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Hampton Towne Crier

February-March, 2003

Hampton Employee Appreciation Night- Heritage Center's first function

January 18, 2003, the Hampton Heritage Center held it's first major function, a dinner for those that serve the Village of Hampton. Food and dishes were catered in as the kitchens are still missing cooking equipment, eating utensils and china. On that frozen night, the grassy, very bumpy path through the park had to be used as the road to the center cannot be put in until spring. Those were only minor inconveniences made up for by good company, lots of laughs, awards, reviews of the past year. The evening was topped off by a most entertaining comedic magician named Mark Yeager



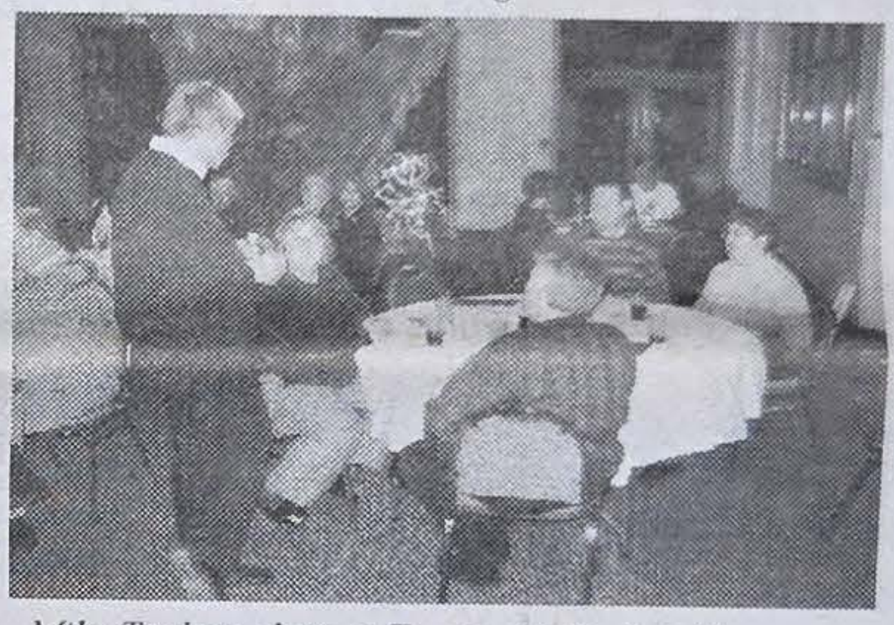
The Huffords, The Beins and the Spears



The Huffords with Magician Mark Yeager



Fire/Rescue Auxiliary VP Harriette Gillespie while President Scott Newberg recapped the year



Mike Toalson chats at Trustee McKay's table

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April 1, 2004 is the Village of Hampton's Trustee Election. The 5 candidates were each given ¼ page (no charge) and 3 optional topics to get their campaigns rolling. Find their photos & UNEDITED responses on pages 2, 4, 6, 8, & 10.

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ABOUT TRUSTEE CANDIDATE JEANNE McKAY

WHY I AM RUNNING

First concern is keeping us in our budget and not over spending us, as of now, we are one of the few cities still in the black and within budget.

Keeping taxes down as we have many senior citizens and young people with small families trying to make a go of it in this day and age.

WHAT I HOPE TO ACCOMPLISH THIS TERM IF ELECTED

I'd like to see us keep as much green space as possible and keep our 15 acre conservation intact, quiet space for our young people.

In hopes there will be great support for Heritage building and make money from this project, (to this I add there was no city money into it as yet).

Help keep our school here in town and can help them achieve that goal.

Kids Project

Having a kids party or just looking for an economical way to entertain the young ones? On good-weather days, try making your own bubble stuff and bubble blowers! This solution gets better as it ages so make it in advance. The recipe calls for Joy Dish Washing detergent because it makes the best, longest lasting bubbles so for best results, use Joy.

HOMEMADE BUBBLE SOLUTION



9 Parts Water
1 Part Joy liquid dish washing detergent
½ Part Glycerin

HOMEMADE GIANT BUBBLE MAKER



Remove top and bottom of coffee cans, hammer edges smooth. Place bubble solution in open, flat pan. Dip coffee can in solution and hold up to the wind or run for huge bubbles.

HOME MADE SMALLER BUBBLE MAKERS

Remove top and bottom of 6 ounce tuna or pet food cans. Hammer edges smooth. Tie ribbon or heavy twine around outside of can, knot but leave a large loop to serve as a handle. Dip in solution and hold up to the wind or run for large bubbles.

A Hundred Years Ago:

- The average wage in the US was 22¢ per hour.
- The average US worker made between $200 and $400 per year.
- More than 95% of all births in the US took place at home.
- 90% of all US physicians had no college education.
- Sugar cost 4¢ a pound and eggs were 14¢ a dozen.

Editorial: Looking forward by looking back

By Jane Cady

Motivational speakers always mention goal setting or choosing a life style theme in order to gain the maximum benefits in life. It sounds simple but it has been proven to work in careers, relationships and much more. Hence, the Crier will adopt a theme for the next year of "Celebrating Our Heritage".

This theme is in preparation for a host of area-wide celebrations being planned for 2004. Numerous civic and historical organizations are now participating in the long-term planning for a coordinated region-wide celebration in 2004 to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the railroad reaching the Mississippi River.

In previous issues, we mentioned that our pioneer history and the river are our most outstanding feature for promoting the desirability of living in this area. When you think about it, thanks to Rocky Nelson, the past issues of the Crier have been the only place to read about the history of Hampton and the towns north of Moline. (Like river sediment, the attention of historians, developers and newspapers seems to have gravitated to Rock Island, Davenport and Moline).

Rocky Nelson, president of Hampton's Historical Society and the Rock Island and Port Byron societies have been valiant in their efforts to record and preserve one-of-a-kind documents and artifacts for future generations. February 19th at the Hampton Elementary School (7:30 PM), Rocky will be giving a talk on the "Copperheads" a very interesting movement in this area during the civil war. The Brettun & Black Store Museum has, for years tried to preserve a space for the storing and display of local historical items as an educational tool for local children. Since Port Byron will be celebrating their 150th anniversary, you should see information from their Historical Society appearing in the Crier. Hampton will soon be opening the Heritage Interpretive Center where local celebrations and displays will be presented.

Knowing the local history allows us to appreciate this area and recreate some of our lost ecological systems or preserve the ones we have. We constantly remind our readers to volunteer and participate in organizations that serve the community and as a paper, we must do our part. Therefore, in support of all those planning commemorative celebrations and to create some educational fun, the Crier will feature articles on our local heritage and some quizzes on general world and U.S. history. In each issue, we will feature some nostalgic pieces submitted by long-time residents and businesses along with a request for your contributions. Rocky will continue to write his columns but it's time everyone seriously considered writing for the Crier. Material received from you is valuable and will eventually be turned over to local historical societies to be made available to future scholars and researchers.

You may write us on any topic but we hope to hear from you first with memories of household chores in your past or stories from your parents and grandparents. Examples: building a house or outbuildings, taking care of animals, gardening, tools, preserving food, cooking, laundry and cleaning. **We are depending on your participation for the next Crier issue!**

Happy New Year!

February 1 marked the Chinese New Year. The Chinese Calendar is based on the cycles of the moon. Although the Chinese have adopted the Western Calendar (based on the sun), they continue to use their traditional Lunar calendar to mark festivals and their New Year celebration. Each year in the Chinese Calendar is assigned an animal "sign". Rat, Ox, Tiger, Rabbit, Dragon, Snake, Horse, Sheep, Monkey, Rooster, Dog and Boar. This is the year of the sheep. Past "Sheep Years" were 1919, 1931, 1943, 1955, 1967, 1979 and 1991. People born in the Year of the Sheep are elegant and highly accomplished in the arts. They seem to be, at first glance, better off than those born in the Chinese zodiac's other years. Sheep year people are often shy, poor communicators, pessimistic, and puzzled about life. They tend to be deeply religious, timid by nature and they are always passionate about what they do and believe in. Sheep people often have the good things in life because their abilities allow them to easily make money. They are wise, gentle and compassionate.

How you can reach us .....



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We want to hear from you! Contact us to submit your stories, births, deaths, landmark birthdays or anniversaries. If your Hampton, Hampton Township, Rapids City or Port Byron organization has an event planned in advance, we would love to know. Call or write us with meeting/event dates and they will be added to our "Plan Ahead Community Calendar".

Our readers also like to hear the results of your fund raisers and the turn-out at your Crier-announced events. Space permitting, we publish photos and your acknowledgments (thanks) of contributors and volunteers.

We have only one regular editor/writer to assemble the paper so we rely on you to be the reporters and photographers that provide us with complete information. Your special events deserve mention in the paper so send your material to us before the 10th.

Our wonderful advertisers pay for the printing cost of the paper making it possible to print your items at no charge so we emphasize doing business with our local advertisers. The Crier now covers many communities in our limited space so we cannot accept classified advertising and articles must be brief. Photos will be published as space permits.

If time is short, you may drop off items in an envelope Marked "For Towne Crier" at Quinn's Hardware on Rt. 84 (State Ave.), Hampton . **E-mails are also welcome jec@ix.netcom.com**
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The Second Hundred Years

by Jane Cady

If you visited the Brettun & Black Museum Store between May and October, you might have noticed a thin publication in the gift shop that contains the first hundred years history of Hampton. It was written by George McNabney in 1938, the 100th anniversary of the formal incorporation of Hampton. The Society re-typed a yellowed copy of the original, 1938 newspaper article and added some illustrations for their issue. Morris S. Heagy, another Hampton chronicler left diaries that were made into a second publication for the museum but little has been written since the centennial celebration in 1938. Photographs survive of that local parade, people in costumes representing Black Hawk, Lincoln, pioneers and the Village founders but formal record keeping ended then. The McNabney and Heagy diaries and papers of these Hampton residents that are now kept at the Rock Island Historical Society will eventually be re-read for additional information but additional perspectives are needed.

The Hampton Historical Society would like to begin work on the second hundred years history and fill in details on the first hundred years. In order to do that, everyone needs to help. History is being made every day so all Hampton area residents can participate by having a family treasure hunt to come up with photographs, maps, diaries and old letters. The holidays are over and there is little going on right now so become a participant in this great project. The Crier can copy/scan documents and return your originals so you'll not be giving away your family records. We would also appreciate your efforts to contact old Hampton area friends that might have moved away.

Exactly what is the Society looking for?

- Stories about this area, especially comparing what has changed through the years.
- Personal memories of personalities, school days, gardens, storms, floods, transportation, volunteer groups, parades, celebrations.
- Old newspaper articles (hopefully dated). Birth, wedding, anniversary and engagement announcements and obituaries. We are particularly interested in knowing of baptisms, marriages and funerals and which area church and minister/priest was involved.
- Photographs that can be identified. (If you use stickers to identify photos, always write in pencil - never ink - on an "archival, label then paste it along the bottom edge on the back).
- School class photos, houses (label with modern day address) that have been changed through the years. Photos of parades, weddings and teams. Around town photos showing people that used to live and work in the Hampton area in any occupation.
- Labeled tape recordings of stories, memories, etc. about this area. Audio tapes will be kept at the society and transcribed when possible to include in the history. If your grandparents or great-grandparents told stories of life around here, please put them on a tape. Those old stories make history come alive! We anticipate creation of a tape library for future use by authors, historians, genealogists and scholars.

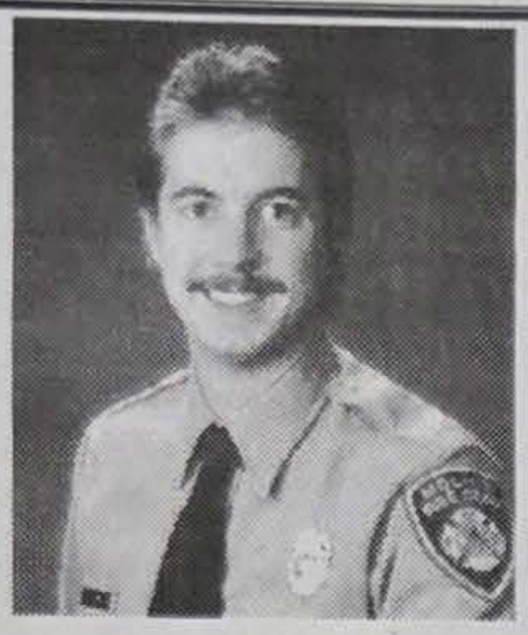
The Brettun & Black Museum is looking for items that might have been sold at the store when it was open from 1848 to 1906 (original packaging in good condition or replicas of those products) The store has been restored and opens as a museum from 2:30-4:30 on weekends from Memorial Day into October. Products donated will help complete the authentic look of the store when it was operating.

If you have items in good condition to donate to the project that you do not want returned, they will be kept by the Historical Society but we want to label and acknowledge all donation so be sure to carefully wrap and label each item. If you want your items copied/photographed and returned, you should package a note with them and these will be copied as quickly as possible at the Crier and returned to you. Drop off items for copying at 327 2nd Avenue in Hampton.

Prior to making a contribution or lending this project your materials, please call Rocky or Jane Nelson of the Historical Society (755-0362) or Bev Coder, Curator of the B&B Museum. (755-6265) or Jane Cady, Crier Editor (752-0627).

A special acknowledgment should be made of Eliza Haertjens' invaluable contribution to the preservation of local history. I have just finished organizing and copying hundreds of obituaries and press clippings kept in scrapbooks she has donated to the Historical Society. As a one-time reporter for the Hampton area, she has preserved the articles from all local sources that related to Hampton over the last 40 years. The keeping of diaries and most letters has not been popular since the first World War so her collections have enormous value to researchers now and in the future. Thanks Liza!

Materials collected for this on-going project might appear in the Crier as illustrated feature articles or topics for columns. You will have the opportunity to play an important role in up-coming issues so start looking now!



ABOUT TRUSTEE CANDIDATE KEVIN IRBY

My name is Kevin Irby and I was born and raised in Hampton. I have been employed with the Moline Fire Department for the last 16 years. I have been a Paramedic for the last 17 years and have had the privilege of flying with Air Evac, the former air ambulance service in the Quad Cities, as a Flight Medic for 4 years. I also served as the Hampton Fire Chief from November 1995 through June 2002.

WHY I AM RUNNING

I never had an interest in politics until I served as Fire Chief. After being involved with the Village I was able to see things that I felt were not being done right. I feel that someone new on the board would bring a fresher viewpoint and not allow things to continue on the same path as they have been.

WHAT I HOPE TO ACCOMPLISH THIS TERM IF ELECTED

After seeing how the Village Board's involvement with the fire department allowed for problems to be present I feel, with my background in public safety, the fire department operations would be turned around dramatically. The residents currently have no fire department medical coverage and rely on the time it takes for Illini to respond an ambulance. My main priority would be that the fire department acquire and maintain the medical program at the level to which it was operating before the current Village Board suspended it's operation. I also feel the residents are not informed about everything important until after the fact when it's too late to do anything but complain.

Everybody today is busy with many different things from jobs, kids school events, kids sporting events, etc. They just don't have the time to attend every routine council meeting to keep up on what is going on in the community. I would like to develop a mechanism to inform the residents about how "their" money is being spent and what the current events are in the Village so they have a true say in what is being done.

JAMMIN' WITH JANE

By Jane Nelson

Spring is just around the corner and so far winter has been a breeze. I think it is my best winter after experiencing 70. Sixty-six of these have been in Hampton.

My husband, Rocky Nelson wrote his column on Henry Frels book" A Sailor Goes Farming" and as I was reading this book I found an old recipe from Hampton. It is an old German recipe for steamed pudding. My grandmother McNeal grew up in Hampton and would always make a steamed pudding for the holidays. I believe it was very similar. Since I never got any of her recipes, I don't have it. I plan to try this one and see if it is the same. I however, have a mold that I can put it in and steam it. The dip my grandmother made always had a shot of whiskey in it. I think that is much more tasty than vinegar.

DAS GROTEN HANS (this is copied verbatim from the book)

Here is a recipe for a pudding known to us in younger days as Grotten Hans. Our Mother made it quite often on holiday occasions and when our relatives were here for dinner. No doubt the recipe is one of long standing and likely comes from the old Frels home. It was a rare treat to all of us when it was served.

6 eggs
½ c butter
2 slices white bread
1 quart milk
1 c raisins

Add enough flour to make a pretty stiff dough. Before putting dough in the bag wet the bag and douse it in flour to seal it. Boil it at least 2 hours until done. Put it in a large pan and make sure the water comes about half way up on the mold or bag. Dip for this pudding. One pint of boiling water, Add flour that has been stirred in cold water to thicken. Add 1 T butter and sugar to sweeten (about ¾ c) and flavor with vanilla, nutmeg, or lemon. Add a little vinegar if you wish. Emma Hauberg Fairhurst contributed this recipe.

The bag can be made with a square of cheesecloth if you do not have a mold. You could dip it in water and douse in flour and put the pudding in the middle and pull up the corners and tie with a string. That is the way I remember my grandmother doing hers. I think I bought my mold at a sale at Pearl and Don Cooper's years ago. I have used it several times. I make a steamed Cranberry Pudding at Christmas but not every year. I will try to find it and then you will have two steamed pudding recipes.

I found the Cranberry recipe. It came from my cousin Bill McNeal's wife Betty. He has a son Bill McNeal that is an assistant States Attorney in Morrison IL. He is now the only lawyer on the McNeal side of the family.

CRANBERRY PUDDING

2 c flour sifted
2 ½ t baking powder
2/3 c milk
2 c cranberries fresh or frozen
1 c sugar
3 T melted butter
1 egg beaten

Blend all together. Add cranberries after batter is blended. Then put in a mold or bag and steam about 3 hours.

BUTTER SAUCE SERVE HOT

1 stick butter
¾ c sugar
1 c half and half

Heat until the sugar dissolves and the butter meltes.

A much simpler recipe is on I found and used often at Thanksgiving or Christmas. It is made with mincemeat and often people who will not eat mince pie will eat this.

MINCE COTTAGE PUDDING

Bake at 350 degrees 35 to 40 minutes. 12 servings

½ c boiling water
½ c margarine
2 eggs
2 c prepared mincemeat*
3 t baking powder
½ c nuts
½ c finely cut pitted dates
½ c brown sugar
1 t salt
2 ¼ c flour
¼ t cinnamon

*You may use the dried kind reconstituted. Pour boiling water over dates; cool. Cream butter and sugar well. Add eggs, one at a time, beating well after each is added. Add mincemeat and dates to the creamed mixture. Stir in dry ingredients mixing just until blended. Stir in nuts and put in a floured 13 x 9 in pan. Serve with the dip and sauce recipes already given.

Anyone can get these recipes from my web site jamminwithjane.com. You can always call me at 755-0362. I will look for some good spring recipes. By next month we will really have winter on the run.

Common Cents

During tough times, try these to save a little here and there:

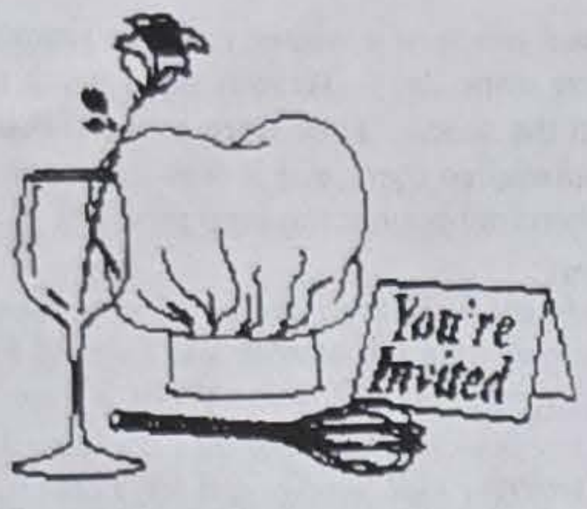
- ¢ Don't replace windshield wiper blades. Use a solution of 50% white vinegar and 50% water to thoroughly wash your blades. Rinse with plain water and they will work like new.
- ¢ Follow appliance manufacturer's instructions when using soap. Laundry and dishwasher dispensers hold up to 300% more soap than needed. MEASURE, don't just fill the dispenser to the top. If your laundry just needs a light cleaning and freshening, only use ¾ of your normal amount. The results will be the same.
- ¢ Make your own bread at least twice a month. If you have never tried making bread "from scratch, try it at least once-you will find it very satisfying. If you own a bread machine USE IT but, skip the expensive mixes. Healthier, fresh, home baked bread costs only about 50¢ per loaf and the fragrance...Ahhhhhhh!

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Notes about St. Patrick's Day ....

- Saint Patrick was a real person who started life as Maewyn Succat. He adopted the name Patrick or Patricus after he becoming a Christian Priest.
- When 16 years old, he was kidnapped from Britain and sold into slavery in Ireland. He escaped after 6 years and ended up on the northern coats of Gaul (an area which today includes part northern Italy, France, Belgium and the southern part of the Netherlands). Follow Patrick's journey on a world map.
- St. Patrick was about 60 when he arrived in Ireland to convert the pagans to Christianity.
- Today, shamrocks are worn because Patrick used them in sermons to explain how The Trinity could have three separate parts that made up one whole.
- Legend says St. Patrick drove all of Ireland's snakes into the sea to drown. There probably never were snakes in Ireland. Since snakes were a common pagan symbol, this legend is just a figurative tale explaining that St. Patrick drove paganism out of Ireland.
- Wearing 'O the Green started with school kids believing that no one would pinch if wearing green. Green is also the color of spring and St. Patrick's Shamrock. (Green is associated with the Catholic faith in Ireland, Orange with Protestants so when you hear the term "Orangemen", these are Protestant Irishmen).
- Leprechauns are Irish fairies described as about 2 feet tall dressed in a cocked hat and a shoemaker's leather apron. By legend, they are cranky and unfriendly to humans. To keep on the good side of the Leprechauns, small offerings of food and milk are often left on a doorstep or outside bench.
- The Pot 'O Gold belongs to the leprechauns. If you chance upon a leprechaun and threaten him and insist on him handing over his pot of gold, he is obligated to lead you to it. However, if he leads you all over the countryside on twisting trails, you must keep your eye on him constantly. If you blink or are distracted even a moment, he will vanish!

Who was Casimir Pulaski?

What made Casimir Pulaski so special that we have no school on March 3rd to celebrate his life; schools and streets are named after him all over the country? Who was this man?

Kazimier/Casimir Pulaski (1748-1779) was born in Podolia, Poland of a noble family. He gained military fame while he and his father participated in efforts to rid their country of the Russian-dominated King of Poland, Stanislaus II. The rebellion failed as Russian troops forced them to flee to Prussia (1772) and later into France. While in France, he met Benjamin Franklin and found a kindred free spirit. Franklin gave the enthusiastic young noble a letter of recommendation to George Washington.

Pulaski joined the American Revolutionary cause in 1777 serving with General Anthony Wayne at the battles of Brandywine and Germantown. In 1778, he resigned his cavalry command and organized his own cavalry unit called the Pulaski Legion which fought in many numerous locations.

Today, we forget that 100% of the early American population was not committed to a break with England. In those days of slow, poor communication and depending on farming just to live, a full time, experienced and enthusiastic soldier was hard to find. The commitment and enthusiasm of the 31 year old immigrant who left his privileged life inspired others until he was mortally wounded while leading a cavalry charge in the attack on Savannah in 1779.

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ABOUT TRUSTEE CANDIDATE MICKEY QUINN VANDIEREN

Many of you have met me at Quinn Hardware store. I am known as Mickey or Michaela. A fifty years resident of Hampton, I care about the future of the Village. My husband John and I have been married for over 30 years and we have four children-Monica, Michael, Jonna and Jim. Jim lives at home and Mike is also a Hampton resident, having recently purchased my parents' house. Both daughters are teachers-one on the East Coast and the other on the West Coast. Hampton was a great town for raising our children and it is a great town for people of all ages.

I graduated from Marycrest College with a BS in Chemistry Education and from Western Illinois University with a Masters Degree in Administration. While Assistant Principal at Rock Island High School, we wrote and were awarded a grant for over a quarter of a million dollars from the State of Illinois. After a twenty-four year career in education, I branched into the business world.

WHY I AM RUNNING

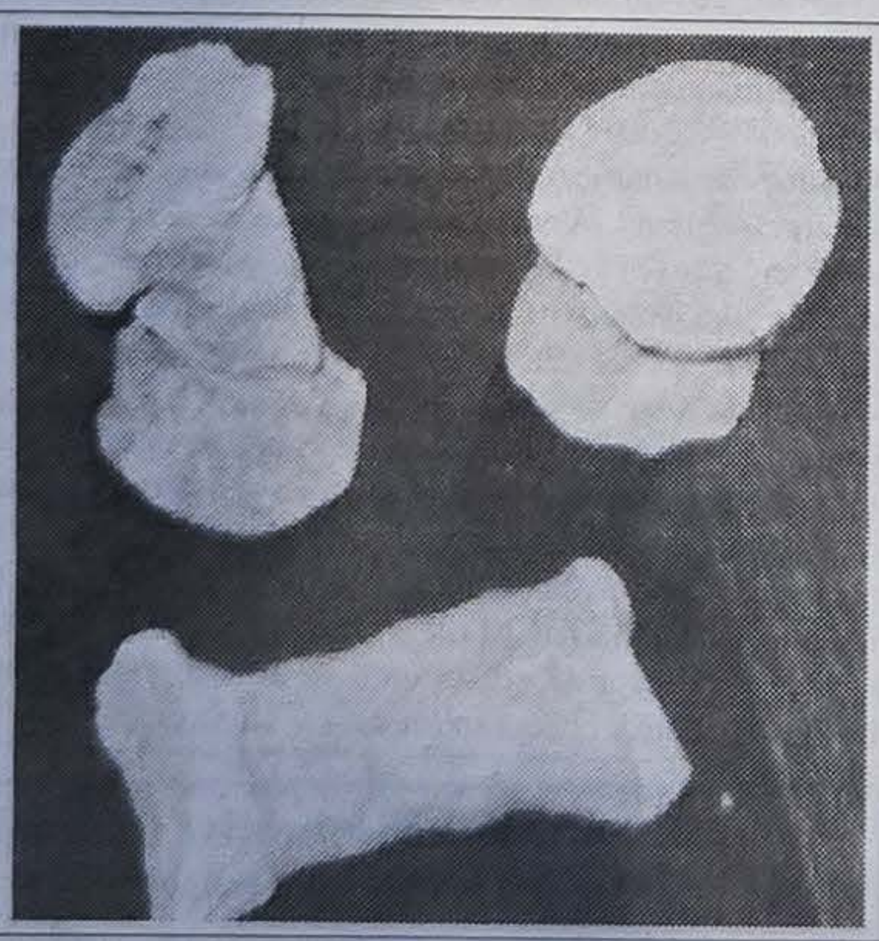
I believe with my background in business and experience with educational budgets and grant writing, I can be an asset to the Village. As a newspaper correspondent for many years, I know the value of good public relations. I've watched the progress of the Village all my life and I want to help shape the future.

WHAT I HOPE TO ACCOMPLISH THIS TERM IF ELECTED

Hampton has much to offer and I hope to improve its image. The Village government is much like running a business. Experience in problem solving, negotiating, budgeting and coordination of efforts are all aspects of both government and business. In each, there are limited resources that must be allocated appropriately for the maximum benefit. Hampton would qualify for more grants if we are able to pursue them diligently. In addition, I will listen to residents and represent the majority of them to the best of my ability.

Mystery Item of the Month

Here are three versions of the same thing. They have been found on the river's edge. Occasionally, building sites have also unearthed some of these mysterious items. They appear to be made of dried clay. Some show the prints of fingers of long-dead area residents.



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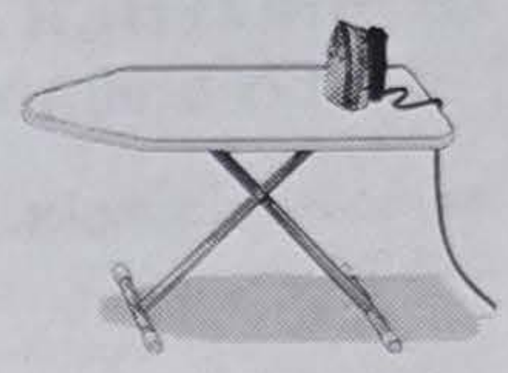
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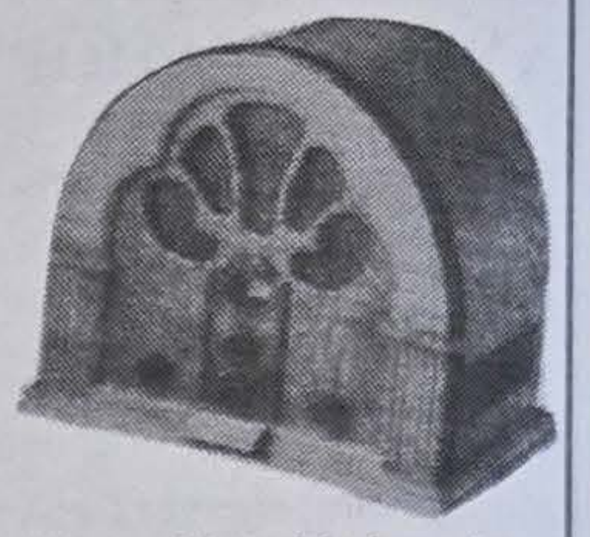
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SOAP OPERAS

By Franciska Rasmussen

With the coming of winter and the anticipated bad weather, I was all set to just hibernate, catch up on my reading and watch soap operas.

So far, we haven't had much of a winter with the temperatures being up in the 50's on some days. Haven't done much reading but have caught up on the soaps. They were called this because the soap companies sponsored them and it was the women who listened to them and therefore bought the soap products.

This is nothing new to me as I have been tuned in to them since the 1930's. In the summer time my mother and I would listen to them on the radio during the lunch hour. When school was in session, I would ride my bike home as fast as I could so I would not miss *Helen Trent* and *Our Gal Sunday* and *Ma Perkins*.

Many women did their ironing in the afternoon while listening to *Bachelor's Children, Young Widow Brown, Portia Faces Life, Back Stage Wives, When a Girl Marries* or *Stella Dallas*.

After school, it was the children's shows *like Little Orphan Annie, Jack Armstrong the all American Boy, Don Winslow of the Navy* and *Seargent Benfrew of the North West Mounted Police*.

After the evening meal the family would gather in the living room to listen to the weekly versions of *The Lone Ranger, Fibber McGee, The Shadow, Major Bows Lux Theater, The 64 Dollar Question, Gabriel Heater, Red Skelton, Henry Aldrich, Doctor I. Q., Manhattan Merry Go Around, Mr. First Nighter, Jack Benny, Fred Allen, Take It Or Leave It, Bob Hope, Bang Busters and the Hit Parade*.

I've taken you down the memory lane of old radio shows. Some you will remember, I'm sure, and there were some really old ones that go back 60 years! How many do you remember? It was a pleasant little trip for me and I hope you enjoyed it too.

Protect Your Far-Away Loved Ones

Good Advice from Funeral Director Burton Phillips

It used to be that people were born, lived their lives and died pretty much in the same town. That was before modern transportation changed things. Now, it is not uncommon for extended families to find themselves spread from coast to coast, as the children pursue careers and the parents perhaps decide to retire to a different climate.

If you do not have family in town, may we suggest that pre-planning your own funeral arrangements in advance is a sensible idea? It is a gift you can give to your far-away loved ones, and to yourself: the peace of mind of knowing that your final wishes are recorded and will be carried out to the letter.

When a family must make funeral arrangements for a loved one in their time of grief, those decisions become so much more difficult. When you add in the necessity of doing all this amid the commotion of long-distance travel or telephone calls, it is a terrible burden - and one that you can easily help your family to avoid.

Beside, out-of-town arrangements tend to be costlier - another difficulty for the surviving family. By making your wishes known now, you can "lock in" the cost of the services, as well as the details of Scripture, music and religious practice that make the funeral a uniquely individual ritual. Please call for an appointment or stop by. We think you will be glad you did.

Ask the Chiropractor
By Dr. Dan Bobb

Dear Dr.,
What causes pain to shoot down my right leg? My medical doctor called it sciatica, and gave me pain medications and an anti-inflammatory drug called Motrin. The pain medications have helped ease the pain but I still have it, and I'm on my third prescription. Can Chiropractic help this problem?

T. R., Hampton

Dear T.R.
Pain extending down the back-side of the leg is usually diagnosed as sciatica. Depending on your age, blood clots should also be ruled out. This is more common if standing on the leg causes an increase in pain. If the pain occurs with movement such as getting up or down from sitting then it is more likely to be caused by a pinched nerve. The sciatic nerve is the largest nerve in your body. It carries a great many messages to and from the brain to your leg and muscles. Because it is made up of several spinal nerve branches it can be caused by one or more misalignments of the lumbar spine (low back). Many times herniated disc must also be ruled out with MRI exam. If your symptoms have continued now for more than one prescription you should re-visit your family MD or Chiropractor for further evaluation and testing. In the mean time, try to limit periods of sitting to 30 minutes or less at a time, apply ice to your lower back 20 minutes at a time while lying down flat. Icing works best at the end of the day. It helps remove swelling around the nerve bundle, thus decreasing the pain.

Send E-mail questions to "Ask the Doctor" via DrBobb@bobbchiropractic.com

What's behind that fancy term?
Submitted by Evelyn Phillips of Antiques by Evelyn

Whether shopping on the Internet, via catalog or in retail outlets, be aware of the fancy advertising terms or industry buzz words used to describe rather simple things. Knowing some of the following terms might help you avoid paying full price for an imitation. You will hear these terms to describe not only jewelry but the embellishment on furniture items, decorative accessories and even some costly clothing.

abalone = a deposit made from inside a seashell, also called mother-of-pearl.
aurora borealis = a multi-color-producing light iridescent (or iridescent) coating on part of beads or tops of rhinestones, usually abbreviated a.b..
baguette = a rectangular narrow stone.
baroque = an imitation pearl with an uneven or craggy shape and/or surface.
cabochon = a stone cut with little or no facetting.
carved glass = glass stones or beads which have been poured into a mold but present a craggy or incised surface, usually hand-polished after molding.
crystal = a glass stone or bead, usually with high lead content.
facetted = cut with many facets or planes.
faux, or abbreviated f. = false, fake, imitation, as in f.pearl = fake pearl.
iridescent iridescent = a multi-color producing light coating on part of beads or tops of rhinestones is sometimes called iridescent, see aurora borealis.
jet = a stone of petrified coal. Note: French jet is glass.
mabé = a half sphere or domed stone, usually a fake pearl.
marquis = an oval stone which is pointed at both ends, also called navette.
parure = a set of three or more matching pieces.
pavé = very tightly set stones, as in a pavement.
pronged = stones are set with individual prongs holding them in place.
rhinestone = a glass stone, facetted to imitate a diamond. In German, it is called Strass, after the man who popularized it.
seed pearl = a very small imitation pearl, or f. pearl.

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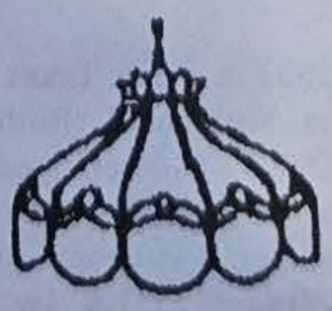


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ABOUT TRUSTEE CANDIDATE GLYNN JOHNSON

I am 52 years old and have lived in Hampton for the last 24 years. I've been married for 32 years to my wife Terrie and we have two children Tammy 31 and Todd 27. Both were raised in Hampton and graduated form Hampton School. I am a 1969 graduate of UTHS and a graduate of Western Illinois University. Prior to moving to Hampton I spent nine years on active duty in the U.S. Navy as a Hospital Corpsman. Most of tht time was spent in combat medical support of units of the U.S. Marine Corps. I presently work at the John Deere Parts Distribution Center in Milan as a Warehouse Operations Coordinator. I'm a member of the American Management Association. Vietnam Veterans of America. the JA Hall of Fame and a past Secretary of the Hampton Board of Education (1985-1989).

WHY AM I RUNNING?

I'm running because I want to continue to work with my fellow board members to keep our taxes low. encourage the continued growth of our tax base and continue to provide a high level of municipal services to our residents. As my record shows I am willing and able to dedicate the time, personal resources and effort that it takes to fill the office of Trustee and represent all the residents of the village.

WHAT I HOPE TO ACCOMPLISH THIS TERM IF ELECTED

Though there are many goals I would like to achieve if elected my top two would have to be to insert an escrow line item in the public works budget for Mains and Hydrants and to develop and implement a Storm Water Management Program for the absolute lowest cost possible. With the exception of Hampton Woods and Orchard Park our water mains are pretty old. Though we are in fairly good shape now, the time is not far off when we will have to start replacing some of these mains. By escrowing money in the Public Works budget for this eventuality we will be able to effect the needed replacements with out having to raise water rates or special assessing our water customers. The Storm Water Management Program is an unfunded mandate from the EPA to control the amount of pollutants in the water that flows from our storm water sewer system and creeks into the river. Though we all know that the amount of "pollutants" that our little village produces that would enter the river this was is so negligible as to be nonexistent we still must comply. Working with our Director of Public Works, our engineer and our village clerk I intend to develop a bare bones letter of intent that will get us an EPA approval that can be funded with current revenues.

The Crier has no reporters or photographers. It is up to our readers & advertisers to contact us if they have news items for the paper or wish to place or change ad for the next issue.

Birthday Best Wishes to:

Charmian Cox Cady celebrated her 85th on February 7th
Boy Scouts of America, Founded February 8, 1910
Patrick Gillespie celebrated his 56th on February 9th
Ann Eliza Lee Haertjens celebrated her 93rd on February 12th
Yellowstone National Park, Opened March 1, 1872
The Peace Corps, Founded March 1, 1961
Girl Scouts of the USA, Founded March 12, 1912
Camp Fire Boys and Girls, Founded March 17, 1910

Obituaries

Bessie Kipp, 83, passed away February 5, 2003. Services were held on February 10. Born to Orville and Ila Adams Hofstetter and married to Raymond Kipp in 1937, Bessie lived in Hampton or nearby all of her life. For 16 years, she was procurator at the Rock Island Arsenal. She was often seen on her daily walks around town or on her bike going to the post office. Our condolences to her sons Gerald, Robert, Richard and their extended families and to her sister Clara Ford.

Ruth Howell, 84, passed away January 7, 2003 in Tyler, Texas. Ruth, born to James S. and Grace Harris Sutherland, Ruth married local artist Dick D. Howell in 1936. She enjoyed crocheting and knitting, taught Sunday school, served on the mission committee, was vice president of Women's Mission and sang in the choir at church. Our condolences to her two daughters and son, 9 grand children and 15 great grand children and Brother Edward Sutherland.

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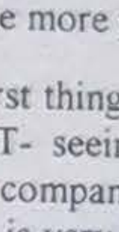
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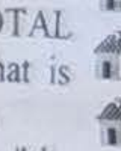
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5 Steps for Buying a Home in Today's Economy

By Terri Bullock, Licensed MelFoster Realtor

Buying a home is perhaps unlike purchasing anything else. Armed with the right information and an experienced Realtor, you'll have a tremendous edge in the marketplace. Whether you are considering the purchase of your first home, or your family's dream house, the more you know, the more you'll save.

(1) Where to get started : The first thing you need is TOTAL ACCESS to the TOTAL MARKET- seeing everything that is available to you regardless of which company has the listing. A competent real estate professional is very important. Since "the seller" pays the commission, the services of your real estate agent to you as a "buyer" are completely FREE.

(2) Timing is everything: Your agent has access to information on EVERY home available on the market. Daily, homes are listed for sale and your agent has instant access to the information about each one. Good agents are constantly searching their computers for new listings. A smart buyer will take the time to sit down with an agent, tell them what they are looking for, and just as importantly, what they aren't looking for. The agent will then search while the Buyer does other things. Only a fraction of the homes available on any given day are advertised in newspapers, limiting even your preliminary search using only papers allows you to see only a tiny piece of the whole picture.

Also, many of the best buys are sold almost as soon as they come on the market-mostly to people who are working with a savvy real estate agent who is looking out for their best interest.

(3) Narrowing your selection and looking at homes: Once your agent has a clear picture of what it is you're looking for, together with what will fit your financial needs, the next stop is to actually go look at homes that fit your parameters. Your agent will go with you then will answer or research any questions you might have.

(4) Negotiating an offer to purchase: Once you've selected a home your agent will help you negotiate the offer to purchase. This is a particularly important step and one that requires experience because there are many details to be covered. For example: the price you'll offer, closing dates, possession time, down payment amount, personal property to be included, and repairs to be made are just a few. You and your agent will sit down and prepare an offer that is most advantageous to you , but fair to the seller. Once your offer has been presented, your agent will help you with any further negotiations.

(5) Finding and securing financing: For most people, finding the right financing is every bit as important as finding the right home. Realtors work closely with many local lenders and can put you in touch with the right lender for your situation.

Many studies indicate that buying a home without the services of a professional real estate agent, takes longer and costs more. Call a licensed Realtor early in your planning process to give you realistic, up-to-the-minute information on the housing and financial markets then put them to work for you.

GLAD YOU ASKED

What are the ordinances about noise in this area? We live near a stop sign and seem to be plagued by extra loud car radios, screeching tires and revving motors on cars without good mufflers. Last summer, thumping music and shouting from parties that never seemed to end, kept us up late. We have no quarrel with our friendly neighbors or the kids having fun but what is considered too much noise?

Most of what you described falls under two categories, Formal, legally actionable Disturbing the Peace or Disorderly Conduct and inconsiderate folks without good manners. Lets look at both.

Hampton Ordinance **4.4.3**: Disturbing the Peace-Noise, Mufflers: "It shall be unlawful for any person to be guilty of disorderly conduct or of any conduct tending toward the breach of the peace. The causing of making of any unnecessary loud noise or shouting or yelling will be considered disorderly conduct. (Conviction leads to fines running from $10 to $100).
4.4.3: Disturbing the Peace-Noise, Tires. "It shall be unlawful and constitute a nuisance by the driver of any vehicle to so drive the same at such a speed and in such a manner to cause the tires of the vehicle to screech or make a noise loud enough to disturb any resident of the Village." (Conviction leads to fines running from $10 to $100).
4.5.1: Disorderly Conduct relating to noise is described. A person commits disorderly conduct when they knowingly act in such unreasonable manner as to alarm or disturb another and provide a breach of the peace. Also to make any unnecessary loud noise or shouting or yelling when there is no reasonable ground therefore. (Conviction leads to fines running as high as $500.00).

There are no ordinances to replace plain old common sense or neighborliness. First, try not to dwell on the problem until you become overly sensitive to every little noise. Building up resentment only does you harm, not the noise makers.

A.) Talk to your neighbors only when you are feeling calm and reasonable. They might not even know they are bothering you.
B.) State your case and ask what each of you can do to resolve the issue. If children are involved, ask the parents if they are aware of the behavior and negotiate from there.
C.) Never fall into the trap of thinking you have the right to punish someone or set up "teach-them-a-lesson booby-traps" just because their behavior is annoying you.
D.) If all else fails, call in a complaint to the police department and ask them to negotiate.

The entire nation is tense these days and in this economy, moving, putting up large fences and law suits are probably not an option. It is up to all of us to revive old fashioned courtesy as a common practice starting with a good look at ourselves and how we function in our neighborhoods. Check your own muffler, turn your own car radio down a notch. Ask departing party guests to respect your neighbors and leave quietly without standing outdoors talking loudly, revving engines or spinning tires. Work on cars, do your lawn work or building projects during reasonable hours (8AM-8PM). Occasionally, we all need to be reminded that courtesy begins at home and is taught by example.



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- Marijuana, heroin and morphine were all available over the counter at corner drugstores.
- Heroin was thought to clear the complexion.
- 18% of households in the US had at least 1 full-time servant or domestic.
- There were only about 230 reported murders in the entire US.

The old ads in this issue are copied from 1930-37 magazines

As a Rule..... (Snippets from old Almanacs)

- People eat 1 ½ to 2 times the number of potatoes mashed than they would eat baked.
- Crabbing season is any month with the letter "r". You may catch them in other months but they are not good to eat.
- You need to have 3 consecutive days of sub-20° weather before a pond will be safe for skating. (Our stretch of Miss. River is NEVER safe for skating because the locks/dams/water flow keeps the ice bobbing up and down on the water so it is always unsafe)
- If you don't have much information before a race, bet on the horse that is swishing its tail straight up and down.
- Tall candidates with short names get elected twice as often as short candidates with long names.
- Plan on spending ½ hour on maintenance for each two hours of chain saw use.
- The diameter of a tree truck in inches is the radius of the root system in feet.
- The number of stars visible inside the ring around the moon is the number of days before it will rain.

Police Department News

During 2002, the Police Department answered 3,124 calls for service. Four new officers were hired: Chad Vroman and Landis Garrison who will be graduating formal training in June of 2003 plus Matt Moyes and Eric Schaver. In September, 2003, Bryan Browne, another officer will also be completing his training programs. In Fall, 2002, Metro Bank hosted "Project Home Safe" where gun trigger locks were distributed by officers at no charge to area residents.



2003 will see the continuation of the bike patrols in the parks and when possible, during special events. This coming fall, we will all look forward to the popular Wiener Roast in the Park and the Senior Light Tour.

Much needed remodeling at the police station resulted in a Juvenile Office, a computer room, locker room, new entrance doors and a flag pole.



ABOUT TRUSTEE CANDIDATE JANET NORIN

My husband (Monty of 22 Yrs.) and I moved to Hampton in the fall of 1993. We wanted to live in a small community and still be close enough to our jobs. I work as an RN on the Oncology floor at Trinity Medical Center in R.I. I have worked at the hospital for 23 Yrs, through two mergers and a major move. We have two daughters Nicole (senior at UTHS) and Shelby (7th grader at Hampton). They are both involved in many activities with school and church.

WHY I AM RUNNING

I am running for Village Trustee because I enjoy being involved in a community where people are more like family than strangers.

WHAT I HOPE TO ACCOMPLISH THIS TERM IF ELECTED

I hope to keep TAXES low as we have on the Village Board for the last few years. I also would work on beautification of the roads that lead to Hampton with flowers and shrubs along the highways.

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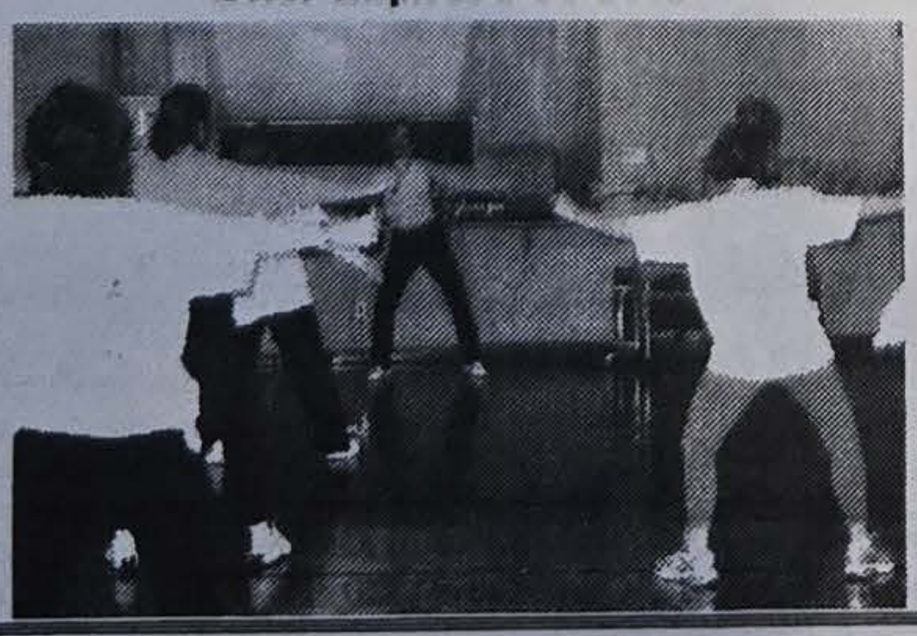
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February 5th, Hampton's best squared off against Carbon Cliff's Eagle Ridge school in a spelling bee. Proudly, Kelsey DeWalsche, a Hampton 8th grade student was the overall winner and the winner for Hampton School. Kelsey, Brittany Milefchek (7th Grade) and Brian Newlon (5th Grade) were the top three spellers from Hampton. Congratulations!

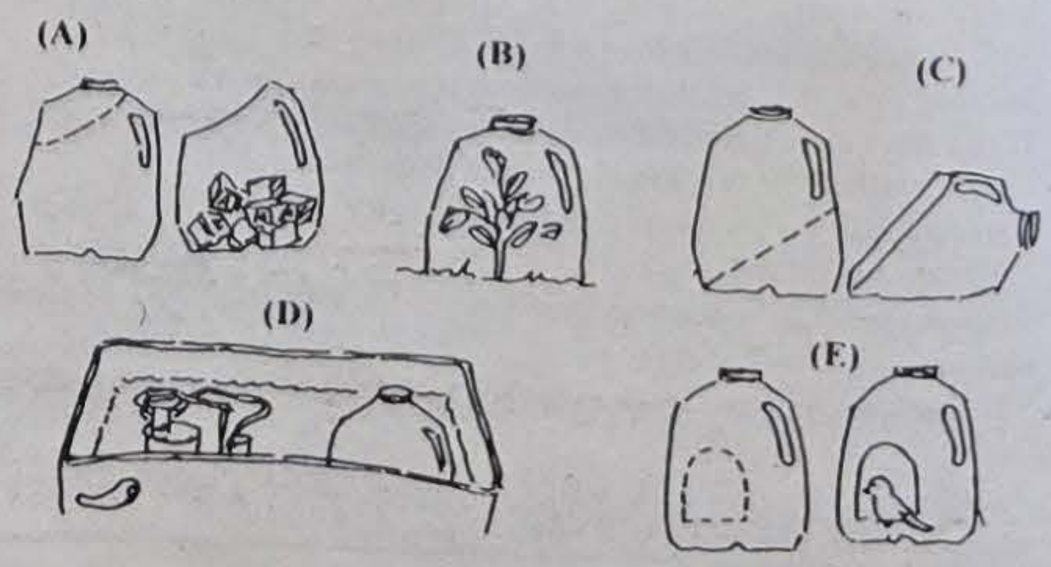


Love the Earth - Recycle!

12 Ways to Recycle Plastic Milk & Juice Jugs

There are two ways to recycle. The first is to throw things away. The second recycle process will save you money and time by converting an item into a tool or toy. Here are some nifty ideas on how to alter common plastic milk and juice jugs with molded handles.

1. Cut off the top (leaving the handle). Use to scoop up and store kids small toys and blocks. The handle, flat bottoms and squarish shape fit well on shelves and are small enough for kids to carry **(A)**
2. Fill a jug with water, replace lid and punch a few holes in the bottom. Place the jug on the ground between your plants to slowly empty to water your plants during dry,drought conditions.
3. Make a mini greenhouse for tender plants. Cut the bottom off of the jug, replace the lid. Place over plants when frost threatens. Light can still penetrate to keep air warm and plants safe. **(B)**
4. Fill jugs with sand or cat litter and keep in your car for extra weight during the winter months. Use contents if you get stuck on the ice and need traction.
5. Divide large sacks of ice melting salts in several gallon or half gallon jugs. Keep filled jugs at each door to easily sprinkle ice on stairs or walks.
6. Glue lid on top of a gallon or half gallon jug to make an all purpose scoop. Starting at bottom of molded handle, cut jug at an angle to form a scoop. **(C)** Here are some scoop uses:
   - A. Pet "Pooper Scooper"
   - B. Shop/Garage dust pan
   - C. Bailer for a boat
   - D. Scoop for pet food in large sacks or cat litter from bags
   - E. ½ Gal. jug scoops as safe splash toys for use in the bathtub or outdoors in summer
7. Fill a jug with water, put it in the toilet tank as a water saver. **(D)**
8. Fill with water, freeze and leave in freezer or refrigerator to improve efficiency during very hot weather.
9. Cut a large arched hole in one or two sides several inches above bottom. Fill bottom with bird seed for a bird feeder. **(E)**
10. Empty jugs with screw on or glued on lids make good buoys.
11. Kids megaphone: Remove bottom, enlarge top opening a little.
12. Remove flat sides and use to make stencils for crafts and kids projects.



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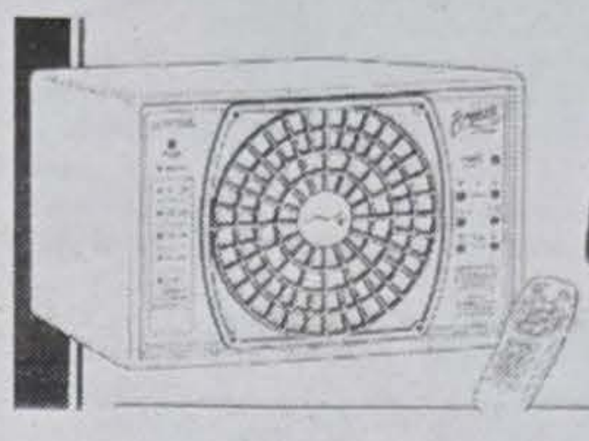
Haerin, wife of Ivan Beckman, daughter-in-law of Phil and Ann Beckman of Hampton.

Haerin Beckman completed the requirements to become a U.S. Citizen and took her oath in Chicago on January 9, 2003.

Haerin was born in Seoul, Korea where her mother and sister still reside. She met Ivan Beckman in 1997 as he was commanding officer of the 50th Engineer Company at Camp Castle in Korea. She came to the US as a visitor for Thanksgiving in 1997 and returned to become Mrs. Ivan Beckman in August of 1998. She and her husband have lived in Oklahoma, Colorado and Illinois on military assignments.

Haerin began the application process for citizenship in 1998 and successfully completed all requirements in December, 2002. Ivan is currently stationed at Camp Howze, Korea and she is looking forward to rejoining her husband on February 12th following a month-long visit in Hampton. Congratulations Citizen Haerin!

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VILLAGE OF HAMPTON COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING - JANUARY 6, 2003

Committee Reports: Administration, Insurance, and Code Enforcement, Parks & Recreation, Streets & Alleys and Finance: No report.

Public Safety: Mr. Bob Harris, Pierce Fire Trucks, was present. Mr. Harris brought a demo fire truck with him and the Board looked it over prior to the meeting. Chief Bein asked the Board to consider purchasing this truck or a truck similar to this to replace E-2, the 1975 truck currently in service. This truck is $195,000 new, but is being offered for $175,000 as is. Discussed lease / purchase agreements and options, lettering, and equipment needed for the truck.

Chief Bein reviewed the Fire call summary for the year 2002. There were 81 calls for service with 70 - 80% being medical related calls. There were several structural fires with minimal loss.

Chief Bein left with Mr. Harris to make sure the truck would fit in the Fire Station.

Trustee Garrison reported that CPT Estes and Chad McKay were off suspension and on probation for 90 days.

Public Works: The consensus of the Board is the proposed fee from Ament, Inc. for $8,500.00 is too high. Mayor Newberg stated he has talked to Bi-State and they can do some of the work for us. To be discussed further at the Public Works meeting at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 9, 2003 at the Village Hall.

Heritage Center: Trustee Johnson recommended holding the payment request until Lower finishes the tic list. We still have the 10% retainage which amounts to $78,901.41.

A meeting will be set up with Mr. Gary Schreiner to discuss the reasons for not pursuing the TIF I extension.

VILLAGE OF HAMPTON - REGULAR MEETING-JANUARY 6, 2003

The Omnibus Agenda was presented for acceptance and approved. Items on the agenda were: A. Approval of Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of 12-16-2002. B. Approval of Minutes of the Regular Meeting of 12-16-2002. C. Approval of Minutes of the Public Works Committee Meeting of 12-30-2002, and D. Approval and Authorization for Payment of Bills. Pay Request #10 from Lower Construction in the Amount of $41,131.33 for the Construction of the Heritage Center was presented and approved

Committee Reports: Administration, Insurance, and Code Enforcement, Parks & Recreation, Finance: No report.

Public Safety: Trustee Garrison reported he is working with Chief Bein to purchase a new pumper truck to replace the 1975 truck. Trustee Garrison will set up a meeting to discuss the specs and purchase options.

Streets & Alleys: Trustee Carmack reported on a sink hole in a street that DPW Larson filled and will keep an eye on. Waiting on paperwork to return from IDOT for the MFT Program for next year.

Public Works: Motion passed that Bi-State Regional Commission could do some of the work involved with Stormwater Management compliance, which would change the scope of work in the contract with Ament, Inc.

Heritage Center: Discussion of the parking lot and entrance drive options.

Administration: Clerk Toalson left a note to remind everyone about the petition filing dates for the election -- January 13, to January 21, 2003. A meeting will be set up with Mr. Gary Schreiner to discuss the TIF I extension. The Board asked that Meg Flenker, Flenker Land Architect Consultants complete the final pay request for the DNR Grant for the Heritage Center.

VILLAGE OF HAMPTON COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE-1/13/2003

The purpose of the meeting was to hear from Mr. Gary Schreiner, developer of the marina property, on the Board's decision to not pursue extending the TIF I District. Present was Mr. Gary Schreiner, Attorney Jim Bergman, Mr. Don Banks, and Mr. Ingle. Discussion held on the build schedule, the amount of eligible costs to be reimbursed, and the needed support of United Township and Hampton schools. Clerk Toalson will develop a spreadsheet that will show projected increment and pay off based upon a new build schedule to be discussed at the Board meeting on 1/22/2003.

Mr. Banks asked if the Board would extend waiving building permit fees. The Board agreed by consensus that they would extend the building permit fee waiver program until March 15, 2003, but it would not be made official until the next Board meeting on January 21, 2003.

VILLAGE OF HAMPTON-PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE 1/21/2003

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the EMS program for the Hampton Fire Department. Present from Illini Hospital was: Mr. Ralph Beswick, Mr. Bill Morris, and Ms Kathy Christopherson. Discussed the various levels of service that the Fire Department could be certified to perform. Also discussed the present policy of non response to non-medical calls and response to vehicle accidents not requiring medical assistance.

After discussion, it was the consensus of the Committee that something needs to be in place for some type of medical service and a change in the policy of not responding to medical calls and non-medical calls to provide assistance. Trustee Garrison stated he will move at the Regular Meeting tonight for Illini Hospital to be our Resource Hospital for Emergency Medical Service.

VILLAGE OF HAMPTON-COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 1/21/2003

Committee Reports: Administration, Insurance, and Code Enforcement, Parks & Recreation and Finance: No report.

Public Safety: Fire Truck Purchase - Clerk Toalson advised the Board that according to Attorney Lee, we can purchase the fire truck without going out for bids. Metrobank interest rate for financing $50,000 would be about 4.25% for 2 years. The lease purchase option from Pierce would be 3.89% for 2 years. Discussed the truck options and additional equipment needed to put the truck in service.

The Board discussed making an S.O.P. change at the Fire Department to respond to all calls and operate as fireman and assistants as needed. Chief Bein will coordinate with Chief Hufford after the firemen are briefed as to the new S.O.P.

Streets & Alleys: It appears that IDOT has lost our paperwork for CY 2003. Dan Solchenberger, Ament, Inc. is checking on the status and what needs to be done. Clerk Toalson advised the Board that we have not purchased any salt yet this year and we are required to purchase 70% of the 140 tons we agreed to purchase; which is 98 tons. Storage will be a problem.

Public Works: Trustee Johnson stated that there has been nothing done with the pumps in the Orchard Park II Lift Station by the developer. Trustee Johnson will direct Attorney Lee to send a letter to Mr. Dalton giving him 90 days to correct or we will and take the expense out of his portion of the TIF increment. Clerk Toalson reported that the TowerLink contract has been forwarded for signatures. DPW Larson reported that the water tower pump system had a communication failure over the weekend. The coax for the antenna was installed improperly causing a short in the antenna. Dan Solchenberger will contact Davenport Electric tomorrow to have them correct the problem.

Heritage Center: Clerk Toalson was directed to contact Ms. Meg Flenker, Flenker Land Architect Consultants, about preparing bid documents for the roadway and parking lot.

VILLAGE OF HAMPTON - REGULAR MEETING-1/21/2003

The Omnibus Agenda was presented and approved. Items on the agenda were: Approval of Minutes of the all prior meetings, Approval and Authorization for Payment of Bills

Committee Reports: Administration, Insurance, Code Enforcement, Parks & Recreation and Streets & Alleys: No report.

Public Safety: Motion passed to enter into an agreement with Illini Hospital as our resource hospital for Emergency Medical Service. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote. Trustee Garrison reported that the Fire Department will begin responding to medical calls to assist Illini and that they will begin using an AED in a few days.

VILLAGE OF HAMPTON HERITAGE COMMITTEE 1/27/2003

Clerk Toalson recapped the meeting with Meg Flenker, Flenker Land Architect Consultants, about the road construction specifications. The road and parking lot construction will include the rough grading for the patio and landscaping, the concrete sidewalks and patio, and lighting for the parking lot and patio area. Cost is estimated at this time to be approximately $400,000.

The Committee then reviewed the draft operation plan for the Heritage Center. Lengthy discussion on the rental rules and personnel to conduct day to day operations at the Heritage Center. Clerk Toalson will revise the draft for a future meeting.

A new pumper truck is needed by the Fire Department to complete the equipment realignment program. Motion passed to purchase a Pierce Custom Built Contender Pumper Truck with optional equipment and additional equipment as listed in the agreement to purchase at a cost not to exceed $199,352.00.

Finance: Trustee Norin reported that the Village accounts balance as of December 31, 2002. Trustee Norin also stated we need to start working on the budget next month. Trustee Norin commented that the Employee Appreciation Dinner went well.

Public Works: The Agreement With Ament, Inc. for Phase II Stormwater Program Development was approved. Ament has modified the scope of work and the price is now $4,800.00. Attorney Lee discussed some changes to the terms and conditions with Mr. Solchenberger, Ament, Inc. and they will make those changes.

Heritage Center: Trustee Johnson called a Heritage Center Committee Meeting to discuss the operation plan and the entrance road at 6:00 p.m., Monday, January 27, 2003 at the Village Hall.

Department Head Reports: Police, Public Works Departments: No report.

Fire Rescue Department: Assistant Chief Mark Larson reviewed the calls for CY 2002 and announced his promotion to Assistant Chief, and Rick Norin to Lieutenant. **Trustee Johnson asked that people use caution when fueling vehicles [at gas stations] due to static electricity [sparks causing serious fires or explosions].**

Administration: Clerk Toalson reported that the Village will host a regional garbage meeting on Thursday, January 23, 2003 at 2:00 p.m. at the Village Hall. Representatives from Port Byron, Rapids City, Silvis, Cordova and Andalusia will attend to discuss a regional garbage and recycling contract. Clerk Toalson asked if the Board is interested in this. We need to decide soon as our contract ends in April. Trustee Carmack and Garrison will attend the meeting. Motion passed to pay bill from Bridges Catering for the Employee Appreciation Dinner, with a gratuity added the total is $1,532.81.

Clerk Toalson presented the new spreadsheet for disbursement of TIF increment from the marina project. The next step is to meet with UTHS, Hampton Elementary, and Mr. Gary Schreiner. Clerk Toalson asked if Ms Kathy Orr could be invited also. The Board agreed and a meeting will be set. Acknowledgment of Visitors Who Desire to Address the Board of Trustees: Ms Jane Cady, Towne Crier, asked if the fire truck purchased was a replacement or an addition. Trustee Garrison stated it was an addition for now. **It was also noted that a grant from Representative Mike Boland for $20,000.00 was used to purchase the truck.**



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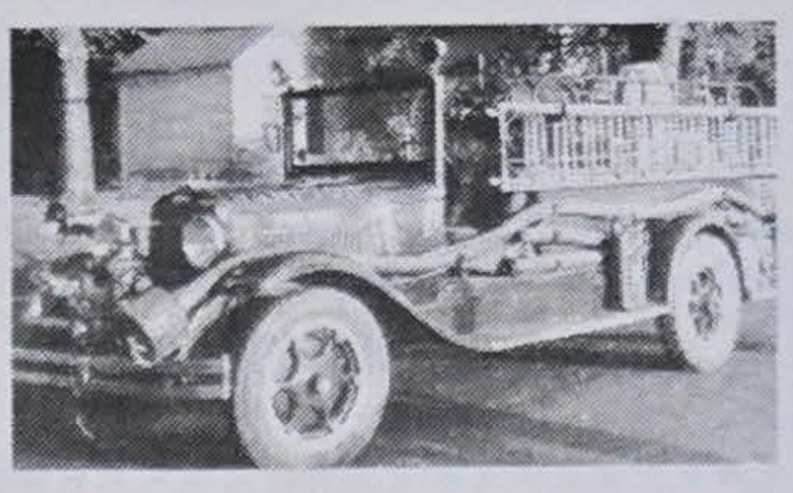
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Fire Department News

Congratulations are in order for a number of people in Hampton's Volunteer Fire Department. At a January 18th function Dave Estes presented Nancy and Rick Norin with service plaques for their 21 and 24 years of service to the department. The plaques were originally to commemorate their retirement from the department but happily, their civic spirit has lead them to remain among the volunteers that serve Hampton. Thank you! Several more applications have been received from potential volunteers. We will give you additional information on them in the near future.

Congratulation to Mark Larson who, on January 20 was appointed Hampton's Assistant Fire Chief. Rick Norin will fill the position of Lieutenant.

In the year 2002, the Hampton volunteers answered 70 Hampton calls and 11 more to assist during emergencies in other towns.

Sometime this year, Hampton will be receiving a new pumper truck with more pumping capability and features than the one we have now. In order to add some useful extra "bells & whistles", the department will be holding their annual pancake breakfast fund raiser this spring and the Auxiliary will be holding their spring and fall Bunco Night at the Fire House. Watch future issues for specific dates for each of these popular events.

Celebrating our Heritage Quiz #1

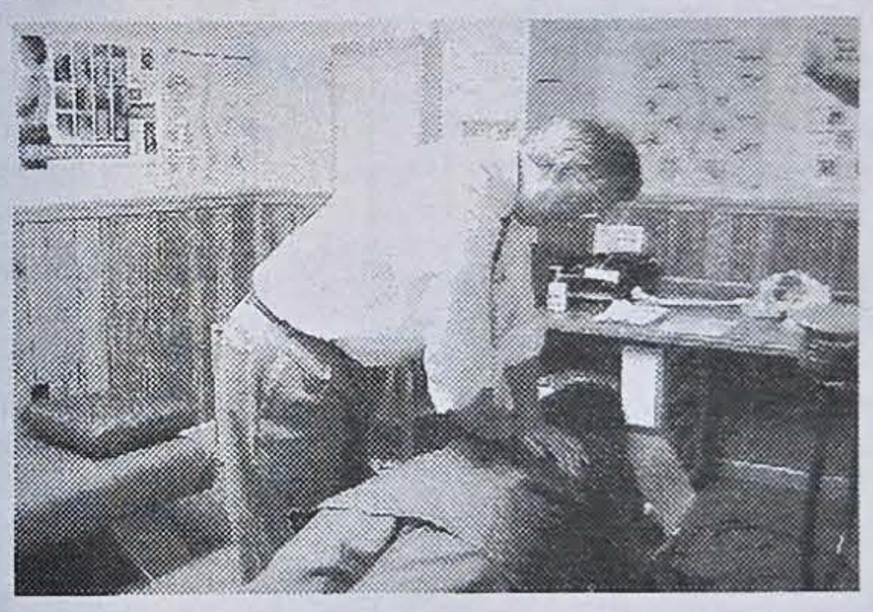
The four U.S. Presidents born in March are listed below. Their dates are given and as a clue, the years they were in office. Each event on the numbered list took place during one president's term. Using a separate sheet of paper, list the number of the event under the President's key letter. Look for the answer elsewhere in this issue (printed up side down). Good luck, this is a really hard quiz but using the Internet, the library or school books is encouraged!

A. James Madison (B. *3 16 1751-6 28 1836*) Pres. #4 1809-1817
B. Andrew Jackson (B. *3 15 1767-6 8 1845*) Pres. #7 1829-1837
C. John Tyler (B. *3 29 1790-1 18 1862*) Pres. #10 1841-1845
D. Grover Cleveland (B. *3 18 1837-6 24 1908*) P.#22 1885-1889

Can you match the events to the President's term in office?

1. Mississippi becomes the 20th State
2. Hong Kong is ceded to Britain by China as Opium War end
3. VP Becomes President when elected President dies after only 12 days in office.
4. The US declares war on Britain
5. Indiana becomes the 16th State
6. Michigan becomes the 26th State
7. N. & S. Dakota, Montana and Washington become States
8. Florida and Texas becomes states number 27 & 28.
9. Battle of the Alamo and Texas becomes a Republic
10. Pearl Harbor becomes a US Naval Station
11. The British burn Washington D. C.
12. 1st. National Democratic Convention held in Baltimore
13. Napoleon invades Russia
14. Louisiana becomes the 18th state.
15. Geronimo "captured" ending the last significant Indian war
16. Parliament outlaws slavery in British colonies
17. Boundary dispute between Maine and Canada settled
18. Brazil's Dom Pedro II, the last emperor in the Western Hemisphere is dethroned

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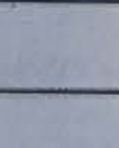
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River Towns News Shorts

Thanks Offered by Griffith's Western Auto to Hampton Police Officer Chris Work, the entire Port Byron Fire Department, Illini Hospital Paramedics and their good hearted customer J. C. Gosa for their quick response and their continued support following an accident on January 20th at the Griffith's Western Auto Garage in Rapids City. On that day, Mike, Griffith's mechanic was working outside with a torch when he accidentally set his clothes on fire. Officer Work who has been with the Hampton Police Department since 1996 happened to be on patrol in Rapids City and immediately recognized the emergency. An Illini ambulance also happened to be in the immediate area and near by Port Byron's Fire Department responded quickly. J. C. Gosa, a customer in Griffith's at the time also helped to extinguish the fire as help arrived. Mike has burns on over 40% of his body and in serious condition. Although he has a long recovery ahead of him, the quick action of all named above saved his life. **Thank you all!**

St. Mary's & St. John's 8th Annual Ham Dinner March 1, 2003 4:30-7:30PM
The St. John Parish Center in Rapids City just off Rt. 84 will host the popular event. Dinner will include Ham, green beans, potatoes, choice of dessert and beverages. Raffles on large and small items and a special Youth Group 50-50 Raffle with proceeds going toward this year's mission trip. Tickets: Adults $6, Kids age 6-12 $3, Kids under 6 years old, free. **All are Welcome.**

Hampton Elementary "Kindergarten Round-Up": March 13th is a big day for youngsters about to enter school. Starting at 1:00 PM, a get-acquainted session will be held for parents and children in the kindergarten classroom. In the fall, when full-time classes start, everyone will feel more comfortable.

Hampton School District #29 to have a new, permanent Superintendent and Principal Thomas Berg will replace interim superintendents Frank Young and Hank Boer and become principal of Hampton Elementary in July, 2003. Currently, Mr. Berg principal of Horace Mann Choice School in Rock Island. Also, Donna Sprague, who moved from the district resigned her seat on the School Board. Mr. Robert Atherton was appointed to fill the vacancy until the term ends in April.

River Cities Rotary (which meets every Tuesday ,7:15 AM at the Brother's Restaurant) is a philanthropic organization made up of business leaders from the communities north of East Moline. It is well worth noting that the International Rotary has taken up the challenge to help eradicate Polio in the world. Few places on the globe enjoy freedom from this deadly disease as we do in the US. The River Cities chapter has just donated over $1,000 to the inter- national effort. Thank you for your generosity Rotary Members!

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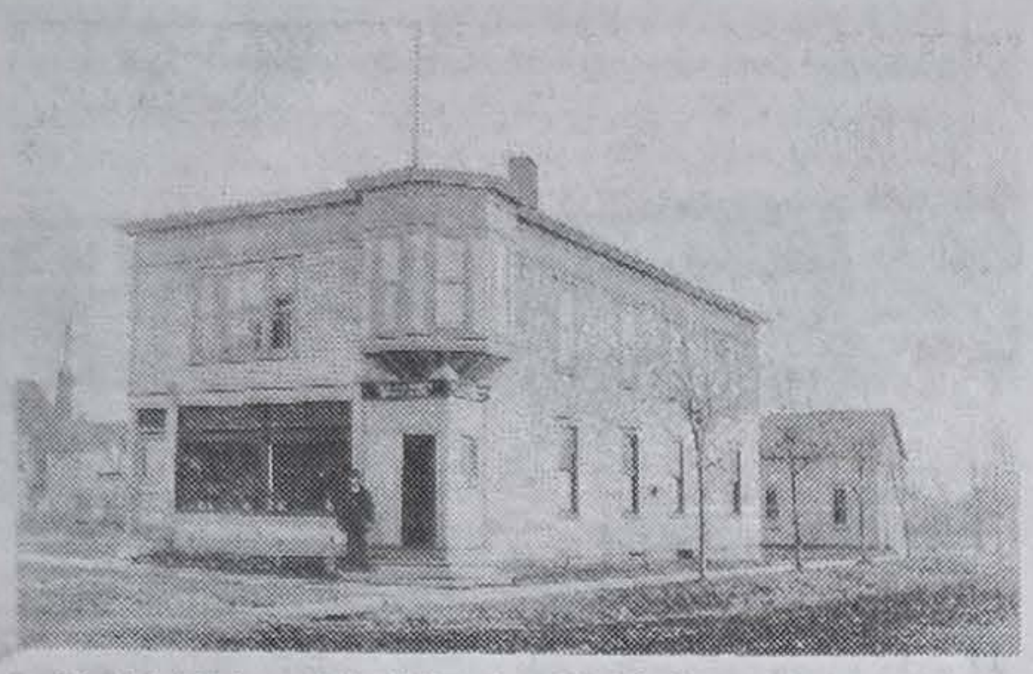
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Mrs. Primm

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All businesses develop new procedures and mortuaries are no exception. At the turn of the century there were few choices to be made concerning funeral services and little offered to assist grieving families. Today, organ donations, cremation and being able to transport loved ones back to their home towns quickly have influenced traditional local funerals. The most beneficial changes have come in the area of pre-arrangements and advice for grieving families.

Today, we celebrate a person's life and see their passing as a natural part of life's cycle so pre-arrangements have become very popular. Anyone may meet with a funeral director and pre-plan their own funeral so loved ones don't have to make decisions during an emotional time. Planning may be as detailed as choosing hymns, printed memorial folders, types of flowers and making less emotional financial choices.

The newest development can even be seen in the Crier or other newspapers. It's a very short but informative advice column on various aspects of handling the passing of a loved one. Advice to help children cope with a passing, how to keep memories alive, talking through fears, how the clergy can help and what to say to the bereaved during awkward times.



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The Crier's theme this year will be to celebrate all aspects of our heritage and as each issue highlights changes in our neighborhoods, it is a comfort to see that some things remain in the same place, performing the same necessary functions with the same sensitivity.

HAMPTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT # 29
Minutes of the Public Hearing on Proposed Tax Levy, December 9, 2002

Attendees: Fred Husman, Joe Jordan, Al Kipp, Cliff Perry, and Donna Schaffer. Kim Sprague and Randy Baldridge were absent. **Visitors:** Darlene & Gary Martin, Richard Dhooge and Thomas Greene from the Dispatch

Vice-President Jordan turned the meeting over to Superintendent Young. Dr. Young went over the information regarding the proposed tax levy. For the visitors Dr. Young went through each area and discussed the EAV. Dr. Young explained that it is important to maximize local revenue and the proposed 9.7 % increase would do this. He also stated that the school tax rate which is presently $3.21 would remain at the same rate.

Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting December 9, 2002

Attendees: Fred Husman, Joe Jordan, Al Kipp, Cliff Perry, Donna Schaffer. Kim Sprague arrived at 6:45 p.m. Randy Baldridge was absent. **Visitors:** Bob Atherton and Thomas Green from the Dispatch.

Communications: Dr. Young reminded the board to read the Draft of the State Assessment Proposal. Dr. Young stated that Mrs. Moore has submitted her plan as the Gifted and Talented Coordinator. Dr. Young also noted he received confirmation that the application for the School Technology Revolving Loan Program for the school was approved for the entire $38,350.00.

Administrative Report: Dr. Young stated that Parents Day went very well and he thanked the parents who came. He also stated that the School Improvement Day went very well, as they were working on writing across the curriculum and getting writing scores up. Dr. Young also stated that there will be a curriculum change in technology with the use of the Technology Tool Kit.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Approve transfer of funds. Fred Husman made a motion to transfer $3,751.00 from account # 10-2320-112 to account 10-2410-112 with the total budget expenditure remaining the same. Motion passed 5-0.

Approve Risk Management Policy. Dr. Young stated that with this addition to the present policy plan it shows who is doing Life/Safety work and how much of their salary can be charged out to Life/Health/Safety. Motion to approve passed 6-0.

First Reading of Policy Revisions. Vice President Jordan gave an overview of the policy changes. The board discussed some of the changes especially regarding the "No Child Left Behind."

Resignation. At this time Kim Sprague submitted her letter of resignation from the board due to the fact she and her family have moved out of the district. Resignation of Mrs. Sprague accepted with deep regret. The board thanked her for her service. Mrs. Sprague left at 6:55 p.m. The Board will immediately advertise the Board Opening.

Approve Johnson Control contract. Motion made and passed to accept the Johnson Control Maintenance Agreement contract at a cost of $6,075.00 which represents a 2 percent increase.

NEW BUSINESS

Approve estimated tax levy for FY 02 collected FY 03. A motion was made and passed to accept the 9.7% tax levy.

Financial Update: 5-year projections: Dr. Young stated that we are already into the first six months and we are keeping the costs down and have had no cash flows problems. He stated that he had this financial projections report compiled as requested by the board. He stated that we are in deficit spending and at present, our fund balance looks good. We will definitely need to do some planning and make changed by the 2004 – 2005 school year.

Cooperative Endeavor Meeting, January 21st: Dr. Young stated that President Baldridge and another board member will meet with representatives from the other feeder school districts to share ideas. The first meeting will be hosted at Silvis.

Discussion of Curriculum Directors position. Dr. Young stated that this position [person's service fees] was shared with four other schools. Unfortunately two of the schools have chosen not to continue with sharing the Curriculum Director. Mr. Young praised Mrs. Miller for her good work but he stated that unfortunately Hampton cannot afford to continue with this position with only two people [schools] sharing expenses. Dr. Young stated that aligning the curriculum is a never-ending job and therefore without a Curriculum Director the board asked the Superintendent to come up with other ideas and options. A motion was passed that Hampton School withdraw from the curriculum coordinator position.

Conference Reports. Donna Schaffer attended the School Board President workshop and she learned a lot about procedures and building and grounds. She also attended a workshop on "No Child Left Behind", which she found to be very interesting.

Mr. Husman stated that he attended a workshop on Negotiations and one on Bullying Behavior. Mr. Husman stated that this was a very informative workshop and he brought back lots of information regarding this program called "Don't Laugh at Me." Mr. Husman also attended a workshop on TIF districts and DLT [District Leadership Traiing]. He found them very good.

Dr. Young stated he attended a workshop on Life/Health/Safety and one on Construction Grant money. Dr. Young found these to be very useful.

Joe Jordan stated that he attended a workshop on Negotiations with Fred Husman. Mr. Jordan stated that the conference emphasized a "win-win" negotiation or an interest-based bargaining. Mr. Jordan also attended a workshop on setting goals by using academic schedules and a very good session on School Board evaluations.

The board also discussed attending the Franczek & Sullivan Law Conference on January 25, 2003.

There was no action taken on the TIF request, negotiations, personnel issue or regarding the Superintendent Search.



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Mystery Item Answer: During the summers, it is not unusual for someone to come into the Bretnun & Black Store Museum thinking they have found a rare artifact. Rocky Nelson who is often at the Museum gently tells them the truth. The most common theory is they were used by Indian women to grind corn or to pound/rub hides. Sorry, they are more recent-the oldest ones are from the mid 1800's. The items are made of fired pottery clay. Hampton at one time had several very active potteries that made utilitarian pots and crocks for pioneer kitchens. Those oddly shaped pieces were created when a potter was loading his kiln. During the firing process, pots might tip over and break so the potter would grab a fist full of clay, squeeze it into a rough cylinder and use it as a spacer/brace between pots to keep them up right and separate. When the pots were removed from the kiln, the odd-shaped spacers were thrown out. Today, Hampton pottery is highly collectible and brings huge prices at auctions. Several years ago, a Hampton jug sold for around $13,000!

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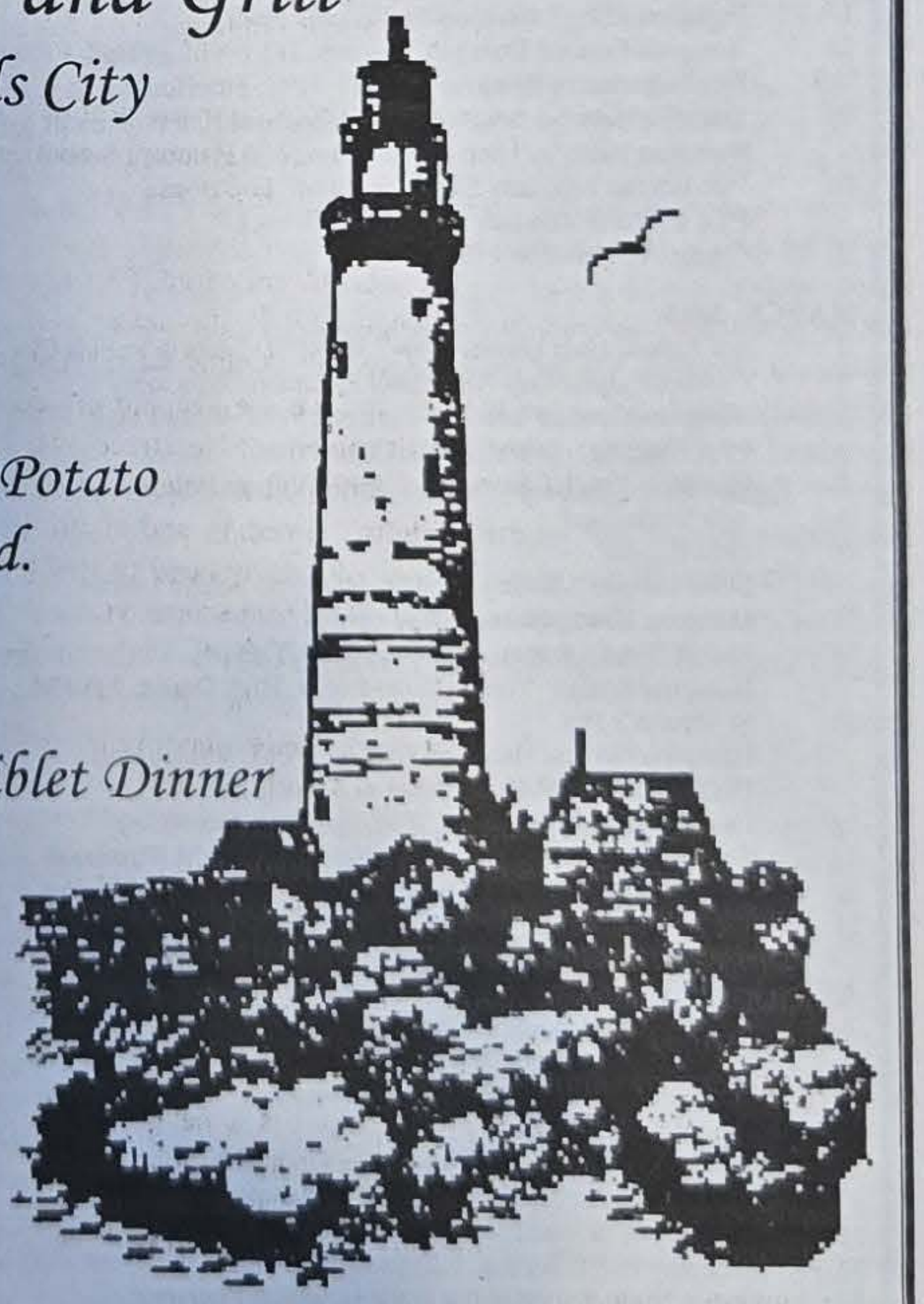
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Plan Ahead Community Calendar

All meetings apply to Hampton organizations, schools and locations unless otherwise noted.

FEBRUARY, 2003:

17 President's Day Observed-**No Schools open**
18 Hampton General Board of Trustees, 7PM, Village Hall
Fire Department Business meeting, 7PM, Fire House
19 School Improvements. **1:45 PM. Dismissal** Hampton Elem.
Hampton Historical Society Program, 7:30 Hampton School
20 Fire/Rescue Auxiliary Meets, 6:30PM, Fire House
PTA Cultural Arts Day at Hampton School
22 George Washington's Birthday

MARCH, 2003:

1 8th Annual Ham Dinner 4:30-7:30PM St. Johns in Rapids City
3 Casimir Pulaski Day-**No School** Hampton Elementary
Hampton General Board of Trustees, 7PM, Village Hall
PTA Meeting 6:00PM, School Library
4 Hampton Youth Committee 7:30PM Village Hall
5 Ash Wednesday
10 Lent Begins
School Board Meeting 6:30PM, Hampton School Library
13 Hampton Kindergarten Round-up at 1:00PM
14 End of Third Quarter - Hampton and UTHS
Hampton School: Youth Committee Jr. High Dance, 7:00PM
17 St. Patrick's Day
Hampton General Board of Trustees, 7PM, Village Hall
DLT Meeting 5:30PM, Hampton School Library
18 Fire Department Business, 7PM, Hampton Fire House
19 School Improvement- Hampton School **1:45PM Dismissal**
20 Fire/Rescue Auxiliary Meets, 6:30PM, Hampton Fire House
21 Spring Begins

APRIL, 2003:

1 Election Day-Hampton Trustee Elections
7 Village Board meets, 7PM, Hampton Village Hall
11 Teachers Institute-No School in Hampton
14-21 School Spring Break
15 Fire Dept. Meeting 7PM, Hampton Firehouse
17 Fire/Rescue Auxiliary Meeting 6:30 Hampton Firehouse
21 Village Board meets, 7PM, Hampton Village Hall
22-30 Hampton ISAT Testing, Hampton Elementary
24 Bunco Night and salad bar at the Hampton Firehouse

Recommended Reading (and Giving)

The Heritage Center Cookbook, *Timeless Recipes* is still available ($15) at the Hampton Village Hall on 1st Avenue or by calling Teri Johnson at 309/496-9865 for deliveries direct to you.

Timeless Recipes, we've heard, is popular because there are photographs and area historical information scattered amidst the recipes. Much of that information was obtained from the booklet mentioned in the "Second Hundred Years" column in this issue. The Hampton Historical Society Publication No. 1 is the first 100 years' history of Hampton (1838-1938) originally written as a newspaper article by George McNabney. As Mr. McNabney wrote the article in 1938 as part of the commemoration of Hampton's 100th year, his is mostly a first hand account of Village life prior to 1938. He talks of early settlers and how the Village was a bustling pioneer town frequented first by wagons and steam boats then, railroads. Lumbermen, millers, merchants, coal miners, rail yard workers and farmers all shaped the history of this area. Since the Brettun & Black Store Museum will not be open until Memorial Day, you may **purchase HHS Publication No. 1 for $3.00 at Quinn's Hardware Store in Hampton.** This booklet makes a perfect follow-up gift for those already owning the Heritage Center's *Timeless Recipes* Cookbook!

Another gift you might consider: The Heritage Center still has some space for more of the inscribed bricks for their memorial garden patio. There will be only 200 bricks made for this memorial so contact Mike Toalson or Ruth Spear at the Hampton Village Hall (755-7165) to order your memorial soon. The tax deductible donation for each brick is $50.00. 2 Lines of up to 14 characters on each line may be ordered for family members, organizations or businesses.

The Crier has no reporters or photographers. It is up to our readers to contact us if they have items for the paper.

Quick changes for the not so handy

Winter blahs can be chased away by giving your indoor, potted plants a quick makeover. From the bottom, place several large rubber bands around the pot and push them up toward the rim. Place pot in center of a piece of colorful fabric or an old scarf. Gather the fabric around the pot and tuck under the rubber band. The pot will be completely covered. Pull fabric through rubber bands completely and let points hang or tuck up until you have a decorative edge. Add a touch of coordinated color to a plain plant by inserting several silk flowers amidst the greenery.

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Celebrating our Heritage Quiz Answers: Under presidents key letter are the numbers of events and the year they took place. This quiz is to challenge EVERYONE to look up each event and read beyond just learning the dates to answer this quiz.

A. 1-1817, 4-1812, 5-1816, 11-1814, 13-1812, 14-1812
B. 6-1837, 9-1836, 12-1832, 16-1833
C. 2-1842, 3-1841, 8-1845, 17-1842
D. 7-1889, 10-1887, 15-1886, 18-1889



A SAILOR GOES FARMING

By Rocky Nelson

This writer has had the privilege of presenting, to the Quad City Civil War Roundtable and to the Port Byron Historical Society, a piece entitled "The Copperheads in the Civil War". It deals with the anti-war people, not about snakes, which is often the impression. The same presentation will be given to the Hampton Historical Society at the meeting February 19, at 7:30 PM in Hampton School library.

All of this is preliminary to introducing the subject of this month's column. Jerry Baff, President of Port Byron Historical Society, presented me with several items for our Society, and also loaned me a book with the title "A Sailor Goes Farming, 1816-1956". It is a privately published book, dealing with Henry Frels and his descendants. It was edited by Clara H Frels Payne and Louis D Hauberg, both descendants. Henry Frels settled on the bluffs above Hampton about 1840 and the book relates his history and that of his descendants from his birth in 1816 to the date of publication, 1956. It is a superb account of what frontier life was like in the era we have been discussing in this column the past several months. Frels was a contemporary of the folks who founded Hampton and considered Hampton his hometown, though he lived about 4 miles from there. At this time Hampton was one of the most significant commercial spots on the Mississippi. Larger and busier than Moline. The book contains a whole chapter about Frels' dealings with Francis Black both before and after Brettun & Black's store was built.

Henry Frels was born in Germany, January 2, 1816 (he died March 30, 1880). When he was four years old his mother died and four years later his father died. He and his two brothers were distributed to several relatives. Late in life Henry related that he grew up on potatoes and buttermilk. He never attended school; perhaps there was none in the tiny village where he lived. At age 14 he left and obtained work on a sailing ship (1830). After working as a seagoing sailor for 5 years he decided to join his brother who had immigrated to America. He probably landed at Norfolk since he worked in Virginia a while and then found work as a sailor, this time on the Ohio River. It is said he was considered a useful worker on the riverboats because he could carry sacks up to 450 Lbs.

The boats did not run in the winter so he obtained a job making salt. He stepped back into a kettle of boiling brine and suffered severe scalding of his foot and leg. He was laid up for 4-5 weeks, cared for by the lady from whom he rented the room where he lived. She had several children and the story is he asked her for yarn and knitted stockings and mittens for all the children. Do you suppose his buddies on the boat teased him about such a sissy activity? Personally, I doubt it. You don't pick on a guy who can lift 450 Lbs.

After being in America a year he applied for, and received, American citizenship. After working the Ohio awhile, he started working the Mississippi, out of St. Louis, perhaps because of that city's large German population. Like Henry McNeal and Joel Thompson before him he tried working in the lead mines of Galena. It didn't take long for him to get tired of this and he shipped out on another riverboat. The boat stopped at Hampton to "wood up" and Henry got off because his brother was living in a log cabin up on the bluff. He lived with his brother for two years. While working out of St. Louis he had met a young lady named Catherine Mandler. He hopped a steamer to St. Louis and got a new suit of clothes and also a new bride. Their honeymoon was the return trip to Hampton. Catherine's sisters Anna and Elizabeth accompanied them. It is not recorded what Henry thought about taking his sisters-in-law on his honeymoon. It is recorded that Elizabeth is quoted as saying, "when we got off the boat in Hampton we walked to Black's Store (across from the present building). Then we walked along the road through the brush to Uncle John's cabin".

The newlyweds built a cabin of their own. A bit fancier than most in that it had an upstairs, two logs high. The hired man and hired girl lived there. It is said after a snowfall, those in the upstairs room had to brush away the snow before they could get dressed. There were also poles handy to push the chimney over if it caught fire. We talked about this danger in a previous column. It seems that Henry and Catherine had a little free time because Catherine taught her husband to read and write. Henry's cabin was located near where present day Hubbard Road turns down toward the Interstate. Gene Dennhardt knows the location and has promised to show me where it was once the weather gets better.

In due time children came. When old enough, they attended Harris Cook's School. A log cabin on the site of the Cook School remembered by many readers, I'm sure. Gene Dennhardt has torn down the schoolhouse and reassembled it on his farm.

Frels worked hard and prospered. In 1852 he bought 40 acres of land for $ 9 an acre. This was near the present site of Peace Lutheran Church. Frels built a new, 2 ½ story brick house. The brick were burned on site from local clay. Black's Store was probably done in the same way. The house had a brick fireplace and upstairs bedrooms. No need for poles to push down the chimney. No more snow sifting through the ceiling boards. No more sleeping in the kitchen. In 1853 there is an account in Black's Day Book of a heating stove purchased by Henry Frels. Life was probably still dominated by work but it was sure more comfortable. By this time the family consisted of 5 children and a hired man. We've reached the end of the space allowed for this column, but not the story of Henry Frels and his family. It is actually the American Dream in action. Look for more in later columns.



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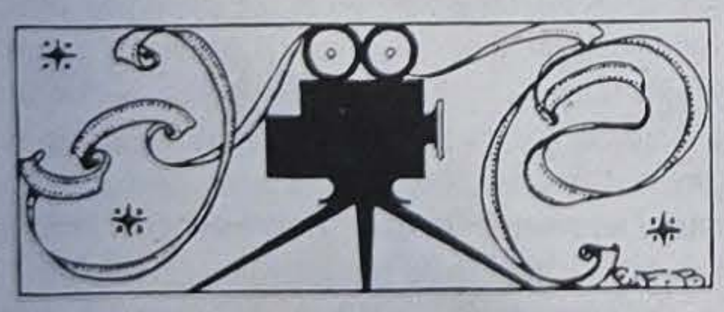




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