires. Back row: Cindy Lynn, Sheryl Wyckoff, Janet Steele, Rhonda Whorton, Becky Whetsell and Tammy Durbin.

Members not present for the photo are Connie Steiner - secretary, Cheryl Bayless, Shela Hodge, Cindy Hutchcraft, Mary Jo Hutchcraft, Cyndy Mahlandt, Kathy McGinnis, Terry Stock, Tracy Whorton and Marcie Wilkerson.

Update

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF UNION STAR

In August 1976, the Reverend Charles J. Castles Jr. and his wife Shirley moved into our manse on College Street and remained there for ten years. During that time the congregation grew in many ways.

One of the big events during this period was the 100th celebration of the church in October 1982. At that time the cornerstone of the church was removed and a new one put in place. Several members of the congregation made a friendship quilt that still hangs in the sanctuary. Each block in the quilt represents a different member.

The first year after Rev. Castles arrived, a preschool was started that continued for 19 years. The church sponsored the school and one of the main leaders was Jani Shipp.

During the late '70s several musical productions were enjoyed that included talent from all the community. One of the outstanding performances was in May 1978 for the Gaither musical *Alleluia*. Others were *Love, Joy, Peace*; *His Love Reaching*; and *Angels, Lambs, Ladybugs and Fireflies*.

Young people from the church always enjoyed summer camp that was held at Trenton and later near Parkville at the Presbyterian Camp. The veteran Scout leader Glenn Cobb was very instrumental in promoting the camp and being a counselor. For a few years the congregation had a three-day family camp that all enjoyed. The church has continued to support the Scouting effort at a Scout cabin on the church property.

Rev. Castles stayed with the congregation longer than any other pastor, but after he moved on the congregation called the Rev. Ed Kahl and his wife Suk Hwa. She was from South Korea and the congregation supported her in furthering her education while she was here. During this period the belfry of the church was rebuilt and a brick structure to house the bell was made. It was dedicated September 30, 1990.

Following the Kahls, the Rev. Katherine Laine came in February 1991 and stayed until October 1994. In this period the congregation hosted the Missouri Council of Churches as they conducted an extensive survey of the church and community. Times were changing. Rev. Laine worked to organize the youth and began a Stephens Caring Ministry. Also, siding was put on the church building.

One of the outstanding mission projects was in September 1994 when the Rev. Jonathan Mensah from Ghana, Africa, came for two weeks as part of a cooperative mission effort started by the Tarkio church. Also during 1994, one of the elders, Marjorie Fletcher, was fortunate in being able to attend the 206th General Assembly in Wichita, Kansas, as a commissioner from Heartland Presbytery.

In May 1995, the Session and Congregation voted to sell the manse and the two acres adjoining. The manse was no longer being used, as the congregation did not have a full-time minister. By December 1995 a new furnace with air conditioning was installed in the church and the windows had been repaired and sealed.

The church has always been supportive of missions and through the years has contributed generously to overseas projects as well as locally. During the years when the women's organization was active, the women of the church had sewing days and made blankets and clothing as well as many mittens and sweaters and caps for Inter/Serv. Every Christmas socks were filled for Inter/Serv and soup delivered to all shut-ins in the community. The congregation has always had an adopted family they support on a monthly basis. For several years many people brought clothing to the church, which members took to Salvation Army and Good Will. They gave food to the local food pantry and always supported the Souper Bowl project and Festival of Sharing by contributing to the blanket fund. The Presbyterian Women's organization had to disband due to a lack of members. The men of the church began the monthly "Men's Breakfast" and kept that going for a long time.

Members of the church have been very active in worship services as lay leaders and the Session has kept someone in the pulpit through the times when there wasn't a regular pastor. The following ministers have served at various times through the years:

The Reverends Don Wilson, Joe Pallikkathayjl, Don Correau, Dale Starr, Mel Roblee, Kerry Clements, Doug Sprouse, Barbara Starr, Steve McAfee, Bob Randleman, Barry Robinson, Don Sears, Don Shomacker, Lee Felsburg, Tom Morey, Jim Rockwood, Bill Parrott and George Kessler.

In April 2002, the Rev. Linda O'Connell came as a stated supply pastor and is still serving the church on a regular basis with a renewed contract on April 1, 2005.

Rachel Lancey came to First Presbyterian in 1980 and, following her graduation from Union Star High School and Westminster College at Fulton, began her final preparation as a minister at Princeton Seminary. The congregation has been supporting Rachel monthly during this process. She will graduate in May 2005 and hopes to find employment as a pastor in a rural church in Missouri.

UNION STAR CHRISTIAN CHURCH

The second church built in Union Star was the Christian Church. The building was finished and dedicated on January 8, 1888. A meeting was held and the church was organized with 13 charter members. One year later the membership had grown to 59. During a revival meeting in 1900, 63 new members were added to the roll. As the congregation continued to grow there was a need for more classrooms so in 1911 the building was remodeled and again in 1923 with the addition of an annex and full basement.

In 1956, Dorsie Redding was a contestant on the TV show *Queen for a Day*. She won and her wish was for the funds to remodel the church basement. At this time carpeting, paneling and more classrooms were added.

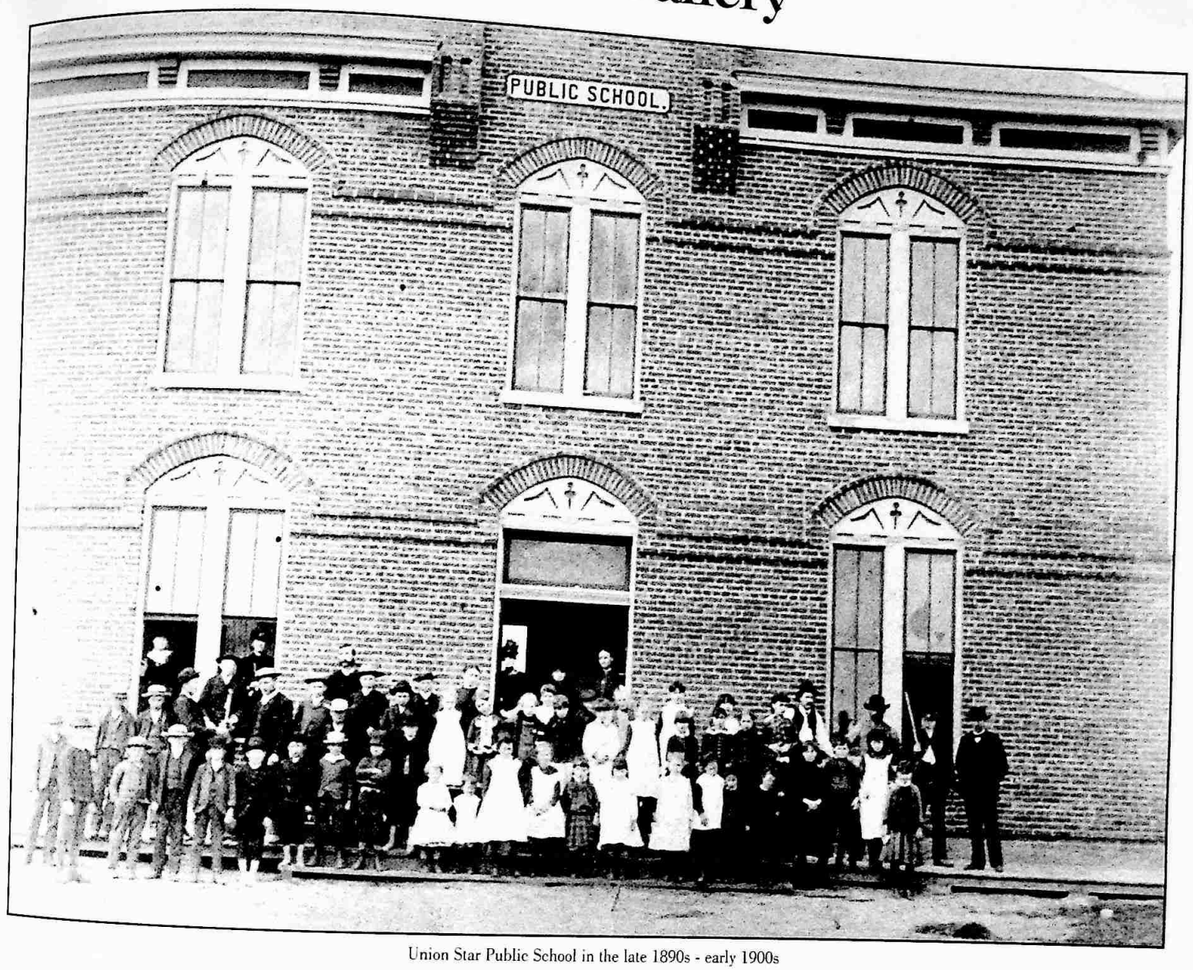
In 1987, Lula Faul was honored for 75 years of service as church pianist. She also was a Sunday School teacher for many years.

On October 23, 1988, the church celebrated its 100-year anniversary. Morning service began with a program of musical numbers by the children and reminiscences by former members. A basket dinner was served at noon. At 2:00 there was a special presentation of music, history and talks by former ministers. A reception followed in the fellowship room.

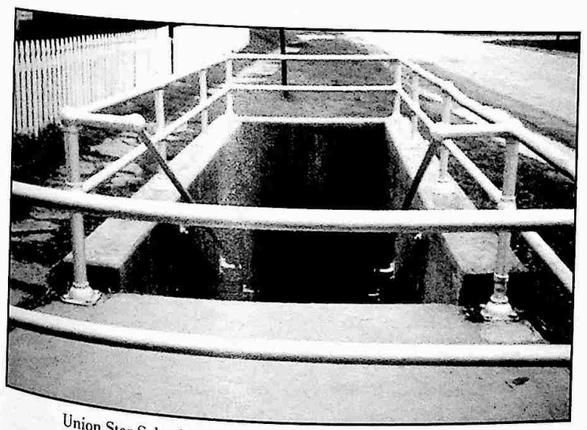
Over the next few years attendance gradually declined as families moved away, etc. Finally the decision was made to close the church. The last service was held on June 25, 2000. Then on August 25 the building and contents sold at auction. Money from the sale was donated to missions and charitable organizations.

Submitted by Patricia Irwin

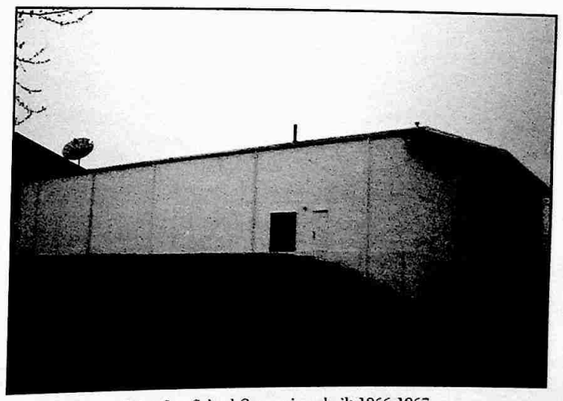
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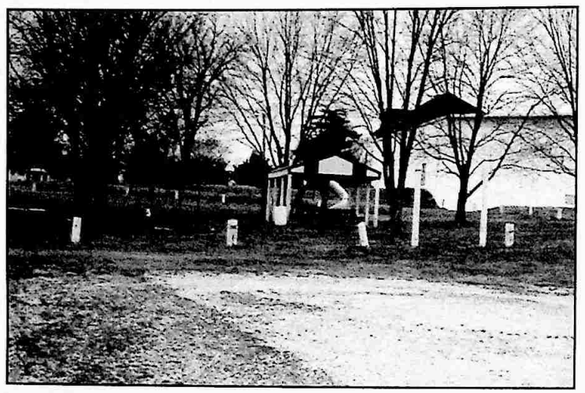
Union Star Public School in the late 1890s - early 1900s



Union Star School underpass built in 1932 under Highway 169



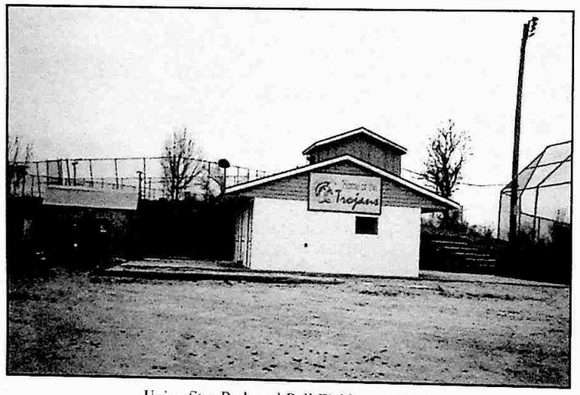
Union Star School Gymnasium, built 1966-1967



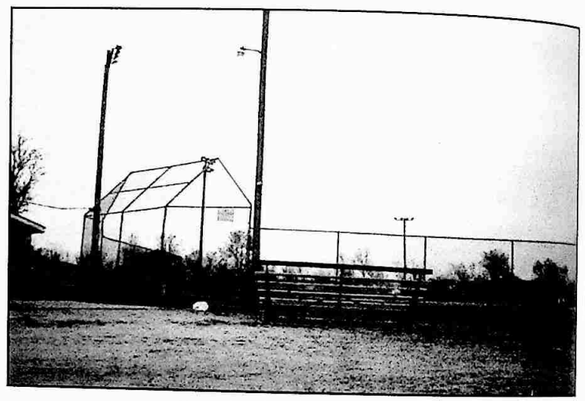
Union Star Park with school in background, April 2005



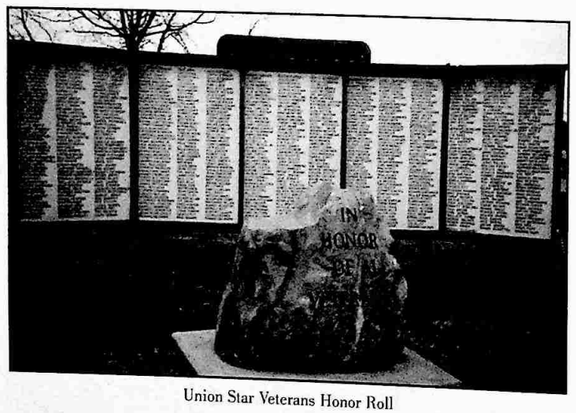
Union Star Park and Ball Field, April 2005



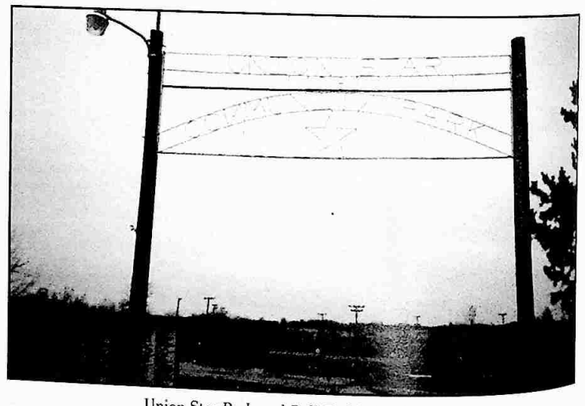
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Union Star Ball Field, April 2005



Union Star Veterans Honor Roll



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1931 CHAUTAUQUA PROGRAM

ELLISON WHITE CIRCUIT—ASSOCIATED CHAUTAUQUAS OF AMERICA

Union Star Invites Its Friends to a Great Free Chautauqua Aug. 11--15, 1931

Up To The Minute Program Featured Here

ENTERTAINMENT APPEALING TO EVERYBODY

The 1931 Chautauqua, which is soon to be presented by a committee of leading citizens, is a strictly 1931 brand of entertainment.

There are games and plays and hikes and stunts for the youngsters, lectures for the people who enjoy intellectual entertainment, plays for everybody who loves a good show, concerts for the musical and an opportunity for everybody of all classes and all ages to meet the other fellow and enjoy a community week on common ground.

Chautauqua was founded away back in 1873 when Bishop Vincent started the movement which later visited almost every town and city in the United States. Then there was a period of hard times when the rural communities were going through post war depression and drouth and low farm prices, when many communities dropped their Chautauquas. However, there have always been several thousand each year.

Radios, rodeos and talkies, and miniature golf and community picnics and tourist [illegible] celebrations and local fairs have all been tried as community entertainments, but all of them are expensive and none of them offers quite the same opportunity for neighborly getting acquainted and the enjoyment of high grade, educational and inspirational entertainment, that the Chautauqua does.

It is because of this fact that committees of public spirited men and women have arranged to bring Chautauqua to thousands of representative cities all over America each year. Chautauqua was called by Theodore Roosevelt "The Most American Thing in America," and while the types of program change each year, the great friendly opportunity for a community get-together doesn't change, athough it presents the ideas uppermost in the public mind each season.

Chautauqua has aways been a community gathering place. It has always been free from objectionable types of entertainment and because of the circuit system on which it is operated, it is possible to get a bigger dollar's worth of entertainment at Chautauqua than from any other source. This, of course, makes it particularly appealing in 1931 when many people will not feel that they can afford to take trips to the sea shore and the mountains and when road shows have practically vanished. As a result of this, the moderate cost has been divided among all the people of the community who wanted to have a hand in it. Season tickets are on sale at a cost far less than would be paid for one good road show, or one of the larger cities, or one good concert. It is the great week that everybody should plan to enjoy.

The 1931 assembly is strictly 1931 in type. The musical features are the latest thing in musical development. The plays are new plays that have been recent successes. The children's program for their own children's Chautauqua is new this year.

One of the things that has kept Chautauqua popular is the fact that it changes from year to year and keeps in step with the times.

JOLLY JUNIOR FUN FESTIVAL

Picnics and parades and junior town organization and stunts, games and folk dances and the dramatization and plays—these are just a few of the things that will be offered for the children of the community during Chautauqua week. A young lady especally trained in plays and games will be on hand each morning, beginning with the second morning, at the Chautauqua grounds at nine o'clock. There will be a big program of special features. A junior town will be organized this year, as usual, with a mayor, and city officers who will take charge of the young folks' part of the program.

On the last afternoon, there will be a demonstration on the platform of some of the events which the young people have prepared during the week. This, however, will be very informal so as not to make a burdensome period of preparation and spoil the fun of the week. There will be new songs, new games, and new stories for everybody.

All the children of the entire countryside are invited to plan to attend the Chautauqua program. It starts at nine o'clock on the morning of the second day.

The Program Day By Day

FIRST DAY

EVENING:
"The Big Push," a whirlwind modern comedy drama, featuring our old friend Bob Pollard, is the first attraction.

SECOND DAY

AFTERNOON:
"The Lombards," famous WLS SHOWBOAT entertainers, give a radio matinee of bright musical sketches, monologues and microphone hits in special costumes and stage settings.

EVENING:
The now radio and musical comedy stars, "The Lombards," present a prologue of costumed numbers from recent musical comedy successes. After the concert, America's most popular speaker on educational subjects, John E. Aubrey gives a challenging address on "Coming Across."

THIRD DAY

AFTERNOON:
Jean Macdonald, "the Marie Dressler of Canada," gives a rollicking hour of nonsense to the delight of everybody.

EVENING:
"Kibitzer," fresh from Broadway and the most up-to-the-minute play in America, is the second great play for the week.

FOURTH DAY

AFTERNOON:
The DeWillo Concert Company, featuring DeWillo Semerau and his Concertina Grand give a happy-go-lucky popular program. Then Morris Anderson gives a rapid-fire talk "Gold Bricks."

EVENING:
DeWillo, his Concertina Grand and his two charming associates, put on a glorious concert and then Morris Anderson, football player, lawyer, former mayor of Mark Twain's home town, speaks to the theme "Hit That Line."

FIFTH DAY

AFTERNOON:
Jay Tobias, "the funniest man since Bill Nye," and his carefree funsters give fun lovers a memorable matinee of music and nonsense.

EVENING:
The Tobias Company clown and dance and play and sing their way into everlasting popularity with their artistic nonsense.

Today and Tomorrow

(With Apologies to Arthur Brisbane)

The following is a letter written by a thirteen year old boy in Jellico, Tennessee, who went to visit the Chautauqua at Williamsburg, Kentucky last year and wrote a report of his visit for the newspaper in Jellico. The letter was written to the junior supervisor.

"Dear Miss Olsen:

Enclosed find one week's column of "This and That" which I do for the Advance-Sentinel, Jellico, Tennessee. So I went, made it a visit with Mike and another cousin.

Here is part of the review. I am sending it to you, having heard you say you wanted one. Hoping it may be of help,

I Hayden Siler."

It looks like the Chautauqua in Williamsburg last summer may

Galaxy of Splendid Attractions

Outstanding Artists Bring Chautauqua Program

The program to be offered during the 1931 Chautauqua is a combination of wonderful entertainment that has been gathered from far and near. Most interesting probably to most people will be the two great plays, "The Big Push," which comes on the first night and "Kibitzer" which will appear on the third night.

The first play "The Big Push," is a swift moving romance with plenty of action and a mighty popular hero and heroine who appeal to everybody.

The third night play, "Kibitzer," is the story of a Jewish business man who insists on running everybody and everything, particularly his daughter's love affairs. It is a 1930 New York success.

On the second day the Lombard Entertainers, who have been featured in a number of radio stations and particularly at WLS, Chicago, in their "Show Boat" entertainment, give the musical program, while the speaker is to be John E. Aubrey of New Jersey, probably the most widely heard speaker in America among high schools, Parent Teacher Associations, Rotary, Kiwanis and Service Clubs on matters of popular education.

On the fourth day DeWillo Semerau with his Concertina Grand, the only instrument of its kind in the world, is heading a big entertainment program. The speaker on that day is Morris Anderson, lawyer, football player and mayor of Mark Twain's home town, Hannibal, Missouri, whose cheerful logic appeals to the thinking element in the community as well as to those seeking entertainment.

Jean Macdonald, "the Marie Dressler of Canada," gives a hilarious afternoon entertainment on the third day and there are many other features throughout the week that everybody will be interested in.

Partly musical and very largely fun and entertainment are the programs given by the Jay Tobias Company. Mr. Tobias has been called the funniest American since Bill Nye and aided by the music of Miss Pile and the violin and

1930

State Missouri

County DeKalb

Township or other division of county Polk Township

(Insert proper name and also name of town, township, town, precinct, district, etc. See instructions.)

Incorporated place Union Star

(Insert proper name and also name of town, or city, village, town, or borough.)

Ward of city ____ Block No. ____

Unincorporated place ____

(Enter name of any unincorporated place having approximately 500 inhabitants or more.)

	PLACE OF ABODE				NAME	RELATION	HOME DATA				PERSONAL DESCRIPTION					EDUCATION		
	Street, avenue, road, etc.	House number (in cities and towns)	Number of dwelling house in order of visitation	Number of family in order of visitation	Enter surname first, then the given name and middle initial, if any. Include every person living on April 1, 1930. Omit children born since April 1, 1930	Relationship of this person to the head of the family	Home owned or rented	Value of home, if owned, or monthly rental, if rented	Radio set	Does this family live on a farm?	Sex	Color or race	Age at last birthday	Marital condition	Age at first marriage	Attended school or college any time since Sept. 1, 1929?	Whether able to read and write
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	
1	College St.		1	1	Pardee, John	Head	O	4000		No	M	W	61	M	60	No	Yes	
2					" Jessie	wife-H				V	F	W	50	M	14	No	Yes	
3					Carroll, Marie	daughter				V	F	W	17	S		Yes	Yes	
4			2	2	Edmonson, Denual	Head	O	3,500		No	M	W	50	M	27	No	Yes	
5					" Genial	wife-H				V	F	W	48	M	25	No	Yes	
6					" Glen Max	son				V	M	W	11	S		Yes	Yes	
7			3	3	Wilkerson, Sanford	Head	O	3,500	R	No	M	W	28	M	40	No	Yes	
8					" Cora	wife-H				V	F	W	59	M	20	No	Yes	
9					" Alberta	daughter				V	F	W	37	S		No	Yes	
10			4	4	Schnithey, John	Head	O	3,200	R	No	M	W	64	M	43	No	Yes	
11					" Ardria	wife-H				V	F	W	57	M	37	No	Yes	
12					" Edward	son				V	M	W	18	S		Yes	Yes	
13			5	5	Wilkerson, Bonnie	Head	O	4500	R	No	M	W	32	M	27	No	Yes	
14					" Cleta	wife-H				V	F	W	29	M	24	No	Yes	
15			6	6	Wright, Frank	Head	O	4000	R	No	M	W	54	M	21	No	Yes	
16					" Kathryn	wife-H				V	F	W	52	M	19	No	Yes	
17					Gotschall, Dixie	daughter				V	F	W	25	S		No	Yes	
18			7	7	Wilkerson, Tom	Head	R	15		No	M	W	63	M	21	No	Yes	
19					" Carrie	wife-H				V	F	W	62	M	20	No	Yes	
20					Farrell, John	brother-in-law				V	M	W	62	Wd	21	No	Yes	
21			8	8	Cederlind, Martin T.	Head	R	15	R	No	M	W	38	M	23	No	Yes	
22					" Donna A.	wife-H				V	F	W	37	M	23	No	Yes	
23					" Eldon C.	son				I	M	W	13	S		Yes	Yes	
24					" Willis J.	son				I	M	W	11	S		Yes	Yes	
25					" Irwin M.	son				V	M	W	9	S		No	Yes	
26					" D. La Vonne	daughter				I	F	W	5	S		No	Yes	
27			9	9	Burton, Margaret	Head	O	10,000		No	F	W	85	Wd	20	No	Yes	
28			10	10	Livingston, Mary J.	Head H	O	27,50	R	No	F	W	44	Wd	19	No	Yes	
29					Clark, Merle J.	daughter				In	F	W	42	Wd	20	No	Yes	
30					" George Clay	grandson				V	M	W	19	S		No	Yes	
31					" Albert	grandson				V	M	W	18	S		No	Yes	
32			11	11	McClain, Elmer	Head	R	10		No	M	W	27	M	20	No	Yes	
33					" Ethel	wife-H				I	F	W	24	M	17	No	Yes	
34					" Carl	son				I	M	W	6	S		Yes	Yes	
35					" Dale	son				I	M	W	4	S		No		
36					" Wayne	son				I	M	W	9	S		No		
37			12	12	Foster, Homer	Head	R	25		No	M	W	47	M	21	No	Yes	
38					" Gertie	wife-H				I	F	W	44	M	20	No	Yes	

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5				" Genial	wife-H				V	F	W	48	M	25	No	Yes		
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25				" Irwin M.	son				V	M	W	9	S		No	Yes		
26				" D. La Vonne	daughter				I	F	W	5	S		No	Yes		
27		9	9	Burton, Margaret	Head	O	10,000		No	F	W	85	Wd	20	No	Yes		
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35				" Dale	son				I	M	W	4	S		No			
36				" Wayne	son				I	M	W	9	S		No			
37		12	12	Foster, Homer	Head	R	25		No	M	W	47	M	21	No	Yes		
38				" Gertie	wife-H				I	F	W	44	M	20	No	Yes		
39				" Eugene	son				I	M	W	23	S		No	Yes		
40				" Loyd	son				V	M	W	13	S		Yes	Yes		
41				" Lois	daughter				I	F	W	9	S		No			
42		13	13	Crawford, Carl	Head	O	3000	R	No	M	W	51	S		No	Yes		
43				" Nettie	sister				I	F	W	58	S		No	Yes		
44				Cravitor, Zula	sister-in-law				I	F	W	49	Wd	20	No	Yes		
45		14	14	Garrison, Grace	Head H	O	2500	R	No	F	W	50	Wd	19	No	No		
46				Colvilla, Esther	daughter				I	F	W	30	M	22	No	Yes		
47				" Estil	son-in-law				I	M	W	34	M	26	No	Yes		
48		15	15	Morgan, Charles	Head	O	1500		No	M	W	58	M	35	No	Yes		
49				" Neva	wife-H				I	F	W	41	M	33	No	Yes		
50		16	16	Lewis, Chas W.	Head	O	3000	R	No	M	W	45	M	27	No	Yes		

ABBREVIATIONS TO BE USED IN COLUMNS INDICATED

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Col. 10—Write in "Yes" for each family living on a farm.

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	
				Davis, Gertha	wife H					F	W	43	M	25	No	Yes	Mo
				___ Keith	son					M	W	7	S		Yes	Yes	Mo
		17	17	Kirtley, S. B.	Head	O	1,500		No	M	W	59	M	31	No	Yes	Mo
				___ Ada	wife H				1	F	W	54	M	25	No	Yes	Mo
		18	18	Smith, Frank A.	Head	O	1400		No	M	W	77	M	25	No	Yes	Va
				___ Lucinda	wife H				1	F	W	75	M	23	No	Yes	Mo
		19	19	Jeffers, Millard	Head	R	11		No	M	W	33	M	21	Yes	Yes	Mo
				___ Mary	wife H				1	F	W	29	M	28	No	Yes	Mo
				___ Logan H	son				V	M	W	8	S		No	Yes	Mo
				___ Berkely Jean	daughter				1	F	W	3	S		No	Yes	Mo
		20	20	Kirtley, Edgar	Head	O	1500	R	No	M	W	51	M	21	No	Yes	Mo
				___ Dollie	wife H				1	F	W	49	M	19	No	Yes	Mo
				___ Ruth	daughter				1	F	W	10	S		No	Yes	Mo
				___ Sophia	daughter				1	F	W	23	S		No	Yes	Mo
		21	21	Murphy, Arthur	Head	O	800		No	M	W	37	S		No	Yes	Mo
		22	22	Gillip, Martha J.	Head	O	800	R	No	F	W	75	Wd	18	No	Yes	Mo
				___ Roy R.	grandson				1	M	W	16	S		Yes	Yes	Mo
		23	23	Speaker, John B.	Head	O	3,500	R	No	M	W	68	M	20	No	Yes	Ill
				___ Nannie	wife H				1	F	W	66	M	17	No	Yes	Ill
				Moyes, George E.	son				1	M	W	48	M		No	Yes	Mo
		24	24	Moyes, George A.	Head	O	6,000	R	No	M	W	65	M	31	No	Yes	Mo
				___ Alice	wife H				1	F	W	55	M		No	Yes	Mo
				___ Cecil (adopted)	son				1	M	W	20	M		No	Yes	Mo
				Gillmain, Wesley	lodger				1	M	W	28	S		No	Yes	Mo
		25	25	Riggs, Solomon	Head	O	3500		No	M	W	73	M	22	No	Yes	Ia
				___ Libby	wife H				1	F	W	68	M	17	No	Yes	Ill
		26	26	Waldo, W. B.	[illegible]	R	85		No	M	W	77	M		No	Yes	Mo
		27	27	Pannell, Robert	Head	O	2,000		No	M	W	81	Wd	19	No	Yes	Mo
				___ Birtie	daughter H				1	F	W	52	S		No	Yes	Mo
		28	28	Stanton, Hugh	Head	O	4,000	R	No	M	W	63	M	29	No	Yes	Ia
				___ Gusta	wife H				1	F	W	50	M	47	No	Yes	Ia
		29	29	Bills, Effie	Head H	O	1500		No	F	W	55	Wd	26	No	Yes	Mo
		30	30	Hayes, Ed	Head	O	3,000		No	M	W	75	Wd	22	No	Yes	Ky
				___ Nellie	daughter				1	F	W	35	S		No	Yes	Mo
		31	31	Munshaw, Wes	Head	O	3,000		No	M	W	51	M	26	No	Yes	Mo
				___ Nellie	wife H				1	F	W	42	M	24	No	Yes	Mo
				___ Wesley	son				1	M	W	19	S		No	Yes	Mo

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Walnut

	17	17	Kirtley, S. B.	Head	O	1,500		No	M	W	54	M	21	No	Yes	Mo
			___ Ada	wife H				1	F	W	54	M	25	No	Yes	Mo
	18	18	Smith, Frank A.	Head	O	1400		No	M	W	77	M	25	No	Yes	Va
			___ Lucinda	wife H				1	F	W	75	M	23	No	Yes	Mo
	19	19	Jeffers, Millard	Head	R	11		No	M	W	33	M	21	Yes	Yes	Mo
			___ Mary	wife H				1	F	W	29	M	28	No	Yes	Mo
			___ Logan H	son				V	M	W	8	S		No	Yes	Mo
			___ Berkely Jean	daughter				1	F	W	3	S		No	Yes	Mo
	20	20	Kirtley, Edgar	Head	O	1500	R	No	M	W	51	M	21	No	Yes	Mo
			___ Dollie	wife H				1	F	W	49	M	19	No	Yes	Mo
			___ Ruth	daughter				1	F	W	10	S		No	Yes	Mo
			___ Sophia	daughter				1	F	W	23	S		No	Yes	Mo
	21	21	Murphy, Arthur	Head	O	800		No	M	W	37	S		No	Yes	Mo
	22	22	Gillip, Martha J.	Head	O	800	R	No	F	W	75	Wd	18	No	Yes	Mo
			___ Roy R.	grandson				1	M	W	16	S		Yes	Yes	Mo
	23	23	Speaker, John B.	Head	O	3,500	R	No	M	W	68	M	20	No	Yes	Ill
			___ Nannie	wife H				1	F	W	66	M	17	No	Yes	Ill
			Moyes, George E.	son				1	M	W	48	M		No	Yes	Mo
	24	24	Moyes, George A.	Head	O	6,000	R	No	M	W	65	M	31	No	Yes	Mo
			___ Alice	wife H				1	F	W	55	M		No	Yes	Mo
			___ Cecil (adopted)	son				1	M	W	20	M		No	Yes	Mo
			Gillmain, Wesley	lodger				1	M	W	28	S		No	Yes	Mo
	25	25	Riggs, Solomon	Head	O	3500		No	M	W	73	M	22	No	Yes	Ia
			___ Libby	wife H				1	F	W	68	M	17	No	Yes	Ill
	26	26	Waldo, W. B.	[illegible]	R	85		No	M	W	77	M		No	Yes	Mo
	27	27	Pannell, Robert	Head	O	2,000		No	M	W	81	Wd	19	No	Yes	Mo
			___ Birtie	daughter H				1	F	W	52	S		No	Yes	Mo
	28	28	Stanton, Hugh	Head	O	4,000	R	No	M	W	63	M	29	No	Yes	Ia
			___ Gusta	wife H				1	F	W	50	M	47	No	Yes	Ia
	29	29	Bills, Effie	Head H	O	1500		No	F	W	55	Wd	26	No	Yes	Mo
	30	30	Hayes, Ed	Head	O	3,000		No	M	W	75	Wd	22	No	Yes	Ky
			___ Nellie	daughter				1	F	W	35	S		No	Yes	Mo
	31	31	Munshaw, Wes	Head	O	3,000		No	M	W	51	M	26	No	Yes	Mo
			___ Nellie	wife H				1	F	W	42	M	24	No	Yes	Mo
			___ Wesley	son				1	M	W	19	S		No	Yes	Mo
			___ Opal	daughter				1	F	W	17	S		No	Yes	Mo
			___ Howard	son				1	M	W	15	S		No	Yes	Mo
			___ Ruth	daughter				1	F	W	9	S		No	Yes	Mo
			___ Ruby	daughter				1	F	W	7	S		No	Yes	Mo
	32	32	Gibson, William	Head	R	12½	R	No	M	W	47	M	20	No	Yes	Mo
			___ Ephor	wife H				1	F	W	45	M	18	No	Yes	Mo
			___ Maud	daughter				1	F	W	26	S		No	Yes	Mo
			Howe, Lillian	daughter				1	F	W	25	M	20	No	Yes	Mo
	33	33	Groves, D. C.	Head	R	16	R	No	M	W	32	M	21	No	Yes	Mo
			___ Sula	wife H				1	F	W	32	M	21	No	Yes	Mo
			___ Robert Jackson	son				1	M	W	8	S		No	Yes	Mo
	34	34	Stevens, Robert	Head	O	4500		No	M	W	77	Wd	24	No	Yes	Ia
	35	35	Ingler, John	Head	O	4,000		No	M	W	72	M		No	Yes	Ohio

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Col. 6—Relationship: Use husband, wife, son, daughter, mother, father, brother, sister, grandson, granddaughter, mother-in-law, father-in-law, brother-in-law, sister-in-law, lodger, servant, or other relative, as the case may be. If not related to the head of the family by the listed relationships, write boarder, roomer, hired hand, or other non-relative, as the case may be.

Col. 9—Radio set: Enter R if radio set is owned; otherwise leave blank.

Col. 13—Sex: M—Male; F—Female.

Col. 14—Color or race: W—White; Negro—Ne; Indian—In; Chinese—Ch; Japanese—Jp; All other—Ot.

Col. 15—Age at last birthday: Enter the number of completed years.

Col. 16—Marital condition: S—Single, never married; M—Married; Wd—Widowed; D—Divorced.

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Unincorporated place

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				Ingles, Sophia J.	wife of H				?	F	W	69	M		No	Yes	
				——— George	son					M	W	41	S		No	Yes	
		36	36	Graham, Isaac	Head	A	12	R	No	M	W	53	Wd	27	No	Yes	
				——— Mildred J.	daughter H					F	W	14	S		Yes	Yes	
		37	37	Stewart, Eliza	Head	O	1900		No	F	W	84	Wd	25	No	Yes	
				——— Rose	daughter H					F	W	51	S		No	Yes	
				——— Margaret	daughter					F	W	46	S		No	Yes	
				DeVall, Harriet	daughter					F	W	43	Div	24	No	Yes	
		39	39	Tasseau, Myron	Head	O	3500		No	M	W	75	M	20	No	Yes	
				——— Ellen	wife H					F	W	71	M	17	No	Yes	
		39	39	Patterson, Abbie	Head-H	O	2500	R	No	F	W	61	Wd	20	No	Yes	
				——— Tasseau	daughter					F	W	24	S		No	Yes	
		40	40	Kreiser, Peter J.	Head	R	12½		No	M	W	45	M	23	No	Yes	
				——— Florence	wife H					F	W	41	M	18	No	Yes	
				——— Joseph	son					M	W	20	S		Yes	Yes	
				——— Leonard	son					M	W	18	S		Yes	Yes	
				——— Eugene	son					M	W	14	S		Yes	Yes	
				——— Lawrence R.	son					M	W	9	S		Yes	Yes	
				——— Keith	son					M	W	5	S		No		
				——— Florence Ruth	daughter					F	W	[illegible]	S		No		
		41	41	Moore, Logan	Head	O	800	R	No	M	W	32	M	25	No	Yes	
				——— Jerbie	wife H					F	W	29	M	22	No	Yes	
				——— Harold	son					M	W	6	S		No		
				——— James	son					M	W	4	S		No		
				——— Flora J.	daughter					F	W	2	S		No		
		42	42	Bradley, William	Head	O	1,800		No	M	W	69	M		No	Yes	
				——— Emma	wife H					F	W	64	M		No	Yes	
		43	43	Varner, C. O.	Head	O	3,000		No	M	W	77	M	25	No	Yes	
				——— Elizabeth	wife H					F	W	73	M	21	No	Yes	
		44	44	Eberhold, Alfred W.	Head	O	un		No	M	W	66	M	29	No	Yes	
				——— Mary	wife H					F	W	65	M	27	No	Yes	
		45	45	Clark, Bert	Head	R	10	1	No	M	W	49	M	23	No	Yes	
				——— Grace	wife H					F	W	45	M	19	No	Yes	
				——— Fiata	daughter					F	W	26	S		Yes	Yes	
				——— Wallace	son					M	W	8	S		Yes		
				——— Alfred	son					M	W	6	S		Yes		
		46	46	Schildknecht, Wm Jr	Head	O	3000	R	No	M	W	34	M	19	No	Yes	

		36	36	Graham, Isaac	Head												
				——— Mildred J.	daughter H				1	F	W	14	S		Yes	Yes	
		37	37	Stewart, Eliza	Head	O	1900		No	F	W	84	Wd	25	No	Yes	
				——— Rose	daughter H				1	F	W	51	S		No	Yes	
				——— Margaret	daughter				1	F	W	46	S		No	Yes	
				DeVall, Harriet	daughter				1	F	W	43	Div	24	No	Yes	
		38	38	Tasseau, Myron	Head	O	3500		No	M	W	75	M	20	No	Yes	
				——— Ellen	wife H				1	F	W	71	M	17	No	Yes	
		39	39	Patterson, Abbie	Head-H	O	2500	R	No	F	W	61	Wd	20	No	Yes	
				——— Tasseau	daughter				1	F	W	24	S		No	Yes	
		40	40	Kreiser, Peter J.	Head	R	12½		No	M	W	45	M	23	No	Yes	
				——— Florence	wife H				1	F	W	41	M	18	No	Yes	
				——— Joseph	son				1	M	W	20	S		Yes	Yes	
				——— Leonard	son				1	M	W	18	S		Yes	Yes	
				——— Eugene	son				1	M	W	14	S		Yes	Yes	
				——— Lawrence R.	son				1	M	W	9	S		Yes	Yes	
				——— Keith	son				1	M	W	5	S		No		
				——— Florence Ruth	daughter				1	F	W	[illegible]	S		No		
		41	41	Moore, Logan	Head	O	800	R	No	M	W	32	M	25	No	Yes	
				——— Jerbie	wife H				1	F	W	29	M	22	No	Yes	
				——— Harold	son				1	M	W	6	S		No		
				——— James	son				1	M	W	4	S		No		
				——— Flora J.	daughter				1	F	W	2	S		No		
		42	42	Bradley, William	Head	O	1,800		No	M	W	69	M		No	Yes	
				——— Emma	wife H				1	F	W	64	M		No	Yes	
		43	43	Varner, C. O.	Head	O	3,000		No	M	W	77	M	25	No	Yes	
				——— Elizabeth	wife H				1	F	W	73	M	21	No	Yes	
		44	44	Eberhold, Alfred W.	Head	O	un		No	M	W	66	M	29	No	Yes	
				——— Mary	wife H				1	F	W	65	M	27	No	Yes	
		45	45	Clark, Bert	Head	R	10	1	No	M	W	49	M	23	No	Yes	
				——— Grace	wife H				1	F	W	45	M	19	No	Yes	
				——— Fiata	daughter				1	F	W	26	S		Yes	Yes	
				——— Wallace	son				1	M	W	8	S		Yes		
				——— Alfred	son				1	M	W	6	S		Yes		
		46	46	Schildknecht, Wm Jr	Head	O	3000	R	No	M	W	34	M	19	No	Yes	
				——— Cora	wife H				1	F	W	34	M	19	No	Yes	
				——— Norma	daughter				1	F	W	11	S		Yes		
				——— Dale	son				1	M	W	6	S		Yes		
		47	47	Teaford, Shirley	Head	O	un		No	M	W	36	M		No		
				——— Faith	wife H				1	F	W	33	M	25	No		
				——— Maryann Elaine	daughter				1	F	W	2	S		No		
		48	48	Price, Curron	Head	O	3,000		No	M	W	83	M	24	No		
				——— Jessie	wife H				1	F	W	79	M	20	No		
		49	49	Bush, Kaleb	Head	R	6		No	M	W	37	M	35	No		
				——— May	wife H				1	F	W	22	M	20	No		
		50	50	Bishop, Conrad	Head	R	un		No	M	W	[illegible]	M	23	No		
				——— Jennie	wife H				1	F	W	45	M	21	No		
				——— Evelyn	daughter				1	F	W	16	S		No		

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	51	51	Wilkerson, Albert	Head	O	4,000		No	M	W	74	M	26	No	Yes	O
			——— Betty	wife H				1	F	W	73	M	25	No	Yes	Mo
	52	52	Mosbery, Emmit	Head	O	3,500	R	No	M	W	38	M	26	No	Yes	Mo
			——— Verna	wife H				1	F	W	36	M	24	No	Yes	Mo
			——— Matilda J.	mother-in-law				1	F	W	73	Wd	21	No	Yes	Ill
	53	53	Wilson, Howard	Head	O	5,000		No	M	W	76	M	28	No	Yes	Ohio
			——— Emma	wife H				1	F	W	63	M	15	No	Yes	Mo
	54	54	Bailey, Morris	Head	R	12.50		No	M	W	38	M	34	No	Yes	Mo
			——— Myrtle	wife H				1	F	W	26	M	22	No	Yes	Mo
			——— Dorothy May	daughter				1	F	W	11/12	S		No		Mo
	55	55	Smoot, Mary	Head-H	O	1800		No	F	W	44	Wd	29	No	Yes	Ken
			——— Arthur E.	son				1	M	W	15	S		Yes	Yes	Mo
			——— Flora Cooper	daughter				1	F	W	15	S		Yes	Yes	Mo
	50	50	Chaney, Sarah J.	mother-in-law				1	F	W	77	Wd	23	No	Yes	Ky
	56	56	Garrett, George	Head	R	rent		No	M	W	70	M	22	No	Yes	Ind
			——— Viola	wife H				1	F	W	66	M	18	No	Yes	Mo
	57	57	Carpenter, D. E.	Head	O	3,200		No	M	W	82	M	24	No	Yes	Va
			——— Alice M.	wife H				1	F	W	65	M	41	No	No	Ohio
	58	58	Scot, Cupid	Head		rent		No	M	W	49	M	22	No	Yes	Mo
			——— Lora	wife H				1	F	W	47	M	20	No	Yes	Ill
	59	59	Shepard, Samuel	Head	O	16,000		No	M	W	64	M	33	No	Yes	Ill
			——— Marie E. (Cab)	mother-in-law				1	F	W	55	M	24	No	Yes	Ill
			——— Helen (Cab)	daughter				1	F	W	30	S		No	Yes	Mo
	60	60	Bilton, Leslie E.	Head	O	2,000		No	M	W	44	M	23	No	Yes	Mo
			——— Edith	wife H				1	F	W	42	M	21	No	Yes	Mo
	61	61	Bushong, Elva	Head-H	O	1700		No	M	W	55	S		No	Yes	Kan
	62	62	McBride, Elmer	Head	O	1800		No	M	W	55	S		No	Yes	Mo
	63	63	Pierce, Frank	Head	O	2,500		No	M	W	65	M		No	Yes	Mo
			——— Jennie	wife H				1	F	W	55	M	18	No	Yes	Ill
			Hilderbrand, Frances Louise	daughter				1	F	W	17	S		Yes	Yes	Ill
	64	64	Pickard, Clarence	Head	O	2,000	R	No	M	W	39	M	25	No	Yes	Ill
			——— Mable	wife H				1	F	W	36	M	22	No	No	Ky
	65	65	Cashman, Ray	Head	R	12.50	R	No	M	W	30	M	24	No	No	Ohio
			——— Opal	wife				1	F	W	24	M	18	No	Yes	Ohio
			——— Willard	son				1	M	W	3	Bo		No		Mo
	66	66	Olson, S. J.	Head-H	O	1500		No	M	W	64	S		No	Yes	Nor
	67	67	King, Emil	Head	R	?	R	No	M	W	34	M	21	No	Yes	Ohio

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			——— Verna	wife H				1	F	W	36	M	24	No	Yes	Mo
			——— Matilda J.	mother-in-law				1	F	W	73	M	21	No	Yes	Ill
	53	53	Wilson, Howard	Head	O	5,000		No	M	W	76	M	28	No	Yes	Ohio
			——— Emma	wife H				1	F	W	63	M	15	No	Yes	Mo
	54	54	Bailey, Morris	Head	R	12.50		No	M	W	38	M	34	No	Yes	Mo
			——— Myrtle	wife H				1	F	W	26	M	22	No	Yes	Mo
			——— Dorothy May	daughter				1	F	W	11/12	S		No		Mo
	55	55	Smoot, Mary	Head-H	O	1800		No	F	W	44	Wd	29	No	Yes	Ken
			——— Arthur E.	son				1	M	W	15	S		Yes	Yes	Mo
			——— Flora Cooper	daughter				1	F	W	15	S		Yes	Yes	Mo
	50	50	Chaney, Sarah J.	mother-in-law				1	F	W	77	Wd	23	No	Yes	Ky
	56	56	Garrett, George	Head	R	rent		No	M	W	70	M	22	No	Yes	Ind
			——— Viola	wife H				1	F	W	66	M	18	No	Yes	Mo
	57	57	Carpenter, D. E.	Head	O	3,200		No	M	W	82	M	24	No	Yes	Va
			——— Alice M.	wife H				1	F	W	65	M	41	No	No	Ohio
	58	58	Scot, Cupid	Head		rent		No	M	W	49	M	22	No	Yes	Mo
			——— Lora	wife H				1	F	W	47	M	20	No	Yes	Ill
	59	59	Shepard, Samuel	Head	O	16,000		No	M	W	64	M	33	No	Yes	Ill
			——— Marie E. (Cab)	mother-in-law				1	F	W	55	M	24	No	Yes	Ill
			——— Helen (Cab)	daughter				1	F	W	30	S		No	Yes	Mo
	60	60	Bilton, Leslie E.	Head	O	2,000		No	M	W	44	M	23	No	Yes	Mo
			——— Edith	wife H				1	F	W	42	M	21	No	Yes	Mo
	61	61	Bushong, Elva	Head-H	O	1700		No	M	W	55	S		No	Yes	Kan
	62	62	McBride, Elmer	Head	O	1800		No	M	W	55	S		No	Yes	Mo
	63	63	Pierce, Frank	Head	O	2,500		No	M	W	65	M		No	Yes	Mo
			——— Jennie	wife H				1	F	W	55	M	18	No	Yes	Ill
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	64	64	Pickard, Clarence	Head	O	2,000	R	No	M	W	39	M	25	No	Yes	Ill
			——— Mable	wife H				1	F	W	36	M	22	No	No	Ky
	65	65	Cashman, Ray	Head	R	12.50	R	No	M	W	30	M	24	No	No	Ohio
			——— Opal	wife				1	F	W	24	M	18	No	Yes	Ohio
			——— Willard	son				1	M	W	3	Bo		No		Mo
	66	66	Olson, S. J.	Head-H	O	1500		No	M	W	64	S		No	Yes	Nor
	67	67	King, Emil	Head	R	?	R	No	M	W	34	M	21	No	Yes	Ohio
			——— Effie Louise	wife H				1	F	W	33	M	20	No	Yes	Ohio
			——— Mary	daughter				1	F	W	12	S		Yes	Yes	Ohio
			——— Floyd Cecil	son				1	M	W	10	S		No	Yes	Ohio
			——— Evelyn Vern	daughter				1	F	W	7	S		Yes		Ohio
			——— Paul Eugene	son				1	M	W	3 11/12	S		No		Ohio
			——— Wilma Doris	daughter				1	F	W	1 3/12	S		No		Ohio
	68	68	Grimes, Elmer S.	Head	R	12.50		No	M	W	42	M	23	No	Yes	Ky
			——— Blanche	wife				1	F	W	44	M	24	No	Yes	Ohio
			——— Margaret	daughter				1	F	W	14	S		Yes	Yes	Ohio
			——— Katherine	daughter				1	F	W	18	S		Yes	Yes	Ohio
			——— Junior	son				1	M	W	17	S		Yes	Yes	Ohio
			——— Marcella	daughter				1	F	W	14			Yes	Yes	Ohio
			Stanton, Ruth	daughter				1	F	W	19			Yes	Yes	Ohio

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Cedar Street

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	69	Helms, Cindy G.	Head	R	m		No	M	W	46	M	21	No	Yes	Mich
		— Theresa K.	wife H				1	F	W	42	M	18	No	Yes	Ky
		Hart, Harvey C.	grandson				1	M	W	1 6/12	S		No		Mich
	70	70	Arnold, Herbert	Head	R	8		No	M	M	30	M	30	No	Yes	Mich
		— Delphia	wife H				1	F	W	W	15	M	15	Yes	Yes	Mich
	71	71	Boyce, Terrence	Head	R	mw		No	M	W	68	Wd	21	No	Yes	Mich
	72	72	[illegible] Burbeal C.	Head	R	12	R	No	M	W	32	M	26	No	Yes	Ky
			Hall, Barbara	wife H				1	F	W	28	M	22	No	Yes	Ky
	73	73	Allen, Hugh	Head	R	6		No	M	W	34	M	20	No	Yes	Ky
		— Hallie M.	wife H				1	F	W	W	35	M	21	No	Yes	Ky
		— Virginia	daughter				1	F	W	12	S			Yes	Yes	Mich
		— Dorthy	daughter				1	F	W	10	S			Yes	Yes	Mich
		— Gerald	son				1	M	W	6	S			Yes	Yes	Mich
	74	74	Allen, George	Head	R	1.50		No	M	W	15	M	18	No	Yes	Mich
		— Melva	daughter				1	F	W	19	S			No	Yes	Mich
	75	75	— Howard	son				1	M	W	16	S		Yes	Yes	Mich
			Keyes, George	Head	R	75.		No	M	W	39	M	22	No	Yes	Mich
		— Cecil	wife					F	W	W	39	M	22	No	Yes	Mich
		— Henrietta	daughter				1	F	W	W	7	S		Yes	Yes	Mich
	76	76	Higgins, Mary J.	Head	R	2,000		No	M	W	73	Wd	22	No	Yes	Mich
	77	77	Hickey, Harvey Sr.	Head	O	mw		No	M	W	75	M	36	No	Yes	Mich
		— Mary J.	wife H					F	W	W	64	M	20	No	Yes	Mich
	78	78	Clancy, Carl R.	Head	O	1,800		No	M	W	73	M	22	No	Yes	Mich
		— Sarah	wife					F	W	W	74	M	26	No	Yes	Mich
		— Carl J.	son					M	W	W	34	M		No	Yes	Mich
	79	79	Ott, Frank	Head	O	mw		No	M	W	42	M		No	Yes	Mich
		— Connie	wife					F	W	W	57	M		No	Yes	Mich
		Wilson, Henrietta	mother in law				1	F	W	W	80	Wd	20	No	Yes	Mich
	80	80	Manship, W. H.	Head	R	mw		No	M	W	53	M	35	No	Yes	Mich
		— Mary G.	wife H				1	F	W	W	41	M	23	No	Yes	Mich
		— Lorraine	daughter				1	F	W	W	17	S		Yes	Yes	Mich
		— George	son				1	M	W	W	14	S		Yes	Yes	Mich
	81	81	Sinnett, Archibald	Head	O	2,000		No	M	W	76	Wd	17	No	Yes	Mich
		Benson, Rosa C.	daughter				1	F	W	W	50	M	20	No	Yes	Mich
		— Coral M.	son-in-law				1	M	W	W	55	M	25	No	Yes	Mich
		Allen, Bessie L.	lodger				1	F	W	W	63	S		No	Yes	Mich
		— Clara V.	niece				1	F	W	W	14	S		Yes	Yes	Mich
		Pierce, Nellie	Head	R	16		No	F	W	W	73	Wd	17	No	Yes	Mich
	82	82	Wilkerson, Loyd	Head	R	6.		No	M	W	27	M		No	Yes	Mich
		— Velma	wife				1	F	W	W	25	M		No	Yes	Mich
	83	83	Hall, O. Allen	Head	O	2,000		No	M	W	58	M	23	No	Yes	Mich
		— Mary L.	wife				1	F	W	W	58	M	17	No	Yes	Mich
	84	84	Piper, Christiana	Head	O	1,850		No	F	W	73	Wd	17	No	Yes	Mich
		Sylvester, Ed	Head	O	mw		No	M	W	W	72	M	32	No	Yes	Mich
		— Belle	wife					F	W	W	62	M	20	No	Yes	Mich
	85	85	Roberts, John	Head	O	5,000		No	M	W	46	M	23	No	Yes	Mich
		— Julia	wife					F	W	W	42	M	19	No	Yes	Mich
	86	86	Teaford, Dave	Head	O	2,200		No	M	W	77	M	26	No	Yes	Mich
			—	wife				1	F	W	70	M	19	No	Yes	Mich
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		— Carl J.	son					M	W	W	34	M		No	Yes	Mich
	79	79	Ott, Frank	Head	O	mw		No	M	W	42	M		No	Yes	Mich
		— Connie	wife					F	W	W	57	M		No	Yes	Mich
		Wilson, Henrietta	mother in law				1	F	W	W	80	Wd	20	No	Yes	Mich
	80	80	Manship, W. H.	Head	R	mw		No	M	W	53	M	35	No	Yes	Mich
		— Mary G.	wife H				1	F	W	W	41	M	23	No	Yes	Mich
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	81	81	Sinnett, Archibald	Head	O	2,000		No	M	W	76	Wd	17	No	Yes	Mich
		Benson, Rosa C.	daughter				1	F	W	W	50	M	20	No	Yes	Mich
		— Coral M.	son-in-law				1	M	W	W	55	M	25	No	Yes	Mich
		Allen, Bessie L.	lodger				1	F	W	W	63	S		No	Yes	Mich
		— Clara V.	niece				1	F	W	W	14	S		Yes	Yes	Mich
		Pierce, Nellie	Head	R	16		No	F	W	W	73	Wd	17	No	Yes	Mich
	82	82	Wilkerson, Loyd	Head	R	6.		No	M	W	27	M		No	Yes	Mich
		— Velma	wife				1	F	W	W	25	M		No	Yes	Mich
	83	83	Hall, O. Allen	Head	O	2,000		No	M	W	58	M	23	No	Yes	Mich
		— Mary L.	wife				1	F	W	W	58	M	17	No	Yes	Mich
	84	84	Piper, Christiana	Head	O	1,850		No	F	W	73	Wd	17	No	Yes	Mich
		Sylvester, Ed	Head	O	mw		No	M	W	W	72	M	32	No	Yes	Mich
		— Belle	wife					F	W	W	62	M	20	No	Yes	Mich
	85	85	Roberts, John	Head	O	5,000		No	M	W	46	M	23	No	Yes	Mich
		— Julia	wife					F	W	W	42	M	19	No	Yes	Mich
	86	86	Teaford, Dave	Head	O	2,200		No	M	W	77	M	26	No	Yes	Mich
			—	wife				1	F	W	70	M	19	No	Yes	Mich
			Clark, Clay	father in law				1	M	W	78	Wd	24	No	Yes	Mich

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1930

State Missouri

County DeKalb

Township or other division of county Polk Township

Incorporated place Union Star Town

Ward of city

Unincorporated place

Block No.

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1		87	Willey, George S.	Head	R	10.		No	M	W	52	M	27	No	No	Mo
2			—— Annie V.	wife H					F	W	46	M	17	No	No	Mo
3			—— Jewell G.	son					M	W	6	S		No		Mo
4		88	Murphy, Mary E.	Mother-in-L	O	1,200		No	F	W	65	M	28	No		Mo
5			King, Sowell	son					M	W	26	M	21	No	Yes	Mo
6			Murphy, Marland V.	Lodger					M	W	21	S		No	Yes	Mo
7		89	Elliott, Charley	Head	M	Rent		No	M	W	91	M	24	No	Yes	Mo
8			—— Georgia	son					M	W	62	Wd		No	Yes	Mo
9		90	Miller, Joldon	Head	R	20	R	No	M	W	34	M	21	No	Yes	Mo
10			—— Wilma	wife H					F	W	27	M	18	No	Yes	Mo
11			—— Doris	daughter					F	W	8	S		Yes	Yes	Mo
12		91	Wise, Gerdie	Head H				No	F	W	56	Wd	23	No	Yes	Mo
13			—— Lester Joseph	son					M	W	12	S		Yes	Yes	Mo
14			Veil, Jade	Aunt	O	2000			F	W	89	Wd	24	Yes	Yes	Mo
15		92	Stevens, Bert C.	Head	O	3,500	R	No	M	W	48	M	22	No	Yes	Mo
16			—— Virgil W.	wife H					F	W	41	M	23	No	Yes	Mo
17			—— Gordon C.	son					M	W	18	S		No	Yes	Mo
18			—— Carlton Lee	son					M	W	15	S		Yes	Yes	Mo
19			—— Harold C.	son					M	W	13	S		No	Yes	Mo
20		93	Gross, Geo.	Head	O	3,500	R	No	M	W	55	M	31	No	Yes	Mo
21			—— Myrtle	wife H					F	W	49	M	14	No	Yes	Mo
22			—— Elbelda	daughter					F	W	15	S		No	Yes	Mo
23		94	Ott, Ernest V.	Head	O	4000	R	No	M	W	35	M	24	No	Yes	Mo
24			—— Nannie	wife H					F	W	34	M	28	No	Yes	Mo
25			—— Patricia Nan	daughter					F	W	4	S		No	Yes	Mo
26			—— Barbara	daughter					F	W	2	S		No	Yes	Mo
27		95	Clark, Earle H.	Head H	O	4000	R	No	F	W	47	Wd		No	Yes	Mo
28			—— Hardin	son					M	W	17	S		Yes	Yes	Mo
29		96	Faul, E. T.	Head	R	10.		No	M	W	52	Wd	21	No	Yes	Mo
30			—— Virgil	son					M	W	22	S		No	Yes	Mo
31		97	Williams, Frank	Head	O	Rent		No	M	W	83	Wd		No	Yes	Mo
32			Teaford, Minnie	daughter					F	W	49	Wd	19	No	Yes	Mo
33			—— Flossie	grandau					F	W	19	S		Yes	Yes	Mo
34			Rose, Ora	lodger					M	W	52	S		No	Yes	Mo
35			Jenkins, Charles	lodger					M	W	23	S		No	Yes	Mo
36		98	Hartman, Lottie	Head-H	F	Rent		No	F	W	52	Wd	27	No	Yes	Mo
37		99	Laithead, Jas. E	Head	O	3500		No	M	W	67	M	27	No	Yes	Mo

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38			—— Jewell	son					M	W	6	S		No		Mo
39		88	Murphy, Mary E.	Mother-in-L	O	1,200		No	F	W	65	M	28	No		Mo
40			King, Sowell	son					M	W	26	M	21	No	Yes	Mo
41			Murphy, Marland V.	Lodger					M	W	21	S		No	Yes	Mo
42		89	Elliott, Charley	Head	M	Rent		No	M	W	91	M	24	No	Yes	Mo
43			—— Georgia	son					M	W	62	Wd		No	Yes	Mo
44		90	Miller, Joldon	Head	R	20	R	No	M	W	34	M	21	No	Yes	Mo
45			—— Wilma	wife H					F	W	27	M	18	No	Yes	Mo
46			—— Doris	daughter					F	W	8	S		Yes	Yes	Mo
47		91	Wise, Gerdie	Head H				No	F	W	56	Wd	23	No	Yes	Mo
48			—— Lester Joseph	son					M	W	12	S		Yes	Yes	Mo
49			Veil, Jade	Aunt	O	2000			F	W	89	Wd	24	Yes	Yes	Mo
50		92	Stevens, Bert C.	Head	O	3,500	R	No	M	W	48	M	22	No	Yes	Mo
51			—— Virgil W.	wife H					F	W	41	M	23	No	Yes	Mo
52			—— Gordon C.	son					M	W	18	S		No	Yes	Mo
53			—— Carlton Lee	son					M	W	15	S		Yes	Yes	Mo
54			—— Harold C.	son					M	W	13	S		No	Yes	Mo
55		93	Gross, Geo.	Head	O	3,500	R	No	M	W	55	M	31	No	Yes	Mo
56			—— Myrtle	wife H					F	W	49	M	14	No	Yes	Mo
57			—— Elbelda	daughter					F	W	15	S		No	Yes	Mo
58		94	Ott, Ernest V.	Head	O	4000	R	No	M	W	35	M	24	No	Yes	Mo
59			—— Nannie	wife H					F	W	34	M	28	No	Yes	Mo
60			—— Patricia Nan	daughter					F	W	4	S		No	Yes	Mo
61			—— Barbara	daughter					F	W	2	S		No	Yes	Mo
62		95	Clark, Earle H.	Head H	O	4000	R	No	F	W	47	Wd		No	Yes	Mo
63			—— Hardin	son					M	W	17	S		Yes	Yes	Mo
64		96	Faul, E. T.	Head	R	10.		No	M	W	52	Wd	21	No	Yes	Mo
65			—— Virgil	son					M	W	22	S		No	Yes	Mo
66		97	Williams, Frank	Head	O	Rent		No	M	W	83	Wd		No	Yes	Mo
67			Teaford, Minnie	daughter					F	W	49	Wd	19	No	Yes	Mo
68			—— Flossie	grandau					F	W	19	S		Yes	Yes	Mo
69			Rose, Ora	lodger					M	W	52	S		No	Yes	Mo
70			Jenkins, Charles	lodger					M	W	23	S		No	Yes	Mo
71		98	Hartman, Lottie	Head-H	F	Rent		No	F	W	52	Wd	27	No	Yes	Mo
72		99	Laithead, Jas. E	Head	O	3500		No	M	W	67	M	27	No	Yes	Mo
73			—— Bertha Bell	wife H					F	W	60	M	19	No	Yes	Mo
74		100	Redding, Mary	Head-H	O	Rent		No	F	W	72	Wd	18	No	Yes	Mo
75			—— C. B.	son					M	W	52	M	21	No	Yes	Mo
76		101	Hodges, Ida	Head-H	O	Rent		No	F	W	65	Wd	25	No	Yes	Mo
77		102	Martin, Elmer	Head	F	Rent		No	M	W	55	Wd		No	Yes	Mo
78		103	Wise, Otis	Head	O	1,500	R	No	M	W	38	M	21	No	Yes	Mo
79			—— Carrie	wife H					F	W	36	M	18	No	Yes	Mo
80			—— Wilma	daughter					F	W	15	S		Yes	Yes	Mo
81			—— Evelyn	daughter					F	W	12	S		Yes	Yes	Mo
82			—— Virginia Lee	daughter					F	W	2	S		No	Yes	Mo
83		104	Morris, Wm R	Head	O	2,500	R		M	W	73	M	25	No	Yes	Mo
84			—— Aldora	wife H					F	W	59	M	15	No	Yes	Mo
85			Edwards, Lorena	Mother-in-L					F	W	87	Wd	22	No	Yes	Mo

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(Insert proper name and also name of town, as city, village, town, or borough)

Ward of city ..... Block No. .....

Unincorporated place .....
(Enter name of any unincorporated place having approximately 500 inhabitants or more)

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	
		105	105	Kasler, Lucy E.	Head H	O	3500	R	No	F	W	64	W	22	No	Yes	
		106	106	Tuson, Sarah L	Head H	O	4800		No	F	W	63	Wd	18	No	Yes	
				Smith, Cecil L	lodger					M	W	38	S		No	Yes	
		107	107	Carter, William B.	Head	R	10		No	M	W	49	Wd		No	Yes	
				Teeter, Mary	stepdaughter				1	F	W	30	D.		No	Yes	
				Bull, Bessie	" "				1	F	W	24	S		No	Yes	
		108	108	Moore, Rozella	Head	O	4500		No	M	W	63	M	22	No	Yes	
				— Effil L.	wife H				1	F	W	57	M	18	No	Yes	
				— Reif	son				1	M	W	16	S		No	Yes	
		109	19	Purdie, M. L	Head	O	400			M	W	57	M		No	Yes	
				— Virginia L.	wife H				1	F	W	54	M		No	Yes	
				— Bruce	son				1	M	W	34	S		No	Yes	
		110	110	Clark, Albert J.	Head	O	2000	R	No	M	W	73	M	22	No	Yes	
				— Martha F.	wife H				1	F	W	72	M	21	No	Yes	
				— Williams Cubrey	son				1	M	W	31	S		No	Yes	
		111	111	Prichard, John L	Head	O	3500	R	No	M	W	34	M	20	No	Yes	
				Co — Ettie May	wife H				1	F	W	35	M	20	No	Yes	
		112	112	Bottorff, James H	Head	R	14		No	M	W	49	M	22	No	Yes	
				— Mattie C.	wife H				1	F	W	43	M	16	No	Yes	
				— Dehald	son				1	M	W	17	S		No	Yes	
				— Delbert	son				1	M	W	14	S		No	Yes	
		112½	112½	Teaford, Wayne	Head	R	un			M	W	28	M	21	No	Yes	
				— Naomia	wife H				1	F	W	22	M	15	No	Yes	
				— Wallace	son				1	M	W	6	S		Yes	Yes	
				— Wilma Jean	daughter				1	F	W	4½	S		No		
				— Betty Jo	daughter				1	F	W	1½	S		No		
		113	113	Peacock, Bert	Head	O	800		No	M	W	52	M	27	No	Yes	
				— Mable	wife H				1	F	W	43	M	19	No	Yes	
				— Bennie	son				1	M	W	16	S		Yes	Yes	
				— Inez	daughter				1	F	W	13	S		Yes	Yes	
				— Junior	son				1	M	W	9	S		Yes	Yes	
				— Charles	son				1	M	W	7	S		Yes		
				— Harriet Jean	daughter				1	F	W	5	S		Yes		
				— Willa Irene	daughter				1	F	W	2½	S		No		
		114	114	Dodge, Lester N.	Head	O	800		No	M	W	45	M	26	No	Yes	
				— Willa Bell	wife H				1	F	W	37	M	17	No	Yes	
		115	115	Price, Lester	Head	R	10			M	W	29	M	23	No	Yes	

Locust Street

		106	106	Tuson, Sarah L													
				Smith, Cecil L.	lodger												
		107	107	Carter, William B.	Head	R	10			M	W	49	Wd		No	Yes	
				Teeter, Mary	stepdaughter					F	W	30	D.		No	Yes	
				Bull, Bessie	" "					F	W	24	S		No	Yes	
		108	108	Moore, Rozella	Head	O	4500			M	W	63	M	22	No	Yes	
				— Effil L.	wife H					F	W	57	M	18	No	Yes	
				— Reif	son					M	W	16	S		No	Yes	
		109	19	Purdie, M. L	Head	O	400			M	W	57	M		No	Yes	
				— Virginia L.	wife H					F	W	54	M		No	Yes	
				— Bruce	son					M	W	34	S		No	Yes	
		110	110	Clark, Albert J.	Head	O	2000	R	No	M	W	73	M	22	No	Yes	
				— Martha F.	wife H					F	W	72	M	21	No	Yes	
				— Williams Cubrey	son					M	W	31	S		No	Yes	
		111	111	Prichard, John L	Head	O	3500	R	No	M	W	34	M	20	No	Yes	
				Co — Ettie May	wife H					F	W	35	M	20	No	Yes	
		112	112	Bottorff, James H	Head	R	14		No	M	W	49	M	22	No	Yes	
				— Mattie C.	wife H					F	W	43	M	16	No	Yes	
				— Dehald	son					M	W	17	S		No	Yes	
				— Delbert	son					M	W	14	S		No	Yes	
		112½	112½	Teaford, Wayne	Head	R	un			M	W	28	M	21	No	Yes	
				— Naomia	wife H					F	W	22	M	15	No	Yes	
				— Wallace	son					M	W	6	S		Yes	Yes	
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				— Bennie	son					M	W	16	S		Yes	Yes	
				— Inez	daughter					F	W	13	S		Yes	Yes	
				— Junior	son					M	W	9	S		Yes	Yes	
				— Charles	son					M	W	7	S		Yes		
				— Harriet Jean	daughter					F	W	5	S		Yes		
				— Willa Irene	daughter					F	W	2½	S		No		
		114	114	Dodge, Lester N.	Head	O	800		No	M	W	45	M	26	No	Yes	
				— Willa Bell	wife H					F	W	37	M	17	No	Yes	
		115	115	Price, Lester	Head	R	10			M	W	29	M	23	No	Yes	
		116	116	Fisher, Lenard D.	Head	O	2750			M	W	67	M	25	No	Yes	
				— Libbie	wife H					F	W	66	M	24	No	Yes	
				Gilliland, Pearl	lodger					F	W	19	S		Yes	Yes	
		117	117	Stanton, Tompt C.	Head	R	10	R	No	M	W	53	M	24	No	Yes	
				—	wife H					F	W	57	M	28	No	Yes	
				— Herschel	son					M	W	17	S		Yes	Yes	
		118	118	Mc Brayer, T. M.	Head	O	un			M	W	77	M		No	Yes	
				— Lucy	wife H					F	W	85	M		No	Yes	
		119	119	Hensel, Henry H	Head	R	10			M	W	58	M	30	No	Yes	
				— Mary	wife H					F	W	49	M		No	Yes	
		120	120	Dawes, Lizzie	Head H	O	1000			F	W	77	Wd	16	No	Yes	

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1			Mary Ruth	daughter					F	W	3	S			Yes	
2		141	141	Bottorff, Bert	Head	O	800	R	No	M	W	42	M		Yes	Yes	
3				Maynie	wife-H					F	W	45	M	21	Yes	Yes	
4		142	142	Mc Dermith, Jo	Head	O	4000		No	M	W	75	[illegible]	27	No	Yes	
5		[illegible]	[illegible]	Sanders, A. F.	Head	O	4000		No	M	W	70	D	25	No	Yes	
6		69	69	Riley, Margaret	Retired					F	W	61	M	21	Yes	Yes	
7		69	69	Sinclet, Clyde	lodger					M	W	50	Wid	27	No	Yes	
8		148	148	Jackson, Cindy	Head	O	[illegible]		No	M	W	72	Wid		No	Yes	
9		144	144	Hayes, Myrtle	Head	O	3400		No	F	W	55	Wid		No	Yes	
10				Vera	daughter					F	W	19	S		Yes	Yes	
11				Morris, Mary	sister-law					F	W	55	Wid		Yes	Yes	
12		family no. 92		Paul, Lula	daughter					F	W	28	S		Yes	Yes	
13		96	96	Clover	daughter					F	W	26	S		No	Yes	
14		45	45	Jones, Kermit	boarder					M	W	26	S		No	Yes	
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Families

LLOYD AND DEANA ADAMS FAMILY

Lloyd Adams moved to Union Star in 1937 with his parents, Luther and Grace Adams. He graduated from Union Star R-II School in 1950. Lloyd left home joining the United States Air Force in 1953.

On September 18, 1954, Lloyd married Deana Lou Miller from St. Joseph. They returned to Union Star in 1957, living just north of town. In 1959 they purchased 120 acres southeast of Union Star on what is now known as Kent Road.



Lloyd and Deana Adams' 50th anniversary celebration - Front row: Lloyd and Deana Adams. Back row: Corky Marquart, Don Adams, Wanda Workman, Sally McGinnis and Nancy Pitts.

On the farm Deana and Lloyd raised their five children: Marjorie "Corky" Marquart, Don Adams, Wanda Workman, Sally McGinnis and Nancy Pitts. These children blessed them with 12 grandchildren: Blake and Brooke Marquart; Brett and Scott Adams; Paul, Adam and Emily Workman; Rebecca and Edward McGinnis; and Alex, Luke and Alaina Pitts. They also have a great-grandson, Logan McGinnis.

In addition to farming, Lloyd worked for Robidoux Hotel until 1976. He then expanded the farming to 300 acres and began a hog confinement operation. Deana was a surgical nurse at Sister's Hospital. She saw many name and building changes with the hospital by the time she retired from Heartland Health in 1982. Today Lloyd drives a bus for the City of St. Joseph. Deana, for the past 20 years, has worked for Dr. Nguyen in St. Joseph.

The Adams family was active in the community. Most every time the doors were open, you would find them at the Methodist Church. Lloyd served on the school and township boards for many years. Deana was the neighbor to call when a nurse was needed.

In 1987 Lloyd and Deana left the farm for city life in St. Joseph where they currently reside. Corky, Don and Nancy's families also live in the St. Joseph area. Wanda's family is still living in Union Star. Sally's family lives near Holt.

Submitted by Sally McGinnis

LUTHER AND GRACE ADAMS

Luther Adams married Grace Goodwich in 1911 in Glenwood, Iowa. To this union were born six children.

Vernon married Opal Walker in 1933. They had three children, Ilene, Janice and Jim. They have seven grandchildren. Opal died in 1968 and Vern died in 1992.

Lucille married Truman Schildknecht in 1930. They had two children, John and Joyce. They have seven grandchildren. Lucille died in 1989 and Truman died in 1995.

Dorothy never married. She lived and worked in Kansas City most of her life. She now resides in St. Joseph.



Luther, Grace and Lucille Adams

Hazel married Arlin Baker in 1935. They had four children, Arlene, Jerry, Gene and Carol. They have 14 grandchildren. Arlin was killed in 1975, and Hazel lives near Union Star.

Luetta married Ernest Ratcliff in 1949 and had three sons, David, Ron and Mike. They have three grandchildren. Letty and Ernie live in North Hollywood, California.

Lloyd married Deana Miller in 1954. They had five children, Marjorie, Don, Wanda, Sally and Nancy. They have 12 grandchildren. Lloyd and Deana lived near Union Star for many years but now live in St. Joseph.

Grace died in 1956 and Luther died in 1958 at their home north of Union Star.

Submitted by Carol Krause

LECIL AND GERTRUDE ANDREWS

Lecil, son of Lewis and Ada Andrews, was born and raised in the Union Star community, August 27, 1923. Gertrude, daughter of Ernest P. and Bertha Hutchcraft, was also born and raised between Union Star and King City, May 31, 1921. Both were educated in rural one-room schools. They met at Union Star High School, dated and became sweethearts. After high school Lecil farmed with his father until entering the U.S. Navy in 1944. Gertrude kept house for her brother and worked in St. Joseph. They were married on July 18, 1944. Lecil served in the southwest Pacific until 1946. Gertrude worked in King City and taught school until Lecil returned home. They started farming south of Union Star in 1946.



Lecil and Gertrude Andrews

They were blessed with five children, Elvin, Melvin, Lewis, Nancy and Mark, who all graduated from Union Star High School.

Elvin (57) is a graduate of NWMSU at Maryville, Missouri. He joined the Navy for four years. While stationed in Albany, Georgia, he met and married Sharon (Moore) of Naylor, Georgia. They now live near Naylor and have two sons, Travis (27) and Blake (20). Elvin is the county extension agent of Lanier County, Georgia.

Melvin (55) is also a graduate of NWMSU and did his graduate work at MU in Columbia, Missouri, where he met and married Jeanie (Bowers) of Carthage, Missouri. They now live near Oronogo, Missouri, where they own and operate Medoc Valley Spray Service. They have two children, Brad (29) and Amanda (27). Brad married Ginny and they have a son, Caleb. Amanda married Jason Miller, and they have two daughters, Kaitlyn and Alyssa.

Lewis (51) is also a graduate of NWMSU at Maryville, Missouri. Twenty-three years ago he opened his own machine shop, Andrews Automotive, in Savannah, Missouri, which he still runs. He also lives in Savannah. Lewis likes to hunt and fish and enjoys time spent on his farm.

Nancy (49) graduated from Caster's Beauty School. She worked at Sunset Nursing Home for three years, Wal-Mart for five years, then at the *Savannah Reporter* for three years. She married Michael

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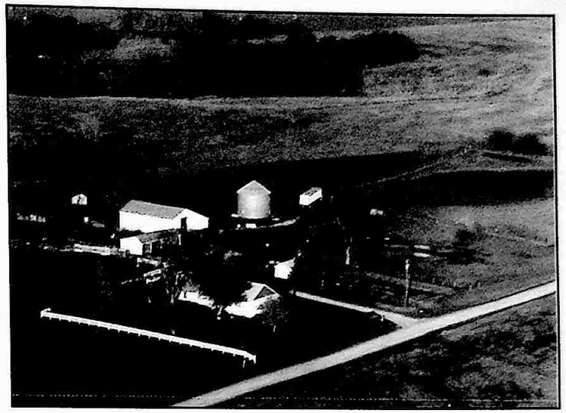
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Submitted by Rebecca (Bashor) Whetsell

BASHOR-COLVILLE FAMILY

John Sherfy Bashor remembered seeing the Civil War soldiers' campfires on Empire Prairie at night. John married Jane Colville (1859 Wisconsin-1923 Missouri), daughter of William and Margaret (Gibson) Colville who also lived in the Empire Prairie area. John and Jane lived north of Union Star most of their married lives except for about two years when they ventured west to Phillips County, Kansas, near the town of Long Island. They returned to Union Star, and both are buried in the Empire Cemetery.



John S. and Jane (Colville) Bashor

John and Jane were the parents of 12 children: #1 Austin (1878 Kansas-1941 Missouri) married in 1907 to Elva Barrett; #2 Margaret (1879 Kansas-1964 Missouri) married William H. Peters in 1907; #3 Agnes (1881 Missouri-1911 Missouri) married Irving Brown; #4 Amanda (1882 Missouri-1939 Missouri) married in 1900 to James T. Guest; #5 John (1884 Missouri-1885 Missouri); #6 Martin L. (1886 Missouri-1972 Missouri) married in 1908 to Edna Merle Holland then in 1945 married Freda Reka (Kyler) Millen: #7 Rosa (1889 Missouri-1969 Missouri) married in 1910 to Stephen E. Bonham; #8 Laura (1891 Missouri-1974 Missouri) married in 1913 to Ernest A. Courtney; #9 Gladys (1893 Missouri-1970 Missouri) married before 1913 to L. Bill Beattie then in 1924 married D. Bill Barton; #10 Robert (1895 Missouri-1986 Missouri) married in 1922 to Carrie C. Case; #11 Clarence (1897 Missouri-1982 Missouri) married in 1917 to Goldie Goforth; #12 Jacob (1901 Missouri-1975 Missouri) married to Hettie Garrett in 1924.

Most of these children stayed in the Missouri area with many in the Union Star area and contributed much to the growth of the schools, farms and industries.

Submitted by Edna (Bashor) Welling

BASHOR-HOLLAND/KYLER MILLEN FAMILIES

The sixth child of John S. and Jane (Colville) Bashor was Martin Leroy Bashor who married Edna Merle Holland (1887-1924) in 1908 at Union Star. Edna Merle was the daughter of William Thomas Holland and Anne Elizabeth Livingston. Martin and Edna were the parents of six children:

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Four generations, 1933 - Martin L. Bashor (father), John S. Bashor (grandfather), Leland Bashor (son) holding Edna Mae Bashor (Leland's daughter).

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All the children attended the Blue rural school. Edna (Holland) Bashor died in 1924 when Leland was 16 and John Shirley was about six. The two older girls helped their father manage the home with the help from aunts and their widower grandfather. Agnes, Alice and perhaps Jennie sang often at the Presbyterian Church where the family attended. Agnes and Alice went to St. Joseph to work as the younger children got to high school age. Jennie, Anna and John (known around Union Star as Shirley) graduated from Union Star High School. Jennie and Anna also went to St. Joseph and later to Kansas City to work. Shirley enlisted in the Army and served in the medical corps and was stationed at Fort Des Moines, Iowa, when he died in a car accident.

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BASHOR-HUTCHCRAFT FAMILY

Leland Bashor attended Blue rural school. During his mother's two-plus-year illness, Leland had to help with spring farming and never graduated from the eighth grade. He worked for farmers in the area and drove his grandfather, John S. Bashor, to Longmont, Colorado, in the late 1920s to visit John's brothers who were farming in the area and raising fields of beans which was quite different than farming in northwest Missouri at that time.

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Bashor Family taken in Missouri about 1944 - Front: Edna Mae, Rose Mary and Shirley Ann. Back: Katherine and Leland Leroy.

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Submitted by Edna (Bashor) Welling

BASHOR-SHERFY FAMILY

The first Bashor family to come to northwestern Missouri in the Andrew, DeKalb and Gentry counties was Martin S. Bashor (1817 Virginia-1910 Colorado) and his wife, Susannah Sherfy (1822 Tennessee-1900 Colorado). They came from Washington County, Tennessee, with their family to the Empire Prairie area in the 1860s. Their family included: #1 Amanda (1844 Tennessee-1927 California) who first married Charles A. Platt then married Samuel H. Larkin; #2 Alexander or Wash (1848 Tennessee-1927 Missouri) who married Nancy C. Harleman; #3 Robert (1850 Tennessee-1885 Oregon) who married Ardilla ?; #4 Margaret (1852 Tennessee-1928 Washington) who married Lewis Madison Young; #5 John Sherfy (1854 Tennessee-1942 Missouri) who married Jane Colville; #6 Jacob K. or J. K. (1857 Tennessee-1936 California) married Ida Branscome; #7 Catherine (1859 Tennessee-? California) married first John Blodgett then John Overton; #8 Rebecca (1861 Missouri-1947 California) married James Bonham; #9 Martha (1863 Missouri-1945 California) married first William C. Hibsch and then John J. Collette; #10 Cordelia (1865 Missouri-1951 California) married James L. Matthews. Martin and Susannah also raised two other children, Henry Clay Berkfield and Charles Bashor, with the exact relationship not known.



Martin and Susannah (Sherfy) Bashor belonged to the Dunkard or Church of the Brethren religion.

Martin and Susannah later moved on to Hygiene, Colorado, with some of their younger children, eventually going to California for a brief time and returning to Colorado where they died and are buried. The town had been founded by ministers for the Church of the Brethren when Colorado was opened for settlement, and Martin and Susannah had other relatives who also made the move to Colorado.

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ALEXANDER WASHINGTON BASHOR

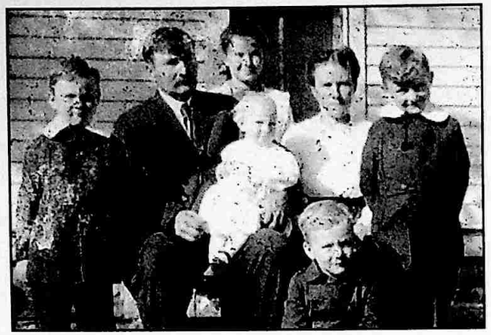
Alexander Washington Bashor was born May 2, 1848, and died November 6, 1927. He was married on February 16, 1873, to Nancy Caroline Harleman, born January 27, 1850, and died November 2, 1922. They had two children, Elva Gertrude, born May 9, 1874, and



John and Ida Smith, Claudia's parents



Albert and Claudia Bashor



Front: Willard Washington; Middle: Evart Edgar, Albert, Nancy Merle, Claudia, and Elvin; Back: Ida Marie

died May 25, 1954, and Albert Alexander, born September 13, 1876, and died August 18, 1960. He was married on November 11, 1908, to Claudia Ellen Smith, born May 11, 1884, and died June 15, 1962. They had five children, Ida Marie, born October 29, 1909, died April 24, 2001; Evart Edgar, born November 30, 1912, died April 30, 1987; Elvin Albert, born November 3, 1914; Willard Washington, born March 5, 1917, died July 24, 1996; and Nancy Merle, born January 22, 1919.

Submitted by Elvin Bashor

ELVIN BASHOR FAMILY

Elvin Albert Bashor was married on February 14, 1951, to Beatrice Irene Vaughn, born September 9, 1923, died July 22, 1989, daughter of Wesley Clark Vaughn and Gertrude Weinal. They had five children.

Elvin Albert Jr. was born October 20, 1952. He had two children, Samantha Lanetta, born December 25, 1979, and Roxanne Michelle, born April 10, 1984.

Evart Clark was born December 26, 1954, and was married on December 20, 1975, to Marsha Kay Snuffer, born February 29, 1956, daughter of Thomas Ray Snuffer and Loretta Jean Hill. They have four daughters, Heather Brianna, born November 13, 1979 (one daughter, Skylar Michelle, born August 11, 2003), Trina Kay, born March 4, 1981, Alaina Lynne, born July 14, 1982, and Kaysie Ann, born March 1, 1985.

Lyle Gene was born December 26, 1955. He has three daughters. Sally Ann was born January 17, 1976. Holly Marie was born February 8, 1978, and was married on July 18, 1997, to Herb Drewry Jr., born April 26, 1976, son of Herbert Drewry and Bonnie. They have two children, Elisabeth Marie, born May 6, 1999, and Ethan Chase, born March 12, 2001. Rebecca Jean was born June 13, 1979. She has one daughter, Shandra Marie, born May 26, 1997.

Michael Jim was born December 30, 1957, and was married on May 22, 1976 to Jean Ann Phillips, born April 11, 1960, daughter of Harold Lloyd Phillips and Ethal Faye Huff. They have four children. Brandy Jean was born November 15, 1976. She has three children, Morgan Irene Munns, born November 14, 1994, Aeriell Raiann Munns, born March 2, 1997, and Keltan Munns, born May 26, 1998. Carie Day was born September 9, 1979. She has two daughters, Annastasia Lynn Hartley, born December 1, 1999, and Iris Ann Hartley, born October 6, 2002. Abbey Dale was born July 22, 1982, and was married on December 13, 2003, to Roland Wayne Wilmes, born July 7, 1975, son of Alfred Wilmes and Margaret Ellen Tuttle. They have one son, Wayne Michael, born February 13, 2004. Amoas Michael was born December 10, 1983.

Opal Louise was born November 8, 1960.

Submitted by Jean Ann Bashor

IDA BASHOR

Ida Marie Bashor was born to Albert and Claudia (Smith) Bashor on October 29, 1909. She went to Union Star School and then went to Maryville, Missouri, where she graduated from Northwest Missouri State Teachers College on May 26, 1942.



Marie Bashor

Her first teaching position was at Salem School in Andrew County. She taught at Roberts School from 1932 to 1935. She then taught at Oak Grove School, Flag Springs School and Savannah School before being hired on at Humbolt School in St. Joseph, Missouri. She retired after teaching 45 years and teaching many children.

Submitted by Opal Bashor

OPAL BASHOR

My grandfather was Albert and Claudia (Smith) Bashor. They had five children who are Marie Bashor, Evart Bashor, Elvin Bashor, Willard Bashor and Merle (Bashor) Calhoon.

Union Star used to be a very booming town. My dad, Elvin Bashor, and aunt, Merle Calhoon, talk about going to town on a Saturday night to get haircuts and visit with other families. There used to be four barbers, a beauty shop, two banks, five grocery stores, a movie theater, a laundry mat and other businesses in Union Star. Dad used to talk about having to wait a long time to get his haircut on a Saturday night. The barbers would all be busy, and people would just walk around and visit with each other. I never knew that Union Star was so busy.



Sitting: Opal, Irene, Elvin and Mike Bashor. Standing: Lyle, Clark and Elvin Jr. Bashor.

As I grew up in Flag Springs, we went to Union Star to grocery shop. There used to be two grocery stores, a beauty shop, one bank, a hardware store, gas station with a restaurant, grain elevator, laundry mat and an implement store. This is all I remember being in Union Star. I remember going to the beauty shop with my mother, Irene Bashor, to get her hair done. Part of the time I would end up at Smith's Market visiting with family. Union Star was an important town as I was growing up, and I am glad that I had the privilege of growing up in that area.

Submitted by Opal Bashor

WARD AND MARY BOWEN

This is the story of Ward Bowen, son of Frances Marion and Gerty Bowen, grandson of Frances Marion Bowen and Sarah Elizabeth Means, great-grandson of John B. Means and Eliz Marr and great-great-grandson of Andrew Means Jr.

Ward was born in 1894 on a farm in DeKalb County, Missouri,



Bowen Family - Mary and Ward and Gerty and Frank.

and died in 1958 on the same farm as a result of a tractor accident. He graduated from Union Star High School in 1913 which was only a three-year school. He wanted to become a lawyer so he went to St. Joseph and attended Central High School for his fourth year so he could enter Drake University in Des Moines, Iowa. During this process he met his wife-to-be, Mary Elizabeth Atherton, from Carrollton, Missouri. He attended Drake two years and left thinking he was to be called for World War I, but he never did have to serve. After getting married, he and Mary finally located on a farm in DeKalb County just east of his birthplace. This became known as **Shady Brook Farm**, the home of one of the first chick hatcheries in the state of Missouri. It was also the birthplace of Marjorie (Bowen) Fletcher.

Shady Brook Farm began with a borrowed 100-egg Old Trusty incubator in 1918. They raised and bred Ancona chickens and won the Silver Cup at the Heart of America Poultry Show in 1921 for best production bred hen. They showed and won at the Missouri State Fair, advertised nationally and shipped breeding stock, eggs and chicks from Maine to Florida and to the Rocky Mountains. They developed a demonstration poultry farm for the University of Missouri where they attended university poultry short courses and pioneered in a program of trap nesting to produce a 300-egg hen.

In 1926 they built a model poultry farm one-half mile west of Union Star, home of Ward Bowen Chickery. Here they continued their trap nesting and breeding program and developed an integrated poultry operation. Poultry schools were conducted for the local farmer. After progressing from hot water-heated incubators to electric, they developed farmer-owned hatching egg flocks in the surrounding territory and introduced the first cartoned eggs sold in St. Joseph, Missouri. They were charter members of the Missouri Poultry Improvement Association.

Following World War II, Frank Fletcher, son-in-law, joined the firm, and the business grew to 125 flock owners that were being serviced. U. S. approved Pullorum clean chicks and hatching eggs were produced and shipped weekly as far as Montana. The hatchery was an early pioneer in chick sexing by the Japanese who brought the art to the United States following the war. Selling commercial market eggs was begun using a one-person hand candling, grading and cartoning method. This expanded to a three-person operation using an automatic washer, candler and grader. Ward was honored as Missouri poultry man of the year.

Following Ward's death, the hatchery was operated by Frank and Marjorie Fletcher under the revised name of Bowen Chickery. They completed a two-story environmentally controlled hen house for 5,000 hens featured in the magazine and later a confinement-growing house. They continued to market about 125 cases of eggs a week under the name of Fletchers Farm Fresh Eggs in St. Joseph year around as well as hatch baby chicks in the spring. Frank served as president of the Missouri Egg Council as well as the National Egg Council and was a member of the National Advisory Committee for USDA. He received the Blue Rooster Award for outstanding service.

Frank and Marjorie kept the poultry farm and hatchery in operation as well as being a supplier of graded market eggs until the year 1980. Three generations celebrated the golden anniversary of the Ward Bowen Chickery, the oldest hatchery in the state of Missouri under the same family ownership.

The Shady Brook Poultry Farm had a small beginning when Mary, a schoolteacher, and Ward, a law student, moved in with his parents. Neither of them knew the first thing about farming but all that changed when Ward went to a sale and came home with 12 chickens in a coop. Suddenly they were in the chicken business. They sent away for all the information they could find. They filled the cellar with ten incubators, each with a capacity of 300 eggs, and heated with coal oil lamps. It was a great deal of work, but with that and determination it developed into a successful business.

Marjorie and Frank Fletcher still own Ward's birthplace about three miles south of Union Star on State Route F. It became a Missouri Century Farm in 1976.

Georgia Lynn Hutchens and Nancy Jane Mooney are the daughters of Frank and Marjorie Fletcher.

PAUL BURGESS FAMILY

Paul D. Burgess was born February 21, 1917, near Union Star. He is a five-year Army veteran of World War II having served in Iceland and the ETO. He married Anna Belle Riddle December 10, 1949. He farmed and was executive director of the ASCS office in Maysville. Upon retiring, Paul and Annie moved to Union Star in 1995. They have two daughters, Teresa Ann and Tamara Sue. Teresa married Dr. Walter Karniski and lives in Tampa, Florida. They have two daughters, Alison Burgess Karniski and Caitlin Burgess Karniski. Tamara married Wallace Durbin, and they live in Union Star. They have two sons, Erik Wallace and Kyle Benjamin.



Burgess Family - Front row: Caitlin Karniski, Alison Karniski, Erik Durbin and Kyle Durbin. Back row: Walter Karniski, Teresa Burgess, Anna Belle Burgess, Paul D. Burgess, Tamara Durbin and Wallace Durbin.

Paul is the son of Benjamin Harrison and Anna (Teaford) Burgess. They farmed in the Orchid community and upon retiring moved to Union Star. They are buried in the Union Star Cemetery.

Ben was the son of Dr. Henry Clay and Sarah (Morris) Burgess. Sarah is buried in the Union Star Cemetery. Sarah was the daughter of William and Martha (Castoe) Morris, residents of Union Star and buried in the Union Star Cemetery. William was a Civil War veteran having served in the Union Army from 1861 to 1865.

Submitted by Paul D. Burgess

MIKE AND ROBYN CEGLENSKI

Michael and Robyn (Hutchcraft) Ceglenski married in 1992 and have two children, Kayla, 11 and Austin, six. Michael grew up in St. Joseph, but his family moved to the Union Star area just before his senior year so he chose to graduate from Union Star (1985). Michael's parents, Mike and Bernie (Barbosa) Ceglenski, purchased land from Merrit Frady in 1975 and were able to build a home on the property in 1984.

Mike Ceglenski was born and raised in the north end of St. Joseph (Industrial City). He graduated from Christian Brothers High School and married Bernie Barbosa in 1964. his parents,



Ceglenski Family, September 1999 - Kayla, Michael and Robyn holding Austin.

Charles Ceglenski and Fern (Turnbull) Ceglenski, also hailed from St. Joseph. Charles' father, John Ceglenski, came to this country from Poland in 1892 and married Julia Raniszewski in 1907. John had other children, one of which brought the Ceglenski name to Union Star. His name is Eugene Ceglenski who taught high school and was also Union Star school superintendent.

Bernie Ceglenski's maiden name, Barbosa, makes her somewhat famous as there is a Barbosa's Restaurant in St. Joseph. Her brother and sister-in-law opened this business and it still boasts family recipes. Her father, Mauricio Barbosa, and mother Francisco (Cruz) Barbosa (known as Pachita) were born in different parts of Mexico, but met and married in St. Joseph, Missouri. They successfully raised 12 children, most of whom still reside in the St. Joseph vicinity.

Mike and Bernie also have a daughter, Gina, and a son, David. Gina married Tim Stoehr in 1996, and they have two children, Jacob, six, and Olivia, four. David, who was a 1993 Union Star graduate, married Gina Brown in 1997 and has two daughters, Stephanie, nine, and Bethany, six.

Submitted by Robyn Ceglenski

THELBERT AND LOUISE CHILDERS FAMILY

In 1945 Thelbert and Louise (Patton) Childers, Gentry County natives, bought the farm located at the northeast corner of U. S. 169 and County Road M where they lived until 1985. Virginia and Thelbert Jr. were part of the family, and later Jane and Martha were born.



Childers Family, 1957 - Front: Louise, Martha, Jane and Thelbert Sr. Back: Virginia and Thelbert Jr.

The family was active in the Presbyterian Church. Thelbert served as an elder and Sunday school teacher. He also served on presbytery committees and was a commissioner to the General Assembly in 1974. Louise taught Sunday school, and the children participated in many of the church activities.

The Childers family was active in the Blue Victor 4-H Club. Thelbert and Louise were leaders in several areas and received State Extension recognition for their dedicated work. Thelbert was also active in Union Star Lions Club and farm organizations. He was honored as Andrew County Cattleman of the Year. Louise was twice president of the Twentieth Century Club of GFWC. She was a 50-year member of the Order of Eastern Star. She served as a worthy matron and district deputy.

Education was very important to the family. Thelbert attended Missouri University for two years. Louise attended Vanderbilt University and later graduated from Northwest Missouri State College. She taught school for ten years. Virginia holds a master's degree in education and a second master's degree in library and information science from the University of Missouri, Columbia. Jane earned her BS in nursing from the University of Portland (Oregon). Martha graduated from Tarkio College and earned her master's degree in library science from the University of Illinois.

Thelbert and Louise worked and lived on their farm until 1985 when they moved to the hill country of Texas. They celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in 1989.

Thelbert died September 26, 1989. In 1996 Louise moved to Foxwood Springs in Raymore, Missouri, living there until June 21, 2000, when she died. They are buried in Union Star. The farm is still owned by the family.

Submitted by Virginia Childers

HOWARD COATS FAMILY

Howard Coats moved his growing family to rural Union Star, Missouri, shortly before Pearl Harbor was bombed. At age 95 in 2004, Howard is one of the area's oldest citizens. He and his wife, Ellen (Flanagan), had five children at the time they moved to a tiny farm on what is now Andrew County Road 221. Due to a kind-hearted landlady, he was able to purchase that farm as well as the adjoining farm where he now lives. Seven more children were added to the family. There were four sets of twins, but three little boys died in infancy. The family became active members of the Flag Springs Baptist Church (which is now 150 years old) and Howard was later ordained as a deacon. One evening he loaded up his kids and went to church. When he arrived, he discovered that the bumper had several turkeys on it. One time they left Mary at church and did not discover she was missing until the neighbor drove up with her in their car. She was only about three. Howard was also a member of the former Odd Fellows Lodge at Flag Springs. Ellen was a Sunday school teacher for over 40 years and a busy mother. She always was willing to share her famous homemade bread with anyone who came to the door. She passed away in 1998.

Their character is reflected in their children and their success in living their lives as good citizens. The first six children attended the one-room school, Liberty, that is still standing. All 12 graduated from Union Star High School. Two were valedictorians, and two were salutatorians. Most had some college education. Irvan became a nuclear physicist and bookstore owner. Lee, William and Tom



Hay day on the Howard Coats farm about 1950 - Front: Ted behind Levi, Levi Coats, Fred Buckingham, Norse Shephard - white hat, Howard Coats, Jimmy Mitchell - white hat and shirt, Raymond Deering, Bill Agee - Ray Lawson in front, Peck Garrett and Bill Barton in front of wheel. Back: William Coats, Lee Coats, George Lytle, Boze Lawson, Bill Gordon on tractor and Irvan Coats on wheel.



Howard Coats Family - Front: Cecile Talley, Ellen, Howard, Jeannie Laffoon and Nancy Townsend. Center: Lela Innes and Mary Orwald. Back: Lee, Tom, David, Irvan, Joseph, Ted and William.

worked in construction and built many of the area's bridges. Lela was a mother and grocery clerk. Cecile, Nancy and Mary trained as teachers. Ted and Joe worked for Southwestern Bell. Jeannie is a beauty operator, and David has retired from the Missouri Highway Department. Howard says, "I had a lot of good neighbors and now I am the only one left. This was a good place to live and bring up a family."

Submitted by Cecile Talley

EDGAR AND CLARA COURTNEY FAMILY

Edgar Courtney was born in Andrew County on June 2, 1901, the son of William Riley Courtney and Emma (Vandeventer) Courtney.

Clara (Campbell) Courtney was born in Union Star, the daughter of Robert and Cora Campbell, on February 7, 1901.

Edgar Courtney attended Union Star High School. In his senior year he enlisted in the Navy during World War I.

When Edgar returned from service, he and Clara were married on August 7, 1919. They had one child, June.

Ed farmed with his father for several years, then they moved to Union Star where he operated a garage and filling station.

When World War II started, he worked in Kansas City at Remington Arms and later for the Army Air Force at Rosecrans Field in St. Joseph, Missouri, as an inspector and mechanic. After the war was over, he operated an airplane repair shop at Rosecrans until he retired.

Ed was a member of the First Baptist Church of Union Star. He died in 1966 and is buried in the Union Star Cemetery.

Clara was a telephone operator for the Union Star Telephone Company for many years. She was a member of the Star Study Club, Eastern Star and the First Baptist Church. She played the piano at the church for many years. Clara died in 1985 and is buried in the Union Star Cemetery.

Submitted by June (Courtney) Clark

ROBERT AND CORA CAMPBELL FAMILY

Robert Campbell was born in south Missouri. He was very proud of the fact that his ancestors were Highland Scots. One of his early memories of the Civil War was of hiding their horses in the cornfield whenever raiding parties of either the Union or southern soldiers were near.

Cora (Smith) Campbell was born in Moberly, Missouri.

Robert worked for the railroad until he retired. Then he brought the mail from the railroad depot to the post office in a railroad cart twice a day.

Cora Campbell was a seamstress. They had six children: John, Daisy, Harry, Hamar, James and Clara.

They were both early members of the Union Star Baptist Church.

Robert died in 1933 and Cora in 1939. They are buried in the Union Star Cemetery. They were my grandparents.

Submitted by June (Courtney) Clark

JAMES ERNEST AND JUNE LOUISE (COURTNEY) CLARK

James E. Clark "Jimmie" was born in Andrew County on July 30, 1918, the son of J. P. and Fanny Clark. He graduated from King City High School in 1936.

June (Courtney) Clark was born in Union Star on June 8, 1920. Her parents were Edgar and Clara Courtney. She graduated from Union Star High School in 1937.



James Ernest Clark



June Louise Clark

June and Jimmie were married on May 24, 1945. They lived in Union Star only two years before moving to the home farm in Rea. However, June taught in the Union Star School District for 32 years.

Jimmie and June had one son, James, born in 1955.

June received her bachelor and master degrees from Northwest Missouri State University at Maryville, Missouri.

Jimmie farmed and also worked for the Andrew County Mutual Insurance Company.

After they both retired, they moved to Savannah, Missouri. They both belonged to the Savannah First Baptist Church.

Jimmie died in 1999 and is buried in the Whitesville Cemetery. June currently resides with her son and his family in Florida.

Submitted by June (Courtney) Clark

DEAN AND LENNIS COURTNEY FAMILY

Virgil Dean Courtney was born in 1945 in St. Joseph, Missouri. He graduated from Union Star High School in 1963. Dean is the son of Virgil Ernest Courtney (deceased) and Norma Jean (Pierce) Courtney Peacock. His brothers are Thomas Courtney, Stewartsville, Missouri; Greg Courtney, Prairie Village, Kansas; and Marc Courtney, Stewartsville, Missouri. He married Lennis Jayne Whorton in 1964.

Lennis was born in St. Joseph, Missouri, in 1947. She graduated



Dean Courtney Family at the wedding of Adam and Melisa Courtney, October 2002 - Front: Todd Decker, Camden Blosser and Kimberly Courtney-Decker. Middle (seated): Melisa Courtney and Adam Courtney. Back (standing): Amy Blosser, Tory Blosser, John Blosser, Dean Courtney, Lennis Courtney and Felicia Courtney.

from Union Star High School in 1965. She is the daughter of Jay Lloyd Whorton and Hazel Iris (Ebersold) Whorton, St. Joseph, Missouri. Her siblings are Greg Whorton, Union Star, Missouri; Dennis Whorton, Kansas City, Kansas; Joan (Whorton) Irwin, Union Star, Missouri; Jerry Max Whorton, Topeka, Kansas; and Mitchell Whorton, Union Star, Missouri.



Granddaughters born since the family picture - Haven Blosser, daughter of John and Amy Blosser, and MaKenna Courtney, daughter of Adam and Melisa Courtney.

Dean worked for Sutherland Lumber for 22 years. In 1968 the company transferred him to Independence, Missouri, in 1975 back to St. Joseph and in 1978 to Des Moines, Iowa. In 1985 Dean took a job in Topeka, Kansas, with Whelan Lumber. Dean went to car sales, Frito Lay and currently is semi-retired. Dean and Lennis still reside in Topeka. Lennis has worked for Federal Home Loan Bank in Topeka for 20 years.

Dean and Lennis have four children: Felicia Courtney, born 1964; Kimberly Courtney-Decker, born 1969; Amy Blosser, born 1974; and Adam Courtney, born 1975. Felicia graduated college from the University of North Iowa and currently works in Maria Del Ray, California, for a technology company. Kimberly attended Kansas State University and married Todd Decker in 2000. Todd graduated from Kansas State University. He is a first grade teacher at Jefferson West School in Meriden, Kansas. Amy married John Blosser in 1997. They both graduated from University of Kansas. He is a sales manager for Lynncore Medical in Sherman, Texas. They have three children: Camden, five years; Tory, four years; and Haven, one year. Adam married Melisa Robinson in 2002. Adam graduated from Washburn University and works for the Kansas Office of the State Bank Commissioner as a review examiner. Melisa graduated from FIT in New York and University of Kansas. She is a merchandise distribution analysis at Payless Shoe Source in Topeka. They have a daughter, Makenna, six months, and they live in Lawrence, Kansas.

DAVIS FAMILY

My grandfather, Nathan W. Davis, lived in and around Union Star for 55 years before he passed away in 1936. He farmed and raised cattle all those years. My grandfather married Lucinda Jane Hartman from the Cosby community, and they had two children, Charley W. Davis and Dollie Florence Davis.



Davis and Hartman families - In the back row on the left is my grandfather, Nathan W. Davis. Third from the right on the back row is my grandmother, Lucinda Jane (Hartman) Davis. On the right end of the second row is my mother, Dollie Davis, and on the front row, second from the right is my uncle, Charley Davis.

Others in the picture I cannot identify for sure. I asked my cousin, Herb Woodbury, before he passed away if he could identify all of them, and he could not. However, perhaps some of you who see this picture can identify others.

The children attended West Shephard School. My mother, Dollie Davis, married Napoleon Callahan, and they lived the first years of their marriage on a farm halfway between Union Star and King City. I was born on that farm. I still have strong ties to the Union Star community.

My uncle Charley married Katherine Stein who taught in the Union Star High School. They lived on the home place farm many years before moving to Union Star where they both lived until their passing.

My grandfather and grandmother, as well as my Great Uncle Davis and his wife, were charter members of the Christian Church in Union Star. It is my understanding that 18 people were charter members of this church (four of them my family). Uncle Ellis Davis worked for many years in the office of Dr. Reynolds.

Submitted by Elnora Gorman

CLIFTON EBERSOLD FAMILY

Henry and Julia Ebersold were the parents of Alfred W. Ebersold who was married to Mary Ueltschi. They were the parents of Marvin Dewey Ebersold who married Esther Ketchem on March 7, 1917. They are all buried in Oak Grove Cemetery south of Union Star, Missouri.

Marvin and Esther had four children. They are Faye Akins, Doris DeShon, Dorothy Teaford and Clifton Ebersold.

Clifton served in the Navy from 1944-1946. He married Norma Bacon of King City, Missouri, on October 5, 1947. They have two children: Janifer Dee, married to Les Alpers, and M. Douglas, married to Michelle Petty. Clifton and Norma have six grandchildren: Jason Alpers, married to Melissa Miller; Josh Alpers, married to Marleah Smith; Jami Alpers and Jenny Dee Alpers are Janifer's family. Doug has two children: Heather Lynn will marry Eddie Schoeneberg January 8, 2005, and Ryan Douglas Ebersold.

Clifton and Norma Ebersold Family, 1997.

Janifer Alpers teaches the gifted program in Blue Springs, and Les is in administration there in the school.

Doug is superintendent of the Sedalia, Missouri, schools, and Michelle is a church secretary. Heather Ebersold graduates from Hannibal LaGrange College in December 2004, and Ryan is a freshman at State Fair College.

Jason Alpers graduated from Missouri University and works at IBM in Kansas City.

Josh Alpers received his medical degree at Missouri University, and they are presently in San Antonio, Texas, where he is completing his residency at Lackland Air Force Base Hospital.

Jami Alpers graduated from UMKC and works at Kansas City Life Insurance.

Jenny Alpers is a senior at CMSU.

Clifton and Norma lived on a farm for 43 years where he farmed and worked for AMPI as a field man. Norma retired from the Union Star Post Office as postmaster. They moved to Union Star in 1995.

Submitted by Clifton Ebersold

GALEN LOUIS AND LENNIS MAXINE EBERSOLD

Galen Louis Ebersold was born March 31, 1900, to Albert and Clara Ebersold in the Orchid community. Lennis Maxine Moore was born July 5, 1905, to Rozelle and Effie Moore south of Union Star on a small farm. Galen went through the tenth grade at the Orchid School and Prairie College. Before Maxine was to start school, her family moved into town. Her first year of school was in St. Joseph as her father worked on a job a short time. They moved back to Union Star, Missouri, and Maxine attended the rest of her school years in Union Star, Missouri. She graduated from high school in 1922.



Maxine and Galen's wedding picture, March 12, 1924.

Galen and Maxine attended ice cream socials on their dates. They were married March 12, 1924, in St. Joseph, Missouri, at the St. Francis Street Methodist Church after they stood out in the rain, waiting to be let in to have the ceremony.

The first year of marriage they lived west of Union Star and down the first road. The next year they moved five miles east and south of Union Star on the John Goble farm. Hazel Iris was born here January 11, 1925. Maxine raised her first flock of chickens. The next year Maxine and Galen moved to a farm house on Grandpa and Grandma Ebersold's land. Kenton Louis was born that year on April 13, 1926. The next year Barbara Louise was born July 31, 1927. A year later Marion Dale was born July 10, 1929. On September 23, 1935, Stanley Lee was born. They all had chores to do. They carried in wood, fed the chickens, gathered the eggs, pumped water, snapped beans, shelled peas and hoed potatoes. They went after the cows and learned to milk them. They had fun, too. They climbed every building and tree on the farm, swam in every pond and tamed the calves to ride. The children attended the Orchid Grade School where Galen went. Stanley was one of the last students to attend the Orchid School before it closed in 1950. All the children went to the Union Star High School in Union Star where Maxine went. All graduated and went on to bigger things. Hazel worked in Civil Service at the Army Depot in their office in St. Joseph and Kansas City. Kenton went to the Army in November 1944, during World War II. Barbara took nurse's training at the old Methodist Hospital. Stanley was a paratrooper in the Army in 1956-1957. They all married and raised families. Hazel married Jay Whorton. Kenton married Betty Gibson. Barbara married Edward W. Phillips. Dale married Frances Garrett. Stanley married Ruth Ann Jestes. Galen and Maxine lived on the same farm until Galen passed away in 1964. Maxine moved into Union Star, Missouri. She died September 1993. They are buried in the Oak Grove Cemetery. Dale also died in February 1989, of multiple sclerosis. He is buried in the Leavenworth Military Cemetery, Leavenworth, Kansas.

Submitted by Hazel Whorton



Family of Galen and Maxine Ebersold - First row: Barbara Romanzak, Stanley Ebersold and Hazel Whorton. Second row: Kenton and Dale Ebersold



Maxine and Galen's children - Front: Stanley Lee and Dale Ebersold. Back: Hazel Whorton, Kenton and Barbara Romanzak.

JAY AND KATHY EBERSOLD FAMILY

Jay Kenton Ebersold was born September 19, 1959, in King City, Missouri. His parents are Kenton and Betty (Gibson) Ebersold. Jay graduated from Union Star High School in 1977. He married Kathy Sue Dodgen of Maysville, Missouri. Kathy was born in Shreveport, Louisiana, on May 30, 1962. Her parents are Harold Dodgen of Grove, Oklahoma, and Lottie Rowel of Joplin, Missouri. Kathy graduated from Maysville High School in 1980.

After graduation Jay worked for Staley Construction for two years, then farmed for Ron Schmitz for five years. He then went to work for DeKalb County Road and Bridge as the supervisor for the past 21 years. Jay lives one mile east of Oak where he is engaged in farming with row crop and cow-calf operation.



J. .K. and Kathy Ebersold Family in 2004 - Jessica, J. K., Kelsey and Kathy.

Kathy worked at Dungy's Supermarket in Maysville, Missouri, for five years. She managed Casey's in Maysville for two years. She worked at Osborn Automotive for six years. She is currently employed at the Western Reception Diagnostic Correction Center in St. Joseph, Missouri, for the past six years as an office support assistant.

On December 13, 1990, they had a daughter, Kelsey Renea Ebersold. She is in the eighth grade at Maysville R-I School. She is very active in sports and pitches in softball and plays basketball.

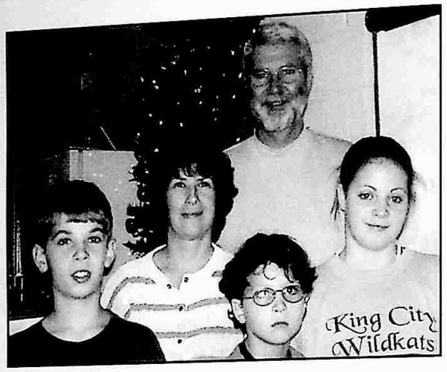
On June 3, 1993, they had another daughter, Jessica Ann Ebersold. She is in the sixth grade at Maysville R-I School. She is very active in school activities and plays basketball.

The Ebersold family are members of the Orchid Christian Church.

Submitted by Jay Ebersold

KENDALL AND BRENDA EBERSOLD FAMILY

Kendall Ray was born December 5, 1953, to Kenton and Betty (Gibson) Ebersold. Brenda Lea Schmille was born June 11, 1960, to Calvin and Beverly (Root) Schmille. They were married June 16, 1984, in Ridgeway, Missouri. They have three children. Brianna Lin, Keaton Lee, Kendrick Ray and they live south of King City on their farm. The children attend King City R-I School and are involved in many school and community activities.



Kendall and Brenda Ebersold Family, 2004 - Front: Keaton, Brenda, Kendrick and Brianna. Back: Kendall.

Kendall graduated from Union Star High School in 1972. He attended Highland Community Junior College and received his BS from Missouri Western State College, MS from Southwest Missouri State University and a specialist degree in education from Northwest Missouri State university. He coached and taught for 15 years at Ridgeway, Bolivar and Belle, Missouri. He was a principal for ten years and is currently serving as superintendent at King City High School.

Brenda graduated from Ridgeway High School. She received her BS from Northwest Missouri State University. She has worked at Northwest Missouri State University, Buchanan County Children's Home, Harrison County Division of Family Services, Polk County Health Center, Bolivar, Missouri, Bolivar R-I Schools and for the King City R-I Schools at Building Bridges in St. Joseph.

They are members of Orchid Christian Church.

Submitted by Kendall Ebersold

KENTON AND BETTY EBERSOLD FAMILY

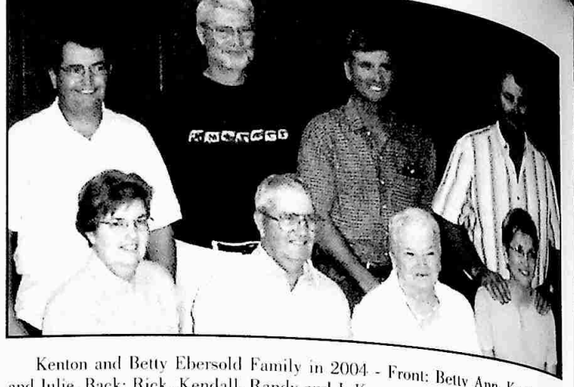
Kenton Louis was born April 13, 1926, to Galen and Maxine (Moore) Ebersold. Betty Birdyne was born February 7, 1931, to Myron and Emma (Holeman) Gibson. They were married July 4, 1948. To this union six children were born.

Richard Lewis "Rick" was born June 5, 1949. Rick married Brenda Landes of Bethany, Missouri. They live four miles south of King City. Their son, Craig, lives near Union Star, Missouri, in his grandparents' (Kenton and Betty Ebersold) house they built in 1983 on the family farm. Their daughter, Natasha, lives in San Diego, California.

Betty Ann was born August 14, 1951. She married Mike Pottratz of Union Star, Missouri. They live in Warsaw, Missouri. Their three sons, Brian, Scott and Corey, all live in Colorado. Brian and his wife, Shannon, have a daughter, Megan.

Kendall Ray was born December 5, 1953. Kendall married Brenda Schmille of Ridgeway, Missouri. They live four miles south of King City along with their children, Brianna, Keaton and Kendrick.

Myron Randall "Randy" was born February 1, 1955. Randy married Linda Pulley of Maysville, Missouri. They live near Oak, Missouri. They have four daughters and one grandson. Their oldest



Kenton and Betty Ebersold Family in 2004 - Front: Betty Ann, Keaton, Betty and Julie. Back: Rick, Kendall, Randy and J. K.

daughter, Hillary, is married to Jason Daniel of Maysville, Missouri, and they live near Oak, Missouri. They have a son, Tristan. Heather, Ashley and Brooke live with their parents.

Julie Lynn was born August 23, 1958. Julie married F. Dennis Mires of St. Joseph, Missouri. They live six miles east of Union Star. Dennis has three children and three grandchildren from a previous marriage. Dennis and Julie have two daughters. Jason lives in Warrensburg, Missouri. His daughter, Madysen, lives in Kansas City, Missouri. Nathan passed away July 27, 2000. Anbur and her children, Jesse and Natalie, live in St. Joseph. Annie lives in St. Joseph, and Katie lives at home.

Jay Kenton "J. K." was born September 19, 1959. J. K. married Kathy Dodgen of Maysville, Missouri. They live near Oak, Missouri. They have two daughters at home, Kelsey and Jessica.(See Jay and Kathy Ebersold Family story.)

Kenton and Betty, their six children and two granddaughters all attended school at Union Star and grew up attending Orchid Christian Church. Kenton and Betty, Kendall and Brenda and family, J. K. and Kathy and girls still attend church at Orchid.

Kenton and Betty sold the family farm to their son, Rick, and in 2002 moved to Union Star.

Submitted by Kenton Ebersold

RANDY AND LINDA (PULLEY) EBERSOLD FAMILY

Myron Randall Ebersold was born in King City, Missouri, on February 1, 1955. His parents are Kenton and Betty (Gibson) Ebersold. Linda Mae Pulley was born in St. Joseph, Missouri, on June 15, 1955. Her parents are Alfred Owen Pulley and Ileane Marie (Ball) Pulley. Owen graduated from Union Star High School. Ileane attended King City High School.

Randy worked for the following companies: Chicago-Northwestern Railroad, Herzog, Jack Sifer's Construction and St. Joseph Recycling Center. Then in 1986 he started working for DeKalb County Road and Bridge in Maysville, Missouri, where he is still employed. He also owns and operates a farm north of Oak.

Linda attended Missouri Western State College and graduated as a registered nurse in 1976. She began working at St. Joseph's



Randy and Linda Ebersold Family in 2004 - Ashley, Brandon Chaney, Heather, Chad Boner, Hillary, Jason, Tristan, Randy, Linda and Brooke.

Hospital in 1976. In 1983 St. Joseph's Hospital and Missouri Methodist Hospital combined to form Heartland Health System. Linda continues to work for Heartland Hospital in St. Joseph, Missouri.

Randy and Linda met during high school. Randy graduated from Union Star High School in 1973, and Linda graduated from Maysville High School in 1973. They were married January 4, 1975, at Oak Christian Church. They have four daughters and one grandson.

Hillary Ann Ebersold was born January 14, 1980. She graduated from Maysville High School in 1998. She attended Vatterott College and earned a degree as a medical office assistant. She worked at Cameron Hospital for five years and is currently employed at Dr. Claycamp's office in Cameron, Missouri. In 2004 Hillary married Jason Allen Daniel of Maysville, Missouri. Jason works at Affiliated Foods in Elwood, Kansas. They have one son, Tristan Lee Allen Daniel, who was born August 17, 1997.

Heather Rene Ebersold was born March 30, 1983. She graduated from Maysville High School in 2002. Heather works in St. Joseph, Missouri, at Mid-Continent Micrographics (a microfilming company).

Ashley Nicole Ebersold was born December 9, 1986. Ashley is a senior at Maysville High School and will graduate in May 2005. She plans to attend Missouri Western State College in St. Joseph after graduation.

Brooke Michelle Ebersold was born November 15, 1988. Brooke is a sophomore at Maysville High School.

Randy, Linda, Hillary, Heather, Ashley and Brooke are all members of the Oak Christian Church. They all live north of Oak.

Submitted by Randy Ebersold

RICK AND BRENDA EBERSOLD

Richard Lewis "Rick" was born June 5, 1949, in King City, Missouri, to Kenton and Betty (Gibson) Ebersold. He graduated from Union Star High School in 1967 and attended Central Missouri State College in Warrensburg, Missouri, Missouri Western College in St. Joseph, Missouri, and the University of Buffalo, Buffalo, New York.

Rick married Brenda Rea Landes on June 21, 1969, in Bethany, Missouri. Brenda's parents are Bobby Dean and Leta Lenore (Blessing) Landes from Bethany and now living with Rick and Brenda on a farm between King City and Union Star.

Rick and Brenda have two children, son Craig Lewis, born December 22, 1973, and daughter Natasha Renea, born on her mother's birthday, January 2, 1976. Craig and Natasha both graduated from Churchill High School in Potomac, Maryland. Both of their graduation ceremonies were conducted at Constitution Hall in Washington D.C.

Craig graduated from college at the University of New Hampshire in Durham, New Hampshire. Craig now lives in the house his grandparents (Kenton and Betty Ebersold) built on their farm in 1983 east of Union Star. Rick and Brenda now own this



Rick and Brenda Ebersold Family in 2003 - Rick, Brenda, Natasha and Craig.

farm. Craig works for Herzog Contracting Corporation in St. Joseph, Missouri.

Natasha graduated college from Northern Arizona University at Flagstaff, Arizona. She now lives in San Diego, California, and teaches first grade in the public schools of San Diego.

Rick has worked for Herzog in St. Joseph since 1973 and is currently president of Herzog Services Inc. Also, he is the chairman of the National Railroad Construction and Maintenance Association headquartered in Washington, D.C.

Brenda and Rick have lived in many cities from Buffalo, New York to Portland, Oregon to Tucumcari, New Mexico to Potomac, Maryland. They now live on their farm between King City and Union Star.

Submitted by Rick Ebersold

WILLIAM EBERSOLD

William was born in France about 1790. When France and England went to war in 1814, William enlisted in the French army. He was assigned duty as one of Napoleon Bonaparte's bodyguards. When Napoleon's army was captured at Waterloo June 18, 1815, William, along with two other guards, jumped into the Seine River and escaped swimming underwater, using reeds to breathe through.



William Ebersold is dressed in his "Imperial Bodyguard" uniform astride his "Charger" horse. He was one of 12 bodyguards of Napoleon Bonaparte during the Battle of Waterloo about which the famous poem was written.

William made his way to the sea coast where he boarded a ship sailing for America that docked in New York Harbor. There he was later joined by his wife and one child. One child died aboard ship and was buried at sea.

Later his son, Henry Ebersold, was born in Eden, Erie County, New York. Henry became a tailor and left home at an early age. He was married at age 19 to a 39-year old widow with several children in Pennsylvania. They had a daughter named Ellen L. Ebersold. Ellen's mother died at her birth. Henry's second marriage ended in divorce. The mother kept their two children, and Henry kept Ellen.

Henry then married his third wife, Julia Fisher, in Ashtabula, Ohio. They lived there four years. To this marriage was born 11 children, ten of whom grew to adulthood. One child died at age two years. Henry and Julia started west in 1862. They lived in Illinois two years, then moved to Nashua, Iowa, and lived there five years. While there Henry's eldest daughter, Ellen, then a school teacher, died at age 17. She was buried in the "Little Brown Church" yard.

In 1867 the family started across the plains to Omaha, Nebraska. Missing the soldier-guarded caravan going on west, they came down to St. Joseph, Missouri, meaning to stay one year. There Henry met a man named Joe Bradly who lived near Union Star, Missouri. He had 40 acres of land he wanted to trade for a pair of mules. A trade was made, and Henry and family made their home near Union Star for the rest of their lives.

Henry made his family well aware of his father's life as a guard of Napoleon Bonaparte and of the Battle of Waterloo where he swam for his life. Henry had this picture in his possession. It is a very large picture, and one wonders how it made its way across the ocean and across the United States in a covered wagon.

After Henry died, his daughter, Stella, gave it to her sister's son, Wayne Gibson, asking him to pass it on through generations. His mother was Clara (Ebersold) Gibson. Stella did not have children,

so she picked Wayne to keep and take care of it. He gave it to his only daughter, Erma Lee (Gibson) Freeman. She took the picture to the Nelson Art Gallery, Kansas City, Missouri. They advised her to have it framed and treated to prevent further deterioration. She paid $150 for this to be done. When she died, she passed this picture to her son, Michael W. Freeman. He now has it hanging in his home in Parkville, Missouri. This picture is a snapshot taken by Michael Freeman so we descendants might know how our ancestor looked in his historical past in the famous "Battle of Waterloo" about which the poem was written.

Submitted by Hazel Whorton

FRANK P. FLETCHER FAMILY

Frank Pescud Fletcher Jr. was born in Cookville, Tennessee, on December 21, 1923, the fourth child of Frank Pescud and Celeste Fletcher, and spent his early years in Chattanooga, Tennessee. Before he completed high school, the Fletcher family (parents and four sisters) moved to Brookhaven, Georgia, a suburb of Atlanta on the northeast side. Frank graduated from Chamblee High School in Dekalb County, Georgia, in 1941. He was an outstanding athlete and made All-State in basketball with a full scholarship to a military academy. When his father had a massive stroke, Frank came home to take care of his parents. During this time he attended Georgia Evening College until he was drafted in February of 1942.

He served in the Army Air Corps and, in the summer of 1943, was sent to Drake University in Des Moines for five months to wait his turn at pilot school in California. It was at a Missouri Valley/Drake University football game in 1943 that Frank Fletcher met Marjorie Bowen on a blind date.

Marjorie Bowen was born April 15, 1925, south of Union Star in Sherman Township, the only daughter of Ward and Mary Elizabeth Bowen. In December 1926, Marjorie moved with her parents to the former location of Ward Bowen Chickery west of Union Star on the edge of Andrew County. She entered Drake University in the fall of 1943, after graduation from Union Star High School.

At Drake after a five-week romance, Frank was shipped out to California, but not before the Georgia boy proposed. However, he didn't get a "yes" answer. That took a lot of letters and phone calls and finally a visit at Christmas the next year after he graduated as a lieutenant in the Army Air Corps a B-29 pilot. The diamond ring came through the mail as a surprise and arrived in Marjorie's college mailbox in April 1945.

Plans didn't go as expected. Instead of Frank going to Europe for two years and Marjorie finishing college, Frank was suddenly eligible for a discharge in December 1945. Frank agreed to come to Missouri and learn the poultry business, and in February 1946, Marjorie and Frank were the first couple to be married in the Union Star Baptist Church. To this union two daughters were born, Georgia Lynn on December 2, 1947, and Nancy Jane on November 1, 1951. Georgia graduated from Kirksville (now Truman State) where she met her husband, James Ray Hutchens, from Centralia, Missouri, and Nancy graduated from Northwest Missouri State having married Robert Russell Mooney of St. Joseph, also a graduate of Northwest State. All four children were education majors.

Georgia taught first grade for 32 years in Kearney, Missouri, where she retired, and Nancy progressed from special education and learning disabilities to being an elementary principal and ended her 31 years in the St. Joseph School District as executive director of teaching and learning.

The Fletchers retired from the poultry and egg business in 1980. They have both been very active volunteers in the community as well as the organizations of which they were members. Marjorie graduated from Missouri Western State College in 1972 as a business major and taught vocational school for about 15 years, retiring in 1995. Frank worked for the Missouri Seed Association and maintained the farm and cow herd.



Fletcher Family on Christmas 2003 - Front row: Joel Russell Mooney holding Isabela Mae Mooney, Jennifer Mooney, Melissa Hutchens and Cory James Hutchens. Seated in middle row: Marjorie and Frank P. Fletcher. Back row: Nancy Jane Mooney, Robert Russell Mooney, Georgia Lynn Hutchens and James Ray Hutchens.

There are two grandchildren: Cory James Hutchens, born September 20, 1976, and Joel Russell Mooney, born June 12, 1977. Scott Fletcher Hutchens, another grandson, was killed in an auto accident at the age of 20.

Joel Mooney married Jennifer Caniglia May 1, 1999, in Omaha, Nebraska, and lives in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Cory Hutchens married Melissa Kreutzer in Hayes, Kansas, August 23, 2003, and lives in Kearney, Missouri. At this time (in 2004) there are two great-granddaughters, Isabela Mae Mooney, born August 27, 2002, and Fina Marie Mooney, born March 27, 2004.

Submitted by Marjorie Fletcher

EUGENE AND MARY FULLER FAMILY

Gene Fuller was born December 31, 1940, in Buchanan County, Missouri. Mary Lou Motsinger was born October 10, 1947, in Worth County, Missouri. They were married October 15, 1965, and moved to Iowa. In 1982 they moved to Union Star where they raised their three children. Gene worked for Hawk Trucking out of St. Joseph, Missouri, until 1995 and currently works as a truck driver for Harold DeShon Trucking out of Clarksdale. Mary worked at the Starlite Café in Union Star from 1982 to 1994 and now works in St. Joseph at United Cerebral Palsy.



Fuller Family, October 1, 2000 - Front row: Tanner Law and Tyler Gillip. Middle row: Gene and Mary Fuller. Back row: Missy Gillip, Bob Law, Karen Fuller, Kevin Fuller, Heather, Rhonda, Teddy and Terry Gillip.

Rhonda (Fuller) Gillip, their oldest child, graduated in 1985 from Union Star. She resides in Union Star with her husband, Teddy, a 1981 graduate of Union Star. Rhonda is a homemaker, and Teddy has been employed with Weyerhauser in St. Joseph since 1987. They have four children. Heather (19) graduated from Union Star in 2003. She attended Lex LaRae Technical School in Lexington, Missouri. Terry (18) graduated in 2004 from Union Star, lives in King City and works at Weyerhauser in St. Joseph. Missy (15) is a sophomore at Union Star and is a cheerleader. Tyler (12) is in the seventh grade at Union Star. They were recently blessed with their first grandchild, Alexis Marie Reeves, born on October 24, 2004, daughter of Heather Gillip and Jason Reeves of Rayville, Missouri.



Jason Reeves, Heather Gillip and Alexis Reeves, October 27, 2004.

Karen Fuller graduated from Union Star High School in 1987. She and her spouse, Bob Law, live in King City and have one son, Tanner Law (12), who is in the sixth grade at King City School. Karen has worked for over 12 years at Stan Andrews DDS in Stanberry, Missouri, and Bob is the maintenance supervisor at King City School.

Kevin Fuller, their youngest child, is a 1992 graduate of USHS and lives in Maryville, Missouri. He has been employed with NWMSU since 1994. In May 2005, he will graduate with a bachelor of fine arts degree.

Submitted by Mary Fuller

OTIS "CHUB" AND ROSE GANOTE FAMILY

Otis "Chub" Ganote and Rose Ganote operated a café on Main Street in Union Star during the 1950s. Otis Ganote's parents were George and Viola (Redding) Ganote.



Otis "Chub" Ganote and wife Rose with customer Virgil Gibson and son Eddie.

Otis and Rose had two sons and one daughter, Joe, Tony and Marie Fairchild, and are the grandparents of Mary Jo Leisure of Pleasanton, Kansas; Joe Ganote Jr. of Lee's Summit, Missouri; Sandy (Fairchild) Compas of Omaha, Nebraska; and Tony O. Ganote of Cameron, Missouri.

Submitted by Marie Fairchild

EARL HAMMER FAMILY

Joseph Hammer was born November 6, 1833, in Henry County, Indiana. Mary Ann Ogle was born in Grant County, Indiana. Date of her birth is unknown by me. On September 1, 1853, Joseph and Mary Ann were married. They had three children: Elisha O., Eli McClellan and Sarah E. The mother, Mary Ann, passed away on July 7, 1881. Joseph and family moved to Missouri in the spring of 1883 to Union Star, Missouri. Eli McClellan, known hereafter as Mack, operated a grocery store in partnership with John Pickard in Union Star. Mack married Sarah Jane Blackburn in 1886.



Hammer Family - Front: LaVerne and Earl. Back: Robert.



Hammer Family - Front: Kathy and Robert. Back: Gary, Earl and Larry.

Joseph lived with Mack's family until he passed away on February 7, 1914. Mack and Sarah Jane, known as Jenny, purchased a farm from his father-in-law, Ira Blackburn, in the early 1890s, perhaps in 1892. The farm was located about four miles north of Rochester, Missouri, in Andrew County. They had six children: Edna, Iva, Earl B., Elbert, Louella and Laura. Mack was a successful farmer, and in addition to operating the farm, he taught school at Black Oak District #50 for several years. For the early 1900s, he had a very modern farm with running water at most of the feed lots. He had a large concrete reservoir that supplied water from a windmill with a force pump. He fed hogs, cattle and sheep and used horses and mules for farming. When the animals were ready to market, they were driven to Union Star, about five miles distance, and loaded on the railroad car and shipped to St. Joseph Stockyards.

On a doctor's recommendation, Jenny went to Rocky Ford, Colorado, in an attempt to improve her health. The doctor thought the higher altitude would be a benefit. That was not to be, and Jenny died there April 5, 1906. Mack married Emma Wheeler in 1910, and they continued farming until 1936. Due to the Depression that began in 1930, drought condition and grasshopper infestation, Mack lost all except 40 acres of his farm to foreclosure. They continued living on the 40 acres until moving to Union Star in 1941. Mack died January 27, 1953. Earl B. Hammer purchased the 40 acres in 1942. Earl B. married Amy E. Holland July 25, 1914, and lived in Andrew County all their life except for two years when they lived near his Aunt Sarah on a farm near Newport, Nebraska. They had four children: Anita, Alvin, Earl J. and Elmo. In 1979 they sold the 40 acres to Earl J. Earl J. was known in the Union Star area as Junior, and some still call him Junior today. He met LaVerne Hall in Redding, California, in 1941, and they were married January 4, 1942. They had four children: Larry, Kathy, Gary and Robert. They moved frequently in their early married life due to World War II and changing work. As a result each child was born in a different state. Kathy was the only child born in Andrew County, Missouri, about seven miles east of Savannah.

Earl J. was a control tower operator in the Marine Corps during World War II and continued in air traffic control after being discharged. He retired from that work after 28 years of service and moved to the farm in 1980. LaVerne was a beautiful lady, an outstanding mother and a loving wife. She had failing health the last 15 years of her life and died November 7, 2000. Gary died one month later in December 2000. Larry and family live in San Antonio, Texas. Kathy and husband live near Summerfield, Florida, Robert lives in Maryville, Missouri, and I am still living on the farm. The 40 acres has been in the Hammer name since 1896.

Submitted by Earl J. Hammer

THOMAS AND SUZANNE HENDERSON

Thomas Jefferson Henderson was born in Whitesville, Missouri, on January 31, 1871. Suzanne Miller was born in Utica, Nebraska, on February 26, 1881. Thomas and Suzanne were married December 16, 1903, and lived on a farm west of Union Star, Missouri.



Thomas Jefferson Henderson Sr. and children - Front: Gusta (Teenor), Thomas Jefferson Sr. and Hazel (Fulton). Back: Robert and T. J.

To this union five children were born. The first, Hazel Ellen, was born November 5, 1904. Hazel married Holly Fulton, but the marriage did not last. Hazel lived and worked in St. Joseph, Missouri, until she retired. She then moved to Union Star where she lived until her death on October 11, 1989. Their second child was a son, Robert Wayne. He was born January 31, 1907. Robert or Bob, as most people called him, graduated from Union Star High School. He married Ruth Madeline Munshaw, and they became the parents of twin daughters, Patty Ann and Peggy Jane. Bob and Ruth lived in Union Star until their deaths. Bob passed away July 31, 1984, and Ruth in November 2003. The third child, Herbert Miller Henderson, was born July 27, 1908. He died a few months later on November 17, 1908. Gusta Jane, their fourth daughter, was born September 24, 1910. She also graduated from Union Star High School. She married Edward Teenor, and they lived in Union Star their entire lives. They had two children, a son that died as a child, and a daughter, Lana Jane. Gusta died July 24, 1996, and Edward passed away a short time later. Thomas and Suzanne's fifth child was a son, Thomas Jefferson Henderson Jr. He was born October 20, 1918, and soon had the nickname of T. J. T. J. died February 19, 1956. Thomas and Suzanne's children were raised in Union Star and attended the Union Star School.

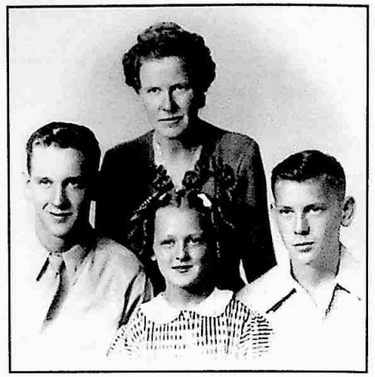
Submitted by Patty Krull

EARL AND HAZEL HUMPHREY FAMILY

Edward Earl Humphrey was born September 19, 1895, at Helena, Missouri. He was the second child of Robert Dorsey and Mary Ethel (Van Meter) Humphrey. He was a World War I veteran. His brothers and sisters were James Humphrey, Nelli Shaffner, Carl Humphrey, Rosa Meling, Arthur Humphrey, Bessie Miller, Ruth Norris and Olan Humphrey. Earl married Hazel F. Knight. Hazel (a twin), was born June 15, 1903, at Union Star, Missouri. She was the eighth child of Frank H. and Anna Louise (Speaker) Knight. She graduated from Union Star High School in 1923. Her brothers and sisters were Baby Knight, Henry Knight, Hartwell "Jack" Knight, Spencer Knight, Benjamin Knight, Mary Doughtery, (twin) Helen Humphrey, Bertha Jackson and Norman Knight. Hazel and Helen (identical twins)



Earl holding Marvin, and Hazel Humphrey, 1927



1945 - Front: Marvin, Cecil and Belva Humphrey. Back: Hazel Humphrey.

were married to brothers Earl and Arthur in a double-wedding ceremony in the Union Star Christian Church study by Rev. John Keplinger December 24, 1925.

In addition to farming Earl was tax collector of Polk Township, DeKalb County, Missouri. He was a member of the Union Star Christian Church. Earl died September 13, 1939. After his death, Hazel was the tax collector of Polk Township for 30 years. She was a Girl Scout leader, belonged to White Chapter No. 84 Order of the Eastern Star and was a faithful member of the Union Star Presbyterian Church. Hazel died August 25, 1995. They are buried in Union Star Cemetery.

Earl and Hazel were the parents of three children, Marvin Edward, Cecil Lee and Belva Lou; all graduated from the Union Star High School.

Marvin was born December 14, 1926, in Union Star. He married Marjorie Durbin and lives in Cameron, Missouri. They have two daughters, Kathy and Cheryl. Kathy married Gary Lane and lives in Huntsville, Alabama. They have one daughter, Amelia. Cheryl married David Schneider and lives in Polo, Missouri. They have two children, Katie and Mark. Katie has one son, Brock Witmer.

Cecil was born March 15, 1930, in Union Star. He married Helen (Edgar) and lives in Gallatin, Missouri. They have two children, Dinah and Stanley. Dinah married Walter Franz III and lives in Rochester, Minnesota. They have two children, Shannon and Ryan. Stanley married Janet (Tye) and lives in Gallatin, Missouri. They have two children, Jacob and Tye.

Belva was born July 12, 1934, in Union Star. She married Morris Price and lives in Kansas City, Missouri. They have four children, Annette, Marcia, Gerald and Edward. Annette has one son, Walker Schoening; they live in Colorado. Marcia lives in Republic, Missouri. Gerald is married to Susan (Dolloff) and lives in Kansas City, Missouri. They have two daughters, Emily and Megan. Edward lives in Kansas City, Missouri.

Submitted by Belva Price

ERNEST AND BERTHA MAE HUTCHCRAFT

Ernest Preston "Jake" Hutchcraft was born March 27, 1884, in Bourbon County near Paris, Kentucky. His wife, Bertha Mae McMillen, was born December 29, 1890, near King City, DeKalb County, Missouri. They were married December 31, 1910, in King City, Missouri. Their children were Katie Bashor, Carl, Harold, Hazel Campbell, Preston, John, Dorothy Young, Gertrude Andrews, Reuben, Clyde, Floyd, Hattie Deaton, Bill, Jim, Ethel Smith and Clara Smith. Ernest died March 11, 1972, and Bertha on September 24, 1975. They are buried in the King City Cemetery.

Ernest was the 11th of 12 children born to William and Katherine (Wells) Hutchcraft. William was born May 10, 1836, in Bourbon County, Kentucky, and Kate was born February 11, 1848. They married December 18, 1866, in Cincinnati, Ohio. Kate died September 21, 1888, and is buried in the Clintonville, Kentucky,



Ernest P. Hutchcraft and sons with dog around 1942 - Front: Jim, Bill, Floyd and Clyde. Back: Ernest P. "Jake," John, Carl, Preston, Harold and Reuben.

cemetery. William served in the Union Army during the Civil War with the 21st Kentucky Infantry. On August 29, 1889, he married Mary Elizabeth Noland; to this union nine more children were born. Elizabeth "Lizzie" was born June 26, 1872. William and Lizzie came to northwest Missouri in 1896 and purchased the "Taylor Farm" north of Union Star (southwest Gentry County). They farmed there until his death on August 1, 1918. She died May 26, 1939. They are buried in the King City Cemetery.

William's parents are Reuben (born January 22, 1794, in Culpeper County, Virginia) and Francis "Fannie" Hedges (born October 10, 1805, in Culpeper County, Virginia). They were married on February 24, 1824, in Bourbon County, Paris, Kentucky. Reuben owned a plantation approximately eight miles south of Paris, Kentucky, called "The Heights." Reuben and Fannie had ten children. Reuben died July 4, 1865, and Fannie on April 14, 1867. They are buried in the Paris, Kentucky, cemetery.

Reuben's father was Thomas Hutchcraft, born in Maryland approximately 1759 and died 1825 in Bourbon County, Kentucky. On November 18, 1788, he married Eleanor "Nellie" (Harrison) Epperson in Culpeper County, Virginia. She was born in 1765 in Virginia. They were the parents of seven children.

During the Revolutionary War, Thomas enlisted in the 8th Maryland Regiment in 1778 and served until 1783. He went to Kentucky before 1800 and ran a mill and a plantation in Bourbon County, south of Paris, Kentucky.

Thomas' father was James Hutchcraft, born in Anne Arundel County, Maryland, on November 10, 1731. James is the oldest of four children. He was a farmer.

James' father was Thomas Hutchcraft, born in England in 1696 and died in 1770 or 1771. On May 28, 1725, at Kingston-on-the-Thames, Surrey, England, he married Hannah Haselwood (born November 10, 1699, died 1766 or 1767). They immigrated to the colony of Maryland. They were the parents of four children. By



Ernest P. Hutchcraft's wife and daughters around 1942 - Front: Clara and Ethel. Back: Bertha Mae, Katie, Hazel, Dorothy, Gertrude and Hattie.

1730 Thomas owned several different plantations in Anne Arundel County. While on a trip to Maryland, John Hutchcraft Jr. looked for the plantations and found a shopping center and housing additions where the plantations used to be.

Submitted by John Hutchcraft Jr.

JOHN HUTCHCRAFT JR.

John W. Hutchcraft Jr. was born December 18, 1941, near Union Star, Missouri, in DeKalb County. He graduated from Union Star High School in 1960. His children are Robyn (born May 7, 1968, married Michael Ceglenski May 1992), Valerie (born February 8, 1970) and J. Marshall (born March 7, 1972, died June 30, 1986). He married Rose Montgomery Rucker on May 7, 1982. With her son, Joshua Rucker (born August 8, 1974), there were four children running around the house, making life interesting without a dull moment.



Front: Valerie Hutchcraft, Marshall Hutchcraft and Joshua Rucker. Back: Robyn Hutchcraft. The children are shown with a big snake in 1983.

John Jr. is the oldest of seven children born to John and Imogene (Jackson) Hutchcraft. His sisters and brother are Carol Eddleman (deceased), Barbara Cochran, Kathy Hoiland, Debbie Couldry, Dawn Vargas and Doug Hutchcraft.

After graduation, John worked for his uncle, Reuben Hutchcraft, in the implement business in Union Star before going into the Air National Guard. After basic training at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas, he was sent to radio repair school in Biloxi, Mississippi, for nine months. After returning to Missouri, he went to work for AT&T Long Lines in Helena, Missouri, where he worked until being transferred to Monticello, Iowa. He moved back to Union Star in 1977 and worked for GTE in Savannah, Missouri, before hiring on at Southwestern Bell Telephone Company as a cable splicer. He retired after 32 years service with the phone company in 1999.

John enjoys doing genealogy research. He does volunteer work one day a week at both the Historical Society in Maysville, Missouri, and the Northwest Missouri Genealogical Society in St. Joseph. He and his wife travel in their spare time, and they still live in Union Star.

Submitted by John Hutchcraft Jr.

JOHN HUTCHCRAFT SR.

John W. Hutchcraft Sr. was born May 1, 1918, in DeKalb County on the "40" between Union Star and King City, Missouri. He was the sixth child of 16 children born to Ernest Preston and Bertha Mae (McMillen) Hutchcraft.

Because of the Great Depression of the early 1930s, John was working out by the time he was 14 years of age. Some of the people he worked for are Ted Herman (dairying), Frank McKinney and others (general farming). For a time in 1940-1942, he worked at Union Star Elevator for Walter Mullins before returning to his favorite job



John W. Hutchcraft Sr. Family, May 9, 1970 - John Sr. - 52, Imogene - 48, John Jr. - 29, Carol - 24, Bobbie - 21, Kathy - 15, Douglas - 13, Debbie - 11 and Dawn - 6.

of farming.

In 1941 he married Imogene Jackson (see S. G. Jackson family). To this union were born eight children: John Jr. (see John W. Hutchcraft Jr. family), Carol Eddleman (born March 29, 1946, died October 4, 2001), Barbara Cochran (born August 21, 1949), Kathy Hoiland (born May 25, 1955), Russell (stillborn 1956), Doug (born October 3, 1957), Debbie Couldry (born January 7, 1960) and Dawn Vargas (born June 11, 1964). John was proud of the fact that all of his children went to college, and most of them had at least one college degree. He loved children and enjoyed having his grandchildren and great-grandchildren around.

John died prematurely in October 1995, and is buried in the Union Star Cemetery. His daughter, Debbie, bought the last place John and Imogene lived north of Union Star. Imogene lives at Shady Lawn in the assisted living center outside of Savannah, Missouri.

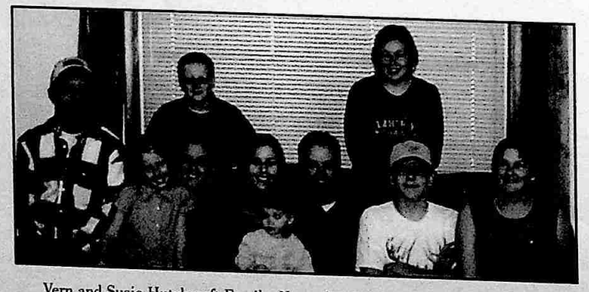
Submitted by John Hutchcraft Jr.

VERN AND SUSIE HUTCHCRAFT FAMILY

Vernon Ray Hutchcraft was born March 7, 1950. He was the eldest of five children born to the late Floyd and Etta Mae Hutchcraft. He graduated from Union Star High School in 1968. His father and mother owned and operated the local hardware store for over 40 years. Vern moved to Kansas City in 1979 where he worked for a heating and cooling company as an installer and service tech. In 1984 he bought the heating and cooling company he worked for.

In 1993 he met me, Susie Ward, where I worked. On October 26, 1994, we were married. I was born and raised in Kansas City. My father is Frank Walker, and my mom was Frances (deceased). I have five sisters and two brothers. In July of 1998, Vern and I decided to move back to Union Star where he was raised and built our home.

Vern has two children, Amy and Todd. Susie has two children, Tiffany and Justin Ward. Amy lives in Kansas City. She has two children, Tyler and Valencia. Amy is an assistant manager at Casual Corner in Independence Shopping Center. Todd married Julianne



Vern and Susie Hutchcraft Family, November 21, 2004 - Vern, Val, Amy, Tyler, Julianne, Olivia, Todd, Tiffany, Justin and Susie.

Hall. They live in Omaha. They have a daughter named Olivia. Todd is a sales manager for Nestles Food. Julie is a registered nurse. Tiffany graduated from Union Star in 2003. She attends college at Washburn University in Topeka, majoring in criminal justice. Justin is a sophomore at Union Star. His hobbies are motorcross racing and hunting.

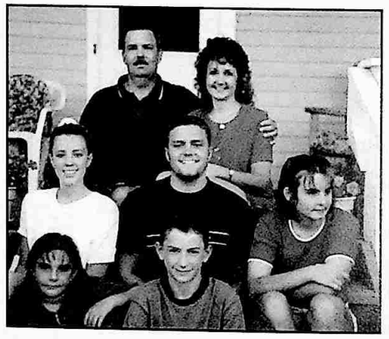
Vern's hobbies are trying to teach us city folks about the ways of the country folks (he says). I am an active member of the Town and Country Club (thanks, girls).

Submitted by Susie Ward Hutchcraft

JIM AND LILA JACKSON FAMILY

Jim Jackson was born in Denver, Colorado, and graduated from Bennett High School in 1974. Lila was born in Riverside, California. Her family moved to Bennett where she graduated in 1978. They met in 1986 in Bennett.

Jim worked as a service supervisor for an oil servicing company called Schlumberger. In 1988 the company transferred him to El Centro, California. Jim had two children, April and Zeb Jackson. Lila had two children, Jessica and Jonathan Trupp. We pulled both families together, got married and moved to El Centro. In 1990 Jim was again transferred, and the family moved to Fontana, California, where another child, Brittney Jackson, was born. In 1992 Jim transferred to Rock Springs, Wyoming, and in 1995 he transferred to Pudhoe Bay, Alaska, where he worked three weeks on and three weeks off. With Jim working for Schlumberger in Alaska, we could live anywhere in the lower 48 states we wanted, so in 1997 the family moved to Union Star following Jim's sister, Cherry Swartz, mother Julia Jackson and brother Joe Jackson. Later Jim's sister Cindy Lynn and father Vergil Jackson also moved to Union Star. Lila's parents, Bert and Betty Martin, moved to Union Star in 1999.



Jim and Lila Jackson Family, 1999 - Bottom: Brittney and Jonathan. Middle: April, Zeb and Jessica. Top: Jim and Lila.

In 1999 after working 20 years for Schlumberger, Jim was laid off. He worked a short time for the city of Stanberry and in 2001 began working for the Union Star R-II School District as a maintenance supervisor. Both Jim and Lila also drive for Hunt Bus Company.

Both are active members of the First Baptist Church of Union Star. Jim is a first responder/fire fighter for the Union Star fire department. Lila is on the Union Star R-II School Board, serves on the Union Star Development Company and is an active member in the Town and Country Club.

Our oldest child, April Jackson (age 27), lives in Union Star and has one son, Drake Pendleton. In 2003 she enrolled in college at Missouri Western. Zeb Jackson (age 22), after graduating from Union Star High School, went into the Marine Reserves and then on to the police academy at Missouri Western. He now lives in King City and works for the Gentry County Sheriff's Department. Jessica Trupp (age 21) lives at home and works at Clinco Industries in Cameron. Jonathan Trupp (age 18) will graduate from Union Star School in 2004 and plans to attend Ozark Christian College to study the Bible and become a missionary. In the summer of 2004, he will be part of a month-long mission trip to Asia. Brittney Jackson (age 14) is attending school at Union Star. Jim also has an adopted son, Shane Roan (age 30), who lives with his wife, Anna, and two kids, Karrisa and Lane, in Limon, Colorado.

Jim's great-grandparents, Enoch W. and Louisa V. (Brinnegar/Bryant) Jackson, were raised in Clay and Holt counties. They married in Craig, Missouri, in 1882. In 1892 the family moved to Litchfield, Nebraska, where Jim's grandfather, Jacob A. Jackson, was born. In 1923 he married Betsey Mae Parrish of Edina, Missouri. Jim has aunts, uncles and cousins all over the state of Missouri.

Submitted by Lila Jackson

SAMUEL JACKSON FAMILY

Samuel Jackson was born in 1816 in the Maryland-Pennsylvania border area and died in St. Joseph, Missouri, on April 23, 1867. He came to St. Joseph in 1853 with his young son, Andrew, born in July 1852 - died February 20, 1932. We know nothing of Andrew's mother. Samuel was a butcher by trade. He lived on Levy Street, now Lincoln Street, in St. Joseph. On April 10, 1855, he married his second wife, Josephine Watson (born 1837, died July 14, 1882, in Rochester, Missouri). Their daughter, Cordelia, was born in 1855. Cordelia Jackson married Alonzo B. Settle and had two sons, Leroy and Willie E. Settle. She died in 1879 and is buried in Oak Grove Cemetery south of Union Star. Samuel and Josephine also had a son, George, born in 1864. He married Bertha Mae Fletchall (born August 23, 1878) in 1896 in Buchanan County, Missouri. They lived in Globe, Arizona. They had two daughters, Helen and Hazel Jackson.

Samuel's son, Andrew Jefferson Jackson, married Mary Ann Fletchall on August 10, 1871. She was born March 26, 1849, and died November 17, 1928, at Union Star. They lived in the Rochester/Union Star area most of their lives. They moved into Union Star before 1910 and lived on the corner of Highway 169 and Cemetery Road. They are buried in the Union Star Cemetery. They had three sons that lived to adulthood. Burton Galen (born March 22, 1875 and died July 20, 1946, in California), Henry Cleveland Jackson (born June 16, 1884, and died May 14, 1909, buried in Union Star Cemetery) and Samuel Gates Jackson (born June 23, 1878, on Castle Road northeast of St. Joseph and died September 11, 1967).

Samuel Gates Jackson worked five years (1899-1903) in the mines near Globe, Arizona. When he saved enough money, he came back to the Helena/Union Star area and married Rosa Lee VanMeter on March 20, 1904. She was born March 18, 1882, and died June 20, 1955. Gates was a livestock farmer southwest of Union Star. They are buried in Union Star Cemetery. They had 12 children, but two daughters died in infancy. These children and their families are Lola Munshaw (sons Joe, Billy and Harvey), Richard (daughters Dixie Huffman, Erma Marshall, Donna Jackson and Judy Churchill), Doris Ford (son Claud), Herman (daughter Alice), Nadine Tritten (son Marion), Marjorie Tritten (sons Donnie and Dale), Ralph (children Stanley, Ernest, Byron, Glenn and Marylin Coulter), Clifford (children Wayne, Iva Baker, Willis, Linda Bollinger, Patricia Siudara, Mike, Marvin, Edward, Pamela Trimmer, Kenneth and Craig), Imogene Hutchcraft (children John, Carol Eddleman, Barbara Cochran, Kathy Hoiland, Doug, Debbie Couldry and Dawn Vargas) and Elmo (children Elaine Baker and Larry). Of these, three are still alive in 2004, Marjorie, Imogene and Elmo. When they get together, they sure have a lot of stories to tell.

Submitted by John W. Hutchcraft Jr.



Jackson Family taken about 1950 to 1953 at John Hutchcraft Sr.'s home - First row: Richard, Herman and Elmo. Second row: Doris, Rosa (mother), Samuel Gates (father), Nadine and Imogene. Third row: Marjorie, Lola, Clifford and Ralph.

WAYNE JACKSON FAMILY

Wayne Eugene Jackson was born December 17, 1941, near Clarksdale, Missouri, in rural eastern Andrew County. He graduated from Union Star High School in 1960, Park College (now University), Parkville, Missouri, in 1964 with a bachelor's in music education and in 1971 received a master's in education from Northwest Missouri State University, Maryville, Missouri. He married Marilyn Sue Weathermon July 12, 1967, daughter of Melvin and Lela (Neely) Weathermon, Guilford, Missouri.



Jackson Family, December 1997 - Front: Clark and Walt. Back: Marilyn and Wayne.

They have two sons, Walt Weathermon, born February 15, 1974, and Clark Collin, born July 24, 1975. Walt married Brandi Hardy of Nevada, Iowa, on December 15, 2001. They have a son, Dalton Wayne, born September 14, 2002. Walt has a stepdaughter, Michaela, and stepson Dylan. Walt's family lives in New Providence, Iowa. Clark married Anika Nowasell of Indianola, Iowa, March 20, 1999. They have a son, Dallas Clifford, born November 14, 2000, and a daughter, Grace Christine, born June 20, 2004. They live in Atlantic, Iowa.

Wayne taught instrumental and vocal music four years at South



Clifford (deceased May 28, 1989) and Helen (Smith) Jackson family taken in May 2002, at her 80th birthday gathering at the Helena United Methodist Church - Front row: Marvin, Wayne, Willis and Mike. Second row: Iva Baker, Linda Bollinger, Helen (80th birthday), Patricia Siudara and Pamela Trimmer. Back row: Kenneth, Craig and Edward

Nodaway (Barnard/Guilford, Missouri) and two years at Nodaway-Holt (Graham, Maitland, Skidmore, Missouri) before moving to Corydon, Iowa, in 1971 where he taught elementary/secondary vocal music for 31 years before retiring in 2002 from Wayne Community School. He now enjoys spending time with family, grandkids, "yardening" and gardening, church, hand bell choir directing, community and Arts Council activities.

Wayne is the oldest of 11 born to Clifford Eugene and Helen M. (Smith) Jackson. His sisters and brothers are Iva Baker, Willis, Linda Bollinger, Patricia Siudara, Michael, Marvin, Edward, Pamela Trimmer, Kenneth and Craig. Clifford and Helen were married in Clarinda, Iowa, October 15, 1940, at the Presbyterian Manse. They lived and worked on a farm southwest of Union Star now owned by Willis and Judy Jackson. Clifford was born May 15, 1919, and died May 28, 1989; Helen was born April 17, 1922, and died March 9, 2004. Both are buried at Memorial Gardens, St. Joseph, Missouri.

Submitted by Wayne E. Jackson

BUCK AND SHARON JENKINS FAMILY

Howard "Buck" and Sharon (Narans) Jenkins were married on October 25, 1969. They lived in Kansas City, Missouri, where he was employed with Lonestar Cement Company. A daughter, Tricia Lynne, was born on December 19, 1970.

On October 24, 1972, they moved to Union Star, Missouri, where Buck was employed with Union Star Elevator. On December 26, 1974, a son, Lindall Lewayne, was born. Tricia and Lindall attended all 13 years at the Union Star School. Tricia was a mathematician while Lindall took All-Conference his junior year and All-Conference and All-State his senior year.

Buck worked for Union Star Elevator for 13 years, was a night watchman for Herzog for three years and was working for Bartlett Grain Company when he died on October 16, 1995. He worked there for eight years.

Sharon was a housewife and a stay-at-home mom until November 19, 1991, when she went to work for Wal-Mart in Savannah, Missouri. In 1996 she transferred to Wal-Mart Supercenter on the North Belt in St. Joseph and is still employed there.

On March 27, 1992, Tricia was killed in a one-car accident.

In February 2004, Lindall bought a house at 850 College Street in Union Star. He works for Varco Pruden (VP Building) in St. Joseph, Missouri. He has been with the company for one and a half years. Prior to that he worked for Willamette Industries later bought out by Weyerhauser in Kansas City. He worked there for eight years.

Sharon and Lindall are members of the First Baptist Church of Union Star. Sharon plays the piano, and Lindall mows the churchyard.

Submitted by Sharon Jenkins

JOSEPH AND FLORENCE JESTES FAMILY

Florence Price (1906-2000) was the daughter of Alvin and Myrtle Price. She graduated from Union Star High School. She received a lifetime teaching certificate from Maryville State Teachers College. She taught in rural schools for ten years. During those years, a group of young teachers formed a group they called the M.U.M. Club. They got together in their homes to discuss and support each other for plans for school and, most importantly, have fun and food. Back then the meaning of M.U.M. was a secret. But now we know the letters stood for Members Until Married. But as they married, the meetings and fun times continued.

In 1934 Florence married Joseph Jestes (1905-1998), the son of Frank and Chloe (Young) Jestes. Joe graduated from Stewartsville High School. They farmed on Empire Prairie until 1944 when they purchased a farm near Union Star where they lived for 29 years before retiring to live in town. Florence was a 4-H leader with the



Joseph Jestes



Florence Price

Fighting 4-H Club and a Sunday school teacher at Orchid Christian Church for many years.

Their daughter, Ruth Ann, attended Union Star School and graduated in 1957. Ruth Ann received a degree in secondary education from Northwest Missouri State University. She married Stanley Ebersold. After farming in Pleasant Hill community a few years, they moved to Joplin, Missouri, where Stanley received a degree from Ozark Christian College. Since 1976 they have lived in Trenton, Missouri. Stanley is the preacher at Liberty Chapel Christian Church and works as a carpenter.

Ruth Ann is the director of Grundy County Learning Center. They have three children. Lea Ann married Mitchell Piercy and lives in Joplin, Missouri. Danny Louis has a home in Trenton, Missouri, and is an x-ray technologist. Mark married Karen Griffin and lives in Shady Cove, Oregon, where he is employed by a computer software company. Stanley and Ruth Ann's grandchildren are Brendon, Azaria and Erika Ebersold and Amanda and Justin Piercy.

Submitted by Ruth Ann Ebersold

ARTHUR "CASEY" AND ELIZABETH "LIL" JONES

Cpl. Casey Jones met Elizabeth "Lil" Simpson at High Wycombe, England, while serving with the 8th U. S. Air Force there during World War II. They were married December 23, 1944, at the All Hollows Church in Middlesex, England.



Arthur "Casey" Jones and Elizabeth "Lily" Jones on their wedding day in 1944.

Arthur Jones was born March 27, 1922, to Ed and Mary Jones of Union Star. His father was a farmer. He graduated from Union Star High School in 1940. Casey was employed by the Burlington Railroad before his induction into military service on October 16, 1942. He was discharged in January 1946.

Elizabeth Simpson was born in Durham, England, on November 4, 1923, to John and Martha Simpson. She was one of 12 children. Her father was a coal miner in northern England. Lil worked at an aircraft plant for five years and then worked for General Electric in Greenford, England. She and her sister, Edith Williams, came to the United States in May 1946, on the *Queen Mary*. It took them six days to make the trip from England. Casey was in New York City to meet the ship when Lil arrived.

Casey and Lil are the parents of LeRoy Jones, born January 30, 1948. LeRoy graduated from Union Star High School in 1966 and served four years in the Navy. He married Donna Marie Ackerman on November 14, 1970, in Marblehead, Ohio. LeRoy and Donna have three children: Beth, Sean and Luke.

Submitted by Lily Jones

MERRILL AND SHARON KARR FAMILY

Merrill Dean and Sharon Karr have lived in the Union Star area since 1970. Merrill was born in Fillmore, Missouri, on May 18, 1940. Sharon was born in St. Joseph, Missouri, on August 18, 1941. Merrill graduated from Savannah High School in Savannah, Missouri, and Sharon graduated from Central High School in St. Joseph, Missouri. They were married on June 24, 1960, and have lived in the area since. For 14 years they lived on a farm three miles outside of Union Star. Merrill has worked for the St. Joseph Stockyards for over 44 years. Sharon has been in the banking field for 36 years and with Commerce Bank for the last 19 years.

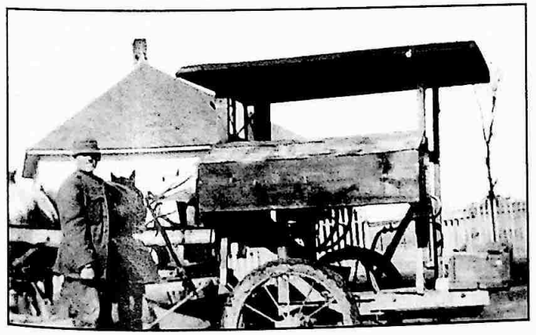
On December 11, 1968, Merrill and Sharon's first child, Craig Allan Karr, was born in St. Joseph, Missouri. On the same day, three years later, Kevin Allan Karr was born in St. Joseph, Missouri. Katherine "Kitty" Ann Karr was born in St. Joseph, Missouri, on February 24, 1973. In 1989 the family moved into the city limits of Union Star. All three children are graduates of Union Star High School.

Craig is the father of three children: Stephen, age 16; Jessika, age 15; and Melysa, age 12. On March 27, 2002, he married Amy Heater and has a stepson, Korbin Heater, who is four years of age. Craig owns Karr's Lawn Service and Snow Removal. Amy is a store manager at O'Reilly Auto Parts. Craig and his family reside in Union Star.

On May 30, 1992, Kevin married Tammy Holm. They have one daughter, Daire Jordan, who is four years of age. They are expecting their second child in February 2005. Tammy graduated from Missouri Western State College in 1996 with a BSBA in management. Kevin works for Varco-Pruden as a plant superintendent, and Tammy works for Phoenix Scientific as the vice president of human resources. They reside just outside of Union Star.

Kitty graduated from Missouri Western State College in 1996 and 2000 with a BSBA in marketing and accounting. Kitty is currently employed with the City of St. Joseph as an accountant and resides in St. Joseph, Missouri.

ROSA (DOWD) KELLER



Ralph Dowd (Rosa's father), who worked with the Highway Maintenance Department (1926-1929), in front of a horse-drawn grader. He worked on maintaining Highway 169 south of King City for approximately five miles.

My name is Rosa Keller (nee Dowd). I am 98 years old, and our family lived in the general areas of Union Star, Oak and King City from 1918 until 1929. I attended Union Star High School from 1922 to 1926. After graduating, I went to work for the King City Telephone Company until 1929. I still receive the *King City Tri-County* newspaper.

Since 1933 I have been living in Baltimore, Maryland, with the late Henry A. Keller, raising a family of two girls and four boys.

Submitted by Rosa Keller

KERNS FAMILY

Eldon "Francis" Kerns was born February 28, 1922, the youngest of twelve children born to Milton and Elizabeth (Wuerfele) Kerns. In 1913 the family moved to a farm in the Woods community where the children attended the Woods school. Milton started a sorghum mill in 1936 which he operated for several years until moving to King City in the early 1940s. Francis attended the Union Star High School and graduated in 1941. In 1942 Francis enlisted in the Army and served as a sergeant with the 5th army, 2nd corp, 15th field artillery during World War II. He served for three years, returning home in 1945. After returning home Francis and his brother Ed worked for E. J. Schnitker in construction running bulldozers.



Francis Kerns standing in front of the old hotel and some of the other businesses in Union Star.

On December 31, 1950, Francis was united in marriage to Viola Mary Simpson. Viola worked for Watts Grocery, then Ruoff's Grocery, then later Buckle's Grocery, all in Union Star, for 20 years. Francis worked for the county as a laborer maintaining the roads for several years after they were married. He later went to work for the State Highway Department and then as a carpenter at the State Hospital until 1975. He then worked at home repairing small engines until his health failed. Francis lived his last years at the King City Manor until his death in 1998. Francis and Viola had three children, Bobby Eugene (born October 16, 1951), Ricky Jay (born August 29, 1953) and Elizabeth Lynn (born November 8, 1957). All three children attended and graduated from the Union Star High School. Bobby and Ricky both attended and graduated from the School of the Ozarks College in Point Lookout, Missouri. Bobby married Linda Gann from Ozark, Missouri, and they live in Hollister, Missouri. They have three children. Ricky married Christine Sutton. They live in St. Joseph, Missouri, and have no children. Elizabeth married Gene Erisman. They had one son and later divorced. Elizabeth is now married to Marvin Burks. They live in Union Star and have one daughter.

WILLIAM EDGAR KIRTLEY FAMILY

My father, William Edgar Kirtley, was born on February 24, 1879, on a farm five miles west of Union Star, the fourth of six children—three brothers: Sam, Arch and Chester, and two sisters: Lura and Kate. All were married and lived in the area all their lives. William Edgar married my mother, Dollie Ann McDonald, in February 1900. They had three children: Hazel Barbara Hall, Sophia Louise "Tokie" Jones and myself, Ruth Elizabeth Seymour, all graduates of USHS. He was a prominent farmer and stockman until the early '20s when, due to ill health, we moved to Union Star. They were both active in the Methodist Church. He died in 1936, my mother in 1976, Barbara in 1975 and Tokie in 1938.

I graduated in the class of 1937, attended business college in Kansas City and later was employed as a legal secretary. In January 1946, I married Lieutenant Earl Parker Seymour of Kansas City, a World War II Navy fighter pilot. He remained on active duty for 28 years, retiring in 1970 as a commander. Our Navy tours entailed much travel, and we lived in many states from coast to coast. He retired in San Diego, and we made our home there until 1979 when we moved to Whidbey Island, Washington. We built our home on waterfront property and enjoyed boating and fishing in Puget Sound and trips to the San Juan Islands for 16 years. In 1995 we returned to the Kansas City area to be near Earl's sister and my relatives in the St. Joseph area. We now reside in John Knox Village, a retirement community in Lee's Summit.



Ruth and Earl Seymour in 2001

Submitted by Ruth Seymour

LAYNE AND CAROL KRAUSE

Layne Krause was born in 1937 in Hankinson, North Dakota, to Herb and Alice Krause. He graduated from high school in Dazey, North Dakota, in 1955. After graduation he joined the United States Army where he served two years. In 1960 he came to Missouri. Carol Krause was born in 1944 to Arlin and Hazel Baker. She attended Union Star School all 12 years, graduating in 1962. She attended St. Joseph Beauty University until completion in 1963.



Troy, Layne, Tara and Carol Krause

Layne and Carol met on a blind date in 1960 and were married in 1962. They have two children: Troy was born in 1963, and Tara was born in 1969. Both Troy and Tara went 12 years at the Union Star School. Troy lives in Kansas City, Missouri. In May 2004, he married Laura Boston. She has two children, Shawn and Coty. Tara has one daughter, Taylor Quinn. Tara married Darrell Wolf in January 2002. He has two daughters, Magan and Brie. They reside in St. Joseph, Missouri.



Taylor Quinn

Layne worked for Moyes Lumber in Union Star for ten years. He then worked for Buchanan County Insurance Co. for 28 years. He retired from there in 2002. After two years, he went back there part-time. Also, he works part-time at the Union Star Post Office.

Carol worked at Lois' Beauty Shop in Union Star for two years. In 1969 she opened Carol's Boutique and has worked there for the last 35 years.

Layne and Carol have both been active in many organizations in the community. Layne, Carol, Troy and Tara were all members of the Union Star Christian Church until it closed in 2002.

Submitted by Carol Krause

DWIGHT AND PATTY KRULL

Patty was dating Vodre when she met his brother, Dwight. And the rest, as they say, is history. Patty Henderson and Dwight Krull were married October 8, 1955, at the Methodist Church in Union Star, Missouri. As newlyweds they lived in St. Joseph, Missouri, for a short time. They moved to Union Star where Patty grew up and graduated from Union Star High School. Patty and her twin sister, Peggy, were born to Robert and Ruth Henderson in 1936. Dwight was one of five children born to Orville and Myrtle Krull. Dwight grew up in and around Rochester, Missouri.



Patty and Dwight Krull, 1955

Patty and Dwight had six children. Jane, the oldest, is married to Odell Burton. They live in Union Star and have two children, Dawn Mares and Jared Gasper. Their second daughter, Janese, lives in Salt Lake City, Utah. Janese has one daughter, Treasure. Jana, the third daughter, lives in Boulder City, Nevada, at this time. Dwight Wayne, the only son, is married and lives in St. Joseph, Missouri. He and his wife, Brenda, have two children, Andrew and Kacy. A fourth daughter, Joy Elizabeth, died in infancy. The youngest daughter, Amy, lives in Valley City, Utah.



Dwight Krull Family - Jane, Janese, Jana, Wayne and Amy.

All of Patty and Dwight's children and one grandson have graduated from Union Star High School as well as Patty's father, Robert Henderson, and two of her aunts, Gusta and Hazel Henderson. Patty's Grandfather Munshaw helped build the Union Star School. Patty worked at the school as a secretary for a few years. Dwight worked in construction to support his family. He and Patty also cleaned the Methodist Church for a few years after their children were grown. Dwight also donated his time and skills at the church to do repair work.

Submitted by Patty Krull

DAVID AND CHRISTI LEWIS FAMILY

David William Lewis was born in San Francisco, California, on December 7, 1951, to Lloyd E. and Dorothy Jeanne McColgan. His family lived in several states before settling in Perrin, Missouri, in 1963. He has a brother, Francis Jay, and a sister, Jeanne Marie. David graduated from Plattsburg High School in 1969 and Missouri Western State College in 1977. He has worked for St. Francis Hospital in Maryville, Missouri, for 21 years and is currently manager of information services and telecommunications.



David, Christi and Andrew Lewis, 2000

Christi Sue Pottratz was born on April 27, 1953, in La Crosse, Wisconsin, to Milton and Nadine (Teaford) Pottratz. She moved with her family to a dairy farm south of King City in 1954. Christi graduated from Union Star High School in 1971.

Christi has three brothers, Milton Michael "Mike," Gregory Alan and Curtis Glen. David and Christi were married on August 10, 1974, in the First Presbyterian Church in Union Star. They lived in St. Joseph, Missouri, for the first couple of years of their marriage, but then moved back to the Union Star area in 1976 and still reside in the area.

They have one son, Andrew David, born on February 28, 1984, in St. Joseph, Missouri. Andrew graduated from Union Star High School in 2002 and is attending Central Missouri State University (CMSU) in Warrensburg, Missouri, majoring in aviation.

Submitted by Christi Lewis

KEITH LEWIS FAMILY

Keith Lewis was born in Union Star in 1923. His parents, Charlie and Getha (Sharp) Lewis, had lived there for many years. They were both schoolteachers and met while teaching in a two-room school located in Weatherby. After their marriage they moved to Union Star. The farm they owned north of town was a homestead farm inherited from Getha's parents. Her parents owned a livery stable on College Street, and when rural people came to town, they boarded their horses at the Sharp Livery Stable. Upon her parents' death, Charlie and Getha moved into the house on College Street, and upon their deaths, Keith and Judy Lewis moved into the house.



Getha and Charlie Lewis

Keith and Judy had two children, Brenda (Lewis) Brookshire and Brian Keith Lewis. The house on College Street was sold in 1999 when the Lewis family moved to King City. The house burned a year later while the residents were away.



Judy and Keith Lewis

The earliest records of Lewis ancestors go back to 1364 to Henry II an earl and son of Henry I. Parents of Meriweather Lewis, William Lewis of Locust Hill and Lucy (Meriweather) Lewis are ancestors of Keith Lewis. Meriweather Lewis never married so there were no direct descendants.

An early, fond memory of Keith's took place in 1929. His parents had purchased a Willis Knight car for a special trip to see California. They visited Charlie's relatives who lived in Santa Anita. They were able to attend the horse races, see the ocean and many other sites. They returned home after being away more than a month.

Submitted by Judy Lewis

MIKE LYNN FAMILY

Michael S. Lynn was born in 1962 in San Diego, California. After graduating from the police academy in 1985, Mike became a deputy sheriff in Imperial County, California, where he met his future wife, Cindy R. Jackson. Cindy was born in Denver, Colorado, in 1962. She is the youngest of four children born to Vergil and Julie Jackson. Her sister and brothers are Cherry Swartz, Jim Jackson and Joe Jackson, all of Union Star, Missouri. (Cindy's great-grandparents, Enoch and Louisa Jackson, were from the Holt County, Missouri, area.)



Mike Lynn Family, 2000 - Front: Mike Jr. and Julie. Back: Cindy and Mike Sr.

Cindy moved from Colorado to El Centro, California, in 1988. She was employed as a superior court clerk for Imperial County that same year when she met Mike. They were engaged a year later, and Mike became a police officer for the City of San Jacinto, California, in 1990. They married in 1991 and resided in Hemet, California, where they had two children, Michael Jr., born in 1993, and Julie in 1996. Both were born in Riverside, California.

By this time Mike had been in the detective division for six years where he was promoted to lead detective. In December of 1997, he was pulling double-duty in patrol division as sergeant when he was hit almost head-on in his patrol car by another car. Mike sustained serious injuries including a crushed knee that led to his medical retirement in February 2000, ending his 15-year law enforcement career.

In June of 2000, Mike and Cindy moved to Union Star, Missouri, to be near her family. Mike is now employed as a screening supervisor at KCI Airport. They are members of the First Baptist Church of Union Star, and Cindy is a member of the Town and Country Club and the Parent-Teacher Organization. Mikey and Julie attend Union Star School; they are in the fifth and third grades.

Submitted by Cindy Lynn

BOB MACKLIN FAMILY

I am Bob Macklin. My sister, Madelin, and I were born on a farm in the Orchid community to Muriel and Roscoe (Ross) Macklin. She was born in 1919, and I was born in 1921. I completed my grade school education in a one-room building known as the Orchid School. I was baptized in the Orchid Church. High school commenced in 1935, and of course, we graduated in 1938. My best memories of high school were our junior and senior year basketball teams. Our junior year we went to the state tournament at Missouri University, and our senior year we were beaten by Trenton High School in the finals of the regional tournament in St. Joe. Coach Gillman was our coach.

My high school days were the beginning of a lasting friendship with my buddy, Fred Hoerman. He is now deceased. Most of my basketball team members are deceased...that's depressing. Naturally we boys had an eye cast for all the pretty girls. I remember Norma Jean (Pierce) Courtney who gave me my most serious thoughts. There were Claylain (Redding) Moore, Elizabeth Gallinger, Bernice (Millen) Rabbit and Alene Gillip. Not to forget Mary Jones (class of 1941) whom I played many ping pong games with...where are they?

Upon leaving high school, I played basketball for Trenton College during the 1938-1939 season. Warren "Pete" Gallinger was



Union Star, Missouri, Basketball Team, 1938 - Front row: Glen Abbott, Bob Macklin, Fred Hoerman, Charles Lindley, Earl Hammer and Oren Whetsell. Back row: Delbert Foster, Wallace Clark, Billie Price, Irvin Cederlind, Frank Smith and Coach Gillman.

my roommate. My father passed away in July of 1939. I stayed out of school and worked the farm until I joined the U. S. Naval Aviation Program in 1940 as an aviation cadet. I graduated from NAS Pensacola, Florida, in 1944...received my "wings" and commission as an ensign. My wife, Verna, and I were married in 1959, and we raised three wonderful children...one girl, Lynda, who has horses and dogs and two boys, Richard, who is an engineer fireman, and Mike, who trains tigers for an illusion night club act all over the world.

My sister, Madelin, married shortly after my father died, and they moved to California (Glendale) where they both worked for Lockheed Aircraft Company supporting the airplane production for World War II.

Verna is now deceased. I reside in Camarillo, California. My mother and sister are now deceased. In the autumn of my life, my memories return to Union Star and the friends of my school days..so many are gone.

Submitted by Bob Macklin

CASPAR MARSH FAMILY

Caspar Henry Marsh, the son of John and Kitty (Oyler) Marsh, was born April 30, 1910, in Ford City, Missouri. His mother died at a young age, and she is buried with a baby brother in the Gribble Cemetery near Darlington. John later married Delpha French, and they were the parents of Rondle and J. D. Marsh. They are buried in the Union Star Cemetery. Rondle married Thelma Carlton, and J. D. married Lois Petty and later Alene Batson. Rondle is buried at Maysville, Missouri, and J. D. at Albany, Missouri.



Cap and Evelyn Marsh Family - Front: Evelyn and Cap. Back: Jean Parrish and Donna Tritten.

"Cap" married Evelyn Fern Haynes on September 11, 1932, at the Methodist parsonage in Union Star. She was born on November 25, 1909, to George and Iva (Price) Haynes. They lived on a farm north of Union Star, now owned by Ron Hailey. Evelyn had one brother, Gerald, who married Phyllis Sherry and is buried at Stanberry, Missouri. She graduated from Union Star High School in 1927. Cap and Evelyn were the parents of two daughters. Donna Fern was born May 14, 1934, in the house east of Union Star now owned by Kenny Wells. Jean Louise was born April 29, 1939, in Clarksdale, Missouri. Evelyn passed away on June 28, 1996, and Cap died on October 27, 2000. They are buried in the Union Star Cemetery.

Donna married Donald Ray Tritten of Helena, Missouri. Further information on this family can be found in the Tritten family history.

Jean Louise married Ronald Eugene Parrish on August 28, 1960, at the Union Star Methodist Church. Ron was the son of Kenneth and Wilmina (Miles) Parrish and was born June 22, 1938, and died April 3, 1983. He is buried in Kansas City, Missouri. Their three children are Ryan Scott, born May 28, 1961; Rhonda Jean, born October 6, 1964; and Nicole Denise, born November 27, 1971. "Niki" married Lathem Scott, son of Beverly Scott and Joseph Sutton, on May 25, 1996. Their daughter is Hannah Janice, born June 29, 2000. Scott and Rhonda have never married.

Submitted by Mike Tritten

GRACE McMILLEN

Grace McMillen joined the Union Star teaching staff in 1939. Her husband passed away in 1932. Grace and her three sons relocated to her parents' home near Gilman City, Missouri. She supported her family by teaching one-room rural schools and also attended summer college to improve her teaching credentials. Her three sons, Keith, Kenneth and Bernard, attended one-room Wooderson School in Harrison County, Missouri. She taught in Union Star until 1948. The three boys attended four years and graduated from Union Star High School. Grace relocated to St. Joseph, Missouri, and taught exceptional children at Myrtle E. Miller School. The remainder of her teaching career was spent in teaching and encouraging these struggling children and their families.



Grace McMillen, 1965

Keith McMillen graduated from Star in 1943. He is retired from the U. S. Air Force and lives in Riverside, California. He married Angie Spath from Chambers, Nebraska. They have two daughters, Sandra Kennedy and Cynthia Hauser.

Kenneth McMillen graduated from Star in 1945. He is single, a retired machinist and lives in Torrance, California.

Bernard McMillen graduated from Star in 1947. He married Marilyn Tunks from Maysville, Missouri, and lives in St. Joseph, Missouri. They have two sons, Scott and Eric. Bernard owns and operates a medical clothing retail shop.

Grace spent her later years in Bethany, Missouri, near her youngest son, Bernard. She passed away in 1980 and is buried with her husband in the Merriam Cemetery at Bethany, Missouri.

Submitted by Keith "Mickey" McMillen

MILLEN FAMILY

Earl and Reka (Kyler) Millen had eight children, all born in either Andrew or DeKalb County, Missouri. Earl was the son of John and Virginia "Jennie" (McDonald) Millen. Reka was the daughter of Eldredge Veitch Kyler and Mary Margaret (Norricks) Kyler. Earl and Reka's children are Wilma, John Kyler "J. K.," Bernice, Earline, Margaret, Nadine, William "Bill" and Luther.

We all graduated from Union Star High School except for Earline from Chillicothe, Missouri, and Bill from Savannah, Missouri.



Millen Children, in Toledo, Ohio, November 1984 - Front row: Margaret, Bill and Nadine. Back row: John "J. K.," Wilma, Earline, Bernice and Luther.

Several of us had Miss Alberta Wilkerson, Miss Laverne Patterson and Miss Bessie Allen for our teachers.

We survived the tornado that swept through west of Union Star May 1, 1930. Our house was destroyed along with several of our neighbors' homes.

John "J. K." was in the Battle of Midway (World War II) in June 1942, as a Marine. J. K. was living in Savannah, Missouri, at the time of his death in June 1989. He is buried at Union Star Cemetery.

Bill was in the Marines, too. He was a truck dispatcher for National Beef in Liberal, Kansas. Bill died in November 1994, and is buried in Liberal, Kansas.

Luther was in the Navy. He was a fireman in Toledo, Ohio. Luther died in June 1993, and is buried at Toledo, Ohio, cemetery.

All five daughters are still living. Wilma Floyd, retired from Bank of America, lives in Monterey, California.

Bernice Rabbitt lives in Toledo, Ohio. She graduated from Missouri Methodist Hospital School of Nursing in 1942. She was a navy lieutenant nurse during World War II.

Earline Saviano Brucks lives in Kansas City, Missouri. She retired from the American Academy of Family Physicians in 1987.

Margaret Floyd lives in Concord, California. She graduated from Diablo Valley College in 1969 with an AA degree. She retired from Wells Fargo Bank in 1989.

Nadine Mitchell lives in Independence, Missouri. She retired from Missouri Methodist Hospital as a nurse.

Earl Millen died in January 1956, and is buried at Oak Grove Cemetery. Reka Millen died in March 1976, and is buried at Union Star Cemetery. They had 32 grandchildren.

Submitted by Margaret (Millen) Floyd

Family Members Tell Tales From Their Childhoods

Written by Mary F. Parrish, from the *St. Joseph* (MO.) *News Press*, March 20, 1998

I was interested in having my mother, Ida E. (Kyler) Parrish, write some incidences of her childhood; also her sisters Mary Ellen and Reka, and a brother, Emmett.

The family of E. V. and Mary (Norrick) Kyler grew up in the Union Star, Missouri, area. E. V. Kyler farmed and was an auctioneer. There were 13 children.

My mother's first school that she taught was Black Oak in 1904-1905. She came to Craig, Missouri, in 1911, married Henry E. Parrish and taught in the Craig area until her retirement. She died June 1, 1972.

Here are some of Ida's memories: Mom (Mary Norrick) was born July 13, 1855, at Bowerstown, Ohio. She remembered children digging snow tunnels in the streets and playing in them, and also how the family children went out to the barn to see if the Rebels had come and taken any of their horses during the Civil War.



E. V. Kyler Family, 1900 - Front row: Reka and Esther. Middle: Ida, E. V., Mary Ellen, Mary Margaret, Emmett and Kate. Back: Eliza, John, Marshall, Jake and Laura.

The family came to Missouri down the Ohio River on a steamboat in 1867. The boat fell over a falls in the river. Furniture fell out of place, dishes rattled and the children huddled in a frightened mass. They came up the Missouri River in a steamboat to St. Joseph, where her father bought a wagon and team. They proceeded to a farm six miles south of Maryville, where they lived until Mom and E. V. Kyler were married on September 12, 1873, at the same ceremony that her sister Becky married Frank Crook.

They moved to El Dorado, Kansas. When Pop and Mom were moving to Kansas, they stopped at the Frank Crook home in El Dorado where Laura was born February 26, 1884. They went on to another location in Kansas, where they experienced hot winds, grasshoppers and drought. They moved back to Union Star, where I was born May 26, 1886.

Mom had 12 children. The last child, a boy, was born dead. Later, she and Pop adopted a six-week-old boy. I named him Lawrence Orpheus. They got him from a branch orphanage in St. Joe (The main orphanage was in St. Louis.).

One day Mom was hoeing in a garden on Marion King's farm adjoining ours at Northeast Corner. I was out looking for Daisy, a horse, when I came to a boggy place near the garden. I saw a snake charming a toad, which it swallowed. Mom came with her hoe, killed the snake and squeezed out the toad, alive.

Here are some of Mary Ellen (Kyler) Jordin's stories:

One afternoon, Ida and I were at home alone. About 3 o'clock in the afternoon, a dark cloud began gathering in the southwest. We kept watching it, and it became a coppery red and black color, so we decided it looked like a cyclone, a windstorm or hailstorm or something else disturbing. So we shut all the doors and windows in the house and went to the storm cellar. We lighted the coal oil lamp and secured the inside and outside door and sat down, wondering what our fate was to be. We waited about a half hour and then decided to peep out and see if the world was still there. When we opened the outer door, the sun was shining brightly, and once more, we had survived what we had feared would be a disastrous fate.

I recall the great occasion when I earned my first money. I picked and stemmed a gallon of wild gooseberries and sold them to Aunt Rachel Gobel for 20 cents. I bought enough white lawn material for a new dress. Eliza made it for me. How proud I felt when I would wear it.

Esther, Reka and I had a chicken cemetery in Jack's Wood. We cleared a spot and then buried the dead as they dropped off. We had a funeral service and used shingles for tombstones. We would go to the graveyard every so often and decorate the graves. Ida and Laura were too grown up for this pastime.

Once when Eliza's beau was coming to see her, I went out into the garden and chewed a leaf of garlic. I came in smelling worse than a skunk. I really got hauled over the coals for this act.

DENNIS AND JULIE (EBERSOLD) MIRES FAMILY

Julie Lynn was born August 23, 1958, in King City, Missouri, to Kenton and Betty (Gibson) Ebersold. On September 15, 1979, she married F. Dennis Mires from St. Joseph, Missouri, at Orchid Christian Church. Dennis was born in St. Joseph, Missouri, on August 9, 1951. His parents are Fred and Bonne (Pitts) Mires of St. Joseph, Missouri.

Julie graduated from Union Star High School in May of 1976, and in June started working at First National Bank in St. Joseph in the data processing department. Commerce Bank bought out First National Bank, and Julie worked for Commerce until 1993 when she went to the Trust Company of St. Joseph (now Gold Trust Company) where she is currently working as a trust operations officer.

Dennis attended MWSC until he enlisted in the United States Air Force in 1971. He served four years. He worked in the data processing department at First National Bank, Commerce Bank and American National Bank. In 1993 he started working at Heartland Health Systems as a computer technician.



Dennis and Julie Mires Family in 2003 - Julie, Katie, Dennis and Annie.

Dennis has three children (Jason, Nathan and Anbur) from a previous marriage, and Dennis and Julie have two daughters (Annie and Katie).

Jason Lance was born November 14, 1971. He graduated from Central High School in St. Joseph, Missouri. Jason lives in Warrensburg, Missouri, and is stationed at Whitman Air Force Base. He has been in the Air Force for ten years. He has a ten-year-old daughter, Madysen Linn Mires, who was born September 2, 1994. Madysen lives in Kansas City, Missouri.

Nathan Seth was born January 28, 1975. Nathan earned his GED in St. Joseph, Missouri. Nathan passed away on July 27, 2001, from a drowning accident.

Anbur Jade was born February 5, 1978. Anbur graduated from Lafayette High School. She attended Hillyard Technical School and received her LPN degree and works at Heartland Women's Health. She has an 11-year-old son, Jesse Hunter Greiner, who was born October 27, 1993, and a six-year-old daughter, Natalie Lark Mires, who was born December 15, 1998. Anbur and her children live in St. Joseph.

Andrea Lynn "Annie" was born October 14, 1984. She graduated from Union Star High School in 2003. She lives in St. Joseph, Missouri, while attending Missouri Western State College.

Kathleen Elizabeth "Katie" was born on her daddy's birthday, August 9, 1987. She is a junior at Union Star High School. She also attends Hillyard Technical School and is enrolled in the medical transcript class.

Dennis, Julie, Annie and Katie are all members of Oak Christian Church and live six miles east of Union Star.

Submitted by Julie Mires

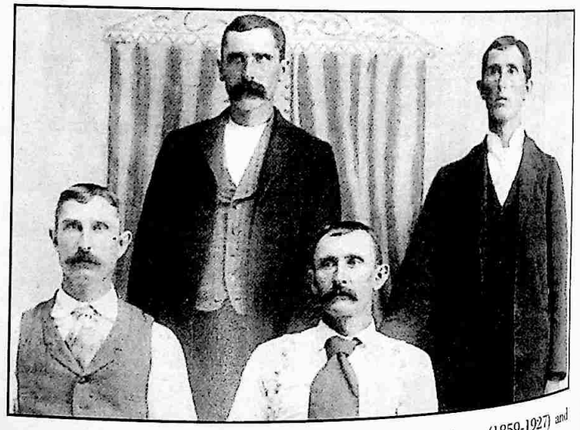
JOHN LAND AND RUTH (HIGGINS) MOORE

John Land Moore was born to Russell and Jane Moore in Tennessee in 1826. The family moved to Indiana, living in two counties, Owen and Daviess, then came to Buchanan County for a short time. They moved to DeKalb County by 1845. DeKalb County was organized in 1845. John's father, Russell, was appointed the justice of peace of Polk Township.



Ruth and John L. Moore

Ruth Higgins was born to Wesley Higgins and Priscilla Poteet. Priscilla's father, Samuel Poteet, came from Italy. Priscilla's mother was named Mary, but her parents are unknown. We were always told that Ruth (Higgins) Moore was one-half Indian. If her mother was an Indian, it would be possible but her name of Mary doesn't indicate that. Ruth was born in Tennessee. She and John met in Missouri and married December 23, 1849. They owned land in 1849 apparently. They paid state and county taxes in the amount of 99 cents for one bill and $1.15 for another bill. On September 28, 1880, John paid $7.13 for taxes on 40 acres, tract no. 3364, lot 14, block 59, range 33, valuated at $240 and personal taxes valued at $235. John entered the Army in 1864 and was mustered out in 1865. While there he met a special friend named Rozelle. His last child was born in 1867. He named him Rozelle. John and Ruth Moore had eight sons; three of them preceded them in death. They always lived on the farm four miles south of Union Star. Ruth died September 20, 1884. John died in 1898. He was called "Uncle John" by many.



Rozelle Moore with his brothers - Seated: Thomas Moore (1859-1927) and George Moore (1855-1909). Standing: Milton Moore (1864-1936) and Rozelle Moore (1867-1939).

Their sons were William D., born 1851-died 1863, only 12 years old; John R., born 1852-died 1909; George, born 1855-died 1912; David F., born 1856-died 1880, only 24 years old; James Milton, born 1864-died 1936 (called Uncle Milt); Joseph M., born 1864, died as a baby possibly; Thomas S., born 1859-1927 (called Uncle Thomp); and Rozelle, born January 11, 1867, died January 11, 1939, on his birthday.

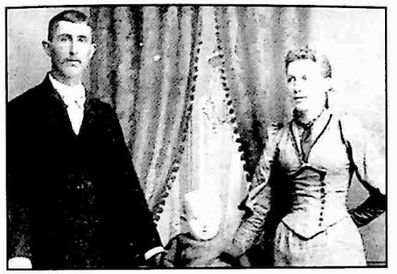
Rozelle married Effie Redding August 10, 1889. They had four children: Hazel Florence (who died at age five), Oscar Earl, Lennis Maxine (Moore) Ebersold and Rex Newell.

Submitted by Hazel Whorton

ROZELLE AND EFFIE (REDDING) MOORE

Rozelle was a prominent citizen of the Union Star community. He was honest, reliable and interested in the welfare of his fellowmen. He was a farmer, a produce and poultry dealer and drove a dray wagon hauling merchandise to town merchants and back to the trains four times a day.

He was a church board member, Sunday school teacher and choir leader at the Methodist Church of Union Star. He took active interest in public affairs. Rozelle was "trustee and treasurer" of Polk Township, a member of the town board and city tax collector for many years. He served as a Democratic township committeeman of Polk Township. He received a personal letter from the then governor of New York state, Franklin D. Roosevelt, dated October 5, 1932, thanking him for the information Rozelle had sent regarding Mr. Roosevelt's campaign for the presidency of the United States. The letter was written on official paper of the Executive Mansion, Albany, New York. Mr. Roosevelt was elected president in November 1932. We have the letter.



Rozelle and Effie Moore with Earl Moore (in a dress and wearing booties) circa 1893.

Rozelle was born January 11, 1867, to John Land and Ruth (Higgins) Moore south of Union Star, Missouri, near the Oak Grove community. He was the youngest of eight sons.

Effie Luella Redding was born July 19, 1871, in Union Star, Missouri, to William Vestal and Mary (Johnson) Redding. She was the oldest of nine children. Her grandfather and father owned and operated the Redding Grocery store. Effie taught school at the Oak Grove School.

Rozelle and Effie were married August 10, 1889. They had four children: Oscar Earl (1892-1965), Hazel Florence (1895-1900), Lennis Maxine (1905-1993) and Rex Newell (1913-2003).

Effie was a busy mother, making wedding dresses, raising chickens, milking a cow, delivering eggs, milk and cream to the townspeople. When her bees swarmed, Effie put on her bee bonnet, got her bee smoker and chased her bees.

Earl married Linda Veale, a classmate, and had two sons, Bob and Don Moore. They lived most of their lives in Aurora, Missouri. Lennis Maxine married Galen Louis Ebersold and had five children; Hazel Iris, January 1, 1925; Kenton Louis, April 13, 1926; Barbara Louise, July 31, 1927; Marion Dale, July 10, 1929; and Stanley Lee, September 23, 1935. Rex married Ruth Willis, and they had one son, Russell Moore.



Rozelle and Effie Moore and family, 1936 - First row: Rozelle Moore, Kenton Ebersold, Dale Ebersold, Effie Moore and Rex Moore. Second row: Galen Ebersold, Hazel (Ebersold) Whorton, Irene Moore, Maxine (Moore) Ebersold holding Stanley Lee Ebersold. Third row: On horse are Betty Moore and Barbara (Ebersold) Phillips Romanzak.

Earl and family are buried in Aurora, Missouri. Rozelle, Effie, Hazel Florence, Lennis Maxine Ebersold and Rex are all buried in the Oak Grove Cemetery.

Submitted by Kenton Ebersold

WESLEY AND NELLIE MUNSHAW

Wesley Henry Munshaw was born in 1878. His great-grandparents emigrated from Amsterdam, Holland, in the 1830s. Wesley was one of eight children born to Joseph Jackson Munshaw and Janette Stephenson. Wesley married Nellie Whetsell in 1905. They settled in Union Star and had seven children. Their first son, Joseph William, was born in 1906. He married Lola Jackson in 1924, and they had three sons, Joseph, William and Harvey. Mable Janette was born in 1908. She married Criss Welsh. They had three children, Violet, Chriselda and Jackie Joseph. Their third child, John Wesley, was born in 1910. He married Lucy Heller. Two daughters were born to this union, Rebecca and Laura. Nellie Opal was Wesley and Nellie's fourth child. Nellie was born in 1912. She married James Shiverdecker. They had four children, Nellie Lee, Shirley Ellen, James Howard and Sharon Kay. Their fifth child was a son, Howard Reynolds Munshaw. Howard was born in 1914. He married Fannie Lee Gross, and they had three children: Howard Lee, Patricia Dee and Sally Jo. Ruth Madeline, born July 2, 1920, was Wesley and Nellie's sixth child. Ruth married Robert Wayne Henderson. They had twin daughters, Patty Ann and Peggy Jane. Ruby Maxine was the seventh and last child of Wesley and Nellie. Ruby married Roland Chapman, and they had one son, Roland Dean. Wesley and Nellie were hard-working people. Wesley helped build the Union Star School. Wesley died in 1935. Nellie died in 1975. They are both buried in the Union Star Cemetery.

Submitted by Patty Krull

OTT-IRWIN FAMILY



Home of Ernest and Nancy Ott in Union Star.

Ernest V. Ott was born on a farm south of Union Star on January 7, 1895. His family moved into town soon after that. After finishing school here, he attended the Chicago Art Institute until he enlisted in the Army in 1917. He was discharged in March 1919. He returned to Union Star and opened a restaurant with his brother, Cecil.



Rick and Marcia Irwin

Nancy Maureen Woolery was born in Amity, Missouri, on November 4, 1895. She moved to Union Star with her parents in 1912.

On October 28, 1924, she and Ernest were married. They had two daughters, Patricia and Barbara. He served on the Union Star School Board until his death



Beck and Joan Irwin



Dan and Gwen Irwin

in 1935. Nancy died in 1969.

Patricia Ott married William Irwin on April 6, 1947. They have three sons, Richard, Ernest and Daniel.

Richard married Marcia Andrews. Their children include: Rebecca, who married Dennis Sword, and has a son, Ty; Gena, who married Ralph Cothran, and has a daughter, Amanda; Bradley; and Sherry.

Ernest "Beck" married Joan Whorton. Their children are Lesa, who married Dennis Townsend, and has three sons, Luke, Dawson and Hawkins; Scot married Rian Richards, and has two daughters, Kylee and Myka; Beth, who married Elijah Chambers; and Brent.

Daniel married Gwen Flanagan, and their children are Ryan and Jesse.

Submitted by Patricia Irwin

SAMUEL OTT FAMILY

Samuel Ott and his twin brother, Daniel, were born May 5, 1844, in Elkhart County, Indiana. They were the youngest of 13 children of Mary and Jacob Ott.

Samuel served in the Union Army during the Civil War. He was discharged in Victoria, Texas, in September 1865.



Samuel Ott home in Union Star.

In 1867 he moved with his family to Missouri where they settled on 225 acres of land just south of Third Fork Post Office, later called Union Star.

On February 11, 1872, he married Martha Jane Gage of DeKalb County. They were the parents of seven children: Lena Rockhold, Albert, Frank, Cecil and Ernest. Two sons died when very young.

Samuel died June 7, 1926. Martha died February 22, 1945. They are buried in the Oak Grove Cemetery.

Submitted by Patricia Irwin

LARRY AND BELINDA PEARL FAMILY

Larry and Belinda Pearl and children Matthew Alan and Laura Beth moved to the Union Star area in August of 1989.

Larry, the son of Doris and the late LaVerne Pearl, is a 1968 graduate of King City High School and a 1972 graduate of Northwest Missouri State University. He married Belinda Clevenger



Pearl Family - Larry Pearl, Belinda Pearl, Laura (Pearl) Coffey, John Coffey and Matthew Pearl. The photo was taken on John and Laura Coffey's wedding day, July 24, 2004.

on December 23, 1973. After his teaching for several years and working for various newspapers including the *Tri-County News* in King City, Larry and Belinda purchased that publication in 2000 and operate it presently.

Larry's parents lived in Union Star for several months before LaVerne's death in 1990. At that time they were making plans to make the town their permanent home.

Belinda, the daughter of Kenneth and Shirley Clevenger, is a 1970 graduate of Cameron High School and 1974 graduate of Northwest Missouri State University. After teaching for four years, she was a stay-at-home mother for 11 years and returned to teaching by accepting a position as K-12 librarian and junior high language arts teacher in the Union Star School system. She remains in that position today, and she also coaches the junior high and varsity academic teams.

Matthew graduated as valedictorian of the Union Star High School Class of 1996. He graduated with a bachelor of science in secondary education in 2000 and a master of arts degree in English in 2002 from Northwest Missouri State University. He is currently in his third year of teaching English and journalism at South Nodaway High School, Barnard, Missouri.

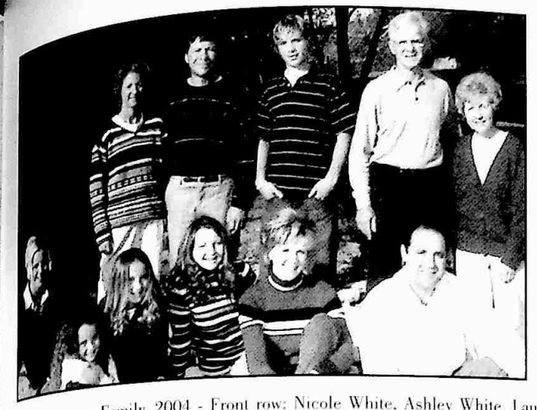
Laura graduated from Union Star High School in 1998 as co-valedictorian. She also continued her education at NWMSU, earning a bachelor of science degree in journalism and writing in 2002 and a master of arts degree in English in 2004. On July 24, 2004, she married John Coffey of Harrisonville, Missouri. She is currently employed by KU Medical Center as an editor for the hospital's in-house publication. John is self-employed in property management.

Larry, Belinda, Matthew and Laura are all members of First Nodaway Primitive Baptist Church in Savannah, Missouri, and Larry and Matthew are both ordained ministers in that faith. Larry co-pastors the First Nodaway Church as well as pastoring churches in Maryville, Missouri, and Winterset, Iowa.

DAVID AND MARILYN PETERSON

David Peterson grew up on a dairy farm near Cosby, Missouri. He graduated from Savannah High School in 1956, and his future wife, Marilyn Blessing, graduated from King City High School in 1957. She continued her education at Gards Business College for one year. David and Marilyn married in 1959. Marilyn was later employed at KFEQ-TV in St. Joseph, Missouri, while David worked at Armour in St. Joseph. In 1963 they purchased a dairy farm near Union Star. They operated the farm from 1969-1985. While managing the farm, David attained employment at Weyerhauser in St. Joseph from 1985-1992. Marilyn also took employment as a postal clerk from 1979-1992. While employed at the Union Star Post Office and King City Post Office, she also worked as a clerk in the evenings at the St. Joseph Post Office for six years. Marilyn is currently a postmaster at Altamont, Missouri, and David resides on the farm.

David and Marilyn have two children: Rodney and Linda. Rodney married Brenda McGuire on August 1, 1980. They have two



David Peterson Family, 2004 - Front row: Nicole White, Ashley White, Laura White, Linda White and Jeff White. Back row: Krystle Peterson, Brenda Peterson, Rodney Peterson, Daniel Peterson, David Peterson and Marilyn Peterson.

children: Krystle and Daniel. Rodney is employed at the Callaway Water District in Fulton, Missouri, while Brenda is employed at Callaway Community Hospital in Fulton. Krystle is a freshman at Columbia College and also works at Callaway Community Hospital. Daniel is a senior at Fulton High School. Linda married Jeff White of King City, Missouri, on August 12, 1989. Linda is employed at Cox Hospital in Springfield, Missouri, as a medical transcriptionist. Jeff is employed by Cargill as a consultant. Jeff and Linda have three daughters: Laura, 13; Ashley, 11; and Nicole, 7. They attend school in Republic, Missouri.

Submitted by Marilyn Peterson

DANNY PHILLIPS FAMILY

Danny, Meredith "Mindi" and Drew Phillips have resided in Union Star since April 1998. Danny and Mindi bought their three-bedroom home on Maple Street from Rodney and Virginia Bowman who had done extensive remodeling.



Phillips Family - Front: Drew Ellen. Back: Danny and Mindi.

Danny was born in Brookfield in January 1975, to Ellen (Hunter) Phillips. He lived in Mendon, Missouri; San Diego, California; and Chicago, Illinois, before landing in Trenton, Missouri, where he started kindergarten. He transferred to Mendon in sixth grade and graduated in 1993 from Northwestern High School. He took a year off to work before entering North Central Missouri College in Trenton in the fall of 1994. His parents, Ellen and Dennis Still, reside in Sumner.

Mindi was born in Bethany in March 1975, to Sherri Supinger. She grew up near Gentry and attended Albany R-III Schools. In 1993 Mindi graduated from Albany R-III High School and North Central Area Vo-Tech School in Bethany with a certificate in construction technology. She enrolled in NCMC in Trenton in the fall of 1993 and graduated with an associate degree in 1994. Her parents, Mike and Sherri Bain, reside in Gentry.

Danny and Mindi met at NCMC and later married. Mindi held various positions at the Trenton R-9 Schools. Danny worked at Pamida and NCMC. They both worked at the *Trenton Republican-Times*. Drew Ellen was born in June 1996. In 1998 the family moved to Union Star for Mindi's job with Bain Painting Inc. near Avenue City, Missouri.

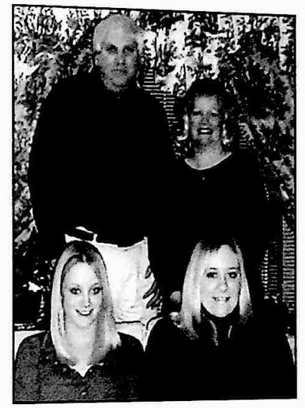
Danny is now a very busy homemaker and freelance writer. Mindi continues to work as an estimator for her family's commercial/industrial painting company and has served on the city council. Drew Ellen is an above-average student in Union Star School and plays tee-ball in the summer.

Submitted by Mindi Phillips

RICK AND MARTHA POTTER FAMILY

Rick Potter was born July 7, 1957, in St. Joseph, Missouri. He was the son of the late Elvin and Betty Potter. Rick attended school in St. Joseph until the eighth grade. His father worked for Swift Packing House until they closed. They then moved to a farm near Ford City. Rick graduated from King City High School in 1975.

Martha Potter was born May 14, 1956, in St. Joseph. Her parents are William H. "Bill" and Clara (Hutchcraft) Smith. They lived on a farm near Flagsprings and later moved to a farm near Union Star. When Martha was in the sixth grade, they moved into Union Star. Martha attended Union Star School all 12 years, graduating in 1974.



Potter Family, 2004 - Front: Lacey and Ashley. Back: Rick and Martha.

Rick and Martha married on September 11, 1976, at the Baptist Church in Union Star. In 1976 they bought the former Whit & Ruby Barker home on Locust Street in Union Star where they still reside. Rick and Martha have two daughters. Ashley Lynn was born October 17, 1985, in St. Joseph. Lacey Renee was born in St. Joseph on May 31, 1989. Ashley attended Union Star School and graduated in 2004. She now attends Northwest Missouri State University in Maryville, Missouri. Lacey is a sophomore at Union Star High School.

Rick worked at Johnson Controls in St. Joseph for 15 years. He then became licensed in insurance and securities. He worked for Prudential Insurance Co. for four years before leaving to manage the Investment Center at North American Bank in St. Joseph for six years. He then started his own business, Potter Financial Services, in St. Joseph on January 1, 2003.

Martha has worked at the Union Star School since 1995 in the cafeteria. She became cafeteria manager in 2001. Martha has worked the last four summers at the North Belt K-Mart store in St. Joseph in the garden center where she waters and takes care of their flowers. If you ever see her backyard, you will know she loves flowers. She is an active member of the GFWC Town and Country Club.

Submitted by Martha Potter

GREG AND SHARON POTTRATZ

Gregory Alan Pottratz, son of Milton and Nadine Pottratz, was born in La Crosse, Wisconsin, on July 18, 1947. Greg moved with his family from New Albin, Iowa, to Missouri in 1954. Greg graduated from Union Star R-II School in 1965 and from Northwest Missouri State University in 1970 with a BA in agriculture. On June 24, 1967, Greg was united in marriage to Sharon Lee Molloy at the First Presbyterian Church of Union Star.

Sharon, daughter of Russell and Alice Molloy, was born on June 29, 1947, in Maysville, Missouri. She graduated from Savannah High School in 1965 and from Northwest Missouri State University in 1970 with a BS in education and later a master's in elementary



Pottratz Family - Jason, Greg, Sharon and Laura Pottratz.

education. Sharon has taught school at Pattonsburg, King City, Avenue City, Union Star and at the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York.

Upon Greg's discharge from the Army in 1972, Greg and Sharon left West Point to return to Missouri to purchase a farm eight and a half miles east of Union Star. They have two children: Jason Alan, born September 9, 1973, and Laura Lee, born July 20, 1978.

Jason and Laura both graduated from Union Star R-II. Jason graduated in 1991 and Laura in 1996. Jason earned a degree from the University of Missouri at Columbia in 1997. Laura attended Missouri Western College. She married James Donald Ratliff on November 25, 2000, in Hinesville, Georgia. They have two children: Palmer Alan, born May 14, 2001, in Watertown, New York, and Averie Elizabeth, born September 5, 2003, in Goveneur, New York.

Submitted by Sharon Pottratz

M. MICHAEL AND BETTY ANN (EBERSOLD) POTTRATZ FAMILY

Betty Ann was born August 14, 1951, in King City, Missouri, to Kenton and Betty (Gibson) Ebersold who now live in Union Star. On November 1, 1970, Betty Ann married M. Michael Pottratz at Orchid Christian Church. Mike was born in St. Joseph, Missouri, on November 21, 1945. His parents are Milton and Nadine (Teaford) Pottratz and live on a farm near Union Star, Missouri.

Betty Ann graduated from Union Star High School in May of 1969, and in June worked at the King City Manor and then worked at the St. Joseph Hospital in the surgery unit and worked there until their first son was born. At the present time she and Mike have an assisted living business in their home in Warsaw, Missouri, and have five residents.



Mike and Betty Ann Pottratz Family in 2004 - Brian, Scott, Betty Ann, Mike and Corey.

Mike graduated from high school in 1964 and then attended U. S. Trade School in Kansas City for automotive repair for a year. In December of 1965, he entered the U. S. Navy and took basic in San Diego. After three tours in Vietnam, one aboard ship and two shore based, he left active duty in July of 1969, and settled in St. Joseph, Missouri, and worked at Wire Rope Corp. and Speedliner Marine. Presently, he owns and operates a remodeling business in Warsaw, Missouri.

Brian Michael Pottratz was born July 7, 1972. He married Shannon Richards August 5, 2000, and has a three-year-old daughter, Megan Christine. Brian has worked for R-K Mechanical for the last six years and is lead man on a major renovation at Denver International Airport.

Scott Ryan Pottratz was born May 1, 1975, and lives in Avon, Colorado. He has groomed ski slopes at Beaver Creek Ski Resort for ten years and does excavating in the summer. He is also an EMT and member of the Eagle River Fire Protection District trained in mountain rescue.

Corey Joseph Pottratz was born December 28, 1977, and lives in Broomfield, Colorado. After graduating from Faith Baptist High School, he went to work at DIA as a fueler for American Airlines and later went to work for, and was a third owner of, Alpine Aircraft Detailing. He now has his own carpet care business and also is on staff at a large church in Westminster, Colorado.

Submitted by Betty Ann Pottratz

MILTON AND NADINE POTTRATZ FAMILY

The first Pottratz family member to come to America from West Prussia, Germany, was Ferdinand Pottratz, a great uncle to Milton. He came in 1854 and landed in New York state, then to Virginia, then to Du Page County, Illinois, then to Eitzen, Minnesota, where he stayed. Carl August, Milton's grandfather and Ferdinand's brother, came to America in the early 1860s and also settled in Eitzen, Minnesota.



Milton Pottratz Family, August 2000 - Little ones in front: Kristen Keith and Ashlee Dovenbarger. Front row: Nadine Pottratz, Curt Pottratz, Jessica Keith holding Samantha Keith, Mike Pottratz, Betty Ann Pottratz, Laura Pottratz, Jason Pottratz, Sharon Pottratz, Christi Lewis and Milton Pottratz. Back row: Scott Pottratz, Corey Pottratz, Shannon Pottratz, Brian Pottratz, Greg Pottratz, David Lewis and Andrew Lewis.

Milton Morris Pottratz was born on August 12, 1922, in New Albin, Iowa, to August Michael and Alvina Kathryn (Klinski). He was the youngest of seven children. He graduated from Lansing, Iowa, High School in 1940. Milton joined the Navy in August of 1940, and left the service in 1946. He married Nadine Fern Teaford on February 14, 1945, in Long Beach, California. Nadine was born in Helena, Missouri, on February 18, 1921, to Earl Washington and Ruth Fern (Noe). Nadine was the youngest of three children. She graduated from Lafayette High School in St. Joseph, Missouri, in 1938 and from St. Joseph Junior College in St. Joseph, Missouri, in 1940.

After Milton left the service, they settled in New Albin, Iowa, where he farmed and had a dairy herd together with his brother, Floyd. In February 1954, Milton and Nadine moved their family to a farm south of King City along with half of the dairy herd. They retired in 1987 and still reside on the farm.

Their four children are Milton Michael, born November 21, 1945. He graduated from Union Star High School in 1964. Gregory Alan was born July 18, 1947, and graduated from Union Star High School in 1965. Curtis Glen was born March 24, 1951, and graduated from Union Star High School in 1969, and Christi Sue was born April 27, 1953, and graduated from Union Star High School in 1971.

On November 1, 1970, Michael married Betty Ann Ebersold. They have three sons: Brian Michael, born July 7, 1972; Scott Ryan, born May 1, 1975; and Corey Joseph, born December 28, 1978.

On June 24, 1967, Greg married Sharon Lee Molloy. They have two children, Jason Alan, born September 9, 1973, and Laura Lee, born July 20, 1978.

On October 23, 1977, Curtis married Mindy Jo Thompson. They have one daughter, Jessica Ann, born October 14, 1978. They were divorced in September 1984.

On August 10, 1974, Christi married David William Lewis. They have one son, Andrew David, born February 28, 1984.

Submitted by Christi Lewis

ALVIN AND MYRTLE (TROTTER) PRICE FAMILY

Alvin Price (1870-1957) was the son of Aaron and Melinda (Hite) Price. Melinda and Aaron Price moved from Indiana to a farm near Union Star. Alvin married Myrtle Trotter (1875-1972). Myrtle was the daughter of John Brinton and Florence Trotter.



Alvin and Myrtle Price enjoyed the centennial celebration in 1956.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Price were the parents of six children. Mary married Royal Stewart. Their children are LeRoy Stewart and Phyllis (Stewart) Hall. Chester married Golda Macklin and had two children: Anabel (Price) Lindley and Morris Price. Brinton married Maurine Russell. Their children are William Price and Daryl Price. Carl Price was the next son of Alvin and Myrtle. Florence married Joseph Jestes. They had one daughter named Ruth Ann (Jestes) Ebersold. Charlie Paul married Vivian Goodnight. Their two children are Kathy (Price) Fredricks and David Price.



Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Price were married December 21, 1892. This picture was taken when they were observing their 55th wedding anniversary. Front row: Florence Jestes, Myrtle Price, Alvin Price and Carl Price. Back row: Chester Price, Mary Stewart, Brinton Price and Charlie Paul Price.

In later years after they had retired from the farm to live in Union Star, Alvin enjoyed gardening and walking downtown to visit with some of the "older fellows." Myrtle spent a lot of time in her chair piecing quilts for family and friends. If she was not quilting, she was writing letters and enjoying a lively correspondence with many friends.

Submitted by Ruth Ann Ebersold

CHESTER AND GOLDA PRICE FAMILY

Chester William Price was born September 5, 1895, near Union Star. He was the oldest son of Alvin and Myrtle (Trotter) Price. His brothers and sisters were Mary Stewart, Brinton Price, Florence Jestes, Carl Price and Charlie Paul Price. Chester married Golda Macklin on January 3, 1917. Golda, who was born February 12, 1898, moved with her parents, Rufus and Minnie Belle Macklin, and her siblings, Roscoe and Anna Moore, to the Union Star area from Shelby County, Illinois, in 1903. Another brother, Floyd, was born after their move to Missouri.



Chester and Golda Price, 1967

A year after their marriage, Chester and Golda bought the farm where Golda grew up in the Orchid community and lived there until 1970 when they moved into Union Star. In addition to farming, Chester sold insurance, worked as a surveyor for the Soil Conservation Service in DeKalb County and was among those who organized the Orchid Community 4-H Club. Golda was a loving, nurturing mother and grandmother who enjoyed quilting and gardening. Chester was a member of the Union Star Masonic Lodge, and both Chester and Golda were members of the Orchid Christian Church. Golda died March 31, 1972, and Chester on February 13, 1993. They are buried in the King City Cemetery.



Price Family in 2003 - First row: Jeff, Jennifer holding Tori, Keith, Kelsey, Annette and Megan. Second row: Carol, Traci, Walker and Susan. Third row: Sue, Laura, Belva, Morris and Marcia. Fourth row: Chuck, Gary, Emily, Ed and Patrick.

Chester and Golda had a daughter, Anabel, and a son, Chester Morris. Anabel was born July 26, 1926, and died October 2, 1950. She married Russell Lindley, and they had two daughters, Carol Blankenship and Sue Burow. Russell subsequently married Laura Miller and moved to Albuquerque, New Mexico, where he died in 1960. Carol lives in Littleton, North Carolina. Her son, Patrick, who lives in Atlanta, Georgia, is married to Traci (Fulton) and has a son, Keith. Sue is married to Chuck Burow, and they live in El Paso, Texas. Their daughter, Jennifer, who lives in Denton, Texas, is married to Jeff McCall, and they have two daughters, Tori and Hannah.

Chester Morris, born February 22, 1934, is married to Belva (Humphrey), and they live in Kansas City. They have four children: Annette, Marcia, Gary and Ed. Annette and her son, Walker, live in Nederland, Colorado; Marcia and her daughter, Kelsey, live in Republic, Missouri. Gary, his wife, Susan, and daughters Emily and Megan live in Kansas City. Ed also lives in Kansas City.

Submitted by Carol (Lindley) Blankenship

FLORA PYLES

Flora (Turner) Pyles was born October 9, 1924, to Harley J. and Ida (Ballentine) Turner of King City, Missouri, in DeKalb County. I graduated from the rural Waldo Grade School in 1938 (eight grades). I attended Union Star High School seven months of my freshman year. My parents moved to Helena, Missouri, and I com-



Flora Pyles Family early in 1969 - Front row: Virginia, James and Richard. Back row: Flora, Wayne and Barbara.

pleted high school at Helena in May 1942.

The following fall I attended Platt-Gard Business University in St. Joseph and studied there for several months, then went to work at the Empire Trust Company. After several months, I left the bank and went to work at Smith Brothers Manufacturing Company which was a clothing manufacturer and also filled government contracts during World War II. I started as a secretary, but after several months transferred to the payroll department and worked there until 1950. I quit and stayed home when my first child was born. I married a high school schoolmate, Wayne Pyles, in June of 1946. My first son was born in January 1950, followed by a daughter in 1954, another daughter in 1956 and another son in 1959. We lived in or near St. Joseph from 1943 until 1991. All the children graduated from Savannah High School. Wayne retired from the United States Post Office in 1985, and I retired in 1987 from Stetson Hat Company after working there 17 years. In 1991 my husband and I moved back to DeKalb County near Union Star on my father's farm. My husband passed away in 1993, but I still reside on my parents' farm.

Most of my father's family came here from Tennessee; however, my grandfather Turner came to the United States from Ireland as an orphan when he was only four years old. The older Turner members are buried at Winslow Cemetery southeast of King City, Missouri.

Most of my mother's immediate family came from Kansas and are descendants of the Heath family—many of whom are buried at the Oak Grove Cemetery southeast of Union Star.

My oldest son, James, married Loleta Schmoe in 1972 and has two children—Ginny and Todd. Virginia, my second child, was not a well person and passed away at the age of 24. My second daughter, Barbara, married Robert Kelly in 1985, and they live in Savannah with four children: Chaz, Patrick and ten-year-old twins, Gailynn and Andrew. The youngest of my children, Richard, married Kari Combs in 1980, and they have a 15-year-old daughter, Katie, and two sons, Jason, 12 years old, and Eric, 11 years old.

Submitted by Flora Pyles

REDDING-MOORE FAMILY

One early family of the area, James Redding and his wife Lucinda (Felts) Redding, traveled by covered wagon and settled southeast of what is now Union Star in 1846. Redding, his sons and others later hauled lumber from St. Joseph to build the Oak Grove Church in that neighborhood around 1860. James and Lucinda were the parents of Susan, William, Nathan, Nancy, James Isaac, Sarah, George, Lucinda Viola, Mary, Ora Bell and Ida.

In 1881 Redding purchased lots on the southwest corner of Third and Cedar streets in Union Star and established a grocery store that, except for a period of several years, was operated by the



Original store in Union Star, 1916 - Jim Redding, (in back) Curtiss VanGilder, (standing) Wm. Redding and (sitting) Joe Veal.

Redding family for four generations.

In the late 1890s James Redding's son, William, purchased the store back from the interim owner, Charles Ruby, and operated a grocery store and meat market. William and his wife, Susan Mary (Johnson) Redding, were the parents of nine children—Effie, Charles, Cora Bell, Frank, Clarence, Mazella, William Curtis, James S. and Josephine.

James S. assumed operation of the store in 1915 and updated the facility as modern innovations became available. Improvements and additions to the business included the installation of a locker plant, ice house (between Third Fork Bridge and the depot) and a butchering and processing plant, making him a pioneer in using these modern methods in the area.

The death of James S. in 1951 left his widow, Dorsie Marie (Creason), to run the business until 1956 when she sold the store to her daughter and son-in-law, Claylain and Dale Moore. Dorsie is remembered for her 1956 appearance on "Queen for a Day," a popular nationally broadcast program that rewarded contestants who presented their wishes for worthy causes.

Dorsie asked for aid in converting the basement of the Christian Church in Union Star into classrooms and a recreation area.

Claylain and Dale continued to operate the store until 1970 when they sold the store to Billy and Clara Smith. The Smiths renamed the store Smith's Market. On April 1, 1970, Dale Moore was hired by N. W. Keatley at the First Security Bank in Union Star and eventually became president of that institution. Dale passed away on March 1, 2001.

The Moores had one son, Michael. Michael's sons are Douglas and Ryan. Claylain, Douglas and Douglas' children, Jill and Jacob, are currently residents of Union Star. Ryan lives in Omaha, Nebraska.

ED AND ELEANOR RICHEY

Ed and Eleanor Richey moved to the Union Star area after purchasing the "McBride Farm" in April of 1959. They had two sons, Rod, who was four years old, and Tom, who was four months old, when the family moved to Union Star.

Ed was born in Barnard, Missouri, to Francis and Bonnie Richey. He graduated from Barnard High School. After graduation, he was employed by Swift and Company. When the Korean War began, Ed enlisted in the United States Marine Corps and attained the rank of sergeant. He was stationed at Camp LeJeune in Jacksonville, North Carolina, and Camp Pendleton in Oceanside, California.

Shortly before the end of his tour of duty with the Marines, Ed married Eleanor Medsker from Skidmore, Missouri. Her parents were Lois and R. G. Medsker. Eleanor went to Skidmore High



Richey Family, 1999 - Front row: Racheal, Eleanor, Ed and Kelly Richey. Back row: Felicia, Tom, Ryan, Rod and Sherri Richey.

School and following graduation attended Platt Business School. The couple enjoyed life in California until Ed's discharge when they relocated to St. Joseph, Missouri. Eleanor was employed by Noma Lights in St. Joseph. Ed was again employed by Swift and Company and farmed part-time until 1966 when he began farming full-time for many years until his health forced him to retire. Ed was also a successful Dekalb Seed salesman for 25 years. In addition to being a farmer's wife and mother of two, Eleanor worked for a while at the Farmer's State and People's Bank in Union Star.

Ed served the community as a member of the Union Star Lions Club. As president, he led the Lions Club in the inaugural Union Star Tractor Pull. He also served on the Union Star R-II School Board and on the Union Star United Methodist Church Board.

Ed Richey died on October 31, 2004.

Submitted by Eleanor Richey

ROD AND SHERRI RICHEY

Rod Richey graduated from USHS in 1972 and graduated from Northwest Missouri State University at Maryville, Missouri, in 1977. He married Sherri (Cook) in 1980. Sherri is a graduate of Worth County High School and Northwest Missouri State University. She was a home economics teacher for six years before becoming a full-time homemaker.

Rod and Sherri have two children. Their son, Ryan, age 23, graduated from the University of Kansas in August of 2004, with a major in communications. Their daughter, Kelly, age 21, is currently a senior at KU with a double major in journalism and political science.

Rod and his family now live in Lee's Summit, Missouri. Rod served as a teacher and head basketball and softball coach in Iowa and Missouri for six years. In 1983 he became a State Farm agent in Maysville, Missouri, and has served in numerous management positions for State Farm in Kansas City, Missouri, and Topeka, Kansas.

Submitted by Eleanor Richey

TOM AND FELICIA RICHEY

Tom Richey graduated from USHS in 1976. Since graduation, Tom continues to farm and owns and operates a trucking business. Tom is also a longtime employee of Herzog Construction Company and is responsible for hauling Herzog's heavy construction equipment wherever it is needed.

Tom married Felicia (Bittiker) in 1980. Felicia worked for Steiner Express for a few years. Tom and Felicia lived on the former "Brumm Farm" for 17 years before purchasing the farm from his parents, Ed and Eleanor. After Ed and Eleanor moved into a new home in 1997, Tom's family moved to the Richey family farm home.

Tom and Felicia have one daughter, Racheal, who graduated from Maysville High School in 1999. Following graduation, Racheal enlisted in the United States Marine Corps. She is currently a corporal and is stationed at the USMC Air Station in Kaneohe, Hawaii, serving on a crash, fire and rescue team.

Submitted by Eleanor Richey

FRED RICHTER FAMILY

Fred Richter was born March 29, 1889, on the Richter farm four miles south of Union Star, Missouri. Fred was one of 11 children born to Robert and Louisa (Whitman) Richter. Robert emigrated from Germany to the U. S. at the age of 25. He was a lifelong carpenter and farmer.

Fred Richter married Elpha Petty of Clarksdale, Missouri, on April 25, 1929. Their children are Robert Lee, Herman Dale, Marvin J., Willis T. and Marjorie. All attended grade school at Glenwood District 65 and graduated from Union Star High School.

Robert married Patricia O'Neal. Their children are James, Jerry and Janice. Robert and Patricia divorced in 1992. Later Robert married Wanda Forsythe. Wanda suffered with ALS and passed away in 1999. Presently Robert is married to Adoline Clark. They live near Savannah, Missouri. Robert worked most of his life in construction trades. Before retiring he worked for Hutch's NW Missouri Inc.



In front is Marjorie (Richter) Campbell. In back are Marvin Richter, Herman Richter, Robert Richter and Willis Richter.

Herman married Donna Jones of Agency, Missouri, August 31, 1958. Their children are Karen and Lisa. Herman retired from Honeywell Corporation in Kansas City, Missouri, on September 23, 1993, after 35 years service. He also served with the U. S. Air Force during the Korean Conflict. Herman and Donna live in Lee's Summit, Missouri.

Marvin married Lois Martin of Malvern, Iowa, December 24, 1954. Marvin and Lois are lifelong farmers and live near Silver City, Iowa. Their children are Carol, Barbara, Shari, Linda and Martin. Marvin served in the Missouri National Guard for a time after high school.

Willis married Diana Hector of Rochester, Missouri, September 1, 1961. Their children are Carmen, Jeffrey and Sutton. On July 19, 1990, Diana was killed in an auto accident in Lincoln, Nebraska. On May 20, 1992, Willis married Sally Garber. Willis retired from Yellow Freight after 35 years of over-the-road trucking. Willis served in the Missouri National Guard for a time after high school. Willis and Sally live near St. Joseph, Missouri.

Marjorie married David Campbell of Rochester, Missouri, November 27, 1964. They farmed east of Union Star, Missouri, until 1992 when they bought a farm near Weatherby, Missouri, and moved there. Their children are Fred and Susan. Along with being a homemaker, Marjorie is an Avon representative.

Submitted by Herman Richter

Union Star for 50 years. They farm and operate a land improvement business.



Ray and Donna Schnitker

They have four children: Joyce Ann Hutchcraft, Douglas Ray, Janet Lee Smith and Donald Jay. They have 12 grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Their families are as follows:

Ernest and Joyce Hutchcraft have two sons, Bradley Edward and Scott Ray, and a daughter-in-law, Elizabeth Ann (Walker) Hutchcraft.

Doug and Rhonda (Baker) have three sons: Henry Weston, Phillip Arlin and Mitchell Douglas, and a daughter-in-law, Brianne (Johnson) Schnitker.

William and Janet Smith have children Lisa Marie Farmer and Michael William, son-in-law Chad Edward Farmer and grandson Holden John Farmer.

Donald and DeeAnn (Nold) have children Caitlin Marie and Evan Jay Schnitker.

Submitted by Rhonda Schnitker

SCHOTTEL FAMILY

The "Harvey Schottel" family purchased the Woods farm on April 3, 1953. This 40-acre farm was located approximately two and three-fourths miles north and west of Union Star. Harvey (December 25, 1924) and Madeline (Fansher July 21, 1927) Schottel brought with them Franklin E. (April 3,1948) and Eva F. (January 30, 1950). Later on they birthed Arthur L. (March 26, 1956), Philip D. (March 9, 1960) and Linda C. (October 9,1963).

Harvey was employed by Armour's Packing Plant in St. Joseph for 43 years while Madeline was a very hard-working stay-at-home mom. Harvey and Madeline supplemented the income from Armour's by operating a small farm raising livestock, row crops, pasture and hay. The Schottel family was also well known for their large truck garden. Much produce was grown and preserved to last throughout the winter. The same was true of the 200 chickens that were raised, dressed and frozen to supplement the year's meals.

Harvey died on July 9, 1999, and Madeline died on July 10, 2002.

Franklin graduated from USHS in 1966, BSED NWMSU 1970, MSED NWMSU 1974 and EDSP MU 1979. He taught for five years, served as a secondary principal for four years and was superintendent of schools for 21 years and is currently retired. He married Jean Randall (October 31, 1970) and they have two daughters, Laura (February 24, 1974) and Amy (October 15, 1976). Jean is currently a teacher in the Chillicothe R-II School District, Laura works for



Harvey Schottel Family, May 1970 - Front row: Philip (10), Eva (20,) Franklin (22) and Linda (7). Back row: Harvey (46), Madeline (43) and Arthur (14).

Ernst Young in St. Louis, Missouri, and Amy teaches at Ocean Palm Elementary in Ponte Vedra Beaches, Florida. Amy has one son, Austin F. (June 11, 2003). Frank and Jean currently live in Utica, Missouri.

Eva graduated from USHS in 1968 and received a BSED NWMSU in 1972. She has taught math and sciences for a total of 28 years at Brunswick, Gallatin, Maysville, Smithton and East Buchanan. She retired from East Buchanan School District after serving there for 17 years. In her retirement Eva keeps busy with various part-time employment. She currently resides in Union Star.

Arthur graduated from USHS in 1974 and immediately went to work for Herzog Construction Company spending much time in the San Diego, California, area. Later on he moved back to Washington, Kansas. Arthur is the father of two daughters: Ranai (May 6, 1982) and Ronica (March 25, 1985). Ranai is currently a 911 dispatcher and EMT in Washington, Kansas, and Ronica attends college and works part-time. Arthur currently resides in Washington, Kansas, and is employed by the Kansas State Highway Department and has occasionally worked at part-time agriculture-oriented jobs.

Philip graduated from USHS in 1978 and attended NWMSU. While at NWMSU he was employed by the Golden Corral Steak House. This led him to managing a Golden Corral at Leavenworth, Kansas. He married Kristi Herring (1980 USHS graduate) on December 21, 1986. They have two children: Conrad (February 4, 1991) and Sadie (May 22, 1994). They currently reside in Kearney, Missouri, where the children attend school. Phil is currently a market manager for Rent-a-Center, and Kristi is a preschool teacher.

Linda graduated from USHS in 1982 and received a BSED NWMSU in 1987. Her first employment was with a five-county community services headquartered in Nodaway County. She later worked for the Missouri Department of Corrections at Maryville and then transferred to a like facility in St. Joseph, Missouri. On June 24, 2000, she married Dan Reardon (currently works for A-1 Trucking). Linda and Dan are the parents of a son, Adam (February 16, 2001). While not working in St. Joseph, Dan, Linda and Adam help with Dan's parents' farming operation. Dan, Linda and Adam currently live in rural Clarksdale, Missouri.

Submitted by Franklin Schottel

MICHAEL SHANKS FAMILY

Madison Lee Shanks, born March 18, 1911, moved his family to the farm east of Union Star, Missouri, in the summer of 1958. He and Deane, born February 6, 1917, spent 34 years there and raised four children, Michael, Philip, Vincent and Marsha, at the place each still remembers as one of the nicest and friendliest communi-



Shanks Family in 1992 at Madison and Deane Shanks' 50th wedding anniversary - Front: Philip Shanks, Vincent Shanks, Marsha Johnson, Shirley Shanks and Michael Shanks. Middle: Pam Shanks, Casey Shanks, Linda Shanks and Joe Johnson. Back: Michael Johnson, Chad Shanks, Jeff Shanks, Madison Shanks, Deane Shanks, Kelsey Shanks, Taira Johnson, Stacy Shanks and Michelle Shanks.



Michael and Shirley Shanks Family in December 2003 - Front: Brett, Roxanne, Shirley, Michelle and Maggie. Back: Chad, Michael S. and Michael W.

ties that you could ever call home. Madison and Deane resided there until his death on August 6, 1992. Deane moved to 1613 Buckingham, St. Joseph, Missouri, where she resided for eight years.

Michael was born in St. Louis, Missouri, on November 14, 1946. He graduated from Union Star High School in 1965 and went to college at Warrensburg, Missouri. He married Shirley Huffman on July 27, 1968, and they lived in Warrensburg until he went into the Army in the fall of 1969. Chad Michael was born on February 7, 1971, in Okinawa where they were stationed for 18 months. After the service, Michael finished his degree from Missouri Western State College in 1973 and joined Safeway Stores in Kansas City. Michelle was born July 19, 1974, in Kansas City. Michael was transferred to San Francisco in 1976 where they lived four years before moving to Denver, Colorado, in 1980. In 2004 he is procurement manager of meat operations and started his 31st year with Safeway Inc. Shirley has been with Cherry Creek Schools in the library for 23 years.

Chad went to college in Missouri, married Roxanne Schottel on August 7, 1993, and resides off old Cosby Road. Chad is a RN in a private practice, and Roxanne is head of respiratory therapy at Heartland East. Brett Michael will start kindergarten at Avenue City in the fall of 2005.

Michelle married Michael Weeks June 26, 1999, and resides in Aurora, Colorado. They have two daughters, Maggie and Madison Marie.

Submitted by Michael Shanks

SLAWSON FAMILY

Wes and Bell (Bostwick) Slawson were born in Andrew County, Missouri, in 1880 and 1884. However, they spent a good part of their life in Union Star. During the 1930s, they lived in the same house that was their home when they retired. It is now Hutch's business. During the building of the viaduct, Wes was one of the workers.



Wesley and Bell Slawson, June 1956

They married in 1915 and were the parents of three children. Margaret is the mother of Shirley McClain and Roger Collier. The middle child, Thomas, died as an infant. Wes Francis "Frank" served in the Navy during World War II. He married Doris Drummond, and they moved from the farm to St. Joseph, Missouri. They are the parents of three sons, Thomas, Steven and David.

Margaret worked at the Remington Defense Plant during World War II; after the war she opened a beauty shop on upper Main Street in Union Star.

Shirley lived with her grandparents while they farmed in the Waldo and Orchid communities and later with her mother where she attended five years of school in Union Star. There was an indoor theater built in Union Star about 1949, and Shirley was hired to work at the refreshment stand.

Margaret married Dorsey Collier, and they moved to Colorado in 1953. They are buried in Fort Logan Military Cemetery there. Their son, Roger, lives in Colorado.

Shirley married Darrell Holeman; they are the parents of three sons, Mike, Brian and Hilbert, and live on a farm near King City, Missouri.

Wes and Bell moved back to Union Star about 1950. They attended the Methodist Church and were active in the community.

Wes passed away in 1966 at his home, and Bell passed away in 1977. They are both buried in the Union Star Cemetery.

Submitted by Shirley (McClain) Holeman

BILL AND CLARA SMITH



Smith's Market

Clara May Hutchcraft and William Harold Smith were married August 26, 1951, at the Baptist Church in Union Star, Missouri. For a short time they lived in town where he was employed by the Union Star Truck and Tractor Company. They then moved to a farm near Whitesville and, in the spring of 1959, to a farm north of Union Star. In March of 1968, they moved into Union Star where Bill was employed at Moore's Market as a meat cutter. On April 1, 1970, they bought the store and locker plant from Dale and Claylain Moore and operated it until selling it to Glenn and Karen Fox January 1, 1995. Bill has had his real estate license since 1992 and currently works as a broker at Realty Executives NW Missouri in Savannah.



Clara and Bill Smith



The children of Bill and Clara Smith

The couple has four children: Terri Petty, Martha Potter, William Smith and Mary Marshall. They all reside with their families in or near Union Star.

Submitted by Clara Smith

KENNETH AND FLORENE SMITH FAMILY

Kenneth Smith was born November 22, 1907, in New Point, Missouri, to Wm. Shauck and Eunice C. (Kunkel) Smith and graduated from King City High School in 1927. Florene Smoot was born on January 9, 1915, in Union Star, Missouri, to Henly and Mary (Wagers) Smoot and graduated from Union Star High School in 1933

Kenneth and Florene were married on March 11, 1939. To this union were born six children: James Kenneth, January 25, 1940; Jerry Lee, March 7, 1942; Mary Catherine, June 8, 1944; Phyllis Jean, September 23, 1946; Roger Clayton, June 3, 1948; and Mickey Keith, October 2, 1952. All were graduates of USHS.



Smith Family, May 1983 - Front: Mickey, Kenneth, Florene and Jerry. Back: Phyllis Mueller, Jim, Roger and Mary Hill.

Kenneth was a farmer and loved raising cattle and working the soil. He also was a custodian for the Union Star School for 11 years and always found great joy in his job and being involved in the school activities. Florene was primarily a homemaker and always was proud to tell of her 24 grandchildren and 46 great-grandchildren. She was a cook at the school for 22 years.

Kenneth and Florene were both members of the Union Star United Methodist Church and were very dedicated in the faith. Both were avid sports fans and enjoyed attending all the area games possible. They lived west of Union Star on two different farms before moving into town in 1969 at 445 Cedar next to the Methodist Church where Florene was raised.

Kenneth deceased on December 18, 1986, at the age of 79 and was buried in Memorial Park Cemetery in St. Joseph, Missouri. Florene died on November 8, 2004, at the age of 89 and was laid to rest beside her husband.

Submitted by Tiffany Vaughn, Mickey Smith and Mary Hill

SMOOT FAMILY

Henly and Mary (Wagers) Smoot lived in the Taylor School District northeast of Union Star. They were the parents of twins born January 9, 1915, a son named Arthur E. Smoot and a daughter, Florene Smoot. Henly was a farmer until retiring in 1922 and moved his family into the home in Union Star next to the Methodist Church. He died two years later and was buried in the Oak Grove Cemetery. Mary Smoot was hired by the telephone company as a telephone operator for $30 per month; she retired in the 1950s and then she died at the age of 82 in the year 1968 and was buried in Memorial Park Cemetery in St. Joseph, Missouri. Florene graduated from USHS in 1933 and Arthur in 1934. Arthur joined the Navy during World War II and then worked for the Navy Depot for 30 years. He married Margaret "Monnie" Hanson, and they lived in Pennsylvania all their lives until retiring to Florida. Florene married Kenneth Smith and lived her entire life in Union Star. She died November 8, 2004, and five days later her twin brother, Arthur, died November 13, 2004.



Front: Roger Smith, Mary Smith, Jerry Smith, Art "Ship" Smoot Jr., Jim Smith and Phyllis Smith. Back: Florene Smith and Mickey Smith, Kenneth Smith, Mary Smoot, Monnie Smoot and Arthur Smoot.

Submitted by Mary Hill, granddaughter

SNODDERLY FAMILY

James A. "Jim" Snodderly was born August 23, 1903, in Maynardville, Tennessee. He married Grace B. Griggs on June 30, 1924, in St. Joseph, Missouri. Their children were James Lawrence and Virginia Louise Fry.

Jim Snodderly was the fifth of eight children that lived. His sisters and brother are Anna Gillip, Lois Whetsell, Edith Andrews, Herbert, Eunice Hartman, Ruth Klein and Wava Ott. Jim died April 30, 1964.

Grace was the third child born to Edward B. and Essie Jane Cox. She was born February 4, 1903, in Darlington, Missouri. Her brothers and sisters are Earl, Austa Addleman, Oma Jackson and Henry. They moved to Adrian, Missouri, where they lived for one year. This was her senior year of high school. They returned to DeKalb County where he farmed. After he quit farming, they moved to Union Star.



Snodderly Family - Jim, Virginia, Larry and Grace.

Jim farmed until he purchased an interest in the Stanton Implement House in Union Star. After he sold the implement business, he continued living in Union Star and raised some cattle on a farm in Andrew County, south of town.

When Lawrence returned home from the Navy after serving on Midway Island, he worked at the implement business with parents until he went to Finley Engineering School in Kansas City. Following that he worked for International Harvester. Then he worked for Ersham Mfg. in Enterprise, Kansas. He married Lois Holzhausen in 1956. They moved to Topeka where he worked for John Deere, Allis Chalmers and a contracting company that repaired all postal machinery. Their son, Brian Lynn, lives in Topeka. Lois died in 1990. In 1992 he married Margaret Borgelt. He died in 1998 and is buried in Abilene, Kansas.

Virginia married Virgil Fry, a King City graduate, in Angola, Indiana, in November 1950. He was in the Army, stationed at Ft. Custer, Michigan. Bruce Alan was born in November 1952, and James David was born in March 1954. Both were born at Great Lakes Navy Hospital as Virgil was then stationed at Ft. Sheridan, Illinois. Virgil was out of the Army from April 1954 until January 1955. He reenlisted, continuing to serve at various places for 30 years. He retired in 1979 at Ft. Bliss, Texas. Other places he served were Germany (three times), Vietnam (two tours), Okinawa, briefly in Korea, Ft. Lewis, Washington, and Ft. Riley, Kansas. They moved to Lansing, Kansas, in 1985. He worked another five years at Ft. Leavenworth, retiring again in 1990. He died in 1993 and is buried at Fort Leavenworth.

Bruce married Janith Bossler in 1970. Carrie Sue was born in 1971 and lives in St. Joseph. He married Ruth Josephine Brown in 1979. They live in Corydon, Indiana, with children Christa Emily and Daniel Austin. Jim married Rebecca Jo Elliott in Abilene, Kansas, in August 1975. Lindsey Michele O'Brien was born in February 1978. David Alan was born in December 1979.

Virginia attended Kansas City Secretary School in Kansas City. Later she worked for Columbian Electrical Wholesale District. In St. Joseph she worked briefly for Wyeth Hardware, then Watson Brothers Transportation Company. After she married, she worked Civil Service for about 20 years, retiring in 1991. She now lives in Abilene, Kansas.

Submitted by Virginia Fry

SNUFFER FAMILY

In 1869 the Snuffer family settled in DeKalb County on a farm located south and east of the present-day Orchid Church. This consisted of Alfred and Elizabeth (Vanbibber) Snuffer and their children: Newton (Laura Codgill), Thomas (Catherine Swartz), Anna (David Sharp), Olive (Jasper Ellis), Elizabeth (James Turner), James (Katherine Marshall), George (Hannah Swartz), Isaac and John.



Ruby (Wagers) and Frank Snuffer

After Alfred's death in 1891, George took over the family farm and married Hannah Swartz in 1892. They had five children: Bertha, Frank "Bud" (Ruby Wagers), Susie (George Steinhauser), Effie and Bernice (Earl Calvin). George lived here until his death in 1936.

Frank married Ruby Wagers in 1921, and they had six children: Wilma "Peg" (Frank Horsman), Helen (Bill Evans), Thomas (Loretta Jean Hill), Doris (Lloyd Lewallen), Jean (Kenneth Nelson) and Frank Junior (Rosalie Wattenberger). Frank lived on the farm until his death in 1993. It was recognized as a Century Farm in 1972 with continuous descendants living on the farm for over 100 years, passing from parents to children. After his death, Wilma purchased the farm so it has remained in the family for 135 years. Also, Junior was the only child to attend Union Star High School, graduating in 1951.



The late Thomas R. Snuffer.



Front row: Trina Bashor and Alaina Bashor. Second row: Michael Snuffer, Patrick Snuffer, Heather Bashor, Kaysie Bashor, Jacob Law, Roger and Sara Law. Center row: Jean Snuffer and Elaine Snuffer. Back row: Marsha Bashor, Clark Bashor and Jerry Snuffer. Not shown are Tom Snuffer and family, Tracy Templeman and family and Justin Snuffer.



Front: Tracey Templeman (family not shown). Back: Justin, Michael and Tom Snuffer (family not shown).

Thomas married Jean Hill April 23, 1955, and had five children: Marsha (Clark Bashor), Michael (Sandy Baker), Patrick, Jerry (Elaine Akins) and Sara (Roger Law). All of the children attended school in Union Star with Marsha (1974), Mike (1976) and Pat (1977) graduating from there. After Tom was killed in an accident September 13, 1976, the Thomas R. Snuffer Memorial Fund was established to help a graduating Union Star senior planning to attend college.

Tom and Junior were active in the softball league in Union Star during the 1950s. Tom was also involved in Little League and T-ball as the children played in these. Tom and Jean were also active in 4-H with their children. Jean served as community leader, and both were project leaders for the Fighting 4-H Club.

Tom and Jean's children still live in the Union Star area with the exception of Pat who resides in Kansas City. Mike passed away on February 14, 2003. All three of his children, Tommy (1997), Tracy (1999) and Justin (2001), are graduates from Union Star. Tommy (Rebecca Lehde Lewis) is stationed in Ft. Worth, Texas, and his daughters are Anna and Dakota and stepchildren Freyja and Kayla. Tracy (William Templeman Jr.) is living in Maynard, Arkansas, and has a daughter, Destiny, and stepchildren William III and Irene. Justin lives in St. Joseph, Missouri. Marsha and Clark have four children, Heather (daughter Skylar), Trina, Alaina and Kaysie, and live in King City. Sara and Roger have one son, Jacob, and live near King City. Jerry and Elaine reside in King City as does Jean.

Submitted by Pat Snuffer

RICHARD AND LOIS STEINER FAMILY

Richard Steiner was born May 28, 1934, near Amity, Missouri, in DeKalb County. He graduated from Maysville High School in 1952 and married Lois Barton in April of 1953. Lois was born January 6, 1933, near Amity, Missouri, in DeKalb County and graduated from Maysville High School in 1951. Four children were born to this union: Debbie (Steiner) Knadler (husband Jerry and two sons, Tom and Kyle), Melinda (Steiner) VanMeter (husband Marion), Rick Steiner (wife Becky, daughter Brook and son Josh) and Pam (Steiner) Gannan (daughter Cally and son D. J.). Each of the children attended all 12 grades at Union Star R-II. All were active in Union Star athletics and academics.

After their marriage, Richard and Lois lived in the Amity area. In 1956 they moved to California for a short time, returning to Missouri and the Union Star area in June of 1959. Soon after returning to Missouri, Richard began work at the Moyes Lumber Company. On October 1, 1962, Richard and Lois, along with William "Pete" and Dixie Wheeler, purchased the lumber company

from Palmer and Graces Moyes. Richard and Pete added the S & W Oil Company to their list of businesses in approximately 1972, purchasing the bulk oil service from Charles Jenkins.

Richard and Lois were very active in the Union Star community. The family attended Orchid Christian Church. Richard was a member of the Union Star Lions Club, participated in the Moyes Lumber Company bowling team, active in the Four Corners Saddle Club and very involved in the Missouri Democratic Party. He completed two terms on the Union Star R-II Board of Education, serving as board president for a portion of that time. The "New Gymnasium" at Union Star was completed under one of his terms along with other building projects. He was a part of the "Chain Gang" for USHS football and attended most USHS activities. In addition to supporting Richard with the business, Lois was involved in Girl Scouts as a leader of Brownies and the local troop. She was a member of the Orchid Ladies Aid and served in various functions at the church. Lois could also be found at the Union Star School serving as a room mother for one of the four children. At various times Lois worked part-time for Wilkerson Hardware, Smith's Market and for Allan and Helen Ruoff when they owned the local grocery store. In November 1970, Richard and Lois purchased a 200-acre farm near where they had grown up. They continued to farm and operated the other businesses until Richard's passing in August of 1973.

Lois continued to live in the home she and Richard had shared until her marriage to Floyd Hutchcraft in 1981. She moved into Floyd's home in Union Star. She continued to participate in community activities and became involved in the Union Star Baptist Church where she and Floyd attended. For all the years they were married, she worked with Floyd at the Wilkerson Hardware store. She was the originator of the "Kids Play Corner" at the hardware. This was a fun place to entertain the customer's children, keeping them busy while mom and dad shopped. Lois passed away in February 1994. Rick and his family continue to live in the Union Star community. Debbie and family live and farm in the Easton, Missouri, area. Melinda and husband Marion moved to Arizona in 1987 and continue to live there. Pam and her children live in Chillicothe, Missouri.

Submitted by Melinda VanMeter

BILL AND CHERRY SWARTZ FAMILY

Bill Swartz was born at Martinsville, Missouri, and graduated from Martinsville High School in 1969. He is the son of Garland and Rachel Swartz, now of Albany, Missouri. He then joined the Air Force and served during the last part of the Vietnam War, then went to college at MWSC. Afterwards, working as a manager for Nickerson Farms, he was transferred to Bennett, Colorado, where he met Cherry Jackson who later became his wife in December 1980. Cherry had been born in Thornton, Colorado, and later moved to Bennett where she graduated from Bennett High School in 1972. After she and Bill married, they both went to work at Lowry AFB in Denver, Colorado. They had two girls, Morgan Marissa (22), born in 1982, and Ashlee Ane (21), born in 1983.



Ashlee Swartz, Morgan Swartz and Jason Cogdill

When Lowry AFB closed, Bill was transferred to Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas, and he settled his family in Union Star in 1992. He retired from Civil Service in 1996, and he and Cherry ran the Starlite Café, then he worked in Albany as manager at Wood Oil. He now works as associate manager at Big Lots in St. Joseph and part-time as janitor for Union Star Schools R-II.

Bill is an active member of the First Baptist Church of Union Star. He also serves on the Union Star Ministry Alliance. After Bill and Cherry moved here, they were followed by Cherry's family: mother and father Julie and Vergil Jackson, brothers Jim and Joe and then sister Cindy Lynn.

Morgan graduated from Union Star High School in 2000. She attended MWSC and now works as kitchen supervisor at Carlos O'Kelly's. She lives in St. Joseph and has a serious boyfriend, Jason Cogdill, also of St. Joseph. Ashlee graduated from Union Star High School in 2002. She attended college at MWSC and joined the regular Air Force in February 2004. She is now in training at the Defense Language Institute in Monterey, California.

Submitted by Cherry Swartz

EDWARD AND GUSTA TEENOR

Edward Martin Teenor was born April 11, 1910, on the old Moyes farm one-half mile north of the schoolhouse. He was the son of James Earl Teenor and Frona Ann (Moyes) Teenor. The Teenors and Moyes were early founders of the Union Star community. The original Low property (Edward's great-grandmother was Mary Eliza [Low] Teenor) ran from the Andrew-DeKalb county line to Third Fork Creek. The town of Union Star was built on the southwest corner of the original Low property. Edward always felt a very deep connection with Union Star, living there his entire life.



Edward Martin Teenor, Union Star High School Class of 1928



Gusta Jane (Henderson) Teenor, Union Star High School Class of 1928

In 1933 he married his childhood sweetheart, Gusta Jane (Henderson) Teenor. They had one daughter, Lana Jane. Edward and Gusta were married 62 years and died six months apart in 1996. Edward was always civic minded, serving the city of Union Star as city councilman, mayor and general chairman of the 1956 centennial celebration. Gusta was the person he loved most in the world, and she took her job as wife, mother and grandmother as a well-loved life's work. She was a wonderful cook, gentle friend and a joyful person who saw only the best in everyone. The Teenors have one granddaughter, Stacy Benoit, and a great-grandson, Adam Benoit.

After the death of Ed and Gusta, the City of Union Star built a new fire station on land donated by their family. It would have been one of Ed's proudest moments if he could have been there for the dedication of the Ed Teenor Memorial Community Center.

Submitted by Lana (Teenor) McKearney

DENNIS AND LESA TOWNSEND FAMILY

Dennis R. Townsend was born and raised in Union Star and graduated from Union Star School in 1989. Dennis then went on to Northwest Missouri State College and graduated in 1993. Dennis owns and operates Townsend Trucking and farms with his dad. Lesa Irwin was born in Houston, Texas, and moved with her parents, Beck and Joan (Whorton) Irwin, to Lansing, Kansas, a couple of years later where she grew up and graduated from Lansing High School in 1989. Lesa owns Picket Fence Tannery & Treasures in Union Star where they live.



Townsend Family - Front (seated): Hawkins and Dawson. Back: Lesa, Dennis and Luke.

Lesa married John T. Aaron in 1991 and lived in Leavenworth, Kansas, for a couple of years before moving to Colorado Springs, Colorado. They had a son, Luke, born in November 1995. John was killed in a car accident in May 1996. Lesa and son Luke moved back to Lansing, Kansas, and lived with her parents until she moved to Union Star, Missouri, on October 19, 1996. On that day it snowed so much that she had to put her Tahoe in four-wheel drive just to drive one block from her Grandma Patricia Irwin's house to hers.

Dennis and Lesa met at Orchid Christian Church in January 1997, and wed in September 1997. Dennis adopted Lesa's son, Luke, in July of 1998. Their first child, Hope Olivia Reed Townsend, was stillborn on September 12, 1998, and was buried at the Union Star Cemetery. Then they had their next son, Dawson, on August 25, 1999, and their third son, Hawkins, on December 18, 2002.

Dennis' parents, W. C. and Thelma Townsend, live on the farm outside of Union Star. Dennis has one brother, Curtis Townsend, who lives outside of Union Star with his wife, Jennifer, and their three children, Spencer (12), Schafer (10) and Skylar (8).

Lesa's parents, Beck and Joan Irwin, live in Union Star. Lesa has two brothers and a sister. Scot Irwin lives in California with his wife, Rian, and their two daughters, Kylee (3) and Myka (1). Brent Irwin lives in Joplin, Missouri, and currently attends Ozark Christian College. Beth (Irwin) Chambers recently married Elijah B. Chambers in September 2004, and currently lives in Joplin, also.

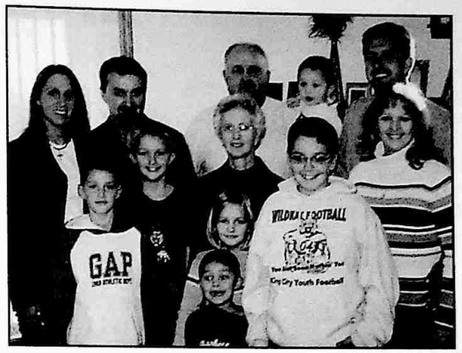
Submitted by Lesa Townsend

W. C. AND THELMA TOWNSEND FAMILY

Woodson Curtis "W. C." Townsend graduated from King City



Curtis, Dennis, W. C. and Thelma at the Missouri State Fair, 1980.



The W. C. Townsend family, November 2004 - Front row: Dawson, Skyler and Spencer; Middle row: Luke, Schafer, Thelma and Jennifer; Back row: Lesa, Dennis, W. C., Hawkins and Curtis.

High School in 1962. Thelma Swartz graduated from Maysville High School in 1961. They were married in 1966 at Ashland Avenue Methodist Church in St. Joseph, Missouri. They have farmed in King City and the Union Star area for 38 years. In 1980 they were the Missouri State Farm Family for DeKalb County. Both boys were in 4-H Club and showed 4-H steers for several years. Thelma has been employed at Union Star School since 1981 as a cook. W. C. and Thelma are members of Central Christian Church in St. Joseph. They have two sons and six grandchildren.

Curtis was born in 1968, graduated from Union Star High School in 1986 and Northwest Missouri State University in 1990. He met Jennifer Stone from Hamilton at college and married in 1991. They have three children attending King City School. Spencer (12) and Schafer (10) are both involved in youth football in King City. Skylar (8) enjoys her dance classes and Girl Scouts. Curtis was employed by Vigortone Ag Products for ten years and St. Joseph Food for a few years. Presently he is employed at Car City in St. Joseph. Jennifer is a math teacher at King City High School. They are members of Orchid Christian Church.

Dennis was born in 1971, graduated from Union Star High School in 1989 and Northwest Missouri State University in 1993. He met Lesa (Irwin) Aaron at Orchid Christian Church and married in 1997. They have three children. Luke (9) plays youth football in King City and baseball in Union Star. Dawson (5) is in preschool, and Hawkins (2) is just following his brothers. They also had a daughter, Hope, that was stillborn and chose to blossom in heaven. Dennis owns and operates Townsend Trucking and farms with his dad. Lesa owns Picket Fence Tannery & Treasures in Union Star where they live. They are members of Central Christian Church in St. Joseph.

Submitted by Thelma Townsend

DONALD TRITTEN FAMILY

Donald Ray Tritten, the son of Ernest and Marjorie (Jackson) Tritten, was born at home, just outside of Helena, on July 20, 1934. Donna Fern Marsh, the daughter of Caspar and Evelyn (Haynes) Marsh, was born on May 14, 1934, in the house east of Union Star presently owned by Kenny Wells. Each had one sibling, Dale Tritten and Jean Louise (Marsh) Parrish. D. R. and Donna were married on June 12, 1954, at the Methodist Church in Union Star. They are the parents of three sons: Donald Michael, born August 25, 1956; Randall Ray, born February 7, 1959; and Steven Scott, born June 4, 1961, and died January 28, 1994. They lived in St. Joseph until 1959 when they moved into their newly built home in Union Star where they still reside. D. R. is retired from the St. Joseph Light and Power Co. Donna has always been a homemaker. The entire family is active in the Union Star United Methodist



D. R. and Donna Tritten Family - Front: Matthew, Donna and D. R. Middle: Becky and Noelle. Back: Randy, Brandon, Tyler, Shannon and Mike.

Church.

Mike married Shannon Joy Dumkrieger, daughter of Lloyd and Thelma (Gilmore) Dumkrieger, on May 27, 1978, at the Trinity Lutheran Church in Linn Grove, Iowa. They are the parents of Tyler Michael, born March 8, 1982, and Noelle Joy, born November 19, 1983. They lived in Grand River, Iowa, before moving to Union Star in 1986. Shannon and Mike have both taught music for 26 years.

Randy married Rebecca Ann Evans, daughter of Joe and Helen (McCall) Evans, on November 29, 1980, at the St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church in St. Joseph, Missouri. Their children are Brandon Ray, born on August 1, 1984, and Matthew Lee, born on March 22, 1989. They lived in Clarksdale and Gower before moving to Union Star in 1989. Randy does factory work, and Becky is a nurse.

Steve lived in Kansas City before moving to New York City. He never married and was pursuing a career in opera at the time of his death. He is buried in the Union Star Cemetery along with his Marsh grandparents and great-grandparents.

Submitted by Mike Tritten

MARJORIE TRITTEN

Marjorie (Jackson) Tritten was born August 16, 1914, in the Black Oak community near Union Star. I attended Black Oak for eight years and graduated from Union Star High School in 1932. I have been very loyal to Union Star High School and have attended every Alumni Banquet since. Union Star was the family hometown.



Marjorie Tritten

I remember the July 4th celebrations at the park and the free Chautauquas held in the schoolyard under a large tent, the free picture shows and drawings on the street every Saturday night during the summer. There was a show at the Waldo Theater on Saturday night. All of the children especially liked the Harold Lloyd shows. I also remember the shows of the "Thunderway Herd" and the "Ten Commandments." These shows were silent movies.

On Saturday night Union Star was a booming town as everybody went to town and took their product to produce houses and got their groceries and visited. We attended church and did the banking and shopping (as there were five grocery stores, hardware, harness shop, garage, restaurant, at one time a bowling alley, four churches, theater, the Union Star weekly paper and lodge hall). The 100-year celebration was very big with a parade, a pig roast and all kinds of celebrations.

I am 90 years old and still attend a few of the school activities as I have great-grandchildren in Union Star High School. I married Ernest Tritten in 1933. We had two sons, Donald Tritten of Union Star and Dale Tritten of Savannah, four grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. A grandson is deceased.

Submitted by Marjorie (Jackson) Tritten

JAMES M. VANMETER

James VanMeter was born March 8, 1843, in Pike County, Ohio, to Nobel and Helen (Cruze) VanMeter. His grandparents were Jacob and Susan (Moore) VanMeter. They were farmers. James was the oldest of eight children. On August 6, 1862, he enlisted in Ross County, Ohio, at Bainbridge for Company H of the 89th Ohio Volunteer Infantry. He fought at Chickamauga and was wounded August 6, 1864, at Eutow Creek in Georgia in the battle for Atlanta. He was discharged April 14, 1865. He came to St. Joseph, Missouri, in November 1865. Later he settled in Andrew County, east of the Platte River, southwest of Union Star and farmed 420 acres. On April 9, 1871, he married Charlotte Jane Courter who was born June 2, 1855, in Delaware County, Ohio, to Edward S. and Mary Elizabeth (Rolson) Courter.



James VanMeter Family in the fall of 1915 - Seated: Ethel VanMeter, Nellie Shaffner, Rosie Humphrey and Grace Curley holding Kenneth Curley. Standing: James VanMeter, John Humphrey, Rosa L. VanMeter Jackson holding Marjorie, S. G. Jackson, Charlotte VanMeter, Lily White, Alonza VanMeter, John Curley and Marie Curley (on end).

James and Charlotte had ten children. Gordon (born February 2, 1872, died September 27, 1955) married Will Birtie Sandusky and had four boys and two girls. Alonzo F. (born September 10, 1874, died January 24, 1954) was a hardworking farmer and honest man who never married. Mary Ethel (born April 6, 1876, died September 22, 1946) married Robert D. Humphrey in 1893, and they were the parents of five boys and four girls. Julius A. (born 1878, died 1921) was a wheat farmer in North Dakota and never married. Ellen A. (born March 29, 1880, died June 26, 1969) married Edwin W. Huffaker and had two boys and one girl. Rosa Lee married Samuel Gates Jackson and raised ten children (see S. G. Jackson family history). Catherine A. (born March 22, 1885, died September 2, 1915) was not a well person and never married. Grace Zula (born April 11, 1887, died February 13, 1967) married Henry Cleveland Jackson, and they had two children, Lee and Jessie. He died in 1909, and she married John H. Curley in 1911 and had four boys and four girls. Lillian (born July 13, 1889, died March 6, 1940) married Lloyd F. White. They never had children, but raised a neighbor's son and daughter.

James VanMeter died August 10, 1921. His wife, Charlotte, died March 6, 1920. They are buried in the Union Star Cemetery.

Submitted by John Hutchcraft Jr.

DON AND EDNA (BASHOR) WELLING FAMILY

Edna Mae (Bashor) Welling (1932 Missouri) was the oldest daughter of Leland and Katherine "Katie" Bashor. She attended primary grades at Union Star, then the family moved to a farm between Union Star and King City and she, with her sister, Shirley Ann, attended West Shepherd rural school which was the same one their mother had attended. Edna Mae attended college one and one-half years and in 1952 married Don Welling (1931 Kansas). They lived at Hays, Kansas, for two years and then moved to Lawrence, Kansas, where their six children were born: John M. (1952 Kansas) lives in California; Mark S. (1954 Kansas) lives in Missouri; Maureen (1955 Kansas) married Ron Baldwin, had five children and lives in Arizona; Annette (1957 Kansas) married David Payne, had eight children and lives in California; Barbara (1958 Kansas) married Trent Holmes, had five children and lives in Idaho; Janet (1960 Kansas) married Randall McKinney, had three children and lives in Utah.

Edna and Don have four sons-in-law, 21 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. Don retired from the telephone company in 1982, and they live in Tavares, Florida, in the winter and in West Jefferson, North Carolina, in the summer.

Submitted by Edna (Bashor) Welling

CHESTER WELLS FAMILY

Chester M. Wells was born August 24, 1910, in Kansas City, Kansas, to Herman and Rose Lee (Duncan) Wells. He grew up in southern Missouri and Arkansas. Chester married Patricia A. Derks on June 22, 1951, in St. Joseph, Missouri. Patricia was born on June 12, 1924, in Clyde, Missouri, to Theodore and Matilda (Walters) Derks. Patricia grew up in the Clyde and Stanberry areas before moving to St. Joseph as a young lady. In August of 1959, they bought a farm in the Union Star area and moved their family of Constance (January 1, 1953), Gary (February 1, 1954), Michael (October 15, 1955) and Kenneth (February 6, 1957). Later, on December 2, 1959, Steven was born, and on January 15, 1968, Scott was born. All of the children grew up in Union Star and graduated from Union Star School. Chester had three older children from a previous marriage, Lynn, Von and Wayne Wells; all attended school in St. Joseph, Missouri. Chester farmed until his death on March 1, 1976. Lynn and Wayne are now both deceased after raising families.



Chester M. and Patricia A. (Derks) Wells on their wedding day, June 22, 1951, in St. Joseph, Missouri.



September 1997 - Front row on ground: Kortni and Kyle Wells and Beth Farrier. Middle row sitting: Kenny Wells, Steve Wells and Connie Wells. Back row standing: Bridget, Gary, Brian, Brent and Nancy Wells, Dustin, Daman, Doren, Cindy and Mike Wells; and Tara and Scott Wells.

Chet and Pat's grandchildren are Elizabeth Farrier (July 29, 1983) parents are Connie Wells of Union Star, Missouri, and Earl Farrier of Poughkeepsie, New York; Brian (May 14, 1985), Bridget (April 11, 1988) and Brent (January 25, 1990), parents are Gary and Nancy Wells of St. Joseph married July 11, 1981; Dustin (October 16, 1979), Doren (February 4, 1984) and Daman Wells (April 9, 1986), parents are Mike and Cindy Wells of Guilford, Missouri, married July 15, 1978; Kyle (November 8, 1981) and Kortni Wells (May 7, 1986), parents are Kenny Wells of Union Star and Debbie Wells of Savannah, Missouri.

Steve Wells still lives in Union Star. Scott Wells married Tara Gillespie from Albany, Missouri, on July 15, 1995, and they presently reside in Union Star.

Kyle and Elizabeth graduated from Union Star. Dustin, Doren and Daman graduated from school at South Nodaway in Barnard, Missouri. Brian graduated from Central High School in St. Joseph, and Bridget and Brent are currently attending Central High School. Kortni graduated from Savannah High School in Savannah, Missouri.

Submitted by Connie Wells

MIKE AND BECKY WHETSELL FAMILY

Mike Whetsell was born May 23, 1954, at the Barnes Clinic in King City, Missouri. He graduated from Union Star High School in 1972. He married Rebecca Bashor on June 14, 1975. Their children are Samantha Lea Whetsell and William Michael Whetsell. Samantha has one child, Alexander Raine Whetsell. Mike and Becky farm in the Union Star area and also have a cabinet business, Lightning Bolt Custom Cabinets, L.L.C., which they started in 1992.



Barbara Lynette Whetsell, 1964

Mike is the second child of Alton Earl Whetsell and Mildred June Kennedy. His sisters and brothers are Barbara Lynette Whetsell (deceased 1964), Karen (Whetsell) Hubbard and Jerry Dale Whetsell (deceased 1995). Lynette and Jerry are buried in the Memorial Park Cemetery, St. Joseph, Missouri. Alton and June Whetsell married April 22, 1949, in King City, Missouri.

Alton Whetsell was born September 20, 1927, in DeKalb County. He is the first child of William Asbury Whetsell "W. A. or Willie" and Sadie Emmaline Pulley. Alton was in the Army during the end of World War II. Willie served in the Army in World War I. He marched with Pershing's Pets after the war was over. He thought so much of Armistice Day that he picked that day to get married a



Whetsell Family at the home of Willie and Sadie Whetsell, 1991 - Front: Willie and Sadie Whetsell. Back: Jerry, Alton, June, Willie and Mike Whetsell.



Becky Whetsell, Willie Whetsell, Samantha Whetsell, Mike Whetsell, June Whetsell, Alton Whetsell, Logan Hubbard (front), Karen Hubbard, Dirk Hubbard and Reece Hubbard taken at Oak Christian Church at June and Alton's 50th wedding anniversary, April 22, 1999.

year later. Willie and Sadie were married November 11, 1919. Willie was born September 18, 1893, and died January 6, 1992. Sadie was born December 1, 1897, and died July 22, 1993. They are both buried in Memorial Park Cemetery, St. Joseph, Missouri. Willie and Sadie also had a baby on April 16, 1930, John Warren Whetsell, who lived one day and died April 17, 1930. He is buried in the Oak Grove Cemetery.

W. A. Whetsell was the second child of John Robert Lee Whetsell and Ida B. Heath. W. A.'s brothers and sisters were Mary Elizabeth "Libbie" Whetsell, who married Homer Selix; Charles Whetsell, who married Leola Buck; and Lela Whetsell, who married Wilmer Steiner. John R. L. Whetsell was born April 18, 1866, in Nebraska City, Nebraska, and died July 16, 1964. He married Ida B. Heath on September 10, 1890, in Beloit, Kansas. Ida was born November 25, 1870, and died on February 28, 1957. They are both buried in Oak Grove Cemetery. John Robert Whetsell and his brother, W. T. Whetsell, operated a livery stable in Union Star in 1902-03.



Alexander Raine Whetsell, son of Samantha Whetsell, age four, 2004

John R. L. Whetsell was the first child of Adam Franklin Whetsell and Elizabeth Jane Holland. Adam was born December 6, 1836, in Pennsylvania, and Elizabeth was born February 19, 1841, in Missouri. Adam died November 16, 1905, and Elizabeth died January 12, 1934. They are buried in the Ogle Cemetery, southeast of Union Star, Missouri. Adam married Elizabeth, May 12, 1864. Adam came to Missouri as a runaway from his Pennsylvania home after an argument with his stepmother. He never went back and later changed his spelling from Wetzel to Whetsell.

Adam Whetsell's father was Jonathan Wetzell, born about 1795 and died January 5, 1870. Adam's mother was Margaret (unknown). Margaret was born in 1797 and died October 28, 1845. She is buried in Conneaut Cemetery, Crawford County, Pennsylvania. Jonathan Wetzell served in the War of 1812 in Captain John Christian Company, 2nd Regiment, Pennsylvania Militia.

Submitted by Rebecca Whetsell

BASIL WHORTON FAMILY

The Basil Whorton family has been a part of the Union Star community since 1929.

Basil Coleman Whorton was born February 18, 1900, near Guilford, Missouri, the son of Ebon and Iva (Seabolt) Whorton. Losing his father when very young, he went to live with his grandparents, Jesse and Mary Seabolt of Rea, Missouri. As a teenager, he



Lois and Basil Whorton's wedding picture, September 17, 1921

hired out as a farmhand and later worked for the Chicago Great Western Railroad. On September 17, 1921, he married Lois Grace Dorrel.

Lois was born March 30, 1897, near Whitesville, Missouri, the daughter of Alexander and Sarah (Wilson) Dorrel. She graduated from Bolckow High School in 1914 and taught school seven years before she was married.

They started farming near Whitesville and in 1929 moved near Union Star. Basil, a farmer and cattle trader, was an avid Cardinal baseball fan. Lois, a homemaker, was a seamstress, sewing for many people in the area. Both were members of the Union Star Christian Church. Basil passed away June 18, 1970, and Lois on December 6, 1984. Both are buried in the Union Star Cemetery.



Basil Whorton Family, 1942 - Jay, Dixie, Neva, Lois, Basil and Don

They were the parents of four children: Dixie, Jay, Don and Neva, all graduates of Union Star High School. During World War II, both Jay and Don served in the U. S. Navy.

Dixie, a teacher, married William H. "Pete" Wheeler August 9, 1945. Their children are John, Ronald and Candace Schulte. After Pete passed away in 1985, she married Robert Wood in 1989. He passed away in 1999.

Jay, a farmer, married Hazel Ebersold June 9, 1946. They are the parents of Lennis Courtney, Gregory, Dennis, Joan Irwin, Max and Mitchell. After retiring, they now live in St. Joseph.



Basil and Lois Whorton, 1965

Don, a farmer and employee of Armour's, married Georgia Simerly October 9, 1953. Their children are Cheryl Garton, Donald Lee, Douglas, David, Rex and Ivan. Don passed away March 5, 1983, and is buried in the Union Star Cemetery.

Neva, a homemaker, married William E. "Bill" Wolford of King City April 25, 1948. Their children are twins Rudy and Judy Redman. Neva passed away June 12, 2003, and is buried in the King City Cemetery.

All the grandchildren graduated from Union Star High School except Neva's children who graduated from King City.

Along with their 17 grandchildren, Lois and Basil are survived by 51 great-grandchildren and, at this time, 15 great-great-grandchildren. Only one great-grandson, Jacob Redman, and one great-great-granddaughter, Hope Townsend, are deceased.

Submitted by Dixie Wood

DENNIS AND CHRISTINE WHORTON

Dennis Lloyd Whorton was born on December 15, 1949, in Union Star. He graduated from Union Star School in 1967. He married Christine (Johnson) Dempsey on July 5, 1991. His children are Jeffery Whorton (July 14, 1970), Marion Whorton (December 10, 1982) and Michael Whorton (May 27, 1984).

Dennis was the third of six children born to Jay and Hazel Whorton. His sisters and brothers are Lennis Courtney, Greg Whorton, Joan Irwin, Max Whorton and Mitchell Whorton. Dennis moved to Kansas City, Missouri, after graduation and attended aero-mechanics school from 1967-1969. He worked for Mid-Continent Tool Die from 1969-1974. For 19 years Dennis worked in the dental field with McGrath and Goetz Dental Company until 1991. In 1991 Dennis met and married Chris with three boys of her own: Russell (July 21, 1978), Nathan (April 15, 1980) and Joshua Dempsey (April 28, 1982).



Front row: Chris Whorton. Second row: Marion Whorton and Dennis Whorton. Third row: Michael Whorton, Nate Dempsey and Russ Dempsey. Back row: Josh Dempsey and Jeffery Whorton.

With six boys and one dog, Dennis began a work relationship with Amsco/Steris Company in 1994 and still works there. Dennis installs and repairs medical equipment in hospitals. He deals with hospital beds, lights and sterilizers.

Jeffery Whorton (son) has worked with Dennis at Steris for the last four years. Marion Whorton (son) graduated from Piper High School, attended Pitt State for construction and works for an electric company. Michael Whorton (son) graduated from Piper High School, attended Johnson County Community College for business and manages a store for the Buckle in Glendale, Arizona. Russell Dempsey (stepson) graduated from Piper High School, Central Missouri State University and Washburn in Topeka, Kansas. He is an attorney in Springfield, Missouri. Nathan Dempsey (stepson) attended Johnson County Community College for computer programming and works at Fed Ex. He married on June 11, 2004, Jillian Lemon of Piper, Kansas. Joshua Dempsey (stepson) graduated from Piper High School, attended Kansas University as a criminal justice and psychology major and works at Lawrence Memorial as a security guard.

We just recently became empty nesters. Dennis attends and serves as a deacon at Haven Baptist Church in Piper, Kansas, since 1991 before the Kansas City racetrack was born. Dennis loves golfing and shooting his guns with the boys. He lives on one and a half acres in Piper, Kansas, where he works hard at mowing, planting and feeding the deer.

Behind Dennis, the six boys and two dogs is the wife and mother, Chris (Johnson) Dempsey Whorton. She has been the force that has kept this family together with love, laughter and discipline. Chris and the boys have attended the Haven Baptist Church with Dennis since 1991. They are all members of this church, too, where Chris teaches and does secretarial duties in her free time. Chris has worked fulltime for a dentist all these years. Chris is what, along with a little help from Dennis, makes this blended family work.

Submitted by Dennis and Chris Whorton

JAY AND HAZEL WHORTON

Jay Loyd Whorton was born February 27, 1924, to Lois and Basil Coleman Whorton. He attended grade schools at Union Star, Cosby and Blue School. Hazel Iris Ebersold was born January 11, 1925, to Lennis Maxine and Galen Ebersold. She attended the Orchid Grade School. In the fall of 1938, Jay and Hazel entered Union Star High School as freshmen. Jay played basketball, and Hazel played volleyball. They graduated in 1942. Jay entered the Navy in 1944. He spent two years on the *USS Baltimore* in the South Pacific seeing Tokyo, Japan, Hawaiian Islands and the Philippine Islands where he was allowed to see his brother, Don Whorton, who was on the *USS West Virginia*. It was a great reunion. Jay shot at suicide bombers and rode out two typhoons.



Children of Jay and Hazel Whorton on the first day of school - Mitchell Jay, Jerry "Max," Joan Louise, Dennis Loyd, Lennis Jayne and Gregory Dale.

Hazel worked in a Nelly Don sewing factory sewing on sailor uniforms. She later worked in civil service in the Army Depot office in St. Joseph, Missouri, then transferred to their Kansas City office. Jay came home on leave, and they became engaged. They were married June 9, 1946, after his discharge from the Navy.

With a G. I. Loan they bought a 52½-acre farm two miles south of Union Star. They soon had a family to enjoy that farm to its fullest. They roamed the fields, played in the hay loft, built a tree house, went barefooted in the summer, made snowmen in the winter and did lots of things their parents are now finding out about.

Lennis Jayne was born March 7, 1947; Gregory Dale, June 2, 1948; Dennis Loyd, December 15, 1949; Joan Louise, October 2, 1951; Jerry Max, March 10, 1954; and Mitchell Jay, September 15, 1955.



Seated: Joan Louise Irwin, Hazel Iris and Jay Whorton (parents) and Lennis Jayne Courtney. Standing: Dennis Loyd Whorton, Jerry Max Whorton, Gregory Dale Whorton and Mitchell Jay Whorton, 1997.

They all attended 12 grades of school at the Union Star School. They all graduated, some studying more than others. They all married, some more times than others, but all found their "meant-to-be mates."

Lennis married Dean Courtney and has four children: Felicia Carol, Kimberly Ann Decker, Amy Beth Blosser and Adam Courtney. They have four grandchildren.

Gregory married Vonya Nolan. She has one son.

Dennis is married to Chris (Johnson) Dempsey. Dennis has three sons: Jeffrey, Marion and Michael. Chris has three sons: Russ, Nate and Josh Dempsey.

Joan is married to Ernest "Beck" Irwin. They have four children: Lesa Dawn Townsend, Scot Alan, Beth Ann Chambers and Brent William Irwin.

Jerry "Max" is married to Tami Christy. Max has one son named Barthomew Richard, called Bart, and he has one daughter. Tami has two sons, Jason and Tony. Mitchell married Rhonda Hinkle. They have four children Jeremy Don, Blake Allen, Emily Jill and April Suzanne Whorton.

Jay and Hazel lived 52 years in the Union Star area, then moved to St. Joseph, Missouri, in 1988 where they reside at the present.

Submitted by Jay and Hazel Whorton

JERRY MAX AND TAMARA WHORTON

Jerry "Max" Whorton was born to the parents of Jay and Hazel Whorton, Union Star, Missouri, on March 10, 1954. He attended all 12 grades at the Union Star School and graduated in 1973. He attended the Union Star Christian Church and went to summer church camps. He attended one and a half years at the Springfield State College, Springfield, Missouri.



Tamara and Jerry Max Whorton at their wedding in August 1997.

In 1976 he moved to St. Joseph, Missouri, and became a fireman on the city's fire department. At the present time he is a captain at the Firehouse No. 11. He has been working there 28 years, going on 29.

Max Whorton met Tamara Christy who was living in Topeka, Kansas. She was working for the City of Topeka in the public works department and had been for 17 years. They decided to marry and live in Topeka as Max was allowed to live that far away and still be on the St. Joseph Fire Department. They were married in August 1997, in the yard of Tamara's parents, Scoty and Mertyl Christy, Meridan, Kansas, on their farm. Tamara has two sons, Jason and Tony.

Max has a son, Bartholomew Richard "Bart" Whorton, from a previous marriage to Jenny Hainey, and a granddaughter, Bart's daughter, named Alexandria Nicole Whorton, age six. Her mother is Teresa Short, Kansas City, Missouri.

Bart is in the Marine Corps. On his first leave after boot camp, he married Kristen Brianna Sattler in August 2000, in a ceremony beside a beautiful water fountain in Kansas City, Missouri. Since then they have lived in Virginia and Florida and are now living in North Carolina, thinking he may be sent to Iraq any time.

Submitted by Max and Tamara Whorton



Bri (Brianna) and Bart on their wedding day beside a fountain in Kansas City, Missouri, in August 2000. He was home on leave from the Marines.



Alexandria Nicole Whorton was born February 20, 1998. Her name is shortened to Alexic. She was five years old in this picture. She is wearing an American Girl costume, a Christmas present by her grandmother Jenny.

WHORTON-LEWIS FAMILY

In 1989 we purchased the former Norman and Lana Wilcoxson place. After having raised my children, it has now become the area's only bed and breakfast. In keeping with our rich heritage in cattle and horses, it touts the name "The Bunkhouse."



Jessica, Tracy and Jonathan, 1998

Jessica and Jonathan Lewis each graduated from school here. Jess went on to MU and pursued her dream of becoming a vet. Jonathan runs heavy equipment following his dad's footsteps. Each one has a son, and I enjoy having my grandsons here for visits. We have been truly blessed by being part of this wonderful community. We have been involved with 4-H, the GFWC Town & Country Club and the first baby show at the July 4th celebration in 2003.

Submitted by Tracy Whorton

DAVID AND CONNIE WILKINSON FAMILY

Dave Wilkinson was born in Allendale, Missouri, and graduated from Stanberry High School in 1961. His parents are Rex (deceased) and Lillie Wilkinson. His mother lives in Clarksdale. He has a brother, Jerry, and two sisters, Darlene Messner and Sharon Graham.

Connie was born at the Barnes Clinic in King City to Floyd (deceased) and Luetta Barton of Flagsprings, Missouri. She graduated from King City High School in 1968. She is the youngest of six children. Her brothers and sisters are Lewis, Ellis (deceased), Larry (deceased), Luella Noble and Linda Salsbury. Her mother is living in the Gower Convalescent Home and is 92 years young.

Dave and Connie were married June 15, 1968, at the Stanberry Baptist Church with her brother, Pastor Lewis Barton, officiating. They lived in St. Joseph until 1974 and then moved to the Ed Richey farm. Dave joined the Missouri Air National Guard in 1963, became a fulltime technician in 1966 and retired in January 2000. He served in Germany during the Desert Shield/Storm Operations. He retired as a senior master sergeant in 2003 with 39 years military service. He is now a realtor with Realty Executives.



Chris, Tim, Melissa, Connie and Dave Wilkinson at Melissa's wedding, August 22, 1998.

Dave and Connie moved to Union Star in the fall of 1977 with their three children. Their children are Timothy (June 10, 1971), Melissa (November 11, 1974) and Christopher (December 22, 1976).

Tim graduated from Union Star in 1989 (valedictorian) and from Northwest Missouri State University in 1993 with a broadcasting degree. Tim and his wife, Jenna (Whitmore), live in Pleasant Valley, Missouri. Tim is a free-lance video engineer.

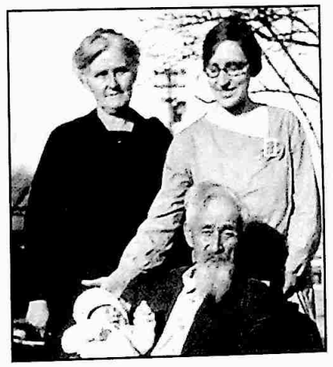
Melissa graduated from Union Star in 1992 (salutatorian) and attended Northwest Missouri State University. She is a substitute teacher and a fulltime mother of two children, Carson (7) and Makenzie (4). She and her husband, Vernon Honeycutt, live at Avenue City, Missouri.

Chris graduated from Union Star in 1995 (salutatorian) and lives in Union Star. He works as a clerk for the Savannah Post Office. He also has his real estate license with Realty Executives.

Submitted by Dave and Connie Wilkinson

WILLIAMS TO ABBOTT

In 1878 James Franklin Williams and wife, Nancy, with their three surviving children, Minnie, John and Emma, joined a wagon train leaving Iowa headed for Oklahoma. Along the way Frank and his family left the wagon train and settled near Union Star. For many years Frank and Nancy ran the hotel located on the hill west of the train depot. John married and moved to a farm closer to St. Joseph. Minnie married Sam Teaford and settled in Union Star. Emma married William H. Ott and they settled on a farm north of Union Star.



Four generations in 1928; Seated: James Franklin Williams holding Verlin Maxwell Abbott; Standing: Emma Esther (Williams) Ott and Geneva Elizabeth (Ott) Abbott

To William and Emma (Williams) Ott were born three children, Geneva, Harold and Leona. All three graduated from Union Star High School.



This house, built in 1875 on Empire Road, is the birthplace of Fred Abbott in 1896 and Verlin Abbott in 1928. The bay window was added after "Aunt Nellie" Pierce had a hole cut in the wall so a grand piano could be taken in. Some people will remember "Aunt Nellie" who gave piano lessons in Union Star for many years.

In 1922 Geneva married Emmett Fred Abbott. Emmett was born in 1896 and lived in the same house on Empire Prairie until 1942. Their son, Verlin Maxwell Abbott, was born in this same house on October 22, 1928. He graduated from USHS in 1946. In 1953, just back from Korea, Verlin and his wife moved to his grandparents' (William and Emma Ott), farm north of Union Star. They now live in the state of Louisiana.

Submitted by Verlin M. Abbott

HARRY P. WORKMAN FAMILY

Harry Phillip Workman and Anna Lee Morgan were married March 14, 1900. They had three children: Leora Muriel, Basil L. and Doris A. Leora M. died in infancy in 1905. Harry farmed the Charley Davis farm west of Union Star. He also did carpentry work on the side. Annie was famous for her cinnamon rolls. In 1943 they bought the Ebersold place in Union Star on Highway 169. They lived there the rest of their lives. Anna passed away in 1963, and Harry passed away in 1968. The football field at the high school is built on land Harry sold the school. Also, part of his farm is now the city park. Basil married Alice Moyes and owned and operated a barber shop in Savannah, Missouri, until he passed away in 1967. Alice passed away in 1995.



Sixtieth wedding anniversary - Front row: Bob, Robert, Harry and Anna. Back row: Basil, Sue, Doris and Shock.

Doris married Leo Conway and had two children, Marilyn Sue and Charles Frederick. Doris lived in and around Union Star most of her life. During World War II, she was a security guard at the Naval Base in Oxnard, California. Her true love was fishing. She passed away in 1984.

Sue and Fred both graduated from Union Star High School. (A little side note—Basil, Doris, Sue and Fred had Mrs. Alberta Graham for a teacher.) Sue married Robert Guinn, and they had three children: Robert, Richard and Randi Sue. They live in Titusville, Florida, a few miles from the Space Center. Bob worked at the Space Center until he passed away in 1999. They have six grandchildren: Christopher, Jonathan and Matthew Guinn; Jeffrey and Kaitie Fenton; and Stephanie Acosta. Fred married Joann Baars in 1963. He served 23 years in the Navy and retired to Minneola, Texas, where he lived until he passed away in 1983. They have two daughters, Kari and Alisa; and four grandchildren: Josh and Marissa Ledkins and Zachery and Katie Hurst. Fred's widow and children and grandchildren still live in Minneola, Texas.

Submitted by Sue Guinn

HAROLD WYATT FAMILY

The original Wyatt family came from England to Kentucky. Chesley and Lula Wyatt moved to the Orchid community in 1880. They purchased farm land from Peter Mumford August 2, 1880, and more land from the railroad in 1885.

Herman K. Wyatt was one of their six children. He married Kathryn Johnson, and to this union one child was born, Harold K.

Wyatt.



Harold and Ellen Wyatt

After graduating from Union Star High School, Harold attended Maryville College before he joined the Navy in 1943 where he served on the *Meredith*, a destroyer, as electrician. In 1946 he returned home and went back to college. Ellen Cathryn McCrea became his wife in December 1948. They farmed until their daughter, Denyne, was born in 1952 when they moved to Liberty, Missouri, where Harold worked for Ford aircraft as an engineer on their B47 wing contract. Their second daughter, Diane, was born in 1954. They moved to Fort Worth, Texas, where he was a design engineer for General Dynamics on the B52, B58, F111, Atlas Missile and Moon Surveyor projects.

In 1963 they came back to the home place near Union Star. Harold was active in many community projects, especially the Star Village and the high school gymnasium. He also enjoyed other volunteer work and traveling. He and Ellen bought the Earl Hayes farm near Orchid in 1965 where they made their home, and he continued farming.

Both daughters are married. Denyne and Bob Claiborne live in St. Joseph and Bucklin. Denyne has a married stepson, James and Lori Claiborne, who live in Shawnee, Kansas. They have two children, Morgan and Tyler.

Diane and Dave Bertelsen have one daughter at home, Devin, and two married children, Doug and Cindy Bertlelsen, who have two children, Lauren and Brandon, who all live in Missouri Valley, Iowa. Dawn and Nick Kuster and daughter Kylie live in Neola, Iowa.

Harold passed away suddenly August 12, 1999, and he is greatly missed by his loving family and friends.

Submitted by Ellen Wyatt

BRIAN AND KATHY (HUTCHCRAFT) HOILAND FAMILY

Brian Hoiland was born in Billings, Montana, in 1953 and graduated from Roundup High School in 1971. He joined the Air Force and was stationed in Holland for two and one-half years and was then assigned to ENT Air Force Base-Cheyenne Mountain in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Kathy was born in 1955 and graduated from Union Star High School in Union Star, Missouri, in 1973. She moved to Colorado Springs, Colorado, and was employed at ENT Air Force Base.

Kathy and Brian met and later married in 1975 and when Brian was discharged from the Air Force they moved to Roundup, Montana. This was Brian's hometown where he worked for the family-owned Ford dealership. Kathy and Brian have two children, son John Eison and daughter Erin Kay. John graduated from Montana State University - Bozeman in 2001 and married Heidi Winslow in 2003. They now live in Portland, Oregon. Erin graduated from Maize High School in Maize, Kansas, and is currently attending the University of Pennsylvania at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Brian and Kathy and their family lived in Montana for 21 years and have resided in Wichita, Kansas, the last six years. Brian is a managing partner for Bridgestone/Firestone, and Kathy teaches third grade at Maize, Kansas. Kathy is extremely happy to be back in the Midwest, closer to her family.



Hoiland Family, December 2003; John, Kathy, Brian and Erin Hoiland.

Submitted by Kathy (Hutchcraft) Hoiland

LAFFOON FAMILY



Front row: Faye Knisley Bosch, Calvin Misemer, Verena Cummins, Nellie Laffoon and Fanny Bryant. Middle row: James Knisley, Charles Laffoon, May Laffoon Misemer, William Misemer, Della Troxell Laffoon (wife of Charles Laffoon), Eliza J. Knisley, Luther Laffoon, Anna Bryant Laffoon, Edith Laffoon, William Bryant, John Cummins (husband of Fanny Laffoon), John Peyton, George Laffoon, Mattie Laffoon, Grandmother Laffoon holding Margaret Ann Wayman, A. Z. Laffoon holding Charles' son Kenneth, Mariah Laffoon Bryant and Fanny Laffoon Cummins holding daughter Opal. Back row: Mrs. Hugh Wayman (mother-in-law of Elizabeth Knisley), Sallie Misemer Jameson, Eva Schafer (step-daughter of Aunt Fannie Cummins), Elizabeth Knisley Wayman, husband Dick Wayman, Uncle Charles Laffoon, Shirley Laffoon, Lizzie Laffoon, Bryan Knisley, John Misemer (father of Sally and William Misemer) and Charles Misemer.

Submitted by Donna Young

TIMOTHY POTTER FAMILY

Timothy V. Potter was born June 28, 1962, to Edsel and Brenda Potter of King City. He is a graduate of King City High School and attended Northwest Missouri State University for three years. He then joined the Missouri Air National Guard, which he has served in for 18 years. Lisa D. Potter was born August 12, 1973, to Robert and Sharon Grishow of Rosendale, Missouri. She is a graduate of North Andrew and graduated from NWMSU with a BS degree in horticulture.

Tim moved to Union Star in 1992. Tim and Lisa were married on July 15, 1995, in St. Joseph. Four children were born to them, Melissa in 1996, Lane in 1998, Chad in 2001 and Bryton in 2004. They attend and are active in the First Baptist Church of Union Star. The children attend and enjoy school at Union Star.

Tim is engaged in farming full time and a member of the Missouri Air National Guard. Lisa is a childcare provider and sells Mary Kay Cosmetics.

Submitted by Tim and Lisa Potter

THEIS FAMILY

Henry Theis I and wife were the parents of six daughters and one son. These were: Carolina who married Henry Sander, Louisia who married John Schwolm, Emma who married William Bunse, Justine who married Mr. Moore, Julia who married John Vennekohl, Hannah who married William Krull and Henry II (January 25,



Theis Family - Front row: Milton Veraguth, Paul Theis, Ben Theis, Merritt Theis, Marvin Theis, Jewell Theis and Marvin Unfried. Back row: Charles Theis, Luke Theis, Henry Theis III, Flora Theis, Henry Theis II, Minnie Theis, Jacob Unfried, Emma Theis Unfried, Rosa K. (Blosser) Theis and William Theis.

1852-September 3, 1937) who married Wilhemine Vogel (1850-August 25, 1927).

The family arrived in Connecticut in 1842 from the Province of Waldeck, Germany, and moved westward to southern Wisconsin, residing there until 1856. There the grass and brush were as tall as the average person. After coming to Missouri, they settled on the hill just east of the Evangelical United Brethren Church, southeast of Cosby.

Most of the early settlers had log houses for their first homes. The country was free range at first and crops had to be fenced. Hay crops were mostly all prairie grass.

The Civil War started in 1861 and many of the men were called into the Army. Mothers and children suffered during these trying times. In these early days, there were no doctors near and the people resorted to homemade remedies. Epidemics broke out and caused the death of many, especially children.

The family of Henry Theis II follows:

Henry Theis III (April 8, 1874-November 30, 1956) married Flora Wagonblast (?-April 8, 1960). They had four children, Paul, Ben, Jewell (died October 5, 1959) and Helen. Paul married Glatha Schrenk (died 1972). Ben married Pearle Bodenhausen and had two children, Estill (wife Leota DeVault), parents of Kathryn, Mark and Barbara; and Norma (husband Harold Herpel), parents of three children, Richard, Darrell and Julie.

Emma Theis (August 4, 1876-February 2, 1940) married Will Veraguth (?-1912). They had one son, Milton (1898-1914). She married Jacob J. Unfried (1879-1940). They had one son, Marvin (1908-). He married Myrtle Swanson and had two children, Marion Louise (1948-) and Karen Lucille (1949-) who married David Diggins.

William Christian Theis (1883-1950) first married Rosa Catherine Blosser (1882-1943) and had two sons, Marvin Lee (1907-1923) and Donald Dee (1914-1998). Don married Esther Trotter (1914-2001). They had two children, Donna Fay (married Ron Young) who has three children, Jamie, Julie and Stephanie; and Charles William who married Lena Thaller.

William C. Theis then married Hattie Files (1893-).

Charles Theis (September 10, 1878-September 16, 1972) married Lula Bermond (September 17, 1881-April 24, 1968). They had three children, Merritt (1906-), Manford (1912-1950) and Marjorie (1915-). Merritt married Marguerite Brant and had a daughter, Gwen, who married Duane Hunt. Manford married Jane Martin. Marjorie married Willard Sanders. They had two sons, Hilton and Rodney. Hilton married Glenda Knapp and had one child, Brandi Theis. Rodney married Joy Rurode.

Submitted by Donna Young from the Polk Township Historical Book 1976

TROTTER FAMILY

James Trotter came from Ireland around 1750. He married Mary Scott and had three sons, John, Issac and James. They lived in Pennsylvania and Virginia.

James (1776-1857) married Elizabeth Coulton (1784-1847). They had William, Wakefield, Issac, John, Sarah, James, Nelson, Bluford and Monroe.

Bluford (1819-1905) married Martha Sidden (1828-1914). They lived in Hendricks County, Indiana, and 13 years near Appleton, Wisconsin, moving near Union Star, Missouri, in 1865. They were the parents of seven children.

James (1844-1868) had two children, Rosa and Dillie (Ebersold). Dillie was the mother of Roy, Nellie (Moyes) and Lulu (Gillip).

Shelby (1846) married Mahala Shroyer. They moved to Hutchison, Kansas. They had a family of 11 children.

Taylor (1848-1928) married Ann Allen (1853-1928). They were the parents of five children, May, Ida, Ottie, Ollie and Fred. May (1871-1916) married Wm. Throckmorton. They were the parents of Ray and Carl. Her second marriage was to John Ball, and they were the parents of Florence (Andrews) and Fay (Penny). Ida (1875-1954) married Scott Ott (1863-1949) and were the parents of Bertha (Gallinger) and Russell Ott. Ottie (1877-1967) married Sallie Laffoon (1881-1955) and were the parents of Willis, Cleta (Wilkerson), Velma (Irwin) and Esther (Theis). Ollie (1879-1951) married Oliver Ott (1878-1948) and were the parents of Floyd, Helen (Kibbey) and Mary (Rounds). Fred (1894-) married Faye Simmons (1897-1973) and were the parents of Leithe (Leis).

John Brinton (1852-1924) married Florence Orndorff (1855-1936) and were the parents of two daughters, Annie and Myrtle. Annie (1895-1959) married John Gobel (1868-1952) and were the parents of Lewis, Lester, Maxine (Kimball). Myrtle (1875-1972) married Alvin Price (1870-1957) and were the parents of six children, Mary (Stewart), Florence (Jestes), Chester, Brinton, Carl and Charlie.

Anderson married Martha Heath and were the parents of Claude, Sella May, Stella and Rosa.

Ella (1860-1923) married Simon Boyce (1863-1935) and were the parents of Guy, Walter, Etta (Moore) and Ruth.

Mary (1866-1944) married Charley Ball. Their children were Wave (Robison), Lula (Gottschall), and Ruby Fay (Pierce).



Trotters and Otts at Grandpa Taylor Trotter's house. Front row: Floyd and Helen Ott, C. Tomlinson, Cleta and Willis Trotter, Velma and small girl, Florence and Fay Ball. Back row: Ida and Scott Ott, Bertha and Guy Gallinger, Oliver and Ollie Ott, Grandpa and Grandma Trotter, Ottie and Sallie Trotter, Aunt May Throckmorton Ball.

Fred Trotter, son of Taylor and Ann Trotter, is the last living grandson of Bluford and Martha. He lives in Santa Maria, California. Ruby Fay Pierce, daughter of Mary and Charley Ball, is the last living granddaughter and lives at Gig Harbor, Washington. Nellie Moyes, daughter of Dillie and Sanford Ebersold, was the first great grandchild of Bluford and Martha and lives in a rest home at Fayette, Missouri.

Submitted by Donna Young from the Polk Township Historical Book 1976

JAMES RONALD YOUNG FAMILY

James Ronald Young was born May 8, 1943, in DeKalb County, Missouri. Donna Fay Theis was born November 2, 1942, in Union Star. Both graduated from Union Star High School, Donna in 1960 and Ron in 1961. Both attended NWMSC where Donna completed a teaching degree, bachelor of science in elementary and secondary vocal and instrumental music, and Ron had a major in physical education with a minor in industrial arts. They were married June 14, 1964.

Ron joined the Army National Guard in the fall of 1966. He was a guardsman for 12 years. His employment was in St. Joseph with Wire Rope of America, Inc., Peach Tree Doors and Whitaker Cable.

Donna taught music for the elementary and secondary 17 years at the following schools: Bellevue School (near Mound City, Missouri), North Nodaway of Hopkins, Missouri, Savannah High School, North Andrew, Fillmore, Neely Elementary of St. Joseph and last with the Savannah Junior High School. Other employment has been as an organist with the First Christian Church of Maryville and the First Christian Church of Savannah as music director, handbell and sanctuary choir director and organist. Also, she taught private piano, voice, organ and other instruments since her eighth grade.

Their children are Jamie Renee Young Baker, born March 6, 1967, Julie Christine Young Ammons, born June 5, 1972, and Stephanie Suzanne Noel Young McCampbell, born December 18, 1973.

Parents of James R. were Jim and Vinnie Rose (Kelsey) Young and parents of Donna F. were Donald Dee and Esther Fay (Trotter) Theis. Donald Theis died July 3, 1998, and Esther died June 3, 2001. Jim Young died July 27, 2002, and Vinnie died April 8, 1994.

Jamie married Bruce Lynn Baker in Savannah, Missouri, on July 14, 1990. They have two children, Morgan McKenzie, born August 3, 1993, and Aaron James Baker, born September 2, 1995. There are two half brothers, Christopher Lynn Baker, born November 6, 1986, and Cory Franklin Baker, born August 3, 1988. Jamie has a psychology degree from the University of Missouri-Columbia with a minor in human resources. She is presently employed with Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services. She also works on Missouri Tobacco Youth Prevention Programs. Bruce works for the



The Ron Young family, Bakers, Ammons and McCampbells, taken at the 40th wedding anniversary celebration of Ron and Donna in June of 2004.

Savannah United Electric Cooperative.

Julie married Lawrence Richard "Rick" Ammons June 21, 1997. They have Hope Christine, born May 17, 1999, and John Richard, born March 28, 2003. They live in Blue Springs, Missouri. After graduation, Julie received her bachelor of science degree in music education with emphasis in voice. She has taught eight years in Independence, Missouri, at Ft. Osage School District with the junior high school (choral). Rick is currently a math teacher and varsity football coach for the Ft. Osage High School. He has received his masters in administration from Central Missouri State University.

Stephanie married Gary Wayne McCampbell on March 7, 1998. Macy Noel McCampbell was born September 28, 1998. There are two half sisters, Meryl Elizabeth McCampbell, born on October 21, 1989, and Madeline Kate McCampbell, born March 10, 1992. Stephanie has an LPN nursing degree from Strawn Vocational School of Columbia, Missouri. She worked for Dr. Olson of Blue Springs and the St. Joseph Med Clinic. Gary has a degree from MWSC in accounting. He is presently employed by the Farmers State Bank Northern Missouri in Savannah.

Our immediate family have enjoyed many family meals, birthdays, holidays, vacations, visits, school and church activities, music, sports, speech and debate contests together.

Our last large family celebration was the 40th wedding anniversary of Ron and Donna in June of 2004. We also enjoyed a trip on March 6, 2004, to Hawaii with Don and Karon (Ott) Carrel as they also celebrated their 40th (August 2004).

The births of our nine grandchildren have been a highlight for our family. New life is such a miracle and blessing. God has blessed us fully, and to have good health is one of the many blessings, sometimes taken for granted.

As we are in the autumn season of our lives, we feel very blessed to have had parents with Christian ideals, educational values and a love for our country.

Submitted by Donna and Ron Young

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Henry Sharp 14 a.

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Wm Hayes 2½ a.

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S. F. Burton 1 a.

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