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# City's Sons, Daughters Known Across Globe

Rockford's sons and daughters have made names for themselves in many fields throughout the world, from pole almost to pole.

Nearly everyone is familiar with the achievements of Gen. Laurence S. Kuter, now serving as commander-in-chief of the North American Air Defense Command, charged with the vitally important defense of the United States and Canada against air attack.

Then there is Air Force Brig. Gen. Fred J. Ascani, the former jet plane ace now deputy commander of the B-70 Aeronautical Systems Division, who described work on the development of the giant new bomber during a recent visit here.

Rockford's Rear Adm. George J. Dufek, since retired from the Navy, in 1956 was the first person ever to land a plane at the South Pole. The following year he raised Rockford's flag in the Antarctica station named Little Rockford and established there during Dufek's command of Operation Deepfreeze from 1955 to 1959. Base still is manned for scientific studies part of each year.

Close to the top of the world is Greenland, where in 1928 Bert R. J. Hassell and Parker Cramer had to leave the plane named "Greater Rockford." That was one phase of Col. Bert Hassell's long years of work to prove feasible the development of the great circle route from America to Europe.

Hassell has been retired since 1953, though in 1955 he helped in the building of the Distant Early Warning (DEW) line of radar stations that is part of this continent's defense.

Names of these four men are familiar now, but there have been many others, just as well known once, some now nearly forgotten.

They range from baseball players to scientists. How many do you remember?

Take baseball players. There was Roscoe (Ross) Barnes, who hit .403 for the Chicago National League team in 1873, a second baseman some rated above Lajoie, Collins or Evers.

There was Harold (Hal) Carlson, the veteran Cub pitcher in his prime before his untimely death during the 1930 season.



GEN. LAURENCE KUTER



ADM. GEORGE DUFEK



GEN. FRED ASCANI



JULIA LATHROP

There was Michael Golden, who pitched on the losing side in the first major league "no hit" game between Philadelphia and Chicago July 28, 1875.

"Out where the handclasp's a little stronger. Out where the smile dwells a little longer, That's where the west begins . . ."

Those are the first three lines of a set of verses written by a Rockford native, Arthur Chapman, in 1917.

The poem caught the fancy of the whole nation, as well as of residents of America's West. It is the most famous work of the newspaperman and writer, whose output also included many magazine articles and several western novels. Chapman's son, John, is the well known drama critic of the New York Daily News.

he recently switched from writing to the supervisory side of the publications' foreign publications.

Not only a writer but also an explorer and photographer was Martin Johnson. The films he and his wife, Osa, made in Africa's game country and many little-known sections enlarged the horizons of the world for a whole generation of American youngsters.

Martin Johnson, though he grew up elsewhere, was born in Rockford, to which his father and grandparents had come from Sweden in 1852.

Three women became nationally known for social or welfare work.

Most famous is Julia Lathrop first woman ever nominated to a government post of rank requiring Senate confirmation when she was nominated by President Taft in 1912 to direct the Department of Labor's Children Bureau. A tireless worker for child welfare, she also aided in establishing the first juvenile court in Illinois.

Emma O. Lundberg, another pioneer in child welfare work, went to Washington at Miss Lathrop's urging to organize and direct the social service division of the Children's Bureau. Her career included pioneering studies in mental deficiency and juvenile delinquency.

Kate F. O'Connor, who won recognition for her assistance in the women's suffrage movement, later was influential in the passage of Illinois laws to protect working women and children. In 1932, after passage of the Illinois minimum wage law for women and children, she was named to a state post charged with seeing its provisions were observed.

An outstanding educator with humanitarian work through his 12 years as president of the Rockefeller Foundation was Dr. George E. Vincent.

Dr. Vincent, earlier president of the University of Minnesota, headed the Foundation during years when its medical projects ranged from control of hookworm in the South to building hospitals in China. He was born here in 1864, son of the Court Street Methodist Church pastor, Rev. J.H. Vincent, who later became a bishop and a founder of Chautauqua.

Another author and journalist was Arthur B. Ruhl, whose father was one of the pioneers in the knitting industry here. Ruhl covered news all over the world for many years for Collier's magazine, was one of the famous war correspondents of World War I, and wrote a number of books on international relations.

Other writers include Mrs. Alice Beal Parsons, now of Nyack, N.Y., author of "The Mountain" and many other books, and numerous articles for national magazines.

Tiffany Thayer, a native of Freeport and a resident of Rockford for some years, had written a series of modern novels, including a suspense thriller, "Call Her Savage," prior to his death in 1957.

Coming down to the present, Frank M. White, Jr., covered many foreign news breaks for Time and Life magazines before

Scientists? There have been many, in a line that continues with Dr. Richard L. Petritz, physicist known for his work in photoconductivity and transistors. Dr. Petritz, formerly engaged in research for the Naval Ordnance Laboratory, now heads the device research department of a Texas transistor manufacturing firm.

During the 1920s Rockford's most famous native son undoubtedly was Prof. James H. Breasted, University of Chicago archaeologist and head of that school's Oriental Institute.

That was the era when the uncovering of great treasures of past ages was culminated in the opening of King Tut's tomb in Egypt. Dr. Breasted was one of the American scientists participating in that event, which was just one phase of a lifetime devoted to studying and writing about life in ancient times.

Rockford's Garrison School is named for Dr. Breasted's maternal grandfather, John Garrison.

Dr. Leland O. Howard, born here in 1857, was a top-ranking entomologist during the golden age of discovery of the importance of insect control to prevent the spread of disease.

# County's First Settler Drew Other Residents

ROCKTON — Stephen Mack was Winnebago County's first white settler.

Today the memory and accomplishments of this famous 19th Century pioneer are perpetuated in the Stephen Mack Museum maintained by the Rockton Township Historical Society and Winnebago County Forest Preserve Commission.

The museum is situated in the Macktown Forest Preserve, platted by Mack in 1834.

Mack drew other settlers to the Rockton area and aided in the populating and development of Rockford.

His original home stands in a perfect state of preservation on the 214-acre forest preserve which boasts one of the best golf courses

and recreation areas in the nation. It is a recreation area favored by many in Rockford.

Under guidance of the historical society, the museum serves as a nostalgic reminder of the historic past. Hundreds of relics and antiques are carefully preserved in the stately farm building open to the public from June through September each year.

The 144-acre Hononegah Forest Preserve, named after Mack's Indian wife, also is a favorite camping and picnic area. Two Rockton schools are named in honor of Mack and Hononegah.

Mack is credited with building the first bridge in the state in 1843. This structure was swept away by floods seven years after construction.

By the late 1830's, Rockton had developed to support two general stores, a meat market and creamery, shoe shop, book store, three hotels, a blacksmith shop and livery stables, saw and paper mills, limestone quarrying and brick kilns and numerous other businesses.

These earmarks of progress helped attract even more settlers — families and men who became the backbone of the expanding community.

One of those men was Wait Talcott, who helped found the Rockton Talcott Free Library. Talcott later moved to Rockford and was one of the incorporators of the Rockford Female Seminary and Beloit College.

Talcott was a state senator in 1854, and later became associated with J. H. Manny in the reaper manufacturing business.

Talcott later was appointed a Bureau of Internal Revenue collector by President Lincoln.

# Galena Settlers Lived Hard Life

By RAY BARTH  
Special Correspondent

GALENA—There may be a story in your past if your name is—

Chetlain, Monnier, Rindesbacher, Ostertag, Schirmer, Quinche, Langet, Ehrler or Schadiker;

Also Hombert, Tissot, Ebersol, Sunier, Marchand, Terret, Hoffmann, Tubac, Gilbert, Cush, Racine, Simon, Junot, Jacard, Varing, Brickler, Tachio or Switzer.

### FACED MANY HARDSHIPS

Persons with these surnames belonged to a colony of Swiss which emigrated to America in 1821, encountering icebergs and Eskimos along the way and doomed as a colony from the start.

Known as the Red River Swiss, their adventures and hardships exceeded those of other more famous Swiss colonists who settled New Glarus, Wis., a quarter century later.

More than 200 French and German speaking Swiss left their homes in May, 1821, without knowing that their patron, Lord Selkirk, who promised them free land and easy credit, lay dead in France.

Selkirk, a Scottish nobleman, had distributed glowing descriptions of the fertility and pleasant climate of Rupert-Land, but the voyagers began to wonder when ice floes jammed their ship and Eskimos came aboard.

### ARRIVED IN WINTER

Reaching the mouth of the

Red River at the start of the Canadian winter, their first news was that locust had destroyed the summer's crop.

At Fort Douglas, now Winnipeg, they were welcomed by Gov. Alexander McDonnell, without knowing that this same man had directed the murder of the previous governor and 20 Scottish settlers only five years before.

Caught in a war between the Hudson Bay Company and the rival North West Company for control of the buffalo and fur trade, the Scots had fled in 1816.

Selkirk had put down the uprising with an armed force of Swiss mercenaries. These men, mostly bachelors, were in the welcoming party and soon married the Swiss girls of the colony.

Some of the Swiss immigrants never stopped when they reached their destination, LaFourche, but kept on going to the United States border and from there to St. Louis and Galena.

### REUNITED AT GALENA

Others remained five years before abandoning land and homes to a flood. On their flight they were beset by Sioux Indi-

ans. Women stood guard at night so the men could sleep and resume making canoes for the river journey during the day.

Many of the colony were reunited in 1826 at Galena and went from here to the lead smelting settlement founded by a French Swiss, Col. Henry Gratiot, at Gratiot's Grove, 18 miles northeast of Galena.

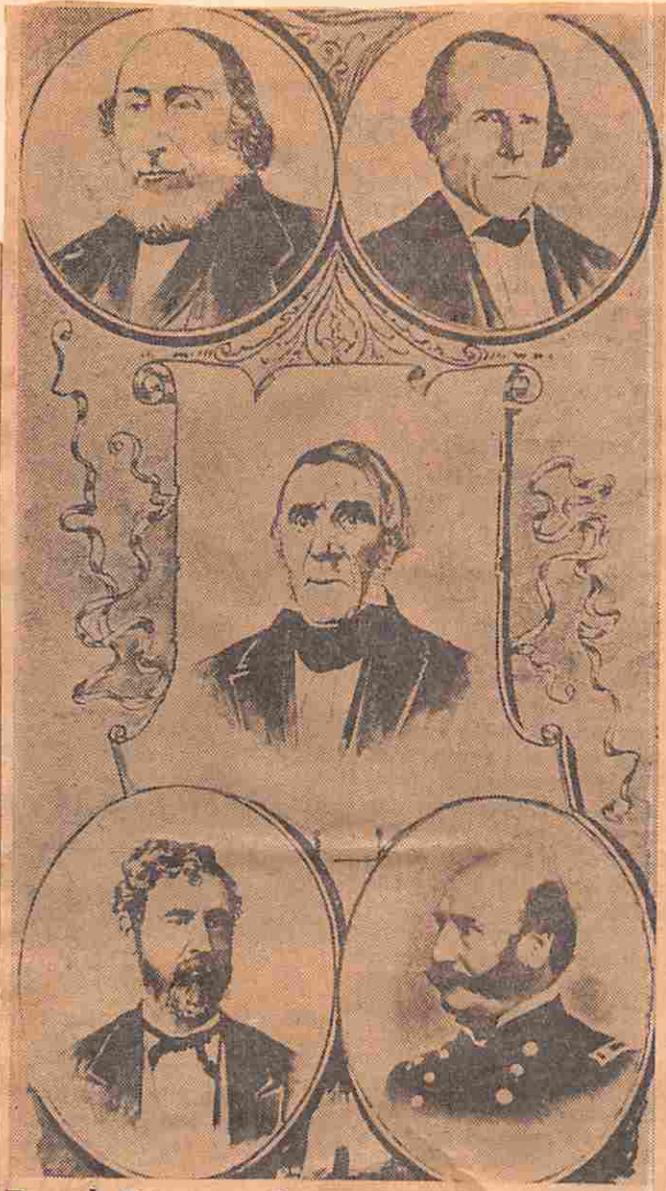
By the 1890s most were farmers and stock breeders. Some became tradesmen and teachers and one, Augustus L. Chetlain, was a Civil War General, noted for recruiting 17,000 Negroes for Union forces.

Gen. Chetlain, son of a colonist, Louis Chetlain, wrote the only known history of the Red River Swiss in a Harper's magazine article of 1878.

He enlarged on it in 1893, adding "All, as far as is known, are temperate, industrious, law abiding citizens."

The colony dispersed, Americanized their names in some instances, and died.

Hundreds, perhaps thousands of their descendants still live in Illinois and Wisconsin with only a scant notion that their ancestors came to America 143 years ago by way of Hudson Bay and the Red River of the North.



### Red River Swiss

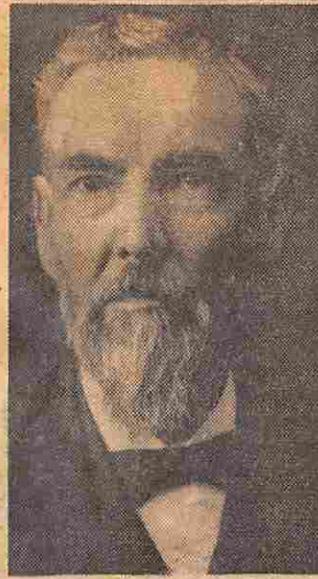
Red River Swiss of the first and second generations, who emigrated to America in 1821, were pictured in an 1893 history of the colony. At top are Louis Chatelain (left) and Philip F. Shirmer; center, Peter Rindesbacher; bottom, Prof. Alexander Quinche (left) and Gen. Augustus L. Chetlain.



H. R. TRAHERN



D. E. TRAHERN



FRANK B. TRAHERN

# Brass Firm Grows In Size With City

Moving up from 10 employees when it was incorporated in 1890 to 140 employees today, Rockford Brass Works has been growing with the rest of the city.

The company, like most Rockford industry, was brought to life in the water power district by F. B. Trahern. Today, the plant is in essentially the same spot, but it is a far cry from the original 25 by 50 foot building, thanks to expansion programs which started in 1913.

Two sons, D. E. and H. R. Trahern, were associated with him in the business. D. E. was president

when the firm was incorporated. Originally the company was strictly a jobbing plant, making castings for other manufacturers. When the City of Rockford put in an order for curb stops, the firm began manufacturing and machining.

In 1903 the company took Frank Keeler into the management team, and soon he was active in expanding the firm into wholesaling as well as manufacturing. A few years later, Justin S. Randall went to work for the Traherns as office boy and secretary. Later he was to become president of the firm.

The wholesaling branch of the business was made into an independent company in 1930 under the name of Rockford Plumbing Supply. Later it was purchased by Mott Brothers.

During World War II Rockford Brass went to work as a subcontractor for Fuller Brush Co., making gun cleaning equipment.

After the split between wholesaling and manufacturing, the company concentrated its efforts on the development of new valves for sale in all the states and Canada.

Late in the 1950s the company found itself getting more and more into the "original equipment manufacturing" business. Prior, the company had been mainly in the business of supplying rough brass fixtures to the manufacturers of steam and gas fittings. Today, because the firm has the total manufacturing facility of foundry, machine shop, assembly and engineering, it finds that more than 50 per cent of its business is in the original equipment line for use by consumers.

The company, now under the presidency of Mrs. Dorothy Randall Owen, daughter of the late Justin S. Randall, supplies parts to the manufacturers of farm machinery, gas distribution and water softening equipment, swimming pools, trailers and reinforced plastics.

# Local DAR Units Helps Promote Americanism

Although exclusive in its membership requirements, Rockford Chapter, National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution, takes all citizens under its wing in its aims to keep alive the ideals of the country's founders.

Prominent among Rockford Chapter activities during its 68-year history in the city is the welcome given new citizens at each naturalization ceremony in Winnebago County Circuit Court. Before he takes his exams, each candidate for American citizenship studies the citizenship manual which the DAR national headquarters in Washington, D. C., publishes in 18 languages.

In Rockford, each naturalized citizen is presented with a 50-star American flag by the local DAR chapter Americanism chairman, Mrs. Maynard Westring and Mrs. Alfred J. Cagnoni. In the last few years, the chapter has followed up official ceremonies with a reception honoring the new citizens.

Members of the DAR must be directly descended from persons who aided in the achievement of American independence during the Revolutionary War. The national organization, founded in 1890, now has 184,000 members.

Rockford Chapter, organized Oct. 23, 1894, with 12 members, today lists 212 members, with Mrs. Clyde F. Weingartner as its present regent.

Each year, Rockford chapter recognizes dependability, service, leadership, and patriotism among local young people through its good citizenship awards.

A senior girl from each of the nine Rockford and area high schools is selected for the award. Junior high school students have an opportunity to win awards through the annual historical essay contest sponsored by the chapter which also has been active in organizing Junior American Citizens Clubs under the chairmanship of Hazel M. Mortimer, social studies instructor at Washington Junior High School.

Rockford Chapter, DAR, helps in supporting the Kate Duncan Smith School, Grant, Ala., and Tamassee School, Tamassee, S. C., both established by the DAR to provide education for needy mountain children. A number of other schools, including Berea College, Berea, Ky., also are sponsored by the DAR.

Mrs. Ralph Emerson was the first regent of Rockford chapter. Most of the names of the other

11 charter members are linked with the early history of Rockford: Harriet Blakeman, and Mmes. H. N. Baker, Horace Brown, Carrie Spafford Brett, Luther Derwent, Albert D. Early, Byron Graham, William E. Hinchliff, William Lathrop, Abby Warren Spafford, and William A. Talcott.

## Early Settlers' Provisions Poor

One of the greatest hardships for early Winnebago County settlers was the scarcity of provisions, which were usually obtained from older settlements in the southern part of the state.

Their money was very much limited, and few could afford the trip to the better-equipped settlements. To overcome this difficulty, several settlers would band together and send one representative to get provisions for all.

## End of Line

Durand was for a time the terminus of the Western Union Railroad. Its growth was rapid, and the Durand House was erected by John F. Pettingill.

# Gave Rock River Valley Get-Up-and-Go— First 1,000 Residents of Yankee Stock

By **KEN LAMKE**  
Register-Republic Staff Writer

From whence derives the great get-up-and-go of the dynamic Rock River Valley?

If history is believed, it probably is inherited from the first 1,000 residents of Winnebago County.

## SETTLED VALLEY IN 1835

"They were predominantly of Yankee stock," says Charles Church's 1,269-page "History of Winnebago County," "and their virtues were those of the typical son of New England: industry, thrift, and a high sense of personal honor."

What brought them here, back in 1835?

For one thing, the air was alive with the "era of good feeling." For another, railroads, steamboats and stage lines were all spreading, and the Erie Canal was open.

What's more, the great undeveloped northwest, east of the Mississippi, was then quite well known and presented a splendid opportunity for capital and enterprise.

But what first directed attention specifically to the Rock River Valley was the Black Hawk Indian War. Eastern newspapers published full ac-

counts of the skirmishes — and reader attention was drawn to the youthful, prairie state of Illinois.

Vermonters Stephen Mack had been the first white man to settle permanently in the county around 1829. But first to really exploit and develop the land were Germanicus Kent of Sutherland, Conn., and Thatcher Blake of Turner, Maine.

## NO BADGES OF EMINENCE

"They wore no badges of eminence; they did not thrust their swords into the virgin soil and solemnly take possession in the name of an alien king," said Church of the two men, who arrived together in 1834.

"There were no wintry skies, no breaking waves, nor stern and rock-bound coast. They did not kiss the earth in token of devotion, nor recite to the empty air the purpose of their coming."

"Kent came to build a sawmill, while Blake was a tiller of the soil. The significance of their coming was in the fact that they came to stay. Their first work was the construction of two log cabins."

Other pioneers rapidly followed Kent and Blake — and as it had been to them, lack of dense forestation was a big attraction to the prospective settlers.

In the early 19th century it was said that a squirrel could travel from the Atlantic seaboard to Indiana without leaving the treetops. But to the pioneer, deep, thick woods meant only work. Trees and more trees had to be cleared to make way for home and farm land.

## GOOD LOCATION

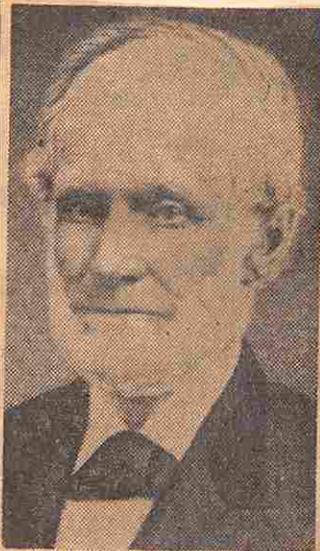
In addition to prairie, the Rock River Valley offered numerous clear, cold streams full of fish, nearby patches of woods alive with game, flat, arable land ready for farming, and an advantageous commercial location between Chicago and Galena.

Thus, by June of 1837 the population of the county had blossomed to 1,086. Among the early settlers were some familiar names:

Ephraim Wyman of Lancaster, Mass., after whom Wyman St. is named. A baker from 1835-50, Wyman was county treasurer and assessor in 1844-45.

Richard Montague, also from Massachusetts, who purchased a tract of land near the city. A street in south Rockford, an island in the Rock River, and a grade school bear his name.

David S. Shumway, a native of Vermont, who arrived in 1836 and settled on a farm near New Milford. His descendants are associated with Shumway-Stone-Forsgren seed store.



Thatcher Blake

... Developed Land

## OPERATED STONE QUARRY

Benjamin Kilburn, who was born in Belchertown, Mass., and settled in Rockford in 1837. He operated a stone quarry in the northwest section of town. Kilburn Ave. is named after him.

These men and others planted the seeds from which sprouted the progressive Rock River Valley. True it was, said Church, that not every settler belonged to the highest class.

"But the determining force in the community came from those with high ideals of culture and religion, those with habits of economy, industry, integrity and temperance.

"Certain it is that whatever Winnebago County is today, is directly traceable to their agency."

# Mount Morris Founded On Lonely Prairie Hill

By MRS. H. A. HOFF  
Register-Republic Correspondent

**MOUNT MORRIS** — In 1837 weary settlers from Maryland spotted a large hill in otherwise open prairie and stopped.

Today the crest of the hill is the center of Mount Morris' business district.

And perhaps because of the hill, Mount Morris was one of the few communities in Illinois entirely free from tragedies with the Indians.

Originally a part of the hunting grounds of the Winnebagos and Potawatomies, it later became a way station in the underground railroad of the Civil War era.

Now the community of 3,100 persons boasts of being the home of printing, publishing and prosperity.

Some say the name of the town came because it's on the highest elevation of this area. Others say it was named after Bishop Morris, an eminent divine of the Meth-

odist Church, which founded the Rock River Seminary.

Still others say that Mount Morris got its name from Horace Miller, an early settler whose native town was Mount Morris, N.Y.

While Mount Morris came into being in 1838, it wasn't until Oct. 1841 that the first store was opened by Daniel Brayton and until 1850 that the first town meeting was held with 107 voters.

In 1840 the Rock River Seminary opened its doors and in 1879 it was taken over by the Church of the Brethren and operated as Mount Morris College. It was closed in 1932. The church is now building a \$1 million, 110-room home for the aged.

The original college building now houses the Watt Publishing Co., founded in 1917 by James W. Watt and A. A. Yoder.

It publishes eight farm publications including the Poultry Tribune which has a circulation of 300,000.

Largest industry is the Kable Printing Co. founded by Harry and Harvey Kable 64 years ago. Now owned by Western Lithographic Printing Co., it employs more than 1,200 persons with a payroll of more than \$6 million.

Also headquartered here is the Kable News Co., founded in 1932, a national magazine distributor.

Despite a population of only 3,100, Mount Morris is a first class post office, mainly because of printing industry mailings whose post office receipts are the fifth largest in the state.

The National Turkey Federation also calls Mount Morris home. Organized in 1939, it serves the \$350 million turkey industry.

## Societies Formed

Star in the East lodge, Masonic No. 106, was installed in Rockford on Feb. 12, 1855. Winnebago chapter, R.A.M., was installed Dec. 12 the same year.

# Greystone Saw Century of Living

On a quiet, shady corner of Cherry and Winnebago Sts., stands a compact greystone house which is more than a century old.

It isn't a pretentious house—nor even particularly attractive, except for its age.

The house at 603 Cherry St. looks now much as it must have when it was new. The only major change that has been made in it in 30 years is a new chimney.

The windows, more than any other single feature, mark it as an old house. They are the tall, narrow I-shaped windows with white stone ledges above and below the aperture.

At the gables on the front and on one side of the house are triangular windows, designed apparently to ventilate the upper story.

The doors and ceilings seem low even by modern standards, and the rooms appear small by current standards.

The house was built probably

in the late 1850's by Attorney L. F. Warner, a New Englander who came to Rockford in 1848. At this time, the Cherry Street area was a fashionable residential area.

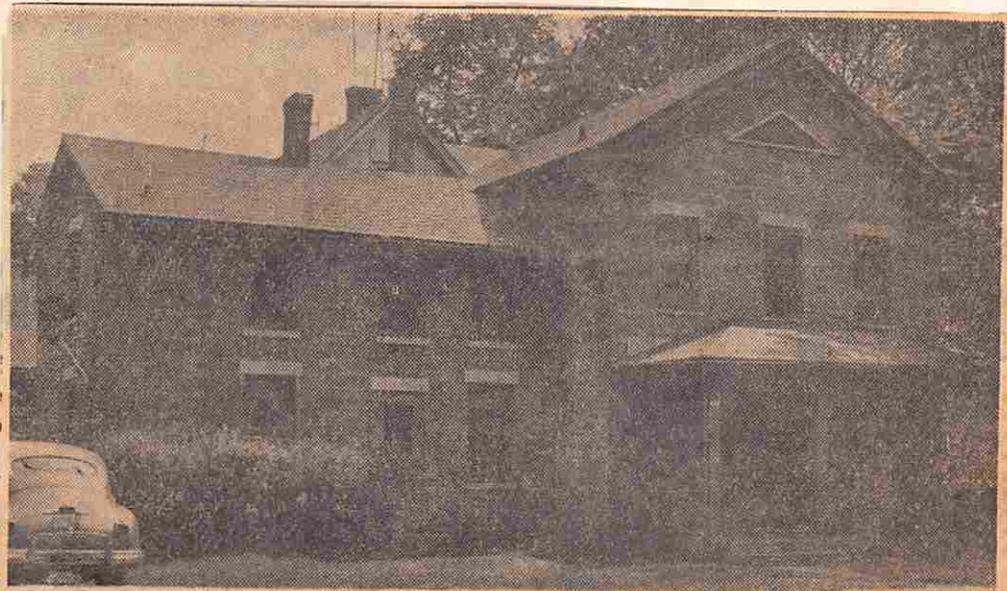
Warner was a delegate to the historic Democratic national convention of 1860 in Charleston, S. C., at which a split developed between the northern and southern sections of the party, allowing the Republicans to carry the election.

Warner served Rockford as city attorney following the Civil War,

and continued to live in the Cherry St. house until his death in 1905.

After Warner's death, the house was occupied by a succession of people, few of whom stayed there long. One, N. C. Bement, who lived there from 1908 until 1919, appears to have been there longest.

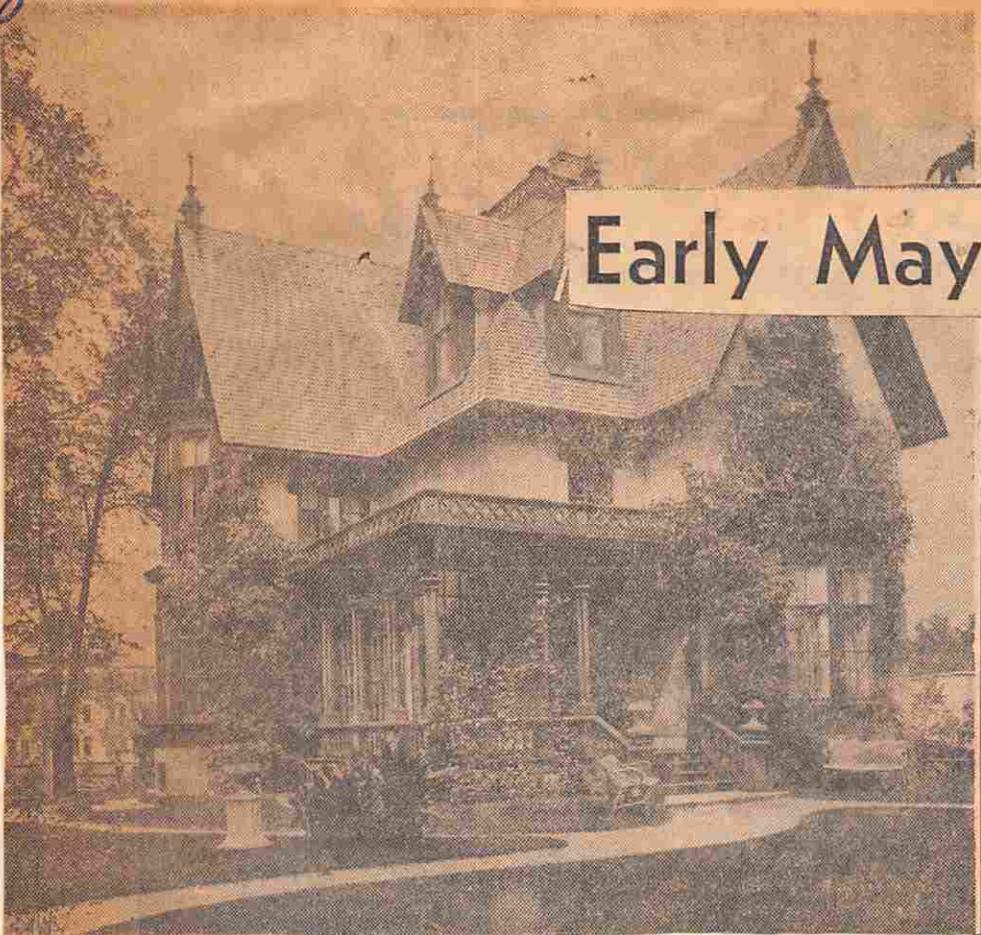
Ownership after Warner is unknown until 1918, when Lora B. Bern sold the property to Rose Hunter. Three years later, Mrs. Hunter sold it to E. R. Jonsson.



This Greystone House Is More Than 100 Years Old

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## Early Mayor Lived Here



This handsome 19th century residence was the home of one of the city's early mayors, Seely Perry. It stood on S. 1st Street at the intersection of Grove Street and was the scene of some of Rockford's 19th century high society activities. Perry also was a prominent lumber merchant.



The parlor in the Seely Perry residence was decorated in the Victorian style. The potted palm, low-hanging gas chandelier and fine lace curtains were in high favor among fashionable 19th century decorators. Mrs. Walter Forbes is Perry's daughter. Perry was Rockford mayor beginning in 1857.

# Church Came 1st, Then College, City

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Rockford's early pioneers first built a church; then they established a college; then they incorporated the town.

Such was the order of importance the forefathers of this city attached to the three primary institutions that men invariably formalize when they wish to live together in a civilized society — religion, education, and government.

Early in 1829, Aratus Kent asked the American Home Missionary Society to give him its most difficult mission. He was sent to Northern Illinois where one of his favorite areas in the missionary circuit was the Rock River Valley.

Shortly after Aratus Kent began his stay in Illinois, his brother Germanicus arrived. In 1834 Germanicus Kent and his friend, Thatcher Blake, started the first white settlement in what is now Rockford and set up a saw mill. Many of the logs for the mill came from the hillside forestland which today forms the historic campus of Rockford College.

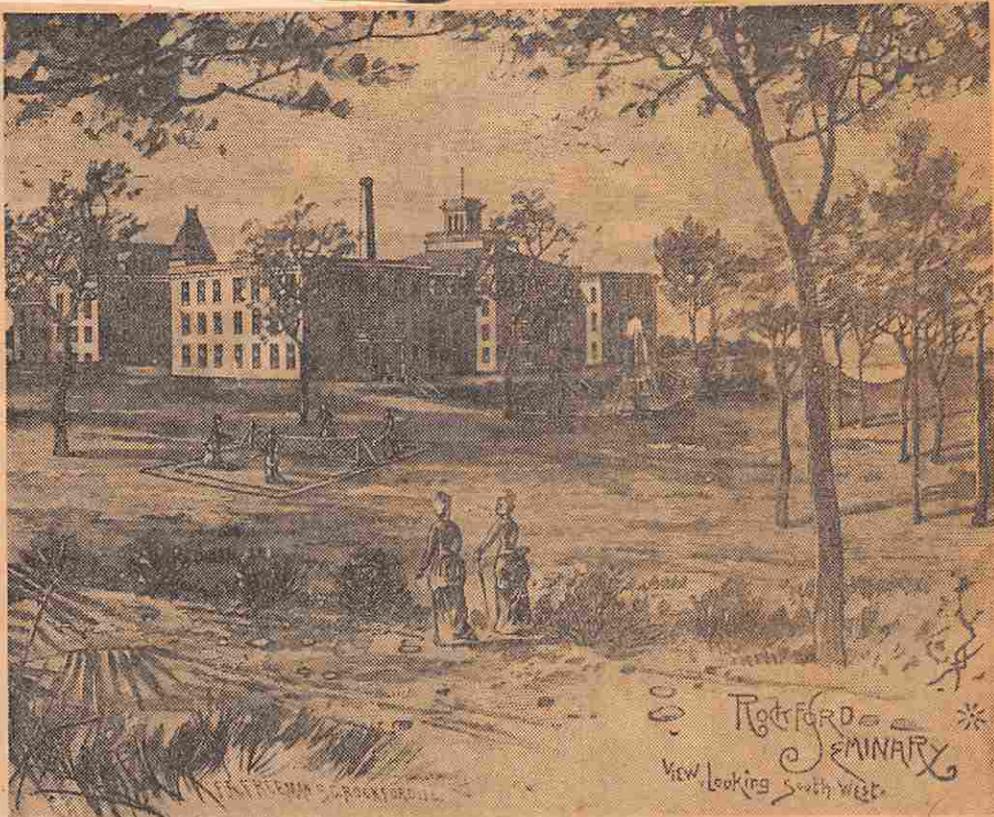
The name of Aratus Kent headed the list of 16 incorporators when a charter was granted by the State of Illinois for the college, then called the Rockford Female Seminary. The Charter was granted in February, 1847—five years before the City of Rockford was incorporated — but it was not until 1849 that the school actually opened its doors to students. The diary of Anna Peck Sill, the seminary's first principal, showed this entry for July 12, 1849:

"Today commenced school, and laid the foundation of Rockford Female Seminary. Opened with 53 scholars. . . O the responsibility of teachers!"

Although chartered from the beginning to grant college degrees, it was not until 1882 that the first Bachelor of Arts degrees were conferred. Among the first small group of graduates was Jane Addams, who went on to found Chicago's famed Hull House and to become one of the few women ever to win the Nobel Peace Prize.

In 1892, the institution changed its name from the Rockford Female Seminary to Rockford College. Although the college became coeducational officially in 1959, male students were not unknown to the campus before that time.

In the 1890's men enrolled in



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the college's large program in music and were even listed in the catalog and Alumnae Directory as graduates of Rockford College with a diploma in music. Rockford College is one of the institutions which pioneered the development of adult education, establishing coeducational evening classes in 1919. The Rockford Evening College division now serves almost 1,000 adults a year.

Since the inauguration of John A. Howard, the 12th president of Rockford College in April, 1960, there have been a series of dynamic developments at the 115-year-old college:

—Construction began on the new 304-acre campus at the eastern edge of the city. The first four buildings a cluster of men's residence facilities, are now occupied and construction has started on the first classroom building.

—The first phase of the new campus development fund drive ended Dec. 31, 1961, with its \$2.1 million goal oversubscribed. The second phase is now under way, with a goal in excess of \$4 million. Total cost of the new campus development is expected to ex-

ceed \$15 million. (Rockford College attracted national attention last June when its trustees determined not to seek federal aid in the construction of the new campus buildings.)

—A new curriculum is being designed to prepare students more effectively to meet the challenges and issues of a changing world. Faculty and administration are continuing to work on the new programs of study. The new

curriculum now offers only Bachelor of Arts degrees — a practice followed by many midwestern and eastern liberal arts colleges.

In announcing the second phase of the curriculum redesign, President Howard stressed that the elimination of the Bachelor of Science degree in no way lessened the offerings in the sciences or business and economics courses. Howard pointed out that the sciences and mathematics courses have always been in bachelor of arts programs and that, in actuality, the science programs had been strengthened in recent years.

—Rockford College also expanded its program of sharing with the community events of cultural and intellectual interest, with a coordinated program called Widening Horizons. The college's first Festival of the Arts held under this program was a week-long series of all-college lectures, drama, film, art, and musical presentations, and a costumed Medieval Ball were enjoyed by many members of the city and surrounding communities. The festival gained the city and the college national attention.



JANE ADDAMS

# First 2 Public Schools Erected Here in 1857

By HERMAN G. NELSON  
Morning Star Staff Writer

There were bell towers with bells for summoning pupils to classes in the first two public school buildings erected in Rockford 105 years ago.

One of these four story buildings was built on the West Side, on the site of the present Franklin School, and the other on the East Side, on the site of the present Freeman School. Both buildings, dedicated Aug. 14, 1857, housed all grades from first through the high school.

As grade schools were built in various wards, these two original schools became high schools.

After 1884, when a Central High School was created, the West Side High School was called the Abraham Lincoln School while the former East Side High School was called the John Adams School. They were razed in 1892 and 1893.

A Lincoln grade school was built, but its name was changed to Franklin when Lincoln Junior High School opened in 1927. Freeman Grade School was erected to replace the old Adams School. Both buildings, remodeled and with additions, are still in use.

First high school building, on S. Madison St., was built in 1855, and an addition was built in 1900. Five more additions were built, in 1913, 1916, 1922, 1931 and 1933.

Expenditures on these buildings totalled \$448,805. They sprawled over two blocks but by the late 1930s were found inadequate. Steps were taken to erect a high school on the East Side and another on the West Side on sites purchased earlier.

One part of the old high school building is used as administrative headquarters. Older buildings in the group were torn down and the space used for parking. Buildings at the south end were sold for industrial use.

Prior to 1884, Rockford schools were designated only by wards. But when the school system was reorganized into a single district, Superintendent P. R. Walker gave names to all schools. Walker, superintendent for 21 years, was honored when a school was named for him.



Rockford's First School

Some older schools, with their historic names, no longer exist.

A South Rockford building erected in 1858 was called Kent School for Germanicus Kent, one of the founders of Rockford. Blake School, erected at an early date and rebuilt 1899, was named for Thatcher Blake, who came to Rockford in 1834 with Germanicus Kent.

Marsh School, built 1872, was named for Col. Jason Marsh, a pioneer settler of 1839. Haskell school, built in 1874 perpetuated the name of Dr. George Haskell, who came to Rockford in 1838. This school was torn down but the name has been given the school built on the same site three years ago.

The original John Nelson School was built in 1881. It was named for John Nelson, inventor of the machine that knit a man's sock automatically without a seam. This school was later torn down

but a new school, at a new site, was built in 1908 and the name John Nelson was used.

Brown School built, in 1892, also has been torn down. It was named after Judge William Brown.

Hall school, first built in 1866, then rebuilt in 1892, continues to serve Rockford in much the original condition. It was named for John Hall, an early board of education member.

Montague School, built in 1883, enlarged in 1892 and since remodeled a number of times, was named for Richard Montague, a city pioneer from 1835.

Practice of naming elemen-

tary schools for a prominent Rockford resident started by Walker, has continued. So has the idea of naming the junior high schools for U. S. presidents continued, although the original idea was to name high schools for presidents.

Today we have the Theodore Roosevelt, the Abraham Lincoln, the Thomas Jefferson, the George Washington and the Woodrow Wilson Junior High Schools.

Elementary schools named for persons of local distinction include the O. F. Barbour, the C. Henry Bloom, Church School (named for Judge Selden N. Church), Paul S. Conklin, Ellis

School (named for Col. E. F. W. Ellis, killed 1862 in the battle of Siloh), Henry Freeman School, Gregory School, Hall School, J. Herman Hallstrom School, Haskell School, Jackson School (named for Mayor Charles E. Jackson), Maud E. Johnson School, Julia Lathrop School, P. A. Peterson School, Riverdahl School, Turner School (named for J. M. Turner, supervisor and alderman, he gave the new school a bell), R. K. Welsh School, Loren L. Whitehead School and Wight School (named for James M. Wight, lawyer and representative in the Illinois Legislature, also a member of the constitution convention in 1870).

Other elementary schools are named for the area or region they serve. Among these are Alpine, Fairview, Henrietta, Highland, Kishwaukee, Rock River, Rolling Green, Summerdale and West View.

In 1864, total enrollment in Rockford public schools was 2,772. By 1894, it had grown to 4,722. Rockford High School had only 32 graduates in 1890, 37 in 1892, 56 in 1902 and 87 in 1905.

# 3 Churches Claim First Beginnings

Rockford's "first" church could be any one of three.

Depending upon how the facts are interpreted, it could be Methodist, Congregational or Baptist.

Either Centennial Methodist Church, 219 S. 2nd St., or First Baptist Church, 518 N. Court St., could lay claim to being the city's "oldest" existing congregation — again, depending upon how the facts are interpreted.

Centennial Church does make that claim in its 100th anniversary history, published in 1936.

The booklet says Centennial began Sept. 2, 1835, when five Methodists formed a "class" in the home of Samuel and Johanna Gregory, located at what is now the intersection of 9th St. and 8th Ave. "This organization," states

Centennial's history, "was Rockford's first church."

Also at the first meeting of the "class" were Mary Enoch, Daniel and Mary Beers, and Rev. William Royal, a Fox River Mission circuit rider.

However, the Methodist group was not incorporated as First Methodist Church (Centennial's original name) until Sept. 20, 1842, several years after two other churches had been formed.

One was First Congregational Church, which dissolved around the time of World War I.

It was organized May 5, 1837, wrote Second Congregational Church Deacon Russell J. Hazlett, who traced "the beginnings of Congregationalism in Rockford" for his congregation's 50th anniversary in 1899.

Rev. John Morrill "and family" arrived here from New England in February 1837, reported Hazlett. "He found here a Methodist 'class' but no church organization . . . less than 90 days after his arrival, he was instrumental in organizing a Congregational church with eight members, three men and five women, of which he was pastor."

Two years later a church building was erected on S. Church St. near Green St.

First Baptist Church, its centennial booklet notes, was organized Dec. 22, 1838, in the home of Dr. and Mrs. George Haskell, 421 N. Main St.

Eighteen persons were present. They adopted "12 articles of faith" and a "church covenant."

Their first church structure was completed in 1841. It stood on the northwest corner of N. Main and Jefferson Sts.



COL. E. F. W. ELLIS

# Lodge Formed In 1855

Star in the East Lodge No. 166, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons met for the first time on Feb. 12, 1855, on the second floor of a building just west of the State Street bridge in the vicinity now occupied by the State Theater.

There were present at this meeting 15 Masons who had petitioned the Grand Lodge of Illinois for a new lodge in the Rockford area. This group was headed by Col. E. F. W. Ellis, who was engaged in banking. The name chosen for the new lodge was "Star in the East" as being symbolic of peace, good will and light, because where there is light comes knowledge and with knowledge, understanding.

At the 16th annual meeting of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Illinois on Oct. 3, 1855, the petition for the new lodge was granted and a charter issued. E. F. W. Ellis was named in the charter as worshipful master. He served in this office during 1855, 1856 and 1857. Seth B. Chellis served as master in 1858 and Col. Ellis was returned to office in 1859 and 1860.

On March 1, 1860, membership of the lodge had risen from the original 15 to 104.

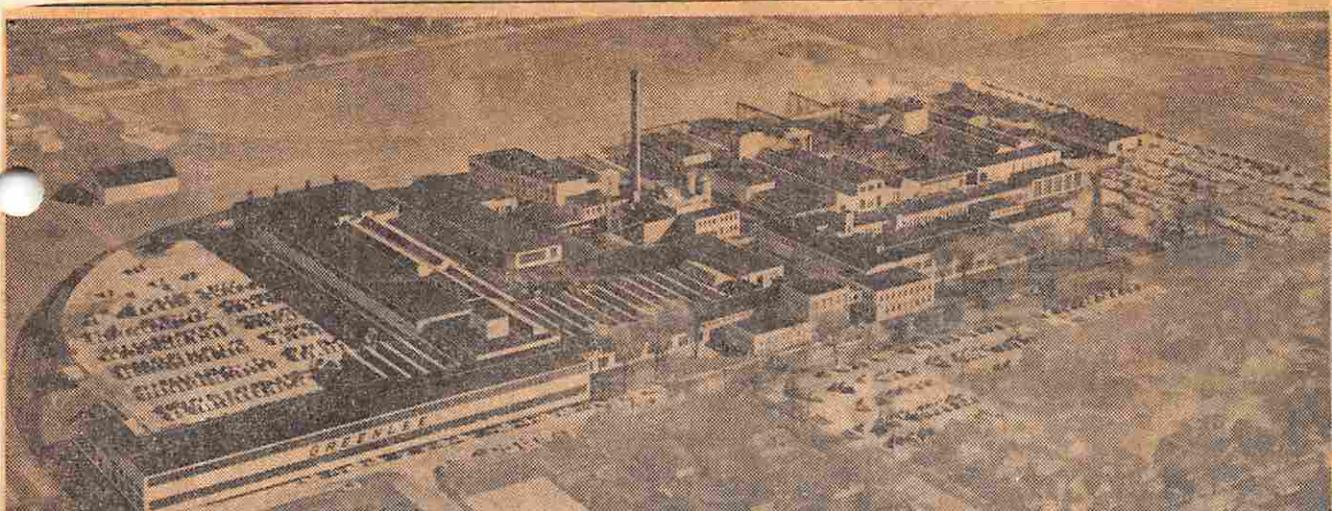
In the early months of 1869, the need for a Masonic Lodge in South Rockford resulted in 34 members of Star in the East, including four past masters, joining with other Masons from Rockford Lodge to form a new lodge to be known as E. F. W. Ellis Lodge. Its charter was granted Oct. 5, 1869.

Seymour G. Bronson, who served as master of Star in the East in 1860 and was named as the first master of Ellis Lodge, served as mayor of the city in 1878-79.

Other city leaders in the lodge were Thomas Carrico, 1855; Duncan Stewart, 1855; Duncan Ferguson, 1855; Elias Caspar, 1856; W. D. E. Andrews, 1856; William Burson, 1863; James Ticknor, 1869; Dr. John C. Morton, 1868; Henry Allen, 1870; Ralph W. Emerson, 1878; C. F. Henry, 1887; Melvin B. Little (Chief of Police) 1888; Andrew Gilbruth, 1889; John H. Camlin, 1892.

During its early years the lodge met on S. Main Street in what is now the Empire Building and later in the Armstrong Building, the present site of the Talcott Building.

In 1913, Star in the East Lodge, Winnebago Chapter No. 24, R. A. M. and Crusader Commandery No. 17, K. T. formed the Rockford Masonic Temple Association and together with a similar corporation formed by Tebala Shrine secured the site of the present Shrine and Masonic Temples and the building was erected.



Greenlee Bros. and Co. plant in Rockford is observing its centennial anniversary this year. The firm was established in Chicago in 1863, and moved to Rockford in 1904. The plant occupies 29 acres and employs more than 1,400 persons.

# Greenlee Marks Century

Observing its centennial anniversary this year is Greenlee Bros. and Co., which was established in Chicago in 1863. The firm has been in Rockford since 1904.

Two identical twins, Ralph S. and Robert L. Greenlee, laid the groundwork for the present firm at the establishment of a machinery sales organization in Chicago. Following the Chicago fire, they started a small shop of their own and began manufacturing woodworking machinery.

In 1876 the brothers perfected the hollow chisel mortiser, and in 1881 introduced the original power feed rip saw. These machines provided the bulk of the Greenlee business during the next eight years.

Greenlee Bros. and Co., reorganized as a corporation in 1890, moved to Rockford in 1904 and their first year here operated with approximately 200 employes in a comparatively small plant.

Significant development was made in 1908 with the birth of the Greenlee transfer machine, a forerunner of the mid-20th century production line.

Hand tool department was developed in 1910 with the purchase of the Reliance Edge Tool Co., Youngstown, Ohio, which was

moved to Rockford. Acquisition of the Rockford Bit Co., Kokomo, Ind., and the Jackson Manufacturing Co., Jackson, Ohio, added an extensive line of woodworking tools to those already being manufactured.

Greenlee entered the World War I period of expansion under the management of George C. Purdy who was associated with the com-

pany from 1893 until his death in 1944.

Greenlee foundry operations started in Chicago, were continued with the construction of the A foundry when the move was made to Rockford. In 1928 Greenlee constructed its B foundry to handle production of additional work brought in from other area firms. Recently Greenlee added to its

product line with the purchase of the B and T Machinery Co., and its parent company, the Buss Machine Works, Inc., both of Holland, Mich. The purchase marks Greenlee's entry into the die-casting machine field.

President of the firm is L. H. Geddes. Donald E. Hawkinson is vice president and general manager.

## Drop Forge Predicts Changes

When Rockford Drop Forge Co. was founded just over 50 years ago, this city faced a challenge in two respects:

1. Furniture factories, the strength of Rockford's industrial base for many years, were moving out.
2. The automobile industry showed signs of its later emergence as an American wonder.

A group of men, led by P. A. Peterson, once the "Furniture King of America," decided to build a forging shop to produce parts for Mechanics Machine Co., another local plant.

Among Drop Forge's early customers were auto makers, including the Peerless, Dart, Cleveland and Pierce Arrow. The firm still makes auto shafts, but the industries it now serves range from earth-moving and farm equipment companies to aircraft and oil riggers.

What Rockford Drop Forge sells, essentially, is a particular combination of strength and shape, achieved by hot working steel into a die by hammering or pressing.

But it is a typically Rockford industry in quite another way: its leadership has grown with it. The present Drop Forge president, M. P. Nordell, for example, began his service in 1915, and has worked as a die sinker, foreman, superintendent, vice-president and treasurer on his way up.

## Mendelssohn Club Formed in 1884

The Mendelssohn club was organized in 1884 by Mrs. Chandler Starr who served as president of the organization continuously until her retirement.

## First City Hospital Built for \$15,000

Rockford City hospital was built in 1888, at a cost of \$15,000. It is now known as Rockford Memorial Hospital. Mrs. M. J. Smith was first matron. The 1888 hospital accommodated 30 patients. An elevator costing \$1,500 was installed a few months after the building was dedicated, given by Horatio Stone. He later became president of the hospital association.



Rockford College alumnae serving their alma mater as trustees are, left to right, Mrs. Walter A. Forbes, Mrs. Harold A. Johnson, Mrs. Martin Dillon, Dorothy White, and Mrs. H. Stanton Burpee. Mrs. Dillon is from Sterling and Miss White from Detroit. Others live in Rockford. (Morning Star photo)

# RC Lists Most Famed Graduates

By ISADORA NELSON

Morning Star Sunday Editor

Since its founding in 1847, Rockford College has continuously graduated students who have gone on to service to their communities, country and the world.

Successful flight of Astronaut John Glenn spotlighted in the news this year made Rockford College proud that Dr. B. Mildred Mitchell, class of 1924, has been for several years doing aerospace medical research.

When she returned to the campus here in fall of 1959 to speak on "Liberal Arts in Orbit," she told of her work in helping test prospective astronauts.

Dr. Mitchell was assigned to the clinical physical stress and fatigue section of the biophysics branch of the Aerospace Medical Laboratory at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base.

Jane Addams, who was graduated from Rockford College in 1881, is perhaps the most illustrious alumna. A noted social reformer, Miss Addams is termed "the founder of modern social service." She founded Chicago's Hull House and wrote many books. She received the Nobel Peace Prize in 1931.

At the Rockford College Jane Addams Centennial in 1960, Dr. Jessie F. Binford, Chicago, who received her bachelor of arts degree in 1898 from Rockford College and an honorary degree here in 1947, was one of the speakers. Dr. Binford began doing social work with Miss Addams at Hull House in 1902 and later served for many years as director of the Juvenile Protective Association, Chicago.

Jane Addams professorship of sociology and social work has been endowed by Rockford College, initiated by the contributions of another alumna, Mrs. Catherine Waugh McCulloch, prominent woman lawyer and tireless worker for her alma mater during her lifetime.

Lorena M. Church Memorial Loan Fund in honor of Miss Church (class of 1905) was established in 1953 for men students. Miss Church was professor of English and registrar during her more than 50 years with Rockford College.

Doris Emerick when she was graduated from Rockford College in 1927. Now married to Arnold Blanch and living in Woodstock, N.Y., and Florida, she has presented several paintings to the college.

Eleven alumnae of Rockford College are presently members of the board of trustees including four honorary members, Mrs. H. Stanton Burpee, 1895; Mrs. Logan T. McMenemy, 1906; Mrs. John Q. Adams, 1907, and Mabel Lindop Murphy, Los Angeles, 1918.

Other trustees who are alumnae are Mrs. Walter A. Forbes, prep school; Wilma Anderson Kerby-Miller, 1924; Charlotte Purdy Lang, Milwaukee, 1929; Ruth Eastwood MacChesney, Evanston, 1936, and Mrs. W. Martin Dillon, Sterling, 1933.

Mrs. Kerby-Miller, vice president of Radcliffe College, was born in Rockford and formerly lived in Davis. She was dean of freshmen at Wellesley College before going to Radcliffe as dean of instruction.

Trustees nominated by the Alumni Association include Dorothy White, 1924, former Detroit English teacher, and Mrs. Harold A. Johnson (Margaret Madden), 1935, president of Rockford Woman's Club.

Mrs. Alford Penniman (Jane Bement) is serving her alma mater as director of Alumni affairs. Mrs. Shelton Richmond (Betty Volkmar) is reading clinic director, and Betty Paulikitis is on the clinic staff.

A former alumna trustee, Mrs. Francis Hickey (Vivian Veach), Rockford, has been active in the League of Women Voters both locally and nationally and in the Junior League Children's Theater program.

Other Rockford alumnae who have done outstanding community service include Mrs. Chandler Miller, Mrs. Alan Mattison, Mrs. Elmer W. Johnson and Mrs. Frank Lynn.

Mrs. Johnson has been active in Girl Scout national activities for a number of years. Mrs. Miller is currently alumni Association president.

On Keith Country Day School

Mary Wilkins Holt, Chicago, class of 1888, won the Talcott Cross award in 1948. She taught music at the college and was a charter member of Mendelssohn Club.

Dr. Margaret Bates, class of 1945, professor of history and political science at Goddard College, Plainfield, Vt., returned to the campus in 1959 to be initiated into Phi Beta Kappa, honorary scholastic society.

She received her doctorate from St. Hilda's College at Oxford, England, and traveled extensively. In Africa she completed research for her thesis and for a co-operative history of East Africa.

Famous artist Doris Lee was

ized Sangamon County Historical Society.

Dr. Vivian Roberts is head of the department of home economics at the University of Ohio. Dr. Sarah Luse is a professor in the anatomy and pathology department of Washington University and has done noteworthy research on the central nervous system.

The late Dr. Adelaide McFaden Johnson, 1926, was a well known psychiatrist, and Dr. Irene Miliekn Josselyn, 1925, Phoenix, Ariz., is a well known author and psychiatric worker.

Other alumnae in the field of medicine are Dr. Martha Westenberg, 1935, (Mrs. R. C. Bassett) of Ann Arbor, Mich., Dr. Charlotte Backus Jordan, 1925, Stroudsburg, Pa., and Dr. Grace Ferry Brown, 1924, who with her husband pioneered in medical work in the mountains near Corbin, Ky.

Myrtle Marguerite Weldon, 1914, has won recognition for her work as state leader of home economics extension work at the University of Kentucky at Lexington.

Audrey Shuey, 1922, is chairman of the psychology department at Randolph Macon College and is a researcher and writer. Recently she has been making studies of differences in personality between ethnic groups.

Lenore Hurst Davidson, 1920, is a member of the board of trustees

of Southbury Training School and serves on the Advisory Council on Mental Retardation for the state of Connecticut. On Oct. 1, 1961, the Lenore H. Davidson Administration Building was dedicated at Southbury Training School.

Margaret Kennedy, 1939, is superintendent in this area for the Illinois State Department of Public Welfare. Mrs. Walter R. Shafer (Frances Smith), 1931, serves on the Rockford Board of Education and has also been teaching French to Walker School pupils. She contributed to the new college by teaching two French classes with all tuition going to the new college as a contribution.

Rockford College claims the late Julia Lathrop as a former student although she was graduated from Vassar College in 1880. Miss Lathrop, for whom Julia Lathrop Grade School was named, was appointed in 1912 as the first chief of the Children's Bureau in Washington. A Chicago housing project also was named for her. She established the first juvenile court in Illinois.

faculty are Dr. Wilma McNess, teacher of dramatics, Mrs. Spencer Merz, first grade teacher, and Helen A. Johnson, dean of girls and reading specialist.

Dolly Bohan Reitz of Santa Barbara, Calif., syndicates her own newspaper column, and Maureen Fisher of the Rockton Ave. Public Library Branch has written a column on books for The Rockford Morning Star for several years.

Marion Bonzi Pratt, class of 1928, is an assistant in the Illinois State Archives at Springfield where permanent records of state agencies are preserved. She also is a member of the Vachel-Lindsay Association and the newly organ-



## New Glarus Pioneer

Looking over the rolling hills of Green County, Wisconsin, is this statue personifying the Swiss pioneers who settled in New Glarus in 1845. The community was named for the Canton of Glarus, Switzerland. In the background is the Swiss Evangelical and Reformed Church. (Staff photo by Don Holt)

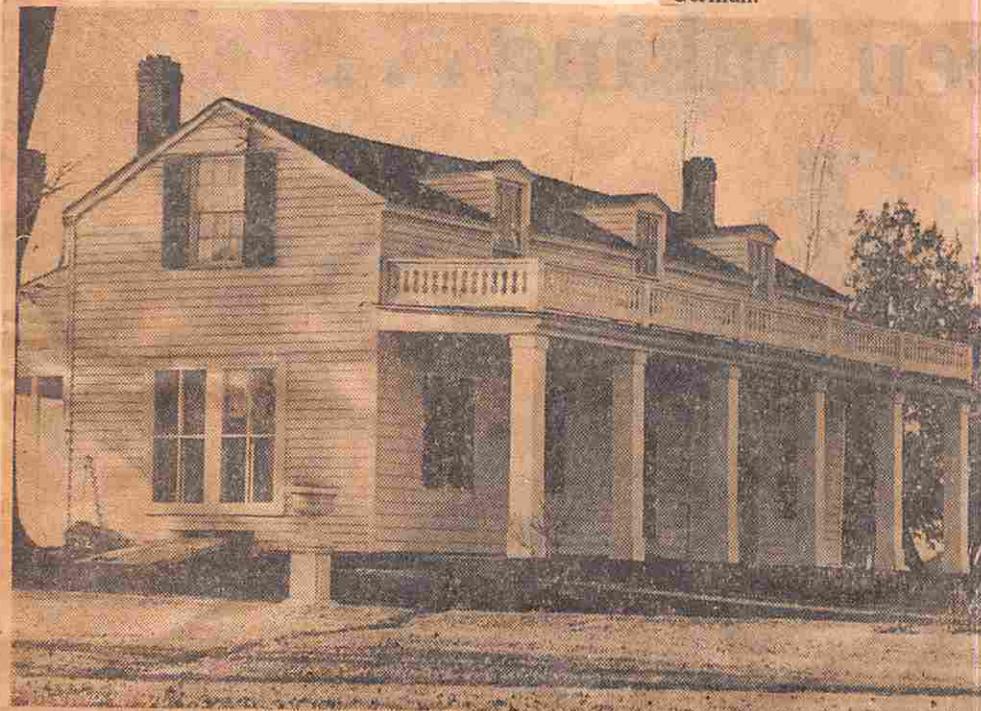
## New Glarus Swiss All Way

NEW GLARUS, Wis. — This little hamlet tucked away in the rolling hills of Green County, between Monroe and Madison, never has forgotten the hand-till of Swiss settlers who arrived here on Aug. 16, 1845.

New Glarus still lives, breathes, talks and eats its Swiss heritage. Stores on the main street have chalet-type fronts, restaurants feature Swiss delicacies and Swiss names still outnumber the Norwegian and German.

Although the village lost one of its main industries, Pet Milk Co., several years ago, it still has Swiss Embroidery, Inc., and its business district serves the farmers in the rich agricultural area.

New Glarus' Swiss spirit bubbles over every Labor Day weekend when the story of Switzerland's legendary hero, Wilhelm Tell, is relived in a colorful two-day pageant.



## Homestead Link to Swiss Colonists

Chetlain Homestead, just west of Galena, Ill., is one of the area's few remaining links with the adventurous Red River Swiss. Descendants of the Chetlain family in Galena include Mrs. Charles E. Asmus and, by mar-

riage, Mrs. Myrtle Chetlain. Swiss names of Monnier, Simon and Rindesbacher are found in Galena, Elizabeth and Stockton. (Ray Barth photo)

## Odd Businesses

Among the odd business establishments advertising in 1874 were C. A. Sandborn at 319 W. State St., selling saratoga water on draught; G. A. Shoudy at 709 S. 6th St., a soap maker; Henry Christian, 307 E. State St., specializing in bird cages; G. J. Robertson, 1211 S. Winnebago St., portrait and landscape painter; G. W. Brown, 111 W. State St., who gave electro-magnetic baths; Norman P. Slade, 503 W. State St., who manufactured Slade's "celebrated indelible, anti-freezing, and non-corrosive ink"; A. I. Gregory, 316 E. State St., who sold magnetic oil, although the properties of the oil are not explained.

Oysters were sold by three State St. establishments, Henry Christian, Johnson and Minzinger, and Leonard Frank. Patents were solicited by G. W. Ford, established in 1861 at 221 E. State St. There was one electric physician in town. L. P. Taylor; one Indian physician, J. N. Manifold; and four homoeopathic physicians — G. S. Barrows, J. B. Jones, E. M. McAfee, and T. G. Vincent.

# Solution Started Lab In Business

Solving a problem started Ipsen Industries, Inc., on a 20-year path of development into a major manufacturer of industrial heat-treating and related equipment, with six divisions in full operation.

It was 1942, and Ipsen was heat-treating shell fuse parts for defense contractors. But the best available equipment created varying hardnesses, making it impossible to maintain uniformity of the parts.

In the back of its commercial heat treat shop in Loves Park, Ipsen developed a new type of furnace which processed the fuse parts to exacting government specifications. Demand for the new furnace was so insistent, Ipsen diversified into manufacturing, with eminent success.

In 1960, the firm occupied its big new plant on the Northwest Tollway east of Cherry Valley.

Ipsenlab of Rockford was built on Kishwaukee Street in 1952 to provide quality heat-treating services for Rockford industry and to serve as a show place for equipment of the parent firm in actual operation. Erection of a new building for Ipsenlab, with 50 per cent greater production capacity, will begin this year near the new Ipsen Industries plant.

Ipsen plans to expand the Northwest Tollway site into a fullscale industrial park, with erection of an office building and development of an industrial pond.

At the close of last year, Ipsen established a refractory metals division at 715 S. Main St., with facilities for metallurgical, ceramic and electrical research. Refractory metals are used in space research vehicles, nuclear research, and wherever extremely high temperatures are encountered.

Ipsen Ceramics at Pecatonica provides the parent firm with ceramic products and sells some to other companies. But many applications are confidential, since they're linked with new products and research in the nuclear ener-

gy, missile and aviation fields. An addition to Ipsen Ceramics is to be built this year, doubling capacity.

Ipsen Industries International has a plant in Kleve, West Germany and sales representatives in the world's principal cities. A plant addition is being built to triple production space in the plant. Ipsen also maintains a sales and service organization throughout the United States.

## Rockton, Rockford History Intertwined Through Ages

By EVA BAUMEL  
Morning Star Correspondent

ROCKTON — Despite its state-line location in the northern extremity of Winnebago County, Rockton has been closely tied to Rockford in its development since first settlers arrived in 1804.

Pioneers making the long trek here to carve a new life on the banks of the crystal clear Rock River envisioned the area as one of future major development.

They pictured the abundantly endowed land as a possible site for industrial growth, a potential that eventually found root with great impetus in the fast-growing Rockford area.

But, it is pointed out in an old volume of Rockton history, failure to develop water power and selfish interests of a small group which blocked moves for cheap land to be provided industry arrested industrial development here.

In recent times, however, aided by the great industrial com-

plex to the south which is Rockford, Rockton has shown a new, refreshing rebirth of its economy.

Now a community of 2,000 persons, the past decade has seen improvements that include city-type mail delivery, a new water system, a new sewer system that will begin operation this spring and a community swimming pool which will open its doors this summer.

With this growth has come the necessity to expand Rockton's three schools.

More than 1,000 pupils presently are enrolled in the schools.

For many persons living outside the Rockford area, Rockton has become a famous location for recreation, a distinction which has grown over the years with the development and expansion of the Wagon Wheel Lodge.

The Wagon Wheel, which had its humble beginnings as a service station on Illinois 2 immediately south of Rockton, now attracts vacationers by the thousands each year.

Besides the outstanding facilities of the lodge, visitors share the benefit of the outstanding Macktown Forest Preserve and golf course across the street from the resort.

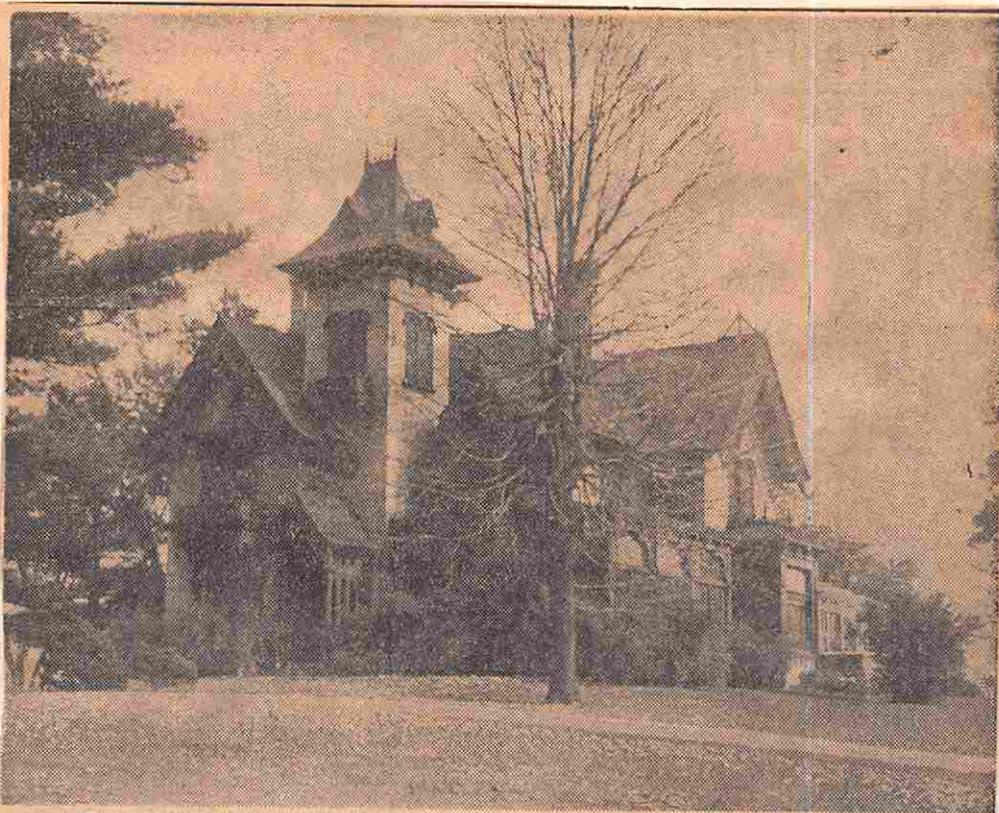
Other major industries which make up the economic fabric of Rockton are the Rockton Paperboard Co., established in the 1840's, two sand and gravel concerns, the Green Manufacturing Co. and the Broaster Co.

Rockton's strategic location as the "natural gateway between Illinois and Wisconsin" is continuing to attract major industry.

Beloit Iron Works recently completed a fabrication plant between Rockton and South Beloit. Other leading industries are the Warner Electric Brake and Clutch Co. and Gardner Machine Co.

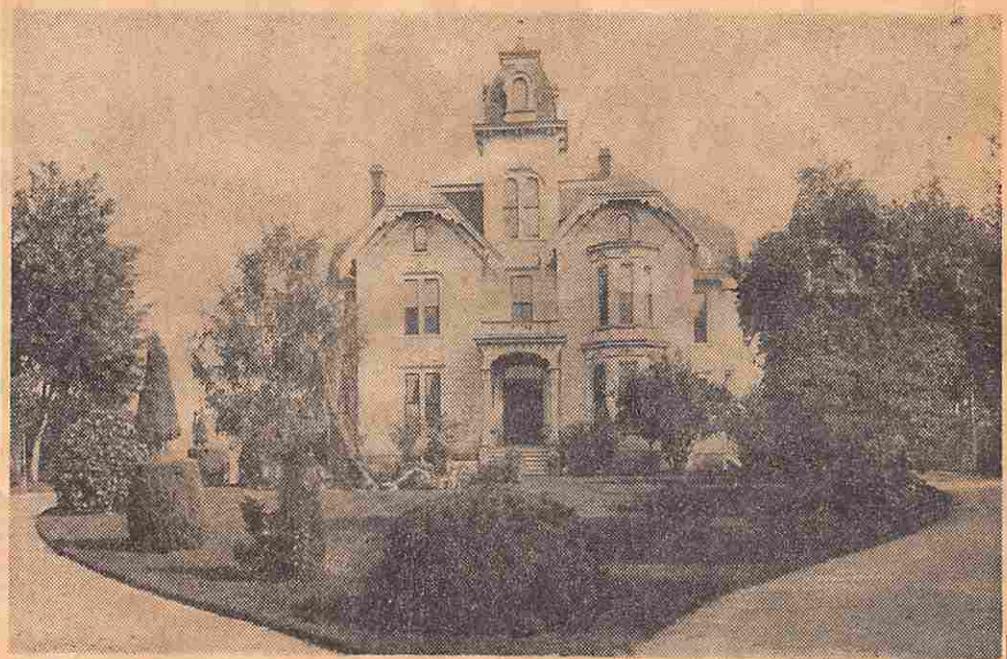
### Kemble First Lawyer

In 1837, John C. Kemble, Rockford's first lawyer, opened an office on S. Madison St. in connection with a Dr. Goodrich.



The Spafford residence, a showplace of the 90's, was on the edge of town when it was first built on N. Prospect St. It was the home of Amos Catlin Spafford and later of his daughter, Jessie Spafford. It still stands in its stately, wooded setting, but now the growing city has surrounded it and pushed miles beyond.

# Where Rockford Lived in 1900



## Showplace Homes Price of Progress

Part of the price of progress is the passing of many of the homes which played a part in Rockford's history. Some, such as the Spafford residence, right, above, still stand; but many more, like the Alex Forbes residence, center, have given way to Rockford's expansion. The Benjamin Payne home, left, 510 S. 1st St., was built in 1852, the same year Rockford became a city, and it sheltered members of the Payne family for more than a century. Built originally to resemble the England of its cabinet-maker owner, the home was later remodeled but stood the test of history for over 100 years. The Forbes home, pictured as it appeared in 1887, was the family homestead for well over 60 years. Alex D. Forbes was one of early Rockford's most distinguished citizens. The home, located at 427 N. Main St., was occupied by Mrs. W. A. Forbes and Judge Seely P. Forbes prior to its removal in 1952. It is now the site of a business establishment.



Benjamin Payne Residence

# National Ave. Retains Prestige of Gay Nineties

Residential districts of Rockford may wax and wane in favor and fashion, but since its beginnings in the 1890s, National Ave. has held an unrivaled place in the Rockford social scale and bids fair to hold it for years to come.

Seal of approval was put on the avenue about ten years ago when Mrs. Walter A. Forbes chose the avenue for her new home.

Protected as well as limited by the curve of Rock River, the area between Harlem Blvd. and the river from Guard to Logan Street has escaped the degeneration which has befallen other formerly beautiful residential neighborhoods.

Moreover, second and third generations of Rockford's first families are remaining there or moving back to the avenue.

Among these are Roberta (nee Lathrop) and Howard Monk who reside in the home built by her father, the late Attorney Robert Lathrop, more than 50 years ago.



BOEHLAND



FORBES

Another of the older homes occupied by the daughter of the builder is at 1315, home of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Hubbard. Her father, the knitting industrialist, Frithiof F. Nelson, built the house prior to 1890.

Representing the third generation is Betty Barton (Mrs. John) Ross, at 1822. Her parents, William and Constance (Forbes) Barton have resided at 1806 for many years. And Mrs. Barton's parents, the George O. Forbeses, lived at 1214 for a few years early in this century, then moved to N. Main

St. After residing in the East for a number of years, the late Mrs. Forbes returned to 1234 National Ave. for the last years of her life.

Others with family roots on the Avenue are Ruth Burpee (Mrs. Addison) Brown, now at 1731, whose girlhood home with her parents, the H. Stanton Burpees, was at 1411; and Catherine Culhane (Mrs. William) McCoy, at 1614, daughter of the A. B. Culhanes, formerly of 1246 National. Mrs. Culhane moved to an apartment within the past year.

Roger Porter at 1514 and his brother, Edmund Porter at 1242, also represent the third generation on the avenue. Their grandfather, John C. Barber, and his family occupied the house at 1302 in the 1920s.

Ed's wife, the former Chick Culhane, is also a daughter of the avenue. Her parents, the late Mr. and Mrs. Francis A. Culhane, lived at 1704.

One of the newest homes, not strictly on but at the foot of the

avenue, is that built by the Robert R. Boehlands in 1957. Numbered 100 Guard St., is on property adjacent to the former Katharine Brantingham's family home at 1201 National.



E. PORTER



MONK

# Retired Folks Count Their Blessings

By HERMAN G. NELSON  
Morning Star Staff Writer

"Count your blessings. Who over 90 has better care than we, without tribulations?"

This was a comment by Mrs. Olive O. Search, 93, one of the residents at the Alma Nelson Manor, Mulford Road, opened last May and typical of several like places serving elderly and temporarily convalescent citizens of the Rockford area.

Hundreds of senior citizens in Rockford, Freeport, Janesville and other communities today are living in homes which a century or two ago would have been regarded as mansions and castles in which only the upper class could live.

Facilities in these homes, actually are far superior to what the older mansions and castles offered.

"What really counts are the little things, such as combing hair or tucking someone into bed," said Charles N. Debes, founder and head of the Alma Nelson Manor. "That's what these people appreciate most."

### FROM EVERY WALK

In the Alma Nelson Manor, St. Joseph's Home at Freeport, the Caravilla at Janesville, Wis., or the Riverside Manor in Rockford are elderly people from every walk of life. They have made a substantial contribution to their families and community, and now there is a certain serenity to their days.

"There's nothing the matter with me; I'm just too old," Mrs. Search said without rancor. She is happy to have her sister, Mrs. Alice Farmer, 89, also a resident at the Alma Nelson Manor.

Visitors come and go at these nursing homes, with almost all of the residents having some visitors. There are instances where husbands, sons and daughters are daily visitors.

Residents may have their breakfast any time in the morning, with most of the residents taking their breakfast in their rooms. For the noon and evening meals, everybody who can be moved eats in the dining room, not in regimented fashion but at any time inside of a period of 1 1/4 hours.

Residents at the Alma Nelson Home are not necessarily from Rockford but they usually have kin in Rockford and for that reason have been brought here.

Mrs. Search said she was born in Milwaukee, Wis., and had lived there but that she had a nephew, Judson Farmer, in Rockford.

Mrs. Madge (Ray) Kirn, 78, came here from Battle Creek, Mich., because she has a son, Ray C. Kirn, in Rockford. Mrs. Kirn was one of the first to move into the new manor and is today the oldest resident in time at the manor.

### HAS SONS HERE

Mrs. Nora C. Cadwell is from Pittsfield, near Springfield, and came to the local nursing home because she has two sons here. They are Roland and Robert Cadwell, who call on their mother frequently. Mrs. Cadwell will be 94 in August and when she told Mrs. Search her age as they were photographed together, Mrs. Search commented "I didn't think anyone here was older than I am."

Most of the residents enjoy color television in the lounge and on visiting days this spot

is the most popular in the large sunny reception room. Extra chairs must be added frequently.

Hollis Beckman, veteran insurance salesman in Rockford, has been a resident at the manor since early January. He was born in Sweden and was only 2 years old when he came with his parents to Rockford. He has been in the insurance business almost all his life and said "I still write renewals of policies here."

Charles Scheid, employed as shipping and receiving clerk at the D. J. Stewart & Co. store, is convalescing following an operation. He hopes shortly to get back on his job.

Debes said "about 40 per cent of our residents are rehabilitated."

D. Elmer Smith is a farmer from Winnebago, recuperating from a stroke.

### RELIEVES MOTHER

Zora Sherman, crippled because of polio, came to the manor to relieve her mother, Mrs. Nellie Sherman, of the burden of her care while Mrs. Sherman also was taking care of her mother, Mrs. Lena McCafferty, 95.

The Sherman residence is at 1722 Clifton Ave. "Mother and grandmother are at home while I am here," Miss Sherman said. Miss Sherman said her hands are healthy and that she enjoys crocheting.

Mrs. Anna Lundgren, 330 St.

### Glass Bottle Pioneer

L. Fred Muller, the Danish immigrant who founded Muller-Pinehurst Dairy, was the first dairyman west of Chicago to sell milk in glass bottles. The dairy was renamed the Muller Dairy after Muller's death in 1937 and then the Muller-Pinehurst Dairy after the merger with Pinehurst Farms, Inc.

Louis Ave., mother of the late Lenore Lundgren, also finds life pleasant in the nursing home. She said her daughter had made arrangements for her care there just the day before her death. "My son comes to see me every day," Mrs. Lundgren said.

It takes a lot of help to take care of the residents of a nursing home. Debes said "for every three patients or residents, we have two personnel."

Currently Alma Nelson Manor, opened last May 22, has 82 residents and 55 employees. The Manor will accommodate a maximum of 175 persons, and Debes said "we are ahead of the schedule we set for ourselves." All but three of the rooms are for double occupancy, but currently many are used by only one person.

Senior citizens in Rockford who live in their own homes need never feel neglected. Senior Citizens Activity Center at 982 N. Main St. and the Rockford YMCA both have programs for men who are retired or semi-retired. Many churches and the Salvation Army seek out their older members to provide them with companionship.

Still more centers and even residence units for senior citizens are planned for Rockford. The Evangelical Free Church of America and the Methodist Church Rock River Conference, to name two, are planning to build centers.

### Manufactures 18 Lines

Some 25,000 items are distributed to the residential construction industry by the Metallist Division of the National Lock Co. The Industrial Division manufactures 18 lines of hardware for 40 different markets.



### Residents Prominent in Community . . .

Many of the residents at the manor, as is the case in other nursing homes of the Rockford area, are prominent in the community. This is true of this trio, left to right, Charles Scheid, shipping and receiving clerk at D. J.

Stewart & Co., convalescing after an operation; Hollis Beckman, veteran in Rockford insurance business; and D. Elmer Smith, farmer from Winnebago.

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### Thoughts Exchanged on Reading . . .

Mrs. Anna Lundgren, left, and Zora Sherman, right, exchange thoughts from devotional books which they read. Both have become

residents at the manor in recent months. (Morning Star photos)

# Pioneer Printing Firms Backbone of Ogle County

Consolidated News Service

**MOUNT MORRIS**—Turn back the pages of history more than 60 years, and you'll find printing and progress have been closely allied in the Ogle County community of 3,075 persons.

In fact, this city's economic heartbeat is the printing and publishing industry.

Three printing concerns here alone account for more than 1,500 employes—and in a community of little more than 3,000, this has spelled prosperity and progress that promises an exhilarating boost to future growth.

Calling Mount Morris their home are Kable Printing Co., a leading printer of magazines and catalogues in the country; Watt Publishing Co., internationally known publisher of farm magazines and Kable News Co., national magazine distributors.

Kable Printing, established by twin brothers Harry G. and Harvey J. Kable at age 18 back in 1893, pioneered in the printing business here. From a meager start, the Kable brothers directed their business into one of the largest of its kind in the world.

Today, the firm employs 1,150 persons on a full-time basis and accounts for an annual \$6 million payroll. About 800 of these workers live in Mount Morris.

In 1957, the firm's assets were purchased by Western Publishing Co., Racine, Wis. Grat Herman is president of Kable Printing Co.

Watt Publishing Co., with 120 employes, was established in 1917 and now prints eight farm publications distributed throughout the world. The firm's founders were James W. Watt and A. A. Yoder and Leslie A. Watt,

son of the co-founder, now serves as president.

Kable News Co. had its start in 1932. Today it is a magazine distributor with 750 independent magazine wholesalers as customers in the United States and Canada.

Mount Morris, on the basis of its early history, gravitated naturally to the role of becoming the seat of an industry as sophisticated as printing and publishing.

The community came into being with the founding in 1839 of the Rock River Seminary, a Methodist institution that succumbed to financial woes in 1878.

However, under the leader-

ship of Robert R. Hitt, who purchased the college property, Mount Morris College, a Brethren institution, was founded.

Two disastrous fires, in 1912 and in 1931, and the depression of the 1930s forced the school to close in 1932.

During its years of existence, the institution of higher learning graduated several thousand students. This higher level of attainment in education through the years has helped boost Mount Morris culturally—and of course economically.

Eventually, the college property was taken over by the city's largest industry, Kable Bros. Co.



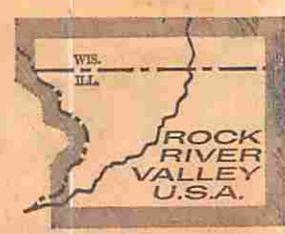
## Enjoy Chat at Manor . . .

Mrs. Olive M. Search, left, 93, and Mrs. Madge (Ray) Kirn, center, 78, enjoy a friendly mid-afternoon visit every day and on this occasion were joined by Mrs. Nora C. Cadwell, right, 93. They are residents at the Alma Nelson Manor, Mulford Rd.

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Life in the Rock River Valley

Why We Like

It Here

**E. W. Griswold, Janesville, Rock County, Wisconsin, parks director:** "Rock River Valley is the world's best place to live. I was born and raised in Rockton, but have lived in Janesville 34 years. Here we find not only fine educational and cultural opportunities, but many recreational facilities. It is an easy few hours or less by auto to the extra advantages of Milwaukee or Chicago, or the Mississippi.

"Shopping opportunities are unlimited; there is in the Valley area a good economic pattern fostered by steady employment. I would say there is a broad group of middle-class wage-earners supporting this economy."



**E. W. Griswold**

**Don Meade**

**Don Meade, Beloit, Wis., operator of an auto service station at 1407 Liberty Ave. in Beloit:** "I wouldn't trade the Rock River Valley area for any other part of the country. . . and I've seen quite a lot of the country and even lived out West. I missed the winter snow and the sports activities, and so we came back to Beloit to stay. This area offers everything we could use, and shopping facilities, schools, parks, and local government are good.

"Parts and supplies for my business are delivered to my doorstep within 24 hours."

**Ubeldo Carroccia, 733 E. Washington St., Marengo, Ill., owner and operator of a downtown Marengo shoe store:** "I love it here in this Rock River Valley. It is my adopted home and I wouldn't want to live anywhere else any more. I came to this country from Italy as a boy, in 1936, and lived in New Jersey. When World War II came, I got into the U. S. army and they sent me to Camp Grant at Rockford.

"When the war was over I came back here instead of going back to the East Coast. We now have four children and I think this area offers all of us everything we could ever ask for."



**Ubeldo Carroccia**

**Charles W. Fisher**

**Mrs. Fred Holdorf, Janesville, Wis., beautician:** "I just love living here in Janesville and I like the whole Rock River area very much. I was born and lived when I was a little girl in Monroe, which isn't really very far away. In this area things look clean, and well cared-for. And the people here are so friendly and nice. Its people are the greatest advantage of the whole area, I guess. We have fine places to shop and you can get just about anything you might want.

"My husband works at Fisher Body, and we keep busy and are happy here."



**Mrs. Fred Holdorf**

**Mrs. Charles Putnam Jr.**

**Mrs. Charles Putnam Jr., Monroe, Wis., receptionist for dentists Joseph Ganshert and Robert Brauchle:** "I like this area very much. As the mother of a youngster I think the area offers excellent school systems and good recreational facilities. The weather? Fine. I was born and lived in my childhood a lot farther north than this, and so cold winters just don't bother me at all. There are the kind of people around here you trust, and like to be associated with.

"We can find so many interesting things to do and places to see in this area that we have no inclination to go anywhere else."

**Mrs. Frank Krchak, 323 Forest Ave., Woodstock, Ill., housewife and mother of three children:** "This Rock River Valley offers much in so many ways. It is a prosperous area, both in the rural communities and in the cities. Recreational facilities are good if you move through the area. I think we have excellent schools and cultural centers, too.

"I wish we could get more Girl Scout leaders, though, so that we could offer the maximum program of Girl Scout benefits to our children. My troop's cookie sale went well this year, and the people are all so nice."



**Mrs. Frank Krchak**

**Robert Brown**

**J. E. Hickey, Janesville, Wis., salesman for Phillip Morris cigarettes and other products:** "I like living in the Rock River Valley because of the fine people here, and because of the many other advantages of being in the middle of a vigorous, thriving part of the country. I am a native of Janesville, but I lived away from this area for several years, and then came back. I don't want to live anywhere else. Recently, I turned down what some people might think would be a 'good' transfer within my company. My territory covers the seven counties surrounding Rock County, and I believe this is the world's best place to live and work."



**J. E. Hickey**

**Elden Steele**

**Elden Steele, Pearl City, Ill., a security officer at the Freeport Micro-Switch plant:** "The Rock River Valley area has always been home to me, and I've lived in Rockford, Rochelle, Janesville and Beloit as well as in Pearl City and Freeport. I like this country. I have four children and five grandchildren, all born and being raised right around here. We've had our economic ups and downs, but generally I think this is a sound, progressive area.

"Freeport is bustling again with its new industry."

**Winston Smith, rural Harvard, Ill., farm equipment salesman:** "As a native of this community, I have always felt that it is a fine place to live. As a farming area, Rock River Valley probably has some of the richest, most productive lands in the world. We also have other advantages, such as fine schools in the rural communities as well as in the cities. We have a healthy business climate.

"In Harvard, for instance, I think this was generated by the downtown face-lifting program that has really worked. Our nearby lakes provide excellent recreational facilities. Even in the winter, there's plenty to do."



**Winston Smith**

**Darrell Pearson**

Charles W. Fisher, 2730 S. Main St., foreman at the J. I. Case Co. plant in Rockford and a resident for 19 years; "Our new library addition, our good schools, our beautiful and useful park system, and our friendly people do great credit to the community. Generally, it's the same up and down the Rock River Valley. . . good, substantial communities, good substantial people.

"I think that our local schools could do a little better job of teaching penmanship though. It seems that good handwriting is a lost art."

Mrs. Joyce Cagle, Rochelle housewife and mother: "We came up here four years ago from Sikeston, in eastern Missouri, and we like it here and are making many new friends. The people are nice, although we haven't gone out and around this area as much as we'd like to. My husband works at Wurlitzer in DeKalb and we'll probably move there, but that's only 16 miles and still in this area.

"I like to shop in this area because they have so many things. It's colder longer in the winter here than down home, and so I notice the cold more, especially in the spring."



Mrs. Joyce Cagle

Mrs. Gust Roman

Mrs. Gust Roman, Prophetstown, Ill., wife of a retired farmer from Deer Grove: "This is an enterprising and prosperous area and it offers everything you would want as a shopping and trading area. The industries like the steel mill here (in Sterling) keep the Rock River Valley area prosperous.

"Consolidation of rural area schools has been a great step forward in providing a better education for our children and more economy for taxpayers. I remember when I was on the Deer Grove school board and we were down to just two pupils and still had to hire a teacher. It isn't done this way any more, thank goodness."

Robert Brown, 510 South Ave., truck driver for Gunitite Foundries, Inc., Kelsey-Hayes Corp., for all of 19 years he has lived in Rockford: "I've always had a job in the years I've been here and that means to me that the Rock River Valley area is a good place to live. My four children, I think, are getting good educations. . . better than they'd have received had I stayed in Arkansas, where I was born. We like the fine parks here, too.

"But I wish we would get something like a zoo our park system."

Mrs. Virginia Baird, 234 Garden Drive, Belvidere, Ill., a teller at First National Bank and Trust Co. in Belvidere: "As a native of Belvidere who has always lived here I think this is a wonderful area. I'm happy that I've been able to have my family here. We have good schools, although we need more of them, as do a great many other communities; and we have excellent park facilities. Belvidere's municipal swimming pool is a real extra benefit for the people here.

"Of course, the fine people are our greatest attribute."



Mrs. Virginia Baird

Mrs. Alfred Rousseau

Mrs. Alfred Rousseau, 1413 Bennett Drive, Rock Falls, Ill., a housewife: "Sterling and Rock Falls are almost like one city as far as business and shopping go. We like these communities and the whole Rock River Valley very much, having been here 18 years now. The steel mill where my husband works is on the river which divides the two cities.

"There are good parks and good schools here. My son, Lester, who is 13 and in 8th grade at St. Andrew School, thinks we need more teen-age recreational facilities, though, and I guess I'd have to agree with him. This area never stops improving, it seems."

Darrell Pearson, 8734 Newburg Road, Rockford, owner and operator of Pearson Press, a printing and lithography firm: "I like living in the Rock River Valley area because it offers so much to help raise a family of good, solid citizens. Our schools are good and we must work constantly to make them better and more adequate. I hope that the people who live in my school district, which is White Swan, will unite in support of a bond issue that will help our school grow with the school district.

"There are numerous churches in this area and I think that helps make it a better place to live."

Lloyd Coleman, 504 W. Boone St., Belvidere, partner in the Nash and Coleman Insurance Agency, and a former member of the Belvidere school board: "This area depends on its farmers as well as its businesses and industries to keep it healthy and growing, and each of these segments, I think, has done well to make the Rock River Valley even more prosperous and progressive.

"I like the size of Belvidere, and the area has quite a few of these smaller cities. I'm a native of Belvidere, but I've lived for some period of time in other parts of the country. I like it best here. I even like the weather."



Lloyd Coleman

James Weems

James Weems, 912 Woodlawn St., Dixon, Ill., a machine operator at the Freeman Shoe Corp. plant for 23 years: "I came to the Rock River Valley from my native Centralia, in southern Illinois, 45 years ago, and I've never been sorry. We have good schools and parks here in Dixon and up and down the river. I particularly like the people because they are friendly, helpful, and really seem to try to please you. This is a beautiful area, with its wooded areas and wide green lawns. In the summer, Dixon's flowers along the main street here are dazzling."

Norman Chappell, III, local representative for Wisconsin Power and Light Co.: "Rock River Valley area, I believe, has everything going for it. . . fine business, employment, and economic opportunities. I like living and working here. As a family man, I like the educational and cultural advances. It's handy for us to get to Rockford, Chicago, Milwaukee, and it isn't too far to some of the world's best fishing and outdoor sports areas.

"The weather in this area offers refreshing seasonal changes. I think this is healthy and stimulating."



Norman Chappell

Don Metcalf

Don Metcalf, Monroe, Wis., clerk in the Baumgartner Cheese Store: "I like living here in the Rock River Valley area because of the friendly people we have. This is not the only reason I like this area, but it ranks among the most important. I am a native of Monroe, and except for military service I've always lived here and am raising two children

"But there are good schools, and ample recreational and cultural facilities right here. I must admit that I dislike the extreme cold weather. . . but this year wasn't bad in that respect. The spring, the summer, and the fall are wonderful."

Mrs. Helen Duesterbeck, 421 Kenosha St., Walworth, Wis., housewife, mother of three, and part-time clerk in a shopping center bakery shop: "The many active churches of this community and the others in the Rock River Valley area make this area, I think, a wonderful place to live and to raise a family. I came to Delavan (Wis.) from Richland Center (Wis.), where I was born, many years ago. In this area, we also have a good level of employment, excellent shopping facilities, and good schools. I suppose the nicest single thing about this part of the country, though, is the kind and good people."



Mrs. Helen Duesterbeck

Mrs. Mary W. Dahlberg

Mrs. Walter Huggins, Beloit, Wis., housewife: "We've lived in the Rock River Valley area for 36 years now and we like it pretty well and are not planning to leave it. All through the area, we find the shopping and business and professional services we need. There's enough businesses so that competition keeps the prices right and makes it possible for us to get a wide variety of things.

"I like the spring, summer and fall better than the winters, but we really can't complain. It has been a good winter and now it's over. The cold winds are more than offset by our wonderful springs and breathtakingly beautiful falls."



Mrs. Walter Huggins

Bill Minnihan

Bill Minnihan, 216 Windsor Drive, DeKalb, Ill., real estate agency operator and former high school football coach at Clinton, Ill.: "Opportunities in almost every area of interest and activity abound here in the Rock River Valley. I was born here and intend to stay here. Educational facilities are excellent, all the way through the college level. Employment seems steady now and all indications are that it will stay that way. Cultural centers are easily available everywhere. The sports-mindedness of its adult population makes this a great area for the development of happy, healthy young citizens."

Harley Beebe, 726 Loves Park Drive, proprietor of the Park Camera Shop in Loves Park: "There are many good things about the Rock River Valley. In my seven years in business here in Loves Park and my 14 years in the Rockford-Loves Park area I've made many fine friends. We have excellent schools, and I think our local government does a good job of serving the people. There's plenty to do right here at home, and we have a good park system and a fine library right here.

"I like the weather here, too."



Harley Beebe

Mrs. Clara Hollenbaugh

Ned Schmidtke, senior at Beloit College, from Columbia, Mo.: "I have grown to like this Rock River Valley area very much. I feel that I am getting a good education at Beloit College, and that there are many other smaller colleges in this area where an excellent education is available to anyone who really wants it. As a dramatics major, I don't know where I'll go to work after I graduate this spring, but I'd like to stay in this area. Of course, I'll go where the best opportunities are.

"Rock River Valley seems like the heart of the Midwest, and the people here are wonderful."



Ned Schmidtke

Alta Thompson

Alta Thompson, 615 Cottage Row, Sycamore, Ill., secretary to the DeKalb County nurse and child welfare agency caseworker: "Forty years ago, I came here from Chicago, and I've never regretted it. The Rock River Valley area and particularly DeKalb have been kind to me and I've been happy here. The economic situation is good and the people must be the best in the world. Shopping and business facilities here are excellent. And for a pleasant, worthwhile vacation, you don't have to go very far. Almost anything you'd want is within easy driving distance, I'd say."

Gloria Ford, 424 Kent St., manager of the Music Manor Record and Gift Shop on S. Main Street, Rockford: "I was born and raised here in Rockford and I like it here. The people here are, in general, more friendly and considerate than they are in the bigger cities. . . Chicago for instance. I've been in business here now since last October and we are slowly building it up. There are good educational facilities here for anyone who really wants an education. The parks and other recreational facilities are very good."



Gloria Ford

Bud Strawbridge

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Mrs. Mary W. Dahlberg, 1815 Logan St., Rockford, bookkeeper and office secretary, former manager of the Agricultural Conservation and Stabilization office here: "I was born in Beloit, Wis., and I have lived in the portion of Rock River Valley between these two cities all my life. The area is economically sound and is populated by very fine, upstanding people. This area gives me everything I want and I have no desire to leave. Other parts of the country have their attractions, of course, but there's really no place like home. I feel that I'm lucky that my home is here."

Mrs. Darrell Shippee, Freeport, Ill., clerk-receptionist in a downtown Freeport physician's office: "This area offers many advantages for the average family. I am a native of Freeport and have lived here all of my life, and worked here for much of it. I am familiar with the larger Rock River Valley area and I like it.

"Employment opportunities are good, and we have fine schools and parks. There is a quite a bit of historical importance attached to the area too, and this puts us at a cultural advantage, I think. Lincoln debated Stephen Douglas here and the fact is adequately remembered in our local histories as well as in the histories of our nation."



Mrs. Darrell Shippee

Fern Warren

Fern Warren, 1115 S. Ottawa Ave., Dixon, Ill., clerk and general assistant at Harold Cook's flower shop and greenhouse in Dixon: "This is a very progressive area and it is populated by some really fine people. In a business you meet all kinds of people, they always say, but it seems to me that everybody we come in contact with is tops. I came to Rock River Valley and Dixon from my native Minnesota back in 1939. I know and like this area.

"Our schools are among the best, certainly, and our industries are steady employers and provide a solid base for the community's progress."

Mrs. Clara Hollenbaugh, Byron, Ill., who has lived in sight of or within walking distance of Rock River for 77 of the 81 years of her life: "I've seen so much progress and so many changes along this old river that I can hardly remember them all. But I love this country and it is my home. The scenery is beautiful, even though the river has changed. When I was a little girl, long before the turn of the century, we used to wade and swim in Rock River. It was crystal clear and clean then.

"But it got muddy and dirty, starting about the time they put in the glue works in Rockford. It's too bad."

W. W. Cramer, Freeport, Ill., a downtown Freeport mail carrier for most of the 44 years he has been a postal employee: "The economic buildup in recent years in this area is nothing short of amazing. You think the town is dying and then it goes boom and we're off again. . . bigger and better than ever.

"I take pride, as a native of Freeport, in our schools, our shopping centers, and our industry. But most of all, I take pride in our parks. They are the cleanest, neatest, most convenient parks you'll find anywhere."



W. W. Cramer

Paul Potts

Paul Potts, 839 Brinton Ave., Dixon, Ill., operator of Lincoln Manor and Lincoln Lodge in Dixon, an area high school basketball official for many years, and a former Dixon School Board member: "Rock River Valley is an area of sound business and industrial stability, and this is good for everyone. I noticed that the last brief economic recession a few years back had comparatively little effect here. Here in Dixon we have excellent schools, parks, and cultural facilities. Our local government is good. We have fine medical facilities."

Bud Strawbridge, 1539 S. 3rd St., Rochelle, Ill., operator of a barber shop in downtown Rochelle: "This is a vigorous, growing area and the business climate seems to be very good and very steady. New industries make the whole Rock River Valley area more healthy and Rochelle is sharing in the benefits. I came here six years ago from my native DeKalb, but I really feel like I've never left home.

"Schools and parks around here are very good. When you balance the spring and the summer and the fall against the winter, the weather is good too."

Leslie E. Lansford, Rock Falls, Ill., barber who lives at 1212 W. 18th St. in Rock Falls: "Rock River Valley is, in my opinion, the friendliest area in the country, but this is only one of the reasons I think it is the best. The industrial nature of these communities puts the cities on a sound and even economic base, and the rich soils and good agricultural practices help too.

"The schools are doing a good job here, I think, and our recreational facilities are excellent. If every winter was as mild as the past winter, I don't think anybody could complain about the weather either."



Leslie E. Lansford

Mrs. Thelma Zumdahl

Mrs. Thelma Zumdahl, Oregon, Ill., owner and operator of the Oregon Gamble Store and Toyland: "The beautiful scenery and natural tourist attractions of the Oregon area are becoming a more and more important part of our daily lives here. Rock River Valley area people are among the finest to know and to deal with. This area also offers good parks and schools, and its many churches and church organizations certainly make life better for us all.

"I've been here 23 years and have a married daughter and two grandchildren. I think we've enjoyed every day of every year."

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**Portrait and Biographical Record of Winnebago and Boone Counties, Illinois**, (DPL g929-1773W73). The following were born or lived in New York state prior to removing to another area.

**FILLMORE**, Millard, b Jan 7, 1800 at Summer Hill, Cayuga co., NY; d Mar 8, 1874; m in 1826 to Miss Abigail **POWERS**. He was an attorney and the thirteenth President of the United States.

**MATTESON**, Joel A., b Aug 8, 1808 in Jefferson co, NY. Before he was of age went to Prescott, Canada; later returning to f/farm, worked on building railroads in the south, 1833, having sold his farm, he rem w/fam to IL and entered a claim on Govt land near the head of Au Sable River, Kendal co.; 1836 rem to Joliet.

**BISSELL**, William H., b Apr 25, 1811 near Painted Post, Yates co, NY; d Mar 18, 1860; m1/w Miss **James** of Monroe co. and they had two daughters; she d in 1840; m2/w dau of Elias K. **KANE**, no issue. When war with Mexico was declared in 1846 he enlisted and was elected Colonel of his regiment. Served two terms in Congress; and he was Gov of IL 1857-1860.

**WOOD**, John, b Dec 20, 1798 Sempronius (Moravia), Cayuga co, NY; d Jun 4, 1880 Quincy; Gov of IL 1860-1. Prnts Dr. Daniel **WOOD** and Catherine **CRAUSE** (she d when he was an infant). Left home Nov 2, 1818 and went to Cincinnati, OH; following summer to Shawneetown, IL; spent fall and winter in Calhoun co; 1820 settled in Pike co ( SE of Quincy); 1822 erected first building in Quincy. M1/w Ann M.

**STREETER** in Jan 1826, dau of Joshua **STREETER**, formerly of Salem, Washington co, NY. They had eight children. Ann d Oct 8, 1863 and in June, 1865 he m Mrs. Mary A., widow of Rev. Josph T. **HOLMES**. Ch lvg in 1892 - Ann E., w/of Gen. John **TILLSON**; Daniel C., m Mary J. **ABERNETHY**; John Jr., m Josephine **SKINNER**, all lvg Quincy; and

Joshus S., m Annie **BRADLEY** lvg Atchison, KA.

**BEVERIDGE**, John L., b Jul 6, 1824 Greenwich, Washington co, NY; prnts George and Ann (**HOY**) **BEVERIDGE**. His f/prnts Andrew and Isabel **BEVERIDGE**, before their m/had emig from Scotland just before Revolutionary War. Her prnts James & Agnes, from Scotland, their first born, whose "native land" was the wild ocean. When John L. was in 18th year fam rem to DeKalb co, IL; 1845 left home & taught school in Wilson, Overton & Jackson cos, TN; read the law & was admitted to the Bar, in the South; Dec, 1847 ret to North & Jan 20, 1848 m Miss Helen M. **JUDSON**, in the old Clark Street M.E. church in Chicago, her f/was pastor at the time; 1848 ret w/w to TN, where two ch were b - Alla May & Philo Judson. 1855 opened a law office in Chicago. 1863-1866 served in Civil War; 1873-6 Gov of IL, then lvd Evanston. James H. **BEVERIDGE**, brother and Mrs. Jennet **HENRY** and Mrs. Isabel **FRENCH**, were his sisters.

**BROWN**, Hon. William, b Jun 1, 1819 Cumberland, in the North of England; d Jan 15, 1891 Rockford, IL; prnts Thomas **BROWN** and Mary **MORTON**, natives of England, w/fam emig in 1827, landed at NY on 20th of May, resided Albany a few mos; rem to Oneida co, near village of North Western. In 1846 Wm admitted to Bar, and started West, choosing the then village of Rockford, IL; Sept 19, 1850 m Miss Caroline H. **MILLER**, who was b in Livingston co, NY, dau of Hon. Horace and Hannah (**CLARK**) **MILLER**. William & Caroline had 3 ch: Edward W. Frank R, and May, w/of H. W. **BUCKBEE**.

**CASTLE**, John W., prnts John and Elizabeth (**ROCKINGHAM**) **CASTLE**,



natives of England and emig when young, m abt 1848 in Troy, NY and started at once for the West and settling in Rockford; afterward rem to Shirland for six year and then went to Ogle co to a farm where he lvd until 1889, retiring to Monroe Center. John W. m/ Miss Mary Janet McDonald, of Beloit, WI Mar 3, 1885; dau Bessie May b May 30, 1888. Mary Janet prnts Thomas & Mary A. (GAYTON) MC DONALD, he d Apr 1, 1864 in hospital at Fortress Monroe, W.Va.

**HASKINS**, Alonzo, b Nov 18, 1814 Cortland co, town of Truxton (Cuyler), NY; prnts William H. (d in Onondaga co abt 90 yrs of age) & Lydia (HOWARD) HASKINS, natives of NY state. Lydia d same place abt 72 yrs of age. Alonzo on Sept 10, 1835 m Miss Lavina MC KINEY, Aug 20, 1813, Cortland co, NY; dau of Charles & Lydia (MORSE) MC KINEY; maternal gf was David MORSE, Rev War soldier and he recd 640 acres of land in NY state, Cortland co. Mrs Haskins was one of fourteen children. Alonzo & Lydia had 4 ch - Teresa M, b Onondaga co, m Barnard FARNSWORTH, he was deceased in 1898 and she lvg in Dakota. Lydia L, b Onondaga co, m L. Albert DRAKE (served in Civil War), had 2 ch, one of whom m William BEACH, they had one dau. Drakes worked farm of Alonzo and also had an 800 acre farm in Dakota.

**HASKINS**, Edgar D., a native of Onondaga co, m Miss Hattie TURNURE and had one son & 2 daus. One dau Mary J. m B. B. WELLS and lvd Belvidere. Edgar served in Civil War and owned land in Bonus twp, Boone co, IL

**DAVIS SR**, Thaddeus, b Jun 9, 1793 near Schenectady, NY; m Catherine KIRKLAND, b Feb 10, 1797 Schenectady, of Scotch parentage. Emig to Southold, Canada & emig to IL in 1839 w/fam. They had 10 ch; Catherine, Ann Eliza, David A., Robert C.,

Daniel H., Joseph S., Thaddeus, George R., Jacob and John.

**DAVIS**, Thaddeus, b Jun 17, 1828 in the town of Southold, Canada; son of the above, was eleven yrs old when rem to IL w/prnts.

On Dec 10, 1856 m Mary A. MC CLARY, native of NY state; had 4 ch - Alma M., w/of Asa B. HAMMOND; Thaddeus G., m Mary E. HART; Matie E. and Frank.

**PRYSE**, David, b May 14, 1831, in Montgomeryshire, Wales; prnts James PRYSE and Margaret DAVIS of Wales. Three of their sons, David, Edward and James emig to US. Many of members of family spell the name PRICE. David emig in 1850 and sailed from Liverpool to America on board the "Patrick Henry." He went to Oneida co, NY for five yrs & to IL in 1855. Rented a farm & in 1860 purchased 57 acres. On Mar 18, 1854 in Oneida co m Miss Winnefred M. JONES, b Wales, in Oct, 1830, emig to America at age 18; d Sep 10, 1884; 6 ch - Richard J., Ellen, Margaret, Mary, Fannie and Frank.

**HYDE**, Orsemus, b July, 1819, d abt 1871 (52 yrs old); Jul 12, 1837 m Miss Permelia RORK, b Jun 18, 1818 Essex co, NY, dau of John & Elizabeth RORK, b Ireland, of Scotch-English parents. The prnts emig to NY and after residing for a time rem to Racine, WI, d there at ages 80 & 75 yrs respectively. Orsemus & Permelia had 9 ch, five living in 1898.

**FOOTE**, Horace, b Dec 27, 1811 in Burlington, Otsego co, NY; in 1843 m Miss Harriet M. BATCHELDER, b in 1826 New Hampshire; d Jan 16, 1867; they had 6 ch- 3 lvg in 1898 - Mary C., Nellie T., and Henry M. Rem in 1837 to Winnebago co, IL. Prnts of Horace were Burnice FOOTE, b 1766 in Bernardstown, Franklin co, MA and in 1800 rem to Burlington and d there in Jan, 1831, and Melinda FIELD, b Northfield, Franklin

co, MA; d 1862, age 92. Besides Horace there were 6 ch- Harriet, Horatio, Lucius, Feronia and Hiram. Other names in this biography fr/NY - A.M. **CATLIN**, Deacon J. W. **BAKER**, Deacon Tyler.

**WILLIAMS**, Brundage Corby, b Sept 2, 1832 at Vernon, Essex co., NY; f/Aaron **WILLIAMS**; grf Joseph **WILLIAMS**. Fam rem to Binghampton, NY when he was 10 mos old; after being in NYC for a time rem to Scranton, PA in 1855 for 2 yrs; then to Lathrop, Susquehanna co, PA & following yr ret to Binghampton for a few mos & then to Warrenton, DuPage co, IL; 1862 to Chicago; 1864-65 Civil War; rem fam to Garden City & lvd until 1871.

**WILLIAMS**, Aaron, b abt 1811 NJ; d Jan 30, 1882 Rockford, IL; m Miss Rebecca **CORBY**, b abt 1812; d May 16, 1886; dau of Ezekiel & Rebecca **CORBY**, of NJ. They had six sons & five daughters.

**FISH**, Henry, b 1807 Edinburg, Scotland, prnts William **FISH**, b England and Catherine **CHISHOLM**, b Inverness, Scotland; Catherine d in 1842. In May, 1829 Henry m Miss Elizabeth P. **Cooper**, of England, b abt 1807; d Mar 5, 1890; & they emig to Utica, NY 1831 w/ 2 ch. Retd to England for one yr. W/w & ch, in Nov 1843, rem to Chicago and then Manchester twp, Boone co, IL. They had a large family & 10 of the ch were: Henry, Edmund Y., William C., Elizabeth, m William **FILE** of Canada, he d 1889, in 1890 she rem to f/home; Archibald C., Cyrus, Alexander J., Mary A., Caroline R. and Franklin B. The last 3 b/ IL. Elizabeth & William **FILE** ch - Rebecca E., m Alpheus C. **BARKER**, a farmer near Belvidere; Eugenia E., m Edwin **COLLINS** of Kansas; William Edward, m Janette **PATTERSON**, Manchester twp; and Josephine, w/of John E. **WELLS**.

**LONGCOR**, Samuel, b Oct 25, 1813 Dundee, Yates co, NY; prnts Leonard **LONGCOR**, b NY and Ann **THOMPSON**, b

NY. On Jan 7, 1835 m Miss Malinda **SMITH**, b Apr 14, 1814 Steuben co, NY; d Aug 21, 1891 Belvidere; emig to IL in 1840 w/w & 3 ch to Belvidere, Boone co. and had a total of 9 ch: Addison N., Ann, Mary, Leonard S., John C., Jane, Sarah, Kate and Lydia. Samuels gf was Anton **LONGCOR**, native of Germany, m Miss Strubles & emig to America & settled in NY state.

**ARDERY**, James, b on the Atlantic ocean while en route to the New World from England, m Agnes **MONTGOMERY**, native of Ogdensburg, NY. They rem to McHenry co, IL in 1852, where they lvd until 1858, when James went to CA and bought a vineyard. His fam joined him in 1861. They sold their farm in IL & resided in CA, where Agnes d June, 1889 & James in Oct 1889. There were ten ch, 7 living at time of prnts death: George M.; Margaret, Mrs. George R. **FORD**, who d in San Francisco, in Feb, 1891, leaving one son; Robert F (see following bio); Alex M., res Carson City, NV; James, res Virginia City, NV; Agnes, & Sarah; deseased - William d 1872 in NV; Eliza, Mrs. S. W. Hammond, d 1888 in Blaine, IL; and John d 1887 at Capron.

**ARDERY**, Robert F., b Jul 28, 1848 Ogdensburg, NY, rem to CA w/prnts; 1866 w/bro John ret to IL via the Nicaragua route and arrived in Capron Jan 16, 1867 & the following fall went to Beloit; Dec 1869 ret to Virginia City, NV for 6 yrs; fall of 1874 to Blaine by railroad; Feb 21, 1877 m Miss Ella **CONYES**, b LeRoy twp, dau of Philo and Diana **HEAD**) **CONYES**, prnts b Genesee co, NY. Robert & Ella had two ch: Claude Earl, b Oct 27, 1879 and Alta, b Nov 4, 1888.

**KEYES**, Miles G., b Nov 18, 1842 in Northumberland, Saratoga co, NY; prnts Archibald **KEYES**, b Jul 26, 1808 same place, and Elizabeth **CLARK**, b NY, d Oct 22, 1878, m Jun 18, 1834. Archibald & Elizabeth had 3 ch: John, m Mary C. **HEMINGWAY** & in 1898 lvd Pomona, Los

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Angeles co, CA; Miles (our subject); and a dau who died in NY. This fam rem to Rockford, IL in 1845. Archibald m2/ Hannah WISE. Frederick KEYES, f/of Archibald, b Feb 21, 1771 Acworth, NH, d Sept 12, 1834 Syracuse, NY; m Rachel JACOBS, she d Jan 29, 1840. Capt William KEYES, f/of Frederick, b Oct 1740 Ashford, CT, d Apr 21, 1813; m Harriet SCARBOROUGH. They went to Acworth in 1767 and were first settlers of that place. Lieut. Ephraim KEYES, f/of William, b Jul 5, 1715 CT, d Sept 6, 1802; m1/ Sarah Watkins and after her death m2/ Mrs. Glazier, a widow lady of Rockingham, NH. Family rem from Ashford to Acworth, CT in 1769. Elias KEYES, f/of Ephraim, b Oct 17, 1692 Chelmsford, MA; after m & 2 ch rem to Ashford, CT. Solomon KEYES, b Jun 24, 1665 MA f/of Elias. Solomon, f/of Solomon (b Jun 24, 1665), d Mar 28, 1702; m Frances GRANT Oct 2, 1653 Newburyport, MA, she d abt 1708.

KIBBE, Arvin, b May 25, 1827 in Jefferson co, NY; prnts Eli KIBBE and Abigail MITCHELL, b Oneida co, NY; this fam rem to IL in 1844; Feb 22, 1853 m Matilda STEWARD, b Southold, Province of Ontario, Canada, dau of William & Sophia STEWARD. Arvin & Abigail had 5 ch: William E., m Iva JONES; Laura S., m Edward TURNEY, 3 ch: Olive, Ola & Ora; Charles E., m Annie Bingham, 2 ch: Harry & Earl; Eva L., m John Rice, dau Lena; Harry E.; and Lula M., d Jul 5, 1887.

WOODRUFF Hon. Gilbert, b Nov 20, 1817 Watertown, Jefferson co, NY; prnts Frederick WOODRUFF, b CT, d 1853 Watertown and Lodema ANDRUS, b Litchfield, Oneida co, NY, d at Geneva, IL Grf, Jonah WOODRUFF, is supposed to have been from CT, whence he rem to Jefferson co. Apr, 1842 m1/ Miss Nancy FAY, b Watertown, NY, d 1877; five ch: Sarah, m Marcus S. PARMELEE; Volney D.; Emma, m Charles KEITH, William; and Alice, m R. M. EMERSON. Nancy's prnts

were Henry & Almira FAY. M2/ In 1879 Miss Augusta A. TODD, a native of Hamilton, Canada. Gilbert rem to Joliet, IL in 1838, to clerk in his brother's grocery store, where he rem until spring of 1839, returning to the East; 1857 rem to Dubuque, IA; one year later to Rockford, IL.

CATLIN, Archibald (M.D.) b Sept 8, 1801 Litchfield (Winfield), Herkimer co, NY, d 1813; f/Roger CATLIN, JR, a native of CT, as was his f/ Roger CATLIN, Sr. Roger Jr m Sarah CLARK, b CT, dau of Deacon CLARK, a pioneer of South Tompkins co, NY. Sarah m 2nd time, d in Winfield, NY. In 1820 Archibald started w/company of friends to the then Far West by way of the Allegany River to Pittsburg, thence by way of the Ohio & Mississippi Rivers to St. Louis, which was nothing more than a village. He was accompanied by a comrade, Amos NOBLE, and was in MO when that Territory was admitted into the Union as a State. Later to Madison co, IL for 12 mos, then going to Missouri, engaged in the lead mines until 1823, when he ret'd to NY. 1825-26 at Castleton, VT, studying medicine, Jan that yr to Fairfield Medical College in Herkimer co and graduated Class of '27. Practiced in Winfield, NY w/Dr. Nathan Harwood for 5 yrs; then to Chester, Geauga co, OH until 1832, and then rem to Lorain co until 1838 when he went to Rockford, IL. Archibald m1/ Miss Miranda HARWOOD in 1828; she was b in Winfield, NY d 1846, mother of 3 ch; dau of Dr. Nathan HARWOOD. M2/ Sarah MORRILL in 1847, she a native of Meriden, NH; dau of Deacon Daniel MORRILL; two daus: Mary, deceased and Alice.

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