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Final edition

This is the final edition of The Findlay Enterprise.

The declining economic base of the community coupled with increasing production costs has made it impossible for the newspaper to continue as a free-standing product.

Subscribers to The Enterprise will receive the News-Progress through the term of their subscription. News about Findlay will appear in the News-Progress on a regular basis. Cherise Cruit, editor of the Enterprise is also associate editor of the News-Progress. She will have primary responsibility for Findlay news coverage.

Those Enterprise subscribers who also subscribe to the News-Progress will find their subscriptions have been extended by the amount of credit due.

At one time Findlay supported a printing shop and newspaper plant in the village. However, as time passed, the shop was closed, and printing of the newspaper was shifted to Bethany. When the primary method of newspaper production shifted from letterpress, printing from type, to offset, printing from photographic images, the plant moved to Sullivan where such equipment was in place.

The News-Progress is an amalgamation of newspapers once printed in Moultrie County. They were the Lovington Reporter, Bethany Echo, Moultrie County News and Sullivan Progress. The newspaper has won the sweepstakes award for editorial excellence among all Illinois newspapers in its circulation category.

According to Mrs. Cruit, the need to be even-handed in the coverage of news from a variety of communities is a reflex in the News-Progress editorial staff now, and adding Findlay as an additional community to be covered will be no great problem especially since she is intimately acquainted with the village.

The economic recession, coupled with the decline in farm income, has affected all of Central Illinois. This has lowered the ability of retail merchants to sell goods and services because people have not had the disposable income to buy. The agricultural services area has been especially hard hit with a dramatic decline in the number of establishments serving farmers and farm families.

At the same time the prices embedded in the production and delivery of newspapers have continued to rise. When silver hit \$50 an ounce, the major supplier of silver bearing materials used in phototypesetting tripled the price in one month. The price has never come down although the price of silver is now about \$5.50 an ounce. Newsprint manufacturers have announced a 15 percent price increase effective July 1. The Postal Service has raised postage rates for newspapers three times this year.

"Even with the construction of the Eagle Creek Resort as an economic boost for the area, we can't foresee an upturn that will allow us to continue the Enterprise as a free-standing paper for the next several years," says Bob Best, president of Best Newspapers in Illinois, owner of the paper.

"By concentration of resources, instead of dilution, we can continue to give northern Shelby County people news of their institutions and activities.

"Be assured that one does not discontinue a century old community institution such as The Findlay Enterprise without a great deal of searching for other avenues to follow. The problem we found was that every avenue we explored led to the same place."

The News-Progress is a semi-weekly newspaper. It is published on Monday and Wednesday and should be delivered by mail to subscribers homes on Tuesday and Thursday. Single copies will be sold in Findlay for 25 cents each.

Board says 'no thanks' to engineering proposal

By Karen Sisulak

News-Progress Staff Writer

"Thanks, but no thanks" seems to sum up what an H.E.R. & Associate engineer had to say to Findlay Village Board members July 28.

Representing H.E.R. & Associates of Westville, Monte Cherry explained the firm is not interested in acquiring charge of the sewage treatment plant as suggested at the July 1 board meeting.

After requesting "study time," Cherry and an associate, John McBride, concluded, "We don't think it is feasible for H.E.R. & Associates to buy the sewage treatment plant to lease it back to the village," Cherry said.

But Cherry was armed with recommendations for board members to consider before making simplifications to the treatment plant. In a letter addressed to the board, the engineers made mention they "would be interested in providing the village with a full-service contract to perform the (recommendations)."

The engineers' conclusion was reached once they realized "the rates would remain lower" and the plant is a "difficult plant to operate."

"We just can't buy, because we can't keep rates down as low as they already are," Cherry said, "for the best interest of the town. Besides that, it's just a complicated plant to run. It's a high maintenance plant."

At the July 1 meeting, the engineers said they believed the plant was "more sophisticated than was necessary for Findlay." And at the continuation of the July 1 meeting, Cherry further explained the treatment plant's problems were rooted with the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency's initial approval and inconsistencies in the engineering design.

"The EPA is just as much at fault for all of this," Cherry said. "They approved (plans for the plant). They should have never OK'd those plans for a town of less than 25,000."

As an effort to correct problems with the tertiary filter, trickling filter and activated sludge plant, the firm offered six recommendations which should render the plant "both operable and cheaper to maintain."

Also factored into the recommendations is whether sewer service would be offered to the proposed Eagle Creek resort.

The first recommendation, and obvious to the board, was to seek credit for the tertiary sand filter. "If it is not up to par, have it redesigned or removed. Make a request to prove it is not in use and use the money for other modifications," Cherry said.

Replacement of the tertiary sand filter was suggested. In essence,

Cherry explained this recommendation involves the addition of a 150' x 120' lagoon, which he estimated could be constructed for about \$100,000.

Trustee Dwight Riley questioned how the system would connect to the present plant. By purchasing adjacent land and running a filter under a roadway along the lagoon, the connection could be complete, Cherry explained.

Other recommendations include modification of the Smith and Lovelace plant into a primary clarifierobic sludge digester and sludge thickener, installation of float switches to control trickling filter pumps, rebuild the aerated grit chamber for housing of a bar screen and comminutor, and installation of trickling filter bypass line and secondary filter bypass line.

Regarding the recommendations, Cherry commented, "Anything you do with our recommendations will need EPA's approval. Without their blessing, they can make or break you."

Sewer plant commissioner Ron McClain reminded board members of clearing operational problems with the engineering firm which originally set the treatment plant plans.

"We know we have to have something done out there, but with this litigation in the way, we don't know when we'll be able to be in the clear," he said. "Even to simplify that system will help us in the long run."

Village Attorney Mike Kiley is scheduled to meet with McClain and H.E.R. engineer McBride on Aug. 5. Utility supervisor Doug Ryherd said he would be in attendance also.

In other business, board members approved an appropriations ordinance for next fiscal year.

New board member John Diss was sworn in to fill a vacancy from late board member Everett Wildman.

Approval was granted by board members to purchase a new siren and speaker which had burned out in the village squad car. Findlay Police Chief Mike Welch estimated the cost of replacement around \$300.

Trustee Bob Cox reported that painting at the water treatment plant cannot be started until condensation is removed from the building.

Treasurer Joan Lucas said a check from Country Companies Insurance was received for \$1,000 as a result of its annual auditing process.

She also provided information to board members about last year's levies in preparation of next month's levy discussions. Findlay's levies are to be filed at the courthouse by Sept. 1.

Athletic physicals to be offered

A physical clinic will be offered Tuesday, Aug. 12 at Findlay High School for students participating in athletics during the 1986-87 school year.

Students must have a physical form signed by a parent or guardian prior to the exam. The forms may be picked up at the school.

The school cafeteria opens Tuesday, Aug. 26. Lunch will cost 90 cents for grades 1-6 and \$1 for grades 7-12. Extra milk is 15 cents per carton.

minister the physical examinations beginning at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday.

Boys should report to the Findlay High School office at 1 p.m. and girls at 2 p.m. Monday. All students are required to bring the signed form and an early morning urine specimen.

Fee for the exam is \$7.50, and checks should be made payable to the Shelby County Medical Society. The clinic is sponsored by the Shelby County Health Dept.

Summer's almost over, registration is Tuesday

Summer is drawing to a close for Findlay youngsters and teens.

It may seem summer vacation just started, but actually it's almost over with registration for the 1986-87 school year set for 8 a.m. to noon Tuesday, Aug. 12.

Kindergarten through sixth grade students will register at the grade school, and grades seven through 12 will register at the high school.

Textbook rental is still \$12 for kindergarten and \$16 for grades one through eight. The cost for grades 9-12 is \$4 per course. This includes workbook charges.

Since the state free textbook program is in effect again this year, and due to this discount on fees, amounts charged will be: \$9.50 for kindergarten; \$9.25 for first grade; \$7.50 for second grade; \$8.80 for third grade; \$12.15 for fourth grade; \$11.85 for fifth grade; \$11.50 for sixth grade.

Also, \$12.85 for seventh grade; \$12.80 for eighth grade; total amount for courses taken minus \$5.90 for discount for ninth and tenth grades; and total amount for courses taken minus \$6.30 discount in 11th and 12th grades.

Fees have also been set for science labs, accounting, industrial arts, ag mechanics, driver education and art.

These fees are due registration day.

School insurance will also be available at registration. The insurance is not compulsory and is available for coverage during school or for 24 hours. The insurance policy pays benefits on an excess basis where other valid and collectible insurance is involved.

All students entering kindergarten, fifth and ninth grades, and all new students in the district from out of state must have a physical exam and required immunizations. A dental exam is recommended but is not required. It is extremely important that each child be properly immunized as prescribed by the Illinois Dept. of Public Health to be in compliance with the School Code of Illinois.

Any student who fails to meet the requirements by Oct. 15 will be excluded from school.

The Dept. of Public Health also requires proof of immunity against diphtheria, pertussis (through age five), tetanus, poliomyelitis, rubella (red measles), and rubella (German or three-day measles). Proof of immunization against rubella is required for all males and females through the age of nine. Mumps vaccine is strongly recommended

but not required at this time.

Forms for the physicals may be picked up at the high school office. Physical forms must be signed by a parent or guardian before the physicals are given. All athletes must have a physical examination before participating in any sport. Athletic physicals can be obtained at a school clinic which will be conducted by Dr. O.G. Kauder on registration day, Aug. 12.

The first day of school — with bus service — will be Monday, Aug. 25. All students riding the buses should be reached at about the same time as the last semester of last year. Exact schedules will be worked out after the opening day, and students will be notified at what time to expect the bus.

Classes will start at 8:25 a.m. and will be dismissed at 3:21 p.m. School will be dismissed at approximately 11 a.m. Monday, Aug. 25, in time for the buses to get the students home for lunch. Full day sessions will begin on Tuesday, Aug. 26. The first day of kindergarten will be Aug. 25, the same as the rest of the school.

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MeThinks

by Pauline Briney

This is the last Methinks and the last Findlay Enterprise you'll read. I'm shedding crocodile tears as I write this.

The Findlay Enterprise has been my baby for a long time, and I hate the thought of it being laid by the wayside even though I know it was not paying its way. There just are not enough advertisers in Findlay. Just one more part of our heritage is leaving us, and it seems that's been happening a lot lately. TOO MUCH!

Without the paper that we knew was our very own, the town will never be the same again. No other paper can truly take its place. After all, we've had it since late in the 1800's. It must be almost 100 years old and a part of our community that will be sadly missed. I wish someone would buy it, but I don't know who that would be. I'd sure be glad to help with it, and it could be printed somewhere else. I guess I may as well quite dreaming — but it's hard after you've thought newspaper 24 hours a day for about 13 years.

Enough said — I don't want to write, talk or think about it anymore. It's been a tough week for me. My dog died Tuesday, and the Enterprise died on Thursday. I buried the dog. I don't know what happens to old newspapers. I guess they just disintegrate.

Both the dog and the Enterprise were very much a part of my life. I guess I'll have to find another way to keep busy and not dwell on what might have been.

I just got back from Shelbyville. I would not shop there. They have most all of the convenient parking places marked yellow. Why go to a town where you can't park in front of the stores? I just don't understand why they did it, but I'm sure they had good reason. I still think it probably discourages shoppers.

It's Tuesday morning, and I'm sad. I just buried Ratso. I know there are a lot worse things than losing a dog, but after you've had one for 17 years it's tough. I'll have a lot of good memories of her. The whole family enjoyed her so much. I guess saying goodbye is never easy.

Well, I just got home from Sioux Falls, S.D. Monday evening and had a very enjoyable time. Darby Martin's softball team won the state championship and went to the nationals at Sioux Falls. I really got into those ball games. I really get hyped when my grandsons are playing. The corn in Illinois is so tall and good looking that the corn I saw

in parts of Missouri, Iowa and South Dakota looked pretty bad in comparison. I thought it must be popcorn it was so small. I asked a lady in South Dakota, and she said they had so much spring rain that the planting was very late.

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As far as I know the ground-breaking for the new development is still on for sometime in August. I don't know the date yet. I was told by someone in the Dept. of Conservation that it will have to be when they can find the governor with a free day. We should hear something soon.

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It's time now to start planning to enjoy Findlay Days over the Labor Day weekend. From what I hear, all plans are go. It's always a fun time, and I hope you can all be here to enjoy it.

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I have enjoyed taking pictures at the Shelby County 4-H Fair for several years, and I'm sorry we didn't get some this year. Too many people are on vacation at the same time, and there were no photographers available.

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Speaking of State Fairs I've never been to one in my life. I attended the Arthur Fair once when I was about 12 years old, and the only other fairs I've been to are the 4-H Fairs in Shelby and Moultrie Co. I attended the Moultrie Co. fairs while the Robinson boys were showing livestock and the Shelby County one to see the Findlay kids in action.

Second quarter distribution of funds made by United Way

The second quarter distribution of funds has been made by the Shelby County United Way to participating agencies.

Funds were distributed to Cerebral Palsy of East Central Illinois, \$76.25; American Red Cross, \$3,860.25; Mental Health and Rehabilitation Center, \$25; Historical & Genealogical Society, \$500; Mental Health and Retardation Assoc., \$300.

Also Shelby County CEFS Outreach Transportation, \$250; Retired Senior Volunteer Program, \$125; Salvation Army, \$300; Boy Scouts, \$3,167.50; and Girl Scouts, \$1,066.

A total of \$9,670 was distributed.

Looking back 25 years... 5 years

Twenty-Five Years Ago

Judy Conlin, 16, of Findlay was killed instantly in a collision of two autos July 28. The fatal accident occurred on Route 128 near the REA building at the north edge of Shelbyville, during a blinding rainstorm that hit the area. Riding with Miss Conlin were her mother, Freda Conlin, and Linda Uphoff, 16, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Uphoff.

Judy McEnery and Debbie Cruit left Saturday for their homes in Sacramento, Cal. Mrs. Cyrus Stevens accompanied them home for a visit with her daughter, Marge Barta and family.

A. F. Baker, superintendent of the Findlay Community Unit Schools, reported that all teaching vacancies have been filled.

Representatives from nine Shelby County towns met at the REA Building in Shelbyville July 21 to learn of plans that are in progress for the formation of a four county area economic development organization. Fred Simmering, executive secretary of the Shelbyville Chamber of Commerce, was instrumental in forming the organization. Attending from Findlay were Noble Rhea, A.F. Baker, James Atkinson and Henry Pond.

June Perry entertained 25 guests in her home July 23, in honor of the birthday of her mother, Mrs. Walter Mathias.

Ben and Ruth Massey are the parents of a baby girl, Peggy. They also have a small son, Greg.

Mr. and Mrs. Dean Dunham and Sandy entertained several relatives of Earl and Glenda Dunham on Sunday afternoon in honor of their 50th wedding anniversary.

Cecil and Blanche Wilson and family and Marilyn Boyer of

Bethany returned last week from a visit with their daughter, Mrs. Rosemarie Mickish and husband of Dallas, Texas.

Guy and Bertha Enoch of Chester visited their sons, Woodrow and Paul Enoch and families last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Melcher and Kent and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Melcher, Elaine and Susie spent the weekend of July 22 in Atlanta, Ga. visiting their brother, Ted Melcher and family.

John and Bonnie Mauzey returned home Thursday from their annual vacation trip to Minnesota.

Eighty eight friends and relatives attended the reunion of the descendants of William and Almira Longshoe Coventry, former residents of Prairie Home community at Galloway Park in Decatur July 23.

Five Years Ago

Findlay children are finding the grade school playground to be the center of a lot of activities. The tennis court and playground are busy, and a lot of basketball is played there.

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Manuel of Mt. Zion have announced the engagement of their daughter, Terri Ann to Edward Joseph Noel, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Noel of Decatur. The Noels are former Findlay residents.

When Findlay residents attend the "Battle of the Towns" in Shelbyville Aug. 1, they will find an eight member team representing Findlay,

Ron and Nedra Hash, Teddy and Jim Scott, Mike Reynolds, Sharon Karcher, Curt Wooters and Jody Bricker. Bill Walters will be scorekeeper for the Findlay team.

Sandra Lea Lucas was among those students named to the deans' lists for the nine colleges and three other academic units in the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign for the 1981 spring semester.

A baby shower was held Saturday for Jamie Nickell of Bondville. The shower was given by Lynda Baker in her home. Brenda Rich of Springfield was also a hostess.

John Nichols of Belton, Texas, who formerly lived near Findlay with the Martsie Stevens family, visited Ralph and Juanita Graven Wednesday.

Paul and Elizabeth Badger of Park Ridge will celebrate their golden wedding anniversary with a family gathering in their home Saturday, Aug. 1. Mrs. Badger is the former Elizabeth Spencer of Findlay.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Adams of Pasco, Wash. spent Sunday and Monday in the home of Tom and Vera Reynolds. The Adams' showed slides of Mount St. Helens to guests the Reynolds had invited in for the showing.

Lawrence and Wilma Camfield and Paul and Maxine Bennett and their children and grandchildren spent the weekend at Aurora, Ky. near Ken Lake State Park. Bob and Shirley Toon of Murray, Ky. visited them on Saturday afternoon.

Gloria and Julie Livergood and Sue and Melissa Weakly of Bethany spent the weekend at Six Flags.

Dorothy Snyder of Macon and Helen Boyer of Decatur called on Ruth Dunham Wednesday evening.

Joanne, Kathy and Donnie Green visited her parents, Raymond and Eula Chapman Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Coventry visited Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Coventry and Katie of Ottawa last week.

Our vanishing heritage

By K.D. and Pauline Watkins

The people of Findlay have recently seen the destruction by wrecking crews of some of our most familiar and older structures. The Findlay Enterprise building, the two elevators and the C & EI depot were all victims. Earlier, we lost the Okaw Theatre. Most of these landmarks were older than any citizen living here at the present time.

This is only a summary of some of the history and activity of the depot and its part in Findlay.

In the year 1916, my father, Fred Watkins, came to Findlay to be the C

& EI station agent and served in that capacity until the year 1950. Some news I'll mention may be remembered by us and those associated with Findlay and its depot.

At the point south of Findlay, two branches of the C & EI railroad converge at the "Y". One branch, going south, ends at Thebes on the Mississippi River, not far from Cairo, Ill. The second rail line is a direct route from St. Louis to Chicago. Both branches carried passenger trains.

Findlay was the last stop for the southern passenger train, and every

passenger on the train disembarked from the train at the depot. Those going farther had a short wait until a passenger train from St. Louis picked them up at the depot to continue north to their destinations. The wait between the two trains was usually 30-45 minutes, around noonday. This gave those needing lunch enough time to go to Reuben Richards restaurant, located in what we call the old Selock building near the depot.

The southern division serviced the area of Illinois coal fields, and long trains of coal car loads passed through. Every now and then cars of coal would stop to service the depot, the old coal chute and the village light plant, and to supply the people and businesses in town and the rural areas. The coal sheds were located just north of the north elevator beside the rail tracks. These coal cars were unloaded into the sheds by men using only big hand scoops. The Thebes division also handled freight from barges on the Mississippi. During the Second World War, the connection with the Missouri-Pacific (MOP) at Thebes enabled the C & EI railroad to carry oil and other supplies from Texas and Oklahoma fields to help the USA and Allies win that war.

It was a very busy time for all the men working in the railroad station. I'll name a few: Claude (Hap) Combs, Buck Watkins, Mr. Bramm and John Mauzey. Ed Helm and Tom Wilson worked at the tower destroyed earlier. Three of these young men served in the armed services of the USA.

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Saying goodbye is hard

Saying goodbye to the Enterprise isn't easy for me since I have been associated with the newspaper shortly after moving to Findlay nine years ago.

In some ways I feel like the Enterprise is one of my children. Indeed, John was only 20 months old when I came to work for the Best's and Emily was born when I'd been on the job several years.

My first association with the paper came in December, 1977 when associate editor Pauline Briney called me to ask if I would "do the news" while she was in Florida. Two years later I came to work at the newspaper office to edit the Findlay Enterprise and The Bethany Echo.

Both papers are history now.

For a little while, it will be an adjustment for Findlay and it will be an adjustment for me getting along without the Enterprise. But we will all make it. It will just be hard for a while.

I've enjoyed being the editor of the Findlay newspaper. I've also gone through some hard times wondering if I was doing the right thing. One thing I'm certain of, I've always been proud of the newspaper.

I won't consider this a goodbye, since I will be Findlay's "representative" on the News-Progress.

Cherise R. Cruit
Enterprise Editor



Cynthia Louise Luck

Thomas James Burch

Cynthia Luck, Thomas Burch plan November 15 wedding

Mr. and Mrs. Morris Luck of Bethany have announced the engagement of their daughter, Cynthia Louise, to Thomas James Burch, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Burch of Findlay.

The bride-elect, a graduate of Bethany High School, is employed at

the Samuels, Miller, Schroeder, Jackson and Sly Law Firm in Decatur. Her fiance, a graduate of Lake Land College, is employed by Miles Chevrolet in Decatur.

A Nov. 15 wedding is being planned.

Elaine Beery, Wendy Crickman receive degrees

Two Findlay residents are among the 750 students eligible to participate in Eastern Illinois University's summer commencement at 4 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 10 in the Library Union Quad.

Degrees are conferred pending completion of all requirements for graduation.

Elaine Frances Beery will receive her bachelor of science degree in education and has been hired as an elementary teacher in the Sullivan schools.

Wendy J. Crickman will receive her bachelor of science degree in business.

Piano students to present recital

Gloria Miner's piano students will present a recital at 3 p.m. Sunday in the Findlay Methodist Church.

Performing will be Michael, Sarah and Scott Beem, Colby and Tyler Bradford, John Cruit, Angela Diss, Michelle and Michael Coventry, Melanie Mathias, Trish McDonald, Eric Mitchell, Heather Nichols, Andrew and Jamie Scott, Leslie Van Keuren and Missy and Sherry Voyles.

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John R. Roney travels farthest for reunion; relected president

John Richard Roney of Vista, Cal. not only traveled the greatest distance to attend the 61st annual Roney family reunion, he also was re-elected president of the group.

Re-elected to serve with him for another year were Dale Roney, vice president, and Doris Roney Bowers, secretary-treasurer.

Ted Warren, 84, of Decatur was the oldest and Erica Roney, 2, of Bethany was the youngest of the 64 family members gathered Aug. 3 in Crowder Park in Bethany.

The 25 members of the Oscar Roney family took the honors for having the largest representation at the reunion. Additional information for the Roney family book was collected during a business meeting, and each individual attending gave a short report on the past year's events.

Doris Bowers on the keyboard, Clay Roney on the drums and Vera Lu Jeffers on the spoons provided the musical accompaniment for the Roney Family sing-along, and several couples formed teams in the water balloon toss game which was won by Dale and Joan Roney. Ina Roney and Vera Lu Jeffers won prizes for answering the most Roney trivia questions, and Wesley Stark

won the junior division.

Attending the reunion in addition to the president were Phyllis Roney of Oshkosh, Wis., Roy and Becky Roney of Mattoon, Diane Warren Strife of Charleston, John and Kay Chambers and Vickie of Bluff Springs, Roger and Janet Roney, Clay and Cynthia of Lovington, Roy and Avis Brent of Arrowsmith, Maurice and Marcie Mathias of Kenney, Lute and June Roney and Andy and Hillary Stephens of Findlay and Bob and Vera Lu Jeffers of Lakewood.

Also Lloyd and Doris Gist, Robbie Lancaster and sons, Randy Jo and Ryan Thomas, Paul and Lucia Roney, Matthew, Lucas, Tereza and Erica and guest, Bobby Ernst, and Emerson and Genevieve Mathias, all of Bethany; and Dan and Gail Smith, Denver and LaVerna Page, Leo and Irma Roney and Dick and Paulette Gregg, Erika, Carrie, Aaron and Paula, all of Shelbyville.

Others were Joe and Ina Roney, Dorothy Graven, Thelma Roney and Dolly Warren, all of Sullivan, and Bob and Doris Bowers, Wesley Stark, Steve Roney, Dale and Joan Roney, Brian Roney and guest, Maribeth Laurence, Ted Warren and Glenn and Yvonne Bell, all of Decatur.

Johnson family gathers July 27 in Wyman Park

The annual Johnson family reunion was held July 27 in Wyman Park in Sullivan.

Attending were Henry and Hazel Johnson, Ted and Hattie Johnson, Wayne and Virginia Gillenwater, Mary Johnson, Reba Shain, Helen Pound, Grace and Novie Waddell, Ruth and Kent Bone and Amanda Lowry, Kevin Waddell, Betty Johnson, Rick Johnson and Gretchen, Dolly Warren and Warren and Mary Trigg, all of Sullivan.

Also Agnes Johnson of Mattoon, Mike and Ada Johnson, Darrin and Missy of Grissom Air Force Base, Ind., Wanda Whitton of Champaign, Sharon and Jason Browning of Mansfield, Marjorie Hildreth of Urbana, Steve and Diane Campbell of Homer, Joe and Juanita Brewer and Janice Melton of Philo and Orman Vadakin, David and Linda Benner, Dawn and Doug and Daniel and Julie Winings and Joshua, all of Decatur.

Others were Charles and Louise Tankersly of Assumption, Eudora Strobel and Joyce Stuper of Springfield, Vicki Grebien, Lindsey and Dana and Robert Winings and Dana, all of Bethany, Mary Bricker and Walter and Olive Johnson of Shelbyville and Clarence and Clara Rosine of Stewardson.

Attending from Findlay were Theresa Williams and Whitney, Cindy Luens, Eric and Aaron, Ruth Johnson, Kara Arthur and Rory, Don Johnson, Glen Johnson and Frank Johnson.

Herrons host baby reunion

The Forest Herron farm was overrun by babies Saturday, Aug. 2.

Kevin, Jane and Kyle Herron hosted a Lamaze class reunion for all of their classmates on that day.

Those attending were Richard, Debbie and Megan Bright of Mt. Zion, Kenny, Betty and Jacob Chamberlain of Herrick and Rod, Geri and Rachel Spelbring, Hunter, Cindy and Sarah York, Dave, Debbie and Dustin Smith and Dave, Candy and Brandy Tolladay, all of Decatur.

Also JoAnn, Geri Ann and Danielle Clark of Macon, Brent, Tammy and Daniel Shewmaker of Moweaqua and Kevin, Jane and Kyle Herron of Findlay.

The group decided to have a reunion each year.

Grandsons visit with George Perrys

Justin, Nicholas and Kyle Perry, sons of Jeff and Pam Perry of Ridge Farm, spent last week with their grandparents, George and Betty Perry and Wayne and Lois Cruit.

Jeff and Pam were at Hilton Head Island, S.C. Stanley Cruit and Lisa Duke of WINSTON-SALEM, N.C. visited them on the island.

Findlians in the news

Ashton Waggoner and friend, Marc Fowler, spent Friday night with his grandparents, Woodrow and Marjorie Enoch.

Marjorie Enoch attended the Homemakers Past Board members meeting last Saturday morning at Guy's Steak House in Shelbyville. Following breakfast, George Schumacher showed slides of their recent cruise through the Panama Canal and visits to several Caribbean islands.

Woodrow and Marjorie Enoch spent Saturday night with Robert and Margaret Finley of Danville. They ate supper at the Beef House in Covington, Ind.

The Illinois Flying Farmers recently honored Illinois Queen

Margaret, president Allen Hoffman and Farmerette Renee Griffith. Forty planes flew and the parachute club members made several jumps to entertain the 110 guests from Ohio, Indiana and Michigan. Ultralight planes also flew in the area after church services and a potluck.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Nees of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., sister, Anna May Gipson of Springfield, and Marcella Grover of Shelbyville visited Harold and Nancy Bible Friday afternoon. Mrs. Grover is Nancy's aunt.

Chester Colclasure of Moline visited recently with his sister, Eula Chapman, his mother in Sullivan and Raymond Chapman in a Springfield hospital.

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Angie Uphoff

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Madge Green

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From time to time we will be running an article such as this one. We will do our best to make sure it is not a waste of your time or effort. It will vary in its approach and content and also will challenge every reader to deal with the person of Jesus and His Word. Our purpose is that every person in this town would be challenged to come to Him.

Because we will challenge people with the powerful Word of God those who have never come to Him will begin to experience the conviction of the Holy Spirit, Who will draw them to the Lord Jesus. Those who have tasted of God's goodness in the past and have backslidden into finding meaning for life in anything but Him will also be drawn back to God by the Holy Spirit.

For those who have been giving themselves religious back pats but who make better hypocrites than Christians they also will feel the power of the Holy Spirit. For those who are sincere and want to serve God with all their heart and do His will the same Holy Spirit will help them to accomplish just that.

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Investigation finds shooting was justified

SHELBYVILLE — No charges will be brought against Sullivan Police Sgt. Joe Thompson, and the investigation into the shooting of Earl Hidlebaugh of Mattoon on July 9 is complete, says Shelby County State's Atty. Michael Kiley.

Kiley received a copy of the Division of Criminal Investigation report prepared after the incident near Eagle Creek State Park and issued a press release Tuesday after reviewing the report.

The same report had been received by Moultrie County authorities who made no comment on the contents because Kiley had the responsibility of continuing or dropping the investigation. They were, however, pleased with the result of the investigation.

The report says investigators were satisfied that Thompson "acted with restraint" and shot Hidlebaugh with his 12-gauge shotgun only after he had reason to fear for his life.

He had chased Hidlebaugh, who was wanted in Decatur on an aggravated assault charge, from Sullivan to near the state park. Speeds during the chase over township roads approached 100 mph at times.

WHEN HIDLEBAUGH turned off the Bruce-Findlay road onto the park access road, his auto collided with a pickup truck occupied by Todd Coleman of rural Findlay. Hidlebaugh got out of the car carrying a .410 gauge shotgun.

Conservation officer Dan Bowers confirmed Thompson's report that Hidlebaugh pointed the gun at Thompson and threatened repeatedly to kill him. Coleman, taking cover in the pickup, saw Hidlebaugh get out of his car and approach Thompson carrying a weapon.

After first trying unsuccessfully to back up to put distance between himself and Hidlebaugh, Thompson pointed his shotgun out of the squad car window toward Hidlebaugh. Hidlebaugh raised his gun as if sighting on Thompson, the investigators concluded, and Thompson shot him in the chest from a distance of about 52 feet.

Hidlebaugh earlier had fired into the rear of Bowers' squad car when Bowers blocked him from racing into Findlay.



Photo by R.R. Best

Troy Coleman of Findlay positions his sheep in the judging ring at the Moultrie-Sullivan Fair at the 4-H Center.

Findlians win at Moultrie Fair

Several Findlians brought home awards for livestock from the Moultrie County 4-H and Junior Fair.

Troy Coleman showed the junior champion Corriedale ewe, and Dustin Cruit showed the junior reserve champion and also the junior reserve champion market lamb in the Corriedale breed and the junior champion Hampshire market lamb.

Troy Uphoff showed the reserve junior champion crossbreed market lamb.

Trust fund opened for truck expenses

A trust fund has been opened at the Bank of Findlay. Money is needed to supply fuel for truck drivers who are willing to transport hay to the drought stricken areas in the southeastern states. Any amount will be appreciated.

Findlians in the news

Mr. and Mrs. John Alka and son and Joann Green of Mt. Carmel spent a recent Saturday with their parents, Raymond and Eula Chapman. Joining them for dinner were Rich, Mary, Mike and Heather.

Several members of the Todds Point Homemakers Extension unit worked at the food stand at the 4-H Fair last week.

Woodrow and Marjorie Enoch flew to Litchfield Monday to have dinner with Gene and Helen Sies.

Raymond Chapman returned home recently from a ten day stay in St. John's Hospital in Springfield.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Green and son of Mt. Carmel visited in Findlay recently, and they and Mr. and Mrs. Jon Alka and Mathew called on Raymond Chapman in St. John's Hospital in Springfield.

Recent visitors in the Chapman home were the Rev. and Mrs. Merritt of Charleston, Mr. and Mrs. Perry Pritts, Mr. and Mrs. Aug Lee, John Allsop and Harold and Leona Colclasure.

Ron and Ellen Ragan and Clint hosted a frog leg supper Saturday

Sondra Diss and Gloria Livergood enjoyed lunch at Jim & Co. restaurant July 24.

Gloria Livergood and Mark Lehn had dinner at the Red Lobster July 25.

Margaret and Dewey Bolin and Bridget Freeland of Dalton City visited with Terry Bolin of St. Louis over the weekend. They enjoyed the ball game on Friday night. Betty and Junior Roby of Bethany joined them Saturday morning, and they enjoyed shopping at Union Station and sightseeing.

Don and Marci Croy have a new daughter born July 26. She has been named Aston Melinda. Her great-grandparents, Robert and Marie Chapman and Katy Orr visited mother and baby Sunday afternoon. They also called on the Jim Jackson family of Etna and Joline Chapman in Windsor.

Paula Kunzman, Marge Uphoff, Sonya Stivers, Nancy Lutz, Gloria Livergood, Peggy Bowers and Sondra Diss had dinner July 23 at the Red Lobster and shopped afterwards at Venture and K-Mart.

A year and 18 days later, school consolidation studies are done

By Karen Sisulak
News-Progress Staff Writer

It took one year and 18 days for state school bureaucrats and politicians to get the message that school districts in this part of Illinois want nothing to do with Springfield-supervised school consolidation.

July 17 marked one year since Gov. James Thompson signed Senate Bill 730 into law. Contained within the bill were 169 items designed to better Illinois education, and one of those items — the 1985 School District Reorganization Act — was not believed to better education in Moultrie County.

And Moultrie County residents did not hesitate to voice disapproval of the reorganization act.

Under the guidance of Regional Superintendent of Schools Rose Mary Shepherd and the Regional Reorganization Committee, the public one year later has made reorganization a dead issue. It was confirmed by the final act of the committee at a special meeting in Mattoon Monday night when a "no plan" report was formally approved.

Not only has public opinion wielded a negative response against the General Assembly's effort, representatives serving on the reorganization committee are telling the Illinois State Board of Education no consolidation will be taking place here.

After considering the purpose of the 1985 School District Reorganization Act, committee members decided provision for the "framework for an effective and orderly reorganization of the existing schools . . . in order to enhance educational opportunity for the children" was not needed.

Sullivan's representative on the committee, Charles B. Shuman, thinks that some consolidation of school functions in Moultrie County may happen, "but it's not going to come from the top down. The super committee (the Regional Reorganization Committee) was a mistake."

During public hearings conducted in all school districts, committeemen representing the Sullivan, Lovington and Bethany districts asked the public for input on whether consolidation would be in the respective district's best interest before a final plan was written.

As Shepherd refers to the plan, the "no plan" plan represents the committee's agreement that "no reorganization of school districts is required," Shepherd explained.

As she reported in the committee's proposed "no plan" plan, "Overwhelmingly, testimony was not in favor of consolidation."

Committeemen also demanded Shepherd include a statement in the plan to stress an attitude of "don't call us, we'll call you." It states: "If reorganization becomes a necessity, that choice will be made by the people of the individual districts under district initiative as to

direction and timetable."

Monday night's meeting "will be the last, unless something unexpected happens," Shepherd said. "The job is finished when the plan is submitted. Consolidation may be on the back burner for right now, but (school districts) are working out programs to keep education at a high quality level."

For Moultrie County, and Clark, Coles, Cumberland, Edgar and Shelby county representatives, the monthly trips to Mattoon have ended. Paul Spence of Bethany, Shuman and Roger Molzen of Lovington, also the committee's assistant chairman, have served their purpose.

What will not end is the memory of the General Assembly's attempt to mandate consolidation throughout the state.

When the committee first met, consolidation was mandated under the auspices of minimum enrollment figures for high school (500 pupils), elementary (1,000 pupils) and unit (1,500) districts if state aid was to continue into the schools, Shepherd said. And the public response was negative, affecting the committee's attitude.

In the "no plan" plan, Shepherd explains that "Antagonist opinions directed at committee members by the public and committee member disagreement with the law caused the committee to proceed reluctantly."

Yet, under the direction of Shepherd, committee members were "ready to devise a tentative plan when the General Assembly changed the law. Discussions continued, but direction was changed by the Illinois legislature."

What the committee was headed toward was determining whether five factors in districts could be bettered by consolidation. The five factors multiplied into one overall goal of the reorganization act: to establish maximum educational opportunity.

In addition to the factors, the changes eliminated minimum enrollment figures, pushed back committee deadlines to submit consolidation plans by three months and provided the "no plan" option.

That was in March. The committee had already spent six months wading through information about finances, teaching staff, facilities, transportation, locations, curriculum and extracurricular activities.

The factors set by the legislature according to the reforms in Senate Bill 242 are 1.) consideration of resident goals and concerns, 2.) educational needs of local communities, 3.) economies of transportation and administrative needs,

4.) student convenience and welfare and 5.) parental participation in education.

Seeded within the "resident goals and concerns" factor was a provision for two public hearings.

But it was not until that time that

the committee learned of the goals, and then Shepherd was not sure how to advise the committee. She recommended to "put everything on hold" until she could consult with other regional superintendents on interpreting the factors and how to conduct the hearings.

"It bothers me a great deal that the opinion of the constituency is not enough. All of this time has been wasted," Shepherd said in March. It was also at this point committee members voiced approval of disbanding. Even Shuman said, "I think if someone would make the motion to disband, it'd pass."

Regardless, Shepherd constantly reminded the committee it was bound by law to complete the studies and complete the two hearings by July 30.

"That's the ironic part of it. Though it may be the most cumbersome way possible, we have to follow the law in the least painful way," she said. "The more ironic part of it is the second hearing — if they (committee members) reported no reaction to the plan at the first hearing, we still had to have the second hearing."

But she stresses another phenomenon occurred because of the 1985 School District Reorganization Act.

"If nothing else, this means the democratic process works," Shepherd commented. "My people (committee members) see it in a more positive way. People listened and used the democratic process. They came together."

So has the committee's time been wasted over the past year? Shepherd does not believe so.

Literacy tutoring workshop is set

There are 7,014 adults in Effingham, Clay and Shelby counties who are reading below the sixth grade level. They are shut off from our economy and our society, and the cost of their handicap is staggering, both in human and economic terms.

To help alleviate the problem the CEFS Literacy Program is having a Tutor Training Workshop which will provide the volunteer with all the techniques needed to teach an adult to read. The workshop will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Aug. 13 and 14 in the CEFS Central Office, 101 N. 4th, on the fourth floor, in Effingham.

To register for the workshop, call the CEFS Outreach Office in Shelby County or contact Chris Boyd, CEFS Literacy Program director at 342-2195.



"I don't think you can say this has been a waste of time," she said. "I'm working for quality education. The committee was working for quality education, and I believe the school districts are, too."

"I would say the way in which this whole thing was handled makes me question its efficiency. I can think of better ways to spend my time," she explained.

Because of the detailed information discussed by the committee each representative and school board had the opportunity to examine their school system in comparison with others, she said.

Once representatives did get together, she noticed a learning process was taking place. "Once they started talking about sharing programs, they began to see similarities and differences. I doubt we would have taken the time to bring a member of each school district together without the impetus from the state."

"They got to know each other and learned there are other ways of handling things," Shepherd said.

Findians in the news

Forest, Joan and Cindy Herron attended the festival in Decatur Sunday evening.

Randy and Debbie Coslow, Cari and Chastity enjoyed shopping, lunch and a movie at Hickory Point Mall in Decatur Thursday.

Ruby Younger and Zola Hendricks called on Retta Webb at Fair Havens Christian Home in Decatur Friday. Miss Webb is 103 years old.

Monday dinner guests of Zola Hendricks were Clara Thomas of Phoenix, Ariz., Laurel Hadley of Danville, Lisha Guin of Sullivan and Rozella Andes. On Tuesday she prepared dinner for Sam and Sandra Authenrieth and Laura Ann and Rozella Andes.

Kevin, Jane and Kyle Herron spent Sunday afternoon and evening at the Decatur Celebration. They enjoyed seeing The Association, and Dan Peak, formerly of the group America, perform. They also enjoyed a frisbee show by the Jammers, and they stopped on the way home for a short visit with Jane's parents.

Mike, Cherise, John and Emily Cruit returned home Sunday following a week-long trip to Washington, D.C.

Weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Cruit were Mr. and Mrs. Mike Mueller and Mindy of Overland Park, Kan. On Sunday they all attended the Foster family reunion which was hosted by Sylvia Parr and held this year in Forest Park in Shelbyville.

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Event

Time

Place

Ice Cream Social	5:30-8:30 pm	Fire District Building
Queen Contest	6:00-7:00 pm	Stage
Variety Show	7:00-8:00 pm	Stage
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Parade Trophy Categories

Below are the Trophy categories for the parade, however each participant will receive a commemorative plate or ribbon. If you have any questions please call Jeff Allen at 217-756-8657. Parade assembly starts on the east side of the High School at 8:30 a.m. Numbers will be assigned to all vehicles. The award ceremony for major trophies will follow the parade at the stage downtown.

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- Best Antique Vehicle
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Miss Findlay, Junior Miss And Little Miss Findlay Queen Contest Rules

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1. Participants must be a resident of the Findlay or Findlay Rural Area and unmarried.
2. Little Miss Findlay Ages 5-8
3. Junior Miss Findlay Ages 9-14
4. Miss Findlay Ages 15-19

Judging will be August 29 at 6:00 P.M.

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Saturday, August 30

Event	Time	Place
Pancake/Sausage Breakfast	6:00-9:00 am	Legion Building
Parade	10:00 am	Starts at High School
Parade Award Ceremony	11:00 am	Stage
Junior Tractor Pulls	1:00 pm	Front of Stage
Ham and Bean Supper	4:30 pm -?	Mason's Bldg.
Kaskaskia Kountry Opry	7:00-10:00 pm	Stage
Mini Park Prize Drawing - FFA	7:00 pm	Stage
Teen Dance	8:00-11:30 pm	Legion Building

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Billy the goat shows off his favorite pastime, untying shoestrings of unsuspecting visitors to the Drury barnyard.

Photo by R.R. Best

Public Notice

ORDINANCE NO. 86-1

ANNUAL BUDGET AND APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE OF THE FINDLAY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT IN THE COUNTY OF SHELBY AND STATE OF ILLINOIS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 1, 1986 TO AUGUST 31, 1987.

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Findlay Fire Protection District in the County of Shelby and State of Illinois, has prepared or caused to be prepared in the tentative form a budget and annual appropriation ordinance, and the said Board of Trustees has made the same conveniently available to public inspection for at least 30 days prior to final action thereon.

AND, WHEREAS, a public hearing will be held as to such budget and annual appropriation ordinance on the 6th day of August, 1986 and all other legal requirements having been complied with.

NOW, THEREFORE, Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Findlay Fire Protection District in the County of Shelby and State of Illinois, as follows:

SECTION I: That the fiscal year for Findlay Fire Protection District, be and the same is hereby fixed and declared to be from the 1st day of September, A.D. 1986 to the 31st day of August, A.D. 1987.

SECTION II: That the following budget containing an estimate of receipts and expenditures for the fiscal year mentioned above, is hereby adopted.

PART I

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS

Cash on hand at beginning of fiscal year.....	\$ NONE
Taxes to be received in 1986-1987 fiscal year available for appropriation.....	\$20,485.00

PART II

ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES

Purchase of equipment.....	\$ 9,725.00
Purchase of supplies.....	2,500.00
Salaries of Trustees, firefighters, Treasurer, Fire Chief, Asst. Chief and Attorney.....	3,450.00
Maintenance of fire equipment.....	1,600.00
Utilities.....	2,400.00
Hydrant rental.....	.360.00
Printing, postage and office supplies.....	.100.00
Miscellaneous expenses.....	\$350.00
	<u>\$20,485.00</u>

SECTION III: That there is hereby appropriated for use for Fire Protection for the said fiscal year the sum of \$20,485.00 to be divided among the several objects and purposes specified in Part II of Section II hereof; and that this Section III shall be and is the annual appropriation ordinance of this district passed by the Board of Trustees as required by law and shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage according to law.

ADOPTED as Tentative Budget and Appropriation Ordinance this 2nd day of July, 1986.

James P. Saddoris, PRESIDENT

B.L. Dawdy, SECRETARY

Richard Morse,

BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF FINDLAY
FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

ADOPTED as Permanent Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for said fiscal year on the 6th day of August, 1986.

James P. Saddoris, PRESIDENT

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Richard Morse,

BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF FINDLAY
FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

Monkey may be next guest at Drury's farm

By Nancy Saegesser

News-Progress Staff Writer

SULLIVAN — There are no monkeys in her back yard yet, but Virginia Drury has learned to expect anything.

"Nothing surprises me," she chuckles.

Sharing a less-than-four-acre farm with an odd collection of 35 animals and 50, give or take a few, birds teaches her things like that.

"I kind of like to go over to the Arthur Sale Barn every Thursday," husband Clyde says with a sly smile. "I usually come home with something."

"Every time he comes home, I wonder what we're going to do with it," his wife reports. "But we always seem to find a place."

"See that pen there," Clyde continues, pointing to a large coop currently housing several peafowl, a pair of guineas and a few other poultry. "With some sort of a cover on that, I could put a pair of monkeys in there."

Don't think the smile and twinkle in his eye make the possibility purely a laugher. Not from a man whose private hope is to someday own a pair of llamas.

Llamas on a wooded three and two-tenths acre tract just off a golf course in rural Moultrie County?

"You bet," Drury answers quickly. The only reason the couple's herd of European fallow deer aren't sharing the orchard with llamas already is a hefty price tag.

"I heard of females selling for \$8,000 to \$10,000," he explains.

The most unusual transplant to this barnyard menagerie, however, may well be the Drurys themselves.

Clyde was a farmer, working 920 acres near Dwight and wintering in Florida, when his doctor told him to get out of the fields and into retirement.

"He told me not to go into town and just sit around," Clyde recalls. "He said to get a hobby."

"Turned on to these little horses" in Florida, the retiring farmer and his wife went looking for a miniature stallion and brood mares, and a place to raise them.

The nearest breeding farms were

near Shelbyville, so the couple took off on Memorial Day weekend five years ago to check out the stock and "look for a place."

"We drove around the lake and came down the road here," Clyde recalls, pointing down the paved road which curves past his front yard and his horses' favorite pasture. "I looked over at Virginia right then and said 'There's our place.'"

In about a month, it was.

"We haven't been off this darn place overnight since we've been here," reports an unretired-sounding Clyde. "I keep saying I'm going to rent that 920 acres back so I can rest up."

Up at six a.m. and finishing chores at 10 p.m., Clyde still isn't about to give up the hobby that has him tending 17 miniature horses, a pair of goats, eight deer, and flocks of Japanese pigeons, doves, partridge, peacocks, quail and guineas.

"Don't forget the dogs," he chimes in. "They're rat terriers. Not a day goes by that they don't get something treed out in the woods. Then I'll have to go out and see what it is. Could be a ground hog or a possum, or even a cat."

"There are very few dull moments around here."

Nor quiet ones.

"When they all get started in the morning, it's pretty noisy," he says of the cacophony emanating from the small barn and farmyard. "I love that sound."

The horses though, are obviously the couple's pride and joy.

"They're my therapy," Clyde explains. "You can spend about all the time you want with them. If it ain't hair trimming, or hoof trimming, it's feeding or something else."

"A lot of people say it would be a lot of work, but to me, it's a lot of enjoyment."

"Especially when you get one like Punkin'."

Punkin' is a, what else, pumpkin colored foal born just a few months back.

Not the youngest in the bunch, hands down the laziest and probably the least interested in her owners' fawning, Punkin' still is closest to their hearts.

"She's lazy all right," Clyde chuckles, "but it's like kids — you get to love 'em when they're first born, before you know that stuff about 'em."

Not as attached to all the horses, the couple has sold "six or eight," generally to area folks looking for an unusual pet.

The breed began in Europe, developed there and imported here to work the coal mines. Automation made them obsolete, and many were turned out to pasture. They are now in demand for show purposes as well as pets, and command stud fees comparable with thoroughbred racehorses.

The Drurys are content to show their collection to the constant stream of visitors who wander into their farmyard.

"We love our animals, and we like to show them off," Clyde says. "But we've got them as our hobby. Let the others show them."

"Have been thinking of putting up parking meters out front, though," he jokes.

"On Saturdays and Sundays, it's usually one car pulling out and another pulling up," Virginia reports. "But we love that, too."

Most visitors, whether area residents, a group from a local nursing home or Lake Shelbyville campers who've been drawn by word of mouth, come to look.

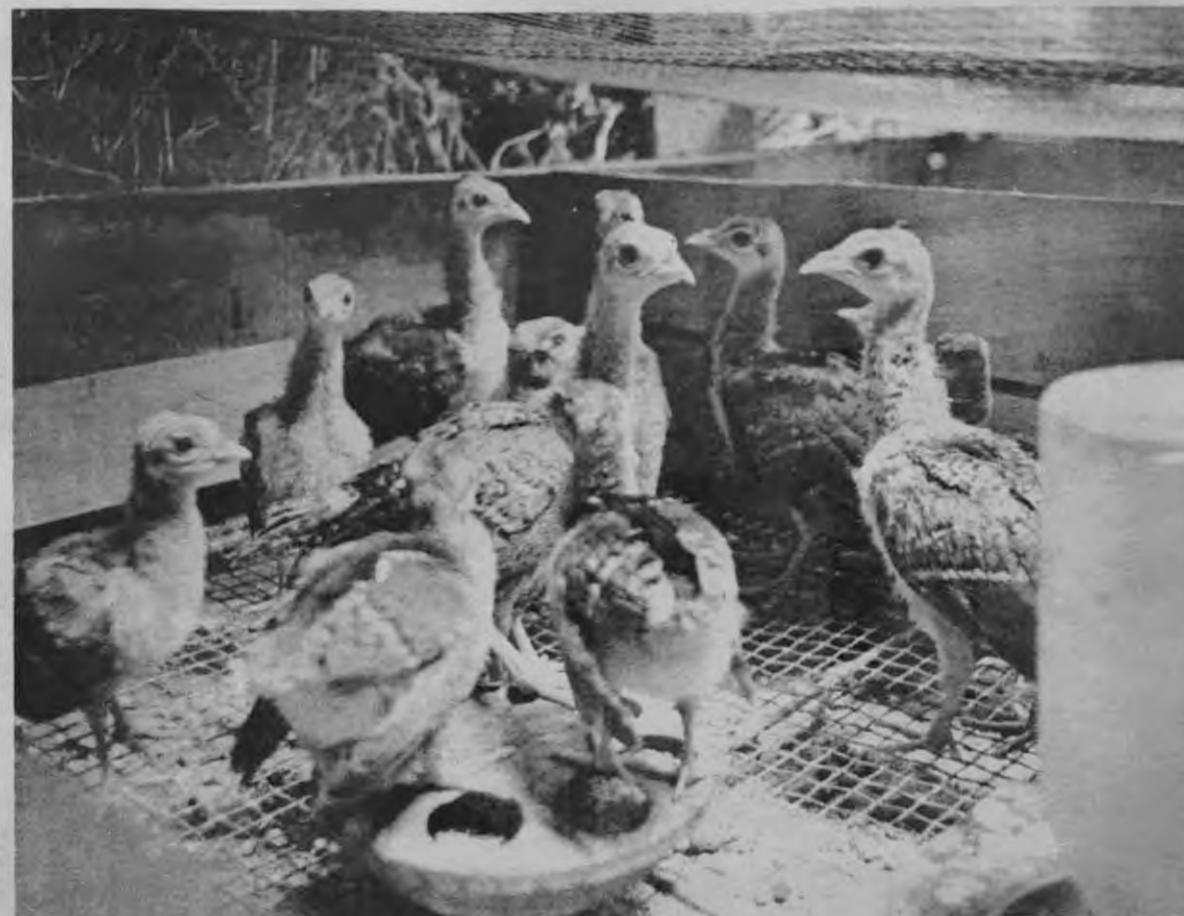
They see Japanese silkie chickens with blue skin and feathers more like hair. They see goats, Billy and Nanny, who'll most likely be in the barn unless Clyde calls their names. Then they show up to untie any shoelace except Clyde's.

"Took a long time to teach them that trick," he jokes.

Visitors see the "maternity ward," a special section of the barn where a closed circuit television camera keeps a constant vigil on mares about to foal. Special beepers on their halters sound when they lay flat for more than eight seconds.

"You can't watch the television screen all the time, but those beepers let you know when to turn on the tv and see what's going on," comes the explanation.

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**Pride of the farm**

Virginia and Clyde Drury admire the hallmark of their overflowing and ever-growing "hobby" — the miniature horses they settled in Moultrie County five years ago to breed.

Animals

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One visitor, however, came from West Virginia to buy a stallion.

"He was pulling his panel truck out of here and that little stallion just stood looking at us out the back," Clyde recalls. "I swear if he had stopped that truck, I would have made him unload it."

"I still call him to find out how our little one is."

Rain report

There may be a drought in other parts of the country, but not Shelby County. Over two inches of rain fell over the county during the week of July 25-31 with the high 6.10 inches in western Rural Township and the low, 1.9 inches in neighboring Ridge Township.

In northern Shelby County, the recorded rainfall was 3.4 and 3.36 in Penn Township; 2.4 and 2.2 in Pickaway Township; 1.9 and 2.3 in Ridge Township; 2.9 and 2.9 in Okaw Township; and 2.5 in Todd's Point Township.

Findians in the news

Cindy Herron entertained her parents, Forest and Joan Herron, to dinner at the Western Sizzler in Decatur to celebrate their 38th wedding anniversary.

Judy Getz and Joan Herron attended a Home Interiors party in the home of Connie Yantis in Mattoon on Tuesday night.

Ruth (Stone) Pearson, Jeff and Kathy visited relatives and friends in Findlay on Sunday afternoon in the home of Harold and Nancy Bible. They also visited relatives in Decatur, Mattoon, Shelbyville and Toulon, Ill.

Nancy Bible spent Tuesday in Urbana helping her mother, Rosa Neal, celebrate her 92nd birthday. Mrs. Neal is a resident of the Champaign County Nursing Home.

Beverly Dean, Jan Moyer, Jody Gifford and Sharon Elam, all of Decatur, Nancy Kapper of Mt. Zion and Gloria Livergood had lunch July 22 at the Aloha restaurant.

Julie and Ryan Livergood spent the last two weeks visiting Jim and Irene Livergood in Costa Rica.

Cards of thanks

Thanks to everyone for the prayers and cards while I was in the hospital in Springfield.

Raymond Chapman.

Public Notice**NOTICE**
ANNUAL MEETING OF BOARD
OF MANAGERS OF OKAW AND
TODDS POINT TOWNSHIP
CEMETERIES,
SHELBY COUNTY,
FINDLAY, ILLINOIS.

August 26, 1986 at 7 p.m. at the Livergood Grain Company office, 309 E. S. Second St., Findlay, Ill. for the purpose of adopting the following:

Resolution Adopting Budget and Appropriation Ordinance,

Resolution Adopting the Annual Tax Levy,

And any other business.

Board of Managers,
CEMETERIES OF OKAW &
TODDS POINT TOWNSHIPS
Shelby County, Findlay, Ill.

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DOC to have display at the fair

Anyone heading up to the Illinois State Fair in Springfield may want to take a look at a display sponsored by the Illinois Department of Conservation Aug. 7-17.

Included in Conservation World's 22-acre display will be an old West show, animal and fish exhibits, field dog demonstrations, free rides in a Montreal canoe and a contest to find Illinois' most proficient fishing lair. All of this and more may be found in the northwest corner of the fairgrounds.

Saddle Tramp Gap Old West Show will return this year, performing old West melodramas and vaudeville acts at 1, 3 and 5 p.m. daily.

Another Conservation World feature popular last year is the hunting dog demonstrations. Volunteers from hunting dog associations will put their dogs through their paces.

The state fair's first Fisherman's Lying Contest will be conducted by the Division of Fisheries Aug. 16 and 17. Anglers who tell the biggest whopper will be awarded on the basis of applause. Fisheries will also sponsor a casting contest for young anglers, ages 6 to 12, with prizes awarded.

At the Division of Law Enforcement's exhibit, the emphasis is on participation. Children may take a hunting safety seminar that ends with participants testing their skills on a BB-gun range, or take a boating safety course that uses electrically-powered mini-boats on Conservation World's lagoon.

Landowners may learn more about managing their woodlots for profitable timber production at an exhibit presented by the Division of Forestry. Forestry will also sponsor visits from Smokey the Bear at 12:30, 2:30 and 4:30 p.m. daily.

A giant habitat coloring page will be available at the Division of Natural Heritage's exhibit area. Children will be encouraged to grab a crayon and help complete the picture before the end of the fair.

At the log cabin, a steady stream of old-time crafts will be demonstrated, ranging from chair caning to decoy carving.

Refreshments will also be available at a concession.

Sheila Griffith and Marjorie Enoch enjoyed "Harvey" recently at the Little Theatre in Sullivan.

Public Notice**ORDINANCE NO. 86-2**

ANNUAL BUDGET AND APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE OF THE AMBULANCE SERVICE OPERATED BY THE FINDLAY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT IN THE COUNTY OF SHELBY AND STATE OF ILLINOIS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 1, 1986 TO AUGUST 31, 1987.

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Findlay Fire Protection District in the County of Shelby and State of Illinois, has prepared or caused to be prepared in the tentative form a budget and annual appropriation ordinance for the Ambulance Service, and the said Board of Trustees has made the same conveniently available to the public for inspection for at least 30 days prior to final action thereon.

AND, WHEREAS, a public hearing will be held as to such budget and annual appropriation ordinance on the 6th day of August, 1986 and all other legal requirements having been complied with.

NOW, THEREFORE, Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Findlay Fire Protection District in the County of Shelby and State of Illinois, as follows:

SECTION I: That the fiscal year for the Ambulance Service operated by the Findlay Fire Protection District, be and the same is hereby fixed and declared to be from the 1st day of September, A.D. 1986 to the 31st day of August, A.D. 1987.

SECTION II: That the following budget containing an estimate of receipts and expenditures for the fiscal year mentioned above, is hereby adopted.

PART I**ESTIMATED RECEIPTS**

Cash on hand at beginning of fiscal year	\$ NONE
Taxes to be received in the 1986-1987 fiscal year	21,675.00
available for appropriation	

PART II**ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES**

Ambulance Equipment and supplies:	
a. Operating expenses	\$ 1,200.00
b. Supplies	500.00
c. Equipment	13,150.00
Administration expenses:	
a. Printing, postage & office supplies	100.00
b. Salaries of Trustees, Secretary, Treasurer	
Chief and Attorney	3,575.00
Utilities	1,200.00
Interest on borrowed money	250.00
Emergency Medical Technician training	1,500.00
Miscellaneous	200.00
	\$21,675.00

SECTION III: That there is hereby appropriated for use for Ambulance Service for the said fiscal year the sum of \$21,675.00 to be divided among the several objects and purposes specified in part II of Section II hereof; and that this Section III shall be and is the annual appropriation ordinance of this district passed by the Board of Trustees for the Ambulance Service as required by law and shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage according to law.

ADOPTED as Tentative Budget and Appropriation Ordinance this 2nd day of July, 1986.

James D. Saddoris, PRESIDENT

B.J. Dawdy, SECRETARY

Richard Morse,

BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF FINDLAY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
FOR OPERATION OF THE AMBULANCE SERVICE

ADOPTED As Permanent Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for said

fiscal year on the 6th day of August, 1986.

James D. Saddoris, PRESIDENT

B.J. Dawdy, SECRETARY

Richard Morse,

BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF FINDLAY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
FOR OPERATION OF THE AMBULANCE SERVICE

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Public Notice

ORDINANCE NO. 454-86

AN ORDINANCE MAKING THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE VILLAGE OF FINDLAY, SHELBY COUNTY, ILLINOIS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 1986-1987

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF FINDLAY, SHELBY COUNTY, ILLINOIS, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION I: That the following sums of money, or as much thereof as may be authorized by law, are hereby appropriated to defray the necessary expenses and liabilities of the Village of Findlay, Shelby County, Illinois, for the fiscal year commencing May 1, 1986 and ending April 30, 1987, for the respective objects and purposes hereinafter set forth, namely:

Total Appropriation

I. CORPORATE FUND

A. Administration

1. Personal Services

a. Salaries	\$ 5,000.00
b. Social Security	500.00
c. Hospitalization	2,000.00
d. Unemployment Insurance	200.00

2. Contractual Services

a. Building Maintenance	10,000.00
b. Equipment Purchase	1,000.00
c. Garbage Disposal	200.00
d. General Insurance	2,000.00
e. Telephone	2,500.00
f. Utilities	1,500.00
g. Training	1,000.00
h. Postage	125.00
i. Publishing Expense	650.00
j. Printing	100.00
k. Accounting Services	2,000.00
l. Legal Services	20,000.00
m. Other Professional Services	4,000.00
n. Dues	150.00
o. Service Charges	100.00
p. Workmen's Compensation	2,000.00
q. Liability Insurance	10,000.00

3. Commodities

a. Office Supplies	500.00
b. Maintenance Supplies	500.00
c. Operating Supplies	3,000.00

4. Capital Improvements

a. To Village Buildings	5,000.00
b. Little League	2,000.00
c. Office Equipment	4,000.00
d. Playground/Recreation	5,000.00

Total Administration Expenses \$ 85,025.00

B. Police Department

1. Personal Services

a. Salary	\$ 18,000.00
b. Hospitalization	2,000.00

2. Contractual Services	
a. Vehicle Maintenance	1,000.00
b. General Insurance	1,100.00
3. Commodities	
a. Gasoline and Oil	1,600.00
b. Operating Supplies	500.00
c. Uniforms	100.00
4. Capital Improvements	
a. Equipment Purchases	<u>3,000.00</u>
Total Police Department Expenses	\$ 27,300.00
C. Street Department	
1. Personal Services	
a. Salaries	\$ 12,000.00
2. Contractual Services	
a. Equipment Maintenance	1,000.00
b. Street Maintenance	70,000.00
c. Sidewalk Maintenance	10,000.00
d. Snow Removal	1,500.00
e. Animal Control	250.00
f. Street Lighting	4,500.00
Total Street Department Expenses	\$ 99,250.00
D. Contingency	\$ 10,000.00
Total Corporate Fund Contingency Expenses	\$ 10,000.00
TOTAL CORPORATE FUND EXPENSES	\$ 221,575.00
II. GAS UTILITY FUND	
A. Operating Expenses	
1. Personal Services	
a. Salaries	15,520.00
b. Hospitalization	1,700.00
c. Unemployment	200.00
2. Contractual Services	
a. Vehicle Maintenance	500.00
b. Equipment Maintenance	2,500.00
c. System Maintenance	1,100.00
d. General Insurance	200.00
e. Automobile Allowance	50.00
f. Training	50.00
g. Postage	330.00
h. Advertising	300.00
i. Printing	175.00
j. Engineering	2,500.00
k. Other Professional Services	1,000.00
l. Dues	200.00
m. Services Charges	70.00
n. Purchase of Bulk Natural Gas	250,000.00
o. Gas Tax Remitted	17,500.00
3. Commodities	
a. Office Supplies	275.00
b. Gasoline and Oil	900.00
c. Operating Supplies	1,000.00
d. Maintenance Supplies	500.00
e. Uniforms	100.00
Total Operating Expenses	\$ 296,670.00
B. Payments on Outstanding Indebtedness	
1. Principal Payment	10,000.00
2. Interest Payment	<u>4,500.00</u>
Total Debt Reduction	\$ 14,500.00
C. Capital Improvements	
1. Meters	\$ 1,000.00
Total Capital Improvements	\$ 1,000.00
D. Contingency	\$ 2,000.00
Total Gas Fund Contingency Expense	\$ 2,000.00
TOTAL GAS UTILITY FUND EXPENSES	\$ 314,170.00
III. WATER UTILITY FUND	
A. Operating Expenses	
1. Personal Services	
a. Salaries	\$ 20,000.00
b. Hospitalization	3,000.00
c. Unemployment Insurance	1,000.00

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2. Contractual Services	
a. Building Maintenance	\$ 2,000.00
b. Vehicle Maintenance	750.00
c. Equipment Maintenance	500.00
d. System Maintenance	15,000.00
e. General Insurance	2,000.00
f. Telephone	200.00
g. Utilities	9,000.00
h. Rental	300.00
i. Travel	200.00
j. Training	300.00
k. Postage	450.00
l. Publishing	175.00
m. Printing	200.00
n. Engineering	1,000.00
o. Legal Services	500.00
p. Other Professional Services	400.00
3. Commodities	
a. Office Supplies	400.00
b. Gasoline and Oil	1,200.00
c. Maintenance Supplies	2,000.00
d. Operating Supplies	2,500.00
e. Operating Chemicals	6,500.00
Total Operating Expenses	\$ 69,575.00
B. Capital Expenditures	
1. Equipment Repairs	\$ 5,500.00
2. Utility Plant Repairs	3,000.00
3. Meters	1,500.00
Total Capital Expenditures	\$ 10,000.00
C. Contingency	\$ 1,500.00
Total Water Fund Contingency Expense	\$ 1,500.00
TOTAL WATER UTILITY FUND EXPENSE	\$ 81,075.00
IV. SEWER UTILITY FUND	
A. Operating Expenses	
1. Personal Services	
a. Salaries	\$ 20,000.00
b. Hospitalization	2,200.00
c. Unemployment Insurance	1,000.00
2. Contractual Services	
a. Building Maintenance	1,000.00
b. Vehicle Maintenance	500.00
c. Equipment Maintenance	5,000.00
d. Grounds Maintenance	500.00
e. System Maintenance	20,000.00
f. General Insurance	4,000.00
g. Utilities	15,000.00
h. Rental	500.00
i. Training	500.00
j. Postage	500.00
k. Publishing	100.00
l. Printing	100.00
m. Accounting Services	600.00
n. Other Professional Services	1,500.00
3. Commodities	
a. Office Supplies	500.00
b. Gasoline and Oil	1,000.00
c. Maintenance and Supplies	2,500.00
d. Operating Supplies	1,000.00
e. Operating Chemicals	2,500.00
f. Telephone	100.00
Total Operating Expenses	\$ 80,600.00
B. Indebtedness	
1. Principal Payment	\$ 4,000.00
2. Interest Payment	22,000.00
Total Debt Reduction	\$ 26,000.00
C. Contingency	\$ 2,500.00
Total Sewer Fund Contingency Expense	\$ 2,500.00
TOTAL SEWER UTILITY FUND EXPENSE	\$ 109,100.00
V. SANITARY SEWER CONSTRUCTION FUND	
A. Contractual Services	
1. Engineering Services	\$ 50,000.00
2. Legal Services	30,000.00
Total Contractual Services	\$ 80,000.00
B. Capital Expenditures	
1. Collection System	\$ -0-
2. Force Main and Water Main	-0-
3. Wastewater Treatment Facility	250,000.00

Total Capital Expenditures	\$ 250,000.00
C. Contingency	\$ 25,000.00
Total Contingency Expense	\$ 25,000.00
TOTAL SANITARY SEWER CONSTRUCTION FUND EXPENSES	\$ 355,000.00
VI. LIBRARY FUND	\$ 6,000.00
TOTAL LIBRARY FUND EXPENSES	\$ 6,000.00
VII. WATER MAIN EXTENSION	\$ 150,000.00
VIII. SANITARY SEWER EXTENSION	\$ 500,000.00
IX. GAS MAIN EXTENSION	\$ 150,000.00

TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS: \$1,886,920.00

SECTION II. Any unexpended balance of any item of any general appropriation made by this Ordinance may be extended to make up any deficiency of any sum or sums so appropriated in the same general appropriation of the same general purpose, or in a like appropriation in this Ordinance.

SECTION III: This Ordinance shall become effective after its passage and publication as provided by law.

ADOPTED this 28 day of July, 1986, pursuant to a roll call vote of 5 "Ayes", 0 "Nayes", and 0 "Not Voting".

Pauline Briney
President of the Board of Trustees
Village of Findlay, Shelby County,
Illinois.

(VILLAGE SEAL)

ATTEST:

Catherine L. Yantis
Village Clerk

STATE OF ILLINOIS)
COUNTY OF SHELBY) ss.
VILLAGE OF FINDLAY)

I, the undersigned, Village Clerk of the Village of Findlay, Shelby County, Illinois, Do Hereby Certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing Appropriation Ordinance was published in the Findlay Enterprise, a secular newspaper of general circulation, published in the said Village of Findlay on the 8 day of August, 1986.

Catherine L. Yantis
Village Clerk

STATE OF ILLINOIS)
COUNTY OF SHELBY) ss.
VILLAGE OF FINDLAY)

I, CATHERINE L. YANTIS, Village Clerk of the Village of Findlay, Shelby County, Illinois, Do Hereby Certify that the above and hereto attached Ordinance was duly passed by the Village Board of Trustees of the Village of Findlay, Shelby County, Illinois, on the date set out therein, and that the same is a true, exact, full and perfect copy of the original which is now on file in my office in Findlay, Shelby County, Illinois.

Given under my hand and seal at Findlay, Shelby County, Illinois, this 28 day of July, 1986.

Catherine L. Yantis
Catherine L. Yantis, Village Clerk

(VILLAGE SEAL)

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Our vanishing heritage

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Being in a rich agricultural area, grain was shipped by rail, filling many car loads per day from the north elevator. Most of our daily food stuffs were shipped by rail to the depot. I remember bread arriving from the Pana Bakery; it required a drag man, who also delivered the bigger freight or express to the businesses uptown. Fred Tinnea and Chet Hoke were draymen.

Ice was shipped and stored in the ice house near the truck for home delivery. I think every kid in Findlay followed the ice wagon for a small chip of ice.

Our mail came to the depot in the baggage or mail coach of the passenger train. In the early morning, all mail sacks were loaded into a two wheeled cart, physically pulled by post office helpers to the post office. Rural mail carriers were on the job early to sort the day's delivery to people on their route. The delivery was made on horseback or by cart or buggy pulled by a horse. If the snow was deep or the roadside muddy, it might take two horses. Our rural carriers were Fred Wright, Alfonso Rhea, Ellsworth (Chick) Perry and Billie Harbert, who later became the Findlay Postmaster. Others were Bob Miner, Ed Lee, John Mauzey and young Earl Miner assisted his father and Mauzey. Chick Perry is still a resident of our village. Can you imagine the Post Office on Sunday mornings? Aren't you glad, Carl, that you're a postmaster now instead of then.

The daily newspaper arrived by train. I'd think that most all of us remember John Edward Cribbett, who met that early morning train to pick up his papers before going to school. He was our local newsboy for many years.

You could buy tickets so easily if you were taking a long train anywhere in the USA or elsewhere. All the schedules were handled at the depot. You could receive and send telegrams and even mail letters. To mail letters, you just left them at the station or handed them to the baggage man in the baggage car.

Farmers brought their five gallon cans of cream to be shipped in the baggage coach to a creamery. There was always much freight in the freight house to be shipped or, in some cases, to be picked up. Jack Parks, at the stock yards, brought

cattle and hogs to be shipped by rail to market. The Findlay Lumber Company received car loads of shipments of lumber by rail.

After the war so much changed. We called it progress, and it ushered in a new era. Automobiles, trucks and even airplanes appeared, so the rail station lost much of the need to serve the small towns. With improved roads and highways, daily deliveries could be made by trucks to businesses. Trucks could also haul grain to markets, and elevators began to use trucks for shipping. People traveled in their cars, dispensing with many passenger trains. The small one car affair, Meadow Lark, not much bigger than a street car, made the stops in all the villages served by the passenger trains. Finally it also disappeared.

There were no telegrams received or sent from the depot, no need for a telegrapher or operator, no need for a ticket agent and no need for a clerk.

Bib electric companies bought out small towns' independent plants, giving 24-hour service to its customers. Then came electric refrigerators and freezers so there was no need for ice. Natural gas companies brought their services into our community, homes and businesses, so there was no need for coal.

Gradually, bigger railroads bought or consolidated the small railroads into their companies. Then there were more cuts, a matter of taking care of their investments, but not necessarily with people of Findlay and many smaller towns. Only a few railroads remain today in our nation, all large. We see the trend in all industry.

We shake our heads, think of the good times and wish we could have maybe just one more Wednesday night concert up in the old bandstand in the center of the business street, but we realize this wish is futile.

We grandparents, (maybe a few parents) can relate to the importance of the past, how useful and needed were all these buildings and what part they fulfilled in our lives!

We're amazed that demolition crews can, in a few hours, destroy our old landmarks, historical and others, regardless of how we citizens feel. The irony in the depot's story is that at the time of its demolition, paperwork was being processed

Obituaries

Dorothy M. Durbin

Graveside services for Mrs. Alfred (Dorothy M. Schlipf) Durbin, 68, of Decatur were held July 28 in the Boiling Springs Cemetery with arrangements by J.J. Moran & Sons Funeral Home.

He died at 1:26 p.m. Friday, July 25, 1986 in Decatur Memorial Hospital.

Born in Decatur, she was the daughter of Fred and Martha Schlipf. She was a member of St. Thomas Catholic Church. She married Alfred Durbin in 1936, and he survives.

Other survivors include daughters, Vivian Durbin and Violet Larck, both of Decatur, and Virginia Crickman of Findlay; and three grandchildren.

Three brothers and four sisters preceded her in death.

William Fisher

Funeral services for William Everett Fisher, 77, of Findlay were held at 1 p.m. Wednesday in Lockart & Sons Funeral Home in Findlay. Burial was in the Findlay Cemetery.

He died at 4:15 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 2, 1986 in Decatur Memorial Hospital.

Born Dec. 30, 1908 in McLean County, he was a son of Samuel and Mary Ann Lippencot Fisher. He was a retired carpenter, a veteran of World War II, member of VFW Post 4829 in Shelbyville and the Findlay American Legion Post. He married Grace Hilliard Nov. 27, 1926, and she died Dec. 1, 1967.

through Springfield to preserve it as a historical landmark.

These are the names of employees' families directly associated with the station and tower at Findlay Junction: Alfred Brahm, Fred Watkins, Homer Hauer, Kenzil Watkins, O.R. Watkins, Clyde Bolin, Glen Purcell, Byron Watkins, Louis Williams, Sam Hudgens, Kenneth Graham, Ellsworth Perry, Dewey Bolin, Roy Thetford, Earl Stansberry, Glen Smith, Tom Wilson, Tim Welch and Cletus Graden.

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Survivors include a son, William F. of Decatur; daughter, Jean Carter of Shelbyville; sister, Louise Calvert of Edinburg; stepsister, Irene McDaniel of Terre Haute, Ind.; six grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

One brother preceded him in death.

The family suggests memorials to the American Cancer Society.

Alene Harper

Funeral services for Mrs. Mark (Alene Craft) Harper, 35, of Harristown were held at 10:30 a.m. July 30 in the Seitz Funeral Home in Moweaqua. Burial was in the Harristown Cemetery in Harristown.

The former Moweaqua resident died at 1:50 p.m. Sunday, July 27, 1986 in her home.

Born in Leslie, Ark., she was a daughter of Danis and Mary Woodworth Craft. He was affiliated with the Baptist Church. She married Mark W. Harper in 1961, and he survives.

Other survivors include sons, Terry Morrell of Moweaqua; daughters, Debbie Morrell and Angie Morrell, both of Moweaqua; parents of Findlay; brothers, Larry Delmar of Moweaqua and Huey of Blue Mound; and sisters, Mrs. Richard (Marie) Hubbart of Findlay and Mrs. Larry (Neladene) Carlock of Decatur.

Joseph Jackson

Private family service for Joseph Delane Jackson, 52, of Assumption were held at 10 a.m. Monday in the Seitz Funeral Home in Assumption, and memorial services were held at 1 p.m. Monday in the Seitz Funeral Home in Assumption. Burial was in Pleasant View Cemetery in Assumption.

He died at 1:25 a.m. Friday, Aug. 1, 1986 in the Hawthorne Lodge in Pana.

Born in Herrick, he was a son of Austa and Edith Ruff Jackson. He was owner and operator of Joe's Welding Shop in Assumption for 23 years. He was a member of the Assumption Christian Church, an

Assumption city alderman for eight years, member of the Assumption Volunteer Fire Dept., a Boy Scout leader, Little League manager, one of the founders and president of the Assumption Booster Club and participated in the Gainful Occupation Program through Assumption High School. He married Marguerite Heiter in 1955, and she survives.

Other survivors include sons, Randall J. and Michael L., both of Assumption, and Thomas R. of Mission Viejo, Cal.; parents of Assumption; brother, LeRoy of Witt; sisters, Helen Fouts and Mrs. Lloyd (Melba) Weaver, both of Assumption, Mrs. Warren (Lenora) Nohren of Tower Hill, Mrs. Robert (Sandra) Bridgeman of Findlay, Mrs. Robert (Carolyn) Newberry of Ramsey and Mrs. Bernard (Patsy) Manley of Columbus, Miss.

The family suggests memorials to the donor's choice.

'Cap' Uphoff

Funeral services for Arnold H. "Cap" Uphoff, 67, of Findlay were held at 2 p.m. Thursday in the United Methodist Church in Findlay with Lockart & Sons Funeral Home in Findlay in charge of arrangements.

He died at 1:15 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 3, 1986 in Shelby Memorial Hospital in Shelbyville.

Born May 15, 1919 in Coles County, he was a son of Chris and Gladys White Uphoff. He was a farmer, a member of the United Methodist Church in Findlay, a member of the board of directors of the Bank of Findlay, member of the State of Illinois Beef Council, member and past board member of the Shelby County Farm Bureau. He married Mary Atkinson Oct. 10, 1941 in Bethany, and she survives.

Other survivors include a son, Tony of Findlay; daughters, Linda K. Doehring of Windsor and Cynda Bonnett of Canton; brothers, Gilbert of Shelbyville; sister, Agnes Rucicka of Deland, Fla., Alma Liebman of Springfield and Lilly Wheeler of Westfield; and eight grandchildren.

One sister preceded him in death.

The family suggests memorials to the Findlay United Methodist Church.

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or at the Sullivan Dental Clinic
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401 South Main, Findlay, (Tel. 756-3399)

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