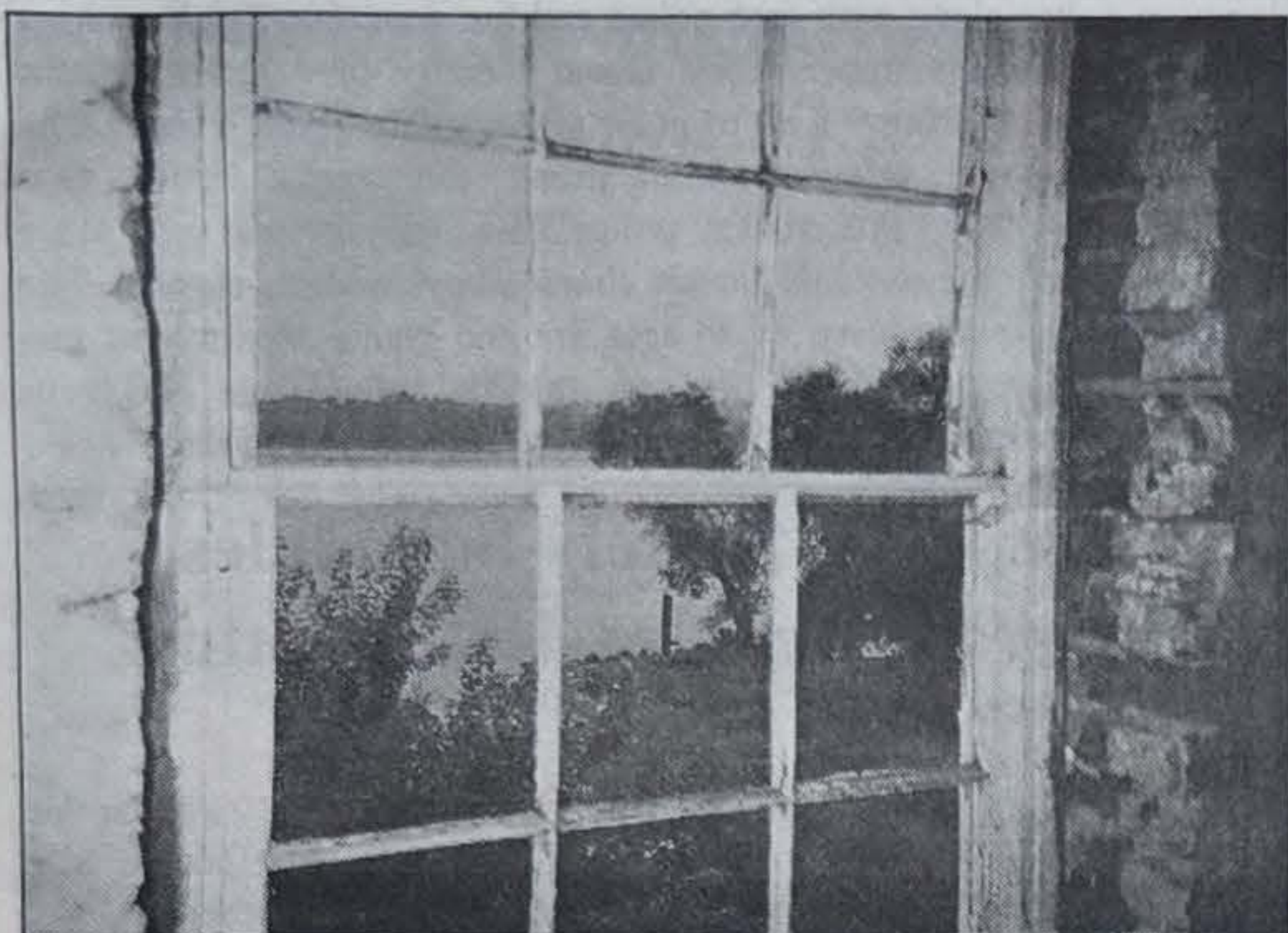


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The River at Our Door

By Randy Baldrige

The famous Mississippi River, full of fame and history, provides some of the prettiest scenery in the world. Four great glaciers mauled our region, as far as southern Illinois. During the melting of the last glacier (the Wisconsin) water ran deep bluff to bluff more or less forming the river's current channel and direction. The east-west flow here in the Quad Cities is caused by the river being forced around glacial debris. Hampton's bluff are actually glacial moraines. Archeologists tell us the river valley was inhabited by Indians for nearly eleven thousand years. Abundance of clams and fish made the river very attractive as well as the easy transportation it provided. Spanish explorers came north to the Arkansas area in 1504 and caused one of the great unspoken tragedies in American History. Flu or small pox swept through the Indian population like a virulent plague and death rolled up the Mississippi River and her tributaries almost as fast as water flowed down them. Details are lacking, of course, but archeologists know that people died faster than they could be buried. Estimates range from 100,000 to 250,000 people dying within a year or two. In 1673, Marquette and Joliet paddled their canoes past our location exploring. They noted the lack of the vast population the Spanish described, as they sought trade routes and fort sites for France.

From early grade school, we are taught that great civilizations arose on large rivers like the Tigris, Euphrates, and Nile. Obviously, a large river provides food, water, both for irrigation and drinking and transportation. In the 1600's, 1700's, and 1800's, the only means of moving large quantities of goods into the American interior was by water. At first, man powered rafts and keelboats were the only source of river transport. When steamboats became perfected, river towns boomed and Hampton was born in the 1820's a child of river and steam. It is hard to believe that Hampton was once more populous than Wolf Pointe Trading Post, later to be known as Chicago. Black's Store, now our river front museum, possibly might have been the largest store in the entire state for several years, according to Rocky Nelson. While Chicago was a mere trading post and a twenty day dirt trail trek from here and Sioux controlled much of Iowa, the river was a water highway for commerce and a main channel for European civilization to North America. Railroads brought an end to the river's importance at least for awhile. Able to function in all seasons and generally safer than steamboats, railroads eliminated the Mississippi's advantages. The population of Hampton plunged and many river towns became extinct.

But we were always one of the Mississippi River's lesser children. Part of the mystique and lore surrounding the river is directly tied to the towns on our banks. Names, like Minneapolis, St. Paul, LaCrosse, Prairie DuChien, boast of Scandinavian, French, and German settlers.



The picture on the left is a view of the Mississippi River from inside the Black Store Building. Pictured above is the river, when it was low, as seen from Hampton's park by the bike trail. (Photos by Baldrige)

Dubuque, Davenport, Rock Island are river towns which survive by serving industry when the steamboats disappeared. Nauvoo's Mormon population of over 5,000 crossed their beloved river in mass to migrate to Utah in 1848. Hannibal, home of Mark Twain, author, printer, river pilot, and friend of the Mississippi River, is still a tourist attraction. Cairo and Memphis borrowed their names from ancient cities on the Nile. Then there's Vicksburg, site of a terrible Civil War siege. Towards the south, the names take on a French flavor: Natchez, Baton Rouge, and of course New Orleans, a world famous city twice as old as our nation.

Human and industrial waste do not seem to be as much of a problem anymore. Siltation is a major concern for the entire river environment. Locks and dams, built to support barge channels, pools the water thus slowing it and causing it to drop its silt. Pioneer plow zones, that is fields first plowed by Europeans in the early 1800's are now under as much as ten feet of silt. This means that flood waters must now accumulate on flood plains and river bottoms that have already been raised ten feet. This is the reason we have had two 100-year floods in seven years and why the river at our door can easily become the river at our second floor. But fear not, the government is working on this problem as we speak!

Beyond the size, history, and fame of the Mississippi is the simple scenic beauty. Many times after dropping children off at the school, or having business downtown, I drive the few blocks to the river just to enjoy the view. If you can't see the river from where you live in Hampton, you can usually drive to it in a minute or two. Water is always peaceful and reassuring. Gentle waves and currents are mesmerizing. The vast open space over the water is in itself attractive as one can see for miles up and down stream and miles into the Iowa countryside. All different kinds of riverscapes appear depending on seasons, weather, and time of day. How fascinating it is to see a great unstoppable flood demonstrating the raw forces of nature. Or, to see arctic like masses of ice moving downstream under a pink late winters day sky. Even pleasure craft, and commercial craft contribute to the scene. One October night while enjoying a campfire at the home of Wes and Carol Nutt, the Delta Queen gently treaded water waiting to lock through. For a few moments it seemed like we were in the 1840's with a great paddlewheeler challenging the river as people on shore warmed by a campfire.

I've often wondered how many different combinations are possible if all the variables were computed. I think of how wonderful it is to be living so close to this mighty river and the inspiration it brings. And in whimsical moments, I wonder how long it will be here after we are gone, flowing as it does, from a cold north country called Minnesota to a great warm shining sea called the Gulf of Mexico.

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Hampton Youth Committee Honors Three

By Shelly Smart

Each year the Hampton Youth Committee presents three awards to Hampton citizens. The **Lifetime Award** was presented to **Pat Wallace** for her years of help with HYC parties and Food Baskets for Thanksgiving and Christmas. The **HYC Award** went to **Steve Horst**, who just stepped down from HYC. He served for many years, most of that time as Vice-President of HYC. He was chairman of the HYC scholarship committee, which awards a scholarship to a graduating Hampton senior each year. The **Gladys Ryherd Award** was presented to **Rick DeBaillie** for his years of volunteerism for HYC. He was instrumental in keeping our softball program going and he spent countless hours at the diamonds. He also represented HYC at the Hampton Township Youth Committee meetings. Our sincere thanks go to these three outstanding people!

Reading in the Park Program Coming from Jun. 5th to Aug. 21st

By Barb Smith

Attention: Hampton kids come to "Reading in the Park" on the hill at 6th Street and 11th Avenue every Saturday from June 5th to August 21st between 1 to 2 p.m. It's FREE and it's FUN! (Just ask the more than thirty kids who came last summer.)

There are over 150 books for all ages including easy readers, chapter books, fairy tales, talking books and six new Arthur books.

You may take books home or read them at the park. Not everyone comes every Saturday or stays for the whole hour.

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Publishing Deadline is the 15th of the Month !!!

Bike Rodeo To Be Held on May 22nd at Riverdale HS

By Chris Wolfe

Hampton police along with area police and fire departments are making preparations for the upper Rock Island County bike rodeo set for Saturday May 22, from 9 a.m. to noon at Riverdale High School. The rodeo will include safety demonstrations, the smoke house, face painting, displays of fire trucks, police cars, ambulances, and other safety equipment, an obstacle bicycle course, bicycle safety checks. The program is being sponsored by all area fire and police departments and is designed for pre-school through middle school age children. There will be refreshments and drawings for prizes including three bikes.

Historical Society Schedules Program for May 19th Meeting

By Rocky Nelson

May 19 marks the date of our next regular meeting, at 7:30 PM. at the Black Store Building. This will be the first chance most people will have to see our new (old) stove and also hear a program presented by a very remarkable lady. Tara L Harl-Odom is a professional pilot and president of H.O.U.R. Aviation, inc., Burlington, Iowa. In addition, to running an aviation company she is an ardent Civil War reenactor and her program will not deal with women in aviation (though it could) but rather with the nature of the home front during the War. How did the differences between the attitudes of the North and the South play an important role in the conflict? How were some battles decided by events in the generals' personal lives? What was the nature of pre-war families and how did the conflict change it forever? These are some of the ideas that will be brought forth. For a different perspective on our countries great conflict be sure to attend. It is not necessary to belong to the Society to come. Youth are always welcome, too.

Memorial Day Service Planned for May 31

Memorial Day, May 31 the Society will present its usual ceremony, starting in front of the Soldiers Monument, on First Avenue 10 AM. We think we have an interesting, moving, and short (about a half hour) ceremony that honors those who served their country.

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FCC Authorizes Charge For Portable Phone Numbers

By JEANNINE AVERSA Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Consumers are getting hit with another new fee on their monthly phone bills. This one pays for the costs of letting customers keep their local telephone numbers after they switch carriers — even though many don't have that choice now.

The charge, typically 50 cents a month for each phone line, pays for local phone companies' costs of complying with a provision in a 1996 law. Some local phone companies began billing for the new fees in February, while others plan to do so over the next several months. Businesses also will pay a fee, which can vary by the services they get. The charge covers the companies' cost for technical changes they must make that allow consumers to keep their phone numbers when they switch to a new local phone provider. Those changes could cost the industry \$3 billion over five years, under one phone company estimate.

The concept of portable phone numbers is not new. For years, long-distance customers have been able to change their long-distance carriers without getting a new phone number.

The rationale: Consumers would be less inclined to switch to a new carrier — local or long-distance — if they had to get a new phone number each time. That would thwart the goal of competition.

But most residential customers do not have a choice of local telephone providers. Local phone competition that has evolved since the 1996 law mainly focuses on lucrative, high-volume business customers.

"The problem with this charge is it's making all consumers pay a price for something that most of them do not have and the vast majority probably will not get. That is — a choice of local phone companies," said Gene Kimmelman, co-director of the Consumers Union Washington office.

The FCC views it as a "chicken and egg" argument about what should come first, said spokeswoman Liz Rose, adding that the agency believes local competition will eventually come to consumers. The bottom line: "Owning your own telephone number is the key to customer choice," she said.

The Federal Communications Commission last year gave phone companies permission to charge the new fees to recover their costs of providing "number portability."

At that time, the FCC said the charge could start no earlier than Feb. 1, 1999, and last no longer than five years.

New monthly fees last year began popping up on consumers' phone bills. Those charges came from a 1997 government overhaul of phone fees and from itemized charges for government-ordered subsidies once included in rates.

Like those fees, the newest charges are broken out in phone bills, under different names. They come in addition to the multitude of existing charges for federal, state or local taxes.

Ameritech, the main local phone provider in five Midwestern states, is charging customers a 41 cent "number portability surcharge" per month for each line, said spokesman Marvin Wamble.

US West plans to charge customers in its 14-state local phone territory 53 cents a line per month, beginning in the March billing cycle, said spokesman David Beigie. US West's charge reflects the company's technical changes to its network, which spans many rural areas in the West and Northwest.

The FCC, however, is reviewing this fee to determine whether it is justified.

GTE, which provides local service in 28 states, will charge customers 43 cents a line. The fee will appear in bills after March 10, and is called the "service provider number portability fee," GTE spokesman Bob Bishop said.

Birthdays

Two special birthdays occur on May 3rd:

Happy 86th Birthday to Mary Juedes, Fifth Street, Hampton, from all your friends and neighbors.

Happy 87th Birthday to Hazel Gaither, 318-10th Ave. Ct., Moline, IL 61265, from your former neighbors.

May 5th - Happy Birthday, Rebecca Jared, Love Mom

May 5th Happy Birthday Debi McKay, Love Grandma

May 9th - Happy Birthday Beverly Coder, from your family

May 16th Happy 41st Birthday Melinda (Nelson) Erickson, Chicago, IL, Love Ma and Pa

Anniversary

May 4th Happy Anniversary to Shad and Deb McKay, Love Grandma

Congratulations

To Lisa and Scott Ehrlich, Clifton Park, New York, a baby boy. Steven Michael was born March 3, 1999. Maternal Grandparents are Jan and Lou Sonnevill, Hampton.

Keopples Open Ace Coins

By Randy Baldrige



Don and Brenda Keopple have fulfilled a lifelong dream by opening a coin store in Moline. ACE Coins located at 3319 23rd Avenue, Moline, is now open from 10:00 AM to 5:30 PM Monday through Friday and 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM on Saturday.



Don, a native of Hampton, is an electrician by trade and operated ACE Electrical. However, his real passion was for coins. He and his wife, Brenda, would attend as many as forty coin shows a year across the nation - buying, selling, and trading. Specializing in U.S. Coins and Currency, Don favors dealing with U.S. Gold Coin Series. Like all coin shops, he can offer unusual items now and then. Presently, he has some ancient Roman Coins for sale. Few people may realize that a quality Roman bronze coin nearly 2000 years old can be purchased for less than \$25.00. For those who are not serious collectors, bouillon coins (pure gold or silver) can make wonderful gifts or jewelry. Stop in and visit the Keopples and wish them success in their new venture.



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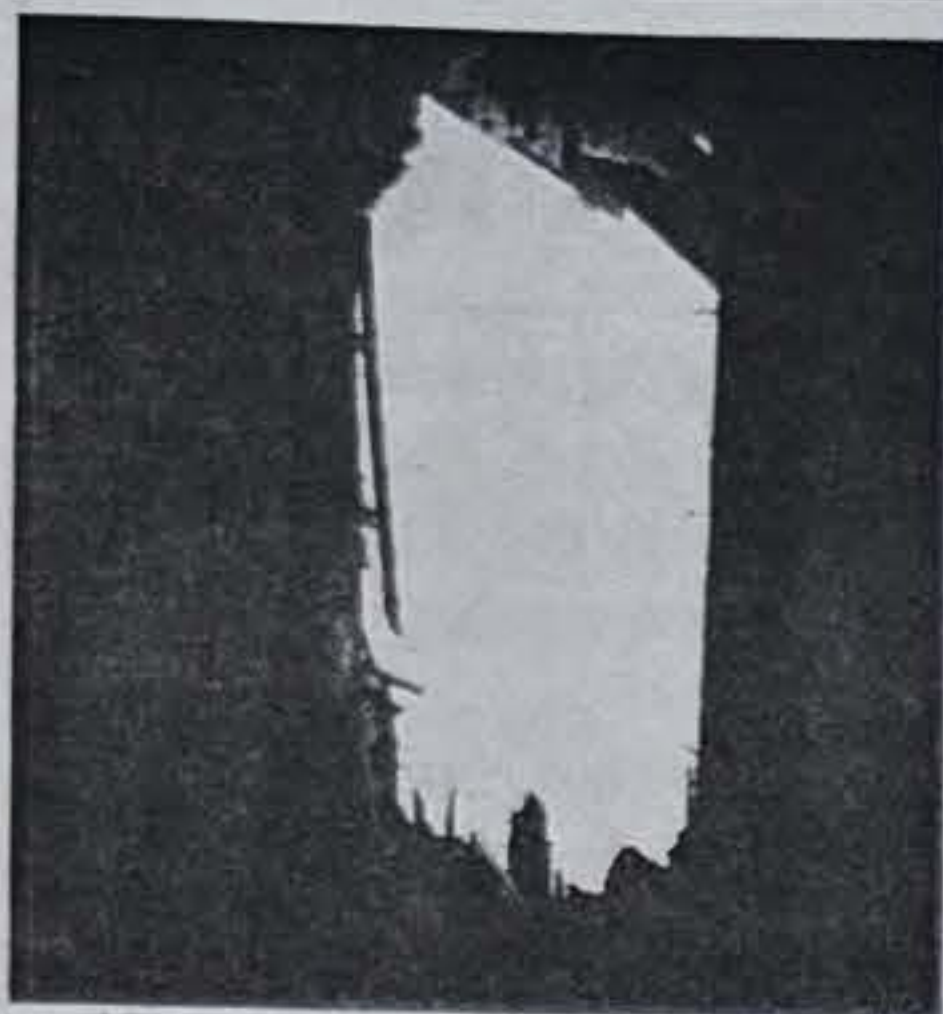
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A burglar entered Quinn Hardware by kicking a hole in the side of a stairwell dormer. The 16" x 18" hole was more than twelve feet from the ground with a cement floor directly below. The stairs were to the right of where he entered. The Hampton Police were able to apprehend the burglar a few blocks from the store.

Hampton Police Catch Thief

By Michaela VanDieren

About 2:30 a.m. April 26, Hampton police were alerted of a break-in occurring at Quinn Hardware. As police officer Tim Saathoff investigated a vehicle in the area, he observed a man walking south along Rt. 84 near First Street. He notified the sheriff's patrol car arriving on the scene. The man walking was questioned and held because he had a crowbar with a Servistar price sticker, a new flashlight and a pocketful of dimes. When an Illinois State police investigator arrived, he and the Hampton police officers entered the building and determined the burglar had entered the building through the roof of the stairwell. He had swung from the ceiling, either falling to the cement hallway below or landing on the steps in the pitch black. He gained access to the upstairs by breaking the doorframe of a steel door. The investigator found a torn blue jean pocket in the stairwell. The accused was wearing a blue jean jacket, missing a pocket. Also, pieces of insulation were on the jacket. The investigator used a gel strip to collect a footprint with bits of insulation located on the steel door. Acting Police Chief Chris Wolfe said it was fortunate Quinn Hardware has a burglar alarm system. With the evidence collected, the East Moline man apprehended that night should be convicted.

Events Scheduled In Our Area

Wednesday, May 5, 7-8:30 p.m. Iowa Ext Service and Bettendorf Public Library present "The Millennium Bug: How Prepared Are Your Local and Federal Government Computer Issues on Y2K problems."

Thursday, May 20, 1:30 p.m. Senior Citizen Demo. "Native Plants of the Prairie" Master Gardener Jan Christensen. Bettendorf Public Library, 2950 Learning Campus Dr., Bettendorf.

Monday, May 31, 10 a.m. Hampton Historical Society Memorial Day Service. Flag presentation at the Soldier's Monument. Flowers will be cast in the river to honor those lost at sea and there will be a memorial to veterans buried at Hampton Cemeteries. At Brettun & Black's Store 601 1st Ave, Hampton.

War Veterans Choose Chaplain

By Michaela VanDieren

Deacon James Quinn of Hampton was re-elected chaplain of the Iowa BASHA of China Burma India (CBI) War Veterans of Iowa on the last weekend of April at the Amana Colonies during the Midwest Reunion of the CBI. Mr. Quinn operated an armed forces radio station in Chabua, Assam during World War II. Tokyo Rose was a formidable competitor. On the day he began broadcasting from a secret place, she announced his location. CBI veterans get together each September and April.

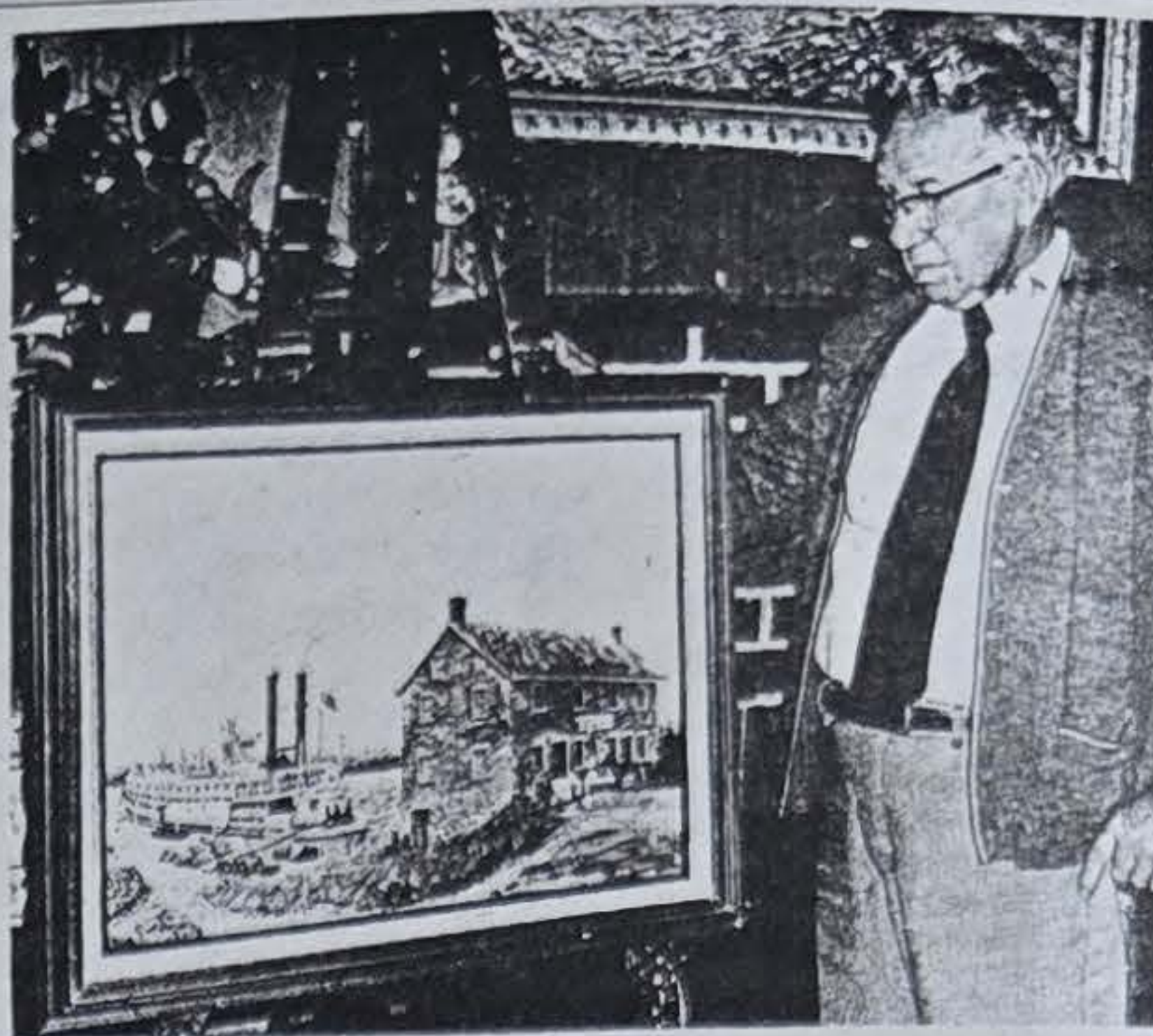
Native American Crafts will be Displayed and Sold

Spirits PowWow and culture group is having a Native American influenced arts and handcraft show-sale at the former Shadow Lake Campground eight miles north of Geneseo on Rt. 92 on **Saturday, May 15**, from 10 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Also, on that day the 1999 PowWow Princess will be crowned at 3:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome. There is no charge for the May 15th activities.

Historical Society Officers

Selected for 1998.

President: Merlin A Nelson
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Above: In this late 70's photo, Dick Howell, Hampton artist, exhibits his oil painting of the Black Store Building. "These paddlewheel boats, (like Helen Mar,) could go through shallow water since they draw about three feet of water. The barges today draw eight feet," said Dick Howell. Below: The picture at the end of this article is of another Howell painting. This one was donated to the village and can be seen at the village hall. (Photos by Michaela VanDieren)

Down Memory Lane: In the late 70's Artist Dick Howell Donated Oil Painting to Historical Society

By Michaela VanDieren

Dick Howell began to study art in earnest after his retirement from John Deere Harvester in 1973. He did a self-study of the old masters. He wanted to see if he could paint like them and he developed his own style. His son, Dave Howell, recalls, "He even mixed his own paints."

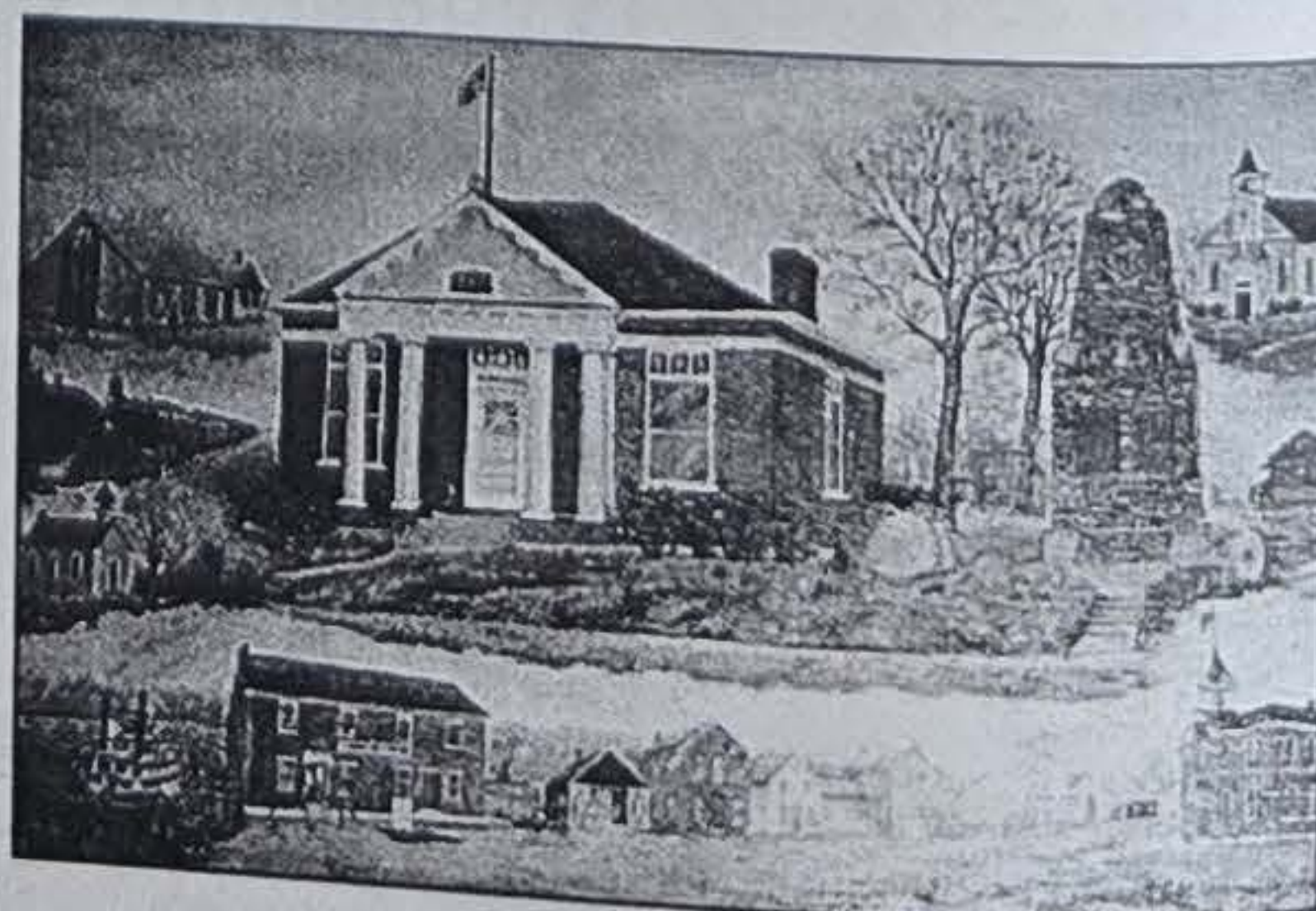
Dick Howell had private lessons from internationally known Helen VanWyk of Massachusetts and Bud Skackelford of California. Then one year, Louis Burrito, a famous Brazilian artist knocked on Dick and Ruth Howell's door. In very broken English he tried to explain he needed a place to paint. Dave Howell recalled that Dick thought he wanted to paint Dick's house. Louis said, "No, no" and he pulled out a newspaper article featuring Dick and his paintings. Louis Burrito was spending a year in Hampton with his wife, Rose, visiting his mother-in-law and she did not have room for him to paint. Monday through Saturday he faithfully came with his sack lunch and he and Dick would paint. Ruth mentioned they both could paint the river, but each had a totally different style.

Dave and Ruth Howell were interviewed at different times and each recalled the exact same story about Dick and Louis! One day, Louis asked Dick what made him so happy and he added I want that, too. Dick responded his faith in God. The two men prayed and shortly Louis found a local rural church to attend while here in Hampton.

Dick taught art lessons for a number of years. One of his students was Fran Wheeler. She, too, has done historical paintings of Hampton. Prints of her work and a plate featuring three buildings were sold by the Historical Society. She presently teaches others art at Painter's Attic in East Moline. The beauty of passing on knowledge is that my own daughter, Jonna had lessons from Fran. This May Jonna will graduate from Illinois State University with a degree in art education.

Dave Howell described how Dick would paint in grids. In fact, he did a copy of the Blue Boy in exact proportions by using 1/4" grids. Dave has this painting.

An oil painting collage of historic scenes was done by Dick Howell and donated to the Village. It hangs in the village hall. Stop in and see it. If you would like a brown-tone print of the Paddlewheel Lumberman's boat and the Black Store Building, the Historical Society still has some for sale. Black Store will be open on Memorial Day and Saturdays and Sundays from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. from May 31 to Oct. 1.



Happenings This Month



May 1 - Zion Lutheran Church
Basement Sale 8am - 3:30 pm
17628 Hubbard Road

May 3 - 7 - Teacher's Appreciation Week

May 4 - Fire Department 7pm

May 6 - Youth Committee 7:30pm

May 9 - Mother's Day.

May 10 - Early dismissal from school 1:45pm

May 10 - School Board 7pm

May 10 - Village Board 7pm

May 11 - Fire Department 7pm

May 13 - School Spring Concert 7pm all grades

May 18 - Fire Department 7pm

May 20 - Ladies Auxilliary @ Fire Station 7:30 pm

May 22 - 8th Grade Dinner Dance

May 24 - Village Board 7pm

May 25 - Fire Department 7pm

May 27 - 8th Grade Class Trip

May 28 - No School - Teacher's Institute

May 31 - Memorial Day ceremony at Village Hall 10 am

May 31 - NO GARBAGE PICKUP. Pick up will be on June 1 (Tuesday) due to the holiday.

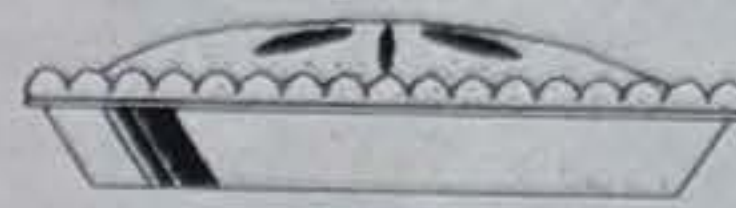
June 3 - Field Day at School

June 4 - Awards Day @ school (morning)

June 4 - Kindergarten Graduation (afternoon)

June 7 - Last day of school - 1 hour.

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Franklin Stove Installed at Black's Store Building

By Rocky Nelson

This winter we reported in the Crier that Hampton Historical Society's restorer, Ron Nelson, had found us a stove of the type Francis Black installed when the store opened in 1849. I'm sure this one is not that old but it is of the same kind, a 6-plate or Box stove. Ours says on the feed-door "Logwood 225; The Wehrle Co; Newark, Ohio". It is really no more than an iron box. An interesting foot note is that when the stove was brought in and they were discussing where to put it, somebody noticed a rectangular row of nail holes that marked the place the metal piece that was under the stove was. So we are able to place the stove on the exact spot the original was in 1849. Incidents like this get those of us into this sort of thing all excited.

Mankind has spent most of his existence trying to master fire. At first the only fire available was natural fire, from volcanoes, set by lightning, etc. The most ancient pictures man has drawn show him with fire as his companion. A capricious, hard to manage companion. We don't know who first produced fire artificially but it must rank as a major step towards civilization. Everywhere in the world there are myths and legends about the origin of fire. Usually the stories involve stealing or receiving it as a gift from the gods. Remember the old Greek myth about Prometheus stealing fire from the gods?

It was one thing to acquire fire, it was another thing to preserve and control it. The first means of preserving it according to archeological evidence, was to bury it, preserving it in its own ashes. Later a type of slow match or fire stick was invented, enabling fire to be preserved over a longer period of time. When man became adept at working metals, a fire cover or "curfew" was invented. The coals were raked together into a chimney recess and the curfew placed over them. Limiting the air from the coals caused them to smolder rather than blaze. The curfew was simply a curved sheet of brass with perforations in it, and a handle. It was vitally important to keep the fire alive because there was no easy means of restarting it. Laws were passed to signal the time to perform the curfew operation, sometimes by beating

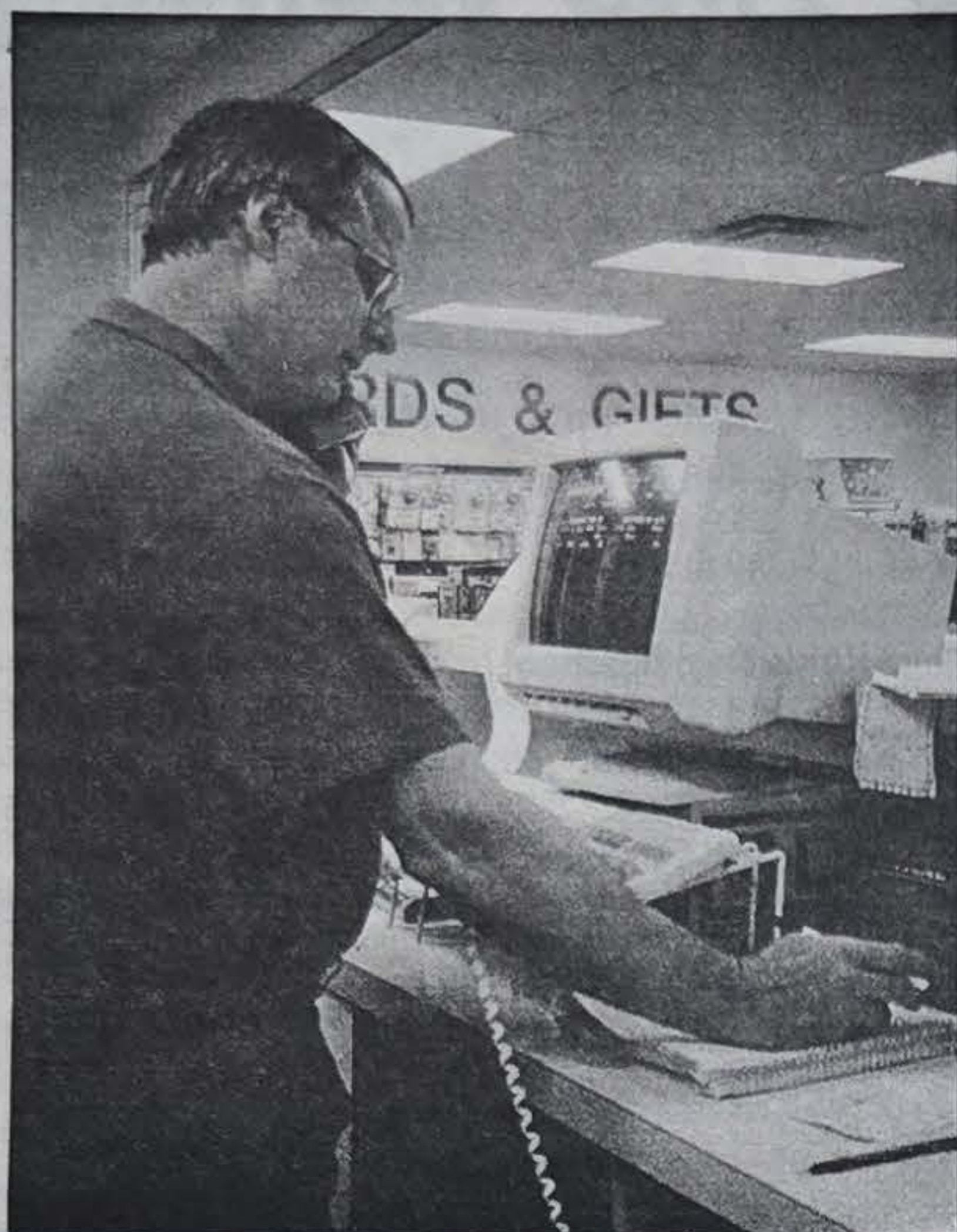
drums, later by ringing bells. In 1068 during the reign of William the Conqueror, the bells of England tolled at 7 in the evening so that all might cover the fire and extinguish the lights. In modern times some towns still have a curfew time, not for covering the fire but for signaling when the kids should be at home. Interesting how a word can mean one thing and with passage of time come to mean something entirely different.

The use of fire is full of difficulties. Fires made smoke which needed to be conducted out of dwelling places. At first this was done by placing the fire in the middle of the dwelling place and opening a hole in the roof. Obviously, this is not very efficient or effective. Eventually someone invented the chimney. By the 14th century chimneys were common, at first only in the homes of the wealthy. The early chimneys were sometimes made of brick or stone but often of clay or wattle (mud and straw). Better than a hole in the ceiling but a built in fire hazard. As late as 1789 when George Washington made a tour of the eastern states a brick or stone chimney was considered worthy of inclusion in his diary.

The principles of chimney construction and dampers were poorly understood for many years. Ben Franklin devoted much time towards finding a cure for smoking chimneys. He acquired a reputation as a heating expert and later complained that he couldn't go anywhere without being asked to fix a chimney. Of course, Franklin invented a stove that helped solve both the heating and smoke problems.

Stoves had been made of cast iron as early as 1728 in Germany. Called a 5 plate or jamb stove they were really only a 5 sided box shoved into a fireplace. In 1740 Franklin invented the 6 plate stove that stood in the middle of the room. The Black's Store stove is really a variation of Ben's original. As time went on these stoves were made very ornate and decorative. However, ours is a no-nonsense working stove. Everyone is invited to drop in this summer and see the cutting edge of heating in the mid-19th Century

Porter's Village Rx Will Celebrate Fifth Anniversary



Dick Porter records a prescription being dictated by a doctor's office for one of his customers. Today's modern day pharmacist utilizes computer data bases to get the latest information on side effects and drug interaction. (Photo by Michaela VanDieren)



This 1978 photo of Dick Porter was taken when he purchased Quinn Pharmacy, Hampton. (Photo by M. VanDieren)

By Michaela VanDieren

Porter's Village Rx opened its doors in May of 1994. Dick Porter had purchased Quinn Pharmacy in 1978 after working there the previous two years. Dick continues to provide upper Rock Island county residents with their medications and supplies. Over the years, customers also wanted more convenient type foods as well as prepared ones. Dick recognized this need and opened the combination pharmacy, gas station, convenient mart, and video rental center that we know as Porter's Village Rx.

Porter's bakes pizza, bread, rolls, and cookies. People of all ages can enjoy eating-in or carrying-out a wide variety of menu choices. Tenderloins, fries and appetizers are freshly prepared in the fryer. Recently the kitchen at Porter's received a Sanitation Award from the county for its cleanliness and proper procedures.

Customers Come First

Kay Burney, a seventeen year employee of Dick Porter, says, "I enjoy working with people, ninety-eight percent of them are the nicest people." Other employees expressed the same sentiment. Jackie Day, a five year employee and life-long resident of the area, explained, "I love the people that come in. I feel like they're all friends and that's one reason I like to work here." She likes the small town friendly atmosphere. Fourteen year veteran, Sarah Bradshaw, remarked, "I like working here because I know most of the people and its a nice place to work." Howard Mason can be found stocking shelves, and the cooler or ordering pop and beer. After seven years of service, Howard maintains, "It's fun to meet people and help them." The nine full-time employees and fifteen part-time ones exemplify this same attitude.

Porter's Village Rx is a supporter of the Towne Crier, Hampton Youth Committee, local churches, organization and upper Rock Island county activities. Dick believes, "I'm the most fortunate person, because you can do things and people understand." In addition to helping customers receive their proper medication, Dick went into pharmacy to run his own business. As times change with insurance companies, HMO's, computers, and the rising price of prescription medicine, Dick does his best to maintain as low a price as possible. Stop-in and say hello to the nice folks celebrating five years at Porters. There are also many anniversary specials advertised in the Porter ad and additional in-store specials available during May.



Jackie Day displays a Sanitation Award recently won by Porter's Village Rx for its exemplary kitchen and procedures followed by employees. (Photo by Michaela VanDieren)

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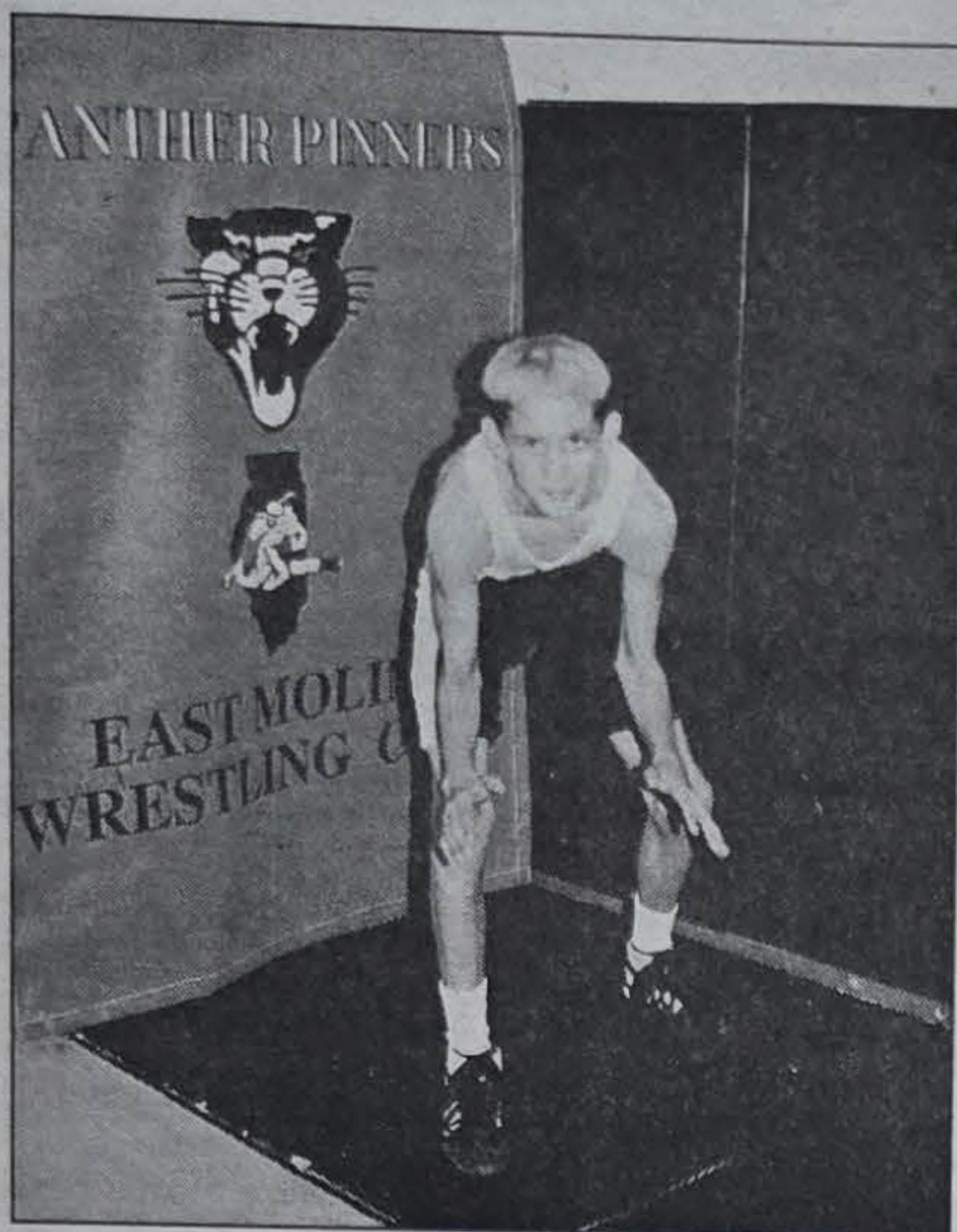
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Come and hear Meadowlark Lemon, star and spiritual leader of the Harlem Globetrotters, as he shares the message of his journey with Jesus Christ and shares stories of his life before, during and after basketball. He might just share with us some of his ball handling talents.

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Autographed basketballs and other memorabilia will be for sale after the program.



Pictured above: Panther Pinner, Thomas Tapia, advanced to state after placing third in the regionals and first in the sectional. At state, Thomas received fifth place by losing only one match by one point. Thomas is coached by his father, Jorge Tapia. Jorge is the Panther Pinner's coach.

Pictured at right is Thomas Tapia with the trophies he has won.



Tapia Wins Fifth Place at State

by Randy Baldrige

Thomas Tapia, an eighth grader at Hampton Grade School, took 5th place in the Illinois State Wrestling Championship, (84 pound senior division). This was Tapia's sixth year in wrestling and his third year in the state level competition. In qualifying for state, Thomas took third in regional and 1st in sectionals. He lost one match by one point to land in 5th place in a field of approximately 100 wrestlers. He was 42 and 8 for the year. A gifted athlete, Thomas was pitcher for Hampton's Champion Softball Team last summer, and he played on Hampton's 7th/8th grade Champion Volleyball Team. Perhaps most important is the fact that Thomas is a B+ student.

His coach for six years is his dad, Jorge Tapia. Jorge coaches the East Moline Panther Pinner's, a wrestling club with about 50 boys. Eleven Panther Pinner's including Thomas made it to State this year and Jorge is very proud of the fact that three of his athletes placed. The other two boys are Brian Kerr in the 166 pound division who took a second and his brother Mike who took sixth in the 130 pound division. Needless to say, the U.T.H.S. Wrestling Program is benefiting from the skills Jorge teaches his Panther Pinner's.

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Village Board Meeting Minutes

March 22, 1999

Meeting called to order by Village Clerk Suzanne McBride due to the absence of Village President Scott Newberg and the absence of Village President Pro-Tem Jeanne McKay. Trustees present were Burrill, Garrison, Norin, Johnson, and Carmack.

Motion by Trustee Johnson, second by Trustee Garrison to appoint Trustee Carmack Village President Pro Tem. Motion carried by voice vote. Pledge to the flag.

Minutes of the March 11, 1999 meeting were presented for approval. Motion by Trustee Garrison, second by Trustee Norin to approve and accept the minutes as presented. Motion carried by voice vote.

Brent Sprague, MidAmerican Energy Co. representative was present and advised the Board that he will be the community contact person for MidAmerican Energy. He can be contacted for questions, problems, etc. concerning MidAmerican Energy. Sprague lives in Hampton and so is familiar with the Village.

The final plat for Orchard Park Second Subdivision was presented for approval. After some discussion, it was motioned by Trustee Johnson, second by Trustee Garrison to approve the final plat contingent upon the granting of an easement on Lot 17, and the signing of the maintenance agreement between the Village of Hampton and Orchard Park LLC. Motion carried by voice vote.

The Treasurer's Report for the month ending February 28, 1999, was presented for approval. Motion by Trustee Garrison, second by Trustee Norin to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. Motion carried by voice vote.

Ament Engineering is ready to proceed with the second phase of the engineering for the water tower project. It was motioned by Trustee Johnson, second by Trustee Garrison to authorize Ament Engineering to proceed with the second phase of engineering at a cost of \$42,700.00. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

A proposal for the repair of the war memorial next to the Village Hall was received from Ken Baumgardner and Ron Nelson in the amount of \$5,450.00. As well as restoring the monument, they will show Village employees the routine maintenance to be done, thus preventing some of the problems there are now with it. Motion by Trustee Carmack, second by Trustee Johnson to accept the proposal for the monument. Roll call vote as follows: Trustees Carmack, Johnson, Norin, "Yes"; Trustees Garrison and Burrill, "No". Motion carried.

Trustee Carmack will have a Street Committee meeting March 31st at 7:00 P.M.

Fire Chief Irby was present. He stated he would like the fire department to have a training session burning the garage and storage shed located at 400 8th Street. Motion by Trustee Johnson, second by Trustee Norin that the fire department burn the garage and storage shed of Charles Howell, 400 8th Street for a training session and the fee will be waived. Motion carried by voice vote.

There will be a budget meeting March 25th at 7:00 P.M.

A grant was obtained for a computer for the Police Department. Motion by Trustee Garrison, second by Trustee Carmack to authorize the purchase of a computer and accessories at a cost not to exceed \$3,500.00. Motion carried by voice vote. Seventy five percent will be reimbursed.

There being no further business it was motioned by Trustee Johnson, second by Trustee Norin to adjourn until next meeting. Motion carried by voice vote.

April 12, 1999

Meeting called to order by Village president, Scott Newberg. Trustees Burrill, Garrison, Norin, Johnson, McKay, and Carmack present.

Minutes of the March 22, 1999 meeting were presented for approval. Motion by Trustee McKay, second by Trustee Norin to approve and accept the minutes as presented. Motion carried by voice vote.

General Fund bills in the amount of \$18,177.13 were presented for payment approval. Motion by Trustee Garrison, second by Trustee Burrill to approve payment of the General Fund bills. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

TIF #1 bills in the amount of \$2,250.00 were presented for payment approval. Motion by Trustee Carmack, second by Trustee McKay to approve payment of the TIF #1 bills. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

TIF #3 bills in the amount of \$10,261.07 were presented for payment approval. Motion by Trustee Johnson, second by Trustee Carmack to approve payment of the TIF #3 bills. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Motor Fuel Tax Fund bills in the amount of \$1,014.00 were presented for payment approval. Motion by Trustee Carmack, second by Trustee Norin to approve payment of the Motor Fuel Tax bills. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Public Works bills in the amount of \$29,627.54 were presented for payment approval. Motion by Trustee Johnson, second by Trustee Garrison to approve payment of the Public Works bills. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

The Ordinance entitled 'An Ordinance of the Village of Hampton, Rock Island County, Illinois Vacating Certain Property in the Village of Hampton' was presented for approval and passage. Motion by Trustee Carmack, second by Trustee Garrison to waive the three readings. Motion carried by voice vote. Motion by Carmack, second by Trustee Garrison to pass and approve the ordinance entitled 'An Ordinance of the Village of Hampton, Rock Island County, Illinois Vacating Certain Property in the Village of Hampton'. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Meg Flenker of FLAC was present with some handouts in regards to the construction of the Interpretive Center. Flenker was advised that the Village may have to forego the construction of the Interpretive Center due to a shortage of funds. Trustee McKay will hold a park Committee meeting on April 14th at 7:00 P.M. to determine if the Center can be built; and a meeting on April 21st will be held to meet with Flenker and Tim Downey, Architect.

The Five Year Maintenance and Correction Agreement between Orchard Park, Second Addition and the Village of Hampton was presented for approval. Developer Tom Dalton was present and stated the Agreement was satisfactory to him. Motion by Trustee Carmack, second by Trustee McKay to enter into the Five Year Maintenance and Correction Agreement with Orchard Park, LLC, Second Addition. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

During construction of a house in Hampton Woods Subdivision, Millage Construction damaged a storm drain. After unsuccessful attempts to have him pay for the repairs the Village did, the Board decided an Occupancy permit will not be issued for a house he is currently building. Motion by Trustee Johnson, second by Trustee McKay that the Occupancy permit not be issued for the house he is constructing at the present time. Motion and second withdrawn. Motion by Trustee Johnson, second by Trustee McKay to pull the current building permit immediately until the bill for the storm drain repair is paid. Motion carried by voice vote.

Police Sgt. Charles Barrett has submitted his resignation effective April 14, 1999.

The Police Bike Rodeo will be held on May 22, 1999. In regards to that, it was motioned by Trustee Garrison, second by Trustee Johnson that the Village donate \$100.00 for the Bike Rodeo. Motion carried by voice vote.

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Hampton PTA Says Thank You!

A fun night was had by all
at the PTA School Carnival

By Sherri Wells

The Art room was turned into a scary spook house. Thanks to Bill Beals and family for putting on another great spook house. Nancy Mohr won a beautiful afghan made by Marjorie Kipp. Thank you to Marjorie Kipp for the handmade afghan donation.

There were games galore to play. Thank you Steve Kraft for repairing our games. Thank you to all that worked at the carnival and all your donations.

A big thank-you to all the 4th and 5th grade students that sold door prize tickets. A special thanks to the following students for their outstanding work of selling tickets: Tiffany Maher 480 sold, Randi DeCrane 280 sold, David Nino 240 sold, and Ryan Cameron 164 sold. Also thank you to the 4th grade students that made carnival posters and Mrs. Brandt's Jr. High art class for making the game signs.

Thank you to the various local businesses for their contributions and donations for our carnival. Special thanks to Metro Bank for the space to store our carnival games.

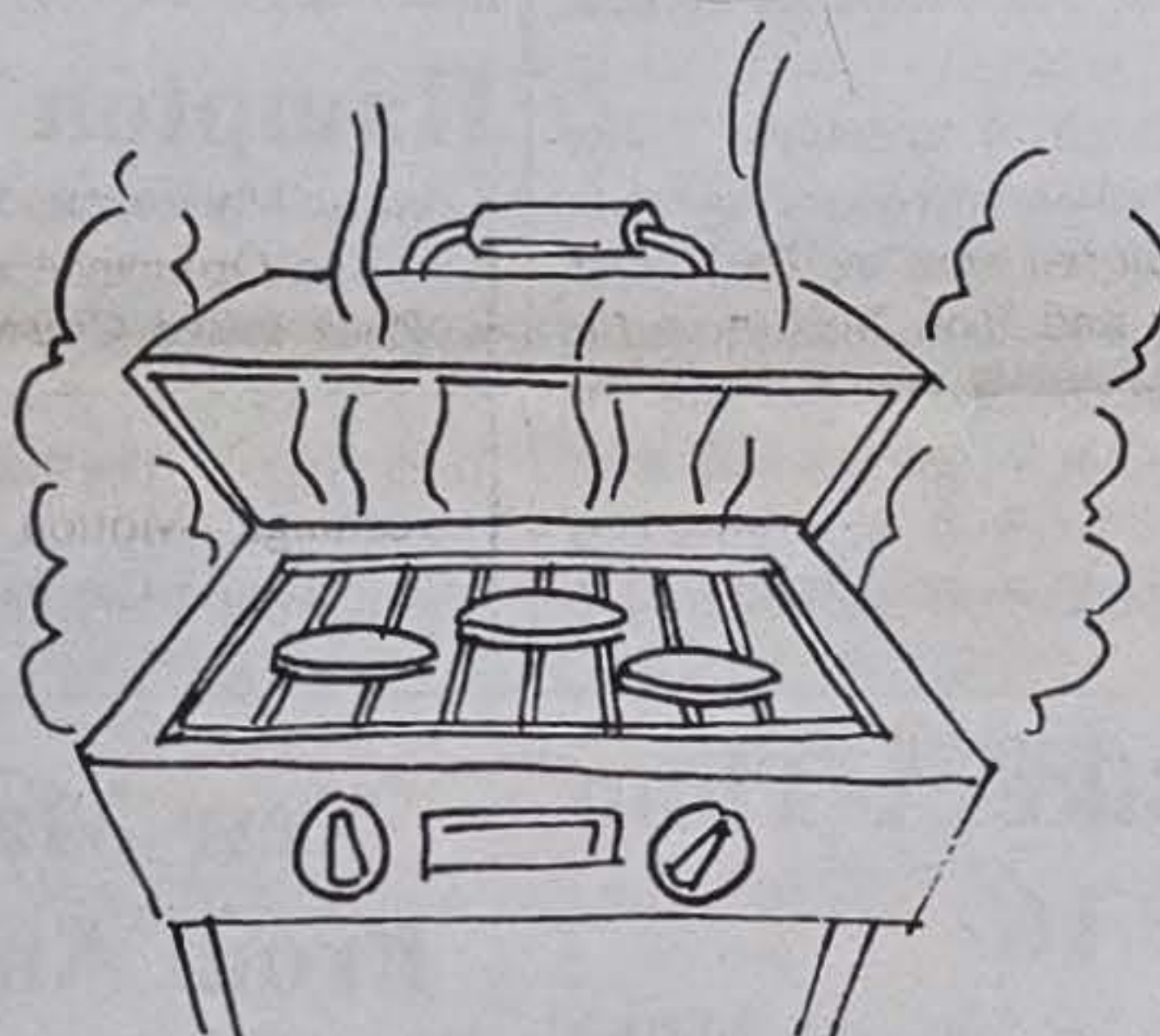
A big thank-you to Millie and Howard Mason! The old carnival games they made are still in good condition and were a big hit with all the kids. The kids just loved Millie telling their fortunes. Some of the kids said their fortunes have already come true!

The carnival was a really fun night for everyone! Thank you to all that donated their time, money and energy! The kids just had a blast!!!!

Safe Barbequeing Tips

Before firing up the grill this Memorial Day weekend, review these safety tips from the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Meat and Poultry Hotline.

- Meat and poultry cooked on a grill can brown very quickly on the outside, but appearances can be deceiving. Use a meat thermometer to ensure that food has reached a safe internal temperature.
- Whole poultry should register 180 degrees F., breasts, 170 degrees. Juices should run clear and flesh should not be pink.
- Hamburgers should reach 160 degrees, while beef, veal and lamb steaks, roasts and chops should be cooked to a minimum of 145 degrees. All cuts of pork should reach 160 degrees.



- Never partially grill meat or poultry and finish cooking later.

Foods must be cooked completely to destroy bacteria. After cooking meat or poultry on the grill, keep it hot until served. Outdoors, place the cooked meats to the side of the grill rack. At home, keep foods hot in a 200 degree oven, or in a chafing dish or slow cooker.

- Don't put cooked food on the same platter that held raw meat. Store leftovers in the refrigerator or freezer within two hours of taking food off the grill -- one hour in hot weather of 90 degrees or above. Discard any food left out for more than the recommended amount of time.

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Hampton School Board Minutes

Wednesday March 10, 1999

Six board members present; Kathy Kraft was absent. Virginia Shaffer was a visitor....

What's Happening in School: Dr. Paquette stated that the Young Author's Tea will be held on March 18 in the school library. **Congratulations to Kristi Henrichs, Ethan Paquette and Stefan Escontrias, for a great job at the Contig Contest. Kelly Champion was Champion of the Spelling Bee.** Dr. Paquette stated that the school received a Goal 2000 Grant in the amount of \$1507.00 for School Improvement and Reading Curriculum. The teachers met for School Improvement and they discussed publishing a brochure on what a child is expected to know and what they will learn with this curriculum. The Library received a grant of \$169.50. Dr. Paquette stated he wrote a letter of support to Arrowhead Ranch. Dr. Paquette reported the Fifth Grade had their DARE graduation.

Regional Superintendent's office will hold two-hour workshops for new board members once a month for the next seven months.

Committee Reports-

Building and Grounds-Bids will be let for tuckpointing, chimney repair, replacement of boilers, replacement of gymnasium floor and repairs on floors in classroom. Tri-City Electric will hold a pre-installation meeting regarding the new phone system. Fred Husman spoke about climate control in schools and how some places do it with under ground pipes, for their heating and cooling system. Roger Braddy noted that a fire blanket and an eye wash station was purchased for the science room, however, they are not yet mounted.

Finance-The board discussed cashing checks they have received from the TIF's. Fred Husman made a motion to table this until Mr. Howard is contacted. Donna Schaffer seconded and by voice vote all agreed, passed 6-0.

Planning-Technology was discussed at March 4 meeting. The committee suggested that a Technical Support Person be employed to handle the repairs on the PS2's, work on three or four of the newer machines that have various problems and to keep the equipment in good working order. Mr. Bressler would work on the web page and the teacher would go through Mr. Bressler if they had problems with their computers. However, Mr. Bressler would not work on the repairs of the machines. Randy Baldrige made a motion to authorize Dr.

Paquette to hire a Technical Support Person on a trial basis for up to eight hours per week at a rate of \$20.00 per hour for the remainder of the school year. Passed 6-0.

Unfinished Business:

1. Jennifer Jacobs resigned as school nurse.
2. Jeri Di'Iulio for fifteen to twenty hours per week at a rate of \$15.00 per hour to begin immediately.
3. **Calendar Changes: Field Day-June 3rd, Awards Day and Graduation on Friday June 4, the last day of school will be one hour on June 7 and Teachers Institute will be June 8.**

Passed 6-0

4. Superintendent's Evaluation will be discussed at executive session.

New Business

1. New Social Studies Textbooks purchased for K-5 from Houghton Mifflin at a cost of \$6718.72, with \$3148.36 being paid back by the state and \$3507.36 for the net cost to the district.
2. BCEI renewal paid.
3. Randy Baldrige, Fred Husman, Joe Jordan and Dave Wright will attend Leadership 21st Century Workshop July 22 and 23 at Schaumburg, Illinois.
4. A computer software package, Lunch Box Program, was referred to the buildings and grounds committee. The software would help with the paperwork for school lunch program.

Adjourn to executive session at 9:05 p.m. to discuss re-employ RIF (Reduction in force) teachers and Superintendent's evaluation.

Open session at 11:55 p.m.-Motion to re-employ RIF teachers listed on addendum (and list was not included with Crier's copy of approved minutes) passed 6-0.

Hampton School Board Minutes

Friday, March 19, 1999

Six board members present; Kathy Kraft was absent.

Athletic Director and Volunteer Coaches had requested that five banners be purchased at an approximate costs of \$1462.00 from High Tech Signs. The banners would be for the girls and boys basketball teams, girls and boys volleyball teams and track. Motion to transfer money from salary line item to supplies line item. Passed 6-0.

Am.Cancer Society Bike-A-Thon Will Be May 16

Bike-A-Thon teams which have signed up for the May 16th American Cancer Society bike ride at the Arsenal are Metro Trio, Pop Cycles, Deere Ones, Probation Peddlers, The Martins, and the Howes.

Participants will bike a 6-mile loop around the Arsenal. Snacks and drinks will be available. Family members and participants are welcome to bring a picnic to enjoy after the event. Registration is 1:00 p.m., the ride begins at 2:00 p.m. Bike and Hike will donate a bike for the door prize at Prize Night.

For more information or sponsor sheets, please call 794-0601, or stop into the American Cancer Society, 3727 Blackhawk Rd, Rock Island, IL 61201, beneath Arthur's Garden Deli.

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For materials about prostate cancer, or general cancer information, call the American Cancer Society a 1-800-ACS-2345, or visit our website at www.cancer.org.

New Materials Now Available From American Cancer Society

New resources have recently become available for cancer patients, families, and health care providers in the fight against cancer. "Understanding Chemotherapy" and "Understanding Radiation Therapy" are two 40 page booklets designed to help patients and families find answers to important questions.

"Lymphedema Risk and Breast Cancer" is a brochure offering ways to avoid lymphedema following surgery and/or radiation treatment for breast cancer. Lymphedema is the swelling of the hand and/or upper body that many women experience.

"Man to Man News" is a newsletter providing prostate cancer news and information for men.

"Clinical Trials: Information for the Health Care Professional in the Community" is a brochure for the health professional interested in getting involved with clinical trials.

If you are interested in receiving this or any other information concerning cancer, please contact your local area office of the American Cancer Society at 1-800-322-4337 or 309-794-0601.





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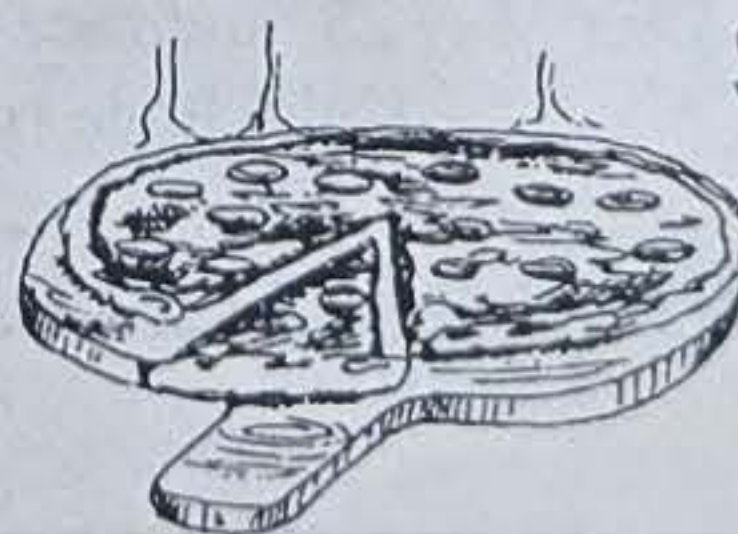
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