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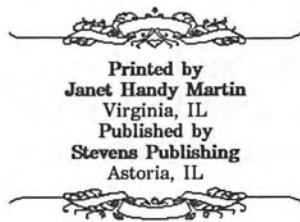
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We have lived in and around Arenzville all of our lives. Theodore has been collecting data, in the form of photographs as well as written and oral local history, for almost fifty years. The result is the fulfillment of a dream, *A Local History of Arenzville, Illinois*, in the form of a book.

We realize that there will be mistakes, we also realize, after seeing the finished work, that we've only skimmed the surface. There is a great deal of history we have had to leave unpublished as space would not permit doing it in its entirety.

We present this book about our beloved village to our three children, Keith, Janice Fox and Carroll, together with our seven grandchildren and all who care about Arenzville, in celebration of our sixty years of marriage.

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We dedicate this book to John Zuschka, a man with a big heart, whose benevolence to Arenzville School from 1843-1969 permitted many children to have an education who otherwise could not afford tuition and books.

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THE MILL

The earliest horse mill dates back to 1821 and was on Indian Creek - probably run by Indians.

James Smart was said to be the first white man to live where Arenzville now stands. Where Mr. Smart was born and where he lived before arriving here is not known at this time, although considerable research has been done on the matter.

Perrin's History of Cass County, 1882, page 23, states "in 1830 there was a water-mill for grinding corn at Arenzville, where Engelbach's Steam Mill now stands. The power was obtained by a dam on Indian Creek, fully a quarter mile north from the bed where it now runs. There was formerly an ancient Indian town and burial place on Prairie Creek about three miles northeast of Arenzville."

The information found in an early Arenzville deed says - "United States of America to James Smart on October 31st 1827 did enter the East Half of the South East Quarter of Section 31, Township 17 North, Range 11 West, 3rd P.M. 80 acres by Government Survey. No. 1.

No. 2. United States of America to James Smart on April 6 - 1829, enter the West Half of the South East Quarter of Section 31, Township 17 North, Range 11 West, 3rd Principal Meridian, 80 acres, according to Government Survey.

August 3, 15 - 1831. Recorded Jan. 23 - 1832 in Book D of Deeds, page 286 Recorder's Office in Morgan County, Illinois and in Volume 1 of Transcripts, page 434, Cass County, Illinois Con. \$700. Conveys: from James Smart and Tabitha, his wife, to Ben- net Smart $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 31, Township 17 North, Range 11 West, of 3rd P.M. in Morgan County, Illinois.

Bennet Smart and Susannah, his wife, Lot No. 4 to Francis Arenz. Dated July 4, 1832. Ack. July 30, 1832. Recorded Sept. 14, 1832 in Book F of Deeds, page 187, Morgan County, Illinois and Volume 1 of Transcripts, page

446, Cass County. Consideration \$1000."

These records show that five years before Francis Arenz was here a mill was on Indian Creek which James Smart acquired from the Indians. Terms of the agreement between the Indians and Smart are not known. This was the very first business in Arenzville, primitive but very necessary for the pioneers arriving in the area. There was no wheat, only corn.

History mentions both a mill for sawing and one for grinding grain. At the time Smart and Arenz ran the mill it was the only one in a 100 mile area, the next being to the south at Cahokia. A dam seems to have been built across the creek as it flowed close to town and had to be constantly maintained to hold back enough water for power. The battle against rains washing it away and animals, especially muskrats - making dens in the banks, thus undermining it, was a constant struggle.

The mill in any locality was a very important part of pioneer life. Not only did the settlers get their grain ground into meal for cooking and baking it was also here they heard all the news of deaths, births, marriages and new settler arrivals. No doubt they also learned about farming practices and traded stock and equipment. Many messages were left with the miller to pass on to others who came.

A trip to the mill had to be carefully planned because it was time consuming and leaving livestock and family for over night was a hardship for everyone. After winding their way through the forest to the mill usually they had to wait their turn to have the grain ground as the mill could only operate when water was plentiful and at a time when grain was available.

Pay for the grinding was usually part of the ground product as very few had money to pay for it. Ground grain was also a powerful barter product.



FIRST ELEVATOR AND MILL

The first elevator furnished grain for the steam mill in 1852. The Mill was first powered by water wheel prior to 1827, and owned by Indians. It was sold to James Smart in 1827, then to Francis Arenz in 1832. The next owner was Herman Engelbach then Peter Arenz in 1852. Herman Engelbach owned it from 1859 until 1880 when McElroy and Treadway took over and continued ownership until 1910. The elevator was destroyed by fire in 1903 but was rebuilt. The Arenzville Co-op took over in 1910. Henry Kloker was manager from 1908 to 1910. H.L. Meyer was appointed manager in 1910.



LEFT TO RIGHT

Elevator known as the Red elevator, used mostly for corn. The depot, the second elevator and the mill, which was torn down circa 1920.

THE ELEVATOR

The chimney of the mill still standing. The Illinois Oil Tanks and the road from the south. The railroad crossing on Charles Street, circa 1920.





Indian Creek flood early 1900's. This picture was taken from the bluff west of the village.



Elevator built in 1903. Block feed building in 1920. Wilbur Huey purchased the elevator from Arenzville-Hagener Co-op in 1976. It was burned down in 1979 by the Arenzville Fire Department.



This elevator west of town, across the railroad, was built by Schultz and Baujan in 1920. It was erected by horse power only! Fred Kloker, Manager.



THE SCHULTZ - BAUJAN ELEVATOR

More bins were added and in 1948 the farmers co-op bought both the Arenzville and Hagener Elevators from Schultz. Extra bins and feed grinder were added in 1950 and in 1976. In 1979 it was sold to the Cass County Service Company (FS).

To clean the burrs after use the following was mixed and applied:

BASIC WASH FOR BURRS (May 14, 1862)

3 lbs. acetic

3 oz. allium

3 oz. cream of tartar

To make one gallon, add rain water.

Grindstones or millstones come in pairs. The bottom stone is stationary and is called the bed stone. The top stone revolves and is called the runner stone.

Most millstones are imported from France because of their hardness. Some stone came from eastern states.

Some interesting facts gleaned from an old ledger of the Engelbach mill:

May 12, 1860 - W.L. Standish Millwright

Engine in mill is calculated to make 78 revolutions per minute.

Upright in mill is calculated to make 80 revolutions per minute.

Line shaft is calculated to make 33 and one third revolutions per minute.

Four and a half foot burr will make 200 revolutions per minute.

Three and a half foot burr will make 225 $\frac{1}{2}$ revolutions per minute.

Herman Engelbach and Peter Arenz purchased the mill from Francis Arenz in 1852. They converted the mill from water to steam power and did a profitable business.

In 1859 the partnership was dissolved and Herman Engelbach became sole owner. He was caught in the machinery on December 16, 1880 and died of his injuries.

McElroy and Treadway then operated the mill for a number of years. In the meantime two elevators had been built, one of which directly served to store and furnish grain for the mill.

The tall chimney was all that was visible evidence of the mill for a number of years and it was demolished about 1920.

No records are found telling if the chimney was built of Arenzville brick, but it stood sturdy and erect to the last.

Its location was directly behind Huey's Forest Products [as of 1988.]

In 1821, we understand there were but twenty families in the counties of Morgan, Scott and Cass. The three counties being unorganized at that early day, mills for securing grist were exceedingly scarce and settlers were, from necessity, compelled to journey a long distance to procure bread-stuffs. For a considerable time Jarroe's Mill, on Cahokia Creek, was the only mill accessible to the pioneers, and many days were consumed in making each trip.

A few of the representative mill stones of the Arenzville Mill may be found today. One is at Willard Peck's Standard Station, A.C. Hart has a set of stones and the farm home of Randy Whewell also has a set.

[Reference - Illustrated Atlas Map of Cass County Illinois, W.R. Brink and Company, 1874]

Jacksonville Journal Courier Fire of 1903

A destructive fire occurred at Arenzville Friday afternoon, burning to the ground the large elevator owned by Beardstown Lumber and Grain Company, together with about 25,000 bushels of corn and wheat stored in its bins.

Arenzville Millstone Recalls Early Days in Cass County

EDITOR'S NOTE - THIS ARTICLE WAS NOT WRITTEN BY THE JOURNAL COURIER FARM EDITOR, BUT IS THE WORK OF A TALENTED FRIEND WHO MODESTLY DECLINES A BY-LINE. AUGUST 17, 1958

Curiosity may kill cats but it can and does lead to interesting bits of information if pursued diligently.

Take millstones, for instance. Where were they made? How were they used? What part did they play in the development of Morgan county and surrounding territory?

Millstones Important To Settlers

We know that ancient people centuries B.C. ground grain by hitting it or grinding it between two stones. This made it easier to eat and easier to digest. This simple operation partly separated the hard outer portion from the "best part" or "flower" (from whence came "flour") part of the berry or kernel. The more modern "burr" method of grinding has been in constant usage since the 14th century; power being first supplied by men, probably slaves. Slaves were eventually replaced by horses and mules and they in turn by water power and steam.

In 1871 an improved milling method using steel rollers was perfected in Hungary and before long a mill was built where Minneapolis now stands, which used the "newfangled" technique. Millstones were never important to the general economy of our country thereafter, although they are still quarried and shaped, in limited numbers, in North Carolina, New York and Virginia. The raw material generally used is granite and Buhrstone is the type of granite preferred by the experts.

There a Long Time

Interest in the subject led to the farm of L.F. Lovekamp, one of the elder citizens of the Arenzville neighborhood and owner of two unused stones. "Louie," as all his friends call him, was found seated on the west porch of his home, gazing pensively over the fertile

acres that his father had owned before him.

Asked about the millstones, Louis said, "Yes, we have two of them here; one under that large maple over there and the other one is out in the lot. I will be 91 on the 19th and they have been here as long as I can remember. My father told me that my Uncle Fred Lovekamp built a mill on what we now call the Nobis Branch at the curve just west of the Arenzville - Beardstown road. He died before it was finished, and it was never used. After a few years it was torn down, and the stones were brought over here, and they have been here ever since. I can't say just when this was, but it must have been right after the Civil War."

German Immigrants

Questioned further about the "early days" Louie reminisced - "My father, Christian, came to this country from Germany when he was young. He landed in New Jersey and worked his way westward. I suppose that he knew someone in this area because most of the early settlers here were German. He bought this farm from the Engelbach's who had a log house, just around the hill over there, but I don't think they were living in it at the time. My mother also came from Germany when she was seven. Both Father and Mother lived to be 86, which was pretty unusual. Most folks died young in those days because of hard work, rough living conditions and lack of good medical care."

"Father was born a blacksmith and farmer, I remember helping him beat out horseshoes many a night after working in the field all day. Mother spun yarn and did a lot of knitting but never did any

weaving. I was the youngest of nine children, three girls and six boys, two of whom died in infancy. The brothers were Ed, George and Henry, but they have all passed on and I am the only one left."

Same House

"I have lived in this house all of my life. The brick part was built last, and it is well over 100 years old. Later the dining room was added and then the summer kitchen. My brother and I built the log smoke house out in back. George would notch the logs as a guide for me, and I hewed them to his mark. We used oak because all of the hills were then covered with the finest stand of white and red oak you ever saw. There was a lot of beautiful walnut, too, on the lower slopes. Now folks are beginning to replant some of the cleared areas around here and I think that's a good thing to help stop erosion. Guess you saw that gully by our road when you drove in. Just one rain did that, and we had to use a tractor to get to town before we got it fixed. Trees on that sand hill would have held the water back and let it seep into the ground where it would do us good rather than tear things up."

School Near Well

"I was 10 or 12 years old when I first went to school. The school house was a one-room, frame building in the northwest corner of the village park, right next to the well where we always watered our horses. The well is still there but not used any more. This was a public school, but all German. Later the brick building, now used as the town hall, became the "new" school and had two rooms. At that time there was a pretty big brewery in town that did a lot of business and the Heinz Hotel and Tavern stood where the new bank building is now. The Engelbach Mill stood near the old channel of Indian Creek but used steam for power rather than water. I am sure that it once used stone burrs but when I knew it they had been replaced with steel rollers. Willie Peck had one of the stones from that mill. Boss (Walter) Lovekamp also had two burrs but I

don't know just where they came from."

"A Good Community"

"Arenzville has always been a good community. Folks here are honest and friendly and always ready to help each other. I am too old now to do much, but I was director of the Lovekamp School District for 12 years, school trustee for 20 years and director of the elevator for nine years so I guess that I have done my part."

Asked about early prices, Mr. Lovekamp mentioned that when he first bought his own clothes a good suit cost \$15, work shoes \$2.50 and extra good, handmade "kip" shoes were \$5.

Mills Were Important

Without doubt there were once many grist mills in West Central Illinois, and each was important to the community where it operated. Oscar Walters, now of near Table Grove, tells of the one at Bernadotte on the Spoon River; "I took wheat to that mill for many a year. They never charged for grinding it, but always took out a little flour as their fee. I always went early in the morning but had to wait my turn so it was generally noon before I could leave. That gave me a good excuse to stop at my aunt's home on the top of the hill for dinner. She always made biscuits for me out of some of the fresh flour and I'll tell you it was good. It had substance. I often wondered how long the early settlers would have lived on white bread and jello."

The best known mill in this area is undoubtedly the one at New Salem, associated as it is with Lincoln lore. The reconstructed building well reflects the marvel of pioneer ingenuity and skill with crude tools. It gives the thousands of visitors an idea of how the power of the Sangamon was harnessed for the benefit of man, but unfortunately the water-turbine is silent, and the wooden-toothed gear train is motionless - a ghost of the past.

Excerpts From J.N. Gridley's Account of Frank Bridgeman

When the troops were called to go North to fight Black hawk, and his band, a very large band of Morgan county settlers marched away. [at this time Cass county was part of Morgan] The wives left at home were called, "Black Hawk War widows." Young Frank Bridgeman was sent away with corn to grind into meal for the widows in the neighborhood; he drove to a little water mill on the creek about a quarter of a mile from the location of the "Q" depot in Arenzville. The miller lived in a small cabin without a floor, near his mill, covered with grass. The boy was compelled to stay two or three days awaiting his turn; he camped out in the open air, with nothing to eat but parched corn. The miller's wife one morning, gave him a cup of hot "coffee" made of corn meal, and Frank said it was the best drink he ever tasted. No other building on the present site of Arenzville existed; the timber was all confined to the valleys along the streams; the annual prairie fires kept all the uplands free of trees and bushes.

In 1833 there was a large temporary encampment of Indians on the cemetery hill east of Arenzville. The chief was a tall man over six feet in height, dressed in fine style. Mr. Bridgeman tells of his visit to this camp, taking along as presents, some whiskey and tobacco, which he delivered to the chief, and which the chief shared with a select few of the braves; in honor of the visitor, who had brought the most acceptable presents, they formed a circle around him, and danced and went through other ceremonial motions, much to his amusement and delight. These red men were gathered to go across the Mississippi River.

Mr. Bridgeman married in 1847. After being a tenant farmer for a while he entered land upon which he resided until about 1898

when he moved to Arenzville, now living with one of his children.

In another write-up by Gridley, we read:

There was a few crude water mills, here and there, that crushed corn and wheat from which bread was made. A journey to the mill in those days, was quite an undertaking, which was usually postponed so long as the neighbors could furnish deficiencies by lending. When the trip was made it was necessary to repay the loans. An account of one of these trips follows.

A man named Clark lived somewhere between where Bluff Springs and Arenzville are now located. He found his flour and meal exhausted, and a trip to the mill could no longer be put off. It was in winter; the days were short and the distance long. He found a neighbor woman who could come and keep his wife company, and mounting his horse, with a sack of corn he started away to the south to the mill on Indian Creek. Being compelled to "wait his turn," it was after dark before he was ready to start toward home. In the meantime a blizzard had arisen and the man soon lost his way, and became so stiffened with the cold as to be unable to find the way. The horse took him in the right direction, however, and near midnight arrived at the cabin, and made sufficient noise to attract the attention of the anxious women. They dragged the half frozen and unconscious man from the horse, carried him bodily into the cabin and putting him upon the bed, covered him with blankets and waited the result. After he was thawed out, he opened his eyes and said, "Well wife, we have a fine sack of meal, and we don't owe any of it."

ARENZVILLE NOTABLES



Francis Arenz

Born October 31, 1800, in Germany. Came to America in 1827. Settled in Arenzville in 1839.

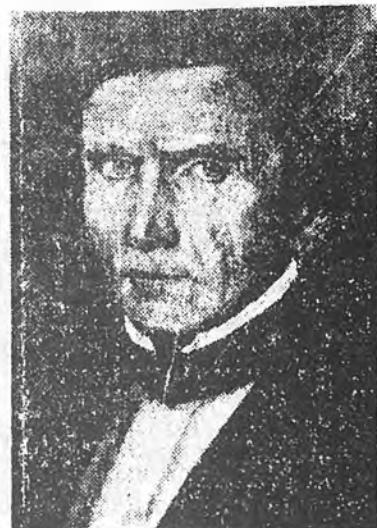
Arenzville was named for him in 1852. He died April 3, 1856, in Arenzville, Illinois.

Francis Arenz's active participation in the pioneer life of Arenzville covered a period of 20 years, from 1833 when he bought the grist mill on Indian Creek, to 1853 when he sold the mill and Arenzville was organized as a village. The village had been laid out by Arenz in 1849.

FRANCIS & LOUISA BOSS ARENZ

Dated 1854. Painted by P. Dresback, a German artist.

Photos owned by Mr. and Mrs. Arenz's grand-daughter, Mrs. Marie Finney Douglas.



Francis Arenz, a pioneer, was born at Blackenberg in the province of the Rhein, Prussia, October 31st, 1800; obtained a good education and while a young man, engaged in the Mercantile business in his native land. In 1827 he came to the United States and, after spending two years in Kentucky, went to Galena, Illinois, where he was engaged in the lead trade for a short time. He took an early opportunity to become naturalized. Coming to Beardstown a few months later went into merchandising and real estate. He became a contractor for guns for the state troops during the Black Hawk War. Beardstown at that time being a rendezvous and shipping point.

In 1833 he began the publication of The Beardstown Chronicle and Illinois Land Register. This paper did the advertising for the counties of Mason, Warren, Brown, Schuyler, McDonough, Stark, Knox and Fulton, as none of these counties had a printed newspaper. In 1833 there was not a single merchant north of the Mauvaisterre, outside of Beardstown, and not one advertised in the Beardstown Chronicle; money was so scarce it was almost impossible for any kind of business to be transacted. Francis humorously ascribed the phenomenon of the great meteoric shower of that year, to the fact that a day or two previously a subscriber had paid him two dollars all in cash for a years subscription to the Chronicle.

He was the projector of the Beardstown and Sangamon Canal, extending from the Illinois River at Beardstown to Miller's Ferry on the Sangamon for which he secured a special charter from the legislature in 1836. He had a survey of the levee made, but hard times prevented the beginning of the work, and it was finally abandoned. Retiring from the mercantile business in 1835 he located on a farm six miles south east of Beardstown, but in 1839 he moved to a tract of land near the Morgan county line which he bought in 1832 and on which the present village of Arenzville now stands.

This village became the center of a thrifty

agriculture community composed largely of Germans, among whom he exercised a large influence. Resuming the mercantile business here, he continued it until 1853 when he sold out a considerable part of his possessions.



Home owned by Francis Arenz. Built, circa 1839. Later purchased by Herman Engelbach, the home is now owned by Tim Huey.

An ardent Whig, he was elected as such to the lower branch of the Fourteenth General Assembly (1844) from Morgan county, including the village of Arenzville, which had been in dispute, and was transferred by vote of the citizens of Cass County.

In 1852 Mr. Arenz visited his native land, by appointment of President Fillmore, as bearer of dispatches to the American Legations at Berlin and Vienna. He was one of the founders of the Illinois State Agriculture Society of 1853 and served as Vice-President for his district until his death and was also founder of the Cass County Agricultural Society."

Francis Arenz was a staunch believer in both religion and education. His influence in these two areas at Arenzville's earliest times is evident in our village even today.

Francis Arenz became a fast friend of Thomas Beard, who was one of the very earliest settlers at Beardstown, when only Indians inhabited the area.

Together, Mr. Arenz and Mr. Beard had erected a small building, to be used as a church and school, in Beardstown. It proved to be very successful. When Mr. Arenz moved to Arenzville to live in 1839, he built a similar building, very small, without porch or steeple, in the north west corner of the village park on land he donated. His dream of a village founded on freedom of religion and education came about. Today Arenzville's greatest asset is her firm belief in this influence, religion and education.

J.N. Gridley's book gives this account of Thomas Beard's funeral, attended by a host of friends among whom was his long time friend, Francis Arenz. Thomas Beard had already chosen a burial place for himself and his kindred (page 419); his parents, were already buried in the spot together with a few friends.

"WHEN WE ARRIVED AT THE GRAVE A CIRCLE WAS FORMED, AND WITH UNCOVERED BROW THE HONORABLE FRANCIS ARENZ STEPPED FORWARD, HIMSELF AN EXILE AND A PIONEER FROM ANOTHER LAND, TO DO THE LAST ACT OF COURTESY. BUT THE DUTY WAS AN ONEROUS ONE. AFTER GETTING THE SPECTATOR'S ATTENTION, HE REFERRED TO THE CHARACTER OF THE DECEASED. 'HE HAD KNOWN HIM LONG. MANY YEARS AGO HE HAD COME, A STRANGER IN EXILE, AND FOUND IN THE DECEASED A BROTHER AND FRIEND. MANY YEARS OF INTIMACY HAD BOUND THEM BY STRONGEST TIES. THE UNFORTUNATE SAID HE NEVER WENT AWAY UNRELIEVED BY HIM IF IN HIS POWER TO DO SO. NO ENTERPRISE WORTHY OF THE PHILANTHROPIST WAS UNIMPORTANT TO HIM WHEN LIVING. HE WAS ONE OF NATURE'S NOBLEMEN.' SAYING THIS THE SPEAKER (FRANCIS ARENZ) BURST INTO A PAROXYSM OF GRIEF AND TEARS. THE RELATIVES OF THE DECEASED GAVE VENT TO THEIR GRIEF IN AUDIBLE SOBS. EVEN THE IDLE LOOKERS WERE MOVED TO TEARS. THE BODY WAS CONSIGNED TO ITS LAST RESTING PLACE, THE GRAVE FILLED, THE SOD LAID UPON IT, THE CROWD DISPERSED - THE KINDRED TO A DESOLATE FIRESIDE, THE MULTITUDE TO MOURN FOR A GOOD MAN."

It may be of interest to some to note that the friendship of Mr. Arenz and Mr. Beard was so strong that Thomas Beard named his

son Francis Arenz Beard, the child was born January 7, 1840, and died June 23, 1841. It is also interesting to note here that in 1988 there are Arenz families living in Beardstown and Beards living in Arenzville. No one named Arenz, at this date, lives in Arenzville.

Francis Arenz died April 2, 1856, age 56, and is buried on the north side of Arenzville East Cemetery, at the brow of the top of the hill near the grave of John Zuschka.



Grave of Francis Arenz

He was survived by his wife, Louisa (Boss) Arenz and nine children, Henrietta, Louisa, Francis, Mary Ann, Oscar, Susan, Albert, Laura and Henry.

[NOTE - Quoted information from History of Cass County, Perrin, 1880; Historical Encyclopedia of Illinois, Charles A. Martin, 1915]

J. L. CIRE

1806-1881

On Sunday February 20, 1881, at 12 o'clock a large number of Odd Fellows and Patriarchs from Beardstown, Virginia, Concord and Arcadia met at the Arenzville Lodge Hall and went to the home of J.L. Cire where they escorted the remains of their fellow member, together with friends, family, ministers and county officials to the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. Upon arrival they found the church filled and only the family and officiating members could enter. Many went to private homes and remained until services were over.

The following obituary was read by the minister:

"John L. Cire was born May 4, 1806, in Hofbiber by Fulda in Kurhessen, Prussia. It was desired by his parents that he be educated for the ministry. He subsequently graduated from Fulda Theological Seminary with honors. However, he did not follow the ministry, but became a school teacher.



He came to Beardstown in 1834 and to Arenzville in 1837, shortly after the town was laid out.

In 1838 he married Catherine Hamm, formerly of Hanover, Germany. They are the parents of nine children.

He has held the office of Postmaster since 1849, a period of 32 years, and the office of Justice of the Peace for 16 years.

In 1873 he was elected Assessor, Treasurer of the village of Arenzville, and Postmaster.

The wife and mother died on the 3rd of December 1867. Two sisters and one brother preceded him in death. Two sisters and one brother are living.

Record of Naturalization

STATE OF ILLINOIS >
MORGAN COUNTY >

To the Honorable Presiding Judge of Cass county and State Aforesaid.

I, J.L. CIRE', AN ALIEN BORN, FREE, WHITE PERSON, AT THE AGE OF 31 YEARS, DO HEREBY IN CONFORMITY WITH THE FIRST CONDITION, SPECIFIED IN THE FIRST SECTION OF THE ACT OF CONGRESS, ENTITLED, AND NOT TO ESTABLISH A UNIFORM RULE OF NATIONALIZATION AND SO REPEAL THE RULES HERETOFORE PASSED ON THAT SUBJECT, APPROVED THE 14TH DAY OF APRIL 1802, I DECLARE AND MAKE KNOWN TO THE SAID CIRCUIT COURT, NOW SITTING IN AND FOR THE COUNTY AND STATE AFORESAID, THAT MY TRUE AND PROPER NAME IS J.L. CIRE', THAT I WAS BORN IN THE TOWN OF HOFBIBER IN THE GRAND DUKEDOM OF FULDA ON THE 4TH DAY OF MAY 1806 A.D., THAT I BELONGED TO THE GERMAN NATION AND OWED ALLEGIANCE TO THE GRAND DUKE OF FULDA; THAT I MIGRATED FROM THE PORT OF BREMEN ON THE 15TH DAY OF MARCH 1834 AND LANDED AT THE CITY OF NEW ORLEANS IN THE STATE OF LOUISIANA AND IN THE UNITED STATES OF NORTH AMERICA ON THE 3RD DAY OF JUNE 1834; THAT I HAVE EVER SINCE MY FIRST ARRIVAL REMAINED WITHIN THE LIMITS AND

UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE SAID UNITED STATES; AND THAT IS BONA FIDE MY INTENTION TO RENOUNCE FOREVER, ALL ALLEGIANCE AND FIDELITY TO EVERY FOREIGN PRINCE, POTENTATE, STATE OR SOVEREIGNTY WHAT FOREVER, AND MORE PARTICULARLY, SUCH ALLEGIANCE AND FIDELITY, AS I MAY IN ANYWISE OWE TO THE GRAND DUKE OF FULDA, EITHER AS A CITIZEN OR SUBJECT AND TO BECOME A CITIZEN OF THE UNITED STATES AND TO LOCATE MYSELF FOR THE PRESENT IN THE COUNTY OF MORGAN AND THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, WHEREOF I AM NOW AN INHABITANT, THAT I DO NOT NOW ENJOY, OR POSSESS NOR AM I ENTITLED TO ANY ORDER OF DISTINCTION OR TITLE OF NOBILITY BY VIRTUE OF THE LAWS, CUSTOMS OR REGULATIONS OF THE SAID GRAND DUKEDOM OF FULDA OR ANY OTHER COUNTRY;

AND THAT I AM SINCERELY ATTACHED TO THE PRINCIPLES CONTAINED IN THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES AND WELL DISPOSED TO THE GOOD ORDER, WELL BEING AND HAPPINESS OF THE SAME; AND DESIRE THAT THIS MY DECLARATION AND REPORT MAY BE ACCEPTED, FILED AND RECORDED, PREPARATORY TO MY INTENDED APPLICATION, TO BE ADMITTED AS A NATURALIZED CITIZEN OF THE UNITED STATES, IN CONFORMITY WITH THE SEVERAL ACTS OF CONGRESS HERETOFORE PASSED ON THAT SUBJECT.

J.L. CIRE

SUBSCRIBED, AND SWORN TO, IN OPEN COURT THIS 23RD DAY OF OCTOBER A.D. 1837.

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CONRAD BECKER

Conrad Becker, now a retired farmer living in Section 32, Township 17, Range 11, near Arenzville, Illinois was born in Hesse Darmstadt, Germany August 18, 1826. He grew up and was educated in his native province, being twenty-one years old when he came to the Unites States, sailing from Bremen on a sailing vessel that landed him in New Orleans after an eight week voyage. He came from there up the Mississippi River to St. Louis, Missouri, and from there to Beardstown, taking five weeks to make the trip. He settled in the last city named in February, 1847. He was a poor man at that time and among strangers, but by hard work and economy he accumulated a fortune. He is the only member of his family who came to the United States. The parents of Mr. Becker died in Germany. They were farmers, as were their parents before them, and were Lutherans in religion.

Mr. Becker has lived in Cass county for forty years, and has been a successful farmer and stock raiser. His property embraces some very fine land, besides his fine residence and a large number of government bonds.

Mr. Becker was married in Arenzville in 1851 to Miss Sarah Hakes, born in Nottinghamshire, March 7, 1828, daughter of William and Elizabeth Freeman Hakes, natives of Nottinghamshire, England, where they

lived and died. Mrs. Becker lost her mother when quite young, and so was obligated to take care of herself. She is the only member of her family who came to the United States, and she made the trip in 1848, sailing from Liverpool, England. She landed in New York City after a voyage of some weeks and came thence to Morgan County, Illinois, where she remained a few weeks, and then came to Arenzville, which has since been her home. She has proved herself a true wife and mother, always willing to do any amount of hard work. Mr. and Mrs. Becker have three children: Henry, married Mattie Boyer, and resides in Arenzville; Mary died in 1882 at the age of twenty four, being the wife of Herman Weber; Lizzie, wife of Ed Petefish, farmer of Virginia, this county.

The cedar trees on the fence line between Robert Stock's home and the brick house and in the yard to the east, now owned by Roland Beard, are the last of the nursery stock which was owned by Mr. Becker.

The house itself has 3 cellars, each one deeper than the other. The last cellar is very cool and was probably used as a wine cellar. The third cellar is actually underground between the house and the road.

MRS. MARY ANN BEARD

A lady with a lamp shall stand
In the great history of the land,
A noble type of good,
Heroic womanhood. -Longfellow

Appreciation makes the heart glad, and this same appreciation was one of the many characteristics of the 'Pioneer Women of Illinois.' Among these pioneer women of Illinois, we hear, but we do not see, for her history is unwritten, the name of Mrs. Mary Ann Batis Beard.

Mary Ann Batis Beard was born in New Hope, near Staunton, the state of Virginia, in the year 1825. She was of Scotch-Irish descent and inherited the noble winsome traits of both nationalities. On March 12, 1842 she married John C. Beard, also of the state of Virginia. The first thirteen years of their married life was spent in Virginia, where two of their children lie beneath the sod. Mr. and Mrs. Beard, with their four living children migrated to Illinois in the year 1855. They traveled in covered wagons pulled by horses. There were a number of families who migrated with them, and there were eighteen wagons in all. Imagine the picturesque group -- eighteen covered wagons pulled by horses moving slowly over the land, never traveling on Sunday, washing their clothes by hand during the week, crossing the river by ferries, stopping at farm houses at nightfall to find perhaps a comfortable bed for the women and children. When this was refused them, they were forced to sleep in the dusty wagons in which they traveled during the day. Until the travelers reached the State of Illinois, they were too often refused a bed in a farmhouse to spend the night, but upon their arrival in Illinois, they were always assured a welcome. Illinois wanted them and offered them encouragement. What a welcome reward to greet them after a long and difficult migration!

Springfield was the first place of importance where the Beards stopped. Then, fol-

lowing the State road they at last reached Beardstown. There was no particular road from Beardstown to Arenzville so they travelled over little roads leading them through timbers, pastures and the like until they reached the home of Uncle John Batis, 2½ miles east of Arenzville. It was in October of the year 1855 when the Beards reached their new home. They travelled six weeks behind horses. As it was too late to build a house in this season, the Beards lived in what was then known as the old 'dock house' owned by Charles Robertson and now contained in the farm owned by William Roegge. In the spring of 1856, the Beards purchased their own home - a log cabin 18' x 20', consisting of 2 rooms and 1½ stories high upon a plot of ground consisting of 160 acres. The price paid per acre was \$25.00. This log cabin was situated 2½ miles east of Arenzville and was in its time the finest cabin in North Prairie. The logs used in the building of this house may now be seen on the farm of R.L. (Lee) Beard, three miles east of Arenzville.

[NOTE This farm home was occupied by the Lee Beard family. Lee and his wife, Lena Kircher Beard, raised five boys, Russell, Raymond, Robert, Roland and John; and five girls, Mildred Kolberer, Mae Beets, Lucille Schnitker, Rena Kruse and Helen (deceased).]

Cleanliness reigned in the cabin and it was whitewashed regularly. It was a great deal of trouble to whitewash the cabin. The lye used in the whitewashing had to be made. This was made in an ash-hopper where the ashes of wood fires only were placed and then rain water poured on. The water which ran off was lye water. This was used in whitewashing, soap and in preparation of corn for making hominy. The candles were made of tallow or beef lard. There was a fireplace in which the cooking was done. The bread and pastry

was baked in a large pan which stood on a four-legged iron platter. A lid on this pan was covered with hot coals, and vacant spaces on the platter were filled with the coals. The churn used was a large wooden dasher churn. There were no separators in those days, and the cream was skimmed off the milk. Mrs. Beard did not weave, but hired it done in Jacksonville, a nearby city. The cloth was dyed with the bark of various trees and with certain dyes purchased at the drug store.

The work in the fields was done in as primitive a manner as was the work in the house. When the Beards settled in Illinois the country was largely timber. Each year a small portion of this was cleared, and crops were raised. The corn was planted by hand, and the rows were laid out with the shovel plow. The wheat and rye were cradled and bound by hand and the threshing was done by horse power. The first crop raised was taken to Chapin, Illinois, to be sold. Twelve and a half cents was the amount received per bushel for the corn. The crops of the years following were taken to the markets in Beardstown and Meredosia, Arenzville in those days not being a trading point. A certain portion of the crops was reserved each year for food. Wheat was parched and furnished coffee while corn was cracked in preparation for hominy.

At the time of the Civil War, Mr. Beard was drafted but realizing that he was more useful in the fields furnishing food for the soldiers than on the battlefield, he secured a substitute in Springfield through Herman Engelbach, a prominent business man in Arenzville, who had also secured a substitute for himself. The assassination of Lincoln in April, 1865, was a shock to the people of Illinois; so beloved a President taken so suddenly from his faithful followers? Impossible! But as in all other cases, the fact was realized and his absence was ever noted.

What did these pioneer people of Illinois do for recreation? There were apple cuttings in the fall and church every Sunday. The neighbors gathered at the homes of their hostess, armed with knives and pans for the grand apple cutting. The hands of every

woman present were busy the whole day while the men worked with the fences or cleared the timbers. After the evening meal, the furniture and all signs of house-keeping were pushed aside, and the old fiddler was called to his place of honor, a chair on the top of the table. The woods echoed till the night had waned away with the call

Chicken in a bread pan
Pickin' out dough
Never get to Heaven
On a Do-See-Dough.

Another means of recreation for these noble pioneers was going to church. Early on the Sabbath morning wagons filled with every member of the household could be seen on their way to the meeting house. There they would spend the day, a recess at noon for lunch and visit being a source of enjoyment to all.

Mrs. Beard led a sincere Christian life. While in the state of Virginia she had read of the wonderful pioneer preacher, Peter Cartwright. She had always harbored a desire to hear this wonderful preacher of the Gospel and one day the opportunity knocked on her door. Refuse it, she would not, and like the sincere woman she was, she mounted a horse with her baby on her lap and her next youngest child tied to her at the back, she rode to Arenzville, a distance of three miles. She heard this preacher and never regretted the trouble she took in order to hear him. He preached his sermon at the Presbyterian church. This church was a donation church, that is, the work instead of money was donated. This same structure is still standing in the Village Park and shows the need of new frame.

Thus did the pioneer people live, working for everything they owned and happy in the ownership, appreciating all that was done for them and ever willing to repay kindness; welcome was written on the doormat and there was meaning to the word.

After the death of her husband in 1881, Mrs. Beard built a new frame structure home, which is now occupied by her

son R.L. Beard (Lee) and family. Mrs. Beard died in January 1902, at the age of 77 years, 11 months. Thus did a noble woman die; a woman who during her life influenced the good and reared her children to noble manhood and womanhood in the service of the country. Thus are her children influencing the good of their nation.

What will not woman, gentle woman dare
When strong affection stirs her heart up.

- Southe

This sketch of Grandma Beard was written by Rosella Niemann Smith while a high school pupil at Arenzville, Illinois; for which she received a Bronze Medal for writing the best sketch of a pioneer woman in Cass County. This medal was awarded by the President of Federated Womans Clubs of Illinois. One medal was awarded to each county.

CHRISTIAN TRIEBERT

1838-1908

Died at his home in Arenzville Sunday April 12, 1908. Born in Germany, on July 1, 1838. He received his education in Germany and was confirmed in the Lutheran Church there. In 1855, at the age of 17, he left Germany and came directly to Arenzville, arriving here sometime that summer. His first work here was for John L. Cire, and he was also employed in the brick yard. At the close of the season for making bricks he clerked in Mr. Cire's store, helping on the farm, etc. On July 30, 1861, he enlisted in Co. I, 11th Missouri Infantry. He served out his three years enlistment as a private, then re-enlisted until the end of the war. He was mustered out at Memphis, Tennessee, in 1866.

After returning to Arenzville, he purchased an interest in the general merchandise business of John L. Cire. Selling his interest later, he purchased land from Adam Herbert where he lived until the time of his death.

January 3, 1871 he was married to Miss Bertha Selma Keucke. To this union three daughters were born. One died in infancy; surviving are Miss Lucy Triebert of Arenzville and Mrs. Frank Thompson of Wagoner, Oklahoma.

Mrs. Triebert died October 12, 1875. Mr. Triebert married Miss Susan Jane Gale on May 4, 1876. To this union two sons were born. One son survived, and his name is

Harry F. Triebert.

Christian Triebert was a member of Modern Woodmen of America and, at the time of death, janitor of the public school.

One Saturday morning he went to assist Henry Becker to get a load of hay. The hay was procured at Albert Zahn's, west of town, and the start was made for home. Coming down the big hill west of town, Mr. Becker who was driving, was holding the team close up to the bank in order to hold the load. He hollered to Mr. Triebert to look out or a large limb under which they were passing would drag him off. Mr. Triebert replied he would lie flat on the load and thus escape. The limb was passed in safety, but about this time the wheel hit a large root of a tree and the wagon, with its load, was tipped over on its side. Mr. Becker saw what was coming and struck the ground feet first. Mr. Triebert seems to have been wholly unprepared and upon being thrown with the load, struck the ground face first. This was indicated by some bruises upon the forehead and about the nose. When Mr. Becker got to him Mr. Triebert was unconscious. He remained so for some time, in fact until a messenger had been dispatched to town and returned and forced some brandy down him. The spirits revived him. He was then removed to his

home, where Dr. Yeck made a careful examination and pronounced it a case of paralysis due to injury of the spine. He remained conscious until the end and conversed with his family and friends. He had no use of himself; said that he suffered no pain and passed peacefully away at 3:30 o'clock Sunday afternoon.

Mr. Triebert was survived by his wife, two daughters, one son and a step-daughter, Mrs.

M.L. Mincy.

The funeral was held at the Presbyterian Church at 2 o'clock Wednesday afternoon, Reverend E. Schmidt officiating. The interment was at the Arenzville Cemetery and Arenzville Camp Modern Woodmen of America, of which the deceased had been a charter member, had charge of the funeral and conducted exercises at the grave.

MRS. ELIZABETH ENGELBACH

Biographical Sketch - Arenzville, Cass County, Illinois, Friday, June (date not on newspaper clipping)

The facts concerning the Arenzville of sixty years ago are known to but few, very few, of its residents today. There are some who can tell of these things, but their number is limited, and they are fast passing away. About our home town, its early history and the lives of its pioneers, there is much that arouses curiosity, and investigation reveals collections of facts worth knowing. It is refreshing to converse with one who out of the hidden past can bring forth an array of facts and present them in such manner as to provide stepping stones in the progress of the community.

As the result of an interview with the subject of this sketch we are able to tell something of Arenzville as it was when it was composed of less than a baker's dozen of small huts; when it was but a scattered settlement in a clearing in a hazel and locust thicket.

Elizabeth Goebel, daughter of John and Christina Goebel, was born in Stundorf, Hessen Darmstadt, Germany, March 21, 1835. For the first ten years of her life, or until 1845, she remained in her native land. Her parents then concluded to try their fortunes in the new world and in December, 1845 the family landed in Baltimore, Maryland, where they remained until July, 1846, when they came to Illinois and settled in Arenzville.



MRS. ELIZABETH ENGELBACH

At the time the Goebel family landed in Arenzville there was hardly enough of a place to be called a town. There were but two roads (afterwards dignified by the name of streets) in the little settlement. They are what are now known as State and Frederick Streets - the one forming a part of what is now the Arenzville and Beardstown road and the other leading from the residence of Valentine Walter to the cemetery. [The Valentine Walter home was located at the corner of State and Frederick, just south of Alvin Paul's home]

There were two stores here at that time. They were located on the properties now owned by Miss E.H. Cire [now home of Bill Privia, 204 State street] and the estate of Mrs. Eva Marie Bode. [This was the old brick home recently demolished by Bill Rawlings, 206 State street] J.L. Cire, Kircher and Goedeking were the merchants. Jacob Heinz had a grist mill down on Indian Creek; it was a water mill and, as he had considerable trouble keeping a dam, it was in operation but little of the time. A man by the name of Clark had a saw mill, [a horse affair] about where the telephone exchange now stands. [The house west of the park - the north entrance was the telephone side. Now owned by Tony Thomas.]

Added to these industries, Christian Lovekamp had a little blacksmith shop which stood in what is now Valentine Walter's garden. [Where Alvin Paul's house now stands]

Philip Yeck, grandfather of Dr. C.W. and Edward Yeck and Mrs. J.M. Swope, had a wagon shop which stood near his residence, located near where Pfeil Brothers store was located.

The above mentioned constituted the sum and total of the diversified business interests of Arenzville at the time the Goebel family arrived here.

The residences were equally scattered. There was the Francis Arenz property [still standing on S. Charles street and owned by the Engelbach family for many years - owned by Tim Huey in 1988]. A little house where Squire Rahn lived and occupied by Charles Vogel. [The house stood at the west end of Main facing State. Now a garage owned by Charles Mengel]; a small frame residence (now forming a part of the old hotel property) occupied by Peter Arenz. [Charles street where Gordon Lovekamp's house now stands] The residence of Dr. Phillipi (now occupied by Horace Cooper) and the homes of Christian Lovekamp and Philip Yeck, [not sure of location of these. J.L. Cire home is where Bill Privia home stands.]

There was also a small frame building, used both as a school and a church, standing near the cottonwood tree at the north west

corner of what is now the Village Park. (The park at that time was a locust grove covering the entire block in which the Independent is now located). Soon after coming to Arenzville Mr. Goebel built a small frame residence on the lot now occupied by the Arenzville House [where Don Wessler's insurance company building now stands]. Just north of it Dr. Glass built a similar structure which has recently been remodeled and is occupied by J.A. Way. [This is west of the park, owned now by Tony Thomas] The Goebel house was afterward moved away and Adeline Bridgeman occupies a portion of it. [Stood just west of the Beard home now owned by Glenn Coats, on corner of Charles and W. Washington, at top of hill]

Mr. Goebel was by trade a tailor and for a couple of years followed that vocation after coming to Arenzville. He then established the first brick yard, making and burning brick in Arenzville. (There was a small yard here at that time, but its product was simply sun dried.) The Goebel yard was along the branch back of H.A. Bridgeman's Implement Store. [Probably behind the old butcher shop, now owned by Frank Paul] Mr. Goebel manufactured brick here for a number of years. In 1848 or 1849, Francis Arenz built the first steam grist and saw mill. [Was run by water previously] It now forms a part of the Arenzville Roller Mills owned by McElroy and Treadway [was behind the Huey Forest Products office].

At this time and for a number of years after the only good water in town was obtained from a public well which had been sunk just back of the Goebel residence. [The well was on property of Beard Feed Store now owned by Huey]

Along in about 1850 John Adam Herbert, who was one of the first settlers, built the brick residence now owned and occupied by Chris Triebert [next to stage]. A year or two later he built for Herman Engelbach [Gig] the property now occupied by B.F. Graham [The brick house on Main Street] and a few years later the Schaefer residence. [Where stage is now]

In 1856 or '57 the Goebel family moved to Mason County and settled on a farm (near Chandlerville) in the neighborhood of Fairview Church. Here the subject of our sketch remained until 1859, when she returned to Arenzville and on July 16 became the wife of Herman Engelbach. To this union seven children were born. They are: George, Christina, Henry, Herman, Frederick, William and Marie. After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Engelbach moved into his residence where they lived for a number of years until he purchased the Francis Arenz property, the present home of Mrs. Engelbach [the large brick, east side of Charles street, now owned by Tim Huey, 1988].



Herman Engelbach

Mr. Engelbach died December 16, 1880 [in a mill accident by being caught in machinery], and since that time Mrs. Engelbach has managed her business affairs and cared for her many and diversified interests. During Mrs. Engelbach's residence in Mason county very little improvement had taken place in Arenzville. With the possible exception of two or three buildings now standing, she has seen the rest of the town put here,

and there is, possibly, not a soul now living who was here when she came, while the "Gods Acre" at the top of the hill holds the army of workers of whom she is sole survivor.

Through the years of struggle in Arenzville her life was not one continuous round of pleasure and her lot did not always lie in pleasant places. She knows what it is to brave the storms - to endure the burden in the heat of the conflict. She helped make the way. She has done most kinds of work; has helped about the house and on the farm, and today, aged though she may be, she still has the same mother's love and care for her children as she manifested when they were tots at her knee and keeps about as close a watch over them.

Through the years of her life here she has proven a generous neighbor and a faithful friend. In sickness and in health she has remained the same. Her hand, her heart and her home have always been open, and the Arenzville of today owes much to the efforts, the encouragement and the advice of Mrs. Engelbach.

A recent discovery in the attic of the Morgan County Courthouse has given us an 1841 listing of the owners of lots in Arenzville and the tax assessed: Jacob Hines, Lots 1, 2 and 3, Block 1, taxed 90¢; Fred'k Kilver, Lot 5, Block 1, taxed 15¢; Charles Vogal, Lot 1, Block 2, taxed 45¢; Francis Arnes, Lots 4 and 6 thru 10, Block 1, Lots 2 thru 10, Block 2, and Lots 1 thru 10, Block 3, taxed \$4.92.

JOHN RAHN

1839-1914

The death of John Rahn, Friday evening, came as quite a sudden surprise to our community. It was known that he was ill, but it was not thought to be so serious.

Mr. Rahn was born in Hessen Darmstadt, Germany, on April 19, 1839, and died December 18, 1914, aged 75 years, 7 months and 29 days.

At the age of 15 years, he came with his father's family to this country, settling in this vicinity where he grew to manhood.

He was married to Miss Susan Coffin on November 5th, 1863. To them were born 11 children, 8 of whom are still living, as follows: Charles of Virginia, James of Pekin, George of Virginia, Edward of Danville, Virginia, Mrs. Elizabeth Nebold of Pekin, Ill., Mrs. Harriet Salisbury of Chicago, Mrs. Olive Morrison of Arenzville, Mrs. Mary Lightholder of Streator, Ill., Besides his wife and children one sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Kircher, of this place and one brother, Mr. Henry Rahn of Beardstown still survive him.

For about 27 years after his marriage, he engaged in farming just east of Arenzville. Then he moved here and has since lived a somewhat retired life, yet interesting himself in public affairs of the community, holding offices of trust and responsibility. He served as County Treasurer from 1880 to 1882, was a director of our public schools several years, township assessor, police magistrate and justice of the peace (which office he held at the time of his death), all of which offices he filled with credit to himself and acceptably to the public.

He was a true citizen and patriot. In the hours of the nation's peril he hastened to defend the Stars and Stripes, serving in the army of Cumberland, having been a member of Company I, 115th Regiment, Illinois Infantry, Fourth Army Corps. He was honorably discharged on account of sickness in spring of 1863, being brought home on a feather bed.

He was a charter member of the Arenzville Camp of the Modern Woodmen of America and Secretary of the Anti-Horse

Thief Association. He was also a member of the G.A.R.

He was taken sick with a severe cold a week ago last Friday which soon developed into pneumonia, and in spite of medical aid and the attention of loved ones, soon resulted in his death.

Mr. Rahn was confirmed in the St. Peter's German Lutheran church in Germany when he was 14 years of age and at the time of his death was a member of the St. Peter's German Lutheran church north of town.

Funeral services were conducted from the Methodist church here Monday afternoon, December 21, Rev. Bowman in charge. Henry Becker, Lee Tritsch, H.W. Reckamp, Ed Shrewsbury, Henry Kunzeman and Harry Anderson acted as pall-bearers.

The burial services were in charge of the Woodmen lodge and interment in the Arenzville cemetery.

[NOTE - The Rahn farm was where Eugene Saylor used to live, north and east of town -now owned by Don Nordsiek.]



Annual Fish Fry, Arenzville, circa 1880

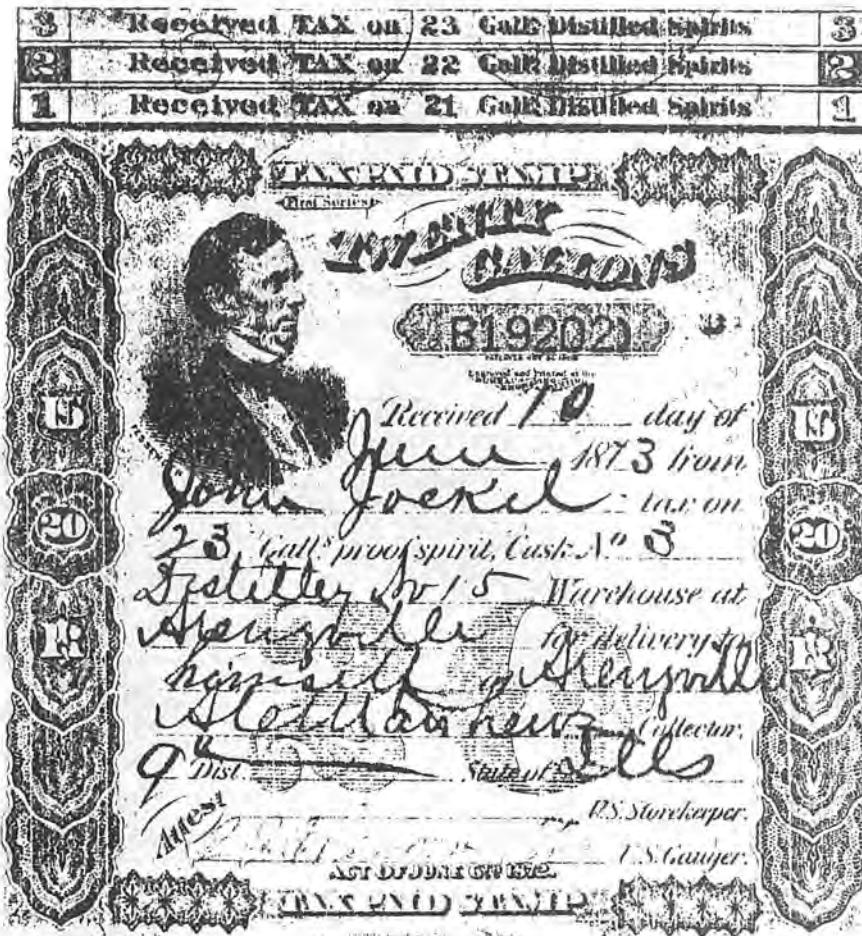
John Henry Joeckel

John Henry Joeckel was born March 3, 1835, in Lazenhaien, Hesse Darmstadt, Germany. When twenty-two years of age he landed at Beardstown and came to Arenzville where he made his home with a family named Volmer.

His father, John Henry Joeckel, III, was born December 4, 1802, in Darmstadt and died in Arenzville, July 31, 1866. His mother was Anna Catherine Schrimpf, born February 22, 1799, in Ricksfield, Hesse Darmstadt, Germany. She died in Arenzville on July 22, 1879. They are buried in Arenzville East Cemetery. The graves were marked with wooden headstones which deteriorated so the burial spot is unmarked.

The subject of this sketch purchased a farm bordering Arenzville on the south east corner of the East Cemetery. His father was a wagon maker and built furniture. The younger John Henry was a wheel-wright and farmer.

He maintained a large grape vineyard and processed the grapes into wine. The wine press was housed in a log cabin near the house. He also made a fine grade of whiskey, under state regulations, from pure spring water on his property. These two items were sold at a bar in his home and yielded him an above average living.



John Joeckel and his wife, Matilda Lovekamp Joeckel, were parents of the following children: Heinrich F. (1862-1953) who married Louisa Tino (1872-1953). Both are buried at Camp Point; *Wilhelm F. (1864 - 1867); *Anna (1866-1867); *Alvina (1868-1936); *Victor (1871-1950); Edward Otto (1873-1969) who married Minnie Pelker (1884-1955). Both are buried at Dayton, Oregon; *Florentine (1878-1880). *These five children are buried at Arenzville's East Cemetery.

Later a brother of John Joeckel came from Germany to this country and ran a blacksmith shop here. Eventually he and his family moved to Nebraska.



This eleven-room house was built by John Joeckel. Entrance to front led to a small bar and upstairs living quarters. The basement was a large room used for kitchen and family room.



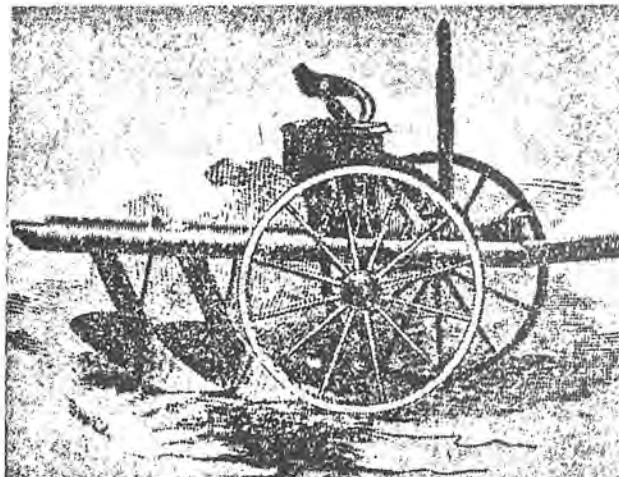
The brick building which housed the distillery. Note - wooden tub at break in fence where spring flowed. A pipe in a spring in the gravel hill kept the tub full. It never went dry, even in dry seasons.

All end of school picnics, Sunday School class gatherings and family outings were usually held at Joeckel Springs. Unfortunately the mining of the gravel in the area destroyed the spring, which had first been used by the Indians.

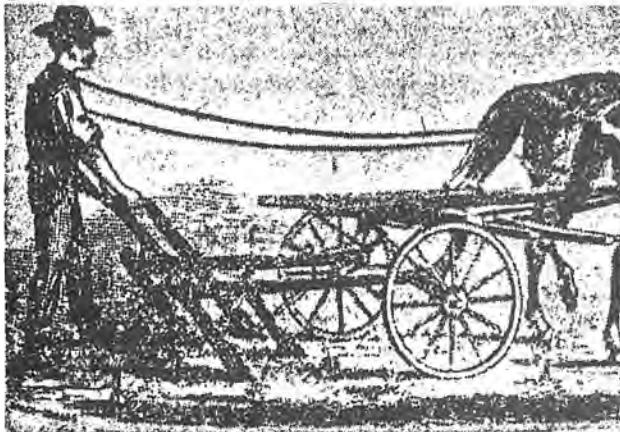
Jonathan B. Turner Inspired These

"Why should a man 'followeth the plow all day' when horse feed is so cheap?" asked energetic Professor Jonathan Baldwin Turner of Jacksonville more than a hundred years ago.

This was an area where land was cheap, but labor was comparatively high. Within a few years his idea was being developed into reality by hundreds of farmers, blacksmiths and other interested people in the Prairie State.



This was a highly successful "spring-seat" gang plow built by J.C. Pfeil of Arenzville, a friend of Francis Arenz. Arenz, the founder of the town, was a friend and ardent supporter of Professor Turner.



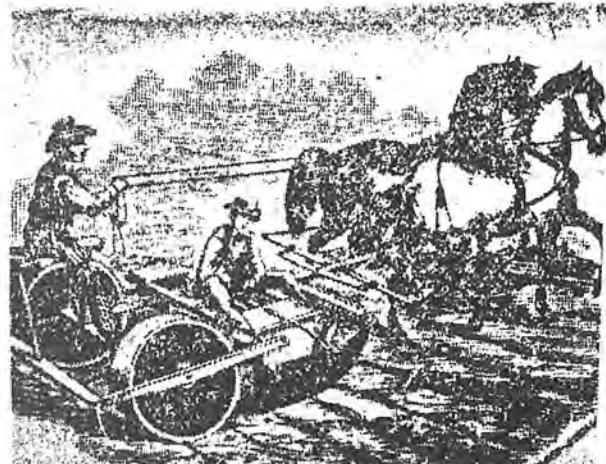
This is a picture of Deere & Company's patented walking plow, which was a big

seller a hundred years ago. It looks mighty primitive now, but it was a vast improvement over the one-horse double shovel. With the double shovel, horse and man had to make a round trip to cultivate a single row of corn; the "patented" cultivator used two horses and halved the time.

But in just a few years came the "spring-seat" cultivator, which did a better job with greater ease to the farmer. It was Deere's "Improved Hawkeye Corn Cultivator."

Brown's corn planter, made in Galesburg, won the field trial and blue ribbon in 1857. The man drove, while the boy pulled a lever to deposit the desired number of kernels. The field had been previously laid off by pulling a sled with four runners crossway. The boy "pulled the stick" at each mark, thus checking the corn for easier cultivation.

Great things were happening in the implement business a century ago.



The committee reported "this cut represents Kirby's American Harvester, set up as a hand raking reaper. The machine has many advantages. It is a mower, a reaper, a hand-raker and a self-raker, all combined in the same machine."

MRS. ADA CIRE SAYLOR REMEMBERS ARENZVILLE

For sixty-five years, and better, Mrs. Saylor has been a resident of Arenzville, and in the compass of her life has beheld it grow from a little German settlement of two or three houses to the prosperous village it is today.

Her life story is one of interest, replete with facts and incidents woven, as they are, into the web and woof of the history of Arenzville, since there was one house here, and that owned by Francis Arenz, after whom the town takes its name. The residence he built stood where J.D. Bowser residence now stands.



Ada Cire, daughter of John L. and Anna Katherine (Hamm) Cire, was born at Arenzville, Illinois, January 4, 1844. Her earliest recollection goes back to a time when the land upon the principal part of the village now situated was an unbroken wild, thicket of hazel brush

and locust trees. It is hard to realize what conditions were at the time. When we think of the transformations and changes that have come about during the past sixty or seventy-five years, the realization seems too good to be true. When Ada Cire was possibly five or six years old she began her school days in a little frame school building (built as a church years before) which stood in the north west corner of the present village park. The school at that time was not "free" as they are now. They were what we call "subscription schools," the families having children to send to school paying a stipulated amount per scholar. They were not graded. "Reading, Writing and Arithmetic" comprised the course of study. The teachers of that early time, as we are able to gather the names from her sister, Mrs. William Green (Theresa) were; Miss Cody of Mont-

icello; Miss Sils, a widow lady from either New York or the state of Connecticut; Miss Beard of Beardstown, but later of Charleston, Missouri, and a Mr. Jenkins, who taught a three months school here and whom the boys made "hard to catch." At the conclusion of five or six terms at the common school the Cire children were given instructions at their home by a private tutor.

Mrs. Saylor well remembers when there was no church here, that is, no regularly organized denomination, though an itinerant minister would occasionally drop in here and hold religious services in the school house.

[The building she refers to is the one we call the first Union Church and school built by Francis Arenz and given to the hamlet. It stood where the burgoo hamburger stand now is located.] She remembers well when Francis Arenz gave the land and when the old Union (now Presbyterian Church) was built. Its dedication was a great day in the religious history of Arenzville. The Rev. Peter Cartwright being among the notable divines present on that occasion.

For years and years it was a union church and everybody, Protestant and Catholic, worshiped there. The Cumberland Presbyterians were the first denomination to organize here and the event dates back to somewhere in the neighborhood of 1865. As before stated, Mrs. Saylor is about as familiar with the history of the town as anybody in it. She remembers well when Peter Arenz built the house now occupied by Mrs. A. Feldner and moved in it. [Cecil Emerick lives here, 1988] She thinks during her early childhood a part of the present residence of George C. Hoagland was a little two room structure occupied by a shoemaker. [Located corner of Francis and Frederick street, west side, Marie Peck lives here] She remembers a small house that stood

in the thicket about where H.A. Bridgeman's house now is. [Cannot determine where this was] She fails to remember a log cabin that was located about where E. Reckamp now is and occupied by a family by the name of Schaaf. [Probably about where Alma Beard now lives on Virginia road] She also remembers the coming of William and Philip Dresbach and of their establishing a tan yard down by the branch near the residence of Mrs. Caroline Dresbach [Earl Stinson lives here on State street, 1988] She is familiar with the growth of the town and knows well when Adam Herbert sold his town property and went into the country beyond the Dresbach's and bought and improved the residence of Uncle Henry Lovekamp's (Mr. Herbert lived there until after the marriage of his daughter, M.C.F. Huss, when he sold the property and moved to Arkansas.) [This place was known for years as the Breyer home. It sits on a knoll east of the Catholic church and is in good condition, now owned by Glen A. Smith.]

Concerning the merchants here, Mrs. Saylor is well posted. Her father was the first merchant to open a store for the public here. Later he associated with Kircher and Goedeking, but afterwards bought them out.. [This store was in the north side of J.L. Cire's home.] They went across the street (to the Bode property) and opened in opposition to him.

A little later Heinz and Sons came here and put up a building now owned and operated by G.R. Lippert. Arenz Brothers had a little business where the bank now is (we believe this establishment was later moved down in the neighborhood of the mill).

Life in the community at that day, according to Mrs. Saylor, was much different from what it is now. The population was not as dense and its people were inclined to be more sociable. Everyone was poor and everybody had to work hard. The settlement was German and many of the quaint and pretty customs of the Fatherland where transplanted here.

She informed us there were tables and benches in the locust grove where the Independent now is [about where the Standard

Station is now] and German beer drinkings were frequent occurrences there. For all the toil there was a recompense; for the thorns strewn along the pathways there were roses, for the struggle in the heat at noon tide there was compensation in the cool of the evening. This was a German community which knew how to labor and live.

Back in those days, Mrs. Saylor remembers well, when there were but two pleasure vehicles in the community; one was a little open buggy or road wagon owned by her father and the other a carriage owned by Francis Arenz.

The first sewing machine in the village was owned by Mrs. Peter Wankel, who at the time conducted a sort of tailor shop.

On December 26th, 1865, Ada Cire became the wife of A.J. Saylor. The ceremony was performed at the residence of her parents here. Rev. Newman, a Methodist minister, officiating. To them were born two children, Lewis, now deceased, and Katherine (Mrs. R.J. Hoagland). Mr. Saylor died March 13, 1898.

The years of Mrs. Saylor's life here have been as an open book, she is known by all people and by all people she is honored and respected. She has been just to herself, her family and to her neighbors, she is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church and loyal to her belief. In her intercourse with people she has been kind, but firm and in her dealings straightforward and honest. During the years of her married life enough was put by for a rainy day, and Mrs. Saylor now enjoys her home and her friends.

[Mr. and Mrs. Saylor built a home just east of the Lutheran Church, later sold to J.F. Thyen, then to Trinity Lutheran Church who used it for a kindergarten class room. It was finally demolished and the spot is school playground now.]

Ada Saylor was daughter of J.L. Cire. She had two brothers, Richard Cire and Julius Cire. Her sisters were Anna Cire Crowder (Mrs. William), Lena Cire Arenz (Mrs. Frank), Theresa Cire Green, and Emelia, known as "Aunt Mim" a milliner.



AARON SMITH 1856-1931

**Aaron Smith and wife Ruth Zook Smith.
Aaron was Village Marshal for 37 years.**

Arenzville history would not be complete without a story of Aaron Smith. Mr. Smith was town marshal for thirty-seven years, except for a very short part of one year. A different marshal had been hired. During a raid on a gambling game in progress it was discovered that the new marshal was engaged in the game. The next day he was fired and Aaron Smith was re-hired.

Mr. Smith's duties were varied and kept him very busy. In an off-duty capacity each evening he checked the jail where transients usually spent the night, especially in winter weather. He built a fire in an old wood stove, reported to his wife how many were spending the night. If there were several, she baked corn bread, made gravy and added what she could spare from their evening meal, sending it to the jail so those present could have something to eat. No one was ever refused food by her or by Aaron.

The above story was related by Aaron's granddaughter, Olga Treadway of Beardstown. She also shared some of her other memories with Tade and me.

Aaron's job in winter among other things was to scoop snow from the sidewalks. If it happened that there was snow to scoop on Sunday morning, he always scooped to the churches first, then cleaned the uptown walks.

It was also his job to ring the curfew bell at eight o'clock each evening. This signaled all children to be off the streets unless accompanied by an adult. The bell rung is

the same one in the cupola on the east end of the present library building in the village park.

Another chore was to clean along the uptown sidewalks, using a push broom, also to clear the debris from the gutters along the streets, loading it on an old wheelbarrow and wheeling it away.

It would be interesting to know how many wheelbarrows he wore out during his years of work as a marshal.

In the picture you will note items on the table outside the back door of the Smith home. Olga said there was always a granite coffee pot and an iron skillet there for use by the transients. The Smith home was near the railroad tracks. Using the coffee pot and skillet, transients would cook their food over an open fire near the tracks or under a bridge. Those who used the utensils cleaned them and returned them to their proper place for the next person to use.

Mr. Smith also had as a daily chore that of lighting the coal oil street lights, fourteen in number. They were placed in spots all the way from Bielschmidt place on the Virginia road, now owned by Roland Beard, (a brick house), to the north end of town by the Warren Mincy home.

Olga Treadway, as a child, often accompanied her grandfather on these trips. She spent much time at her grandparent's home because of the great distance from the country school to her parents' home. She attended school in Arenzville. She watched as Aaron prepared to go on his lamp lighting rounds. He loaded his

wheelbarrow with a can of coal oil, a short ladder, a special pair of scissors with which to trim the round wicks, spare boxes of wicks, a wet rag for cleaning the lamp chimneys, matches, and a spare chimney or two. They started at four in the afternoon, and often it was dark when Olga and her grandfather finished the job. The more disagreeable the weather, the more important it was to get the lamps going. If the weather was calm sometimes the last light would still be burning the next morning. On a windy night the chimneys would become very smoked up. Olga recalled that then the chimneys would sometimes not be very clean because the cleaning rag would become very soiled.



Oil burning street lamp. Courtesy of Ronald Kershaw. Used in Arenzville from 1892 to 1917, when they were sold to Concord, Illinois.

Aaron would put his little ladder up against the light post, climb up and remove the lamp. After descending to tend it by cleaning the chimney, trimming the wick, filling the bowl with oil, he would again climb the ladder, replace the lighted lamp, climb back down and be on his way. This was done 365 days a year.

Mrs. Treadway also recalls her grandmother's cooking skill. One boarder in particular was recalled by her because he always ate mustard on his apple pie.

Her recollection of the 1913 fire is very vivid. She recalls she had attended Christmas eve services at the Methodist Church.

Late in the night someone knocked on her grandparents door calling out "THE TOWN IS BURNING." When she looked out it was like looking into an inferno raging up town. She also recalls the saloons were well stocked for the yuletide season and when a barrel of whisky caught fire it was like the Fourth of July display.



Mrs. Olga Treadway is the daughter of Maud Smith Long and Ed Long. She is a very neat, pleasant person. A flower lover, she always has plants blooming in the yard and in her home. Her motto for life is one passed to her by her grandfather Aaron Smith, "To have a friend you must be a friend."

She is a busy person, in addition to her home duties she belongs to the American Legion Auxiliary and has for many years belonged to the Home Extension of Cass County. Recently she received recognition for fifty years of membership in the Home Extension of Cass County, being a charter member. She also is active in the Edgewood Household Science Club and an active member of Beardstown First United Methodist Church.

Before her marriage to Edwin Treadway, she taught school at Edgewood School and also at West Point, both country schools. Olga is one of four girls born to Ed and Maud Long, the other three

being Mrs. Ruell (Irma) Mullens, Mrs. Russell (Audrey) Braner and Mrs. William (Frances) Lynn.

Edwin Treadway and Olga are parents of six children, Mrs. Burlyn (Lois) White, Steve Treadway, Mary Harron, Mrs. Jack (Maud) Swan, Mrs. John (Ellen) Anderson and Mrs. Andy (Phyllis) Taylor. She has 14 grandchildren and 19 great grandchildren.

The street lamp in the picture was preserved by Charles Witte of Concord and is now in possession of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Kershaw of Arenzville.

The town board minutes of March 7, 1892, states that among other things, the

President appointed three men to procure fifteen street lamps. He appointed W.L. McCarty, C.F. Huss and F. Bode.

The April, 1892, minutes state, among bills paid to Cass Lamp Works: Lamp post and ladder \$18.00, also to McCarty and Arenz Brothers, street lamps and merchandise \$90.95.

May 2, 1892, paid to Standard Oil Company for a barrel of coal oil \$6.34. Later a notation said Valentine Walters' son broke one of the lamps chimneys and was charged 75¢ to replace it.

GEORGE KOLBERER 1858-1942

Arenzville

George Kolberer, born in a log house December 16, 1858, is said to be the oldest living native of this city which on Wednesday begins the celebration of its centennial.

Mr. Kolberer, son of George and Frances Willey Kolberer, was born at the homestead located on a hill east of Schultz Elevator. [Was later known as Arenzville Hagener Elevator and is now known as F.S.]

When he was a small boy the family moved to the north part of Arenzville and he has been a continuous resident of that vicinity. [The home is now occupied by Ellis Vanderpool family and sits next to Lutheran Cemetery.]

Mr. Kolberer's parents came to Arenzville from St. Louis, his father having helped build the first railroad in this section. As a young man Mr. Kolberer worked in the brick yard for Mr. Bode and Mr. Baujan. [Located on what is now Batis Park.] Later he was engaged in farming, retiring from active work a few years ago.

[Mr. Kolberer never married, making his home with his brother, Joe, and Joe's family. One member of Joe Kolberer's family still lives in Arenzville - Miss Elsie Kolberer.

The chair George Kolberer is seated in is made of willow and is now known as Tramp

September 19, 1939

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At this time, 1988, Mrs. Marie Hammer Peck is the oldest native-born person residing in Arenzville.]



THE BLACKSMITH
Dennis Hammer
1870-1940

Frank Dionysius Hammer - later known as "Dennis" - was born in Durmersheim, Germany, on September 30, 1870. His father died in June of 1870. When he was two years old his mother, Caroline, married Sebastian Tritsch. Their three children were Magdalena Tritsch Hankins, Karl, and Wilhelm, later known as "Keno" Tritsch. They all immigrated to America in 1882 and settled in Arenzville.

On December 17, 1899, Dennis married Bertha Traeger. They were the parents of nine children. The oldest, Marie Hammer Peck, still lives in Arenzville.

Dennis learned the blacksmith trade via a Mr. Pecklevel in a building east of the Batis store. About 1895 he opened his own business at the corner of Frederick and Henrietta Streets. The building was 100 feet long, extending from Front Street to the alley in back. The front part had a forge, a wooden tub of water nearby called "the slack tub" which was used to cool hot irons being made into different shapes, like horseshoes, wagon and buggy rims. Later another forge was installed for extra help, like Walter Mackey (who later had a shop of his own), Dennis' half brother William Keno Tritsch, from about 1912-15, and the last one, Troy Williams.

The rear of the building housed the wood-working shop where wagons, wheels, etc, were made. It was operated by Bill Morris (his wife was Elsie Ham Morris, children: Opal, Lloyd, and Verna).

Blacksmithing was a thriving business back in the horse and buggy days, especially in winter time when roads were icy. Many nights they had to work until midnight, or later, to get all the farmers' horses shod. Many horses were mean and unruly. If that were the case a twitch was put around their nose and someone would have to hold it. When the horse began to kick, a twist with

the twitch was usually enough to calm them down.

With the advent of cars, early 1900's, Dennis built an addition to accommodate car repairs. In the spring of 1918 the garage sold to Geiger & Naylor. During the summer of 1922 the garage burned to the ground from a delivery of gasoline.

NOTE - Sebastian, Caroline and Karl Tritsch are buried in East Cemetery, above where the tool shed is and under an old cedar tree. Frank Hammer and wife in St. Peter's Cemetery.

Children of Dennis and Bertha Traeger Hammer:

MARIE - married Joseph "Joe" Peck (deceased 1959). They had 3 children: Mabel Jean, Sherry Lu, (both are R.N.'s) and J. Wendell (owner of Peck Construction)
FREDERICK "Fritz" - a farmer, married Florence Wise and had 3 children. (deceased 1973)

HERMAN - a Pastor, married Marian Fischer, had 3 children. He served a missionary in South America for 34 years. (deceased 1986)

LENA - a school teacher, married Ernest Dennison and had 3 children.

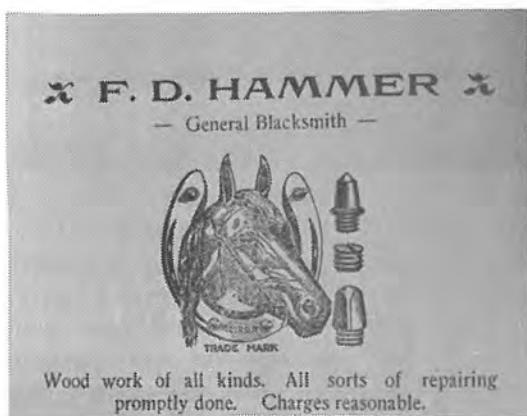
LYDIA - a homemaker, married Robert Kleinschmidt and had 3 children.

WILHELMINA "Billie" - an R.N., married Dr. Heinz Haffner and had 3 children.

EMMA - a beautician, married Rev. Arnold Kaitschuk and had 5 children.

FRANK JR. - Superintendent of maintenance for a manufacturing company, had 4 children.

ROBERT - a farmer, married Bernice Scheer and had 3 children.



HAMMER'S BLACKSMITH SHOP - 1895

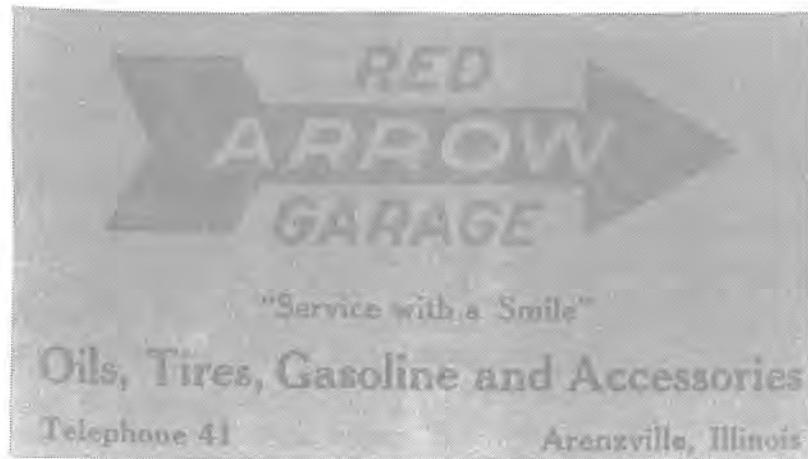
On corner of Frederick and Henrietta Street. Left to right - William Morris and son Opal, Walter Mackey, Keno Tritsch and Frank D. Hammer. Hammer sold out to Chris Krueger for a garage and moved to the farm in 1918.

The inside of Hammer's Blacksmith Shop. Note two automobiles inside shop.





The block building Hammer built over the old one in 1916. Before the old one was torn out, Krueger opened the Red Arrow Garage (Service With A Smile), run by Henry Naylor, L. (Doc) Wessler and Dave Giger.



The garage burned in August 1922. Note - burned gasoline truck. The fire was caused by a spark while filling gasoline tank with 5 gallon cans.

The house did not burn, but was torn down later, to make room for the house where Gerald Beard now lives.

William Witte, Sr. built the house on the corner, where Bob Alexander now lives.



"Heinie" Meyer to Leave Co-Op After 46 Years



"There's been a lot of changes in the elevator business during the last 46 years. When I first started everything came in by team and wagon, and you had a pretty good idea where to expect them. Now its all trucks and you never know when they'll roll in."

H.L. "Heinie" Meyer is working his last month with the Arenzville-Hagener Farmers Grain Company. He'll retire October 1 after 46 years with the cooperative, 41 years as manager.

The cooperative began in April, 1913, with the purchase of the McElroy & Treadway elevator at Arenzville and the Hagener elevator owned by the Beardstown Lumber and Grain company.

"My uncle, Henry Kloker, was appointed manager. He wanted me to take over the Hagener elevator right away - I was 31 years old - but I was working on the farm for Bill Hiners and decided not to quit him. In October of that year Bill told me to take the elevator job and I was what you might call a flunky at the Hagener elevator for five years.

"My uncle died in 1913 and the directors appointed me manager. Elevators in those days consisted primarily of a set of scales, a couple of log dumps and a railway spout."

Down Kerplunk

"They'd come in with their wagons," Meyer recalls. "Sometimes there would be a shy mule or a crazy horse - which meant trouble. We'd get the wagon on the dump and pull the lever and down she'd come, kerplunk."

"It's a lot easier and handier now. The truck rolls in, you press a button, take out the endgate and the grain flows into the dump."

The Hagener elevator was powered by a single-cylinder engine. "You can't beat those old Fairbanks - Morse engines," Meyer asserts, "after you get one of them started. We used to have to crank that one at Hagener until its tongue hung out before she'd start. Then she'd pound away all day long."

Since Meyer has been manager, the cooperative has acquired two other elevators and built another one. There are three at Arenzville and two at Hagener. Total capacity is 107,000 bushels. The feed mill at the "concrete elevator" in Arenzville is a busy place, using a car load of concentrates weekly.

The firm didn't get into the feed business until 1920, when it built a concrete block warehouse in Arenzville.

No Flour Today

"At first it was just bran and shorts and flour. Now we have all kinds of supplements, minerals and vitamins, but no flour," Meyer says. "Women don't do much baking these days, it seems."

Meyer says one incident taught him much. "I believe that anybody can make an honest mistake, and I don't get worried about things that excite a lot of people."

"I think it was back in 1910. A farmer was shelling corn and following the last load to the elevator to settle up. My uncle said there were 16 loads delivered; the farmer said there were 17. He got pretty riled up about it."

"But it later turned out that one man had found corn hauling an awfully dry job. Before dumping his load he tied up at the rack and went to the saloon and had a real load on before he remembered that he had a load of corn outside. He finally got around to steering the team to the elevator and everything was O.K."

Meyer was reared on a farm west of Hagener and married the late Minnie Winkelmann. His three daughters, Mrs. John (Louise) Schroeder, Mrs. Robert (Bernice)

Lovekamp and Mrs. Harold (Bernida) Rolf, live in this area and usually all of them have Saturday night supper together. He has been active in all phases of community life and served Arenzville as mayor for one term.

"Don't have any idea what I'll do when I retire next month," Meyer commented. "I've got plenty of work that I could do, but I'm not saying I'll do it."

Earl Schnitker's truck in a parade, around 1927.



Henry Witte in his Rambler parading down South Charles Street. Possibly a Fourth of July Parade.

THE MAN - JOHN ZUSCHKA

John Zuschka - Anyone who attended school in Arenzville will recognize the name. The following meager facts have been learned from his probate records in the Morgan County Courthouse and Perrin's 1882 Cass County History book.

His will reads:

"In the name of God, Amen, John Zuschka, considering the uncertainty of this mortal life, and being of sound and perfect mind and memory do make, and establish this to be my last will and testament, and I do hereby appoint John L. Cire to be the executor to carry into effect the same.

I. It is my will that my just debts be paid, that sufficient of my personal property be sold for that purpose, if my personal property should be insufficient, it is then my will that my executor shall sell first the unimproved land owned by me.

II. After the payment of all my debts and funeral expenses I do hereby will and bequeath, the residue of my property to the school in Arenzville, for the purpose of constituting a fund FOREVER: on which the rents or interest only, shall be applied by the trustees or school directors of the public school in Arenzville: to defray the expenses of teaching; religion and morals in the German and English languages.

III. If any or all of my land shall remain unsold, not being necessary for the payment of debts then, it is my will that the same remain unsold, to constitute a principal of the school fund for a public school in Arenzville the rents and revenues of which to be annually expended for the support of a common public school in Arenzville and in case any money remain in hand of my executor from the sale of my personal effects the same to be laid out in further improvements on my farm.

In testimony whereof, I have hereto set

my hand and affixed a seal in place of seal this 12th day of March A.D. 1843.

John Zuschka

Signed and acknowledged before us

Fr. Arenz
J.A. Arenz
Charles Cerper



The home of John Zuschka. Built on 80 acres of ground located just east of Arenzville, Illinois. It is now part of the Dober farm.

"Forever," for John Zuschka's will was a little over one hundred years.

John Zuschka was born 1795 and died 1843. Place of birth and country is unknown.

Perrin's History of Cass County, 1882, states - the first funeral in Arenzville was that of John Zuschka. He was an old bachelor without living relatives, had drifted about from place to place, receiving his first kind words in the employment of Francis Arenz. By industry and frugal habits he acquired possession of 80 acres of good ground near the town. (Just East) His will was written by J.A. Arenz, to whom he offered to bequeath half of his land, and the other half to his brother Francis Arenz. It was pointed out to him that neither of them needed such a gift, that he would perform a generous act of benevolence, and perpetuate his memory,

by bequeathing his farm to the school in Arenzville, to which he cheerfully assented.

Mr. Zuschka was not captivating in appearance, small in size, but he possessed a large soul, full of honesty and trustworthiness.

The citizens of Arenzville should honor his grave and remember his generosity. In 1985 I went to the courthouse in Jacksonville and copied John Zuschka's probate packet. From the pages of the appraisal of his good and chattels, the personal estate of Zuschka, I gleaned some interesting facts. His death occurred in September 1843, six months after he made his will. He was well prepared for the coming winter in that he possessed, among other things, 1 lot of smoking tobacco; 1 green cloth coat, 2 flannel and 8 other shirts, 1 plain roundabout, 1 drill roundabout, (a roundabout is a short coat or jacket) and 2 vest coats.

He also possessed 3 pounds candles, made in a 3 candle mold, 1 lot of beans, 3 beehives of honey, 38½ lbs. ham, 91 lbs. shoulder and side pieces, 4 pounds sausage, 20 bushel potatoes, sauerkraut, 1 keg lard, 3 gallon crocks with lard, 2 gallon crocks of vinegar, and a bag of flour. He also had 24 hens and 3 roosters. The chickens were appraised at \$2.00.

For long winter evenings he had two whole books to read, a song book and one millwright book, together with half of a book on United States history. He owned a gun for use as needed and also a mouse trap. The gun was appraised at \$8.00 and sold for \$9.12½. The total amount of his personal effects from the sale was \$106.72½.

Among his papers was a notice stating eight dollars was paid for making a coffin for John Zuschka, deceased, made by George

Gunther and Carl Vogel. Coffins in this era were made as needed by someone in the vicinity.

I well remember the day in grade school when I had to learn to spell John Zuschka. May 30, 1928, the school made its annual visit on top of the hill to his grave where a new monument was dedicated stating "Erected in appreciation by School District No. 45."



The old monument purchased in 1846 had deteriorated badly or was broken. It was on this day I realized what this man who had no family did for the children of Arenzville.

The 80 acres was sold upon consolidation, the money used to pay debts.

Hopefully "Zuschka Square" will still revere his memory and his great generosity for the future.

Jacksonville Journal Courier

MAY 1950 - The Arenzville school board has petitioned the Cass County Circuit Court for permission to sell the school farm east of Arenzville, which was deeded to the school board of directors in 1843 with the specification that it be used for teaching of religion, German, and morals.

JULY 1950 - The school board of Unit No. 27 will sell 80 acres known as John Zuschka farm, near Morgan - Cass line August 9. The farm was given to Arenzville school board in 1843 "to defray the expense of teaching religion and morals in English and German language." The courts have approved the sale, since it is illegal to teach religion in schools and German is no longer taught.

John Zuschka Sale Bill

Bill of appraisement of the goods, chattels and personal estate of John Zuschka, late of the county of Morgan, State of Illinois, this 30th day of September 1843.

Sale in October 1843.

ITEM	VALUE	SOLD FOR	SOLD TO
3# candles	.24	.36	Jacob Heinz
1 hat - silk	1.00	.68 $\frac{1}{4}$	Wm. Heinz
1 lot smoking tobacco	.31	.31 $\frac{1}{2}$	Wm. Heinz
1 green cloth coat	8.00	7.00	Philip Yeck
2 flannel shirts	.50	1.25	Philip Yeck
8 shirts	1.20	2.67	
1 linen roundabout		.75	George Gunther
1 plaid roundabout	.25	.90	Wm. Hering
1 cambric handkerchief	.12	.12 $\frac{1}{2}$	Philip Yeck
2 vest coats	.50	.68 3/4	Wm. Hering
2 pillow cases	.25	.75	Philip Yeck
1 pair jean pants	.38		Wm. Hering
1 blue drill round about	.38	.56 $\frac{1}{4}$	
1 sheet & 2 handkerchief	.20	.43 3/4	Philip Yeck
1 lot of old cloth	.06	.6 $\frac{1}{4}$	Wm. Hering
1 pillow case & feathers	.50		Philip Yeck
1 cane	.31	.64	Jacob Heinz
1 piece leather	.05	.07	J.L. Cire
1 chest	.25	.37 $\frac{1}{2}$	J.L. Cire
2 brushes	.10	.25	Philip Yeck
2 wet stones	.12	.50	Charles Vogel
1 pipe	.12	.50	Wm. Hering
3 hole candle molds	.12	1.22	Jacob Heinz
3 boxes	.10	.25	Wm. Hering
2 books & part of book	1.37	1.56	Charles Vogel
($\frac{1}{2}$ of U.S. History, song book & Millwright book)			John ?, Jacob Heinz

ITEM	VALUE	SOLD FOR	SOLD TO
1 coffee mill	.37	.43 3/4	Jacob Heinz
3 bowls & seed	.25	.40	Jacob Heinz
3 plates	.37	.70	Louis Heinz
3 cups & saucers			Charles Vogel
2 small tin baskets	.25		Charles Vogel
3 basins, 3 pints	.12	.12	
1 large tin basin	.25	.31 1/4	Wm. Hering
1 wood bucket	.25	.45	George Gunther
1 salt seller & pepper boy	.06	.20	Charles Vogel
1 box sundries & mouse trap	.12		Charles Vogel
1 stone hammer			J.L. Cire
1 shovel & tong	.15	.18 3/4	Wm. Hering
1 ink stand	.06	.10	J.L. Cire
1 snuff box and sundries	.25	.18 1/2	
1 box & skimmer	.05		
2 pillow cases	.12 1/2	.25	George Gunther
1 lot beans & 1 pair shoes	.50		Wm. Hering
1 pot & lid		.68 3/4	
1 spade		.87 1/2	
log chain		1.62 1/2	Wm. Hering
3 barrels		.25	George Gunther
1 work bench		.18 3/4	Louis Heinz
1 table		.12 1/2	Wm. Heinz
2 wooden tubs		.05	Louis Heinz
5 scantlings		.06	Louis Heinz
1 plough		3.00	F. Arenz
24 hens & 3 roosters		2.00	Louis Heinz
1 beehive		2.00	Jacob Heinz
1 beehive		2.30 1/4	Jacob Heinz
1 empty beehive		.20	Jacob Heinz
38 1/2 lbs. ham		1.73	Louis Heinz
91 lbs. shoulders & side pieces		.86 3/4	George Gunther
4 lbs. sausage		.18	Louis Heinz
20 bushel potatoes (10 bu.)		2.00	Joseph Kircher
1 corn rake		1.22	Wm. Heinz
1 harrow		.25	Louis Heinz
2 gal. crockery & vinegar	.25	.80	Charles Vogel
crock honey	.15	.40	George Gunther
1 crock basin w/honey	.12	.18 3/4	
1/2 gallon jug	.10		
3 gallon crock with lard	.10	.30 1/2	Wm. Heinz
1 keg		.18 1/2	Charles Vogel
1 keg		.12	
1 keg with lard		.63	George Gunther
1 lot of bottles		.25	J.L. Cire
1 candle stick		.12	
1 water pitcher & sundries	.20	.35	Charles Vogel
1 skillet			Christ Lovekamp
1 teakettle		.75	J.L. Cire
1 pan & oven		.63	

ITEM	VALUE	SOLD FOR	SOLD TO
1 large oven		.75	
1 spade		.50	Charles Vogel
1 hoe		.25	Charles Vogel
1 axe		.50	Christ Lovekamp
1 axe		.50	Henry Schmidt
sauerkraut		.31	
3 benches		.25	
1 saw		1.43	Jacob Heinz
1 hand saw		1.43 3/4	F. Arenz
1 oven and lid		1.45	Jacob Heinz
3 barrels		.25	George Gunther
2 benches		.60	Wm. Heinz
1 white blanket	2.00	3.75	Philip Yeck
1 horse blanket	.10	.12 1/2	Charles Vogel
1 coverlet & underbed	.38	1.25	Philip Yeck
1 fur cap & 1 cloth cap		.62 1/2	Wm. Hering
1 gun & utensils thereto belonging		9.12 1/2	Christ Lovekamp
1 lot cups, fine flour & bag		.37	Charles Vogel
1 auger		.12 1/2	Jacob Heinz
1 auger		.87	George Gunther
1 auger		1.31 1/2	Henry Schmidt
1 brace & bits	1.25	2.50	Jacob Heinz
1 scythe		1.62 1/2	
1 hammer & hammering iron		.06 1/2	Charles Vogel
1 wedge	.15	.25	Jacob Heinz
2 chisels	.38	.50	F. Arenz
1 drawing knife	.50	.93 3/4	George Gunther
1 square		.25	Jacob Heinz
1 hatchet		.37 1/2	Wm. Hering
2 adzes 1/25-1/50	.75	1.62 1/2	Louis Heinz Charles Vogel
2 marking needles, 1 file, screw driver		.25	
2 handle saws		.75	
3 planes	1.50	1.90	Louis Heinz
1 sieve	.38	.75	Charles Vogel
1 frying pan		.60 1/2	Henry Schmidt
4 bedposts	.13	.25	John Pfeil
1 old bedstead	.10	.10	Wm. Hering
4 forks/3 knives/1 spoon	.20	.75	Charles Vogel
shaving utensils	.15	.50	Philip Yeck

SOLD BUT NOT ON APPRAISED LIST:

20 bushel corn	8.36	F. Arenz
1 lot oats	.95	Fr. Arenz
1 lot spring wheat	2.06 1/2	George Gunther
1 lot stock corn	.68 3/4	George Gunther

2 acres of land, house and yard rented until 15th March of next year to J.L. Cire. \$2 .00
Amount of sale is \$106.72 3/4

J.A. Arenz, Clerk of Sale

ARENZVILLE SCHOOLS

Arenzville Precinct had the same experience with early schools as did other parts of the country.

In 1839, Francis Arenz had a small building erected on a portion of ground, specifically the north west corner of the village park, where the hamburger stand is located, on ground Arenz had donated for its building. The location was known as Arenzmill or by Arenz-mill at this time as the village was not officially organized and named until 1852. This little building, without steps or steeple, was used as a school when a teacher was available and as church on Sundays when a minister chanced by. School was usually of a short period of time, about three months, when heat was not needed. Each child paid some tuition, the sum and total of the schoolmaster's wages. When a teacher was not available some of the pupils were tutored at home. The early settlers were educated in their native lands and they were stanch believers in education and religious principals.



1892 SCHOOL

In 1892 a new building was erected where the present Zuschka school now stands. A two year high school course was added to the original eight grades.

In November, 1908, during school hours, the school burned to the ground. It was believed leaves in the gutters caught fire from sparks from the flue. A train going down the tracks to the south blew its whistle continuously alerting townspeople to the fire. There was no fire siren and only bucket brigades to fight fires.

Mrs. Lillian Weeks, a teacher in the building, told me the teachers were alerted about the fire. The pupils picked up their books, gathered their coats and left the building in orderly fashion.

Earl Zulauf told me he was a pupil at the time and while the girls cried, the boys were tickled to death. One boy who hated arithmetic even ran up and threw his arithmetic book in the fire.

The boy's happiness was short lived as school opened very soon in the old school in the village park. It had been sold to the town and used for a town hall and the east end of the building for a jail. The Bode brick was set up for classes and some classes were held in the Trinity Lutheran school.

A new school building was immediately erected and was named Zuschka School. It was used until 1969 when the final consolidation of grades 7 through 12 took place at Triopia school. Later the remaining grades were transferred elsewhere.

There has also been a church oriented school in Arenzville since 1873, operated by Trinity Lutheran Congregation.

An item of interest was found in the *Jacksonville Journal Courier* dated 75 years ago - 1909. It states:

"Three negro laborers, employed by R.L. Gonsalves in the erection of the school building at Arenzville, were driven from that place Wednesday night by a mob of citizens and to make their escape walked the entire distance from Arenzville to Jacksonville. Leaving Arenzville about eleven o'clock and arriving in this city at seven thirty Thursday morning."

Some of the most prominent business men of Arenzville are said to have been in the mob and if the negroes had not successfully made their escape it is difficult to surmise what would have been the outcome. The mayor and the board of education are very irritated over the matter, not only because of the discourteous and intended outrageous treatment to the laborers, but because they are very anxious to push the work on the new school building."

ZUSCHKA SCHOOL - BUILT 1909 →



FIRST GRADUATING CLASS OF ZUSCHKA HIGH SCHOOL
1890

FRONT ROW - Kate Dahman (Fox) (Blethem), Ellen Dresbach (McElroy), Cora Arentzen, the Professor, Alice Green (Hamm) and Lulu Bode (Hoffstetter).

BACK ROW - Fred Engelbach, Bert Weeks and Harry Crowder.

EARLY TEACHERS

February 21, 1867

A list of teachers authorized according to law to teach school in the county of Cass.

Allen, Ellen C.	Houston, R.A.
Anderson, A.L.	Kahe, J.C.
Ballatti, L.M.	Larmon, John A.
Barnes, Matilda	Lippert, George
Beggs, R.H.	Litlingwell, Charles K.
Bristow, E.L.	Loomis, Francis
Buck, Jane	Madden, John
Butler, Edwin H.	March, Sallie B.
Catlin, Mr.	Martin, W.H.
Coffin, George	Mathew, James H.
Cole, Jane	Mathews, Linda
Conover, Tillie E.	Mathews, Tillie E.
Cosner, Rebecca	McClure, Bertha
Dale, Sam P.	McClure, Lydia
Dale, John S.	McDonald, N.C.
Dale, E.M.	McDowell, James
Davis, Helen	McLaughlin, Agnes
DeSoller, Miss	Otgen, John A.
Diffenbacher, C.F.	Purviance, N.
Dowler, J.G.	Raybourn, J.F.
Downing, Lucy	Rice, Ellen
Dunn, Mary Ann	Robinson, J.H.
Dunn, Elizabeth	Roof, Elizabeth S.
Durham, Carrie	Ross, Sarah
Elam, Maria A.	Russell, Maggie
Elliott, Jane	Sackett, Ella
Emmons, Alice	Sackett, Flora C.
Englis, Hattie	Samuels, Titus O.
Englis, Josiah	Sands, Catherine
Evans, Mary	Shawne, George W.
Fanshu, Thomas	Smith, Delia
Garlic, Mary	Smith, Edwin
Gilband, A.J.	Steffenson, Sarah
Goodell, Frederick	Thale, William
Goodspeed, Alice	Turner, James E.
Gore, John	Tyron, A.C.
Gould, S.A.	VanDemark, Mattie
Graves, Lecrutia E.	Waring, D.L.
Hagener, William C.	Watson, Julia
Harris, Peraicia H.	Wheelick, Margaret
Hartley, M.P.	Wooldridge, Robert
Hitchcock, Addie	Wright, W.L.
Housekeeper, M.R.	



Zuschka Grade and High School. The name Zuschka is engraved on the white strip above the entrance.

ALUMNI OF ZUSCHKA HIGH SCHOOL

(NOTE - FEMALES MARRIED NAME IS IN PARENTHESIS)

1890

Arentzen, Cora
Bode, Lulu (Frye, Hoffstetter)
Crowder, Harry
Dahman, Kate (Fox, Blethem)
Dresbach, Ellen (McElory)
Engelbach, Fred
Green, Alice (Hamm)
Weeks, Bert

1891

Beard, Mollie (Hierman)
Hinners, Ella (Schenowise)
Hinners, Albert
Kraft, Pete
Linker, Charles

1892

Feldner, Eda

1893

Beard, Maud (Long)
Engelbach, William
Green, Amelia (Ham)
McCarty, Lydia (Engelbach, Coyle)
Pfeil, Esther
Rahn, Elizabeth (Niebold)

1894

Bridgeman, Cora (Houston, Divver)
Cire, Kate (Wood)
Green, Florence (Kloker)
Kircher, Anna (Winhold)
Rawlings, Elsie (Thornley)

1895 and 1896 - No Class

1897

Dyer, Lucius
McCarty, Walter
Swope, Nina Grace (Crum)
Zahn, Luzetta (Berger)

1898

Treadway, Anna (Thompson)
Zahn, Albert

1899

Green, Charles
Hoagland, Rose (Cowden, Truman)
McCarty, Lawrence
Smith, Lloyd
Weeks, H.G.
Winhold, Paul
Winhold, Hugo
Winhold, Bodo

1900
Dyer, Clarence
Fisher, Adelaide (Schnitker)

1901
McCarty, Augusta (Rentschler)
Schaefer, Ralph
Shrewsbury, Louise
Stock, John

1902
Bowser, Ethel (Syfert)
Burrus, Edgar
Carls, Arthur
Manion, Maud (Britton)
Niemann, Lillian (Weeks, Kircher)
Treadway, Walter
Weeks, Albert

1903
Boebel(Goebel), George
Burrus, Leah
Burrus, Grace (Carls)
Dahman, Chris
Hinners, Clara (Schuman)
Huss, Olga Marie (Weaver)
Kircher, Maud (Brown)
Long, Effie (Charlesworth)
Long, Nellie
Pfeil, Bertha Mae
Schuman, Lydia (Nordseik)

1904
Dyer, J. Floyd
McCarty, Hazel
Niemann, Corrine (Lovekamp)
Niestradt, Alma (Huffman)
Ratliff, Nellie (Newton)
Reed, Myrtle (Mills)
Schweer, Marie E. (Hackman)
Stock, Malinda (Weeks)
Stocker, Pearl E. (Duffy)
Williams, Joe
Williams, Maud (Goffinet)

1905
Arenz, Marie (Hefflin)
Dahman, Ida (Musch)
Houston, Sylvia (Treadway)
Rayborn, Ethel

1906
Burrus, Pearl (Brockhouse)
Hoagland, Florence (Weir, Clark)
Huss, Herbert H.
Musch, Henry W.
Musch, Dena L.
Treadway, Inez (Fisher)

NO 1907 Graduates

1908
Burrus, Roy
Eberhart, Myrtle Baumer
Hierman, Eloise Bernice (Burrus)
Niemann, F. Oscar
Niemann, Otto Henry
Shrewsbury, Natalie Fern (Wisdom)
Stocker, Mabelle V. (Becker)
Treadway, Warren

1909 - No Class

1910
Arenz, Opal
Houston, Gladys

1911
Batis, Eloise (Knight)
Brockhouse, Bertha (Stock)
Caldwell, Leah
Carls, Viola (Barnett)
Lovekamp, Lila (Niemann)
McLain, Edna (Mallicoat)
Smith, Florence (Stocker)

1912
Kolberer, Walter

1913
Houston, Genevieve
McElroy, Florence C. (Griffith)
Weeks, Maud Melba (Cowan)

No 1914 Graduates

1915
Frye, Marie (Blair)
Hierman, Imogene (Haley)
McElroy, Edgar
Musch, Irene

1916	Batis, Elizabeth (VanHerck) Lovekamp, Bernice	1924	Cox, Jessie (Van Doren) Dufelmeier, Frances (Peck) Greeley, Rose W. (Phelps) Kline, Katherine (Brennecke) Krohe, Paul Miller, Floyd Shaad, Vernon W. Zulauf, Grace (Schnitker)
1917	Burrus, Leona (Napier) Burrus, Harold V. McElroy, Grace (Perchal)	1925	Greeley, Cynthia (Rice) Hammer, Lena (Dennison) Rice, Everett Wilfred Wilson, Margaret (Morrison)
1918	Beard, Byron Long, Elvin Meyer, Armetta (Korte) Ray, Hazel (Stuart)	1926	Brockhouse, Edna L. (Hovenden) Buck, Harry Cox, Gladys (Pires) Lovekamp, Lillian Leone (Smith) Meyer, Elizabeth (Slaboda) Meyer, Arnold Meyer, Opal Nickel, Clarence Nickel, Arpha (Mason) Roegge, Velma (Ommen) Schnitker, Verna (Schone) Triebert, Lora Arlen (McCabe) Willey, Mary Ellen (Palmer) Witte, Harold Zulauf, Marcella (Wessler)
1919	Burrus, Melvin George Lovekamp, Elnora M. (Paul) Lutkehus, Lela M. (Andrew) Wessler, Lena (Fuelling)	1927	Buck, Beatrice (Ruppel) Herbert, John Kircher, John Korsmeyer, Marie (Tiemann) Nobis, Edwin Rentschler, Lucretia Rentschler, Louise (Mason) Roegge, Olga (Werries) Witte, Minnie Marie (Cody) Zillion, Joe
1920	Engelbach, H. Fredrick Garten, Marie (Digmang) Lovekamp, Grace (Schone) Meyer, Josephine (Janssen) Treadway, Blanche (Beard) Wessler, Harold	1928	Doyle, Henry Greeley, Dolly (Quigley)(England) Ham, Hester (Lovekamp) Hierman, Delmos Kloker, Pauline G. (Grant)
1921	Beard, Mary Mae (Beets) Dahman, Homer Herbert, Louisa (Shannon) Pfolsgrof, Arthur Aldo Rice, James William		
1922	Dober, Myrtle (Zillion) Engelbach, Charlotte (Hart) Meyer, Bernhardt Niemann, Margaret J. Wessler, Alvin Williamson, Alma (Beard) Zillion, Mabel (Beard)		
1923	Hamm, Theresa K. (Anderson) Herbert, Julia (McLain) Kolberer, Elsie Lovekamp, Alma (Schone) Niemann, Rosella Anne (Smith) Rice, Philip		

1928 (continued)
Meyer, Barbara (Abernathy)
Nickel, Clyde
Ommen, Melvin
Rexroat, James E.
Triebert, Russell
White, Leona (Harbin)
Wood, Wayne
Zillion, Mary E. (Clarke)

1929
Beard, John R.
Beasley, Alma (Marshall)
Hammer, Rev. Herman
Hansmeier, Virgil
Hierman, Frances (Sorlie)
Kolberer, Paulina (Scott)
McLain, Lulu (Stinson)
Robinson, Ada (Hungate)
Roegge, Paul
Weeks, Clifton

1930
Brock, Gladys (Rexroat)
Cox, Rachel
Dieckman, Ruth (Phillips)
Divver, Ethel (Tucker)
Fanning, Robert J.
Goffinette, Marguerita (Kircher)
Hammer, Wilhelmina (Haffner)
Hierman, Fay
Huppe, Norma (Krohe)
Rentschler, Hazel E. (Meyer)
Roegge, Selma (Kelley)
Witte, Pauline (Tomhave)

1931
Ater, June M. (Huss)
Bourn, Catherine (Means)
Braner, Mildred (Hansmeier)
Brasell, Robert R.
Craven, Ruth (Hierman)
Dufelmeier, Dorothy (Deistelhorst)
Ginder, Ralph
Ham, Albert
Long, Charles
Lovekamp, Luther
Wheeler, Eugene
White, Helen (Mallicoat)

1932
Ater, Malcolm
Ater, Charles
Barber, Margaret (Hall)
Beard, Lucille (Schnitker)
Brown, J. Mount
Brown, Waldon B.
Greeley, George C.
Kerr, Cornelius
Kloker, F. Paul
Niemann, Carol
Nobis, Melvin
Schnitker, Wilbur
Stock, Margaret (Crawford)
Talkemeyer, Inez (Niemann)
Wheeler, Adelaide (Braner)
Wheeler, Dorothy (Denny)
Witte, Lorene (Theis)
Zulauf, Elizabeth (Stanley)

1933
Abernathy, Wilbur
Bourn, Lucille (Brockhouse)
Braner, Frances (Custer)
Brock, Jessie (Young, Hawley)
Hahling, Frances (Hobrock)
Hierman, Kenneth
Mallicoat, Oren W.
Niemann, Arthur
Nobis, Eleanor (Dunham)

1934
Beard, Rena (Kruse)
Brasell, June (Meyer)
Hammer, Emma (Kaitschuk)
Harper, Lucille (Alexander)
Henry, Virginia (Scherrer)
Huston, Darus
Lovekamp, Louise (Weide)
McFadden, Frances L. (Hymes)
Meyer, Louise (Schroeder)
Nobis, Edna (Zell)
Peck, Gilbert
Peck, Lucille (Hansmeier)
Rexroat, Elizabeth (Knifley, Thors)
Talkemeyer, William
Witte, Wilma (Nobis)

1935

Abernathy, Eileen (Kemp)
Clark, John
Gaddis, Grace (Johnson, Haffaker)
Hackman, Mildred (Winkelman)
Kloker, Phyllis (Beard)
Musch, Melvin
Pfolsgrof, Rush (Stamper)
Schnake, Harold
Stock, Charles
Wheeler, Mardell (Gish)
Wilson, Mary (Joeckel)
Winkelman, Kathryn (Nobis)

1936

Brasell, Lois (Clark)
Briggs, Russell
Craven, Joe
Downs, Robert
Hackman, Anna (Farrar)
Hansmeier, Mildred (Illias)
Huppe, Edna (Lotter)
Mallicoat, Paul
Meyer, Bernida (Rolf)
Meyer, Bernice (Lovekamp)
Nobis, Alma (Boak)
Roegge, Mildred
Schnitker, Dorothy (Witte)
Schnitker, Mary (Brasell)
Streuter, Milton
Witte, Inez (Maschmeier)(Mason)
Ginder, Clyde

1937

Bourn, Esther (Brockhouse)
Greeley, Clarence F.
Ham, Charles Edgar
Lutkehus, Mary Louise
Niemann, William
Peck, Willard
Schone, Alice (Middendorf)
Witte, Ethel
Zulauf, Frances (Nelson)

1938

Beets, Merle
Burrus, Martin
Burrus, Robert
Clark, Bob
Goodpasture, Charles R.
Hobrock, Clifford M.

Hulett, Helen (Pasch)
Mincy, Irene (Cook)
Nicol, Vilbur
Peck, Melvin
Roegge, Marjorie (Natameyer)
Schnake, Leland
Wilson, Frances (Nicol)
Winkelman, Emma (Newkirk)
Witte, Marjorie (Witte)

1939

Bridgeman, Mary Elizabeth
Hamm, Percy
Hammer, Robert
Johnson, Lois Lee (Taylor)
McLain, W. Patterson
McLain, Mary Frances (Staake)
Meyer, Lambert
Peck, Marjorie (Schuarze)
Roegge, John H.
Schone, Lloyd
Stock, Rosemary
Witte, Robert
Witte, Charlotte (Huppe)
Zulauf, Wilbur

1940

Braner, Robert
Fisher, James
Kircher, Robert
Kruse, Katherine (Kuhn)
Lovekamp, Glen
Lovekamp, Marian (Gaertner)
Nobis, Harold
Paul, Alvin
Peck, Mabel Jean (Norris)
Peck, Richard
Roegge, Dorothy (Peck)
Schlueter, Arthur
Thyen, Helen (Kays)
Turley, Betty (Krohe)
Witte, Eileen (Meyer)
Zulauf, Marjorie (Coughlin)
Zulauf, Jeane (Clark)

1941

Clark, Ruby (Nobis)
Clark, Ralph
Curry, Frank
Fischer, Mary (Blum)
Hierman, Shirley (Keaton)

1941 (continued)

Kleinschmidt, Norman
Lovekamp, Theresa (Curry)
Lutkehus, Marjorie (Sheehan)
Musch, George Harold
Nicol, Muriel (Buck)
Niemann, Gordon
Reno, Betty (King)
Reno, Robert
Schnake, Earl
Schone, Doris (Hackman)
Winkelmann, Pauline (Martens)
Zulauf, Marvin

1942

Beard, Glenn
Braner, Marie (Paul)
Dufelmeier, Eileen (Burkey)
Engebrecht, Bernita (Kleinschmidt)
Lippert, Mildred (Wedeking)
Lovekamp, Letha (Ryan)
Lutkehus, Chester
Nicol, Leland
Niemann, Rosemary (Utter)
Roegge, Lucille (Mason)
Schnitker, Betty (Manker)
Schone, Bernita (Winkelmann)
Schone, Phyllis (Patterson)
Staake, Marlin
Stock, Robert
Zulauf, Dean

1943

Hendricker, Phyllis (Crocker)
Jones, Gerald
Kleinschmidt, Lorenz
Kolberer, Marjorie (Dimmit)
Lovekamp, Janet (Foster)
Mincy, Mary (Rowe)
Mincy, Hazel (Crafton)
Peck, Rosemere (Craxton)
Thomas, Clifford
Wheaton, Esther (Eggers)
Witte, Maxine (Schone)
Zulauf, William

1944

Bartelheim, Dorothy (Ware)
Beard, Joyce (Nicol)
Beets, Dorothy (Thurman)
Braner, Catherine (Huffman)

Burlage, Marie (Meyer)

Carls, Doris (Ring)
Engebrecht, Donald
Fricke, Norma (Drake)
Hendricker, Bertha (Winkel)
Hierman, Norma Helen (Deitrick)
Huffman, William
Lippert, Beryl
Lippert, Katheryn (Surratt)
Lutkehus, Russell
McKinley, Edwin
Menge, Charles
Meyer, Donald
Musch, Floyd
Nicol, Albert
Peck, Wendell
Schnitker, Doris Jane (Lovekamp)
Staake, Dorothy Ann (Kleinschmidt)
Stock, Ruth
Thomas, Mildred (Ham)
Wegehoft, Ilene (Buschmann)

1945

Burlage, Louise
Clark, Mary Lou (Penza)
Dufelmeier, Melvin
Goodpasture, Robert
Hart, Peggy (Ong)
Hendricker, Harvey
Kleinschmidt, Elmer
Kleinschmidt, Marjorie (Drake)
Kleinschmidt, Wilbur
Kolberer, Eileen (Niestradt)
Lovekamp, Delores (Reickert)
Lovekamp, Jean (Burrus)
Lovekamp, June (Houston)
Niestradt, Earl
Paul, Roberta (Meyer)
Peck, Idamae (Kilbane)
Roegge, Lorraine (Quigg)
Schone, Melvin
Thomas, Dorothy (Lovekamp)
Wessler, Evelyn (Raabe)
Winkelmann, Evelyn (Duewer)
Winkelmann, June
Niemann, Joan (Delaney)

1946

Beard, Gloria (Cooper)
Carls, June (Kleinschmidt)
Filey, Emma (Davis)

1946 (continued)

Goodpasture, Esther (Elliott)
Johnson, Halene (Reno, Brockhouse)
Lippert, Norman
Lovekamp, Dee (Thomas)
Miller, Marilyn (Orr)
Paul, Waldron
Ravenscroft, Naomi (Fischer)
Schlueter, Mary (McCarty)
Schnitker, Maxine (Beard)
Schone, Anna (Sullivan)
Zulauf, Melvin
Zulauf, Wayne

1947

Baird, Thomas
Beard, Myron
Carls, Alice (Ore)
Dahman, Ruth (Kinsey)
Dober, Donald
Jones, James
Kolberer, Wayne
Lippert, Wilbur
Lovekamp, Lois (Quigg)
Lovekamp, John
Lovekamp, Keith
Lutkehus, Rosalie (Cox)
McCloud, Eileen (Price)
Meyer, Wilbur
Niestradt, Mildred (Abernathy)
Nordsiek, Phyllis (Farrar)
Ore, June (Nobis)
Ore, Fern (McKenzie)
Ore, Fred
Roegge, Kenneth
Roegge, Esther (Schnelling)
Schlueter, Pauline (Rach)
Schnake, Marvin
Schnitker, Avalee (McAllister)
Thyen, William

1948

Beard, Lois (Baird)
Beets, Paul
Engebrecht, Joyce (Kleinschmidt)
Fozzard, Jean (Greer)
Hackman, Marilyn (Blase)
Hierman, Mildred (Deitrick)
Houston, Glenn
Kleinschmidt, Betty (Caldwell)
Kleinschmidt, Erwin

Lovekamp, Leroy
Lovekamp, Cora Mae (Scheer)
Lovekamp, Byron
Lovekamp, Stanley
Manker, Lena (Davis)
Nordsiek, Mary Margaret (Fiedler)
Parks, Floyd
Schnitker, Aleta (Kunzeman)
Schone, Mildred (Beard)
Tegeder, Mardell (Rogers)
Thomas, Helen (Privia)
Tiemann, Delbert
Wessler, Rosalie (Schone)
Wessler, Max

1949

Carls, William
Charlesworth, Helen (Mayberry)
Cooper, Kent
Dober, Judy (Jenot)
Ginder, Dale
Hendricker, Vera (Johnson)
Jones, Theresa (Klopfer)
Kleinschmidt, Dean
Kolberer, Donald
Lippert, Gordon
Lovekamp, Merle
Lovekamp, Janice (Fox)
Lutkehus, Kathryn (McKean)
Mason, Lucretia (Cloyes)
McKinley, Barbara (Stock)
Meyer, Robert
Mullens, Lila (Brown) (Riley)
Paul, Glen
Roegge, Glen
Roegge, Helen (Large)
Roegge, Harlan
Schone, Eunice (Rabe)
Schone, Dean
Winkelmann, Ada (Berghaus)
Witte, Barbara (Brockschmidt)
Zillion, Joan (Walters)

1950

Beard, Ralph
Burrus, Marilyn (Lovekamp)
Carls, Roland
Carls, Roberta (Staake)
Dufelmeier, Melba (Meyer)
Dufelmeier, Edward
Fozzard, Carl

1950 (continued)

Hierman, Clarice (Gray)
Kleinschmidt, Paul
Lovekamp, Richard
Nordsiek, Jean (Jockisch)
Roegge, Jean (Harrison)
Roegge, Marilyn (Stock, Dees, Eagle)
Roegge, Eloise (Kleinschmidt)
Ruppel, Richard
Tegeder, Juanita (Davis)
Tiemann, Byron
Wessler, Don
Wessler, Melvin

1951

Beard, Opal (Hansmeier, Lightle)
Beets, Jean (Haynes)
Carls, Kathryn (Lovekamp)
Fricke, Richard
Goodpasture, Joan (Quigg)
Ham, Edgar
Hansmeier, Jack
Jones, Mary (Rourke)
Jones, Floyd
Kolberer, Kenneth
Lippert, Max
Lovekamp, Constance (Cowan)
Mason, Melba (Fricke, Liss)
Mullens, Dale
Paul, Elizabeth (Chalupka)
Peck, Truman
Roegge, Carl
Roegge, Vera (Patterson)
Roegge, Rosalie (Miller)
Schlueter, Martin
Schnitker, Patricia (Roegge)
Schone, John
Zillion, Alice (Harbin)

1952

Lippert, Charlene
McCloud, Clyde
Peck, Sherry (Rawlings)
Peck, Carolyn (Hobrock)
Roegge, Colleen (Burlingame)
Ruppel, Roseanne (Ommen)
Schnitker, Ray
Schone, Earline (Roberts)
Spicer, Betty (Hiles)
West, Norman
Winkelman, Russell
Zulauf, Max

1953

Allen, Everett
Anderson, Rosemary (Hamm)
Beard, Max
Canada, Helen (Clemens)
Carls, David
Crawford, John
Fricke, Althea (Carls)
Hart, Karla (Weldon)
Huppe, Maxine (Lashmet)
Janssen, Larry
Kleinschmidt, Virginia (Nickel)
Leischner, John
McLain, Donna Lou (Kreig)
Mullens, Elta (West)
Mullens, Marilyn (Cuevas)
Nickel, Donald
Parkinson, Barbara (Learned)
Schlueter, Melba (Horrer)
Schone, Maxine (Becker)
Spicer, Carlos
Strickler, Maxine (Crawford)

1954

Beets, Beverly (Zirkle)
Dufelmeier, Norman
Hendricker, Helene
Hierman, Charles
Hobrock, Don
Kleinschmidt, Shirley (Treadway)
Kleinschmidt, Ronald
Lovekamp, Carroll
Lovekamp, Gordon
Lutkehus, Jean (Harbin)
Niestradt, Katherine (Dick)
Nickel, Elmer
Peck, Edwin [Eddie]
Roegge, Joy (Schnitker)
Roegge, Herman
Schone, Donna (Scroggins)
Strubbe, Wayne

1955

Bottens, Clifford
Carls, Joan (Gillespie, Jacobson)
Cox, Deloris (Meyers)
Dufelmeier, Alvin
Grant, Sara (Schone)
Hierman, Sally
Jones, Anna (Spuerrier)
Kleinschmidt, George

1955 (continued)

Meyer, Marshall
Mullens, Gayle
Noble, Larry
Peck, Alice (Thompson)
Plunkett, Delbert
Roegge, Melvin
Roegge, George
Schone, Ronald

Janssen, Helen (Prugh)
Leischner, Richard
Lovekamp, Jerry
Lovekamp, Sandra (Warden)
Roegge, Freida (Hines)
Schone, Joy (Wade)
Schone, Robert
Stinson, Billy
Wessler, Robert
Wood, James

1956

Allen, Robert
Brasel, Eileen (Noble)
Coats, Dorothy (McAllister)
Dahman, Marc
Dawson, Karen (Lerch)
Ginder, Lucille (Johnson)
Hall, George H.
Hart, Neal
Hierman, Gary
Kolberer, Helen (Feld)
Leischner, Charles
Lippert, Richard
Lovekamp, Marvel (Gardner)
Mason, Howard
McCloud, Irene (Peck, Sutton, Hicks)
McLain, William
Nickel, James
Noblitt, Eddie
Ommen, Wilma (Miller)
Parkerson, Janis (Housam)
Ruppel, Kathleen (Hoffman)
Schnitker, Ronald
Shannon, Susan (Nikolai)
Stock, Yvonne (Patterson)
Tegeder, Marilyn (Werries)
Wessler, Kay (Lippert)
Winkelman, Glenna

1957

Beard, James
Bottens, Ronnie
Carls, Gary
Clark, Marilyn (McLennan)
Emerick, Donald
Fricke, Nancy (Frazier)
Grant, Sharon (Walls)
Hierman, Margaret (Kazimer)
Hobrock, Sharlene (Breck)

1958

Abernathy, Mike
Dawson, Virgil
Dober, Eddie
Dufelmeier, Erna (Gilman)
Hall, Raymond
Hierman, Roberta (Elmore)
Huppe, Evelyn (Thompson)
Kleinschmidt, Barbara (Beard)
Nelson, Gary
Saylor, Jean (Moss)
Schnitker, Barbara (Hymes)
Schnitker, Mike
Shannon, Jim
Stinson, Byron Joe
Strubbe, Dale

1959

Alexander, William
Beard, Allen
Bottens, Wayne
Burrus, Ronnie
Clark, Lanni
Coats, Russell
Ginder, Margaret (Weiss)
Hobrock, Connie (Noblitt, Davis, Logue)
Jones, Raymond
Leischner, Carol (Pearson)
Lovekamp, Sharon (Strubbe)
McCloud, Ada (Collins)
Ommen, Byron
Parlier, Marilyn (Gliebe)
Plunkett, Norma (Gunnels, New)
Roegge, Beverly (Mau)
Tiemann, Barbara (Alexander)
Wessler, Carole (Beaver)

ARENZVILLE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

In the history of every organization, there stand out a few individuals whose enthusiasm and effort were responsible for its continuation. Such a person is Mrs. Lydia Coyle, at whose home the first alumni meeting was held May 11, 1897. Although the first class was graduated from Arenzville High School in 1890, it was not until Dr. William Engelbach and others saw the pleasure of continued contact by Alumni of Illinois College and realized that our high school graduates needed such an organization. A meeting was held April 26 to draft a constitution and arrange for the first reunion. Each member was assessed one dollar for the general fund of the Association.

The program of that first meeting might seem a little different from our programs of today. Piano Solo by Fred Engelbach, Address of Welcome by Alice Green, Response by Nina Swope, Piano Duet by Eda Feldner and Esther Pfeil, Alumni Prophecy by Fred Engelbach, Vocal Duet by Elsie Rawlings and Anna Kircher, Extemporaneous Address by C. Linker, Current events by Emilia Green, Recitation by Katie Cire, Sketches of Alumni by Florence Green, Piano and Flute Duet by Mr. and Mrs. George Engelbach. The banquet was served at George Kircher's Cafe.

The second Alumni meeting, held in 1898, was to be held at the Opera House with Professor Chapman as toastmaster. As there was only \$2.06 in the treasury, dues were raised to \$1.25. The banquet committee could not find any one to serve the meal, so it was necessary to dispense with that part of the meeting.

The meeting of 1899 was held in Zimmerman's Hotel, immediately after the Commencement Exercise and all the teachers, students and school board members were invited. There were still money troubles so all but the class of 1899 were assessed an extra fifty cents. An amendment to the Constitution was passed to the effect that no

graduate was an alumni until he signed the Constitution.

A new century broke and the Alumni Association was still plagued with money problems, therefore fifty cent dues were added for the year 1900. After much discussion, Alumni colors of green and white were adopted and it was decided some kind of entertainment should be given to help replenish the treasury.

The 1901 meeting was held in the Opera House with an elaborate repast served by the Cooking club. The years 1902 and 1903, Mrs. George Engelbach entertained the group in her home. The 1904 meeting was held at Nina Grace Swope's home, where the evening was spent "playing games and in social chat." At ten o'clock all departed to Mrs. Charles Reid's house, where a sumptuous feast was served.

The 1906 meeting was at the Opera House with eighteen members and five guests attending. The Swastika Restaurant was host to the 1908 Alumni. Edgar Burrus was toastmaster, George Goebel welcomed the class and Otto Niemann gave the response.

Mrs. George Engelbach offered her home in 1909, a short program and several contests were enjoyed. A luncheon of ice cream, wafers, fine confections and frappe were served.

The 1910 meeting was held at the Arenzville House and a two course spread served by Mrs. J.F. Stocker, Millicent Stocker and Laura Evans. The 1915 reunion was at the Hagener House with a fine meal served by the Junior Class. Mrs. Summers served the meal at her cafe for the 1916 affair. Two committees were formed, one to secure books for the high school library and the other to establish a memorial fund in honor of the school benefactor, Mr. Zuschka.

Even though the United States was at war, the annual event was held in 1918. Irene Musch gave a reading "Boys in Khaki." Ten dollars was given to the Red Cross, and the Association wrote a letter to Walter Kolberer, a member "Over There." The banquet was served at the Zulauf Cafe.

The 1920 meeting was at the home of Maude Weeks, with victrola music and contests making up the entertainment. Grace Lovekamp hosted the 1921 Alumni with a

luncheon at the City Hall. Music and dancing at the Odd Fellows Lodge was featured for the 1922 event, with refreshments served by Mrs. Proudfit. The 1923 banquet was in the Town Hall in charge of Kate Reckamp and Mary Schaeffer of the Arenzville Cooking Club. The 30th anniversary was observed in 1927 and a banquet held at the Methodist Church. This covers the early and colorful years of the Association.

WORLD WAR I



A contingent of young men drafted from Arenzville ready to leave for basic training during World War I.

Left to right, Edwin Paul, Elmer Lovekamp, Ed Charlesworth, William Meyer, Earl Hackman, Harry Niestradt, William McElroy, Rudy Meyer, Albert Witte and Henry Witte.

ZUSCHKA SQUARE

As the 1984-85 school year began in Arenzville, the rumors began to circulate that, due to its failure to meet state safety standards, the seventy-five-year-old Zuschka School would be abandoned at the end of the school year.

Neighbors and friends of the school speculated on the prospective uses of the property. All lamented the passing of the familiar sounds of the school bell and of children at play. Many could imagine it becoming a wilderness of weeds, or worse yet, a parking place for junk machinery. From many thoughts, a dread emerged. Why not have a senior citizens center, a place for Bread of Love meals and a fine place for family gatherings?

On October 23, 1985, a fact-finding meeting was held at Arenzville Legion Hall to determine if there was sufficient interest to consider buying the property which the Regional School Trustees were auctioning on November 1st. Over one hundred people attended the meeting and over seventy pledged twenty-five dollars each toward the possible purchase of the property. Thus, the one block square area with its two buildings were purchased for one hundred dollars. By previous agreement, title was given to the village.

Looking forward to leasing the smaller

building for use as a senior center, a not-for-profit corporation was formed to administer the operation. The first consideration was the selection of an appropriate name. After considering some half dozen suggestions, it was agreed that the name, Zuschka Square, properly honors the kindly John Zuschka who, over a hundred years ago, bequeathed his farm to the community for the education and Christian training of the youth of coming generations.

Even though senior members of the community meet three times a week for food and fellowship and dozens of families choose this quiet off-the-beaten path place for their reunions, Zuschka Square is not complete. The major part of this block is now under ninety-nine year lease to the Cass County Housing Authority. Plans are going forward for the razing of the large building to make way for an eight-unit housing complex for the elderly. Zuschka Memorial Apartments will offer one and two-bedroom apartments with utilities furnished and with laundromat attached. How nice that many who treasure memories of earliest school days at Zuschka may one day enjoy the serenity of retirement on this familiar site.

Courtesy of Robert Brasell



Arenzville
Senior Citizen
Center

Trinity Lutheran Parochial School



1913

TOP - Lorna Lovekamp, Alma Lovekamp (east), Norma Roegge, Elda Korsmeyer, Laura Roegge, Rev. C.A. Eberhart, Lena Wessler, Alma Lovekamp (north), Edna Wessler, Selma Nobis, Aurila Eberhart.

CENTER - Harold Wessler, Albert Wessler, Clarence Lovekamp, Manda Eberhart, Martha Wessler, Alma Huppe, Elda Ommen, Alvin Wessler, Arthur Kleinschmidt, Edgar Roegge.

BOTTOM - Theodore Lovekamp, Raymond Lovekamp, Wallie Eberhart, Alford Eberhart, Olaf Brockouse. Arthur Nobis. Elmer Roegge.



Trinity Lutheran Church Band of the 1920's

Herman Wessler, Harold Wessler, J.F. Thyen, Robert Lovekamp, Dorothy and Henry Witte, Gary Eberhart, John Janssen and Alvin Wessler.



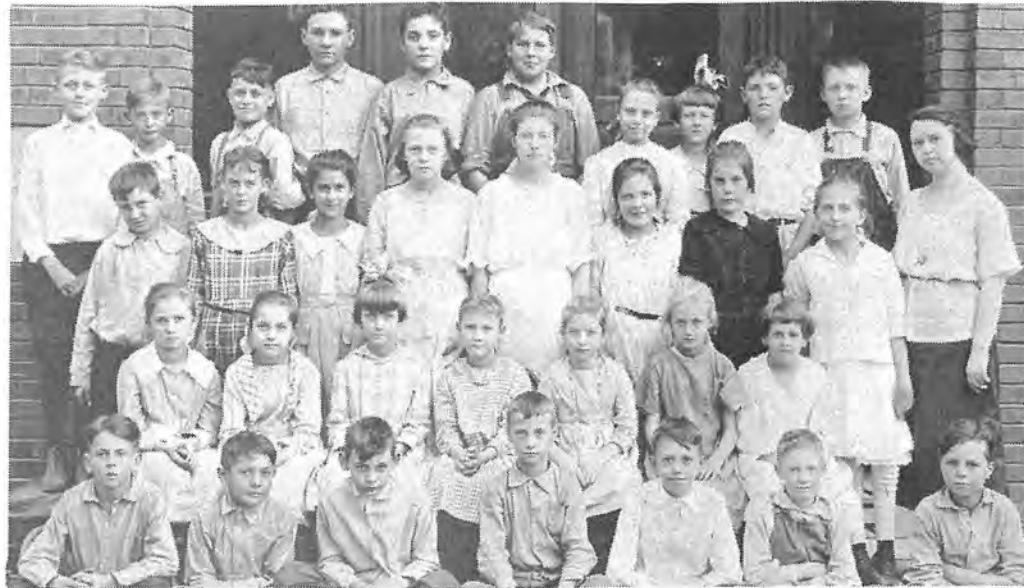
TRINITY LUTHERAN PAROCHIAL SCHOOL OF 1916 - Reverend E.F. Tonn
 TOP ROW - Esther Kleinschmidt, Emily Tonn, Minnie Huppe, Lorna Korsmeyer, Clara Roegge, Norma Roegge, Alma Lovekamp, Lorna Lovekamp, Elda Korsmeyer, Selma Nobis, Alvin Wessler, Martha Wessler, Elda Ommen, Marie Roegge. SECOND ROW - Walter Lovekamp, Edwin Kleinschmidt, Edward Wessler, Edwin Nobis, Robert Roegge, Homer Roegge. THIRD ROW - Walter Roegge, Arthur Kleinschmidt, Herbert Weber, Theodore Lovekamp, Arthur Nobis, Raymond Lovekamp, Otto Nobis, Elmer Roegge (east). BOTTOM ROW - Roy Lovekamp, Lorenz Lovekamp, Harry Lovekamp, Harold Roegge, Leland Bartelheim, Elmer Roegge (north).



1926-1927
 PUBLIC SCHOOL 1st & 2nd Grade Lena Hays, Teacher
 BACK - Joe Craven, Irene Mincy, Ruth Mackey, Wm. Saylor, Charles Ham, Edward Fanning. FRONT - Kathryn Davis, Tony Pfolsgrot, William Niemann, Mary Jane Phillips, Frances Zulauf Nelson, Willard Peck, Frances Wilson.

PUBLIC
SCHOOL

1921



TOP ROW -

Wayne Woods, Lewis Kloker, John Bridgeman, Charles Briggs, Earl Mackey, Clarence Saylor, Mary Davis, Josephine Crum, Kenneth Mackey, Edwin Lovekamp. 2nd ROW - Doyle Henry, Hester Ham, Mary Zillion, Clara Roegge, Anna Patton, Hazel Bridgeman, Flora Lowder, Frances Hierman, Dorothy Nash, Teacher. 3rd ROW - Ruth Gish, Paulina Kolberer, Marjorie Koch, Inola Davis, Ethel Divver, Helen Kloker, Fay Hierman. 4th ROW - Delmos Hierman, Noah McGinnis, Francis Cline, Russell Triebert, Clifton Weeks, Orvis Turley, Norman Schnitker.



PUBLIC
SCHOOL

1921

1st ROW - Harlan Lovekamp, Arnold Meyer, Russell McGinnis, Joe Zillion, Robert Ham. 2nd ROW - Mabel Smith, Helen Schnitker, Lora Triebert, Lavern Zahn, Inez Kloker, Marcella Zulauf, Dorothy Reckamp. 3rd ROW - Ruth Rooney, Mary Crum, Helen Bridgeman, Sadie Kloker, Marcella Hierman, Emily Tonn, Roberta Hierman, Marie Arenz - Teacher. TOP ROW - Gilbert Bridgeman, Herbert Weber, Otto Nobis, Lillian Lovekamp, Olga Brockhouse, Pearl Mackey.

ARENZVILLE SPORTS



1953 - 54 BASKETBALL

Front Row - Don Kemp, William McLain, Bob Allen, Neal Hart, Charles Hierman, Ronnie Schnitker, Ronnie Kleinschmidt.

Second Row - Gayle Mullens, George Roegge, Carroll Lovekamp, Eddie Peck, Mark Dahman, Don Hobrock, Coach Heitbrink.

Third Row - Marshall Meyer, Norman Dufelmeier and Gordon Lovekamp.



THE BLOOMER GIRLS

Girls Basketball team - circa 1910. Games were played in the Opera House before the fire of 1913. The girls were not allowed to use hair pins in their hair during a game, so dust caps were worn.

Olga Long, Marie Frye, Imogene Hierman, Grace McElroy, Flo Hierman, Velma Baker and Nina Rich.

SWEET SIXTEEN
1950

For the second time in its history, Arenzville grade school's basketball squad, under the tutelage of Alvin Heitbrink, is making the little "Sweet Sixteen" trek, held this year in Forrest, Illinois.

Front Row - managers, Gary Hierman and S. Heitbrink.

Second row - Jack Coats, Don Hobrock, Gordon Lovekamp, Carroll Lovekamp, Neal Hart.

Back Row - Landon Coats, Gayle Mullens, Marshall Meyer, Charles Hierman, Ronnie Schnitker, Coach Heitbrink.



Front Row - Don Wessler, Marvin Schnake, Jim Jones, Stanley Lovekamp, Paul Beets, Kenneth Roegge.

Back Row - Coach Jack Escoria, Harlan Roegge, Wilbur Lippert, Leroy Lovekamp, John Lovekamp, Donald Dober, Gordon Lippert, Max Wessler.

ARENZVILLE CHURCHES

The first building for worship services was erected in 1839 and paid for by Francis Arenz on land donated by Mr. Arenz. It was located in the north west corner of the present village park. It was very small without steeple or porch, however we have only description as no picture is available. The building has always been referred to as the "little Union Church." As time passed and a teacher was available for short periods of time school was also held here.

The "little" building became too small. In 1866 a larger building was erected by the people in the south west corner of the village park. All denominations worshiped here — Mormons excepted. The church building debt became too much to handle so the Presbyterian congregation paid the debt and the church was then known as the Presbyterian church. Other denominations continued to worship here provided the Presbyterians were not using it at the time.

Other congregations finally built their own churches and in 1905 the Methodist church was built, making the Presbyterian church — totally Presbyterian.

In 1973 the church was abandoned and demolished. A communication in the Jacksonville paper at the time best describes the feeling of the entire community. It states —

"To the editor.

Over one-hundred-and-forty-nine years ago our grandfathers and great grandfathers erected a very small church-school building in the village park at Arenzville to be used by all denominations. As time passed the Catholics, Lutherans and Methodists built churches of their own. The little church became the Presbyterian Church.

Our forefathers' united effort has been our town's greatest asset throughout all these years. Its problems, joys and sorrows have become united problems. Today we boast "The Home of the World's Best Burgoo," Sam Batis Park and the Legion and Community building, all results of united effort.

We are justly proud of them."



This was the second church built in Arenzville and, like the first, was used by all denominations, except Mormons.

So the little church that later became the Presbyterian Church was the oldest in Cass County and was disbanded and torn down. Our little town was sad to see its passing but proud of the heritage its influence has had over the many years.

The church bell has been preserved in the town park, near the site of the church. It was the united effort of many people.



Removal of the bell.

Much has been said about the efforts to keep the bell as a visual memory of our heritage, but it was all summed up by two boys cleaning brick - a public service for the bell's preservation building - at the church site. The one boy [Karmen Kruse] said, "It isn't every town that has a bell in its park." The other boy [Mitchell Rawlings] replied, "It isn't every town that cares if they have a bell."

We are proud of Arenzville with its beautiful trees, churches, schools, neat homes and lawns, its beautiful Tower View addition and its plans for the future. Most of all we are proud of its people. Our forefathers' concern is still our concern, already it is our teenagers concern as shown by the above conversation. We are lucky to live in Arenzville, I know I am.

Hester Lovekamp"

The day the building was destroyed a hay baler had been parked on Main street. The owner did not think his machinery was in any danger so did not move it. However, the church fell to the south on the hay baler. The insurance man wondered what the company would think when he sent a claim to them stating a church fell on the hay baler.

The bell was preserved in the Village Park. It is unique in that it is complete with bell, wheel and rope. I have been told the wheel is made of persimmon wood, a statement I cannot prove. Its preservation was sponsored by the Cass County Historical Society.



Bell preserved in the village park.

The Catholic church was built in 1899. The little church is kept neat and attractive. The first church meetings were in homes, particularly the house on top of the hill just east of the present church, owned by John Adam Herbert. It is an active church.

The Methodist church was built in 1905, with an addition constructed in 1975 for Sunday School and meeting rooms. The Methodist church has the most beautiful stained glass windows in shade of blue. It is a very active congregation.



The Methodist Church was built in 1905, with more rooms added to the back in 1975.

Trinity Lutheran church was built in 1872, together with a school. In 1909 the old church was moved to face Washington street. It is now owned by Beryl Lippert and Fay Hierman resides there.

The present church was erected in 1910 and the school building moved behind the church. In 1947 the old school building was torn down and the present school built as part of the church complex. The tall spire was taken off in 1957. Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Hart gave the building west of the church, known as Meyers Store, to the congregation, and it houses school facilities, Pastor's office and a meeting room. Grades pre-kindergarten through sixth grade are taught here. It is an active congregation.

While our book's limitations have been within Arenzville's limits we have always considered St. Peter's Lutheran church as a part of the village and its growth. The first Lutherans met in the first little Union Church. A bowling alley across from the church was a great distraction due to noise on Sunday. The elders decided to build a short distance north west of the village in 1852. Two months before its 100th anniversary vandals destroyed the church. It was a sad day for our entire community. A new edifice was erected immediately and it houses an active congregation.



The Catholic Church was organized in 1859. In 1882 this house was used for church services.

The house is still occupied by a family and is commonly known as the Breyer home. My grandmother died here in 1909.



This Catholic Church was built in 1899.

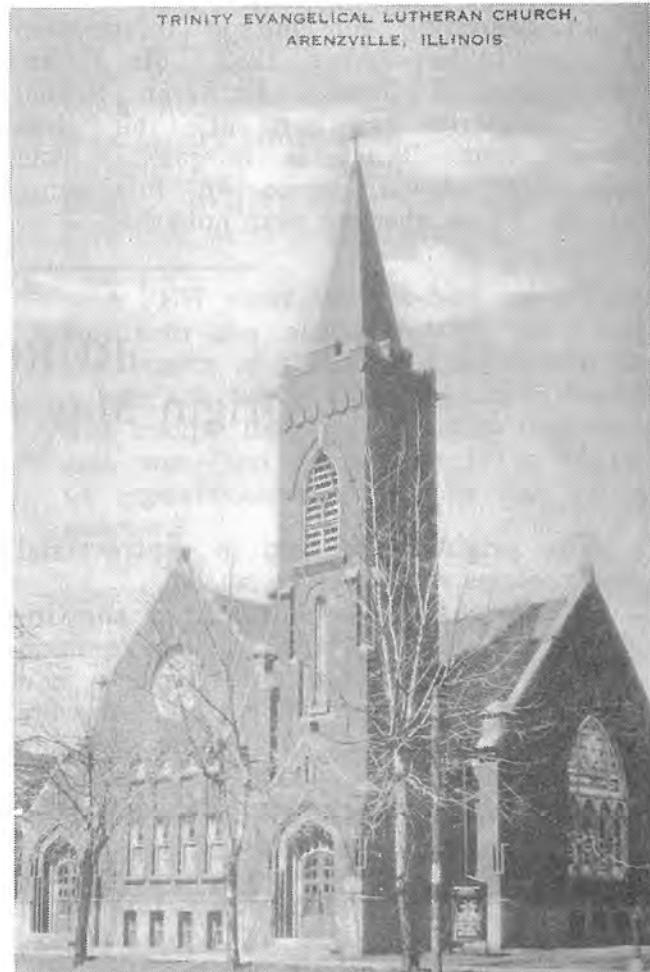


TRINITY LUTHERAN'S
FIRST CHURCH
AND
SCHOOL

1872-1873

ABOVE - The first Trinity Lutheran Church was built in 1872, the school built in 1873. In 1909 the old church was moved north to Washington Street and made into a two family home, which is still used, as of 1988, by Fay Hierman. It is owned by Beryl Lippert.

The old school was moved on the alley, then in 1947, it was torn down and a new school and gym built on the back of the church.



Present Trinity Lutheran Church
Built in 1910

Arenzville Burgoo

An item in the *Beardstown Illinoian Star* on September 1st, 1964, seems to be the most instructive about what burgoo is all about.

The places referred to are as follows: Rexroat feed lots were just East of the village on land now owned by Robert Clark.

The well referred to is still usable and is at the foot of the hill past the barn owned by Grace Van Herck.

Wessler's block house stood at the spot on Louisa Street where Ken Huey's trailer now stands.

Lester Smith, in 1988, celebrated his 70th wedding anniversary in California where he and his wife Clara live.

In searching for burgoo information I found in September, 1982, Mr. Gremel's class of Trinity Lutheran School had to write, as part of their class requirement, "What is burgoo?" One boy, age eleven, wrote an interesting article. These answers were published

in the *Triopia Tribune* —

"It all starts with a kettle, then water, then a fire under the kettle, when the water gets hot, in goes the meat. The corn, carrots and lots of other things go into the world's best burgoo. Then everybody likes it! So you go to five kettles, — it's not enough, so you go to fifteen kettles, a hamburger stand and a ride or two. They like it even more. The next year thirty-five kettles, a hamburger stand and thirteen or fourteen rides, two dunking machines, four or five games, a teen age dance, a car show, a tractor pull and a million other things. And to think it all started with one kettle.

By Charles Ater, age 11

This student is a grandson of the Charles Ater who interviewed Frank Dober in the following newspaper article.

BURGOOS Origin May Date Back To Indians

By Charles Ater

The origin of Burgoo is controversial and perhaps will never be settled.

It may have descended from the Indian's potlatch or feast. It was common for one successful in the hunt to add the fresh meat to the pot of left-overs from previous meals, add herbs and any other edibles. Then when this was cooked the whole village was invited to the feast.

BURGOO is as common as cockleburs here in the central western Illinois in an area of less than 75 square miles, but beyond that it is a friendless alien.

It is found in every town and hamlet here and in the dictionary. There it is described as a soup or picnic or both. The origin of the word is uncertain.

In my search and research for details of the dawning in history of this gourmet elixir, I found many older citizens had remembered many interesting incidents, but only one, Frank Dober, could give pertinent information of its near beginning.

Horace Virgin, a neighbor to the northeast, stated that his father attended a Burgoo in or near Virginia,

Illinois, soon after 1850. This was prepared by the Indians and little more is known concerning it.

Mr. Dober, with an occasional interruption from me, said:

"I was born in November, 1874, right here and have spent my life here. When I was just a kid maybe 10 years old, not over that, I went over to the Rexroat feedlots to a Burgoo held there - (about a half mile west).

I am not sure that it was the first one. It seems like they had had a couple before that but not over there. The public wasn't invited, but when I got over there, they put me to work in a stand dipping out soup. I worked all day and got nothing for my work except dinner which was Burgoo, and I didn't like the stuff. They never again got me in one of those stands."

Today cooks and chefs add numerous aids to improve foods already good. One wonders which was the accent for the other, our Burgoo or the feedlot aroma!

Mr. Dober states further:

"At the first ones there were liberal supply of schnapps and usually some went home early escorted by buddies who themselves were none too sober.

For entertainment they had a shooting match. They used live farm pigeons under a small tin container, and when the container was tipped away from the bird by pulling a string attached to it, the bird darted away, this way and that. It took a better shot to hit them than it does for today's clay pigeons because they were quicker. Our local champion was Fred Lippert, but he did not last long against two experts from Browning, Frank Drawve and Wilbur Dunham. They were duck hunters, and that was the time when there was no limit, and lots of men shot over a hundred ducks a day. Some just shot them and let most of them lay."

WHEN ASKED if he remembered the contents of the soup Dober stated:

"Yes, pretty well. They used lots of squirrels. In those days there were lots of squirrels. You could shoot 30 or

40 in one morning. They used other wild game and some beef. I don't think they ever used any deer, though. (This is contrary to 'vague' reports I have heard.) They used lots of vegetables and some corn."

Jesse Mannion owned the slaughter house near the feed lots. The well down the hill from the school farm entrance is the one dug and used for the slaughter house.

The Burgoo was held at the feed lots for several years and then moved to Kolberer's timber north of town.

MANY of the oldsters remember it from here on.

It was a little close to town, and maybe they had improved the recipe after a couple of years. It was held just barely in the edge of the village and became a public institution. This location was at the Wessler's block house. The block house was a very active institution at that time, turning out thousands of concrete blocks, well covers and well rims. Five men were employed there.

A FEW years later it had worked its way into the hearts of the town and the hearts of the people. (The way to a man's heart is through his stomach) The recipe had been greatly improved and was "top secret" as it is today. (A typewritten copy can be had for a quarter.)

At this new location it has reigned supreme for many years, near the jail and in shadows of two churches.

Entertainment through the years has varied. At the Kolberer location Congressman Henry Rainey spoke. Ed Dober, better known as Big Ed, vividly remembers, at age twelve, going with his father to the depot in a carriage to meet Mr. Henry T. Rainey, who was speaker.

Through the years its popularity has risen and fallen.

In 1909 the local A.T.A. (Anti-Thief Association) was granted a charter with 65 members. It adopted the almost orphaned Burgoo and it

became a well attended festive affair for many years. Then its popularity hit low tide in pre-depression days.

In 1928 Lester Smith, an itinerant grocer (you can tell by the name he was a foreigner) revived it. This was probably the earliest restoration of life, using the mouth-by-mouth method.

Since then, it has survived gracefully without other transfusions. It lives in actuality for two gala days preceded

by several days of preparation and storage.

The rest of the year it lives in the minds of the people as a perfect product of alchemy, a gourmet's delight.

This is attested by the boastful signs at the Village limits, asserting that this is Arenzville, the home of the World's Best Burgoo.



ARENZVILLE BURGOO

The hint of fall is in the air,
Kids are in school much to their despair.

There's much to do the first of September,
It's burgoo time again for people to remember.

Yes, burgoo time's here with kettles lined up,
People are missing cats, I'm missing a pup.

One things for certain, we'll stand and cheer,
For the Arenzville burgoo on this special year.

Written by Bob Alexander

Arenzville Burgoo



ARENZVILLE SOUP MAKERS OF 1921 - Note the men sitting in kettles.

Left to right, 1-Dallas Streeter, 2-Edward Dober, 3-Weir (Bob) Hierman, 4-George Hall, 5-Charles Herbert, 6-Jim Zillion, 7-Paul Batis, 8-William (Bill) Charlesworth, 9-Clem Haxton, 10-Otto Lutkehus, 11-Russell, 12-Bert Kolberer, 13-Gayle Hierman, 14-Aldo Hierman.



COOKING BURGOO SOUP IN 1971
Robert Curry, Clifford Thomas and Theodore Lovekamp



Arenzville Centennial

Arenzville, Illinois
September 20, 21, 1939

THE PICTURE ON THE FACING PAGE WAS AN ENTRY IN THE CENTENNIAL PARADE.

BACK ROW - From left to right:

Dan Miller, holding mules; a Nicol boy; Walter Tritsch; Sam Challiner, as Indian on buckskin pony; Mrs. Archie Wheaton; Lucille Harper; McDaniels; Freddie Ore, with dog; Donald Dober; Dale Lovekamp; Donald Kolberer; Judith Dober; Mrs. Arthur Wood; June Ore; Jim Ater, who said he was 77 years old; Arthur Wood, driver of covered wagon; Julius Hacker's boys - Opal & Ray; ? girl from Jacksonville; Ernest Ragan; Archie Wheaton, the Indian; Russell Alexander, who put this all together.

FRONT ROW - From left to right:

Cox, on first pony; Dwight Kershaw, on spotted pony in water; Merle Beddingfield, Jr.; Aubry Ore, with his cow - a sure hit as he rode her through the parade; Arthur Wood drove his two mules, old "Pete & Jack" and a team of John Nickel's mules.

The group won first prize of \$25.

Lovekamp and Kolberer wore suits of Carl Thornley's, which were between 50 and 60 years old. Mabel Wheaton and Lucille Harper wore dresses from Mrs. Challiner that were around 100 years old. The three cornered shawl that Mrs. Wood wore was also from Mrs. Challiner. The goods were spun and woven in England, better than a hundred years in age. Her skirt came from Cynthia Brunk and belonged to her mother. The very old skirt was about six yards around the bottom. Mrs. Wood's "waist" was from Mrs. Tritsch (Mrs. Theodore Fricke's mother) and the silk split bonnet belonged to Mrs. Ella Ray's mother.

Photo courtesy of Mrs. Arthur Wood

ARENZVILLE CENQUADTENNIAL

1964

The biggest crowds in the history of Arenzville thronged the Village Park and lined the streets during the two day Cenquadennial and Burgoo on September 2 and 3, 1964, to witness a parade of over 60 entries, enjoy varied entertainment, and consume gallons of burgoo.

The Charles Ater family won first prize, hands down, for the best pioneer entry in the parade. The Ater covered wagon, drawn by a pair of lumbering, but lively Herefords, was the outstanding representative of pioneer life.

An old-fashioned meat market, the Zulauf Market entry, took second place, and the Arenzville Cub Scout Pack 118 placed third with a float depicting Washington Crossing the Delaware.

A hard-working sawyer on the Beard Implement Company float completed cutting a large log with a hand-powered saw by the time the parade ended, though the modern power saw on the same float would have made quick work of the project. This "New and Old" float won fourth prize.

The judges were hard put to choose top winners among the many lovely decorative floats which represented hours of planning and work by their creators.

Declaring that "there just aren't enough prizes to go around," the judges announced the first place winner the Presbyterian church. The theme of their float was "He's Got the Whole World in His Hands."

St. Fidelis Catholic Church portrayed Father Marquette and Louis Joliet traveling up the Illinois River, and captured second place.

Trinity Lutheran church's "Worship Then and Now" bore the slogan, "Times Change, but Not the Word of God," and was third place winner. The Betsy Ross 4-H Club was fourth with the theme,

"Friends Around the World." The girls appeared in colorful costumes of other nations.

Antique Autos Gleam

Antique autos gleaming as brightly as though they had just rolled off the assembly line were judged as follows: 1st place, a 1934 Buick Touring Car driven by George Powell of Jacksonville; 2nd place, Jim Tree 1931 yellow Model A; 3rd place, a 1928 green Model A owned by Harold Dodds; 4th place, a 1926 Model T Touring Car shown by Harvey Vincent of White Hall.

Miscellaneous entries afforded variety and amusement. The Ralph Clark family in an antique surrey drawn by a team of grays were declared first place winners. Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Herzberger led their cycling family to second place on a tandem bicycle. Jeff, Sue, and John followed on bicycles, and young Matt brought up the rear, furiously pedaling his tricycle. All were dressed in matching red and black outfits.

Third place went to the Raymond Dufelmeier family who coaxed their burro into drawing them in a small runabout.

Campaigning for Herbert Hoover in the first Model A (1928) to be delivered in Arenzville, the Neal Hart family was awarded fourth prize.

The Morgan County Saddle Club and the Midwest Saddle Club, Virginia, placed first and second in the saddle club entries.

Best Beards

The contest that probably required the longest preparation for the participants was the beard-judging. Among the fine specimens of tonsorial

art were the following winners: the whitest beard, Earnest Parkerson; reddest beard, Wendell Peck; blackest beard, John Crawford.

The best full beard, Charles Ater; the best mustache, Herman Roegge; the best Abe Lincoln beard, Gerald Beard; the most ridiculous beard, C.E. Vincent; the Most on the Face and Least on the head, Dale Braner.

Selecting winners from among the many beautiful women's costumes was another tough assignment for the judges, but they came through with the following decisions: the most authentic costume, Miss Julia Robison; the best copy, Mrs. Richard Lippert; the most complete costume, Mrs. Don Wessler; the prettiest dress, Mrs. William Rawlings.

The award for the largest costumed family went to the Rev. and Mrs. Roland Welch and children. The best dressed was the David Carls family. The oldest couple in costume were Mr. and Mrs. Herman Lovekamp, the youngest married couple were Mr. and Mrs. Ken Phelps.

Anyone waiting in the lines to be served can well believe that over 2000 gallons of the soup were cooked and consumed, as well as 1000 pounds hamburger, 100 pounds hot dogs, 370 cases of pop, and 5000 cups of iced tea. All that was left for sale at the end of a very busy evening Thursday were 2 lonely boxes of candy bars.

So now the hoop skirted dresses, the frock coats and top hats will be folded away in moth balls. The antiques will find their way to attic storage places, and the beards, so carefully nurtured these several months, will fall before the razor.

But the memories and snap shots and newspaper items and pictures will be brought out time and time again as a wonderfully successful Cenquadennial and Burgoo will re-live for all those who took a part in its celebrations.

More Than 2000 Register at Exhibits

Over 2000 persons registered at the historic exhibits at the Arenzville Cenquadennial and Burgoo September 2nd and 3rd, 1964.

Much interest was displayed in antiques shown in the Cowan building. Old Bibles, newspaper clippings, collections of antique glassware and china, coin silver, jewelry, clothing worn by early settlers, antique dolls and buggies, cradles and other furniture were shown, as well as early musical instruments in playing condition, spinning wheels, numerous items used by early settlers made of iron, wood, and other materials, guns, millstones, sleigh, side saddle, Civil War items.

Visitors were from Missouri, Florida, California, New York, Pennsylvania, Iowa, Arizona, Nebraska, Kansas, Wisconsin, Anchorage, Alaska, Michigan, Canada, Montana, and surrounding towns.

Those who gave their time to make this display possible were - Mr. Theodore Lovekamp, Chairman; Mrs. Theodore Lovekamp, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Clark, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Lovekamp, Mrs. Laura Hierman, Mrs. Marie Peck, Mrs. Roland Beard, Mrs. Raymond Schnitker, Mrs. Fran Hobrock, Mrs. Minet Long, Mrs. Edward Wessler, Mrs. Don Gish, Mrs. Fred Knight, Mrs. E.A. Schnitker and Keith Strubbe, and night watchmen Paul Stock and Reeson Daniels.

The helpers in costumes of the period were on hand to read descriptions and answer questions.

All items, more than 600 of them, were returned with none missing or broken.

ARENZVILLE CENQUADENNIAL PAGEANT

SCENE I - Chorus: AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL - ILLINOIS

SCENE II - JAMES SMART - Virgil Long
INDIANS - Carl Bischoff, Jim Morrison, Randy Nobis, Charles Paul

SCENE III - FRANCIS ARENZ - Don Wessler

SCENE IV - SETTLERS and "THE THREE-MILE STRIP" - Emma and Jim Davis and family; Wanda and Dean Stock and family; Grace and Charles Ater and family; Mary and Paul Dufelmeier and family; Barbara and Jim Beard; Len (Doc) Ginder; John Schnitker; Jeane and Ralph Clark; Dick Bartholomew; Gene Farmer; Mary and Bob Brasell; Doris and Walt Peck; Janice and Wayne Schone.

SCENE V - SQUARE DANCE - Hester and Tade Lovekamp; Lois and Warren Stock; Helen and Clyde Ginder; Fran Hobrock; Wendell Wessler. Fiddler, Jim Zillion. Caller, Harold Emerick.

SCENE VI - INCORPORATION OF THE TOWN (1853) - Pete Wessler, Willard Peck, Roland Carls, Roy McCloud, Ed Carls, Harry Dufelmeier, Tade Lovekamp.

SCENE VII - CHURCH - Fritz Thyen, minister, reads in German from Genesis; closes with The Lord's Prayer in German. Cele and Charles Schnitker; Joan and Paul Manuel and family; Florce and Rickie Noble; Maxine and Gerald Beard and family; Rev. George and Pat Bischoff; Marie Peck; Eloise Knight; Roberta Clark and family; Wanda and Harold Wessler; Esther Morrison; Laura Hierman.

SCENE VIII - CIVIL WAR - Skit by Members of Busy Bees 4-H Club.

BATTLE HYMN OF THE REPUBLIC - Waldron Paul

SCENE IX - BURGOO - Bob Stock, Dale Braner, Ernie Parkerson, Elsie Kolberer,

Mabel Schnitker, Agnes Strickler, Mabel and Ray Beard, Esther Tritsch, Renata Fricke, Laura Roegge, Leo Jones, Ed Fanning, Adam Beets, Roland Beard.

SCENE X - GAY NINETIES - Chorus: I'M LOOKING OVER A FOUR LEAF CLOVER; BICYCLE BUILT FOR TWO (Keith Strubbe, Rosalie Maschmeier); BILL BAILEY.

SCENE XI - OVER THE HILL - Ed Fanning, Ralph Clark, Dean Stock, Clyde Ginder.

SCENE XII - WORLD WAR I - Chorus: OVER THERE, THERE'S A LONG, LONG TRAIL. Bert Kolberer, Dan Miller, Harry Dufelmeier, Jim Zillion, Aldo Hierman, Ed Dober, Reeson Daniels, Bill Van Herck, L.J. (Doc) Wessler, Herman Kleinschmidt. Janice Morrison - Red Cross Nurse.

SCENE XIII - THE ROARING TWENTIES - YES, SIR, THAT'S MY BABY, THE CHAR-LESTON - Karen Beard, Brenda Beets, Joe Strubbe, Keith Strubbe.

SCENE XIV - THE 30'S, 40'S AND 50'S - Chorus: THIS IS THE ARMY, MR. JONES - Don Kolberer, Marine; Don Dober, Army; Myron Beard, Navy; Pat McLain, Coast Guard; Gerald Beard Officer. DONT SIT UNDER THE APPLE TREE - WPA Workers: Wilbur Natemeyer, Tom Parlier, Harold Emerick, Bud Schone, Bud Nelson, Jack Burrus.

SCENE XV - THE TWIST - Ruth Logan, Judy Logan, Connie Alexander, Peggy Emerick, Barbara Logan, Kathleen Logan.

SCENE XVI - FINALE - Entire Cast
Chorus and Audience -
GOD BLESS AMERICA
GIVE ME YOUR TIRED, YOUR POOR - Pat Bischoff
SALUTE OF LIBERTY - Sara Clark

CHORUS MEMBERS: Brenda Beets, Karen Beard, Becky Burrus, Lucille Burrus, Beverly Bartlett, Myron Beard, Roland Beard, Maxine Beard, Ray Beard, Grace Ater, Barbara Ater, Jennie Ater, Sandra Grant, Rena Ham, Neal Hart, Barbara Hart, A.C. Hart, Charles Hendricker, Helene Sue Hendricker, Wesley Hendricker, Melba Jane Joeckel, Carolee Kruse, Rena Kruse, Jamie Morrison, Shirley Meyer, Sharon Meyer, Eileen Noble, Darlene Maschmeier, Marie Paul, Waldron Paul, Jerry Roegge, Harold Roegge, Edward Schroeder, Mary Frances Staake, Janet Stock, Trudy Schnitker, Myron

Staake, Joe Strubbe, Keith Strubbe, Bruce Staake, Wayne Strubbe, Barbara Welch, Shirlee Wessler, Robert Witte, Barbara Witte, Albert Wessler Pianist, Marie Cooper. Director, Ken Kulow.

STAGE CREW: Wendell Wessler, Gale Krohe, Bob Donely.

PAGEANT DIRECTOR: Alice Lou Schnake.

PAGEANT COMMITTEE: Cele Schnitker, Esther Morrison, Fran Hobrock, Jeane Clark.

1939 CENTENNIAL PARADE



Amanda Kleinschmidt and Joe Peck in buggy.



St. Paul's Lutheran Church Float.

1964 CENQUADENNIAL PARADE



RIGHT - Standard Oil Company Delivery Buggy. LEFT - Jo Ann Manuel's Beauty Shop & Tade Lovekamp's Barber Shop Float. Children are Kathy and Gary Manuel.



correction: St. Peter's Lutheran Church Float

THE ARENZVILLE QUILT

Arenzville, Illinois

December 1976

On February 1, 1976, eighteen residents of the Arenzville community met to decide if they could make the six year old dream of one of Arenzville's residents a reality. Thus the quilt making project began which we believe to be one-of-a-kind in the State of Illinois.

Although Arenzville is a small town of 410 population in the south-western tip of Cass county, which people from as near as 25 to 30 miles away have never heard of, we the citizens of the Arenzville community, wanted to preserve some of the history of our town in a unique way of which our descendants would be proud.

The quilt, which is made up of thirty blocks which measure 12 inches square, pictures some of our unique history. All of the work was done by amateurs and all by hand - absolutely no machine work was used on the quilt blocks.

The most significant aspect regarding the quilt was the enthusiastic volunteer response it received. In this day and age it seems nearly impossible to find anyone who will do something for nothing, but in Arenzville and the surrounding community there are at least 51 people who do not believe in this saying. It was never thought of as a money making project and all who worked on it knew this fact.

On August 25, 1976, after approximately 2403 hours of work, the quilt was finished. The quilt was first displayed at the Arenzville burgoo where approximately 1000 people signed the register signifying they had seen the quilt. It has since been displayed at the local schools, in three local Cass County towns and has also been shown on WICS TV at Springfield.

The following people attended the first meeting and started the project:

Mrs. Ross (June) Houston
Mrs. George (Cora) Scheer
Mrs. Dwain (Linda) Rodgers
Mrs. Bud (Esther) Morrison
Mrs. Theodore (Hester) Lovekamp
Mrs. Ed (Edna) Dober
Mrs. Bud (Fran) Nelson
Mr. Todd Beard
Mrs. Ralph (Jeane) Clark
Mrs. Don (Shirlee) Wessler
Mrs. Ed (Minnie) Carls
Mr. Ed Carls
Mrs. Joe (Marie) Peck
Mrs. Myron (Millie) Beard
Miss Branca Ramos
Mrs. Joe (Fran) Hobrock
Mr. Keith Strubbe
Mr. Ross Houston

Mr. Theodore Lovekamp supplied the old pictures used to make the drawings for the quilt. He also built the easel frame used to display the quilt.

The following is a list of the artists:

Mr. Keith Strubbe
Mrs. Ralph (Jeane) Clark
Mrs. Ross (June) Houston
Miss Branca Ramos
Mr. Todd Beard
Mrs. Dwain (Linda) Rodgers
Mr. Scott Lovekamp

The following embroidered blocks on the quilt:

Mrs. Harold (June) Nobis
Mrs. Donald (Roberta) Meyer
Mrs. Dwain (Linda) Rodgers
Mrs. Eileen Burrus Dannewitz
Mrs. Gerald (Marvel) Gardner
Mrs. Irvin (Nelda) Houston
Mrs. Theodore (Hester) Lovekamp
Mrs. Fred (Eloise) Knight

Mrs. Russell (Alma) Nordsiek
Mrs. William (Inez) Maschmeier
Mrs. Ralph (Jeane) Clark
Mrs. William (Connie) Davis
Mrs. Gary (Linda) Beard
Mrs. Charles (Pauline) Grant
Mrs. Joe (Marie) Peck
Mrs. John (Louise) Schroeder
Mrs. Bill (Helen) Winkelman, Jr.
Mrs. Merle (Kate) Lovekamp
Mrs. Bud (Esther) Morrison
Mrs. Roland (Phyllis) Beard
Miss Elsie Kolberer
Mrs. Harold (Wanda) Wessler
Mrs. Ross (June) Houston
Mrs. Keith (Cheryl) Strubbe
Mrs. Don (Shirlee) Wessler
Mrs. Paul (Joan) Manuel
Mrs. Joe (Fran) Hobrock

The following were quilters of the quilt:

Mrs. Russell (Alma) Nordsiek
Mrs. Harry (Verna) Dufelmeier
Mrs. Harold (Irene) Lovekamp

Mrs. Elmer (Anna) Lovekamp
Mrs. Clifford (Beatrice) Plunkett
Mrs. Charles (Pauline) Grant
Mrs. August (Bertha) Kleinschmidt
Mrs. Lotys Fletcher
Mrs. Clifford (Dee) Thomas
Miss Paula Thomas
Mrs. William (Nina) Huppe
Mrs. Arnold (Dena) Paul
Mrs. Joe (Marie) Peck
Mrs. Herbert (Verna) Tegeder
Mrs. Herman (Martha) Lovekamp
Miss Fay Hierman
Mrs. Theodore (Hester) Lovekamp
Mrs. Harold (June) Nobis
Mrs. Harold (Lorna) Roegge
Mrs. Roland (Phyllis) Beard
Mrs. Edward (Olga) Dober
Mrs. Oliver (Bertha) Meyer
Mrs. Herbert (Mary Rachel) Strubbe

The following supplied the quilters with cookies:
Mrs. Edward (Marcella) Wessler
Mrs. Arnold (Dena) Paul

THE ARENZVILLE QUILT

Row 1 -

The Bandstand in the Arenzville Park 1903-1958. Picture used to make drawing for block was taken on VJ (Victory over Japan) Day. The late Rev. Nuendorf is speaking and Don Kolberer is standing on his right. This bandstand was the second, the first was torn down and a larger one built to accommodate Arenzville's growing band.

Names of Arenzville boys who lost their lives in the service of their country on foreign soil:

John Herbert
Kenneth Davis
Louis Kloker
Gene Fanning
Charles Burrus
Albert Bridgeman
Erwin Kleinschmidt

The Arenzville Depot built in 1870. It was torn down in 1967 after no longer being used as a stop. The elevator was built in 1904 and is still standing.

The Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church built in 1910 and still being used.

First livery barn. construction date unknown. The barn burned in 1894.

Business section on north side of Frederick Street which burned on Christmas Eve, 1913. Hester Lovekamp embroidered the block and vividly remembers waking up at her grandfather's that Christmas Eve thinking it was morning since the light from the fire was so bright.

Row 2 -

Presbyterian Church built in 1855. This building was known as the Union Church until 1905 when the Methodist Church separated and built their own church. The Presbyterian Church disbanded and the building was torn down in 1973. The bell has been preserved and is in the Arenzville Park.

St. Peter's Lutheran Church 1871-1971. This building was burned by vandals two months before its hundredth birthday. It was located a short distance northwest of Arenzville.

The new St. Peter's Lutheran Church built in 1972 on the site of the old church.

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church and school built in 1873 and used until 1910. The church building was moved to a lot northwest of present church, was remodeled, and is presently used as a dwelling house.

Methodist Church built in 1905 and is still in use.

St. Fidelis Catholic Church built in 1899 and still in use.

Row 3 -

The first public town building which was built by Francis Arenz. It was used as a church, a school, a town hall, etc. Used by the public from 1839 to 1866, as a town hall from 1866 to 1892, and then rented as a dwelling from 1892 through 1895. Its later history is unknown.

Arenzville Library built in 1866. It has, over the years, also been used as a school, a town hall, fire house, and a jail. The bell is still in the belfry.

Grade school and first high school built in 1892. This school burned in 1908. The block was embroidered by Marie Peck who was a pupil at the school on the date it burned.

Zuschka school built in 1909, and used many years. Embroidered by Louise Schroeder who not only attended school in this building but also now teaches here.

Triopia Junior-Senior High School located three miles south of Arenzville. The school was built in 1969. The block was embroidered by Helen Winkelman who teaches here.

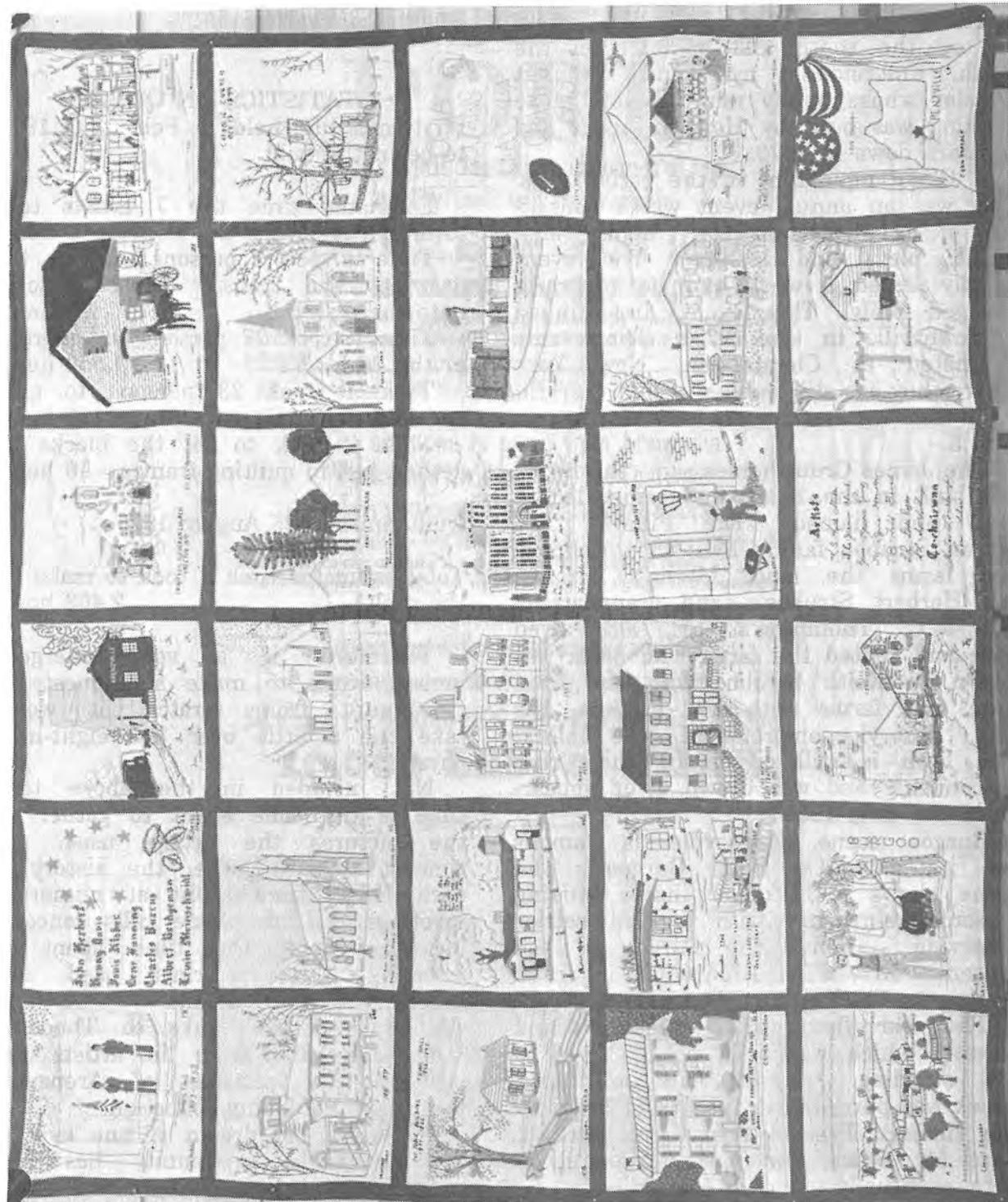
Triopia Trojans - Arenzville is very proud of their interest in the Trojan team and of its coach, Don Kemp, who is presently in his 24th year at Arenzville and Triopia. The block was embroidered by Kate Lovekamp - mother of one of the winning team members.

Row 4 -

Francis Arenz home - founder of Arenzville. The house was built in the 1830's or '40's. This block shows it as it appeared in the 1900's. Esther Morrison embroidered this block and lives in the Arenz house.

Zulauf Meat Market - founded in 1906. The original market burned and the store moved to this location in 1917 where it was in business until 1972. Jeane Zulauf Clark drew and embroidered the block. She was a daughter of the owner. Pictured in the store behind the counter are Jeane's father, John Zulauf, Sr. and sister, Louise.

J.L. Cire home - first frame house built in Arenzville. Note detail work, front screen door, curtains, flowers, fence, etc. Part of the house was used as a general store which also contained the post office. Later it contained a millinery shop which was run by Mim Cire. The block was drawn by June Lovekamp Houston (great-great granddaughter) and embroidered by Phyllis Kloker Beard (great-grand daughter).



The Arenzville Quilt made in 1976 in honor of the United States Bi-Centennial.

The old lamplighter was a familiar figure in the years 1893 through 1918. He also was the town constable.

The Proudfit house - a family dwelling on the south and a hotel on the north. Embroidered by Wanda Proudfit Wessler whose family ran the hotel. The building was built by Herman Arenz and was torn down in 1976.

A Chautauqua tent of the early 1900s. This was an annual event which consisted of a collection of "high class" music, plays and lectures. The event usually lasted a week and its programs changed daily. This event discontinued in Arenzville in the 1920's. The events originated in Chautauqua, New York where they are still held.

Row 5 -

The James Crum homestead - the house was built in the 1830's and remodeled in 1905 and named, "The Pillars." The Myron Strubbe family lives in the house and farms the land. Myron's parents, the Herbert Strubbe's, and grandparents the M.C. Thompson's, Sr., also lived here and rented the farm. The block was drawn by Keith Strubbe who also lived here and farms with his brother. His wife, Cheryl, embroidered the block. The farm is still owned by the Crum descendants and was drawn as it appeared in the early 1900's.

Burgoo scene. Arenzville is famous for its "World's Best Burgoo." The scene shows a Kickapoo Indian stirring a soup-like-mixture with an old settler observing - hence the burgoo of the present. In 1976 Arenzville is celebrating its 104th Annual Burgoo.

The old flour mill 1839-1920 and elevator which was built in 1903 and is still standing. A grist mill on Indian Creek was purchased by James Smart from the Indians. Francis Arenz purchased it from Mr. Smart and took up his abode here, eventually founding Arenzville.

The Co-Chairmen: Hester Lovekamp and Cora Scheer.

An old time butchering scene which was a familiar scene in this farming and livestock producing community.

Cass County locates Arenzville on the southern edge of the county. The flag with 13 stars gives the quilt a bicentennial status.

STATISTICS ON QUILT

First meeting held 1 February, 1976, to begin the quilt.

Estimated time the 7 artists took to draw the blocks 840 hours

Time it took 2 persons to trace the drawings and transfer these patterns onto the material 90 hours

Time it took 27 persons to embroider the 30 blocks 1,350 hours

Time it took 23 persons to quilt and bind the quilt 113 hours

Time it took to set the blocks together, put in quilting frames 10 hours

Quilt finished 25 August 1976

Total estimated time it took to make the quilt 2,403 hours

Therefore, if a very energetic person wants to make a duplicate of this quilt from scratch, it would take one a little over 300 eight-hour days!

Not included in the above total time is the time spent to gather all the pictures the artists used, the time it took to gather the history of each block, time spent at numerous meetings and on phone calls concerning the quilt, the time spent in selecting the materials used and other numerous details. A very special word of thanks to Theodore "Tade" Lovekamp from the artists who used a few pictures of Arenzville from his outstanding collection.

A six-year-old dream of one lady of the Arenzville community has now become a reality. I feel our forefathers would be very proud of your dream, Hester!

Keith Strubbe

10,000 LBS. PORK

That's right! Ten thousand pounds of top quality pork will be available

ARENZVILLE ON "PORK DAYS"

February 8, 9, 10, 11

Top quality hogs will be purchased locally, butchered by volunteer labor, and sold by all Arenzville grocery stores on a non-profit basis at bargain prices that are unbelievable.

Fill Your Freezer at the Fantastic Prices That Will Be Offered

The only one to profit from Arenzville "Pork Days" will be YOU, the Customer, when you purchase your supply of pork.

Other merchants in town will be offering "Pork Days" specials too during these four days. Be sure and stop in and see them while you're in town. Due to the prices being offered, we must reserve the right to limit quantities.

As an added feature, the local American Legion Post will serve a Pancake and Sausage Supper on Wednesday, February 8th.

Serving from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. PRICES 75c and 35c.

10,000 LBS. OF PORK

SPONSORED BY ARENZVILLE COMMUNITY CLUB

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Pork Day Crew — Right to left, Pat McLain, Carl Tiemann, John Musch, Charles McLain, Carl Franke, Russell Alexander, and Orville McLain.

PROJECT PORK DAYS - 1956



PORK DAY CREW

Back Row -

Gilbert Harbin, Herbert Witte, Walter Roegge, Earl Schnake, Charles Grant, Edward Dober.

Front Row -

Homer Fricke, Jack Charlesworth, Charles Zulauf, Ed Carls, Cordell Stice, Dean Stock, Roland Beard, Gerald Beard, John Leischner and George Decker.

ORIGINATION

The Arenzville Community Club's "Project Pork Days" came into being at a regular meeting of the Club on January 23rd, 1956. There had been considerable discussion about similar successful ventures in the State of Iowa and the consensus of opinion was that the Club should sponsor such a project. Fred Knight then moved that the Club undertake this particular project and offered the services of his Community Development Committee to head the project. Motion was seconded by Edward L. Carls and carried unanimously by voice vote.

PURPOSE

There was a three-fold purpose in sponsoring this project:

1. We wished to call attention to the current low price of hogs, and encourage the public to eat more pork. The thought in mind was that if other civic organizations in other towns and villages could be encouraged to undertake such a project the burdensome surplus would become a thing of the past, thus increasing hog prices and benefiting every town and merchant dependent on the farmers trade - particularly Arenzville.

2. We hoped that all of our local merchants would benefit from additional

sales to the extra potential customers that would be in town to buy pork.

3. We hoped that all of our local merchants would benefit from additional sales to the extra potential customers that would be in town to buy pork.

ORGANIZATION

The Community Development Committee, consisting of Fred Knight, Homer Fricke and A.C. Hart undertook to organize the project. Several meetings were called to work out the many details. Usually these meetings were held with the Committee, representatives of the 3 local grocery stores and Club President, Gerald Beard in attendance. As a result of these meetings the following decisions were reached: Pork Days would run from February 8th through 11th. Homer Fricke was designated as "hog buyer" and instructed to buy only lean, meat type hogs, not weighing over 230 pounds. Price for the hogs would be based on current Chapin market. Edward L. Carls was designated as head of the butchering detail to line up the volunteer labor that would be needed. Fred Knight was designated as head of the advertising and publicity committee with Gerald Beard and Jack Burrus to serve with him.

It was also decided that a committee from the grocery merchants would determine the retail selling price of the meat. The actual decision on price was to be made just a day or two prior to the first day of the sale, with no publicity to be given the prices until the actual day of sale. The following general plan was also outlined. Each individual store would order the number of hogs it would require and it would assume the responsibility for paying the farmer for his hogs. After the hogs were purchased they would be trucked to Zulauf's Market where they would be killed, butchered and cooled out.

ADVERTISING

The advertising committee decided to use four types of advertising to publicize the project. Newspaper ads, handbills, radio spot announcements and newspaper news releases.

The newspaper ads consisted of a full page ad in both Jacksonville and Beardstown papers, with Pork Days being headlined but with every merchant having an ad of his own. These ads cost \$114.24 at Jacksonville and appeared on the morning of Tuesday, February 7th. At Beardstown the cost was \$65 and it appeared in the evening paper of Monday, February 6th. The cost of both of these ads were borne by the local merchants who paid at the rate of \$10 and \$5 for their own ad depending upon its size (see accompanying list). There were 1000 handbills printed at a cost of \$12.75. They were distributed locally and in the following nearby towns: Virginia, Chandlerville, Beardstown, Jacksonville, Meredosia, Bluffs, Chapin and Winchester.

There were 30 radio spot announcements on WLDS radio station, Jacksonville, at a cost of \$30. These one minute announcements started on February 3rd and ran until the 11th.

A written news release was given to Jacksonville and Beardstown newspapers and radio station WLDS. The *Illinoian-Star* placed the story on the AP wire and Jacksonville ran it on the UP wire service, with the result that the story of our project appeared in newspapers and

on radio and TV stations all over the state and nation. Cecil Tendick of the Jacksonville newspaper staff took many pictures during the life of the project and many of these appeared on TV and in other newspapers. The *Beardstown Star* wrote daily follow up stories during the span of Pork Days. The Jacksonville papers also followed our work closely. Both Springfield papers had at least two articles and the *Chicago Tribune* and *Daily News* both gave us coverage. Clippings from newspapers as far away as Corpus Christi, Texas; Fargo, North Dakota; and Denver, Colorado were received by local residents and placed in the Club file. A pancake and sausage supper was sponsored by the American Legion on the first evening of the project and nearly 400 people were served. This advertising for the supper was tied in with the Club's newspaper ads, handbills and news releases.

ACTUAL OPERATIONS

The buying of hogs started on February 6th at a price of \$12.50 per hundred and this price was maintained during the project. Butchering started on Monday, February 6th when 47 hogs were killed. Thirty-nine were killed on Tuesday, none on Wednesday, 77 on Thursday, 81 on Friday and 18 on Saturday.

In order to allow the merchants to fill local orders, an additional 31 were butchered on Saturday, February 18th. The Chapin Locker Plant offered the use of their facilities, but it was not found necessary to do so. The butchers not only included most of our own members but many non-members from the Community and even help from Virginia, Jacksonville and Beardstown.

The sale got under way on Wednesday morning with the following prices prevailing: Whole or half hog without head 19¢ lb., Hams 32¢, loins 32¢, shoulders 19¢, sides 19¢, ribs 19¢, sausage 19¢, neck bones 10¢, heart and liver 8¢, heads 75¢ each, rendered lard 7¢, and feet 2¢. The stores

were unable to handle the flood of customers that engulfed them and usually were sold out of the bargain pork before noon each day. Customers were known to have come from Chicago, St. Louis, Decatur and Peoria.

CONCLUSION

Although the project "snowballed" beyond any members wildest dream and required far more work than was originally anticipated, it was the general feeling of the Club members that the project should be considered a very definite success, particularly in view of the state and nationwide publicity that Arenzville received.

Additional sales other than pork were scattered and on the whole disappointing. The restaurants and tavern reported a business increase for the week but otherwise additional sales were few at other cooperating merchants'.

To date no other nearby organizations or town has announced plans for a similar project although a few inquiries have been received and we hope they may develop in the future as this was one of our primary reasons for sponsoring the project.

Another important conclusion is that we proved once again that our Community can handle a project of tremendous size and scope through the willingness of all community residents regardless of memberships, creed, religion or occupation, to "pitch in" and help get the job done once it is organized and started on its way. Undoubtedly this is our most valuable community asset. Also, we were made aware of the fact that if the project concerns a subject of national interest plenty of publicity can be had literally for the asking.

Many suggestions were made for improvements in the project and the majority of those concerned seem to agree on the following points.

1. The meat could have been handled more quickly and efficiently if sold at one location, such as the Legion Hall.

2. Considering the amount of labor involved there should have been a small profit margin as a safety factor for the

stores and the Club.

3. Although the project went off well considering its size, it would have undoubtedly profited from more advanced planning in more detail.

Probably the whole project can best be summed up by the use of that old cliche, "We wouldn't take a million dollars for the experience, but we wouldn't do it again for another million - at least not until next year.

Jack E. Burrus
Secretary

ARENZVILLE PORK DAYS

Plenty of work, fun

Arenzville residents were chugging last week as they rested up from the hectic foray that accompanied the community's highly successful "Pork Promotion Days" on February 8-11.

The success of the project practically paralyzed the residents. Most of them had thought the plan's original goal - 10,000 pounds of pork at cost - was putting it pretty high. They never dreamed that an estimated 8,000 visitors would be in town during the four days. Nor did they guess that before the week was over they would have slaughtered 280 head of top-quality, but low-priced hogs and would have placed 62,500 pounds of pork into the hands of waiting customers.

This was more than six times the amount the Arenzville Community Club had figured they could dispose of.

Very Busy People

Some of the members recalled last week that they didn't get much more than eight hours of sleep during the four days. Chores were disposed of by a "a lick and a promise." The promise didn't materialize until early last week.

One farmer said he lost 15 pounds, and his own hogs lost a good 10 pounds apiece during "Pork Days."

"I was so busy whittling up pork that I didn't have time to tend to them. And I guess I didn't tend to myself too well," was the way he put it.

Before the opening day the promoters wondered what they'd do with the less desirable portions, such as hearts, livers, heads, feet, etc. They knew they'd be stuck with plenty of this stuff.

But everything was sold. Heads at 75¢ were purchased by people who later queried, "What will I ever do with it?" Pig tails were snapped up at a nickel apiece and some gourmets rummaged around the back of the slaughter house and carried away dozens of pork stomachs destined for the "chittlin" pot.

Could Do It Easier

At a meeting of the club held at the Legion Hall Monday night the members reviewed what had happened to them during "Pork Days." There was some discussion whether the community should sponsor a similar project next year. Nothing definite was decided, though nearly everybody thought they could do it again in 1957, better and much easier.

"We had the same troubles when we first started putting on our burgoo. Everything was up in the air, and all was confusion. Now we know how to put on a burgoo and we could do the same for 'Pork Days.'

Giant crowds annually attend the Arenzville two-day burgoo and often the sponsoring organizations net more than \$3,000 profits.

Too Much Business

The principal casualties, club members said, were the three grocery stores. They were jammed for four days and didn't sell enough groceries to pay for the light bill. Worse than that, there were some pilferers in the crowd. One store found a jar of olives open, with some olive pits lying neatly in the pried-off lid. A box of candy was also sampled; other pieces of merchandise just wandered off.

One woman wanted some pig's feet for pickling. "None available," the attendant said. "How about a head for six bits?" asked the attendant.

"For two days now," the woman replied, "I ask for feet and am offered heads. What do Cass county pigs walk on, their heads?"

Some Got Huffy

Many would-be purchasers of cheap pork were disappointed during the four days, but most of them reacted good-naturedly when the "sold out" signal was sounded.

"But about one out of a hundred got sore, and some of them were pretty mean," the attendants recalled last week.

One man asked if he could buy some cracklings. The man at the counter said, "How many? 6¢ a pound, want a batch?" The buyer said he did.

This particular lard press produces an 18 inch cube of cracklings. The attendant weighed the batch, 31 pounds; price \$1.86. The man almost fainted, and declined the cracklins, exclaiming "I just wanted a little sackful to keep the kids quiet."

The management was very pleased to announce that the volunteer workers suffered a few battle wounds and that no thumbs landed in the sausage. They did admit, however, that there was a larger than normal run on Band-Aids.

Couldn't Wait

The club members chuckled considerably about the woman and her daughter who drove up to the rear of a store and asked to buy some meat. The attendant said, "None now, the meat is hot. You'll have to wait awhile."

An hour later the woman tooted her horn and asked if the meat was ready.

"Pretty soon," she was told. "I'm afraid we can't wait much longer," she said. "I have to get my daughter to the hospital."

Later that afternoon a brand new Grandma came back and picked up a loin, some sausage and some lard.

FIRE OF 1913

Arenzville

JACKSONVILLE JOURNAL COURIER
DECEMBER 1913

Fire which broke out shortly after 1:30 o'clock this morning (Thursday) morning in the young men's club room at Arenzville threatened to destroy the entire town. With the fire fighters trying to save the Shrewsbury General Store, the men had little hopes of stopping the blaze which had burned seven establishments. The places destroyed follow: Jake Stoker, saloon; John Niemann, residence; Post Office; Wood and Houston General Store; Opera House; Lovekamp's Harness Shop and Bowlings Restaurant.

When the blaze was first discovered it had gained such headway in the club room, which is immediately back of Stokers saloon that the entire premises were doomed. With only a chemical cart, the few men who had been called began heroically to work endeavoring to check the conflagration. A special effort was made at the Niemann property, Wells Saloon is situated below, and the Niemann family used the upstairs as a residence. So close was the fire upon them that they barely escaped with their lives.

The Post Office proved an easy prey for the flames. Nothing could be gotten out of the building and there perished a considerable quantity of mail with some valuable Christmas packages.

From the Post Office the flames jumped to the grocery store of Wood and Houston which, with the Post Office, Opera House, Harness Shop and Bowling Restaurant occupy the same building. When the fire reached this building it gained rapid headway and the crowd which had gathered at this time, although really increased in numbers, was powerless to gain entrance to the building, so intense were the flames.

With no protection and the wind favorable, the flames looked destined to destroy the Shrewsbury General Store and Mallicoat's Saloon, both buildings on the south side of Frederick street.

Much confusion followed the discovery of the blaze and no organization could be perfected that could avail anything. No one knows how the flames started but it is certain that their origin was in the club room.

One business man of Arenzville stated this morning that it was by far the worst fire in the history of the village and would run into a loss of several thousands of dollars.

Chief J.C. Woods of the local fire department was asked for assistance but as one engine is now being repaired he was unable to send an engine [Probably Jacksonville] Mr. Woods offered to send 1,000 feet of fire hose if Arenzville could get an engine from Beardstown. Mr. Woods was then ask to send some chemicals, but as the hose wagon only carries 40 gallon of chemicals Mr. Wood didn't think this sufficient to fight a large fire. He told the citizens of Arenzville to use dynamite to keep the fire from spreading. Mr. Woods said the water supply at Arenzville was hardly sufficient to fight the fire and besides they were almost too far away to be of help.

Jacksonville Journal - 1913 The Aftermath

The fire which broke out here early Christmas morning as mentioned in last week's paper, wiping out the larger portion of the business section, leaves the village of Arenzville desolate. Expedients for fighting the fire failed miserably, which again brings to light the long-needed protection of a water system.

As to how the fire originated, it is still a deep mystery, but the origin of the fire was without a doubt in the warehouse in the rear of Woods and Houston store. [An interview with an older man present at the Club House that night assured us it

was in the club house.]

Insurance adjusters have been very busy settling up the numerous losses, but as yet are not through. The loss will easily reach \$50,000 with barely \$45,000 insurance.

Following is a summary of the losses and insurance:

Jacob Stoker, saloon, in a building owned by Anheuser-Busch Brewing Company. Loss on building probably \$1,500 and Stocker's loss in stock was about \$2,000, Insurance on stock \$1,200.

Feed barn damaged to the extent of several hundred dollars as a result of wrecking to save from flames.

Hierman Brothers building across the street, scorched and damaged a couple hundred dollars.

The loss on the Niemann building on the lower floor of which J.H. Wells had his saloon, was about \$2,500. Insurance not reported, and on the stock of Mr. Wells, \$4,000 with insurance \$2,000. Mr. Niemann who lived in the second story, lost household goods to the amount of \$2,000.

Next to this was the building owned by John Dahman, loss \$3,000, insurance \$2,000. It was occupied by Woods and Houston Grocery and Shoe Store on which the loss was about \$8,000 with \$4,000 and the Post Office on which the loss was about \$1,000. The mail matter was saved.

On the harness shop and store building of John F. Lovekamp, the loss was large. The loss on the building was \$4,000 and the stock \$15,000. Mr. Lovekamp had \$1,500 insurance on the building and \$4,000 on the stock.

The Opera House which was above the two store rooms just mentioned had a loss not covered by insurance of \$1,000. The Opera House was owned by Engelbach Brothers.

The Herman Engelbach building occupied by John Irving with a grocery and shoe stock was damaged to the extent of \$4,000 with \$3,500 insurance.

Above the store was the office of Dr.

J.M. Swope who lost about \$1,000.

The R.J. Ommen building was occupied by him with a stock of groceries and queensware. The loss on the building was about \$3,000 and on the stock, \$6,000. The building was insured for \$1,000 and the stock for \$2,000.

Brockhouse Brothers, house furnishing, loss to building \$3,500, insurance \$1,000 and to stock loss \$4,000 with ? insurance. They saved \$800 worth of stock which they moved.

The Onken Brothers and Meyer building did not burn but had \$2,000 loss.

Yeck estate building occupied by J.R. Bowling with a restaurant. Building loss about \$3,000 and stock and fixtures \$1,200. Insurance on the building was \$1,500 and on the stock \$750.

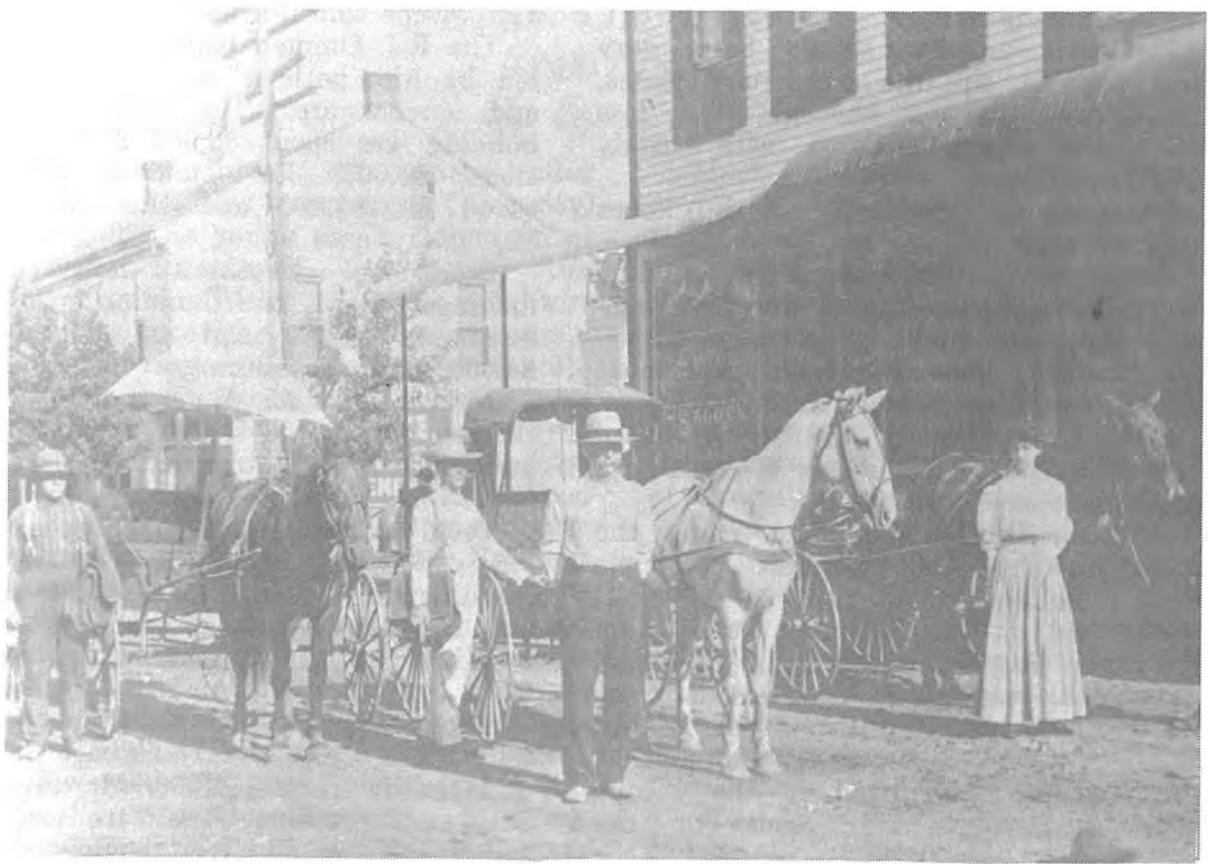
The Shrewsbury Notion Store was a total loss, on the building \$3,000 and on the stock \$10,000. Mr. Shrewsbury does not know the extent of his insurance as all his records were consumed in the fire.

H.W. Reckamp building, occupied by Mallicoat and Evans Saloon. Loss on the buildings \$2,200 and on the stock \$2,000. On the stock there was insurance of \$2,000 and on the building \$1,500.

Shoopman building, occupied by H.A. Bridgeman who conducted a grocery store. The stock was removed from the store on the approach of the flames but the building escaped damage. [This is now Peck's Standard Station.]

Next to this was a residence belonging to the Engelbach estate and occupied by Ed Shrewsbury. It was damaged by the front porch being removed by the fire fighters.

The next house, occupied by Anna Baumer was untouched by the fire, the household goods had been removed in advance of the fire. [This house is occupied by Marie Peck in 1988.]



MAIL CARRIERS
BEFORE 1913

The above picture was taken in front of the Postoffice on Frederick Street before it burned on December 26, 1913.

Carriers, from left to right, are Chris Dahman, Robert Willey, Postmaster Henry Dahman Florence Green Kloker and Frank Pfolsgrov.

Note the U umbrella.

ARROW POINTS TO POST OFFICE

This view, taken from Charles Street, looking east on Frederick Street, is prior to the fire of December 26, 1913. The porch roof extending out behind the man standing on the street says "Fresh Bread" on it.



This walnut box was used as the Postoffice in 1848.

It was on the counter of J.L. Cire's store on the corner of Main Street and State Street. It is now the property of T.H. Lovekamp.

ARENZVILLE POST OFFICE
West Frederick Street
1988



1905

Under the Opera House was the Wood and Houston Store and Post Office.

On the right is Post Master Henry Dahman, on the left is Carl Nobis.



East corner of
Charles & Frederick Streets

Henry Niemann building with Wells Saloon below and Opera House on the right. Stocker's Saloon is back north, behind Nieman Saloon. This is the building where the 1913 fire started, in the club room upstairs.



Frank Thompson and Charles Laughery in front of Stocker's Saloon on north Charles Street.

Note the board walk in front of the saloon.



CHARLES WARREN MINCY

Standing in front of Stocker's Saloon before the fire of 1913. Looks like he is an 18-year-old boy.

Note the board walk has been replaced by a cement walk.



HARNESS SHOP

John Lovekamp, on right, and Dick Kraft, on left, in front of the Harness Shop below the Opera House.

The horse was used to display the hand made harness.



INSIDE VIEW OF THE HARNESS SHOP

John Irving's Grocery was next to the harness shop and Dr. J.M. Swope had an office upstairs. He was born in Indiana in 1854 and came to Cass County in 1880.

John Naylor rebuilt here for a restaurant about 1920. It was used for a dance hall, and movies were shown here.

In 1926 Edward Natemeyer bought the building for a furniture and hardware business. Natemeyer came from Beardstown and was in partnership with the Brockhouse Brothers and Gabig.



R.J. OMMEN GROCERY & QUEENSWARE

Ommen rebuilt and ran the store until 1936 when he took the job as Postmaster. The Post Office is in the same building in 1988.

Standing left to right in front of the building is Lorenz (Doc) Wessler, the agent Mr. Haste, Gerald Kircher, John Divvers, Myron Hierman and Lloyd Yeck.

The little building next was used in summer to sell popcorn, ice cream, soda pop and as storage.



EAST ON FREDERICK ST.
NORTH SIDE
Before 1913 fire

Furniture and Funeral Store run by Henry and George Brockhouse and Williamson.

Standing in front is Arthur Brockhouse, on the left, and Arthur Eberhart, on the right.

During the 1913 fire the back porch of Meyer's Store was torn off to save the store. Also bucketing water to the roof to keep the skylight from burning helped save it.

The men in the picture, from left to right, are John Janssen, Jim Ater, Henry Meyer, John Theivogt Clarence Reaugh, Gayle Hierman and Henry Brockhouse. Note the two wheel chemical cart. That was all Arenzville had to fight fire with at the time.



Henry Meyer's store did not burn in the 1913 fire, but burned in August of 1917. Some thought that due to World War I, it was set on fire because Mr. Meyer was from Germany.

In front, from left to right, are J.F. Thyen, Mrs. Baumer, Gayle Hierman and Andy Proudfit.



HENRY MEYER'S STORE

The inside of Henry Meyer's store before it burned in August of 1917. On the right, Henry Meyer and Anne Baumer.



THE OPERA HOUSE

What was left of the Opera House after the fire of 1913. Hierman's building can be seen on the left side. This is the current location of the First National Bank.



At the time of the fire of 1913 this south side building was owned by the Yeck estate. At one time the business was run by Ed Pfeil. At the time of the fire it was the J.R. Bowling Restaurant on the south east corner of Frederick and Charles Streets.

Note the swastika on the sign.

South side, the way it looked after the fire. Next to the restaurant was Mallicoat and Evans Saloon, then Shrewsbury Notion Store. The Shopman building you see was H. Bridgeman's Grocery, also Arenz Ford Parts. Thomas Grocery, Hansom's Arenzville Newspaper, Lovekamp's Shoe Repair. In 1937 Clyde Briggs bought the building and moved it back for a filling station. Dr. Streuter bought the corner lot and built a garage in 1922.



Briggs sold to Willard Peck in 1945. This is probably one of the oldest buildings with continual business in Arenzville.

J.A. Weeks Realtor's Office was located in a small room but later moved to the house east. He is standing in the doorway. The gas station is to the left (not shown).

NORTHWEST CORNER OF MAIN & STATE

This building was on the northeast corner of Main and State street, facing west. It was used in 1874 by Sam Batis and Huss who were in the implement business. They carried Lancing wagons, Wilson Moline Buggies and Superior stoves.



Later it was changed to Batis and Wessler, then Batis and Bartelheim, who also owned this building and the one east, which was the blacksmith shop. The building next was the icehouse, which was torn down around 1910. The other two buildings were moved east. In the move the one on the corner was turned to face the south. The blacksmith shop was run by Frank Pecklevel and Frank Hammer worked for him. This building was later torn down.

After these buildings were moved a new brick building was put up in 1913. In 1919 Bartelheim moved back to the farm. He took ownership of the building and Mr. Batis took over the contents and business. He ran the hardware and John Deere business until 1940 when he traded his business to Fred Kleinschmidt for his farm. After Freds death in 1944, his son Arthur took over. In 1950 he built a new building on Frederick street and moved his business there.

The building sold to Fred Ginder. Roland Beard ran a hardware store there in the 1960's but sold out to James Jones in 1972. Jones then sold out and started a feed store in Concord in 1977. The old building that was moved from the corner

was used for feed and storage. Tim Huey bought that half of the block, burned the old building down on November 11, 1978 and now uses the brick building for a repair and saw shop.



Error discovered after printing: the top and bottom photos on this page have been reversed.

ARENZVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT

This building was built in 1877 to be used for a school. In 1892 when a new school was built, at the east end of Frederick street the old building was sold to the village for use as a town hall and calaboose. It is now the Arenzville Library.

The front of Arenzville's second fire truck can be seen in the open door. When Arenzville bought the first fire truck, the front of the building was remodeled and the jail cells were removed.



Correction to error discovered after printing: the fire department/library building was built in 1866, not 1877.



1922

Arenzville's first fire truck, a chemical outfit, was delivered by Tom Fasset from Anderson, Indiana. It was a Ford Model T truck.

In 1936 Arenzville bought the white fire truck. The chemical outfit was taken off the Ford truck and put on the white Chevy. In 1949 when the water sewers and hydrants were installed, the chemical truck was taken off and a water pumper was put on.

In 1957 a new red Chevrolet fire truck was purchased. In 1975 a new fire house was built on the corner of Main and Charles Street and a new fire truck, with front pumper, was bought. The village now owns a ladder truck.



This home, located on the southwest corner of Main and State Street, was built by J.J. Cire about 1840. The residence housed a merchandise store and Post Office in the northeast corner. Mr. Cire, his son Richard and daughter Emelia were Postmasters for 40 years.

Emelia Cire ran a millinery shop here until early 1920. The weather boards were walnut and the house was partially insulated with a straw and clay mixture.

Mike Schnitker bought the house in 1967 and tore it down to build a new home. In 1976 he sold it to William Privia.



This small house was built by Mr. Goebel and at one time stood on the corner of Main and Charles Streets. It was moved to the corner of Washington and Charles street, to make room for the Arenzville House.

Mrs. Adaline Bridgeman lived here with her son Howard and grandson John. Joe Maltby lived here until 1968 and in 1976 Fred Hall bought it. In 1982 he sold it to Glen Coats who tore it down the following year.



THE BODE BRICK - LEFT - Mr. Bode ran the brick yard located where the ball diamond now is. This building was used for a poultry house, funeral home, and to store extra parts for Joe Peck's garage. John Hoffstetter, who once owned it, tore part of the north side off to make more room to build his house. The brick building was torn down in 1986 and the property now belongs to Mrs. Wm. Rawlings.

THE OLD SCHAFER PROPERTY - RIGHT - Note the double chimneys on this house which was demolished in 1960. The stage is now on this lot. The house was originally built by a Mr. Herbert for the Engelbachs. Some of the families who have lived here include, B.F. Graham's, Charles Schaffer's and F.G. Van Doren's. The Virgil Dawson family was the last.

ARENZVILLE FLOODS

Indian Creek on the Rampage in 1943

I have seen Indian Creek out many, many times when I was a boy. It seemed like every time we had a one-and-a-half to two-inch rain the creek would be out over the low lands. In 1919 and 1920 Indian Creek was dredged through Arenzville and it was 1943 before the creek got out again. It has been out three or four times since then, but as the pictures below show, it was nothing like 1943.

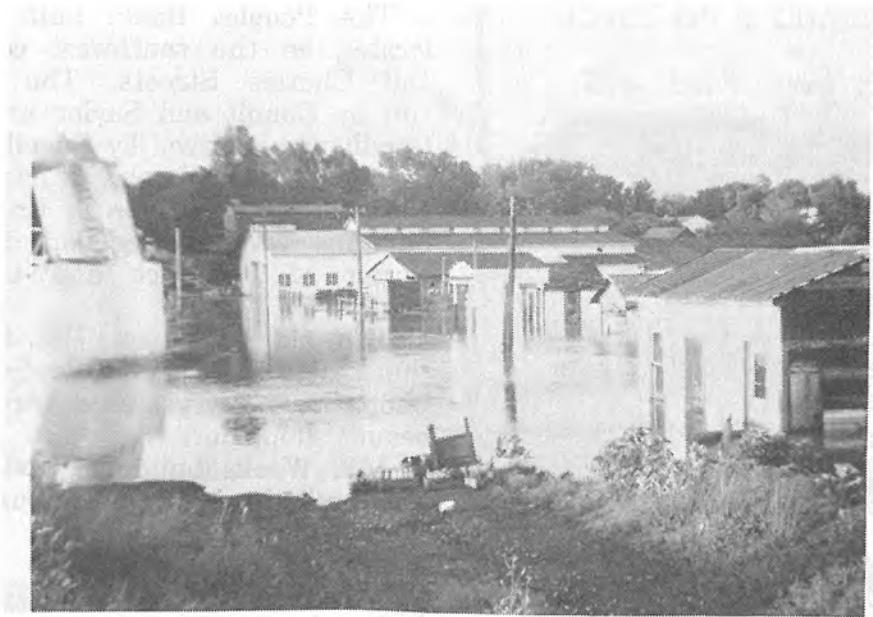


Looking North

Harold Zulauf and wife heading for dry land. Note the Depot and Elevators.



Long's Gas Station had closed by 1940. Shown are Shannon's Oil Tanks at the south end of Charles Street in Morgan County.



Shannon's Oil Tanks, the lumber yard and Harlan Lovekamp's small restaurant. This building one time was the office for the livery stable, at the north end of Charles and Washington Streets. The livery stable is still there as of 1988 and belongs to the Beard Brothers.



Creek water has gone over the west road, out of Arenzville between the railroad crossing and the bridge. The tanks had soy beans in them and the old barn was full of hay.



The Peoples Bank, built in 1882, was located on the southwest corner of Main and Charles Streets. The business was run by Condit and Saylor until 1889 when Condit was replaced by Engelbach.

Later the bank was known as the First National Bank and run by Engelbach. A new building was erected on the northwest corner of Frederick and Charles Street, in 1957.

The old bank was closed a few years then housed Dean Zulauf's T.V. Repair Shop. For a few years Jo Ann Manuel had a beauty shop there.

J.W. Weeks building, next to the bank, was built in 1885 and housed a General Merchandise Store.



Standing in front of Weeks Store, from left to right, J.W. Weeks, Sr, Carl Kalhert and John Theivogt.

The city bought the two buildings from Mrs. Albert Weeks and demolished them in 1973 in order to built a new Fire House and City Hall. On April 11, 1975 a dedication was held for this new building.



The north side of the Bank and Wessler's Garage.

The back part of the Bank building was used for storing store fixtures and Community Club Picnic equipment.

It was also used at one time as a Cream Station.



HOTEL ON S. CHARLES STREET

This hotel was built by H.F. Arenz in 1870. The south half was built first; a few years later the north half was added. A picture in the old atlas of 1874 shows the City Hall, Livery and Feed Stable and north half as a Saloon and Billiard Hall.

Caskets were also made here once by Dude Arenz, son of H.F. Arenz.

The hotel at one time was run by the Hagener family, then Henry Niemann worked it over. The front porch was built on and was rented out as a family home. The Oscar Niemann family lived on the north side for several years.

Standing in front of the hotel in the picture above are Gwendolyn Proudfit, George Proudfit, Martha Lovekamp, Mrs. Hall, and Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Proudfit. At that time it was known as the Proudfit Hotel. Gordon Lovekamp bought the hotel in 1956, and in 1970 he tore it down to use the lumber to build his home on the same lot.

← 1878 DANCING PARTY

BIRTH-DAY DANCING PARTY.

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Yoursself and Lady are respectfully invited to attend a Birth-day Dancing Party, to be given by the friends of Miss Katie Arenz, at H. F. Arenz's Hall, in Arenzville, Illinois, on the

Evening of Friday, Nov. 15th, 1878.

Music by Schneider's Orchestra, Beardstown, Illinois.

JULIUS CIRE,
THOMAS V. FINNEY,
and others.

Grand Social Hop,

GIVEN BY

THE ARENZVILLE STRING BAND.

IN

ARENZ'S HALL. ARENZVILLE ILL., MARCH 5, 1886.

Yoursself and Ladies are Cordially
Invited to Attend

Committee of Arrangements:

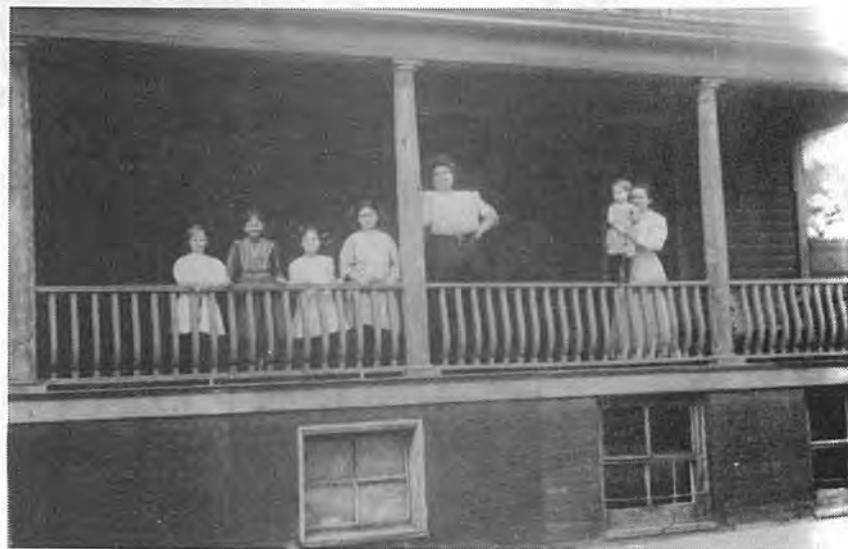
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EDWARD HEINZ P. H. ARENZ

← SOCIAL EVENT OF 1886



THE ARENZVILLE HOUSE

The Arenzville House on the northwest corner of Charles and Main Street was built by Dan Fischer in 1885. A Mr. Deardorff ran the hotel at one time. In 1895 it was known as the Chris Zimmerman Hotel and Saloon. In the above photo he is standing on the the right end of the porch. The basement steps are on the left, where the Arenzville House sign is. You can see the front of the First National Bank building under the sign.



Circa 1911

Another picture of the Arenzville House around 1911. At that time the hotel was run by the Andrew Proudfit family. Standing on the porch, left to right, are Hazel Thompson, Marie Hammer Peck, Wanda Proudfit Wessler, Helen Thompson, Kate Wilkens, cook, Mrs. Andrew Proudfit and Gwendolyn Proudfit.



ARENZVILLE HOUSE SALOON

The saloon in the basement, under the Arenzville House, was run by Bonnette's in 1913.

Pictured, right to left, Louis Frazier, Frank Menge and bartender Charles Howell.



These two lions sat on each side of the entrance to the basement. In 1920 Mike Saide bought the house and ran a barber shop and pool hall in the basement. He also sold Star and Durant cars. Mike's father, Harvey Briggs, lived here and after Mike's death Orville Briggs, a barber, took over the basement. Shortly thereafter it was turned into apartments and Dr. Johnson from Concord moved his office here. Several different families lived here until the late 1930's, when Lorenz Wessler bought the building and tore it down. He used the property for a used car lot. Now it is occupied by the Don Wessler Insurance Agency.

This picture of the Bandstand in the Park was taken in 1947. Rev. W. Neuendorf speaking on Memorial Day.

The first bandstand on this location was torn down and replaced by this one in 1906.

In 1950, when in need of repair, it was torn down rather than repaired.





THE SQUIRE RAHN HOME

This little house on the southwest corner of State and Main Street, known as the Squire Rahn home, was the first lot sold as a building site in Arenzville. Several different families lived here before 1975 when Charles Menge bought it. He tore the home down and put a mobile home on the lot. In 1979 he sold the trailer and built a garage here.

This oil painting was found hanging on a nail between the outside wall and plastered interior of this house. The condition of the oil painting indicates it is very old but has no name or date. It is now owned by Charles Menge.



POPULAR HOTEL

This building on S. State St. was known as the Popular Hotel and was run at one time by Ed Heinz. This was the first stop for travelers who came in on the train.

In early days it was run by Pat Millerick and later became a two-family dwelling. Some of those residents were the families of Frank Bridgeman, Ross Houston, Charles Cox and Charles Pond. It was torn down in 1971 when Tim Huey bought it and moved two house trailers there.



ARENZVILLE LUMBER & HARDWARE COMPANY

This business located on South Charles Street was owned by Arenz in 1840. He sold to Herman Engelbach, Senior in 1853.

MISSISSIPPI VALLEY HIGHWAY ROUTE MARKINGS

The road north and south through Arenzville was once known as the Mississippi Valley Highway. Note the arrow pointing to the circle painted around the telephone pole, which marked the route.

The man in the photo is Herman "Gig" Engelbach.



Standing in front of the lumber company, from left to right, are Herman Arenz, Clem Dahman and Gig Engelbach.

Engelbach sold the lumber business to Walter Huey in 1923. After his death, his son Wilbur took over. In 1955 Engelbach sold the old lumber and hardware building to Wilbur Huey who demolished the building in 1960 and built a new building for a work shop. Since Wilbur's death, his son Tim has taken over.



BARBER SHOPS

This early barber shop on South Charles Street, north of Engelbach's home, in 1880 was run by Tony Eaton and Mitch Reckamp.

The building was also used by barbers John Webb and Orville Briggs. Also as C. Ham's Cafe and Bob Niemann Cafe. Lewis Schnake's Illinois Oil Company was here in early 1920, after he bought it from Naylor. The oil pumps were located in front.



the small building for an office and sold Frazier and Kaiser cars. Lorenz Wessler bought the two buildings and in 1977 Helen Wessler sold them to Reggie Carls who demolished them in 1978.



machinist. Wessler died in 1977 but the garage was kept open by Florce and Fay Hierman. In Oct. of 1977, it was sold to Reggie Carls who is still there in 1988.

This building was built around 1870. Among the business' here - Hysinger & Weeks Novelties, Walter McCarty & Bill Arenz Drugs, Lloyd Yeck & Tuck Naylor Pool Hall, Bert Woods & Ed Houston Grocery, R.R. Long Ford Garage. From 1922-1932 - Rose Beard Post Office, Albert Nicol, supervisor. Lorenz Wessler bought the building and in 1934 opened the Chevrolet Garage. In 1948 Edward Wessler, a brother, bought in partnership. Edward died in 1970. Lorenz still ran the garage and Florce Noble was



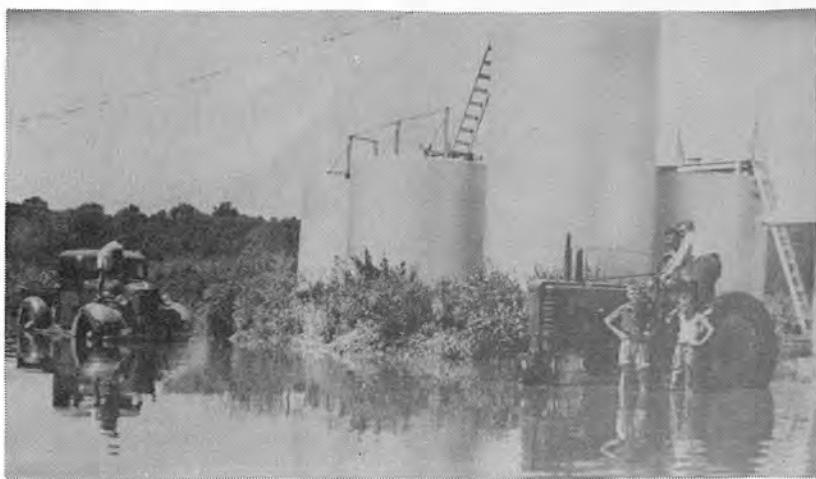
SERVICE STATIONS

Julian Shannon's first house and filling station, north on State Street. In 1948 he built a garage and station below the house.

He sold the house to Jess Fanning and bought the Conrad Hahling house. This house was put up for sale and in February 1977 Earl and Carolyn Stinson bought it.



Jim Beard bought the Phillip 66 Station in 1979 then sold it to Roscoe Tritsch in 1982. In 1985 Tritsch sold it to Tim Huey and it has been closed since.



THE TOWN BRANCH

In earlier years a Mr. Dresbach lived in the house and ran a tannery near the branch. The first Arenzville calaboose was here near the branch. It was sold to J.A. Herbert for twelve dollars.

SHANNON'S OIL TANKS ON SOUTH CHARLES STREET WHEN THE CREEK WAS OUT

The Arenzville Railroad

The first railroad from Beardstown to Arenzville was laid in 1869 and known as the Rockford Rock Island and St. Louis Railroad. The Depot was built in 1870 on what used to be known as the Ham lot, The city bought this lot from J.L. Cire for \$100 on May 8, 1869. The depot was razed in 1967.

A strip of land 30 feet wide was bought from the farmers for the first track. In 1911 an additional 30 foot wide strip was purchased for the second track.



THE SMALL TRAIN, ELEVATOR AND DEPOT



Note the bath tub on the wagon, the other wagon is a dray.

Engine No. 1717, known as the local, which hauled freight, grain and cattle cars, always stopped in Arenzville. There was only one track up and down the hill, so trains had to wait until they were given the signal to go. I rode on it many times when I went to school in Arenzville in 1918 and 1920.

The railroad business hit its peak during World War I. The freight business was good and automobiles had not yet made such a dent in the passenger business. Troops had to be carried back and forth, parents and friends crowded the cars on trips to see their soldier boys. At the time of the influenza epidemic, entire crews would be on sick call. Water shortage was always a big problem for the large engines.

The Burlington giant coal burners, the last to go, pulled coal cars from the southern Illinois mines northward. Some of these came down the hill too fast and a connection would break, or a car would jump the track, and cars would be piled along the track from the west road crossing to the north along the tracks. Anywhere from 8 or 10 to maybe 27 cars would be involved.

The Mogul type engine was built in 1899 and it was used until 1955. In the early 1900's the principal shop for the Burlington railway was in Beardstown. It is said the men there didn't talk about anything but railroading, fishing and women.



The first block signal system in the entire Burlington system was installed between Arenzville and Concord. Frazier Block 107 was to the north and Gibbs Block 104 was south of Arenzville, over the hill. Semaphore, an apparatus for signaling by means of arms, lanterns, flags or metal, was used between the two blocks. A piece of metal was often taken from the machine, tied to a staff and handed to the brakeman or fireman at one block then dropped off at the other as the engine went by.



In the early 1930's the Burlington had a small train, known as "Dinkey" or "Peanut" or "Puddle Jumper", which left Beardstown in the morning, around 6:30, and went to Herrin, Illinois, returning back to Beardstown about 7 in the evening, 6 days a week. The "Puddle Jumper" jumped its final puddle in 1957.

This passenger train is crossing over Indian Creek, no doubt the first bridge erected when the railroad was built in 1869.



This is passenger train No. 47, stopped in Arenzville. It traveled north at 12 noon and went south about 1:30 p.m. I have never found out what year they started, but they were discontinued in 1950. The midnight train No. 52 went north around 12 and the three o'clock No. 51 went south. These two trains were taken off the rails in 1940. Note the street lamp on the right.



SCHNITKER TRUCKING

Earl Schnitker started in the dray business in 1924. In 1926 he bought a Model T Ford truck to go into the trucking business. His office was in the Hierman Brothers building, now owned by Beard Allis Company. Earl's stockyard was behind where his father lived, now Mabel Lovekamp's trailer is located there.



Earl's first truck and the bridge that didn't hold up.

In 1940 Earl bought the filling station business from Patton, who bought it from Clyde Briggs in 1936. The station and house belonged to the Launer Brothers and Earl bought both. He used the house for storage until he tore it down and used the lot for parking.

This photo taken in front of the station in 1951 includes, left to right, Carroll Woods, Raymond Schnitker, Earl Schnitker, Robert Beard, Glen Lovekamp, Fred Carls.

When Earl died in 1953 his wife and son Mike took over. The business celebrated its 50th anniversary in 1974.

Mike sold the station and building to Wilbur Huey, and he built a new station and building one mile south of Arenzville.



Most of the Schnitker Trucks were lined up at the old barn for this 50th anniversary picture.

This old barn was used for loading cattle and hogs.

Nicol's Molding Sand Company

Gustav Nicol, Senior of Collinsville, Illinois, established many businesses.

The three main companies included, Natual-Bonded Molding, Core Sand and Illinois Sand.

In the early years sand was shipped to the foundries just as it came from the ground, later it was run through screens and by the late 1930's the foundries demanded a specific product - uniform grain size, moisture and lime - clay content. In 1898 a man approached Mr. Nicol about a job loading sand. He accepted the proposal and loaded sand from several different towns. In 1916 he was running out of sand when a hobo told him there were sand hills between Arenzville and Beardstown. Mr. Nicol made the trip by train, then in 1917 sent his son Irvin to Arenzville to start operation. The following year son Albert Nicol, at 20 years of age, was also sent.

The first work was done the hard way, with horses, wagons and hand shovels. The top soil was cleaned off with a scraper. Henry Hartman always took care of the horses. When the Ford truck came out in 1924 the Arenzville operation changed.

The first sand came from the Nobis farm and in 1919 Albert married Ida Nobis. In the 1930 to 1941 period, the men were paid \$18 for a full six day week. By 1938 the sand deposits around Arenzville were nearly depleted. At the same time, sand was found in the Savanna, Illinois, area. A bunkhouse was build and these men traveled back and forth. In 1945 the Nicol family moved to Savanna.



THE DUMP BEHIND
THE ELEVATOR



Business increased during the war years, then, in 1960, Albert sold the Nicol Sand Company to the Portage Manley Sand Company for \$30,000, including buildings and fifty five acres. Around 20 men from the Arenzville area worked for the Nicol Sand Company.

ARENZVILLE BANDS



ARENZVILLE WOODMEN PICNIC - EARLY 1900'S

The crowd that gathered said it was the best picnic they had attended in many a day. Professor R. Linder, who was the chairman, made the opening address, and Rev. Goodpasture gave an appropriate address for the occasion. Professor R. Linder and G.M. Frier sang three songs, the Glee Club or Ladies Quartette included Mesdames J.M. Swope, E.F. Pfeil and Misses Mary and Lula Schaefer.

The Juvenile Band, under the leadership of Professor J.F. Schaeffer, proved on this occasion to draw and hold a crowd.

Dr. Roscoe Linder died February 3, 1988, at 95 years of age.



1913-1914 R. LINDER, BAND INSTRUCTOR

Standing, left to right, William Rich, Harry Triebert, L. (Doc) Wessler, Fritz Schone, Arthur Eberhart, Gerald Kircher, Myron Hierman, Ernest Weaver, Charles Goule, Clarence Ray, George Proudfoot, Charles Schaefer, A.L. Weeks, Oscar Niemann, ?, H.G. (Marquis) Weeks, John Janssen, Jim Zillion, Dick Schone, Heine Tritsch, Ralph Schaefer, Gary Eberhart. LOWER ROW - Cheslea Houston, Gayle Hierman, Woods (Barber's son), Alfred Musch, Merle Pfolsgof, Manny Arenz, Roscoe Linder, George Musch, Earl Hackman, Byron Houston, Paul Batis, Weir (Bob) Hierman, Verne Rexroat, Clarence Schaefer and Bill McElroy.

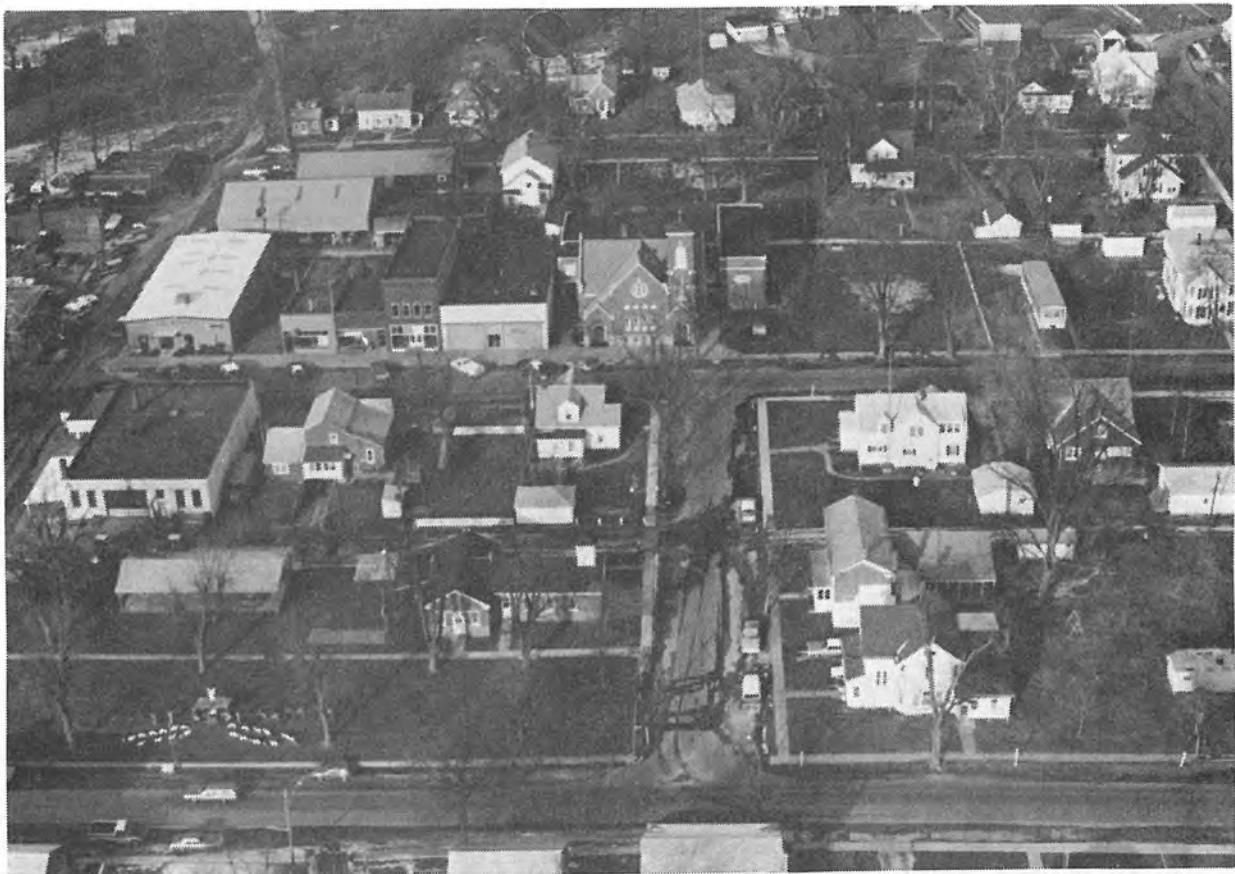
AERIAL VIEW



Arenzville Grade and High School at center right. Methodist Church at left center.



Huey's Saw Mill and log supply at bottom of picture. Trinity Lutheran Church and School at left center.



Arenzville, Illinois

The Catholic Church
at top left center.
The ball diamond and
F.S. Elevator.



JOBE SAYLOR HOME

During the early years, this house was built by Jobe Saylor on West Frederick Street, just east of the Trinity Lutheran Church. In 1882 Mr. Saylor was in the Peoples Bank with Mr. Condit. J.F. Thyen bought it in the 1920's and sold it to the Lutheran church in the 1960's. It was used for Sunday School and Kindergarten.

This home, like most of that time, had a fence around it to keep the cattle out when the farmers drove their cattle through town.



FIRE OF 1972

This is the same house, owned by the Lutheran Church, during the fire of 1972. The southeast corner was damaged by the fire, and in 1973 it was sold to Roland Krohe who demolished it for the lumber.



MILTON SHREWSBURY HOME

This old square house on corner of Frederick and Mary Street was built by Milton Shrewsbury for his family. A number of families lived here and in later years it was sold to Robert Ham senior. After his death, it was sold to Dean Zulauf, who demolished it and built a new house for his family. In 1970 he sold it to Trinity Lutheran Church for a teacherage.

Log Cabin

This log cabin was north and east behind the Catholic Church. We do not know who built it, but the ground belonged to Valentine Herbert in the early years. The cabin was very old and many families lived there. In 1980 Glen Smith bought it and tore it down.



The first settlers in Arenzville lived in log cabins. George Kolberer was born in a log cabin just south of where the Kolberer home is now. Ellis Vanderpool owns the property and lives there. Two log cabins were located just west across the road and my grandfather bought the ground, two acres, in 1867 from the Philip Yeck estate. No doubt there were many more log cabins around the Arenzville area.

Log houses usually had one or two doors and a little window, although sometimes none at all. These cabins were so open and airy that in winter the snow would blow through the cracks, and in summer swarms of mosquitoes surrounded the sleeper, usually a big fire of weeds in front of the cabins in the evening was built to keep the mosquitoes away. The mosquitoes were usually replaced by flies as soon as daylight approached.



This is a very old house. It is at the north end of Arenzville. The Warren Mincy family lived here for several years. After his death it was sold at auction and now belongs to Herman Roegge. The center section is a log cabin.

This building was built of bricks that were made behind the store; the brick yard was run by Joseph Baujan. There were two brick yards in Arenzville at that time. This building was built by H.A. Bridgeman, an implement dealer. A Mr. Bruce and then J.G. Manion had butcher shops here. After the fire of 1913 it was used as a club room. After the fire of 1917 John Zulauf, Senior, re-opened his grocery and butcher shop here. At one time a bakery, run by Merle Pfalsgrov, was located in the west end of the building. After Zulauf's death, his widow, Edna, and son, John, were in partnership. When John, Jr. died Edna took over the shop. In 1974 she sold the building to Frank Paul who made it his home.



This frame building west of the butcher shop was used for cooking lard, storage of hides and hay and keeping cattle for butchering. The building was demolished in 1974.

This old building and part of the house you see was, at one time, a brewery run by Mike Kerner. There were two basements below the house. The bottom one was a cave cellar where the beer was kept.

Several blacksmith shops were located next door. In 1918 Walter Mackey opened one, later Henry Hobrock then Harry Coats. In 1962 the Coats family moved to Beardstown. The place belonged to Mr. Beilschmidt until 1966 when the Arenzville Developing Corporation bought it. The blacksmith shop was torn down and the house burned. In 1968 the property was sold to Midland Telephone Company and a new dial building was erected here.





Strohm's Livery, Feed & Sale Stable, located at Charles and Washington Street, burned down in 1894. It was rebuilt with the building that is still there in 1988, owned by Beard's Allis.

It has been run by the following men: Ed Pfeil, Ed Houston, Irving Fischer, B.F. Graham, Hugh Jones, William Laughery, Albert Hays and Henry Niestradt.

Some of the veterinarians have been W. Thomas, Dr. Wilson, Dr. Bolle and Dr. Looker.

EARLY 1920'S
Carpenters working on the house west of the Methodist church.

Left to right are: Opal Arenz, Conrad Hahling, Otis Willey, Ed Shrewsbury and Marshall Fanning.

The house you see is the old John Weeks home. Don Wessler's new home is there now.



This block building was built by Mike Seide, behind the Arenzville House on Main Street for a garage in 1920. After Lorenz Wessler bought the Arenzville House, in the late 1930's, he used it first for an office for his garage, then used it to store new cars. Edgar Lovekamp used it for his shoe and harness shop for a time, then moved to the old Farmers and Merchants Bank building.

Don Wessler tore the building down in 1974 and built his new office on the lot.



BEFORE THE FIRE OF 1917

Frank and Edward Hierman's Hardware, Buggies and Farm Implements. On Frederick St. from Charles St. west, before the fire of October 1917. It was never rebuilt. In 1968 the First National Bank built a new bank building on the corner. Wells Saloon, next to Hierman's, is where the fire started. Wells rebuilt but in 1921 the town went dry and the building was closed, except for dances. Lyman Peck opened a garage in it in the late 1920's. In 1934 Paige Taylor opened a saloon here but in 1935 sold it to Robert Beard. In 1936 Beard sold out to Alford Nobis who sold out to his son, Harold, in 1945. Harold Nobis sold the building to Dick Staake in 1983.

Mitch Reckamp's barber shop building was next. He died in 1916, but his widow rebuilt after the fire. At the time of the fire it was run by Smith and Barnhart. William Van Herck worked for Mitch before he went to service. He bought the building from Mitch's widow in 1920. North side.



Wells Saloon — the small building was the first to get back in business after the Arenzville fire of 1917.



The Barber Shop was next to Well's Saloon. The inside of the shop a few years before the fire. Charles Goule and Mitch Reckamp pictured.



Inside the Barber Shop after it was rebuilt. Ivan Leftridge and Edward Smith, who was Mabel Schnitker's father. After Van Herck bought the shop Orville Briggs and Jason Reno worked for him. I started to work in the shop in May 1928 and continued there until 1947. Then Bill Van Herck worked for me. In 1966 Harold Nobis bought the shop from Bill. I ran the shop until 1970, when I moved the shop into my home. Nobis then remodeled and Grocery was next to the Barber Shop.

it into a restaurant. John Zulauf Meats. Some of the boys from north of town and I usually stopped here for crackers and a small jar of peanut butter after school.



F.C. BOLLHORST JEWELER FROM 1907 UNTIL HE BURNED OUT IN 1917.

Mr. Koppelman was here before Bollhorst; he drowned while duck hunting. In the next building was William Nobis Shoe Repair and Lloyd Yeck and G.C. Hoagland's *Arenzville Independent Newspaper*. This lot was empty until 1950 when Arthur Kleinschmidt built the building that is there now, which Tim Huey now owns.

The little house on the corner did not burn. It is very old and was built by Mr. Walter. Several different families have lived in it but the last owner was Frank Paul. He had it burned down by the fire department on April 9, 1988.



In early times this home was once a Saloon. Under it was a deep cellar where beer was kept to stay cold.



Correction: the house at left was built in 1870 not 1970.

1970 —

The house on the left was built by Valentine Walter. Several families lived here, the last being Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Paul. They built a new one and had the old one torn down around 1977.



Simon Finder's Saloon north behind Hierman's Hardware. This building was owned by John Ruppel who also got back in business by erecting a small building after the fire. William Crawford ran this saloon until 1921 when all saloons were closed.

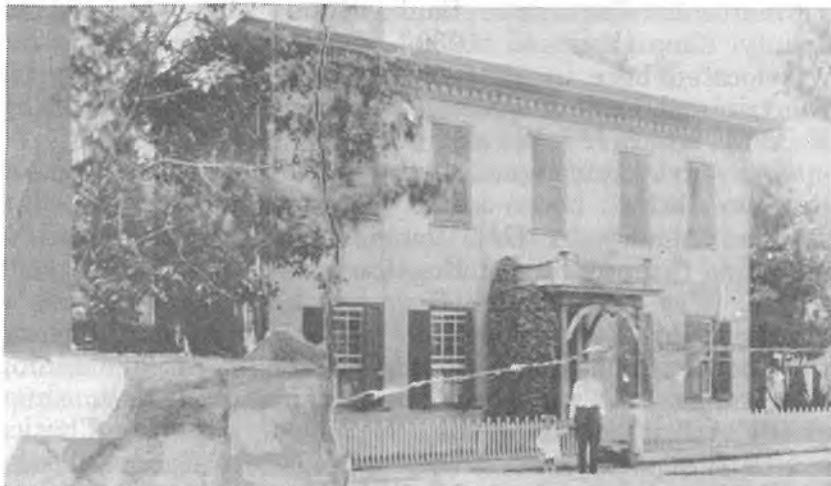
Shanty Graham sold soft drinks here, followed by Lester Smith's Grocery then Lester Manker's Grocery. Robert Beard bought the

building in 1958 from Ruppel's son-in-law, Mr. Hansmeier, and opened the coin wash. After his death Mrs. Beard sold the place to Charles Grant in 1977 or '78, and he's the current owner. This photo shows Albert Tritsch facing the camera.



HIERMAN'S
HARDWARE
AFTER THE FIRE
OF 1917.

On the left is the corner of Niemann's building. On the right is Farmer & Merchant Bank, also on right is chimney and kettle behind Zulauf's Meat Market, where they cooked lard.



HENRY BEARD HOME

This home is located on the south west corner of Charles and Frederick Streets and was built by Jobe Saylor. In 1908 it was moved west one-half block to make room for the Farmers and Merchants Bank.



The bank closed in 1933. A few years later Edgar Lovekamp bought the building for his shoe repair in back and his brother John opened a restaurant in front. After Edgar's death John closed the place. Later, Gayle and Frieda Hierman opened a restaurant, then Laura Lovekamp, followed by Lorna Harbin's restaurant which ran until 1969. Harold Nobis bought the building in 1973 and remodeled it in 1984. It is closed as of 1988.

Standing in front of the bank in the photo is John Theivogt.



EDGAR LOVEKAMP HARNESS & SHOE REPAIR SHOP

This business was located in the old Farmers and Merchants Bank building. Edgar died in 1953.



This is the old Beard home. The J.F. Thyen family lived here and Mr. Thyen had his Jewelry Shop here from 1915 to 1921, when he built his shop next to the Farmers & Merchants Bank. June Ater started her beauty shop here in 1930. The Shipping Association was located here in 1934. From 1922 until 1930 Wessler Electric and Coal was here, then moved to the Niemann building, which Mr. Wessler bought.

The first Telephone Company in Arenzville started in the little house that is beside Wessler's Insurance Agency. A Dr. Glass built this house and it later was the property of Engelbach.

J.A. Way started the first telephone company here. He kept his horses in the old brick building behind the house. This old building, which is still standing today, was used in early years as a blacksmith shop,

and in 1918 housed Arenzville's first light plant. He sold out to Charles Brasell. Two rooms were added to the north end. Brasell sold out to Sam Gill who moved the switch board to the old Beard home and the little house was then rented out. Sam Gill's father-in-law, E.J. Huff, owned it in 1920.

Tony Thomas owns it now, but it is for sale. Gill sold the exchange to George Decker and in 1960 he sold out to Midland Dial System. The building was demolished in 1968.



Looking east from State Street, on Frederick. Note the oil street lamp on the corner in front of the McCarty building. McCarty built his building for a drug store in 1903.

Also shown is the Laughery building and the old White Restaurant.



THE WHITE RESTAURANT

The White Restaurant, one of the older buildings built with brick made in Arenzville. This picture was taken in January 1937. The building was used as a tin shop in early years. From 1906 to 1915 Fred Lippert ran a restaurant here.

It changed hands several times - from Tiney Summers to Louis Frazier to Clem Haxton to Myron and Bob Hierman to Edgar, John and Harlan Lovekamp to Gayle and Frieda Hierman, for 18 years, then to Henry Brockhouse. The next owner was Clarence Saylor, then Bob Boatman,

SIDE - Pool Hall run by Brockhouse and

Raymond Schnitker, Charles Herbert Tavern and Pool Hall, Dale Beard and Werner Lovekamp, Tavern and Pool Hall. Merle Pfolsgrot's Bakery, Foster's Bakery, Arenzville Community Hall, then Dr. Groupe's office. In 1961 Harold Nobis bought the building, demolished it, and built the Sugar Shack in 1962. Bob and Marilyn Stock ran this business, selling sandwiches and soft ice cream, followed by Bertha Reichert. In 1966 Jo Ann Manuel moved her beauty shop here. It now belongs to Tim Huey and is vacant.

The next building was built by Julius Laughery for a grocery store, but in 1915 it housed Harry Triebert's Barber Shop and Pool Hall. The above picture shows Jones Brothers; Shoe Repair Shop, Robert Lovekamp and Ben Arenz; Bud Nelson Grocery; Arnold Meyer, Illinois Oil Station; three garages, Manker, Stock and Tritsch. Charles McLain's Market, he sold the building to Nobis, who tore it down, added six feet to the sugar shack and built a car wash in the back, in 1965. It did not pay so he removed it.

The McCarty building, which was built for his drug store in 1903, is also of Arenzville brick. This building was later used by J.A. Weeks and Charles Springer as a Drug Store, then Russel Long's Tavern, Charles Hobrock's Tavern, and Bartelheim Ladder Shop. The above picture shows the dance hall. The upstairs was used for living quarters, ATA meetings and storage. In 1956 Charles McLain bought the building for his grocery store and in 1969 sold the place to John Phelps. In 1974 Phelps sold the place to Mrs. William Hannel who re-sold it in 1984 to Gerald Beard.



TRIEBERT'S
BARBER SHOP

Mr. Triebert with Marcus Weeks in chair. Charles Goule is other barber.

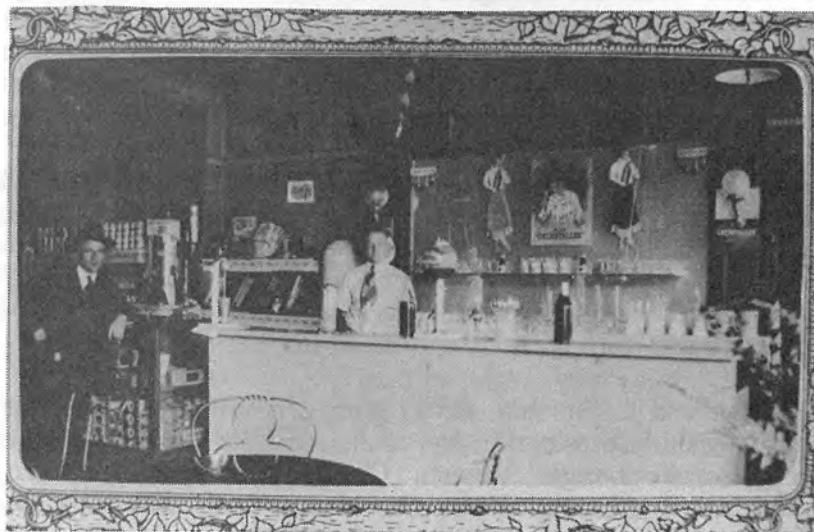
At one time there were two barber shops on Frederick St., with three barbers in each shop.

"Jones Brothers" should read "Jones Brothers Movie Theater."



Looking east up Frederick Street.

The Henry Beard home is on the right, or south-west corner of Frederick and Charles Streets.



Myron and Bob Hierman when they ran the White Restaurant on the south side of Frederick Street.

Bob is behind the bar.



This picture on the back wall of the restaurant invited customers to "drink CHERRYALLEN."



FIRE

Lovekamp Harness Shop
Edgar and John, Junior, Lovekamp in their father's harness shop. The building belonged to Engelbach. It was located behind the building where Gerald Beard now has his Side Door Grocery Store.

John Lovekamp opened his harness shop here after the fire of 1913. After his death in 1919 his widow sold the harness shop to Ben Arenz. In 1921 it burned.

Wessler's Electric & Radio Shop

Located on the corner of Frederick and Charles Street was badly damaged by fire on January 2, 1968.

Below - Meyers Store, owned by A.C. Hart, was damaged by fire in 1965. It was a cabinet shop at the time. Mr. Hart gave the building to the Trinity Lutheran Church, and it is used for Sunday School.



Looking east in the late 1930's, Beard's Shell Station, the old Farmers & Merchants Bank, J.F. Thyen Jewelry, Long's Oil Truck and the Barber Pole.

Chautauqua



The Chautauquas were annual events and the highlight of the summer in Arenzville. Troupes of high class entertainers in music, dramatics, recitals and lectures arrived yearly. A huge tent was erected in the south side of Zuschka school yard. It is described in one advertisement as being thoroughly waterproof and scientifically designed for acoustics.

The stage was thirty feet wide and all scenery was twelve feet high. The scenery was changed daily. The earliest program we have is dated 1916. All events ran for five days during the summer months. A program with games was held for the children each morning.

The 1922 program featured, "The Shepherd of the Hills," play together with Schubert Ladies Quartet, Cleavers Gypsies, Landis Quartet and Welsh Ladies Glee Singers.

Season tickets, before opening day, were priced at \$2 for adults, \$1 for children 6-12 years old. After opening day the cost advanced to \$2.50 for adults and \$1.50 for children. Single admission prices were 50¢ for adults and 25¢ for children. First, third and fifth night prices were 75¢ and 35¢.

The 1922 program lists the following public spirited citizens who made the event possible: C.E. Rice, H. Ed Natemeyer, A.L. Streuter, O.N. Zahn, W.E. Hierman, H. George Wright, H.L. Meyer, Merle Pfolsgrov, H.C. Lovekamp, O.W. Hackman, Henry C. Brockhouse, J.A. Weeks, Lorenz Burrus, H.R. Kircher, W.H. Kircher, R.L. Beard, E.R. Hackman, J.C. Springer, P.W. Batis, W.L. Pfeil, M. Hackman, George Musch, F.O. Pfolsgrov, Lydia Engelbach, E.G. Lovekamp, J.C. Pfeil, J.F. Thyen, Eugene L. Peck, Philip Stock, C.A. Schaefer, Arthur Schmidt, H.F. Triebert, W.H. Witte, Sr., H.W. Musch, Arthur Carls, A.E. Crum, Albert Lovekamp, F.G. Kircher, Oscar Niemann, J.M. Swope, John L. Naylor, Lewis Willey, H.A. Naylor, B.F. Graham, A.L. Weeks, H. Kuhlman, Harvey McLain, Bert Wood, Theodore Hierman, Mrs. Mary Houston, Adelaide Schnitker and Leo Jones.

The Chautauqua groups originated at Chautauqua Lake, New York, and went on summer circuits. We have one program of 1916 and the last one of 1924. It may not have been held during World War I.



ARENZVILLE CREAMERY & CHEESE HOUSE

Located on Virginia Road and Louisa Street was once owned by a Mr. Brown. Fred Dahman lived in it for several years, then it was sold to Herman Wessler, who tore it down and used the lot to store coal and gravel. In 1969 he sold the lot to Dick Schone Jr. who lives there in 1988.



The old Wessler Cement Block and Well Rims building was built in 1905. It was torn down and the lot sold to Malcom Carter in 1971. He moved a double wide trailer on the lot and later sold it to John Derry. In 1988 Huey bought the property.

BELOW - Gerald Kircher, Earl Cooper, Bob Hierman, Walter Becker and Horace Cooper at the Concrete Block and Well Rim Company.



ARENZVILLE ENQUIRER
5 July 1922

OH, YES! OH, YES!
FUN, FUN FOR EVERYBODY

Thursday, July 6, 1922
at 4:30 O'Clock p.m. at

WITTE BALL GROUND

Ball Teams To Be Selected From The
Following Business Firms -

SOUTH SIDE:

Herman Engelbach, Manager - Arenzville
Lumber Company
Albert Weeks, firm - A.L. Weeks & Company
A. Proudfoot, firm - A.L. Weeks & Company
Lloyd Yeck, firm - Yeck & Naylor
Henry Naylor, firm - Yeck & Naylor
Russell Naylor, firm - Naylor & Son
John Naylor, firm - Naylor & Son
Fred Engelbach, Cashier - First National
Bank
H.L. Meyer, Manager - Farmers Elevator
Company
Fred Kloker, Manager - Schultz Elevator
Company
B.H. Arenz, Harness Maker & Dealer
J.A. Weeks, Druggist
John Lovekamp, - Lovekamp Cafe
Merle Pfolsgropf, - Bakery
Harold Wessler, Bookkeeper - Arenzville
Light Company
Sam Gill, Manager - Home Telephone
Company
J.F. Thyen, Jeweler
John Theivogt, Cashier - Farmers & Mer-
chants State Bank
Chas. A. Schaeffer, Asst. Cashier -
Farmers & Merchants Bank
W.L. Pfeil, Manager - Arenzville
Produce Company
Jason Reno, Barber
J.M. Swope, Physician
A.F. Streuter, Physician
Jack Dorand, - Red Arrow Garage
Paul Batis, - Red Arrow Garage
L.J. Wessler, - Red Arrow Garage
Sam Batis, Implement Dealer

Art Pfolsgropf, Local Representative
- Enquirer
Otto Niemann, Asst. Cashier - First
National Bank

NORTH SIDE:

William Van Herck, Barber
Orville Briggs, Barber
Ed Hierman, Implement Dealer
Weir (Bob) Hierman, Implement Dealer
Myron Hierman, Implement Dealer
Oscar Niemann, Merchant
Cheslea Houston, Merchant
Ed Natemeyer, Furniture Dealer
John Janssen, firm - Onken Brothers &
Meyer WATCH HIM!
William Comfort, - Comfort Cafe
John Zulauf, firm - Zulauf & Son
Henry Niestradt, Livery
W.H. Dufelmeier, Drayman
Dr. Wilson, Veterinary
Walter Mackey, Blacksmith
Albert Nicol, The Sand Man
Val Hahling, Contractor
Harry Triebert, Insurance Agent

The above merchants are all Boost-
ers for Arenzville, the Home Town,
for the Arenzville Enquirer and the
Arenzville Chautauqua.

Jason Reno, manager for the South
Side Team, George A. Brockhouse,
manager for the North Side Team.
William H. Burmester, Umpire.

DONT FORGET TO COME AS THIS WILL BE
THE HOTIEST CONTESTED GAME OF BALL
PLAYED AT ARENZVILLE THIS SEASON.

No admission will be charged but
everyone should donate liberally
when the hat is passed.

ARENZVILLE ENQUIRER

Wednesday, July 12, 1922

Umpire and North Side Team Win But Revenge'll Come

Line-up Changed Each Inning Through-out Massacre of South-Siders

There never before was a ball game just like it. That affair of July 6, when the North side played the South side business men was in a class by itself. The score, generally accepted as 18-10 in favor of the North-siders, doesn't begin to tell just how fast the Northenders were on the diamond — with the exception of one inning, during which the opponents piled up 9 counts.

The event was staged on the Witte Field at five o'clock the evening of July 6th. For the reason that the beginning of every inning, and the finish of the same inning, saw a complete change of line-up of each team, it is difficult to tell who played in the various positions. However, the following is compiled from the line-up at the start of the game, no changes having been made until at least three minutes after the conflict began.

NORTH SIDE		SOUTH SIDE
Nicol	P	Schaeffer
Stock	C	Reno
Lovekamp	1b	Dorand
Ommen	2b	Arenz
Hierman	3b	Naylor
Houston	SS	Dale Beard
Brockhouse	Lf	H. Naylor
Janssen	Cf	Paul Batis
Wilson	Rf	?????

There were six umpires. At least they called them umpires, but it is firmly believed that one of them made the decisions and the other five acted as body guards. The umpire was not injured although he and the others had several miraculous escapes. Even the bystanders had to be on the watch-out for flying bats when some husky south or north-sider swung at the ball and missed, the bat slipping from his hands.

The South-siders were deprived of the services of John Theivogt for three innings, as the banker arrived late. Had he been there when the melee started, it is believed the outcome would have been different. Mr. Theivogt was so "horse" following the game that Charles Schaeffer thought the following morning that John had slept with the gate open.

George Brockhouse got hit on the thigh early in the game, practically incapacitating him. His injury kept the North-siders from making eight more scores at least. Bob Hierman "fouled" clear over in to Bill Witte's barnyard and hid out for a time because he feared the ball had gone through a window.

A.L. Weeks, who was sitting with a group of North-siders, raised an awful holler when the pitcher gave Doc. Wilson four strikes. He subsided eventually, however, because he couldn't make his "friends the enemy" because Doc had been given more than three.

Paddy wants to play when the return engagement is staged, and he has already started practicing. He was seen out behind the barn this morning throwing rocks at a tomato can. Reno found it difficult to "hold" Schaeffer behind the bat, swearing that after the first two or three had been hurled that Charley was throwing rocks at him.

Taken all in all, it was some game. Those who did not attend have come to realize that they did miss something and they are endeavoring to arrange another battle which will be staged, probably, at the Witte Field on next Tuesday.

MORE TERRIBLE DETAILS

SOUTH-SIDERS DEFEAT NORTH-SIDERS 23 - 22

The Enquirer carried a short item about the baseball game between the North-siders and South-siders in its column last week, but not only wants but demands more details, so here goes:

As exclusively predicted in this paper two weeks ago, revenge came for the South-siders. The game started about 4:30 at Witte Park with everybody rooting, and it was anybody's game until the last ball was pitched. Ben Arenz pitched the full nine innings for the South-siders and gets credit for winning the game.

Heavy hitting, poor fielding and arguments featured the game, but no pop bottles were thrown and it was unnecessary to have resulted in violence in towns where real friendship that will stand any kind of "ragging" exists.

At the end of the game it was found that all the bats were broken except one that was too heavy to swing and the score was 23-22 in favor of the South-siders.

Therefore the North-siders bought the cigars and said the South-siders could not do it again.

As the North-siders won the first game by a score of 18-10 a third game will be played soon to decide the "championship."

The scorer was unable to keep track of all the intricate playing tactics of the two managers but the line-up was something like the following:

<u>South-siders</u>	
Sam Gill	2b
Dale Beard	Lf, 3b
Jack Dorand	1b
Russell Naylor	SS
Naylor	Lf
Wessler	Lf
Paul Batis	C
Koeppel	3b, Lf
F. Thyen	Rf
Weeks	Rf
B. Arenz	P

<u>North-siders</u>	
B. Hierman	C
A. Nicol	1b
B. Beard	SS
Dr. Wilson	3b
E. Nicol	P
A. Nicol	P
B. Beard	P
W. Van Herck	Lf
Z. Zulauf	Rf
Johnson	Rf
Ommen	Rf
O. Lovekamp	Lf
C. Houston	Cf

SCORE BY INNINGS

Innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	T
SS	3	0	4	4	0	3	2	7	0	23
NS	2	1	2	2	1	2	1	6	5	22

NORTH-SIDERS WIN CITY CHAMPIONSHIP

What is that which flies so proudly to the breeze on the Northside of town? What is that deep dark death-like stillness which hovers so despondently over the Southside? The first is the City Championship pennant and the second is a cloud of figurative depression and disappointment so dense that it can be felt, if not seen, on the clearest day. Of course there is no real cloud to be seen and no pennant has been raised by the North-siders as yet, but the feeling of elation and depression is prevalent in the two sections of town nevertheless.

In the beginning both sides said they were going to win, but superior pitching for the North-siders and inferior hitting and fielding on the part of the South-siders caused the game to result in a victory of 6-4 for the North-siders.

The game was close and interesting all the way through, although there was very little spectacular playing. There was also very little "ragging" and neither side could complain about decisions of the umpires being one-sided.

Southpaw Jack Dorand started on the hill for the South-siders, but switched to first base in the fifth inning and Ben Arenz finished the game. Ed Nicol went the entire nine frames for the North-siders and pitched a very creditable game, having some stuff on the ball at times that the South-siders could not see.

It is generally conceded by the South-siders that they would have won if the North-siders had not.

A good crowd was present and a nice sum was realized from the collection taken, which will be placed to the credit of the Tigers* after expenses are paid.

THE BOX SCORE

SOUTH-SIDERS	ab	a	po	h	r	e
S. Gill Rf, SS	5	0	2	0	0	0
D. Beard 2b	2	1	2	1	1	0
P. Batis C	4	1	11	1	0	3
Koeppen 3b	4	1	1	1	0	1
R. Naylor Rf, SS	4	2	0	1	0	1
T. Naylor Cf	4	0	0	1	1	1
B. Arenz P, 1b	4	2	9	3	2	1
J. Dorand P, 1b	4	4	1	1	0	0
F. Thyen Lf	2	0	0	0	0	1
J. Lovekamp Lf	1	0	1	0	0	0
TOTALS	36	11	27	9	4	8

NORTH-SIDERS	ab	a	pr	h	r	e
E. Nicol P	4	5	2	3	2	0
J. Stock C	4	1	13	1	0	1
O. Lovekamp 1b	4	1	8	1	1	0
J. Zulauf Cf	4	1	0	1	1	0
Van Herck Lf	2	0	0	0	1	0
B. Hierman 2b	4	1	1	2	0	0
E. Mackey Rf	4	0	0	1	0	0
B. Beard SS	4	3	3	0	0	0
C. Houston 3b	3	0	0	1	1	2
TOTALS	33	12	27	10	6	3

Struck out: by Nicol, 10 in 9 innings; by Dorand, 4 in 4 innings; by Arenz, 6 in 5 innings. Hit by pitched ball; Van Herck,p twice by Nicol (33), J. Stock, B. Hierman (2).

Score By Innings										
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	T
South-siders	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	4
North-siders	1	0	2	1	2	0	0	0	0	6

* The Tigers ball team was the regular team that played against neighboring town teams. At the time the final Northside/Southside game was played, the Tigers had four games scheduled: Jacksonville All-Stars, Bath at Chandlerville, Winchester and White Hall. There was also a baseball team in Arenzville at this same time known as the "Arenzville Grays."

BATIS PARK



Everything was donated to build this community park, including the use of the tractors used to level off the ground.

The first entrance to the ball park from West Main Street.

Standing under the sign are Russell Alexander, Homer Fricke, Carrol Lovekamp, who painted the sign, and Edward Carls.

In 1965 a new road from the north was built into Arenzville and a new entrance from the east was built into the park.



LEFT- East Entrance to Batis Park. RIGHT - In 1968 a Sweet Gum tree, donated by the Cass County Historical Society, was planted on the left of the entrance. In the photo are Mrs. Marie Peck, Mrs. Esther Morrison, and Mrs. Hester Lovekamp.

BODE BRICK YARD

The ball diamond is now located where the old Bode Brick Yard once stood, on the north side of Main Street.



SHIPPING ASSOCIATION STOCK YARD

The barn you see is still at the ball diamond. The stock yard is on the south side of Main Street.

After the brick yard was cleaned up, Mr. Batis used it to keep cattle. After Batis died his daughter Eloise, and her husband Fred Knight gave the ground to the Community Club for a ball diamond.

This is the way it looked in 1952 before the work was done.



1953 - The first ball game to be played in Sam Batis Park featured Arenzville against Bluffs.

Catcher, Dean Zulauf, Edward Dober calling balls and strikes, Merris, of Bluffs, at bat, and Melvin (Bud) Schone pitching.



An early baseball team. Could possibly be in the late 1800's.

We are not able to identify anyone in this picture.

ARENZVILLE BALL TEAM OF 1913

Top row, from right to left, Walter Kolberer, Gerald Kircher, Wm. (Shorty) Rich, Weir (Bob) Hierman and Henry (Heinie) Tritsch.

Center, Wm. (Bill) McElroy and Oscar (Razzie) Niemann.

Bottom, Paul Batis and Lee Stoker.





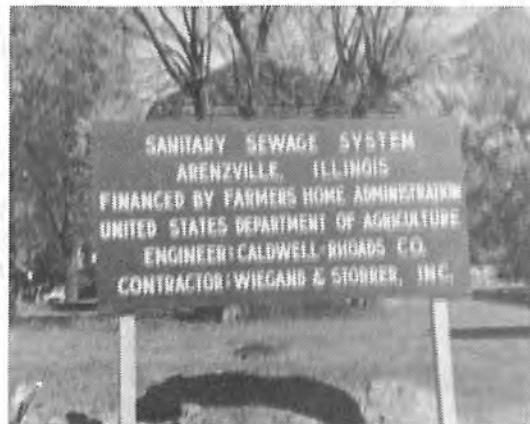
Harold Wessler in front of the Poultry House on west Main Street.

In earlier days it was run by Walter Pfeil, Henry Kuhlman ran it later. Oscar Niemann and Bill Pond also were here.

In 1950 the Farmers Coop bought it and built an office and scale house. In 1979 it was sold to the F.S. Co-op.

THE SANITARY SEWAGE SYSTEM
Arenzville, Illinois
1966

The lagoon was built south of town and was rebuilt in 1987.



The dedication of the sewer system and the Arenzville Town Board members of 1966.

Left to right, Epler Mills, Attorney; Edward Wessler, Mayor; A.C. Hart and trustees - Robert Beard, Roy McCloud, Harry Dufelmeier, Theodore Lovekamp, Harold Emerick, Edward C. Carls, and Willard Peck, Secretary.

ORDINANCES PASSED AT FIRST VILLAGE MEETING JULY 9, 1853

SECTION I

Be it ordained by the President and trustees, that each male inhabitant, above the age of 21 years shall be required to labor 3 days on roads, streets, and alleys.

SECTION II

If any person having received 3 days notice of the time and place to perform Road Labor shall fail to attend at the time appointed, and shall also fail to pay the supervisor the sum of 75 cents for each day - the supervisor shall proceed against such delinquent person or persons at the expiration of one month from the time of notice given and collect the same by suit in the name of the President and Trustees together with all costs attending such collection.

SECTION III

The supervisor shall keep the roads, streets, and all alleys in good repair, he shall render an account to the board at the expiration of the year, for which he was appointed; if any person shall refuse to serve as supervisor, he shall pay to the town treasure the sum of \$5. Any supervisor shall receive as a compensation the sum of one (1) dollar for extra days he may be employed on working on roads, streets, etc.

SECTION IV

If any person or persons shall within the limits of the corporation willfully disturb the peace or quiet of any neighborhood or family, by loud or unusual noises or by tumultuous and offensive carriage, threatening, quarrelling, challenging to fight or fighting, every person convicted thereof shall be fined a sum not less than one (1) dollar nor more than 5 dollars and costs.

Julius Phillipi, Clerk
Francis Arenz, President

July 1853

Charles Heinz and Theodore Heinz, first constables, gave bond for \$100.

July 26, 1853 (second meeting)

Herman Engelbach and Peter Arenz gave bond as treasure - Peter Arenz co-signed.

ORDINANCE JULY 1853

SECTION V

Be it ordained by the President and Trustees of the town of Arenzville that if any person being the owner of any animal lying or being dead on his own premises or elsewhere, within the corporate limits of the town of Arenzville shall neglect to remove such dead animal beyond said limits within four hours after the existence of such fact shall in any manner be brought to his knowledge, such person so offending shall forfeit and pay a penalty of not less than one nor more than five dollars for each offence.

SECTION VI

If the owner of any dead animal lying within the corporate limits, shall neglect to comply with the requisition of the forgoing section of this ordinance, or if no owner can be found, it shall be the duty of the town constable to cause such dead animal to be removed from the corporate limits and for such service he shall receive from time to time such sums from their town treasure as the board of trustees allow.

SECTION VII

And it is hereby, made a special duty of the Constable to enforce this ordinance, and in every case of its violation to prosecute the offender.

SECTION VIII

Any person who shall deposit in any of the streets or alleys of the town any manure or filth of any kind, taken from stables, barns or other places or permit the same to remain thereon longer than two days, shall forfeit and pay the sum of not less than one or more than five dollars for each and every offence.

SECTION IX

Be it ordained by the President and Trustees of Arenzville that the constable shall arrest any person, whom he may find drunk in the streets of the town or in any way disturbing the peace or quiet of the same, upon view, shall confine him until sober, at which time and as soon as may be, he shall be taken before the Justice of the Peace and forfeit and pay a sum not more than \$5 nor less than one dollar and costs.

SECTION X

In all cases, where a person arrested upon view of the offence and brought before the Justice of the Peace, no warrant or no action of debt shall be necessary, but the offender may be brought to trial for which, unless a continuance for cause is granted, in which event the accused shall give bail for his appearance or be committed. Provided in all cases of trial without warrant or action of debt there shall be made before the trial, if demanded by the accused, a specification in writing of offence of the trial.

SECTION XI

States fine shall be set by Justice of Peace if there is no trial by jury.

SECTION XII

No person shall make or cause to be made within the limits of said town any indecent exhibition of himself or of any horse or other animal, nor shall any person within limits of said town ride or drive immoderately or cause to be rode or driven any horse or animal; any person so offending shall pay a fine of not less than one or more than ten

dollars for each such offence.

SECTION XIII

No person shall leave a horse or horses, mule or mules, either attached to a vehicle standing in the streets without hitching them to some post or other thing used for this purpose or if attached to a vehicle without first unhitching the traces and fastening the reins securely to a post or to prevent their running away and hazarding the lives and limbs or property of the citizens, every person so offending against this regulation shall pay and forfeit for the use of said town not less than one or more than five dollars for each offence.

SECTION XIV

Governed selling of liquor of any kind to no less than one gallon, unless they procure a liquor license.

SECTION XV

Any person or persons who, having taken out a license to keep groceries shall permit gambling therein, or in any house or room belonging thereto or shall keep a disorderly house shall forfeit and pay the sum of not less than 3 or more than ten dollars.

SECTION XVI

Any person or persons who shall bet or play at any game of cards, dice, or other game of chance or hazard within the limits of the town of Arenzville shall on conviction thereof pay a fine of not less nor more than \$5.

SECTION XVII

Any person or persons who having a license to keep a grocery shall not permit obscene or profane conversation, quarreling or fighting in his or their grocery, so as to annoy persons on streets or sidewalks as to disturb the peace and quiet of the neighborhood, shall forfeit not less than 3 dollars or more than 10 dollars.

SECTION XVIII

Be it ordained, that no person or persons shall set up any public show, exhibition or entertainment, hawk or peddle any goods within the incorporated town of Arenzville without a license therefore from the board of trustees and every person so offending shall pay sum of not more than \$20.

SECTION XIX

Be it further ordained that the President or Clerk of Trustees is hereby authorized to grant a license to

any person or persons for the purposes of enumerated in the foregoing section, receiving a sum not less than one or more than \$10.

SECTION XX

Every person being a resident, taking sand on any street within the incorporated limits of Arenzville shall pay 25 cents for each load or be fined a sum not less than one dollar.

This ordinance to be in force after November 1st, 1853.

VILLAGE BOARD RECORDS

JULY 1, 1854

At an election held this day for five trustees for the town of Arenzville, J.L. Cire, Charles Coerper, John Goebel, Theodore Heinz and Edward Beard received a majority of all votes cast and are hereby declared duly elected.

Treasurer reported \$89.27 and expenditures were \$17.85, leaving a balance of \$71.42.

SEPTEMBER 4, 1854

Be it ordained by the President and Trustees of the town of Arenzville that no grocery stores shall be kept open after ten o'clock p.m. and no liquor to be sold on Sunday. Violation shall be a fine of not less than \$1 or more than five for each offence.

Theodore Heinz, Clerk
J.L. Cire, President

SEPTEMBER 15, 1854

Beer license to be twenty-five dollars per year.

OCTOBER 1, 1854

Grocery license to be \$50 per year.

MARCH 11, 1855

It shall be the duty of the supervisor to call on all able bodied male persons over twenty one and under fifty years of age, within the limits of town, to perform the number of days labor due for the years, giving each person at least three days notice of the time when

and the place where work is required, and stating what description of tools to bring, the supervisor shall observe the hour appointed to meet, that each person does appear at the time, with the tool directed to be brought, and where on the streets, that each person shall work industriously and diligently, doing at least 8 hours faithful labor in each day at such work as directed by the supervisor.

Any person may pay the supervisor the sum of seventy-five cents for each day labor due, for neglecting or failing to do the work or pay the supervisor shall proceed against such delinquent person at the expiration of one month after notice as above required and collect by suit in the name of the President and Trustees of the sum of \$1 for each day together with all costs attending such collection.

JULY 30, 1855

Be it ordained by the President and Trustees that thirty feet by forty feet square of the south west corner of the Public Square in Arenzville be hereby granted for the purpose of erecting there on a House of Public Worship open to all denominations of Christians, said house to be and remain under the control of the

Board of Trustees for said purpose and none other.

Theodore Heinz, Clerk
J.B. Glass, President

JULY 14, 1856

Resolved that the constable receive his legal fee after arresting an offender, whether he be guilty or not.

Resolved to get the bridge at the tan yard repaired and give the job to the lowest bidder, likewise for making gates in the fence in the public square and for making fire ladders.

Resolved to raise liquor license to \$75 per year.

JULY 16, 1856

Be it ordained by the President and Board of Trustees that no person shall tie a horse or horses, mule or mules to the fence around the public square. Any person violating this ordinance shall upon conviction pay not less than one or more than three dollars and costs.

JULY 25, 1856

Present: H. Engelbach, H. Schmidt, C. Vogel, Valentine Walter and J. Phillippi.

Resolved to permit James Wilson to dig clay in alley back of E. Heinz under this condition:

To dig from Charles street in a regular grade.

To have four feet from the back side of the lot of block 6 and dig starting and beginning 4 feet from tape. Not to the fence in the alley.

To give \$50 security to keep the condition and finish grading this year.

H. Engelbach, President
J. Phillippi, Clerk

JANUARY 14, 1857

Ordained by the President and Trustees that any person or persons who put inside the fence of the public square any horse, mule or cow, heifer calf or swine shall be fined the sum of \$5 and costs.

J. Phillippi, Clerk
W. Dresbach, President

FEBRUARY 10, 1859

The supervisor was requested to sue those who failed to work at the road, so as to be ready to make a settlement at the expiration of his term.

Also resolved to have railings made on both sides of the plank before the public well, these railings to be fastened to two posts each post to be 8 inches square and put 3 feet into the ground, the railings to be 3 feet from the ground and 4 inches by 6 inches thick, on the top of the railing towards Main street, a trough to be fastened of 2 inch oak planks 10 inches deep, 3 inches wide at the bottom, 12 inches at the top fastened with spikes between upright posts. All to be burr white oak. The job let to the bidder, price not to exceed fifteen (\$15) dollars.

J. Phillippi, Clerk
W. Dresbach, President

DECEMBER 7, 1859

Resolved not to have anything more to do with the well known as the public well.

M. Thompson, Clerk
Wm. Dresbach, President

JANUARY 2, 1860

Resolved to have the constable notify all to return fire ladders that are in their possession by the evening of January 3rd.

AUGUST 5, 1860

The fence around the public square is to be put in good order and the lot plowed up and sowed in blue grass. Notice to the lowest bidder.

1863

[First mention of real estate tax]
50 cents per hundred, Sheriff of Cass County to collect them and he will pay to town what it has coming.

APRIL 13, 1864

Deed of George Gunther and wife for Arenzville Church was received and ordered to be filed among town papers without recording until town treasury is replenished.

JULY 16, 1864

The town treasure had a balance of 64¢. The new board of trustees were: J. Phillipi, J.A. Herbert, Samuel Batis, J. Schaefer, J. Glass, Isaac Smith.

Grass in grave yard was sold to John Joeckel for \$1.

AUGUST 1, 1865

Resolved I. Smith repair the fence on the town square and as compensation to have the privilege of putting horses in of nights until September 1st.

C.F. Driffenbacker was allowed to use the church for school for 3 months.

Upon a motion the board agreed to allow a new school house to be erected on the site of the old one on the public square.

JULY 21, 1866

Board met pursuant to special call, present were I. Smith, H. Engelbach, H. Schaefer, V. Walter and John Dunlap.

It was agreed to allow the new school house to be erected on the north east corner of the public square.

AUGUST 6, 1866

Upon recommendation of J.L. Cire to purchase the old school house for use of Town Trustees, after due consideration, agreed to make said purchase upon the following conditions - to pay \$45 out of any money belonging to the town, cost of painting the church, and repairing the steps belonging thereto, being first deducted. (This refers to what we knew as Presbyterian Church)

SEPTEMBER 22, 1866

Bid to let A.B. Wiswell paint and repair the church \$135, being the lowest. C.W. Kuchler bid was \$140.

OCTOBER 3, 1866

Upon motion the town clerk was instructed to buy a bell rope for the church and hire a man to lay foundation for steps. Bell rope 85¢, step foundation \$5.45.

DECEMBER 3, 1866

Oscar Arenz presented bill for repairing old school house, furnishing the material - \$5.75, Engelbach a bill

for \$2.40, Fred Haefner \$1, Isaac Smith cleaning church \$1.

Clerk was instructed to issue an order to Henry Schaefer for \$11 to pay insurance on Arenzville church.

JANUARY 14, 1867

Upon consideration it was agreed that the old school house should be fitted up for use of Town and A.J. Herbert appointed to do work and furnish material. Clerk appointed to procure table and chairs for said house, cost to be paid by the town.

AUGUST 5, 1867

Section 12, Sunday law shall be so construed that the saloon keepers shall keep doors closed, that is, the door to their saloon shut, although people may pass out and in through the door.

SEPTEMBER 20, 1867

Henry Shaefer made a motion to have inside of meeting house in Arenzville painted. A key shall be bought to the lock on the town hall. Also a coal stove, second handed, and 8 feet of pipe for town hall.

It was ordered to set 6 posts with railings on south side public square 30 to 32 feet long for hitching horses.

JANUARY 6, 1868

It is ordered that shooting with air guns on Sundays in saloons shall be prohibited like all other guns.

An agreement with John Joeckel to plant and cultivate hedge plants on east and south side of graveyard for at least two years. Town to furnish plants and pay Joeckel three dollars.

OCTOBER 24, 1868

Town to subscribe \$5000 to Rockford Rock Island Railroad if it goes from Beardstown through Arenzville.

MARCH 1, 1869

The clerk instructed to write notices for proposals of furnishing and planting 50 soft maple trees, the soil to be spaded up 4 feet wide from the truck all around it.

The constable shall take the responsibility of growing trees, he shall receive one half of the money after planting and boning the trees, and the other half he shall receive the first day of October, after the trustees have examined the trees.

For all trees that are dead the amount of each tree shall be deducted from his pay. If any have been damaged by children for such he shall receive full pay.

MAY 8, 1869

Special meeting was called by the President for the purpose of voting money towards purchasing the ground for a Railroad Depot, as part of the money was by private conscription. It was moved and seconded that \$150 be paid out of the town treasure toward purchasing the ground necessary for a Railroad depot.

Henry Schaefer, President
Henry Tiemeyer, Clerk

JUNE 15, 1869

A smallpox case reported among us, restrictions placed as previously decided.

AUGUST 3, 1869

Henry Beard was appointed to go to Beardstown on August 5 and obtain deeds for the public square, and the graveyard, see about county bonds and the deed for the Ham lot.

\$50 to be paid for the Ham lot if the railway agent can give satisfaction that the deed for said Ham lot be forthcoming, otherwise he is to return the money to the treasure.

NOVEMBER 6, 1869

Fence around the square to be repaired. Bills accepted and ordered paid.

Nordsiek for repairing plow \$1.50.

J.L. Cire for signing bonds 3100 times \$6.

AUGUST 23, 1870

Special meeting. It was seconded after discussion that we sell the church building to the Cumberland Presbyterians for five hundred dollars on the following conditions.

1. That the building shall never be

used or sold for any other than church purposes.

2. That all Christian denominations have the right and free privilege to preach in the church except at such times when the Cumberland Presbyterians have appointments.

3. The Mormons shall not use the church.

4. That the Union Sunday School have the right to hold Sunday School in the church.

MARCH 6, 1871

It was moved and seconded that we receive sealed proposals for building a new fence around the public square and trustees will furnish all materials

The fence to be five rails high with a cap rail and five posts to two panels. The rails shall be 14 feet long - the fence to be put up in a substantial manner.

Proposals must state how much per panel and proposals will be received until Monday, March 13th at 7 o'clock. Work to start immediately. (James McCarty was lowest bidder - 30¢ per panel)

MAY 27, 1871

It was moved and seconded we receive bids (sealed proposals) for building a wall for a jail for town of Arenzville. The proposals must state for how much per thousand for brick. The brick wall shall be laid in a good substantial manner including a coat of plaster on the inside of the wall and laying a brick floor, cement covered the size to be 10 x 12 feet.

JUNE 5, 1871

No bids were received on the jail so a committee of A. Wenger, J.J. Cully and V. Walter were appointed to have the walls built to the best advantage.

JULY 3, 1871

Paid J.L. Cire for deed and stamps \$1.25.

FEBRUARY 17, 1872

Had to do with building of side

walks of brick, stone or wood by the first day of April.

OCTOBER 9, 1876

Opened Washington Street to the grave yard, also Peter and Mary Streets.

AUGUST 6, 1877

Mr. W.W. Cully as an addition to his salary may rent the old school house as long as he is constable.

APRIL 17, 1878

Nance and Rigler to rent the old school house for \$24 per year.

OCTOBER 7, 1878

Be it ordained by the President and Board of trustees of the Village of Arenzville that any railroad cooperation running an engine, locomotive, or car, or train of cars either passenger or freight through the corporate limits of the village of Arenzville at a greater rate of speed than 6 miles per hour either night or day time shall forfeit and pay a fine of not more than \$200 and not less than \$50 for each offence.

The railroad company shall be further liable for what ever damage may be caused by them to persons and property of any one in the corporate limits of Arenzville.

Copies to be displayed at Cully corner, Post Office and at Hysingers Store and a copy given the agent at the depot.

OCTOBER 22, 1878

The above being necessary trains run at a greater speed in order to make the hill the railroad protests.

The resolution was repealed.

APRIL 21, 1879

It was moved and seconded that the clerk be instructed to get 500 receipts in book form with stubs, five hundred orders with stubs, two hundred and fifty peddlers license and fifty saloon license provided they can be printed for less than ten dollars.

Bill paid in July (9) - 1879 eleven dollars.

MARCH 3, 1879

The clerk reported Rigler and Nance had given up the old school house.

NOVEMBER 4, 1879

Bills allowed - J.J. Cully for nails, a bucket and chains \$3.60.

C.E. Yeck for glass, putty and bolt for the old school house \$1.55

C.W. Ruecher for work and bolt for old school house \$1.

APRIL 12, 1880

The street north was surveyed and located. Labor to open some was listed as W.B. Smith and C. French and A. Herbert for assisting surveyor was paid \$7.50 total.

Labor on the street:

March 5

Joseph Herbert	street labor	\$9.75
Thomas Webster	"	7.00
Ed Taylor	"	6.00

March 20

Fred Bode	"	2.00
Fred Bode	"	9.00
Giland	"	5.00
Tom Webster	"	10.00
Joseph Dresbach	"	4.00
Frank Dyer	"	8.00
Joseph Herbert	"	11.25
Frank Manuel	"	1.00
	TOTAL	\$82.30

OCTOBER 11, 1880

Moved and seconded that A.J. Herbert examine the sills of the old school house and report their condition.

NOVEMBER 1, 1880

A.J. Herbert found sills to be sound in the old school house.

Daniel Fisher to have the old school for one year to be used as a carpenter shop (without any repairing) for one dollar per month. At the expiration of that time deliver up said house to the board in as good repair as it is at present. Rent must be paid in advance.

JULY 5, 1880

A bill was presented by Mrs. Mary Dyer for washing blankets for calaboose 25¢.

APRIL 30, 1881

At a called meeting the president of the board and trustees of the Village of Arenzville April 30, 1881, in the school house at 3 p.m. to consider the actions of the citizens of the village and vicinity just adjoining reporting the smallpox cases reported to be a few miles of this village. The clerk called the roll - all were present. The following ordinance was adopted.

Be it ordained by the President of the Board and Trustees of the Village of Arenzville that said Village of Arenzville be and hereby quarantined against the city of Beardstown and its inhabitants and all places infected with small pox for a period of thirty days or until public notice be given with-drawing the same.

That there be a policeman stationed at the depot in place to prevent any person or persons from stopping at this place coming from the north where small pox is known to exist. A policeman shall be stationed on the Beardstown road to prevent any person or persons coming from that direction or any place the disease exists.

Be it further ordained that all schools, churches and secret societies or other public gatherings be closed and prohibited from meeting.

It is further ordered by the board that any person or persons or assembly of persons violate any one of the above ordinance that they be arrested and tried as in other cases for the violation of laws of the village and fined in a sum not less than \$3 and not more than \$50 and costs of suit in each and every offence.

An emergency is declared to exist; therefore this ordinance shall take effect immediately.

Copies were placed in 3 public places.

[FOOTNOTE- There was present a full house of citizens including J.A. Herbert, Chairman; L.J. Wallick, Secretary; Dr. Adam Wenger, Dr. J.M. Swope and Dr. Dorpot.]

NOVEMBER 28, 1881

An election was held in the old school house to vote on for or against the trustees of the village using refunding bonds bearing 6 per cent per annum to pay off the \$4000 Railroad bonds that are now at 10%.

Polls open 10 a.m. until 6 p.m.
Motion carried.

JANUARY 2, 1882

Clerk (L.J. Wallick) was presented a deed from Adam J. Herbert for a street, he having made a present to the Village of Arenzville for a public street. It was moved and seconded that the deed be accepted and as suggested by the clerk the street shall be known as Adams Street. Motion carried.

FEBRUARY 15, 1882

The clerk was instructed to make out a bill and collect certain money due the village from _____ for rent of old school house since he owes \$14. The man paid \$3 and worked for the town for the rent.
[The old school house is not mentioned again through the 1893 minutes.]

MARCH 7, 1892

Committee of three ordered to procure fifteen street lamps.

MAY 1892

Ordered one barrel of coal oil - \$6.34.

JUNE 13, 1892
Debated whether a side walk should be built on the south side of Frederick street from Mr. John Roege's shop east to school house. Motion 2nd and carried.

JULY 5, 1892

Valentine Herbert built side walk \$2.50. It was moved and seconded that the village procure two balls and chains and one pair of handcuffs.

SEPTEMBER 1882

A carload of lumber was ordered from George Engelbach to use for building sidewalks. Paid for \$19.56.

OCTOBER 2, 1892

A petition from 34 of the village citizens was presented and read to the Board of Trustees to lease 40 by 60 feet or less of the north west corner of the public square to erect a Peoples Bank building.

After talk, which continued until 11 o'clock, a motion to adjourn prevailed. (No further action was noted)

OCTOBER 3, 1892

A deed was obtained for the school house in November, 1892. (the one in east end of town)

FEBRUARY 13, 1892

Constable ordered to collect 75¢ from Valentine Walter for lamp globe broken by his son.

OCTOBER 3, 1892

Paid to the treasure of Township 17, Range 11 for school house \$1000.

President of Board appointed W.L. McCarty, E. Rekcamp and H.A. Bridgeman as a committee to procure cages for prisoners and 12 chairs and bell for town hall.

(Val Hahling was paid \$1 to hang bell)

Bills paid Nov. 7, 1892 included 1 dozen chairs and lamps \$7.50.

MAY 1, 1893

R.L. Davis elected supervisor and lamp lighter at \$35 per month.

The board procured 2 balls and chains, a pair of handcuffs and cells \$174.

SEPTEMBER 4, 1893

Bill for Henry Becker for services as a policeman at a colored camp meeting \$2.

Saloon license now \$125.

NOVEMBER 6, 1893

Moved and seconded that a committee be appointed to purchase:

2 short ladders

2 axes

150 feet of 3/4" manilla rope

2 hooks to attach to rope

2 poles 16 feet long with hooks

2 dozen galvanized iron buckets
2 extension ladders 26 foot long
2 crow bars

DECEMBER 4, 1893

William Becker made the following proposition to Village Board to furnish village 20 incandescent and 50 candle power lights for \$2.25 a light per month and to furnish 2 lights for the town hall free of charge. A committee to correspond with different towns to ascertain as much about electric lights as possible.

DECEMBER 11, 1893

A committee appointed to investigate lease on old calaboose.

JANUARY 1, 1894

Old calaboose to be sold to highest bidder for cash.

Mr. Becker to furnish 10-year contract for 25 lights of 32 candle power for \$30 per month.

JANUARY 29, 1894

Allowed John Rahn for selling old calaboose \$2 it was sold to Valentine Herbert for \$12.

JUNE 1894

A vote was taken to see if a machine known as a slot machine could operate in village. It was allowed.

AUGUST 1894

It was moved and seconded that the town build an iron bridge across Indian Creek west of town - cost \$2,200. Bridge to have 14 foot roadway, 14.6 feet from bed of creek to top of floor, 12 foot approach each side, 60 foot span - capacity 100 lbs. to the square foot.

JANUARY 7, 1895

George Hoagland, Chris Zimmerman, Frank Thompson all applied for saloon license.

JULY 1895

Street committee to put gravel walk through square.

Bode was paid \$42 for 6000 bricks.

Henry Becker was paid \$4 and Fred Schaefer \$3 for extra police work 4th of July.

SEPTEMBER 6, 1895

Graveled 18 feet wide and 6 inches deep from depot to north bridge and from west end of Frederick street to Charles street. From Francis street to cemetery and on Main street from State to Francis. John Joeckel was paid \$102.75 for 685 loads of gravel.

1899

The council granted the Virginia and Little Indian Telephone Company to erect and maintain lines and system for telephone. All poles 20 feet in length above ground and four feet in the ground. All poles stripped of bark.

SEPTEMBER

Many cinder and brick crossings were built also new hitch racks around town. A sewer was put in from salt shed to Freere's. The town hall was papered.

1900

Paid Standard Oil Company for 40 gallon of oil at 9¢ a gallon - \$3.60.

Street committee to purchase lumber from the old elevator measuring it and accept it at the lowest possible price \$1.40 per 100 feet.

Triebert and Reckamp paid \$1.50 for hauling brick bats on Bode hill.

1901

Oil - 35 gallon at 8¢ a gallon - \$2.80.

Paid John Zulauf for lumber 2x2 - 2x6 and 14 feet long. \$22.50 per 100 feet.

1902

A proposition presented by 55 citizens in regard to a vote for water works at the coming election - tabled (defeated at vote in April)

OCTOBER 1903

Val Hahling reported the road clayed north of town as far as Clay went and street graded. The street committee to straw road north of town.

1904

Side walk from McCarty and Weeks

store south to Batis and Wessler corner.

1904

Election - Val Hahling, President; W.H. Beard, J.E. Manion and C.F. Huss for Trustees; O.W. Gould, Clerk; John Boss, Constable; and John Weeks, Treasurer.

MAY 1904

Moved by Beard and seconded by Huss that the curfew bell be rung at 9p.m.

1905

Committee from Board of Health about odors from hog pens. Manion was given authority to notify owners to remove the hogs when unpleasant odors are created.

The marshall was ordered to stop all ball playing on Frederick street and nothing more than throwing and catching on any other main street.

Manion reported all hog pens removed except Henry Becker's. The president instructed Manion to have Becker remove his hogs.

JULY 1905

An application to run a shooting gallery was rejected.

Resolved to dig a cellar for a furnace from south side of Presbyterian Church to be filled in if church should ever be removed.

Complaints of boys congregating in the evenings for mischief was presented. The marshall was ordered to be more severe with them.

Beard complained that some one was making a slaughterhouse in the Bridgeman building.

1906

Clerk given instructions to give written notice to all saloons, not to allow gambling.

SEPTEMBER 1906

Burgo committee asked for use of park and some streets if necessary on October 10th.

Mr. Beard brought a complaint some people still were throwing slops and cinders in alleys.

ARENZVILLE INDEPENDENT
NEWSPAPER

April 1906

President Val Hahling reported he had moved his fence on the survey line and asked the board to investigate Valentine Herbert's fence along the road. A special committee reported that the road between Hahling and Herbert was short $12\frac{1}{2}$ feet and Mr. Nobis's fence seemed to be in the road. Resolved to have survey done over.

1907

June - account overdrawn \$4.01
The A.T.A. asked to use park for picnic.
September - account overdrawn \$121.58

1908

A special election to vote the question of a system of water works. It was voted to table the subject.

1909

Citizens brought complaint of speed of trains through the village limits.

R.V. Havey reported trains notified of speeds and electric bells put on crossings.

1910

Marshall Aaron Smith's salary \$40 per month. A petition signed by 20 members of Presbyterian Church asking the board not to grant a saloon license to the building known as Arenzville House opposite their church building and also pass an ordinance prohibiting liquor license within a reasonable distance from any church or school. The petition was tabled.

JUNE 1910

Mary Schaefer complained about hitch rack on south side of park and men feeding horses in street.

Complaints were received of men driving horses too fast in village and also of automobiles going too fast.

1911

Tax on dogs established.

1912

A new concrete bridge across branch north of livery barn at a cost of \$640.
June - Mr. Gebig and Hierman Brothers

to remove their gasoline tanks from town property within 20 days.

OCTOBER 1915

The president and each member of the board sign a petition for the Indian Creek drainage for purpose of straightening, widening and making the creek deeper.

1917

Village of Concord proposal to buy 20 street lamps and posts at \$2 each and remove them was accepted.

JANUARY 1920

Village board granted Mississippi Highway Association privilege to put in 3 markers.

Light plant known as Arenzville Light and Power Company changed the current from direct to alternating current now giving 24 hour service for \$22.50 per month. A \$2.50 month raise.

1922

September - Allowed Dr. Albert Streuter to build a building to house automobiles 50/100 foot.
October -

Moved to purchase four tank Howe fire fighting equipment apparatus with cushion tires. \$2190 with 30% off for cash = \$2124.30.

1924

Tractor purchased from Hierman Brothers for \$175.

1926

New fire alarm be operated from Telephone Company.

1928

North Cemetery purchased from Mrs. Elizabeth Nobis for \$2.50 per front foot. \$812.50 for 32.5 feet.

1931

Mr. Weeks instructed to move the goats disinfect the stable and clean up, also must move Billy goat outside city limits.

1946

Water works established. \$2.50 first 1000 gallon and \$1.00 extra for each 1000 thereafter.

FEBRUARY 1948

The volunteer fire department organized.

CHIEF - James Manker

ASSISTANT & SECRETARY - Willard Peck.

MEMBERS:

Charles McLain
Jack Burrus
George Morrison
Florce Noble
M.L. Hierman
Dick Staake
Gordon Niemann
Roland Beard
Reeson Daniels
Charles Schnitker

Harold Nobis
Gerald Beard
Wilbur Natemeyer
Otto Lovekamp
Roscoe Tritsch
Art Schlueter
Harold Kruse
Theodore Lovekamp
Wendell Peck

ARENZVILLE PRESIDENTS & MAYORS

Names of Village of Arenzville Presidents or Mayors. Taken from town records.

1853	Francis Arenz	1903	C.F. Huss
1854	J.L. Cire	1904	Dr. J.M. Swope (in May)
1855	J.B. Glass	1905	Valentine Hahling
1856	Herman Engelbach	1907	J.S. Batis
1857	William Dresbach	1910	G.H. Kloker
1858	Peter Arenz	1911	Valentine Hahling
1859	William Dresbach	1913	Dr. J. M. Swope
1860	Isaac Smith	1915	Henry Treadway (8 yrs)
1861	Peter Arenz	1923	W.H. Dufelmeier
1864	J. Phillipi	1927	Dr. Harold Wilson
1865	Isaac Smith	1929	Conrad Hahling
1866	Henry Schaefer	1931	Samuel Gill
1872	Herman Engelbach	1933	R.J. Ommen
1874	James Wood	1935	H.L. Meyer (10 yrs)
1877	Albert Feldner	1945	A.C. Hart
1878	J.A. Herbert	1949	J.A. Shannon
1879	C.E. Yeck	1953	Joseph Peck (died '59)
1880	J.A. Herbert	1959	Roland Beard (elected in '60)
1881	W.L. McCarty	1962	Edward Wessler
1888	George McElroy	1969	Edward Carls (in June)(16 yrs)
1889	Dr. J.M. Swope	1985	Eric Gerard (3 mo. then moved)
1894	M. Woerner	1986	William Privia (finished Gerard's term)
1896	Herman Engelbach	1987	Harold Nobis
1898	H. Bridgeman		
1899	C.E. Williamson (in May)		
1900	W.L. McCarty		

ARENZVILLE RECORDS

Records of the proceedings of the board of trustees of the town of Arenzville, Cass County, Illinois.

July 1853 - five trustees were appointed, Francis Arenz, Abraham Asborn, J. Phillipi, Charles Finley and John Baujan.

J.B. Wilson, Justice of Peace

July 9th, 1853 - Francis Arenz, President, and Julius Phillipi, Clerk. Charles Heinz was appointed Constable. He gave bond for \$50. Herman Engelbach, Treasurer, gave bond for \$100. John Goebel was appointed Supervisor of Roads, Streets and Alleys.

Second meeting, July 26, 1853 - After approving the foregoing bonds, the boundaries of the corporation were laid down.

The town of Arenzville having been incorporated under the general laws of 1845 and amendatory laws of the 10th February, 1849, the boundaries are as follows: Commencing at the South East corner of South West quarter Section 32, thence North half a mile, thence west to the North-West corner of the South East quarter Section 31, in Township 17 North, Range 11 West,

thence south to the county line one half mile, thence East to said line, place of beginning.

Third meeting, March 6, 1854 - After the meeting had come to order it was resolved to approve the expenditure of \$4.35 for two buckets and a well rope for the public well. [The public well was somewhere between Beard's Side Door Grocery and the Huey building to the south.] The amount of supervisor was received, from which it appears that the amount of \$29.25 is due the corporation. The amount left after receipts and expenditures leaves a balance of \$3.75. Balance given supervisors for extra pay. Peter Stauf was elected supervisor of roads. Abram Osborn resigned as trustee. Abram Osborn was appointed as town constable.

The road labor was assessed at three days for the coming year.

The clerk instructed to notify the constable and supervisor of their appointment.

Francis Arenz, President
J. Phillipi, Clerk

POSTMASTERS

Postmaster	Appointed	Postmaster	Appointed
Charles Cerper	4/24/1840	William P. Lightfoot	6/12/1897
Joseph Kircher	8/23/1847	Henry Dahman	2/ 4/1905
John L. Cire	9/21/1848	Lewis R. Willey	7/11/1914
Julius Phillipi	2/27/1852	Rose S. Beard	4/ 4/1919
David B. Wilson	7/27/1852	Richard J. Ommen	6/ 1/1936
John H. Dresbach	6/15/1853	Rena F. Beard	1/ 1/1940
Richard J. Cire	4/ 4/1881	Rena F. Beard Kruse	10/22/1945
Henry Schaefer	11/19/1885	Marie Paul	4/12/76 to 8/31/1984
Henry Koerner	6/ 9/1888	Ed Coats	
Emelia H. Cire	5/23/1889	Karen Woods	1/31/1987
Henry Koerner	6/17/1893		

ROAD LIST

All able bodied men over twenty one years were required to labor on roads, street and alleys for three days a year. Ordinance passed July 9, 1853.

In 1853 there were 41 men over 21 years of age and under 50 years of age.

The road list for 1853 included:

Baldwin, C.	Kennedy, R.	Schaefer, J.
Bode, Fred	Kennedy, Mill	Schaefer, H.
Brisentine, C.	Koerner, M.	Simon, W.
Carr, Wm.	Kuechler, Ed.	Stanley, George
Cicly, P.P.	Maiel, H.	Thomas, H.
Crowder, C.	Mincy, W.	Triebert, C.
Ellis, L.	Nelp, Walter	Triebert, C.
Engelbach, H.	Osterholt, W.	Walter, V.
Feldner, A.	Rigler, W.B.	Walter, L.J.
Frennoer, C.	Roegge, J.	Wenger, A.
Gebig, F.	Santman, C.	Wiggins, Sam
Green, George	Saylor, A.J.	Williams, F.
Joeckel, H.	Schneider, R.	
Joeckel, J.	Settles, Ed.	

TAX LIST

Sixty two were on the 1863 tax list. After taxes were collected the road list was dispensed.

Arenz, John A.	Hines, Jacob	Saylor, Jobe
Arenz, Peter -Estate	James, George	Shaefer, John
Arenz, Francis -Estate	Kircher, John	Shaefer, Henry
Batis, C.M.	Koerner, Michael	Smith, Isaac
Baujan, Peter	Kolberer, George	Statler, George
Baujan, Joseph	Kraft, Casper	Stauf, John
Beard, Henry	Kuechler, William	Thron, Valentine
Bode, Fred	Lovekamp, Henry	Tiemeyer, Henry
Cire, Julius	Maul, Henry	Vogel, Charles -Estate
Cire, J.L.	Mincy,	Vogel, August -Estate
Coerper, Fred	Morrison, Ed	Wallick, Levi
Cully, C.C.	Nordsiek, Fred	Walter, Valentine
Engelbach, Herman	Osterholt, Wm.	Wankel, Peter
Erks, Conrad	Pfeil, John	Webster, Dan
Feldner, Albert	R.R. - St. Louis	Wenger, Adam
French, Christ	Rahn, John Sr.	Wessler, John
Friedrick, Henry	Reuehleim, Elizabeth	Willey, John
Green, William	Rigler, W.B.	Yeakel, John
Herbert, C.A.	Roegge, John	Yeck, Charles
Herbert, Adam	Russel, Mary	Yeck, Philip -Estate
Hines, Edward	Sandman, Charles	

ARENZVILLE ORGANIZATIONS

Community Club

The Arenzville Community Club was organized on January 30, 1947. Its purpose as stated in its by-laws, was "the promotion of fellowship and cooperation among its members and to foster the moral, social, business and recreational interests of the community." A few of the important accomplishments of the Club in the ensuing years are as follows:

- Purchased site of Legion and Community building.
- Assisted in the drive for funds to construct the building.
- Purchased bleachers for school and park use.
- Supervised construction of Sam Batis Memorial Park.
- Purchased emergency hospital equipment for community use.
- Organized the Walking Blood Bank for the community.
- Constructed rest room facilities in the village park in cooperation with the Village.
- Cooperated in the construction of the stage and shelter house in the Village Park.
- Helped finance transportation to summer swimming lessons.
- Co-sponsor annual Burgoo and Homecoming.
- Sponsored High School Athletic Banquet for 19 years.
- Co-sponsored Christmas street lighting and nativity scene at Village Park.
- Organize and provide financial support for the summer ball programs for the youth and young adults of the community.
- Supervised and provided financial support for the construction of the tennis courts.
- Annually sponsored a local youth at Illinois Boys State.
- Completely updated the lighting

system and the fencing at the ball park.

• Provided financial assistance to the Arenzville Fire Department for the purchase of a "tanker" truck.

• Entertained our wives at 36 Ladies Night Banquets.

... and who will ever forget Pork Days in 1956 when we slaughtered and sold 280 head of hogs, totaling 63,500 pounds!

Many of the achievements listed above are continuing today and we urgently need your support if our Club is to continue to make our community a better place in which to live.

You are invited to become a member of our organization so that our future activities for the betterment of our community may receive the benefit of your support.

ARENZVILLE COMMUNITY CLUB



The American Legion Building which also serves as a Community Building was built in 1947 with the assistance of the Arenzville Community Club.

ARENZVILLE WOMEN'S CLUB

The Arenzville Woman's Club was organized February 28th, 1918 through the efforts of Frank H. Craven. The club is a member of the general, state and 20th district Federation.

Its motto is "Make the Best Town Better." Projects have been:

- Sponsored the erection of American Legion Honor Roll.

- \$50 to the American Legion toward purchasing a lot to build the Legion and Community Hall.

- Proceeds from Minstrel, \$265.70 donated for kitchen equipment for the hall. This amount purchased sink, water heater and pipe installation.

- Paid \$122.69 for construction and installation of screen doors and window screens for entire basement of Legion Hall.

- Water fountain in Village Park and \$35 donated toward the purchase of Trophy case for Junior High school.

- \$135 to Band Boosters for uniforms.

- In August 1961 the Women's Club and Community Club served lunch and ran a refreshment stand at Hefner's two day sale — profit \$489.21.

- Installation of street name signs for Arenzville in 1967.

- The club sponsored sales of house numbers to residents and business establishments.

- Holiday Home Tour on November 19, 1967, netted \$316 in the treasury.

- Contributed to Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Flood Relief, Passavant Hospital, Jacksonville, Schmitt Memorial Hospital, Beardstown.

- Eleven kits sent to Prisoners of war. Collected a large amount of fur for lining Marine jackets. 790 pounds of clothing sent overseas, 55 capes and made Red Cross and shock blankets for service men.

- Over the years they donated to all local Health Drives and sponsored March of Dimes and Cancer Drives.

- Since 1956 sent students to music camp, chorus and band; speech and conservation camps.

- First flower show in 1930. Bake sale held netted \$9.10. Proceeds from 1977 flower show were \$151.

- Planted evergreen trees at entrance to Sam Batis Park and donated \$300. May, 1972, to park for picnic tables and benches.

- First Prayer Breakfast May 6, 1972.

- 20th District Women's Club Convention April 28th, 1977 at St. Peter's Lutheran Church, first time Arenzville Women's Club were hostess, 150 present from 9 county area.

- October, 1974, the Arenzville Village Library, with help of Arenzville Women's Club, and other volunteer help was ready to open in remodeled old Village Hall.

- Club gave \$300 for interior improvements of Library.

- Sold 700 cook books.

- Donated \$75 to Special Olympics.

- Donated \$100 to I SEARCH.

- Gave donation annually to Library.

- Gave to Gifted Student Program.

- 1986 donated merry-go-round to Sam Batis Park, \$500.

- Window blinds at Zuschka Square, \$364.43.

The 1987-1988 officers of the club are:

President	Mrs. Louise Schroeder
1st Vice	Mrs. Vera Talkemeyer
2nd Vice	Mrs. Mary Blum
Secretary	Mrs. Rosemary Fischer
Treasurer	Brenda Beets.

Courtesy Mildred Kolberer

ARENZVILLE CEMETERIES

On page 11 in the book "Old Cemeteries of Cass County, Illinois" by Arthur Crumrin, an interesting item appears. It is a story which has been told many times over the past years. It reads as follows:

"A traveler going through Arenzville became ill and died when the town was very young. Who he was is unknown as he had no identification upon him. He is buried atop a high hill just north of town overlooking the Illinois River valley. A cedar tree was planted at the foot of his grave and a sycamore at the head. Offspring of these trees remain today marking this unknown man's grave. In the 1870's the land this grave is on was owned by F. Bode and in the 1890's the owner was Joseph Kolberer. This knoll is just south of the Trinity Lutheran Cemetery and can be seen from the road. The land in 1988 belongs to Ellis Vanderpool. The cedar has been cut down but the sycamore remains."

John Zuschka is said to have been the first person buried in Arenzville, which was in 1843 so this unknown person passed away over one hundred and forty years ago.

A person wonders if he was going west to seek his fortune, if he were young or old and if a wife or mother waited to hear from him in vain, not knowing that concerned people laid him to rest with care.

The Arenzville East Cemetery contains the graves of Arenzville's earliest settlers, mostly at the top of the hill. It had a sturdy fence around it until late in the 1920's, a necessity to keep livestock, which often roamed at will, out of the cemetery. I might also add it kept children from coasting down the south driveway during the winter.

In earlier days graves were dug six feet deep; now they are dug four feet deep.

Coffins were placed in wooden boxes in the earlier days, now they are usually placed in some type of sturdy vaults.

It seems to depend on the rules of the particular cemetery as to the type of burial receptacle which may be used.

In the years past the grave was filled, following the burial of a deceased, by the family members and pallbearers, each person placing a shovel of dirt into the grave site with pallbearers finishing the filling with a mound of dirt to mark the spot. Now the family members leave the site and the grave is filled by caretakers. Arenzville has three cemeteries, the oldest being the East, the newer one North of the village. The Lutheran Church has one also, north of town.

Some of the earliest settlers are buried in the East Cemetery. Many have tall stones, called obelisks. A few of the early death dates are as follows, John Zuschka, 1843; Louis D. Phillippi, 1845; Jacob Menge, 1854; Francis Arenz, 1856; Henry Schmidt, 1856; Philip Yeck, 1863; Peter Schaaf, 1864; Frederick Reuscklein, 1866; John Joeckel, 1866; George Winkel, 1866; Christine Link, 1867; Catherine Cire, 1867; Peter Arenz, 1868; John Stauf, 1876; Albert Feldner, 1877; John C. Beard, 1881, and J.L. Cire, 1881.

The Lutheran cemetery, called the Old German Cemetery, between the hills of the north cemetery, was the burial place when the Lutherans met in the Union Church in Arenzville. They continued burying here until 1872 when the lower cemetery was started. Some of the older burials are Gertrude Lovekamp, 1847; Gloria Grilkrmrui, 1849; Elizabeth Maria Talkemeyer, 1849; Frederick Lovekamp, 1851; Mary Wedeking, 1853; Christian Greive, 1858; Herman Lovekamp, 1857; Emma (Breyer) Strubbe, 1858; Maria Krems, 1862; and Anna Wedeking, 1868.

Of course there were many, many

babies and young children buried in all cemeteries.

The Arenzville North cemetery is much newer. Some of its early burials were, David Long, 1929; Rosina Tritsch, 1929; Irvin Fischer, 1933; Kathryn Herbert, 1933; Francesca Herbert, 1933; Wilbur Mallicoat, 1936; Mary E. Long, 1938; Edwin Long, 1938; Minnie Hansmeier, 1938.

On page 18 of the "1872 Atlas" map book, under the heading of the history of Arenzville Township, the following is recorded:

"Antiquarians may be interested in knowing that there is an old Indian town and burial place near the middle of the township, on Prairie Creek."

After checking with the old timers in and around Arenzville, I could find no one who knew exactly where the above described burial place may be but one man did admit that there is a mound on the farm he rents at the above location, who knows, maybe someday Cass County

will have its own Dixon Mounds. [I know this isn't in Arenzville, but felt it should be included. Keith Strubbe]

All cemeteries have a plot set aside for those who cannot afford to purchase a burial spot. It is usually known as "potters field." Webster defines it as a piece of ground appropriated as a burial ground for the destitute and the unknown. The spot in the Arenzville East Cemetery contains at least two such graves; an unknown who was found long after he had been murdered in a timber north east of Arenzville and identification was impossible. Also a man named Harry Sargent. Sargent lived in a small dwelling East of Arenzville and was found shot to death. He had no known relatives.

There may be others but no markers indicate where the two above or anyone else is buried in potters field.

Arenzville North Cemetery also has a potters field.



Arenzville East Cemetery when it was enclosed with fence.

THOSE WHO SERVED . . .

A list of men buried in Arenzville cemeteries who had at some time served their country in armed forces are as follows:

KEY: N -North Cemetery, E -East Cemetery, L -Lutheran SA -Spanish American Civil K -Korea V -Viet Nam W-1 -World War I W-2 - World War II

Allen, Robert W-2, E	Lutkehus, Otto W-1, N
Appel, Ernest W-1, N	Mackey, Ray W-1, E
Batis, Paul W-1, E	Mallicoat, Howard W-1, N
Beard, Byron W-2, E	Menge, Fred E
Becker, Fred E	Miller, Daniel W-1, E
Bowyer, Mathew E	Miller, George B. W-1, E
Bridgeman, Albert W-2, E	Morrison, George W-2, L
Burrus, Charles W-2, N	Niehaus, William W-1, L
Charlesworth, John W-1, E	Parlier, Joe Eldon W-1, E
Charlesworth, Joseph W-1, E	Paul, Edwin W-1, L
Charlesworth, William W-2, E	Pfeil, John C. W-1, N
Charlesworth, William Sr. W-1, E	Rahn, John Civil, E
Clark, Ralph W-2, E	Sandman, Charles Civil, E
Divver, John W-1, E	Schaefer, Henry Civil, E
Divver, Joseph Civil, E	Schmell, Conrad Civil, E
Dober, Ed W-1, E	Schnitker, Frederick Civil, L
Dyer, Albert SA, N	Schnitker, Walter W-2, L
Filey, William E	Schweer, Ralph W-1, L
Frey, James E	Stanley, Oren W-1, N
Green, William Civil, E	Swagmeyer, Albert W-2, L
Hahling, Carl W-1, E	Theivagt, Alvin W-1, L
Hahling, Frank W-1, E	Thomas, William Civil, E
Herbert, Carl W1, N	Triebert, Christian Civil, E
Herbert, John W-2, France	Triebert, William Civil, E
Houston, Thomas W-1, E	Tritsch, Albert W-1, N
Joeckel, John Civil, E	Vallery, John J. W-1, E
Kircher, Byron W-2, E	Van Herck, William W-1, E
Kleinschmidt, August W-1, L	Wessler, Lorenz W-1, L
Kleinschmidt, Erwin Missing in Korea L	Wildey, John Civil, E
Kleinschmidt, Herman W-1, L	Willey, James or John Civil, E
Kloker, Lewis W-2, N	Williams, George W-1, E
Kolberer, Albert W-1, E	Williams, Troy W-1, E
Kolberer, Wayne W-1, E	Winkelman, Russell W-2, L
Kraft, William Civil, E	Witte, Albert W-1, L
Lippert, Harry W-2, E	Witte, Charles W-2, L
Long, Jackie K-E	Witte, Henry F. W-1, L
Lovekamp, Arthur W-1, L	Witte, Robert W-2, L
Lovekamp, Byron W-2, N	Zillion, James W-1, N
Lovekamp, Elmer A. W-1, L	Zulauf, Arthur W-1, N
Lovekamp, George H. W-1, L	Zulauf, Charles W-1, N
Lovekamp, Robert R. W-1, L	

Add to book: Joseph Peck and Reason Daniels, WW 1, N
and Charles Ham, WW 2, N.

SWEETENING

A great number of families kept a few swarms of bees and the flower of the buckwheat was considered almost indispensable to the bees' work for the best honey. This was a great article of commerce and beeswax was eagerly sought, but more of both products were obtained from the wild than from the domestic bees. The woods were full of bees; almost every hollow tree might be expected to contain a swarm of bees with a large supply of honey. Therefore much honey and beeswax were shipped to St. Louis by the Illinois River, as a great portion of the timber land was yet owned by the government, it was not considered unlawful or improper to cut a bee tree, no matter where it was found. Even after the land was entered and enclosed by the settlers, there was an unwritten

law that any person finding a bee tree had the right to cut it.

It became customary, however, for the bee hunter, when he cut a tree that was on land whose owner was known and lived in the neighborhood, to take a portion of the honey to the landowner. The next best thing of a saccharine nature used by the early settlers and by many to this day, was molasses made from cane or sorghum.

Most farmers had a patch of cane, but after about 1920 there were larger patches grown by fewer farmers. About 1980 very few grew sugar cane and the processing was by very few who owned a more mechanized equipment than the early horse powered-mills.

SORGHUM MAKING NEEDS MUCH SKILL AND TIME

Taken from a newspaper clipping a number of years ago.

If, on a sunny fall day, you happen to be in the vicinity of Arenzville, may we suggest that you visit the farm of Orvel Hull?

Take the black-top road to the north; turn east on gravel at the "Feller" Newberry corner; wheel north (now on sand) thru "Rosieville" and cross Prairie Creek on the rough and noisy, but reasonably safe, rural bridge.

Shortly beyond on your right, a narrow, deeply rutted, strictly single track lane will lead you up a hill and through hard-wood timber which is always beautiful but superb during October. There is scarlet sumac, yellow hickory and reddish-brown oak all in profusion. Even the poison-ivy is an alluring, brilliant red - but beware!!

When you can again see daylight, watch for a field road leading to Mr. Hull's farm buildings which can easily be seen on top of the sand hill, 40 rods or so to the east. There you may find Orvel, ably assisted by his loyal wife,

Edith, and their son, Billy, making the tasty product for which he is justly famous - sorghum.

Don't confuse Orvel's sorghum with the ordinary "blackstrap" variety which might have been made from sugar cane refuse or from sorghum, which is grown principally for silage. Orvel probably won't have a surplus to sell you but if he is still "in production" he will most certainly favor you with a palate thrilling taste of the thick, sweet solution he drains from the "cooked" end of his copper evaporating pan; then, and only then, can you fully appreciate the difference.

"I only have four acres of cane myself this year," Mr. Hull stated, "from which I will get 300-400 gallons of molasses. At \$2.50 a gallon that sounds real profitable but really only pays us 10¢ an hour for our work. I cook a good deal for my friends and neighbors too."



Mr. and Mrs. Orvel Hull stand in front of their "cook shanty." He holds a king-sized stalk of cane, which is twice the length of an ordinary stalk.

Orvel has since passed away, but Mrs. Hull still resides in Arenzville in 1988.

"Generally we make 1200-1400 gallons a year, and believe me that means a lot of work. So many folks think that all you do is boil some juice and you have molasses but there's a lot more to it than that. In the first place you have to have the right strain of seed to plant, and then you have to use the right kind of ground - sand or some of the clays. Black ground won't do at all - not if you really want to enjoy your pancakes and sorghum."

"We try to cut our cane when it is just right, fully ripe but before it dries out. Then we strip it by hand, taking off all of the leaves carefully because they would spoil the molasses. My wife, Edith, does most of the squeezing because when the juice is flowing I'm mighty busy at the pan, keeping the fire hot and skimming off the foam. We have a good set-up here because we have the mill up there on the hill with an underground pipe bringing the juice right to the pan, I control the rate of flow with a valve and she tries to squeeze just fast enough to keep the pan full.

"I use nothing but wood to fire with and since it must be dry to burn good, we cut our wood a year ahead and stack it by the shed here where it is handy when we need it. We get all of this wood from our own timber so it don't cost us nothing 'cept a little hard work. Besides this is a good way for us to use our dead or no-good trees. The rest can go for saw logs."

"The biggest trick about making good molasses is to cook it as fast as you can without scorching it and then to draw it off when it is just right. If you take it off too thin you are cheating the public because it won't taste right and might spoil. On the other hand if you cook it too long it might be scorched and will sugar on you."

Mr. Hull further stated that he was born near Herdland, Missouri, "a long time ago" and came to the Arenzville neighborhood in 1937. He now lives on 144 acres of sand land that he acquired in the same manner that he is now making a comfortable living -"by a lot of hard work." Where many would have failed because of limited fertility, lack of expensive, modern machinery, hazards of droughts and grasshoppers, Orvel has been able to make steady progress - admittedly slow at times - but progress just the same.

If you like molasses with a tang and a butter-scotch flavor take a container along. The odds are against you, but Orvel just might have a half-gallon left.

FUNERAL CUSTOMS



HORSE DRAWN HEARSE USED IN ARENZVILLE
Driver is Harold Wessler

In the early days of Arenzville, a death in the village was made known by word of mouth only. Unless a very violent death occurred or the deceased was very prominent in public life, there was no obituary printed in the newspaper of the nearest larger city that had a paper.

I have heard the story many times; in case of a sudden death, a mirror was held to the deceased person's mouth to detect any moisture which would indicate whether life was still present. Pin pricks or lighted candles held to the soles of the feet were other tests to determine if death was a reality.

Normally a member of the family or ladies of the village bathed and dressed the corpse for burial. Caskets were made as needed and fresh flowers were present only during the growing season. The burial was often held the day after the death occurred because embalming was not yet practiced locally. A circuit rider preacher was often asked to have prayer services at the grave site many months after a death, especially if the death was of an epidemic nature.

After newspapers were published in Arenzville, the obituaries usually included all deceased's relatives and were often long, heart-rending and flowery. Cards edged in black with the deceased person's name, age, date of death and time and place of funeral services were printed and placed in business houses to advise the public.

When a funeral home located in Arenzville, the practice of taking the corpse to the funeral home for preparation was begun and services were often held there or at the church where the deceased had been a member. We find a Mr. W. F. Mohlman - Preserver of Corpses, listed in local advertising. He used a series of pipes through which ice water was circulated that was inside a table-like piece of furniture. Within a few years embalming came into being in the small town. However, neighborhood women still bathed and dressed the corpse in the home before the undertaker arrived. This custom lasted until well into the 1930's.

Caskets were made by professional builders and such a concern located in Arenzville. People also began raising houseplants, and during the winter, these blooming plants were used as decoration. It was customary when a body was in the home awaiting burial, to place a large bow of ribbon on the front door. It was usually black velvet, but later the bow was a more subdued color - purple for adults and white for children. Still later, the bow was replaced by a floral wreath that was placed at the side of the front door. Black was worn at funerals, especially by the family members.

A widow wore a long black veil that covered her head and face. Handkerchiefs edged in black were available. None of the family members attended a social function for a period of time, usually six weeks to six months. The widow's accepted mourning period was usually a year, during which time she wore black and members of the family wore black arm bands. This custom lasted until the mid 1920's.

The deceased was taken to the cemetery by horse-drawn wagon until the horse-drawn hearse became available. When a funeral procession passed, work in the field halted and the workers stood with bowed heads. Children were not allowed to be seen playing in the yard. A horse-drawn hearse that was used for years in Arenzville, was a black coach-like carriage with glass panels on the sides. The interior was lined with black cloth and loops of black cloth and large black tassels were used as trim. the driver sat on a high seat in the open and drove a team of black horses which pulled the conveyance. Horse-drawn buggies carrying the mourners followed.

During times of illness of epidemic nature, burial was immediate and on the family farm, if death occurred in the country. These burials were attended only by those physically able to be present. The family plot listed in the Cass County Cemetery Book as the Schneider Cemetery on the Boulevard Road, is also known as the "Small Pox Cemetery"

and contains the remains of a husband and wife who died within three days of one another in 1881 as a result of small pox. Diphtheria, measles and whooping cough were also dreaded illnesses from which many people and especially children died.

Today we depend on the newspaper, radio, television, as well as word of mouth, whether in person, on the phone or other means, to be informed of a death. Today's obituary is usually cold bare facts that rarely tell much about the deceased.

Once death has been pronounced, usually by the county coroner or a doctor, the corpse is taken to a funeral home for both preparation and funeral services, with rare exception. The family of the deceased makes the funeral arrangements (unless the deceased had already made the arrangements before his death.) The choice of one of a large selection of caskets (or receptacles for ashes if the corpse is cremated) is made by the family. The funeral home usually handles other arrangements which include: contacting the pall-bearers, the florist for flowers from the immediate family, the minister who will have a memorial service and the musician who will play the organ during the service. Nearly all of today's funeral homes have an organ for this purpose.

The corpse will be taken to the cemetery in a large hearse automobile which is part of the funeral home service, and when needed, another car will lead the procession with a flashing amber light to warn oncoming traffic of the procession. Sometimes the procession drives many miles before reaching the place of burial. The respect once shown for the funeral procession is nearly forgotten and many a close-call accident has been noted. This is especially true nearer the larger cities where the deceased is not as well known, respected or loved as in a small community like Arenzville, Illinois.

World's Fattest Man Dead Peter Baujan Died at Home in Arenzville

Traveled With P.T. Barnum's Circus for Many Years

Virginia Gazette
Friday, March 27, 1914



PETER BAUJAN

Peter Baujan, who died at his home in Arenzville Sunday, aged 63 years, was probably one of the largest men in the world. He weighed 510 pounds.

Mr. Baujan was well known throughout the country and was ill but a short time before his death. He was a single man. Mr. Baujan was born in Prussia, Germany, in 1851 and came to this country when a boy. At an early age he was greatly developed and when 26 years old, began traveling with Barnum's Circus, at the time weighing 550 pounds. He was with the circus nine years.

His mother was of slight stature, as was the rest of the family, except one

sister who weighed 440 pounds. A special casket was required for the body.

Surviving him are his mother, Mrs. John Baujan of Arenzville; five sisters, Mrs. H.C. Meyer and Mrs. H.W. Jones of that place. Mrs. Henry Kruse of Oklahoma, Mrs. Herman Thorn and Mrs. Valentine of Missouri and three brothers, William of Arenzville and Herbert and John, also of Missouri.

Funeral services were held from the Catholic Church at Arenzville Wednesday. Rev. Fr. Cronin officiating. Burial was made in Arenzville Cemetery.

ARENZVILLE DOCTORS

DOCTOR GEORGE ENGELBACH

1804-1845

By John Francis Snyder, M.D. -Virginia, Illinois.

As it is now, the plethora of Doctors in our county is serious, in some communities, alarming. But if all who obtained diplomas from the numerous doctor factories (or Colleges) should insist upon becoming practitioners of medicine, the plethora would reach a stage of distressing congestion, as it in fact has in very many localities. Fortunately for the body-politic, many graduates turned out by the factories aforesaid, finding the practical work of the profession uncongenial, or discovering in time their total incompetency for prosecuting it successfully, drop it right there, and engage in other pursuits for which they have natural taste and aptitude. The requirements of modern civilization make obligatory that the first third of the average human existence must be passed in acquiring education. With many of us the next third is passed in trying to find out the place, or vocation, for which our capabilities best fit us. That knowledge is gained by some early in life; by others, unfortunately, when too late to make it available for success, and many never gain it at all.

Dr. George Engelbach was one of the few favored individuals with gumption enough to know when he had enough of a good thing. He was born in Hesse Darmstadt, Germany, on the 16th of October, 1804. Having wealthy and cultured parents he there received a finished University education, graduating, first, in the classical department and then in medicine. Under very favorable auspices he then commenced the practice of his profession. The next important event in his history was falling in love with Miss Matilda Meyer who was also a native

of Hesse Darmstadt, born Dec. 19, 1807. They were very happy together for a few years and blessed by the birth of a son, whom they named Herman, born December 22, 1829. Almost two years more of connubial happiness passed when the Doctor's joy was changed to heard-rending grief by the death of his young wife, on December 16, 1831. By that time the ebullition of novelty and enthusiasm every young Doctor experiences, when beginning his new career, had considerably subsided, and he had discernment enough to see, from his brief trial of it, that he had expended several years of study and a good deal of money, to fit himself for the noble profession which entirely failed to fulfill his expectations. He was in fact disgusted with it, and peremptorily relinquished it. It may be that his wife's death so shocked him as to cause that revolution of feeling. It certainly influenced him to leave his native country in order to escape the scenes and associations constantly reminding him of his great loss.

Dr. Engelbach came from Germany to Illinois with the first tidal wave of German immigration that broke upon the Illinois river shores in 1834. He brought with him his little son, Herman, who in after years became a prominent and wealthy citizen of Cass County. His aunt, Fraulein Link, also accompanied him to care for and watch over the boy, and also to act in the capacity of housekeeper when he had become settled in the new world. Landing from a steamboat at Beardstown, Dr. Engelbach remained there a short time to get his bearings and learn what he could of the country and its people. Having determined that he would not practice medicine

again, unless as a last resort, should he be compelled to do so for subsistence - having ample means to enable him to engage in any other occupation, he concluded to turn his attention to farming. Francis Arenz, who came from Germany to the United States in 1827, and two or three years later made his way to Illinois, purchased in 1833 from a pioneer named Smart, a little water mill on Indian Creek where it leaves the bluffs, then in Morgan county, on its way to join the Illinois River a little way below Hog Island. He also bought or entered, near the mill, quite a tract of land in Section 31, Township 17, Range 11 West, and had induced a few straggling German immigrants to settle in that vicinity. In 1834 he was himself established in Beardstown in the mercantile business and publishing the Beardstown Chronicle and County Land Advertiser, the first newspaper published in the present limits of Cass. With Dr. Engelbach there came from Germany quite a little colony, including John L. Cire, Frederick Diekel, Henry Kircher and Henry Lippert some single and some few with families. By advice of Mr. Arenz they all went down to Indian Creek, in the neighborhood of his mill, and there formed a settlement of their own of first rate American citizens after becoming naturalized. Dr. Engelbach's inspection of the locality evidently satisfied him that it would suit him for a permanent home, as on the 15th of August 1834, he purchased of James Taylor and others 402 acres of land in Sections 19, 20 and 30 in Township 17 of Range 11, and there remained the rest of his days. [The Louis Lovekamp estate.]

He was the first Physician in the area now comprised in Arenzville precinct and tho steadfastly refusing to assume the labor and responsibility of Medical practice he could not avoid prescribing for and giving professional attention to his friends and neighbors until other doctors could be secured. As early as 1839 John A. Arenz surveyed and staked out some lots in Section 31, Township 17, Range 11, and sold them.

The purchasers built houses upon them, a store and blacksmith shop were started, and thus established the nucleus of the present town of Arenzville, which was not regularly laid out until 1852, when its plat was filed and recorded. In 1840, Dr. Julius Phillipi, who had also come to America from Germany in 1834, but had stopped a while at Hamilton, Ohio, was induced to locate in Arenz town and practice his profession, which he did with success. From that time to the present Arenzville has not suffered from the want of doctors.

Notwithstanding his superior education and pecuniary independence - Dr. Engelbach was a plain, modest gentleman, with nothing of the ridiculous ostentation and arrogance assumed by many of the educated Germans who came here in earlier years, and regarded the native American settlers as but little removed from barbarians in which assumption, it must be admitted, they were in some instances not far from wrong. The doctor was a stocky, well-built man, a little over medium height, with grave, strongly marked German features, brown eyes and dark hair. Outwardly he presented no surface indications of culture or refinement, but had the appearance of a common plodding tiller of the soil. Deliberate and methodical in thought and action, he yet was industrious and energetic. Kind and obliging to his friends and neighbors he was economical and thrifty, and not wholly destitute of selfishness. In all things he was strictly honorable, honest and just. Attending well to his own affairs he never meddled with the business of others excepting when asked for advice or assistance. He remained a widower, centering all his love and affection upon his young son for whom he lived and toiled.

Until Dr. Engelbach came to Illinois he was a total stranger to manual labor of any kind, and certainly had had no opportunity to learn anything

of practical farming; but he applied himself to his new task with zeal and determination and was successful. He readily mastered the English language, speaking and reading it fluently after a short residence here. That acquirement, together with his education, sound judgment, and well known natural abilities, gave him prominence and influence in the community, especially among his countrymen who, from far and near, sought his advice and counsel, whenever in doubt or trouble. He was at no time actively interested in politics or other public affairs though he voted the "Whig" ticket, as did the Arenz Brothers and most of the other prominent Germans with whom he associated. In the memorable "Coonskin and Hard Cider" campaign of 1840 when the Whigs in Illinois put forth such tremendous efforts to carry the State for "Old Tippecanoe and Tyler, too" they appropriated for that purpose the old war cry of the Democrats "Rally the Dutch." In accordance therewith, to strengthen their party in Morgan county by conciliation of the foreign vote of the northwestern portion of the county, the party managers put Dr. Engelbach on their local ticket for County Commissioner, and he was elected. He had not sought the honor and did not want the office, but yielding to the persuasion of Judge Arenz, John Hardin and others,

he did not decline, as he was much inclined to do. At that election (August 1840), T.M. Kilpatrick was elected to represent Morgan, Scott and Cass Counties in State Senate, with Jeremiah Cox, John J. Hardin and James Parkinson, Representatives of Morgan in the lower house, and Amos West to represent Cass county.

Dr. Engelbach served as County Commissioner for the full term for which he was elected, making an enviable record for clear-headed ability in the honest and economic administration of the people's interests. He left the position without a pang of regret and much relieved from the unpleasant responsibilities, enjoyed the seclusion of his rural home in quietude.

Very regular in all his habits and temperate in all things, he was physically strong, seldom sick and usually in sound health until the beginning of the year 1845 when he was attacked by pneumonia which speedily sapped his vitality and terminated his life on the 16th of January of that year, at the early age of forty years and three months. He left a valuable estate for his son Herman, whom he consigned to the care of his friend Henry Kircher, who well and faithfully executed his trust and guardianship.

DR. WILLIAM ENGELBACH

-1932

Dr. William Engelbach, son of Herman Engelbach and Elizabeth Goebel Engelbach, was born in Arenzville and graduated from Arenzville High School with the class of 1893. He attended Whipple Academy for four years and graduated from Illinois College, Jacksonville, in 1899, and from Northwestern Medical School in 1902. He became an internationally famous pioneer in the field of endocrinology.

In 1927, Illinois College honored him with the degree of Doctor of Science. He passed away November 22, 1932.

DR. J.M. SWOPE

1854-1923

Dr. Joseph Michael Swope was born December 13, 1854, and died November 11, 1923. He was one of four children born to Albert F. and Caroline Sullivan Swope in Indiana. Later the family moved to Adams county, Illinois.

He attended medical school in Kentucky. In Quincy he met and married Mary Julia Yeck, who was attending a Catholic girls' school there. They married in 1880. In Arenzville Mary Julia was always affectionately called Molly.

They set up housekeeping in Arenzville on the north side of Frederick Street; their home and office was destroyed by fire in the 1913 Christmas Eve fire. They then located on the south side of Frederick street with office space on the west side of his home at 102 East Frederick Street.

To this union one daughter, Nina, was born. She married Arthur Crum and had two daughters. Mary Frances McDonald and Josephine Thornborrow. Nina passed away in 1963.

From Martin's Cass County History, 1915:

"A prominent and active physician of Cass County passed away Sunday after an illness of several weeks of heart disease.

His death removed from this section a very useful citizen and physician who has been an untiring worker in his profession. While a rural physician he kept apace of the time and was often a visitor at clinics and local hospitals. He was well known in Cass and Morgan Counties and has many ties of friendship in the surrounding counties."

Burial was in a Virginia, Illinois cemetery.

In a letter from Dr. Swope's granddaughter, Josephine Thornborrow, she recalls her grandfather and grandmother. She states her grandmother would deliver medicine to patients all over town if needed, she also recalls the long rows of big brown bottles which contained medicine in her grandfather's office, the horse he drove on his rounds and the buggy shed and barn south of his home. [The buggy was often put on top of the shed by pranksters at Halloween.]

Everyone who knew Dr. Swope remembers the extremely long nail on his little finger. Kept extremely clean, it was told he measured powders in it for medication. One man, whose word I doubt anyone would dispute, told me this. A lady also verified he extracted a baby tooth for her with it.

Dr. Swope is kindly remembered by many.



Dr. Albert Streuter ready to make his calls. His wife Ida on the front porch at 105 Francis Street, Arenzville, Illinois.

DR. ALBERT FRANK STREUTER 1875-1941

Dr. Albert Frank Streuter was born near Meredosia, Illinois, February 1875, son of Henry and Catherine Rieman Streuter, natives of Hanover, Germany.

Dr. Streuter was educated in public grade and high school. He graduated from Northwestern University, Chicago, in the spring of 1906.

In the meantime Albert had spent his youth on his father's farm and when eighteen years old he bought one third interest in a threshing machine, saw mill and clover huller. In partnership with J. Rison and Company, he had charge of the outfit for two years. Selling out, he bought half interest in a firm named Beauchamp and Streuter. After a year he sold to his partner and with C.M. Skinner put in the first electric light plant in Meredosia. After traveling in western states for six months, he returned to Meredosia and managed his father's farm of 350 acres for two years. Resuming studies he attended high school, Whipple Academy and Illinois College.

Following medical school he received an appointment with Chicago and Northern Railroad at Lake City, Iowa. After a year in Iowa he returned and opened a trade in Arenzville.

In July, 1906 Dr. Streuter married Ida M. James, who was born in Meredosia, daughter of George and Melvina (McLain) James.

Sometime after the death of Ida, Dr. Streuter married Nina Carls. To this union one son was born, Milton Streuter. He followed in the footsteps of his father and became a physician. His practice took him to New York and California. Dr. Milton Streuter passed away and is buried in California.

Dr. Albert Streuter passed away in December, 1941 and is buried in Meredosia, Illinois.

From the time of Dr. Albert Streuter's location in Arenzville until 1935, he lived and had his office in the brick house known as the Feldner house at 105 Francis Street, east of the Library. In 1935 he built his new home at 112 Frederick Street with his offices on the east side of the house. At this writing, 1988, the office rooms have been remodeled and form a four room apartment rental property.

FREDRICH ENGELBACH, M.D. 1903-1982

Dr. Fredrich Engelbach was born May 15, 1903 in Arenzville, Illinois. His parents, Fred and Albertine Engelbach, had established their residence in Arenzville, after being married in New York City in 1900.

Dr. Engelbach attended school in Arenzville during his early years. He then went to Illinois College where he received his B.A. degree. Deciding on a career in medicine, he continued his education at Harvard Medical School where he graduated cum laude in 1928. While at Harvard Medical School, he was elected to Alpha Kappa Kappa and to Alpha Omega Alpha, an honor medical society.

On June 24, 1929, Dr. Engelbach married Alice Heberd, whom he met while she was attending Wellesley College. Soon afterward, they moved to Ann Arbor, Michigan, where Dr. Engelbach was an instructor in medicine at the University of Michigan Medical School. Their first child, Alice Margaret, was

born while they were in Ann Arbor.

In 1932 the family moved to Jacksonville where Dr. Engelbach opened a practice in internal medicine at 1106 West State Street. In 1938 a residence at 1400 Mound Avenue was constructed and has been the family home since then. Two more children, Fredrich Jr. and Elizabeth, were born before the war. During this period Dr. Engelbach built his cabin in a woodland area west of town.

At the outbreak of World War II, Dr. Engelbach volunteered to serve with the U.S. Navy. He entered service as a Lieutenant Commander in the Naval Reserve. He was initially stationed in Norman, Oklahoma, and then spent the major part of the war aboard ship in the South Pacific and at field hospitals in the Pacific Islands.

Dr. Engelbach returned home following the war and resumed his practice in 1946. Christiane, the last of his children, was born in 1948. From then until the time of his death he has been very active with his family, with his medical practice, and in community activities.

Dr. Engelbach leaves behind him a distinguished medical career. His participation in medical activities includes 50 years membership on the Passavant Hospital medical staff, including serving as president, membership in the Morgan County Medical Association, membership in the Illinois State Medical Society, former part time medical director of the Jacksonville Health Department, and former Medical Director of the Oaklawn Tuberculosis Sanitorium. He was also a board member of the Jacksonville Health Department and a Fellow of the American College of Chest Physicians. When he died at age 79 he was still in active practice. Perhaps the most important part of his career was his role as a family doctor known for his willingness to answer the call of anyone in need, regardless of the time, day or night, or of personal inconvenience.

Dr. Engelbach's community service has included; Alumni Trustee of Illinois College, director of the First National Bank, Arenzville, instructor for the Jacksonville Junior Rifle Club, and member of the Congregational Church.

In 1978 Dr. Engelbach was honored by the Illinois State Medical Society and by Passavant Memorial Hospital for 50 years in medicine. In May, 1982, he received the Distinguished Public Service Citation from Illinois College.

Although many knew Dr. Engelbach primarily through his professional and community pursuits, he was also known for his individualism and his wide range of interests which he shared with others. He had a deep interest in rifle marksmanship and he taught many people the skills of shooting. He was, himself, rated an "Expert Rifleman." He was a skilled machinist and gunsmith, designing and building several rifles

known as the ".224 Engelbach Jet." He loved the out-of-doors and the mountains, leading canoeing expeditions into the Canadian wilderness and big game hunting trips in the Rockies. He and his wife were ardent skiers spending many a winter day on snow-covered slopes and nights around the fire. He and his wife also were known for promoting physical fitness through bicycle riding. They organized many rides in the local area and participated in bicycle tours in Germany, Denmark, Sweden, England and Holland.

Dr. Engelbach was a man whose presence in the world made a difference. He touched the lives of many. He placed his trust in God and lived by God's commandments.

[Dr. Frederick Engelbach was the brother of Mrs. Arthur (Charlotte) Hart of Arenzville.]

DR. WALTER L. TREADWAY 1886-1973

After graduating from Arenzville High School, Walter Treadway began to pursue a life-long ambition - to become a medical doctor. He enrolled in the Barnes Medical College of Barnes University in St. Louis, (now Washington University School of Medicine), completed the necessary requirements and graduated on May 10, 1907.

During his pre-med studies, we know he was often visited by family and friends - especially during 1904, since the campus was adjacent to the St. Louis World's Fair. Walter's family consisted of his parents, Henry and Margaret Wilson Treadway; one brother, Ted; and four sisters, Anna, Inez, Dora and Blanche.

Henry and Margaret Treadway settled in Arenzville in 1885 and became engaged in the milling and grain business at Arenzville under the firm name of McElroy and Treadway. All but

Anna were born in Arenzville. Walter Lewis was born on January 16, 1886.

After graduation Dr. Treadway returned to Arenzville. He married his sweetheart, Sylvia Houston, a native of Arenzville, in August, 1908. The young couple set up housekeeping at Concord and Walter began his practice of medicine as a general practitioner.

Not long after, Dr. Walter L. Treadway chose his medical specialty when he joined the medical staff at the Jacksonville State Hospital and began his career in psychiatry and mental health. He remained there for four years.

In 1913, he entered the commissioned corps of the Public Health Service. By 1914, Dr. Treadway directed the pioneer mental health field study conducted by the United States Public Health Service in Springfield, Illinois. As a result of this study, the attention of the Public Health Service was first drawn to problems of mental health. For

several years following, Dr. Treadway engaged in field studies of the mental health of children and in 1922, he was placed in charge of the Office of Field Studies of Mental Hygiene, located in the Department of Preventive Medicine, Harvard University, at Brookline, Massachusetts.

By 1925, still serving with the United States Public Health Service, Dr. Treadway became involved with the monumental task of examining, both physically and mentally, the waves of immigrants arriving on American soil. From 1925 to 1929, he was engaged in the organization of a system for the psychiatric examinations of prospective immigrants destined for the United States in their own country of origin. As part of the experiment, he was sent overseas to Dublin to establish a "home" medical base for prospective immigrants to America. This was the first such base on foreign soil.

During his four years of service in the British Isles, Dr. Treadway did extensive research and advanced post-graduate study in psychiatry at Queen's Square Hospital in London.

In 1929, Dr. Treadway returned to the United States and was appointed Assistant Surgeon-General of the United States Public Health Service, in charge of the Mental Hygiene Division in Washington, D.C. Here he remained from January 1, 1929, until July 1, 1938. In 1931, he served as United States Delegate to the Conference on the Limitation of the Manufacture of Narcotic Drugs held at Geneva, Switzerland. In 1935, Dr. Treadway was assigned to the responsibility for planning and construction of the United States Public Health Hospital in Lexington, Kentucky, for the confinement and treatment of persons addicted to narcotic drugs - the first of its kind in the world.

In 1938, after serving the maximum allowed term of eight years as Assistant Surgeon-General, Dr. Treadway was asked to serve as Medical Director in charge of the United States Public Health Hospital at the very center he had just established at Lexington,

Kentucky.

In 1939, having been offered a chair of psychiatry at Berkeley, Walter Treadway was assigned to the University of California Medical School to assist in the establishment of a psychopathic hospital, and to develop a Department of Psychiatry in the medical school at the University of California.

From Berkeley, he was assigned to Los Angeles as medical officer in charge of Public Health Service activities. Dr. Treadway retired from this post in 1944 and decided to make Santa Barbara his home. Retirement came after a forty-year medical career, thirty-two of which were spent as a commissioned medical officer of the United States Public Health Service. He retired with the rank of Rear Admiral in the United States Navy.

Even after his retirement, Dr. Treadway continued his interest in mental health by serving on the Advisory Council for the Devereaux School for Emotionally Disturbed Children at Goleta, California. A newly completed wing of the School was dedicated in 1967; it was named the Walter L. Treadway Wing.

Walter L. Treadway died on July 5, 1973, his wife, Sylvia, died on Sept. 20, 1976. They are both buried in Santa Barbara. There were no children born to this couple; however, they left a scholarship as their legacy - the Walter and Sylvia Treadway Scholarship Fund to promote education in the Biological Sciences at the California Institute of Technology in Pasadena - for those students who wish to pursue the sciences.

A tribute by Robert H. Felix, M.D., in the American Journal of Psychiatry March, 1974:

"It is often difficult for succeeding generations to recognize the amount of originality, courage, and creativity that was required to develop an activity or institution that is now a part of everyday life.

The things for which Dr. Treadway

struggled so valiantly are now largely taken for granted. But in the memory of some of us, this man - who slipped away so quietly - loomed as one of the giants of a new and exciting area of health activity. We owe much of our accomplishments to his pioneering efforts. As a member of the immediate staff of Surgeon Generals Cummings and Parran, Dr. Treadway saw his concepts of a mental health program become a part of their thinking and planning. Thus he laid not only the foundation for the national mental health program itself but also the very caissons underpinning that foundation."

Karl Menninger, M.D., wrote "Walter...you led us well. I remember you joyfully. We should have told you 'thank you' more often."

Dr. Treadway was one of the pioneers of the mental health movement in the United States and was considered the founding chief of the Division of Mental Hygiene, forerunner of the national

Institute of Mental Health. He was considered an outstanding authority on psychiatry, neurology, mental hygiene, and drug addiction.

So in general conversation, when you hear about the restoration of Ellis Island in New York, you can say, "Sure, one of the first doctors to give psychiatric examinations to immigrants was Walter L. Treadway. He was born in Arenzville." And when you hear people talk of drug rehabilitation just reply, "Well, the first national hospital for drug rehabilitation was in Lexington, Kentucky, and it was built under the direction of Walter L. Treadway. He grew up in Arenzville." And when you talk to movie buffs about the psychological thriller "Spellbound," just give them a smile and say, "Sure, I knew one of the consulting psychiatrists for the film - Walter L. Treadway.

He graduated from Arenzville High School - Class of '02."

Submitted by Jo Anne Beard

MEDICINE AND FOLK REMEDIES

If you have never taken a dose of castor oil you were born after 1940, lucky you.

There was never anything that would get you out of bed faster, dressing and on your way to school, than your mother saying, "if you don't feel well I guess you need a dose of castor oil."

It didn't come in fancy bottles or have a pleasing taste. However, if it was a necessary chore to give castor oil, there was more than one way to get the job done.

The Women's Favorite Cook Book, by Annie R. Gregory, published by the International Publishing Co., Chicago, IL, 1902, gives this hint. "There is nothing better for a cold than castor oil. A simple way to give it to children, is to make up a pan of molasses candy and add plenty of castor oil to it just before removing it from the

fire. The taste of oil in it cannot be detected." This was Julia Merrill's way. Some mothers gave castor oil with honey, some with hot tea or cold coffee. One man related his mother always gave them a small glass of orange juice to drink following a tablespoon of the vile stuff. Since oranges were a scarce commodity he would take the castor oil to get the orange juice.

A lady in Jacksonville related how a mother would call up the druggist, who had a soda fountain on West State street, and order sodas for the children well laced with castor oil. A special treat for her children.

A tablespoon of castor oil cooked with navy beans will eliminate gasses after eating and not be detected in the bean dish.

A tablespoon of warm castor oil rubbed in the hair would eliminate dandruff and make the hair shine after shampooing.

The last castor oil I saw had a red color and was supposed to be cherry flavored. Needless to say I didn't try it to see.

Page 47 of Gazetteer of Illinois, by J.M. Peck, Jacksonville and published by R. Goudy, 1834, gives us some little known facts about castor oil. Considerable quantities of this article have been manufactured in Illinois from *palma christa*, or castor beans. One bushel of the beans will make nearly two gallons of the oil. There are five or six castor oil presses in the state, in Madison, Randolph and Edwards counties principally.

Mr. Adams of Edwardsville, in 1825 made 500 gallons, which he sold at the rate of 2 dollars and fifty cents per gallon. In 1826 he made 800 gallons, in 1827, 1000 gallons; the price then one dollar and seventy-five cents. In 1828 he made 1800 gallons, price - one dollar. In 1830 he started two presses and made upwards of 10,000 gallons, which sold for from seventy-five to eighty seven cents per gallon. In 1831 about the same quantity. There has now been a falling off of quantity. The amount made in other parts of the state probably exceeded that made by Mr. Adams.

Illinois Department of Public Health

A list of 53 communicable diseases was circulated which recommended any patient having one of them should be quarantined in the home for a required length of time. The most prevalent ones were chicken pox, cholera, diphtheria, German measles, influenza, leprosy, malaria, meningitis, mumps, pneumonia, scarlet fever, smallpox, tuberculosis, typhoid fever and whooping cough.

Health officers were required to post brightly colored (usually red) notices on the dwelling where these diseases were found. Those residing in the dwellings were not permitted to mingle with other people for a stated period of time, depending on the nature of the

disease.

Other remedies and folk remedies:

A smallpox cure that will also cure scarlet fever - sulphate of zinc, one grain; digitalis, one grain; and sugar, one half teaspoon. Dissolve all above in a wine glass of soft water which has been boiled and cooled. Take one teaspoon every hour. Either small pox or scarlet fever will disappear in twelve hours. The dose must be diminished for children according to their age.

An asafetida bag - worn around the neck to keep colds and flu away.

Fat bacon bound about the entry site of a splinter to draw it out.

Flax seed - put one seed in your eye to remove a speck. The speck will stick to the slimy seed and both can easily be removed from the eye.

A wet, usually cold, rag around the throat (covered by a dry rag) will usually stop a child's cough and sore throat in the night.

Goose grease - rubbed on the chest for a cold (sometimes a drop of turpentine was added).

For earache - sweet oil warmed and poured in the ear or a warm raisin inserted in the ear.

A velvet ribbon, usually black, fastened around a child's throat will relieve pain of cutting teeth.

Rub a wart with an old dish rag, bury the dishrag and the wart will disappear.

Black pepper ground fine and strewn around the edges of wool rugs will keep mice and moths away.

Camphor in yard good boxes will protect the contents from moths and silver fish.



Pictured on porch, left to right, Bert Wood, Eli Wood, Agnes Sims Wood, Kate Wood and Wayne Wood

The Wood House - 1911

Well in background with mark ^ Daun Schone family occupy this house at 118 E. Main. It is presently owned by Tim Huey. When built it was the only house on the street east of Henrietta Street, on Main Street and a great deal of hazel brush was cleared from the grounds.

KLOKER & WOOD
Shoes, Groceries and Gents Furnishings
Arenzville, Illinois

January 1, 1912

Cost of building material and labor on house -

Val Hahling - account	2066.00
Mrs. Engelbach - 2 Lots	500.00
Village of Arenzville for concrete walk	12.88
Herman H. Wessler	40.95
Batis & Bartelheim	30.12
Bert Robinson - digging well	16.00
Dick Kraft - labor	4.25
Arch Morgan - labor	4.50
Irvin Zook	1.25
H.A. Bridgeman	3.25
Pete Kraft - for well rim	<u>2.50</u>
	2681.70

Arenz Lumber Co. - window screens & labor	20.33
Batis & Bartelheim - 59 loads dirt 30¢	17.70
" " - sewer tile	28.80
Marshal Fanning - 2 loads dirt	.30
Batis & Bartelheim - sewer tiles	<u>61.75</u>
	2810.88

THIRTY YEARS AGO WE REMEMBER -

1893-1924

When eggs were 3 dozen for 25¢; butter 10¢ a pound; milk was 5¢ a quart; the butcher gave away liver and treated the kids with bologna; the hired girl received two dollars a week and did the washing; women did not powder and paint (in public), smoke, vote, play poker or shake the shimmy.

Men wore whiskers and boots, chewed tobacco, spit on the sidewalk and cussed. Beer was 5¢ and the lunch was free. Laborers worked ten hours a day and never went out on a strike, no tips were given to waiters and the hat-check grafted was unknown. A kerosene hanging lamp and a stereoscope in the parlor were luxuries.

No one was ever operated on for appendicitis or bought glands. Microbes were unheard of; folks lived to be a good old age, and all of them traded at Hierman's.

TODAY YOU KNOW -

Everybody rides in automobiles, or flies; plays golf; shoots craps; plays the piano with their feet; goes to movies daily; smoke cigarettes; drinks Ruckus Juice; blames the high cost of living onto their neighbors; never go to bed the same day they get up, and they think they are having a H of a time.

These are the days of suffragetting, profiteering, rent hogs, excess taxes and prohibition. If you think life is worth living, we wish you would remember:

"Hierman's Is The Cheapest And Best Place To Trade."

[We credit this letter to Bob Hierman]

NOSTALGIA OF OUR LITTLE TOWN

Arenzville is the place where we call home,
Wednesday and Saturday nights its streets we'd roam.

City folks and farmers from the countryside,
Cars lined the streets bringing the whole tribe.

Elders lined wooden benches in front of stores,
Telling all their yarns and folklores.

Farmers brought the eggs stowed in a crate,
Trading them for groceries; bartering was great.

Merchants held a drawing out on the street,
Bringing in bigger crowds their goods to deplete.

A hair-cut or shave from the barber uptown,
Wanting to look our best for girls to hang around.

The restaurants stayed open late on those nights,
With hamburgers and cherry cokes and ice cream delights.

You could buy machinery or a new car,
Sign on the dotted line; the bank wasn't far.

The tavern was open for men to drink,
A pint to take home for health they think.

Picture shows, they played out in the park,
We'd all mosey on down when it got dark.

The times had nostalgia we all can say,
From living back then in Arenzville's fun way.

Written by Bob Alexander

Forest G. Van Doren's Gargage - Arenzville, Illinois

(Note - this material was copied as recorded in ledger)

<u>NAME</u>	<u>PARTS</u>	<u>LABOR</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>PARTS</u>	<u>LABOR</u>		
JUNE 1934 -							
Trich	4.61	5.75	Dick Davis	.35	1.35		
Rev. Hill	1.15	3.00	Wilbur Huey	1.10	.25		
Robert Nilley (Graham Paige)	25.08	10.75	Ballard Hacker	1.10	1.00		
Doc Johnson	.85	1.10	F.A. Pfolsgref	.50	.35		
Herb Tagener	3.40	3.00	A.L. Weeks	4.80	2.00		
Nobis #A Tudor	.30	3.95	Schone	1.78	8.00		
Beets Stude truck	25.27	11.10	Harry Dufelmeier	.59	.35		
R.R. Long DeSoto	4.24	10.20	Schone	3.10	1.50		
J.A. Weeks		1.25	Lester Smith	2.00	8.75		
Ol. Hackman	32.00	14.15	Paul Stock	1.00	1.25		
John Leischner	1.10	4.45					
George Lovekamp	.05	1.50	AUGUST 1938 -				
Al Nobis	1.75	6.45	Andy Depner	11.07	21.00		
W.O. Briggs		3.00	Wm Schone	.70	.75		
SEPTEMBER 1934 -							
E.N. Long	1.85	3.75	Harold Ore	3.67	2.00		
Dr. Streuter HA	7.23	7.70	Wm Divver	.55	1.60		
Dr. Streuter Chev	10.50	6.75	Arthur Hart	1.50	.75		
Henry Zulauf	1.55	.50	Frank Dober	.40	1.65		
Henry Witte	2.00	2.10	Miss Meyers	1.25	.50		
Chas Nicol	2.88	3.75	Miss Tegeder	1.50	.75		
J.S. Hale	.25	.75	Robert Beard	.40	3.20		
L.F. Schnake	1.05	5.00	Hugh Jones Plym	.80	.80		
Rev. Hill	3.28	5.05	Hugh Jones Stude	.13	9.10		
Chas Nicol	4.25	6.80	Elmer Lovekamp	.50	1.25		
J.S. Hale		1.75	Howard McLin	5.10			
Henry Wessler		4.20	Floyd Mason	.52	.50		
Ollie Launer	.15	3.50	Arthur Yeck	.35	1.50		
Bascom Beets Truck	1.60	2.10	Tim Fletcher	1.65	1.20		
Herman Engelbach	2.30	3.15	Arthur Kleinschmidt	.10	1.60		
Mrs. Herman Engelbach		2.45	Werner Lovekamp	.45	.70		
McGinnis	.50	.50	Elmer Ham	5.85			
Dr. A.F. Streuter		4.56	Village Truck	1.40			
4.20 (heater & muffler)			Eddie Middendorf	1.75			
A.L. Weeks	.35	2.30	Roland Beard	6.50			
JUNE 1936 -							
Dufelmeier	1.68	1.50	Ralph Schweer	1.50			
Jim Charlesworth	.85	.35	John Herbert	2.15			
Joe Hobrock	.07	.35	Herbert Lovekamp	1.70			
Robert Willey	20.55	2.50	Roscoe Trisch	1.83	.40		
			Doyle Henry	1.50			
			A.L. Weeks	.46	1.80		
			Dean Braner	10.64	5.00		

J.L. Cire's Day Ledger

1851 - Lovekamp, Wm.			
January 20 - Almonach	.10	1 pair shoes	1.25
March 31 - $\frac{1}{2}$ gal. whiskey by Fred	.20	powder	.20
6 yds. shirting	.78	3 lbs shot	.25
1 yd. linen	.75	1 lb. tobacco	.20
buttons	.10		
thread	.07		
brush	.25		
June 25 by cash	1.70		
1851 - Lovekamp, Henry			
June 29 - 1 cradle & thrash	4.00	May 10	
August 30 by cash	4.00	July 26	
1851 - Lovekamp, Christ		August 21	
February 7 - $2\frac{1}{4}$ lbs. $5/16$ round	.20	October 30	
September 23 - $13\frac{1}{2}$ # iron @ $\frac{1}{4}$.85	November 18	
by cash	1.05	November 22	
1852 -		November 26	
September 26 - Wine	.35	gallon molasses	.50
1851 - Rahe, Christ		chissel	.60
April 26 - 3 yds. cottonade at .30	.90	8 $\frac{1}{3}$ bu. oats	1.66
Caps	.10		
Nails	.25	December 4	
Tea	.25	200 bricks	1.00
June 19 Sythe & snish	2.00	December 22	
June 22 1 reader	.10	bbl molasses	12.00
July 19 1 gal. whiskey	.40	December 24	
sugar	.50	knife	.25
3 yds. drill at .20	.60		Paid December 1951
July 23 Coffee	.50		
Credit 4 dozen eggs	.22	1851	
		June 19	
			1 pr stockings by cash .25
1852 -			
July 14 1 sythe	.75	1852	
1 hone	.10	March 6	
July 23 sugar	.50	Letter	.05
		Two Letters	.10
		April 9	
1851 - Green, William			
January 13 3 yds. cambric 10¢ yd.	.30	Tribune 2@.20	.40
1 doz. buttons	.15	Illinois Journal	.20
thread	.10	Republican 2@10	.20
16 buttons	.15	Wateroure Journal	.05
$\frac{1}{4}$ lb. tobacco	.10	Prairie Farmer 2	.06
March 22		Zutung Belleville 2	.20
3 lbs. shot	.25	Morgan Journal @ .5	.10
$\frac{1}{2}$ lb. powder	.20		

ARENZVILLE POETS . . .

As of July, 1988, eighty-seven year old Marie Peck is the oldest native born resident of Arenzville, Illinois. The following are excepts from Marie's program "Grandma's Apron, Memories and How You Know When You're Growing Old."

Society calls me a Senior Citizen, but I prefer to be called an "Autumn Traveler" - sounds more sophisticated! If you stop to think about it we can compare our lives to the four seasons - when real young and full of life we are "Spring Travelers" - then we become "Summer Travelers" as we grow and learn, followed by the "Autumn Traveler" as we begin to mature and hopefully mellow - then the "Winter Traveler" period, when we really slow up and like to reflect on the past - but its also the season when each one must end his travels here on earth that we can travel to our Heavenly Home which God has promised and prepared for us if we believe in Him. Thus, we shall forever be "Heavenly Travelers" - a really beautiful thought.

You know you're getting old when - you feel your corns more than your oats!

When we reach a certain stage in life they call it the "Golden Age," but I wonder just a little bit - what gold has to do with it!

Our hair turns silver and, 'tis said, our feet drag as if made of lead.

Our teeth fall out - our blood turns cold.

So - where the heck - is all the gold?

One consolation - we are only old once!

Some folks are young at ninety,
Some are old at thirty two.
Just like a lot of other things,
It all depends on you!

Arenzville native Bob Alexander wrote several poems especially for this publication. His poems, "Nostalgia of a Small Town" and "Burgoo" appear elsewhere in this book.

SCHNITKER TRUCK LINE

A little boy remembering still -
Running from church down a hill.

Watching truckers load fare -
Cattle - hogs - sheep too pair.

They'd prod and poke -
Then stop tell a joke.

Tell of places I'd never seen -
Chicago - St. Louis - My eye'd gleam.

Semi's loaded tail-gates down -
Engines revved leaving town.

They'd be back later tonight -
Double-headers schedules were tight.

Nothing too big or too small -
These men never refused to haul.

Coal-lumber-fertilizer and seed -
Rock-logs-furniture and feed.

Grain-livestock-machinery-lime -
Anything else suited them fine.

Remember these men, I always will -
As a young boys reminiscent thrill.

Bob Alexander

ARENZVILLE NEWSPAPERS

Information taken from newspapers originally owned by Mrs. Eloise (Batis) Knight, Arenzville, Illinois.

ARENZVILLE ARGUS

Vol. 1 No. 1

Saturday May 4, 1889

TO THE READER: This copy of the *ARGUS* is sent to you only as a sample copy. After reading it carefully we hope you will consent to let us enter your name on our subscription book, for which we will be very much obliged.

Arenzville - A summary of Business Houses and Other Enterprises.

In presenting the first issue of the *ARGUS*, we feel it our duty to let the people of Cass County know that Arenzville is no "one horse" town containing only a postoffice, but that it is the second town in the county as far as business and enterprise is concerned, if not in population.

Arenzville is one of the most pleasant places in which to live in Cass County, and there is no better town of its population in the state for making money there is no better town of its population in the state. The town posses no "mossbacks" amongst its citizens but all are alive to the necessities and are doing all that could be expected of them to bring money and enterprise in our midst, and anyone desiring to go into business of any kind in some live energetic town will do well by locating in Arenzville.

The following is a list of the business houses and professional men in our town:

J.E. LOVEKAMP

Manufacturer of harness of every kind has been in business here for several years, and his square dealing has built up a large trade. He has on hand at present, a large stock of harness, collars, saddles, etc. which he sells very cheap. He has also in connection with his establishment, a shoe shop, where he does repairing of all kind.

TONY EATON

For the past five years Mr. Eaton has held front rank as a tonsorial artist in this city. His rooms are neat and clean. He is a first class barber and being a genial accommodating young fellow, therefore commands a good share of the patronage.

BEARD'S HOTEL

Is a first class house in every respect, where board can be had by the day or week. The table is always supplied with the best that the market affords. There is also in connection with the hotel, a bar, which is always supplied with the finest of wines, liquors and cigars.

HENRY SHREWSBURY

Has been one of the leading business men of Arenzville, for the last five years, in the drug and hardware business. In his drug department, he has everything that is usually kept in a first class apothecary shop, while his stock of stationery, toys, notions and fancy articles is more than complete. His hardware department is always well stocked. Mr. S. being a genial accommodating gentleman, commands a large patronage.

MRS. COFFIELD & COMPANY

These ladies have been in the millinery business here for sometime and have earned for themselves an enviable reputation in their line of trade. They keep a large stock of all the necessary articles for the adornment of our feminine population, and make up hats and bonnets in a style and for prices that cannot be beat. They are pleasant and accommodating in their dealings with the public.

MRS. FELDNER

Milliner, has been in business here for several years and has established a large and renumerative trade. Her stock of millinery is complete. Her style of making up hats and bonnets is always the latest and most bewitching. She has at present a large stock of millinery from fashion centers. Her trade is large and substantial and her business methods have won for her a name in the community as one of its best business women.

STROM & BROCKHOUSE

Are the proprietors of the only livery and feed stable in town and do a good business. They can furnish a good rig day or night at reasonable rates.

CHARLES RIVET

Mr. Rivet, barber and hair dresser, has been in business here for the past few years and has a large patronage. He is always supplied with clean linens and good materials.

MRS. MILLRICK

Is the landlady of one of the best hotels in town. Board can be had by the day or week. Good table, clean rooms and good beds. Rates very reasonable.

ATER HOUSE

Is a first-class hotel, run in first class style. Mr. Ater keeps none but first-class cooks. His hotel is always supplied with the best that the market affords, served in good style. He has also in connection with his hotel a bar that is always supplied with the finest of wines, liquors and cigars, this is presided over by his genial hotel clerk, Frank Thompson. This hotel is well patronized.

CHARLES RIVET

Boot and shoe maker, has been in business in Arenzville, for several years and has always given satisfaction. He can be found at his old stand where he has administered to the wants of the people for so many years.

LUMBER YARD

George Engelbach manager, has been doing a good business for several years, and supplies the country for miles around with lumber, doors, sash blinds, cement and hair.

HUSS, HIERMAN & COMPANY

Are the largest agricultural dealers in Cass county, and have built up an immense trade, extending all over the county. They keep constantly on hand a large stock of mowers, reapers corn planters, in fact everything that pertains to the trade. They also run a blacksmith shop, where they do repairing of all kind. These gentlemen are wide-awake energetic business men, and any scheme for the betterment of the town meets with prompt and energetic assistance.

BANK

The Arenzville Bank is on solid foundation and does an unlimited amount of business. The cashier being George Engelbach, who has accomplished a great deal in the building of the bank.

KORNER BROTHERS & YECK

Has been in the general merchandise business here for several years and have won a splendid patronage. They are men of commendable push and have a host of friends. Their store room is filled with the latest novelties and their staple dry goods are equal to the large stock of city stores. They make prices that will compete with Virginia, Beardstown or Jacksonville.

BRIDGMAN & PFEIL

Also carry a large line of general merchandise, where more goods can be bought for less money than at any other place in town. Their line of goods is selected with the best of care and they handle nothing but what will bear inspection, and are well known, careful and trustworthy businessmen.

MRS. E. ENGELBACH

Dealer in general merchandise, has a large and genuine selection of dry goods and groceries, and sells them on as close figures as she can and make money. She does not sell for cost nor yet for excessive profits. Her store is one of the best known places of business in town and has always had a large country patronage. Her stock is always new and clean.

MRS. M. SHOOTMAN

Is one of Arenzville's energetic business women and has been quite successful in the grocery business. Her store is always filled with new and fresh goods and all the novelties that pertains to the trade. She does a large business, and by strict honesty and fairness has obtained the respect of the people. Her line of staples are always large.

HYSINGER & GRAHAM

Are the largest dealers in dry good and groceries of any business house in Arenzville. They study to meet the requirements of the people. Their store is always filled with the best and most popular goods and at prices that will suit the purse of any buyer. The firm is an energetic one and will do anything to advance the business interests of Arenzville.

MILL

The flour mill under the management of Messrs. McElroy and Treadway, is one of the best paying industries in Arenzville. These gentlemen have spent a great deal of money towards this enterprise and they are now reaping the benefits of it. The mill runs from ten to twelve hours daily and turns out about twenty five barrels of flour. The trade has greatly increased lately, and a great many shipments are being made. There has been no complaint as to the quality of the product of this mill, general satisfaction being expressed by all who use the flour.

PAINTER

Milt Shrewsbury is Arenzville's artistic painter, and well known to the public for doing fine work in his line.

McCARTY & ARENZ

Has two large store rooms, one filled with drugs, the other with hardware. In their drug department they carry a large line of proprietary medicines, toilet articles, books, stationery, trusses, shoulder braces, in fact all that pertains to a metropolitan retail drugstore. They are also leading dealers in hardware, mechanic's tools, table and pocket cutlery, which sells at the lowest prices.

J. ROEGGEGE

General blacksmith, has been in business here for several years, and has always given good satisfaction.

MIKE WOERNER

This gentleman has been supplying the community with dressed meats of all kinds for sometime. By his careful selection of the best grades of cattle and his knowledge of the business he has made a success and enjoys the fruits of his labor in a large and increasing trade. He is attentive to business and is a genial accommodating man, one that makes friends and retains the trade of his customers.

H.F. ARENZ

Carries one of the largest and best selected stock of furniture in Cass County. He has furniture of all kinds and can meet the requirements of our citizens on short notice. The stock of furniture is complete in every detail, and the prices are as low as the lowest.

DR. SWOPE

Is one of the leading doctors in the county, and has a very large practice. He answers calls night or day.

C.B. & Q. RAILWAY, M. MC'AULY, AGENT
Has been the means of building up Arenzville. The road is in direct communication with all points of interest. There are two passengers daily each way, with numerous freights. M. M'Cauly has been with the company for several years and does excellent work, and has the confidence of his employers.

BREWERY

The brewery has been located here for some time, and supplies the people with beer for family use. It keeps constantly on hand a supply of beer by the keg or by the case, for sale.

BRICKYARD

Is owned and run by Fred Bode, who has the reputation of turning out the best brick made in Cass County, the only trouble being that he cannot turn out enough to supply the demand.

GEORGE ENGELBACH

Has one of the oldest insurance agencies in Cass county, and represents

some of the most reliable companies in the world, all of which has a large capital and surplus, so that a policy in any one is always worth its face in the event of loss. Mr. Engelbach is an energetic business man, and is known as one of the go-a-head men of Arenzville.

CARPENTERS

Messrs. Tressbauch & Co. have been in this business for several years and understands every branch of it. They have been located here for some time, and several handsome residences in town shows evidence of their skill, they thoroughly understand their business.

PLASTERERS

Meyer & Wesley, are the leading plasters, and they are so well known that to say anything further is useless.

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No. 14

Listed under Arenzville's Business Directory:
INSURANCE

Capital \$200,000. Assets \$724,895.85

Insure your property against Fire, Lightning & Tornadoes

HENRY B. SHREWSBURY

Represents "Ye Old Rockford Insurance Company of Illinois." A reliable company at lowest rates.

THE MILLRICK HOTEL

Mrs. Millrick, Proprietor Arenzville

Table always supplied with the best products of the season. Special attention to transients. Day boarding a specialty. Rates Reasonable. One-half block from depot.

TONY EATON, Proprietor

CITY BARBER SHOP

One door south of McCarty & Arenz Brothers Drug Store. Shaving and hair cutting in the latest styles. Gentlemanly treatment to all. Patronage solicited.

THE PEOPLE'S BANK

General Banking Business Transacted. Investment Securities For Sale. Drafts On All Foreign Countries At Lowest Rates.

We Solicit Your Patronage.

A.J. Saylor, President

George Engelbach, Cashier

BRICK YARD

Fred Bode, Proprietor Arenzville

A large quantity always on hand. Mail orders promptly attended to.

New summer goods have just arrived. I now have the largest and most complete stock of millinery goods ever brought to Arenzville. The very latest in Summer Hats and Trimmings. These goods were purchased at a Bargain and I am bound to give my customers the benefit of the Low Prices. These goods are not of inferior quality, but are first-class. — I am still teaching Prof. Work's System for cutting and fitting.

Very respectfully,
MRS. A. FELDNER

ARENZVILLE MARKET

The following are what Arenzville dealers are paying. Corrected every Friday.

Wheat No. 1	.83¢
Corn	.37-40¢
Oats	.20¢
Potatoes	.75¢
Butter	.10¢
Eggs	.09¢

HUSS, HIERMAN & BATIS Arenzville

Disc Harrows, Havana Press Drills, Buckeye Flude and Hoosier Press Drills. Pumps, Iron and Wood of which we have a large assortment. We also have fresh Timothy and Millet Seed!

JOS. RICHARDS Arenzville, Illinois

Something New. You should not fail to see those Double-Eagle, Reversible shears and scissors. It is the latest thing out. The most useful articles on the market. Nothing like it. Two pairs of shears in one. For sale only at Jos. Richards, Arenzville.

TONSORIAL PARLORS

(East Koerner Brothers & Yeck)

Ladies and children's haircutting a Specialty.

C.H. Rewitz, Proprietor
Arenzville, Illinois

McCARTY & ARENZ BROTHERS

Headquarters for DRUGS & HARDWARE. Largest and most complete stock in the county. Dr. Elliott's Great Animal Blood Purifier for stock. All kinds of Carpenters' and Mason's tools of the best makes. Wringers and Washers. Groceries and Tinware. A fine assortment of Wall Paper, China and Glassware. A large and well assorted stock. Agents for the Brammer and Western Washers.

BRIDGMAN & PFEIL

Arenzville, Illinois

Summer Goods! A complete line of Ladies' Fine Slippers, of all sizes. And also an elegant line of Gents' Neckties, Collars, etc. And for every-day wear we have Overshirts, Waists, Boots, Shoes - very cheap.

The celebrated Walker Boot is still to be found amongst our leather goods. We have the finest \$3 shoe to be found in the country - see them and be convinced. We pay the highest market price for poultry - cash or in trade. It will pay you to call and inspect our goods before purchasing.

JOHN MAYREIS

Arenzville, Illinois

The City Meat Market - has constantly in stock - Fresh and Salt Meats. Sausages! All kinds constantly kept on hand. Will Pay the highest possible price for Fat Cattle, Hogs and Sheep. Prices always reasonable.

ARENZVILLE LUMBER COMPANY

Dealers in Hard and Soft Lumber - Screen Doors, Fire, Farm, Trestle, Extension and Step Ladders, etc. Patent Grooved Roofing, lengths 12, 14 and 16 feet. Blinds, Pickets, Square Timbers, Shingles, Lath, Plastering Hair, Lime, Cement, Plaster Paris. Cedar Fence Posts. Builder's supplies of all kinds.

McELROY & TREADWAY **Arenzville**

Our standard grades are Home Comfort, Fancy Patent, and Quantity. Rye, flour, corn meal, bran, short fine chopped feed of all kinds. Wheat and Rye Graham. Flour Exchanged for Wheat! Highest prices paid for grain. Our flour is kept for sale by all the leading grocers in this section of the state.

MRS. E. ENGELBACH

Endless Variety of Summer Goods! Lawns, Skirt Embroideries, Wool and Cotton Challis, Delicate shades in New Chambry Ginghams, At Prices to suit the times. Do not fail to come and get a Coupon which entitles to one of our Handsome Oil Painting - FREE

JOSEPH RICHARDS

Arenzville, Illinois

New Restaurant and Confectionery

Tobacco, cigars, canned goods of all kinds, cheeses, pickles, pickled pigs' feet, bologna, nuts of all kinds, candies, etc.

Fresh Canned Goods, constantly on hand. Meals at any Hour. Give me a call.

Orders taken for all kinds of silverware.

CITY LIVERY

HERMAN STRAHM, Proprietor
Arenzville, Illinois

Rates Reasonable, Rigs First-Class. Feed and stable.

THE ARENZVILLE TIMES

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G.M. Freer, Publisher
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Friday, July 8, 1904

Assessment List for Township 17, Range 11
Includes Henry C. Meyer who owned 3 dogs and was assessed \$641 for personal property!

WORLDS FAIR

Do you want to visit the World's Fair? If you do and want a safe and respectable place to stay during your visit, with all the facilities for quietness and comfort at very reasonable rates, communicate with us at once, and we can give you full particulars. G.M. Freer, Agent for the World's Fair Tenting Association

JACOB STOCKER

Coal, Coal, Coal. Plenty of coal at the same old place at 9¢ per bushel.

BATIS & WESSLER

Are the sole agents for the Western endless apron Manure Spreader, the only satisfactory dry machine on the market. See the Cultivators.

HIERMAN BROTHERS

Agricultural Implements! Buggies. Surreys. Road Wagons. Big Assortment. Priced Right! Now on hand, the largest stock in town. Come and See. Satisfaction Guaranteed.

HYSINGER & WEEKS

Our Spring Announcement for 1904 is Brief. We simply say come in and see the largest and best selected line of spring and summer suiting and waist goods, laces, embroideries, novelties, notions and jewelry ever opened up for your inspection. The assortment is complete and prices low. The above added to our already large stock makes our store the great bargain headquarters. A new line of carpets, rugs, curtains, oil cloths and all goods suitable for city or country trade sewing machines sold and guaranteed, no trouble to show goods. Kindly thanking you for past favors and asking for a continuance of your valued patronage. Wall paper business booming, give us your orders.

O.M. CRUM

Page Fence is fifty per cent stronger than any common wire fence made. Fence and prices at Batis and Wessler's, Arenzville, Illinois.

W.F. ARENZ, DRUGGIST

Still Here! We are still at the old stand with a full line of drugs, hardware groceries and wall paper. We will handle country produce, such as butter, eggs, lard, etc. Thanking our patrons for past favors and wishing a continuance of the same.

Hats! Hats! a fine line of hats at Miss E.H. Cire's. Prices Satisfactory.

THE ARENZVILLE LUMBER COMPANY

Distributing depot for "Pittsburgh Perfect" fences. We will make it your advantage to place in your orders for Spring use early.

W.P. LIGHTFOOT Loan and Real Estate Agent

Good farms and other property for sale. Office at Postoffice. Arenzville, Illinois.

H.B. SHREWSBURY

Wall Paper! Window Shades. Varnish Stains.

DOCTORS SWOPE & YECK

Physicians and Surgeons - Office in Opera House Block. Arenzville, Illinois.

EDWARD HOUSTON

Proprietor of the Arenzville Livery Barn - First class rigs at reasonable prices.

H. KOPPELMANN Arenzville, Illinois

When in doubt about gifts, consult the Jeweler. "1847 Rogers Brothers Silver Plate" Also watches and glasses (eye).

J.G. MANION

The Old Stand. Our meat market is fully stocked with choice fresh meats, and is replenished daily. Alton Hams, Bacon, Sausage, Pure open kettle rendered lard. Prices right. Highest market price paid for hides, tallow and butchers' stuff. Terms net cash. Ice for sale.

ONKEN BROTHERS & MEYER

Paint! Paint! Paint!

We desire to remind our customers that we handle a complete line of Mound City paints, known everywhere to be one of the best on the market, all person's who have painting to do, should investigate as to the quality of goods they ought to use.

Remember!

THE BURLINGTON HOUSE

When you want a meal and bed.

H.A. BRIDGMAN Arenzville, Illinois

All of our lines complete. A well assorted line of all kinds of agricultural implements on hand at our warehouses. A splendid line of surreys, buggies, road wagons, good as any on the market at prices that will astonish you. Call and see us, we'll convince you about our stock.

C.E. WILLIAMSON'S

A complete line! of gasoline stoves. We are the people you should see, if you want the best stove made. We do not consider any other gasoline stoves equal to the "Quick Meal" line, and they are within the reach of all, from \$2.75 upwards. See them at C.E. Williamson's.

PALACE BARBER SHOP H.F. TRIEBERT, proprietor

In the Shoopman Building

ARENZVILLE INDEPENDENT

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by Herbert & Company
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Friday, May 10, 1907

Butterick Patterns - reduced to 10¢ and
15¢ - None Higher
Get them at **HYSINGER & WEEKS**

WILLIAMSON & GEBIG

Fine furniture. We are showing the most complete line of furniture and stoves ever brought to Arenzville, and the prices are low, let us show you, all calls in the undertaking line will be given prompt, personal attention by Mr. Williamson.

Stoves Furniture Undertaking

F.C. BOLLHORST

GOLD WATCH - FREE

Appreciating the very handsome patronage my friends have given me, and as a mark of my appreciation, I have decided to give away a handsome gold watch (either ladies' or gent's size). Come in and let me tell you all about it. The watch can be seen at my store. It will be a handsome gift and you may be the lucky person. Come and see.

HYSINGER & WEEKS

Some men's idea of economy is to spend less money for some other necessity and more for clothes.

Because of the methods, organization and immensity of the tailor shops that the cloths we measure men for come from no stinting is necessary to obtain here a suit or overcoat of as good value as the local tailor can give you for 100% more. And every garment made strictly to each man's measure - to modify every abnormality - to build up every shortcoming.

Fall line of cloths ready to show you.

Exclusive Local Representative of Ed V. Price & Company, Merchant Tailors, Chicago.

BATIS & WESSLER

Does Quality Count With You? If so, come in and let us show you a complete and up-to-date line of Implements, Wagons, Surreys and Buggies.

C.O. JERN, Agent Burlington Route
Arenzville, Illinois

Homeseekers' Excursions. West, Northwest, South and Southwest.

First and third Tuesdays of each month - February 5th and 19th and March 5th and 19th. Special one-way second class Colonist rates to Middle West and Southwest. \$2 higher than half of the standard first class one way rate. Selling April 2nd and 16th.

HIERMAN BROTHERS Arenzville
The Famous Canton No. 3 Corn Planter Plants 2,3 or 4 Kernels in a Hill with one set of plates. The ONLY corn planter that will do it. We are selling this planter because it is the best one we can buy. Come in and let us demonstrate its merits. Seeing is believing.

W.L. McCARTY

The original Laxative Cough Syrup. Bee's Laxative. Containing Honey and Tar. All cough syrups containing opiates constipate the bowels. Bee's Laxative Honey and Tar moves the bowels and contains no opiates.

MAC - Road Horse

He is bright chestnut with white legs, a strip in the face and flaxen mane and tail. He has a reliable disposition, large prominent mild eyes, sensitive shapely ears, broad forehead, large flat bone, elegant action and stylish carriage, attracting much attention.

He will make the season of 1907 at the Arenzville Livery Barn.

TERMS: \$15 to insure a living colt. (Fee due in case the mare is parted with) Care will be taken to prevent accidents, but I will not be responsible should any occur.

Harry Barber, Tender
H.W. Reckamp, Owner

ZULAUF'S CASH MEAT MARKET
John Zulauf, Proprietor

Headquarters for fresh and cured meats, sausage of all kinds, home rendered lard. At right prices. I will pay the highest market price for hides and prime butchers stock. Come and see me. I solicit your trade.

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Friday, December 11, 1908

H.G. WEEKS

Holiday presents. Watches, diamonds, rings, hand painted china, exquisite glass pieces, novelties in jewelry, mantel and alarm clocks, gold pens, fountain pens, bracelets, stick pins, buttons, and a thousand and one other things that will make useful and appropriate Christmas presents. We have the goods and make the prices and in doing so make every day a "Bargain Day."

Commencing Monday, December 14, we will give a handsome souvenir with every purchase of \$1 or more. As there are but a limited number, only one will be given to a family. Come and See.

WILLIAMSON & GEBIG

Don't waste your patience on an old worn out heating stove. Come and see the Superior Air tight and Florence Perfect Slack Burners.

They are the best stoves made and cost no more than the ordinary kinds. Get a "Quick Meal" stove or range and be happy. Let us show you through out and quote you prices.

KLOKER & WOOD Arenzville, Illinois

Star Brand Shoes are better. The beauty of the foot is something that all women admire. In some shoes it is not easy to make the foot look pretty but in "Society" shoes every line and every curve catches the eye with a splendid

sensation of attractiveness. The "Society" is made to please exacting women. The number of women around town wearing "Society" shoes who are pleased with them and will have no other, should be one reason why you should wear them. We know "Society" shoes will meet all your requirements.

DR. M.C. BROCKMAN
Dentist

Will be at office formerly occupied by Dr. W.L. Wilcox, opposite Hysinger & Week's Store, Arenzville, Illinois, every Wednesday.

HARRY F. TRIEBERT
Barber

I take this method of announcing to my many friends and patrons that I will open my shop on Sunday.

MENGE & MEYER Telephone No. 19

Having opened our store at Kloker & Wood's old stand we will be glad to meet our friends. As a special inducement to our friends we offer:

6 bars of Maple City Soap for 25¢
6 bars of Ivory Soap for 25¢
6 bars of Puritan Soap for 25¢
7 bars of Lenox Soap for 25¢

ARENZVILLE LUMBER COMPANY
Arenzville, Illinois

White Hot or Ice Cold. One extreme or the other - or anywhere between - simple tests prove it's always "the Weld that Held." "Pittsburgh Perfect" Fences welded by electricity.

VILLAGE BOARD MEETING

The Fourth Saloon - at its regular meeting Monday the village board granted a dram license to William Mallicoat, formerly a resident here, but later, until within the last month, at Jacksonville. Mr. Mallicoat has rented the Reckamp building, on the west side of Frederick street. He uses the upstairs for a residence and will use the lower room for business purposes. He expects to have things running smoothly by the end of the week.

HYSINGER & WEEKS Arenzville

New fall goods are coming in! The selections this season are especially attractive. It is hard to imagine anything more stylish and becoming than these goods are.

W.A. SCHWARTZ, Agent C.B.& Q. RR

\$11.95 round trip to the National Corn Exposition. Auditorium, Omaha, December 8 to 17. For the betterment of Agriculture. Buildings cover three blocks. Prices aggregate over \$50,000. Model kitchen. Alfalfa Palace. Experiments by United States Department of Agriculture. Lectures every day.

Exhibitions of corn, wheat, oats and alfalfa never equaled. Moving pictures from all over the United States Bands, orchestras, parades. Every one should attend this great fair, as nothing like it has ever been seen before. A number of exhibitors from this county will be there.

Bee's Laxative Cough Syrup - sold by **W.L. McCARTY**

HIERMAN BROTHERS Arenzville

The best stoves - the stoves that satisfy - fuel savers. The 20th Century Laurel Heater. Burns soft coal or slack without black smoke or soot.

All the latest styles in pattern hats at - **MISS E.H. CIRE'S**

See **KLOKER & WOOD** for Christmas candies.

J.H. NIEMANN Arenzville, Illinois

Christmas - the season's upon us! Rejoice and be glad! Buy your holiday liquors of J.H. Niemann! The big retail dealer in "Straight Liquors." Your mail orders will receive prompt attention. Call when in town.

JOHN ZULAUF Arenzville, Illinois

Cash paid for hides. I want tallow and will pay the highest market price for it. I am also in the market for good butchers stuff at top prices.

ARENZVILLE INDEPENDENT

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R.J. HOAGLAND, Editor

Friday, May 12, 1911

Many attend. The May-Pole Dance at the Opera House Wednesday evening was largely attended. The hall was beautifully decorated and carnations were given to each dancer as souvenirs.

The May-Pole was wrapped at 9:30 and an enjoyable evening was had by all.

ARENZVILLE MARKET - Thursday's Prices	
New Wheat No. 3 \$.83 per bu.
Corn, white	.47 per bu.
Corn, yellow	.47 per bu.
Oats	.30 per bu.
Hogs	5.50
Cattle	5.00
Hides	.06
Eggs	.15 per doz.
Butter	.20 per lb.
Lard	.09 per lb.
Chickens	.09 per lb.
Old Roosters	.04 per lb.
Spring Chickens	.09 per lb.
Turkeys	.15 per lb.

H.G. WEEKS - The Guarantee Jeweler

J.A. WEEKS Arenzville, Illinois

Insure your horses. All valuable horses should be insured against death, accident or sickness. I represent one of the best companies in the world. Terms are very reasonable. See me first.

GRAHAM & STOCK Dealers in Livestock

See us first!

Enjoy yourself! Get a rig at the Graham Livery when you desire to go to some neighboring town or take a drive through the country.

WOOD & HOUSTON

The Patriot shoe for men. In all our shoe experience we have never seen a better, more correctly and honestly made \$4 men's shoe than the "Patriot." It is a gentleman's shoe, and aristocrat in style and a day-laborer in endurance. The "Patriot" is "The Shoe Without the Hurt."

IRVING & THOMPSON

Call and see our line of boots, shoes, overalls, shirts, dry goods, underwear, notions and fancy groceries. It will pay you to look these goods over before you buy elsewhere. Phone No. 19

R.J. OMMEN

Heinz Baked Beans - always come to us for things like this.

The big day, Friday, May 19, OPERA

HOUSE, Arenzville, Illinois. Mass Meeting of Farmers and Merchants. Good Speaking! Plenty of music and other entertainment.

Admission: Free Begins at 7:30

BATIS & BARTELHEIM

Get an Avery "Yellow Fellow" Separator. It saves the grain. Is a splendid grain cleaner. For making money for a thresher man and giving satisfaction to his customers. Ask us of printed matter and prices.

P.W. KRAFT

Wood and Wagon Work. I have purchased the business formerly conducted by William Morris at F.D. Hammer's blacksmith shop and am now prepared to do any and all kinds of wood work, either manufacturing or repairing of any article. Satisfaction guaranteed.

HARRY F. TRIEBERT

Arenzville, Illinois

Are you bothered with dandruff? Have you used different tonics without result? The Wonder Dandruff Cure cures dandruff. For sale exclusively by Harry F. Triebert.
\$1 Per Bottle.

LIPPERT'S CAFE

For hot weather how does this sound? Ice Cream, Ice Cream Soda, Ice Cream Sundae, Cold Phosphates, Fine Candies? The best quick lunch service in town.

HENRY DAHMAN POSTMASTER

Unclaimed letters. List of unclaimed mail matter remaining at the Arenzville, Illinois Post Office, May 1, 1911. Unless called for in 30 days same will be sent to the Dead Letter Office at Washington, D.C.

Hungry? Come and see me. WILLIAM MORRIS, at the CORNER RESTAURANT.

DR. J.M. SWOPE Physician

Calls answered promptly day or night. Office over Pfeil's store. Opera House Block, Arenzville.

A.F. STREUTER Physician and Surgeon

Office on East Side of Square. Day or night calls answered promptly. Phone 70. Arenzville, Illinois.

See! See! See! Smoke the C.C.C. Cigar. You all know **CHARLIE BLESSE**. He makes them and sells lots of them, too.

ZULAUF & SONS, Proprietors Arenzville Meat Market

Fresh and cured meats, sausage and lard. We are in the market for 500 head stock hogs and will pay highest prices for them. First class butchers stuff - wanted.

F.D. HAMMER

Notice! I wish to state that I am still doing business at my old stand, and am prepared to do any and all kinds of wood and iron work to the best of satisfaction. Highest market price paid for old iron.

R.V. HANEY, Agency C.B.& Q. RR

Ever been to Colorado? Ask me about Estes Park, Colorado.

JOHN L. WEEKS

We are the exclusive agents for Dittman's celebrated line of foot wear of St. Louis. They combine the three essentials; Style, Fit and Service. Solve the Easter Problem. Kindly thanking you in advance, I am respectfully, John L. Weeks.

ARENZVILLE INDEPENDENT

Vol. 17 No. 13

\$1.50 per year in advance

Friday, July 7, 1911

H.G. WEEKS

Big discount on my entire stock. Now is your opportunity to buy a Watch, Clock or anything in the Jewelry line at prices never before heard. Don't delay but come at once and take your choice of these goods.

R.J. OMMEN

Salads. Now is the time for all kinds of salads. Make your delicious salads more attractive by the addition of a nice salad bowl. An elegant new line to select from at moderate prices.

GRAHAM & STOCK Dealers in Live Stock. See us first!

Enjoy yourself! Get a rig at the Graham Livery. Headquarters.

ARENZVILLE MARKET - Thursday's Prices

New Wheat No. 2	.80 per bu.
Corn, white	.56 per bu.
Corn, yellow	.56 per bu.
Oats	.40 per bu.
Hogs	6.10

Cattle	5.00
Hides	.06
Eggs	.11 per doz.
Butter	.18 per lb.
Lard	.09 per lb.
Chickens	.08 per lb.
Old Roosters	.03 per lb.
Spring Chickens	.15 per lb.
Turkeys	.15 per lb.
Potatoes (Old)	1.75
Potatoes (New)	2.75

JACOB STOCKER

It is necessary to have whiskey in the home for use in cases of sickness. Glenwood, at \$2.50 per gallon, is an excellent product. Sold only by Jacob Stocker.

J.L. WEEKS

Aluminum collapsible drinking cups. 5 & 10¢ each. Japanese fans on exhibition. Pineapples, oranges, lemons.

IRVING & THOMPSON

Call and see our line of boots, shoes, overalls, shirts, dry goods, underwear, notions and fancy groceries. It will pay you to look these goods over before you buy elsewhere. Phone No. 19

ARENZVILLE LUMBER COMPANY

Cypress lumber - that has been exposed to weather and "on the job" 91 years without even a coat of paint - shows not a trace of rot - come in and examine this.

R.V. HANEY, Agent
C.B.& Q. Railroad

Good news for travelers. New through service to California. Burlington route to Denver, Denver & Rio Grande to Salt Lake City, Western Pacific Ry. to San Francisco. Ask for information and secure tickets from R.V. Haney, Agent.

BATIS & BARTELHEIM
Velie Buggies - for sale

Magnus Oil -

Read what your neighbors say: Edward Houston says;.... William J. Green says;.... John Zulauf says;.... J.A. Hays says;.... William E. Hackman says;.... Absolute satisfaction or money back - sold by **W.L. McCARTY, WOOD & HOUSTON, & R.J. HOAGLAND**

Dr. J.H. MATTHEWS - Dentist - Office in the Arenzville Hotel on Monday and Tuesday forenoon of each week.

P.W. KRAFT

I have purchased the business formerly conducted by William Morris at F.D. Hammer's blacksmith shop and am now prepared to do any and all kinds of wood work, with manufacturing or repairing of any article. Satisfaction guaranteed.

F.D. HAMMER

Notice! Wood & Iron work. Highest market price paid for old iron.

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Hungry? Come and see me.

WILLIAM MORRIS, at the CORNER RESTAURANT

Call on **O.E. GEBIG** for screen doors and patent Wheeler Window Screens.

WOOD & HOUSTON
Arenzville, Illinois

Money for you - These bargains will be sold for Cash only. Everything here listed is good stuff - nothing shop-worn or shoddy. We want to reduce our stock. Shoes must be tried on in the store as we cannot afford to exchange them at the above prices.

ARENZVILLE INDEPENDENT

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Friday, August 28, 1914

Special Sale of the Great Majestic Ranges and Sellers of Kitchen Cabinets - August 31 to September 5.

BROCKHOUSE BROTHERS

Great Reduction Sale on Summer Goods at **J.L. WEEKS** Arenzville, Illinois

Go to **R.J. OMMEN** for Dry Goods, Groceries, Gents Furnishings, Queensware.

We've got the best proposition - famous Iowa Gates
ARENZVILLE LUMBER COMPANY

Hoosier - It will not be very long until you will need a drill to sew your wheat. Do you need a new one this year? See us.

HIERMAN BROTHERS

Funeral Directors. **BROCKHOUSE BROTHERS** associated with C.E. WILLIAMSON. All calls, day or night, given prompt attention. Satisfaction guaranteed.

Duntley Combination Pneumatic Sweeper. The great labor saver of the home. Duntley is the pioneer of pneumatic sweepers. Write today for full particulars.
C.L. LEWIS

DR. J.M. SWOPE, Physician, Arenzville

A.F. STREUTER, Physician and Surgeon, Arenzville

ARENZVILLE MEAT MARKET - JOHN ZULAUF

Arenzville Blacksmith & Repair Shop
F.D. HAMMER, proprietor

LIPPERT'S CAFE - the coolest place in town!

Illinois Life Insurance Company of Chicago. Charles W. Jacobs, Manager, Jacksonville. **J.A. WEEKS** Local Representative.

Uncle Sam offers you an excellent opportunity to become an independent land owner. You can get a 300 acre Government homestead for the trifling cost of the filing fee, \$22. Then, if you wish, buy an additional 160 acres adjoining at \$1.25 per acre. then you have a ranch that is splendidly adapted for grazing, cattle raising and dry farming. The good locations are going fast. Be sure to get yours before it is too late. Cheap rates are available the first and third Tuesdays of every month.

D. CLEM DEAVER, C.B. & Q Railroad
Omaha, Nebraska

Come in and look over our "Big Chief" Gasoline engines. Pumping Jacks. "Streator" power washers. Moore Brothers lightening rods. For sale by

ARENZVILLE GARAGE.

JR BOWLING LUNCH ROOM & CONFECTIONERY - Short Orders - Ice Cream, Sundaes, Sodas. Nice line of bulk candy and the famous Holly Brand box candy. Also a large assortment of Cigars and Tobacco - New up-to-date fixtures.

ARENZVILLE INDEPENDENT

Vol. 21, No. 10

Lloyd S. Yeck, Editor

Friday, June 25, 1915

DIVVER RUG COMPANY - F.C. BOLLHORST

Rug Weavers - New rugs woven from old carpets. All work guaranteed. On orders amounting to \$5 or more, express charges will be paid. Call or write for the prices which you'll find reasonable
Arenzville, Illinois

Piano Lessons. Anyone wishing piano lessons (also piano tuning) see me at once for rates and terms. Spring class now forming. Out of town patrons write, or phone No. 30. **L.R. DAVIDSON**

Nothing better for the money - Pluck Shoes. **WOODS & HOUSTON**

To the public -

During the month of June we will give five per cent discount for cash on amounts larger than one dollar on our entire line of goods except Seller's Kitchen Needs.

BROCKHOUSE BROTHERS -
Undertakers and Funeral Directors -

Calls answered day or night.

We are not giving premiums - We have however made arrangements with a large Aluminum Manufacturing company to supply us with the aluminum utensils at factory prices. We are going to give you the advantage of these prices.

R.J. OMMEN

Just think of it! We will sell you a 70 ton capacity Silo for \$200. Size: 12 feet diameter, 28 feet high, 2 inches one piece clear fir staves. Absolutely the best silo made. Lasts a lifetime. Never decay. Why pay more? **ARENZVILLE LUMBER COMPANY**. We have on hand a large stock of corrugated galvanized iron in 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12 feet lengths. Get our prices before buying.

Are you a woman? Take Cardui - The Woman's Tonic.

Allen Model 34 Five-Passenger Touring Car. \$895. Complete with electric starter and lights. Call at our store for demonstration of this car.

HIERMAN BROTHERS

LIPPERT'S CAFE The coolest place in town! Short orders a specialty.

Arenzville's Blacksmith and Repair Shop. F.D. Hammer, Proprietor. We carry a complete line of iron, steel and horse shoes, and we are ready and

willing to do your repair work if tendered us. We sell Dr. Dick's Pecan Healer for cuts, burns and bruises. Guaranteed to give satisfaction or money refunded.

Arenzville Meat Market JOHN ZULAUF
Hides and tallow wanted.

DR. J.L. KIRCHNER - Veterinarian - Headquarters at Arenzville Livery Barn. Calls answered promptly day or night.

DR. H.H. CHAPMAN - Dentist - Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Office at the Dyer Residence. Phone No. 19. Reasonable Rates.

DR. J.M. SWOPE - Physician - Calls answered promptly day or night. Office at my residence. Arenzville, Illinois.

6 Per Cent Cash Discount on purchases amount to 50¢ or over - same applies to all merchandise carried by us except sugar and flour. Yours to please, **WEEKS BROTHERS**.

ARENZVILLE INDEPENDENT

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Friday, January 14, 1916

MANNY'S CLEANING & PRESSING ROOM - First door east of Independent Printing Office.

During the past year we have made every effort to promote the interests of our customers and have been gratified with the generous response which you and others have made to this policy. We extend to all our sincere wishes for a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

BROCKHOUSE BROTHERS

The name Zephyr on the sack insures the quality. quality goods always repeat. A customer buying Zephyr Flour knows what she is buying and will come back for more. Sold only by **R.J. OMMEN**

5 Per Cent Cash Discount on Automobile and Bicycle tires.
ARENZVILLE GARAGE.

If you are in need of a Watch come in and look over my splendid line of Howard, Hamilton, Elgin and Waltham Watches. You cannot make a mistake by buying one of them as these movements are all first class.

J.F. THYEN - JEWELER

Arenzville

Wire fence, portable corn cribs, corrugated galvanized iron sheets. Polished plate glass automobile wind shields in all sizes. Please let us serve you - **ARENZVILLE LUMBER COMPANY**

DR. J.M. SWOPE - Physician

DR. H.H. CHAPMAN - Dentist

Auctioneer **R. EARL ABERNATHY** - Concord I can please you. Am well posted on values. Write or wire at my expense.

Arenzville Meat Market - JOHN ZULAUF

**Arenzville Blacksmith & Repair -
F.D. HAMMER**

LIPPERT'S CAFE - The Coolest place in town!

TINA SUMMERS - Lunch Room and Confectionery - Short Orders - Ice Cream, Sundaes, Sodas. Nice line of bulk candy and the famous McCullum Brothers box candy. A large assortment of cigars and tobacco.

Allen Model 34 Five-Passenger Touring Car - \$795. **HIERMAN BROTHERS**

Don't forget Registration Day, Saturday, January 15. Come with the crowd. **WEEKS BROTHERS** - The Booster Store. Make our store headquarters.

On Saturday of last week **OSCAR MALLICOAT** purchased the Arenzville Livery Barn from Henry Niestradt. Mallicoat will take possession tomorrow.

ARENZVILLE INDEPENDENT

Vol. 22, No. 2

Friday, April 28, 1916

I wish to announce to the farmers that I have my road stallion, Black Squirrel and an extra good jack at my barn in Arenzville and they will make the 1916 season there. **J.H. WELLS**

New Spring line of "Dress Goods" just received. Come in and look these patterns over. **WEEKS BROTHERS**

Choice tailoring - International made-to-measure clothes are choice as to fabric, as to style and in the workmanship. See the special quality you can get for the popular price of \$20-\$25.

R.J. OMMEN

Rugs! We have just received a large shipment of new rugs and linoleum. Come in and look over our line - we have some

very pretty patterns at exceptionally low prices.

BROCKHOUSE BROTHERS

TINA SUMMERS - Lunch Room and Confectionery - Short Orders

See **J.A. WEEKS** today about one of the Illinois Life Insurance Company's policies, the Greatest Ill. Company.

H.F. TRIEBERT - Representative - New York Life Insurance Company.

ARENZVILLE LUMBER COMPANY

5 Per Cent Cash Discount on Automobile and Bicycle tires.

Arenzville Garage

Four big women's papers. The best semi-weekly newspaper and your own home paper. All for only \$2.50. Each for one full year and a dress pattern free.

The Arenzville Independent

We sell Ahlbrand Buggies. They are "Built to wear." Buggy Smashing on April 29, 1916 at 3 p.m. We invite all those who are interested to witness the "test." **HIERMAN BROTHERS**

Prince. Grade stallion No. C 2380. License renewed March 10, 1916. "Prince" is a Percheron, Seal Brown, Weight 1800 lbs. He will make the season of 1916 at my farm, 5½ miles south-east of Arenzville. **J.G. RUSSWINKEL R.F.D. #2**

DR. J.M. SWOPE - Physician

DR. H.H. CHAPMAN - Dentist

Auctioneer - **R. EARL ABERNATHY**
Concord, Illinois

Arenzville Meat Market - **John Zulauf & Son**

Arenzville Blacksmith & Repair Shop
F.D. Hammer

LIPPERT'S CAFE - The coolest place in town!

ARENZVILLE INDEPENDENT

Vol. 22, No. 1

Friday, April 21, 1916

H.F. TRIEBERT - Representative - New York Life Insurance Company.

This space belongs to **WEEKS BROTHERS**. Watch for special announcement next week!

Notice! All persons knowing themselves indebted to me for merchandise prior to April 15, 1915 are requested to make immediate payment of same at **WEEKS BROTHERS STORE** - **J.L. WEEKS**

Choice tailoring - International Clothes, etc. **R.J. OMMEN**

Rugs! Rugs and Linoleum, etc. **BROCKHOUSE BROTHERS**

ARENZVILLE INDEPENDENT

Vol. 22, No. 21

Friday, September 8, 1916

H.F. TRIEBERT - The New York Life man.

Watch this space **BROCKHOUSE BROTHERS**

Seasons newest styles. Our display includes all that is new in fabric, pattern and style. **R.J. OMMEN**

Shoes! Oxfords, tennis slippers, sandals, work shoes. The best place to buy them! **WEEKS BROTHERS**

Primary Election, Wednesday, September 13, 1916

Illinois State Fair - September 15-23. Special feature attractions. \$85 in premiums - \$25 in speed. The fair of Quality. "Greatest Fair on Earth"

The simplest, strongest and one of the best silo ever built. The wonderful Tung-Lok Silo. **ARENZVILLE LUMBER CO.**

A 4-in-1 Vacation - come in and let's talk it over. **R.V. HANEY**, Agent

Watch this space for special announcement next week! **HIERMAN BROTHERS**

National Carbonless and Havoline Motor Oil. 1 gallon can, 60¢, 5 gallon can \$2.90. Ideal Harvester Oil, 50¢ gallon. Good Year Tires and Tubes. Automobile and bicycle accessories and repairing. Bicycle tires. We grind chick feed. **ARENZVILLE GARAGE, JOHN STOCK, Prop.**

LIPPERT'S CAFE - The coolest place in town! Short orders a specialty.

F.D. HAMMER - Blacksmithing, Horse Shoeing, Wood Work and Autogenous Welding all neatly done. Satisfaction guaranteed. Arenzville, Illinois

Arenzville Meat Market - ZULAUF & SON

DR. H.H. CHAPMAN - Dentist

DR. J.M. SWOPE - Physician

DR. J.L. KIRCHNER - Veterinarian - Headquarters at Hierman Brothers

ARENZVILLE INDEPENDENT

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Friday, March 23, 1917

Ask for Nunn & Busch quality shoes - more milage for the same or less money. **WEEKS BROTHERS**

Spring goods just arrived: a new shipment of spring goods. Ginghams, Percales, Shirtings. In fact, a nice line of staple dry goods. **R.J. OMMEN**

HIERMAN'S CAFE - Lunch room and confectionery - short order.

Electric Conveniences. We have on display at our office a nice line of electric conveniences among which you will find articles you will want. Our line includes electric irons and vacuum cleaners. We also carry a line of light fixtures. These above goods are the Western Electric make and you will find the prices low. Come in today and make a selection. **ARENZVILLE LIGHT & POWER**

Notice! The new PICTURE SHOW will open Wed. March 28, 1917 in the Niemann building. The part of our equipment which was lost in transit is now here and everything will be ready to open the show on above date at 7:30 o'clock.

Rugs - Axminster, Velvet and Tapestry Rugs. **BROCKHOUSE BROTHERS**

Zephyr Flour - **R.J. OMMEN**

Motor Oil - Tires and Tubes

ARENZVILLE GARAGE - JOHN STOCK

Seed corn that grows! Yellow Dent, Boone County White, Mortgage Lifter. **HIERMAN BROTHERS**

DR. J.M. SWOPE - Physician

DR. H.H. CHAPMAN - Dentist - Jacksonville. In Arenzville every Thursday.

DR. J.L. KIRCHNER - Veterinarian - Office with J.G. Berger - Phone 2 or 110.

Arenzville Meat Market - ZULAUF & SON

Still doing business at the old stand in a big new shop. For locksmithing, shoeing, wood work and auto repairing, call and see - **F.D. HAMMER & CO.**

LIPPERT'S CAFE - Short orders a specialty.

ARENZVILLE ENQUIRER

Successor to *The Virginia Enquirer*
Established in 1874

Admitted as Second Class Mail Matter
at the Postoffice in Arenzville, Ill
May 31, 1922

Number 7

Garage burns to ground after a gasoline blast. Red Arrow Garage is destroyed by fire late last Thursday afternoon.

Chautauqua fund tapped for \$30 to meet deficit. Mutual-Morgan leaves after five days of good program.

Order blue print for pavement at Arenzville limits. Board of Commissioners are ready to go ahead with new hard road.

\$25,000 is the price per page frequently paid the larger magazines for a page of advertising. Our rates are not that

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high but we serve an exclusive territory that cannot be covered as thoroughly by other publications. Ask for advertising rates. *The Arenzville Enquirer*, Phone 126 - Arenzville, Illinois

The story of the world's best silo. Strongest. Simplest. Low Cost. The Tung-Lok Silo. **ARENZVILLE LUMBER CO.**

Send a Sampler. When you pay a debt, or send your compliments, "promptness is the politeness of kings." Send it now; we sell the Sampler and other Whitman candies. **J.A. WEEKS & COMPANY**

ARENZVILLE ENQUIRER

Vol 1, No. 33

Capital - Surplus - Profits \$150,000. Est. 1882. Chartered 1908. Member Federal Reserve System. As a member of the Federal Reserve System we gladly place at your disposal our advice and banking facilities - behind which are the enormous Reserve Resources. **FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF ARENZVILLE**. Organized, Capitalized, Supervised under Federal Banking Laws.

Motorists' Headquarters. Plenty free air and water. **PECK'S GARAGE**

There will be another drawing for the 26-piece silverware set Saturday, March 10. Everyone welcome to come and see the drawing take place. Make the old home young again. You can so easily do over rooms with Beaver Board that you shouldn't delay longer. Sold and

Wednesday, March 7, 1923

guaranteed by **ARENZVILLE LUMBER COMPANY**. Everything to build anything.

Increasing your crop production. The Fordson Tractor and the Roderick Lean Automatic Engine Disc Harrow will double disc your fields early after harvest, or immediately following the binder, while the heat is too great for animal power to work. Used cars at a bargain. We have a good selection of used cars, all overhauled and repainted, at the right price. Easy terms. The home of the Ford and the Fordson. **R.R. LONG**

FARMERS AND MERCHANTS STATE BANK. Built up through the concerted support of the community, maintained for the benefit of the common good, are you availing yourself of all the

opportunities that it offers? Wm. H. Witte, President; A.E. Crum, Vice-President; John Theivogt, Cashier. Your business no matter how small will be appreciated.

Repairing. We are experts in the repairing of jewelry. We also do engraving of the very highest, most artistic order and are sure we can please you. Our prices for this as well as for our repair work are astonishingly reasonable. J.F. THYEN, Watchmaker - Jeweler

Soon now farmers will be preparing for plowing and spring work. One of the chief requirements is good harness. If you want new harness or repair work, see me. B.H. ARENZ

SATURDAY ONLY

Wish Bone Kidney Beans	3 cans 33¢
Wedding Ring Kraut	2 cans 24¢
Libby Apple Butter	per can 27¢
Milk	large can 10¢
Jap Rose Soap	4 bars 25¢
Starch	3 pound package 24¢
Mustard	per jar 9¢
Olives	quart jar 9¢
Rice	3 pounds 24¢
Lard	per pound 12¢
Potatoes	per bushel 90¢
Sugar 11 pounds \$1 (with \$1 grocery order)	
OSCAR F. NIEMANN	Arenzville

Get our prices before you buy elsewhere. McCormick-Deering line is the best on earth. HIERMAN BROTHERS Cheapest and the best place to trade.

Just arrived a car of feed for baby chicks. Rolled oats, steel cut oats, starting mash, baby chick scratch, big chick scratch, laying mash. ARENZVILLE-HAGENER FARMERS' GRAIN CO. Phone 79

How about that spring suit? We are prepared to furnish you with all the latest styles and fabrics at prices that will meet your approval. Made to measure suits \$25 up. A.L. WEEKS & CO

Groceries, dry goods, shoes, notions. You too will be proud if you buy your lamps from ARENZVILLE LIGHT & POWER COMPANY

Specials for one day only - JOHN ZULAUF & SON. Meat and Groceries.

This is a special invitation for you to call and see our line of Farm Implements and garden tools, wire fence, well pumps, spray pumps, Queen incubator and brooder stoves, Purina chick feed, Blauchfords milk mash and calf meal. Look your machinery over and obtain proper repairs before the rush. J.S. BATIS

Just to remind you that we are prepared to take care of all of your furniture wants, we have a complete line of furniture, rugs, linoleums and oil stoves.

BROCKHOUSE & NATEMEYER

The place to eat - LOVEKAMP'S CAFE - Cigars, cigarettes and tobacco, candies and ice cream.

Shirt sale - OSCAR NIEMANN

25¢ reduction on all paint for Saturday only - ARENZVILLE LUMBER COMPANY

HOME TELEPHONE COMPANY

Flint Hill and Superior brand overalls and jackets.

ONKEN BROTHERS & MEYER

ARENZVILLE PRODUCE COMPANY
Wholesale poultry and eggs.

Special 1 lb. DeBonita Coffee for 35¢ or 3 lbs. for \$1 - Whole or Ground. White & Wyckoff Distinctive Stationary. 48¢ a box. J.A. WEEKS & COMPANY

ARENZVILLE ENQUIRER

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Wednesday, November 7, 1923

Taking the mystery out of banking.
FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF ARENZVILLE

Sugar 10 lbs. \$1 - Groceries - be sure to call and get our prices. We buy butter and eggs. **ZULAUF & SON**

Ford Four-Door Sedan. **R.R. LONG**

Anti-Freeze Alcohol. New Exide and Columbia batteries in stock. **PECK'S GARAGE**

Buy your overshoes, shoes, underwear, sheep lined coats and vests, leather vest, duck coats, wool hose and gloves at **OSCAR F. NIEMANN**. Phone 29

The following places of business will be closed Monday, November 12, 1923 in observance of Armistice Day:

HUEY-PHELPS LUMBER COMPANY

L.F. SCHNAKE

J.A. WEEKS & COMPANY

Arenzville-Hagener Farmers Grain Co.

R.R. LONG

Arenzville Light & Power Company
BROCKHOUSE & NATEMEYER

J.F. THYEN

WILLIAM VAN HERCK
IERMAN BROTHERS
ARENZ & LOVEKAMP

SINCLAIR SCHULTZ GRAIN COMPANY
BUSHNELL CREAMERY

Will close at Noon:

OSCAR NIEMANN
ONKEN BROTHERS & MEYER

R.J. OMMEN

Will close from Noon to 6 p.m.:

BOATMAN'S CAFE

B.S. GRAHAM

NAYLOR & SON

Will close from Noon to 4 p.m.:

ZULAUF & SON

Will close from 1 to 5:

A.L. WEEKS

FOSTER'S HOME BAKERY

PECK'S GARAGE (office will stay open)

ARENZVILLE ENQUIRER

Vol. 3, No. 9

E. Wanda Proudfit, Editor

Wednesday, August 27, 1924

The fourth annual Morgan County Fair will open in Jacksonville on Labor Day, September 1st and will continue for five days.

100 lbs. Sugar - \$8. We aim to price our goods with "Call Again" prices.
JOHN ZULAUF & SON

If your house would sell for more, use Premier Porch Paint on the floor.
L.F. SCHNAKE Arenzville, Illinois

Fresh bread, rye and graham and cookies every day. Cakes and jelly rolls

Friday and Saturday. **FOSTER'S BAKERY**

Having succeeded Mr. Weeks in the drug business, we will be known to the community as the **ARENZVILLE DRUG COMPANY**, F.H. SPRING, Manager.

OSCAR F. NIEMANN Phone 29

Shoes, boots, hosiery, underwear, shirts, overalls, groceries, etc.

Forty years of progress. We merit and invite your patronage. **THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF ARENZVILLE**

U.S. Royal Cords. Balloon - Balloon type - high pressure - built of latex-treated cords. **HERMAN BROTHERS & CO**

W.F. ELAM - Water well drilling and constructing - at the Huey-Phelps Lumber Company

Reduced prices on all tires -
L.F. SCHNAKE Arenzville

After being closed for several weeks, the **CREAM STATION** in Arenzville is again open for business. **MRS. LYDIA WILLEY**, Representative

"Parkers" fountain pens. **J.F. THYEN**

ARENZVILLE ENQUIRER

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June 10, 1925

We have a complete line of screen doors in stock. **HUEY-PHELPS LUMBER COMPANY**

FARMERS & MERCHANTS STATE BANK
FOSTER'S HOME BAKERY
ZULAUF & SON
J.F. THYEN - Jeweler

A free trip to Colorado is included with every Burlington excursion ticket to Yellowstone Park. **J.H. PHILLIPS**, Local Agent

OSCAR F. NIEMANN
A.L. WEEKS
ONKEN BROTHERS & MEYER

Don't forget to have your binder canvass repaired before harvest is here. **R.H. LOVEKAMP** - Harness Shop - Shoe Repairs

ARENZVILLE LIGHT & POWER COMPANY
R.R. LONG
J.S. BATIS
J.A. WEEKS
R.J. OMHEN
B.F. GRAHAM
L.F. SCHNAKE
PECK'S GARAGE
HERMAN BROTHERS & COMPANY
GEORGE A. BROCKHOUSE Undertaking
Arenzville-Hagener Farmers Grain Co.

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"Bull" Durham advertisement by Will Rodgers:

Did you ever read a truthful ad? I mean one when you read it you would say, "That fellow really means what he says?" No you never did. You read where some guy endorses an overcoat, and to prove it he has one on, (or one they loaned him for the picture.) Now even if he did like it, what has that got to do with you. People's tastes are not alike. What difference does it make to anybody what some prominent statesman,

or actor or actress, or movie star wears. You are no kindergartener, you know what you wore last year and if it pleased you try it again. Now I don't smoke "Bull" Durham, I am not going to smoke "Bull" Durham, but if you did and you liked it, why would you let some guys picture and endorsement tout you off on something else. Now the only way I could ever be caught in a falsehood with this ad would be to smoke it myself.

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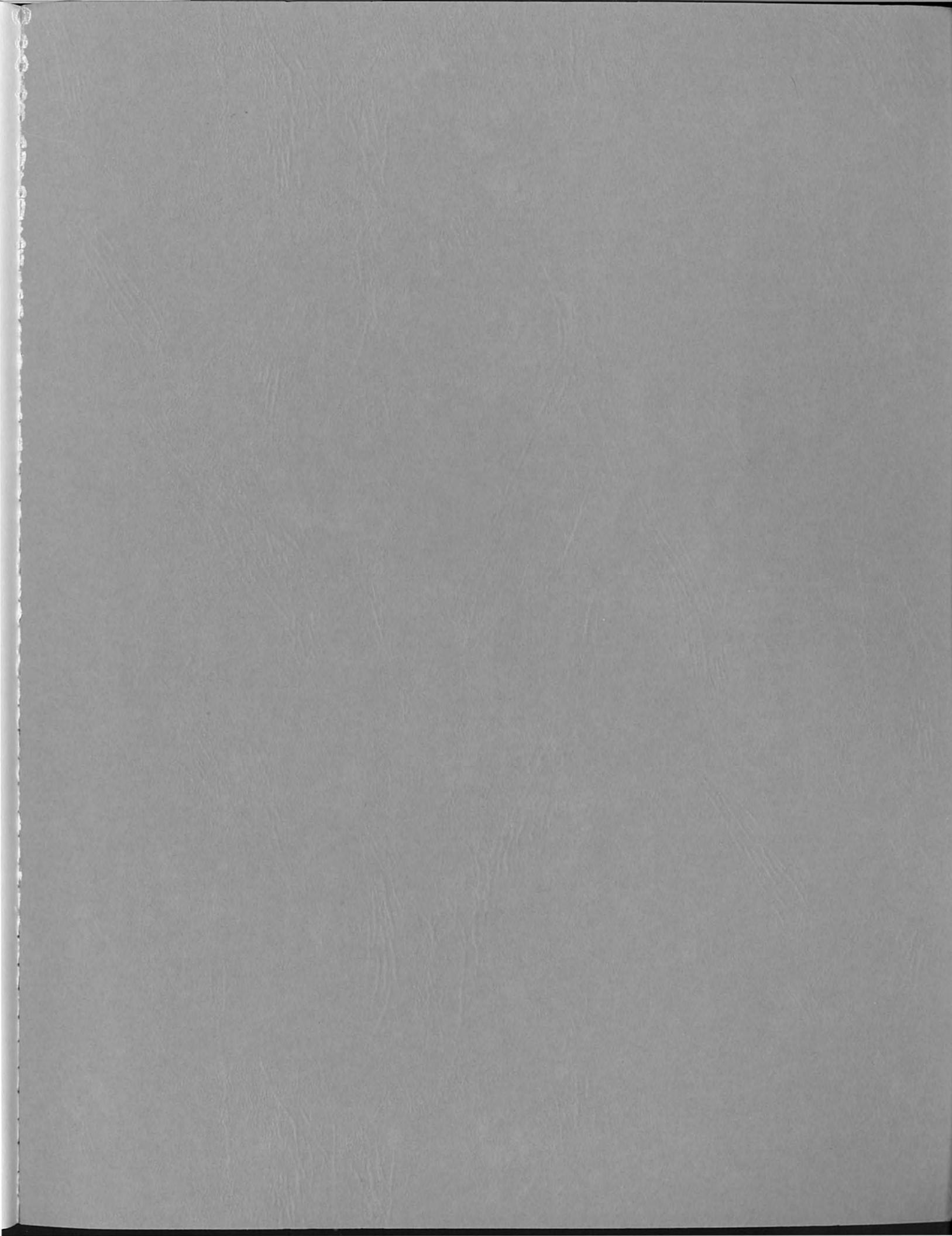
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P. 54. Top school picture. Left bottom. Is Harold Witte not. Roy Lovekamp/;

Corrections

The following errors have been discovered since publication. Please note the following corrections.

Page 91 - Top and bottom pictures should be reversed.

Page 92 - Library building was built in 1866 NOT 1877.

Page 118 - Center picture, house on left. Built in 1870 not 1970.

Page 121 - "Jones Brothers" should read "Jones Brothers Movie Theatre."