

Preface and Acknowledgements

History of Tingley's first settlers and founding of the town is extracted from two principal sources: (1) old newspaper files of the *Tingley Vindicator* and Mount Ayr newspapers; and (2) memoirs, letters, photos, and personal files of early residents and their descendants. Frequently it is a combination of the two, where early memoirs were later published in the newspapers and found in personal collections. Much of the material for this Centennial history is edited only to clarify the meaning and to keep within space limitations. Sources are identified, and credit is given for photos when possible.

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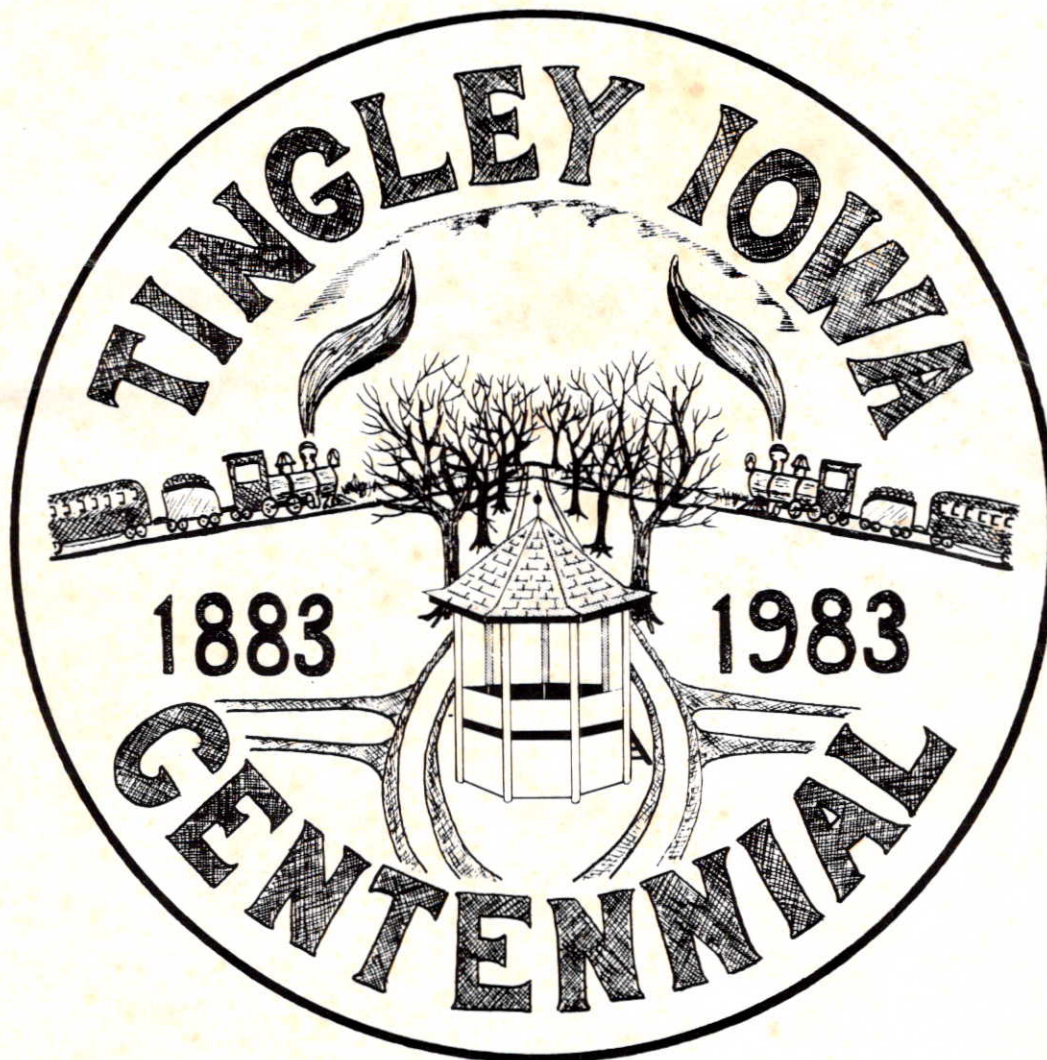
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We Hope This Book Will Be Enjoyable Reading For You.



The railroad was built in 1882, and a train arrived in Tingley September 17, 1882. Tingley had the highest elevation on the H & S Railroad between Humeston and Shenandoah. The band stand was an old landmark and stood in the center of Main Street over a large well for 35 years. Main Street was lined with large elm trees that succumbed to Dutch Elm Disease in the 1960's.

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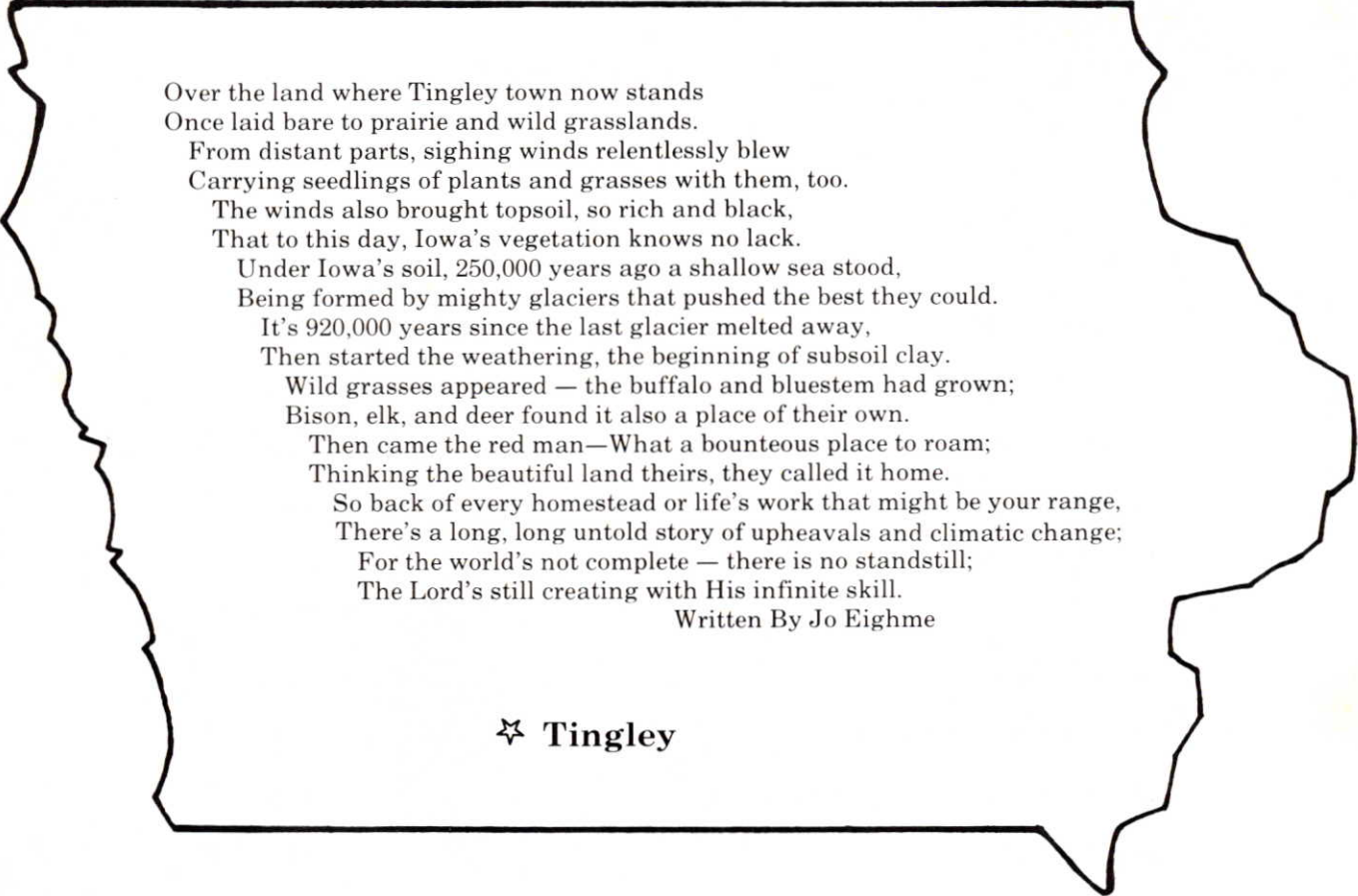


This book was written to commemorate the Tingley Centennial by many people who will always consider Tingley their home.

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Early Settlement of Tingley Township Before the Turn of the Century



Over the land where Tingley town now stands
Once laid bare to prairie and wild grasslands.
From distant parts, sighing winds relentlessly blew
Carrying seedlings of plants and grasses with them, too.
The winds also brought topsoil, so rich and black,
That to this day, Iowa's vegetation knows no lack.
Under Iowa's soil, 250,000 years ago a shallow sea stood,
Being formed by mighty glaciers that pushed the best they could.
It's 920,000 years since the last glacier melted away,
Then started the weathering, the beginning of subsoil clay.
Wild grasses appeared — the buffalo and bluestem had grown;
Bison, elk, and deer found it also a place of their own.
Then came the red man—What a bounteous place to roam;
Thinking the beautiful land theirs, they called it home.
So back of every homestead or life's work that might be your range,
There's a long, long untold story of upheavals and climatic change;
For the world's not complete — there is no standstill;
The Lord's still creating with His infinite skill.

Written By Jo Eighme

☆ Tingley

Three Earliest Settlers in Tingley Township

Taken from Mrs. B.M. Lesan's Early History of Ringgold County

Standbury Wright entered 80 acres of prairie and 40 acres of timber land in Section 36, Tingley township, in December 1854 [in the section where Bill Jones lives today]. Mr. Wright returned to Noble County, Indiana, and moved in April, 1855, with his family and two sons-in-law and their families.

Edgar Sheldon settled in Tingley township, Section 2, in the spring of 1855 [Ellis Hill farm by Union County line]. He came from Ohio and his wife from Pennsylvania. He established the first cheese factory in this part of Iowa in 1858 and ran it for several years. He was county superintendent of schools in Ringgold County in 1862 and 1863 and county auditor from 1890 to 1895.

C.K. Grimes settled in Section 7, Tingley township, in May 1856 [close to where Curt Lininger lives today]. He came from Indiana. His first house was 14 x 16 and at different times eleven families made their homes with him while they located land or built their cabins. He often hid slaves from the south who were fleeing to Canada for freedom. At one time he had six slaves hidden in hay shocks through the day until a favorable time for them to travel on. He was the first settler in the township to raise sheep, as the wolves were so troublesome. Mr. Grimes was the founder of Eugene and laid out and platted the lots in 1857.

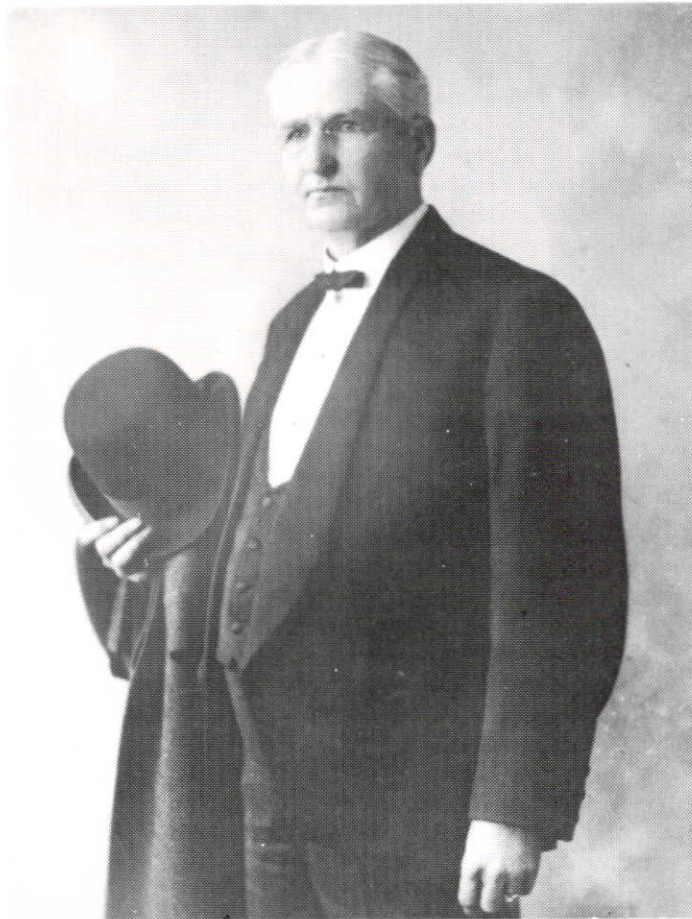
Tingley Cornwall Arrives

Extracted from unpublished manuscript, Recollections and History of Herbert F. Cornwall, courtesy of the late Cecil Cornwall and from archival files of Clair B. Heyer.

For many weeks Francis and Martha Cornwall, with their five children, had been driving their wagons westward and by now they were over halfway across southern Iowa, a few miles south of the Mormon Trail. On the final leg of the long journey, they crossed Sand Creek near the Union-Ringgold county line and calculated that it was the last stream before reaching the farm of their elder son, Elihue. The parents could not

hold the boys; little Tingley Cornwall and his brothers broke away and scampered over the hill. Only two houses were in sight and they picked the right one first. On this afternoon in 1856 there was a happy reunion of the Cornwall and Lucas families on the Iowa prairies, far from their original homes in Ohio and Illinois.

The brothers and sisters, cousins, uncles and aunts—all would have been amazed if they could have looked ahead 12 to 20 years to see that little "Ting" would help establish a post office and give his name to the new town of Tingley in Ringgold County, Iowa.



Tingley Cornwall

Courtesy Ringgold County Historical Society

Obituary of W.T. Cornwall

Reprinted from November 28, 1918 Tingley Vindicator

The following account, taken from the Denver, Colo., Times, of November 21, is in regard to the death of a former well known citizen of Union county, but who was identified with the early history of the north half of Ringgold county as well. He was so well thought of and highly respected, that the township of Tingley and later the town of Tingley was, on suggestion of Edgar Sheldon, another highly esteemed pioneer, named after Mr. Cornwall, taking his second given name — Tingley.

William Tingley Cornwall died this morning at his residence, 917 East Thirteenth Avenue, after being an invalid for thirteen years.

He was born in Mansfield, Ohio, October 21, 1842. At the commencement of the Civil War, he enlisted in the

Eighteenth Iowa Infantry and served throughout the war. After the Civil War, Mr. Cornwall settled in Iowa and married Amy K. Bosworth of Brighton, Iowa in 1870. He was treasurer of Union county, Iowa, for a number of years until he came to Denver in 1882 at the request of J.O. Bosworth, to become secretary and treasurer of the Denver Fire Clay company. For twenty-one years, he was active in the management of this company, and largely responsible for its success.

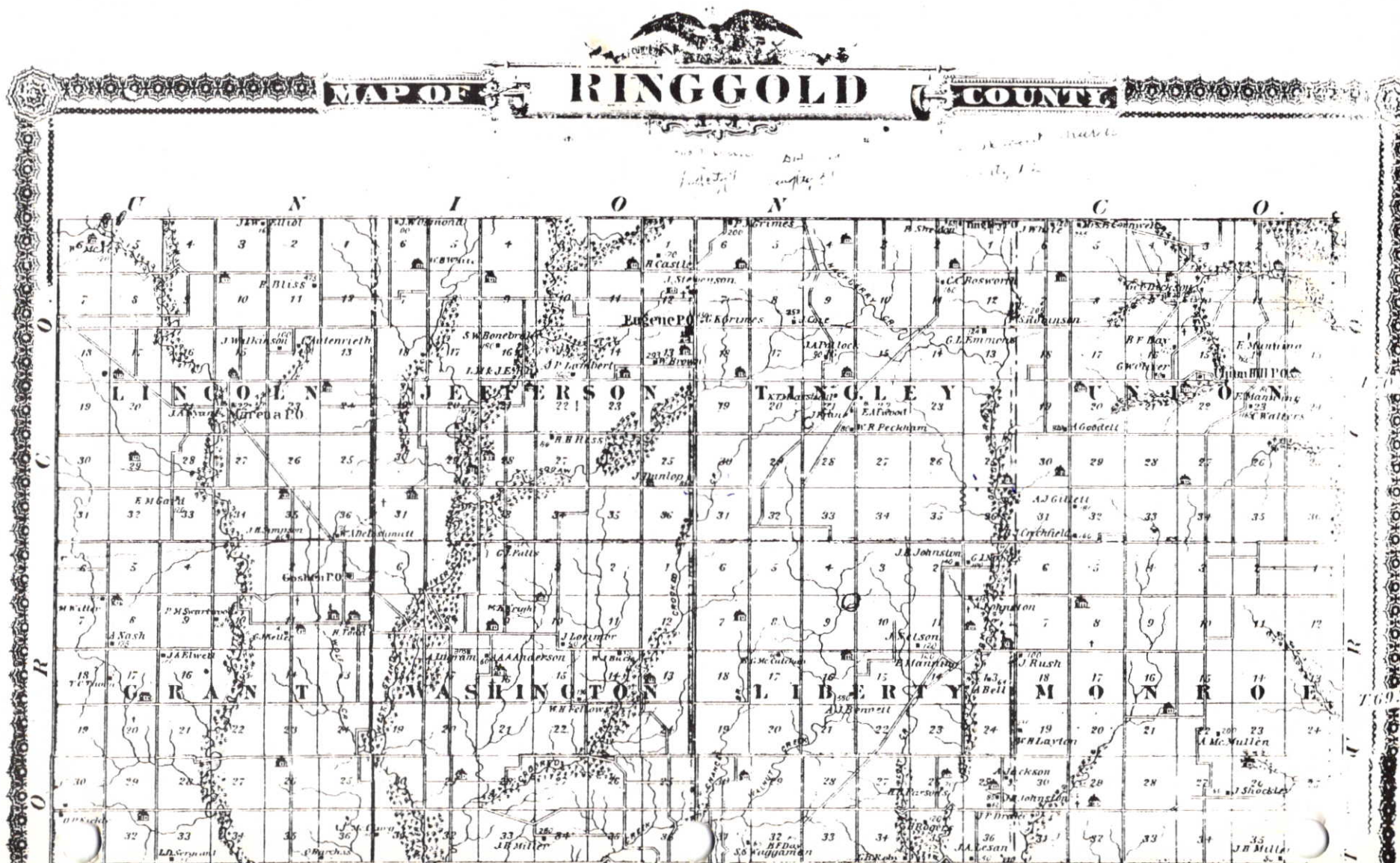
Mr. Cornwall is survived by his widow, who has scarcely left his bedside for many years. Two children, Albert Cornwall and Milo Cornwall, died many years ago, the former in infancy and the latter at the age of 25 years, before marrying, and Tingley's founder left no heirs.

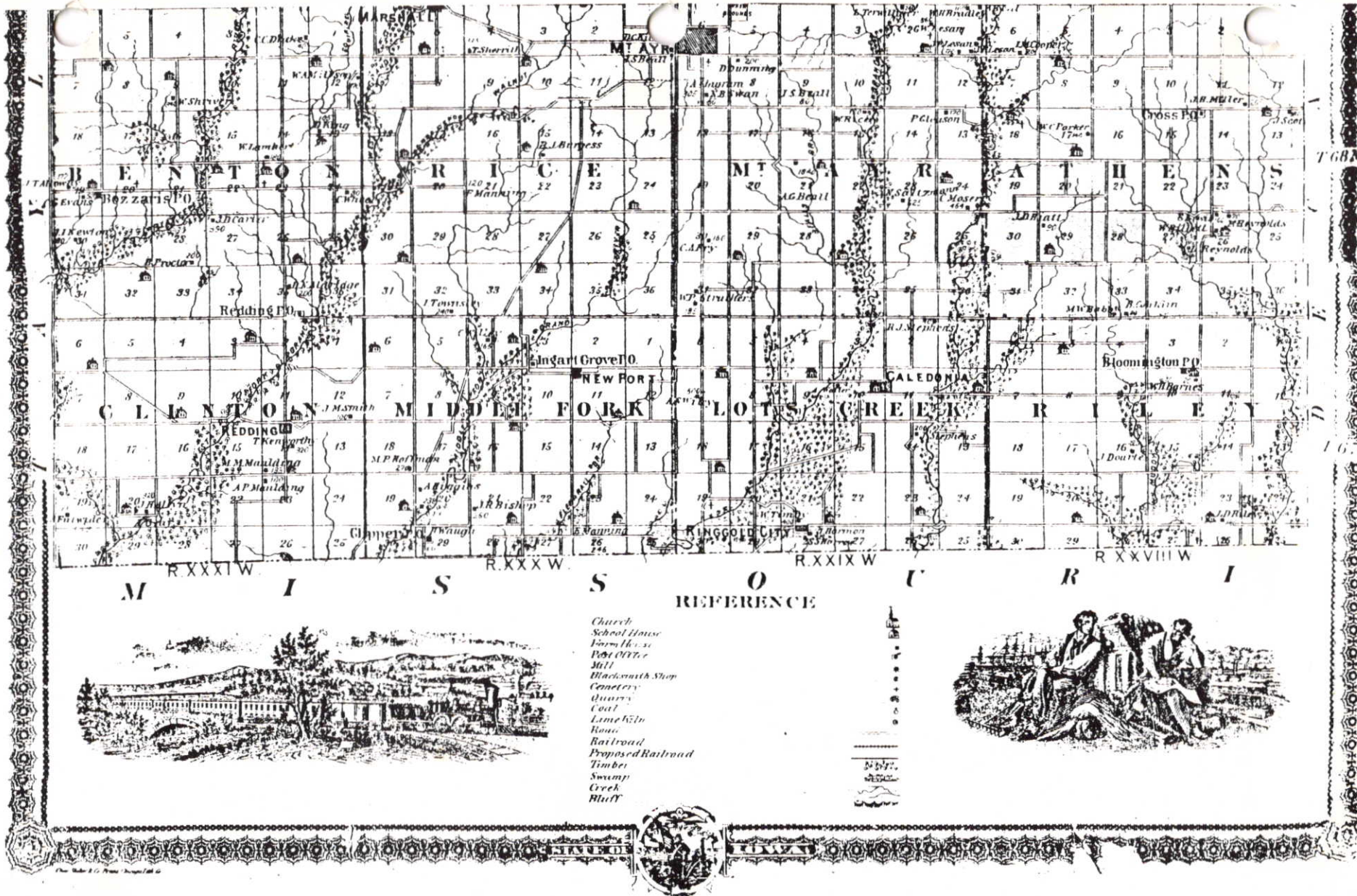
Map of Ringgold County

Taken from Andreas' Illustrated Historical Atlas of the State of Iowa, 1875

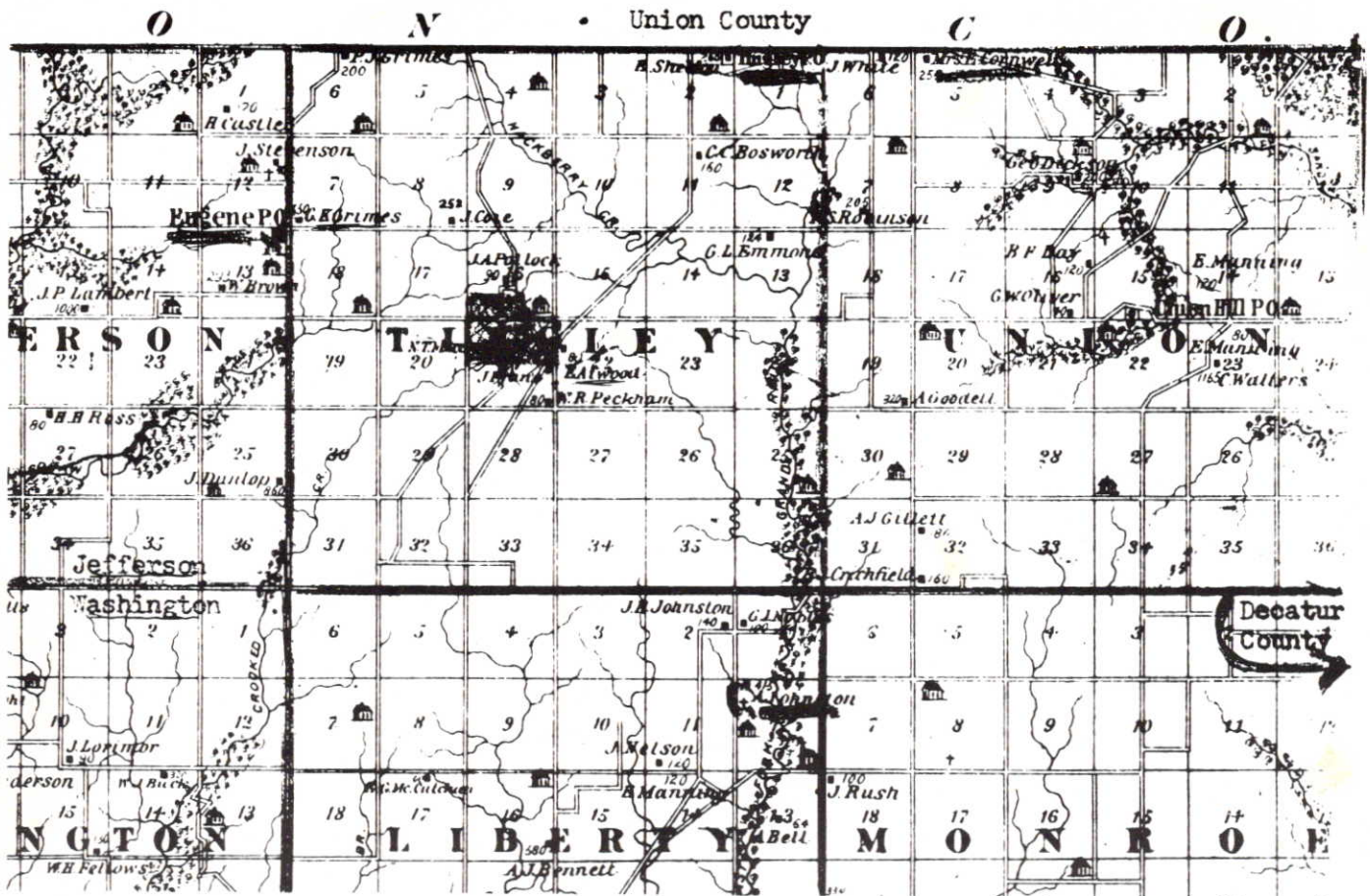
Courtesy David Allen

Other villages and post offices, besides the town of Mt. Ayr, were Bozzaris, Caledonia, Clipper, Cross, Eugene, Goshen, Ingart Grove, Marena, Redding, Ringgold City, Union Hill, Bloomington, Tingley, and Marshall.





	In 1860	In 1870	1874 Statistics
Population of County	2,923	5,691	7,546
Population of Tingley Township in 1874 was 203. (Notice that only the patrons who paid \$4 have their names printed on the map.)			



The above map was reproduced from the one of Ringgold County in Andreas' *Illustrated Historical Atlas of the State of Iowa, 1875*. Tingley and Union were a single township, Sand Creek, until their division in 1869. Jefferson and Washington Townships, at the far left, originally were one township under the name of Washington. The Tingley Post Office, shown at its second location, was at the farm home of Edgar Sheldon in Section 1. The future site of the town of Tingley is marked in Sections 16 and 21. Note the location of Eugene, across the Jefferson Township line at upper left, also Johnston Cemetery in Liberty Township. Mrs. E. Cornwall (*sic.*) was Emeline, the widow of Elihue Cornwall. Tingley Cornwall's home and Cornwall Cemetery were just across the line in Union County.



HIGH POINT CHURCH — 1931

Courtesy Clair Heyer Photo

This picture will still bring back memories of an early day when many from the Tingley community attended services at this church located south-east of Tingley. It was erected in 1875 and sold and torn down in the early 1950's.

EUGENE IN 1880

Just before Eugene was cannibalized by the new Tingley, the 1880 U.S. Census gave Eugene a population of 16 adults and 14 children. Those adults (heads of households, relatives and boarders) and their occupations were as follows (from archival files of Clair B. Heyer):

Thomas Asbury (druggist), Benjamin Asbury (blacksmith), George Swain (grocer), Phillip H. Deinnan (minister), James Millikin (grocer), James Nichol (physician), James Porter (blacksmith), John W. Porter (wagon maker), John Dorland (store clerk), Elroy C. Pettit (blacksmith worker), Louis E. St. John (physician), and Warren Foster (carpenter).



Earliest Known Photo of Main Street — Taken in the Late 1880's....(Photo faces the east)
Courtesy Clair Heyer Collection

THE TOWN OF TINGLEY

Origin of Its Name and Historical Review of Its Progress

by C.C. Bosworth

From the Tingley Vindicator, May 1904 (Heyer Archival Files)

Hon. C.C. Bosworth received a degree from Oberlin College. He was a member of the 7th Ohio Infantry during the war. He served the county two terms as representative and took an active interest in politics, attending nearly all the conventions of his party. He owned some properties in Tingley and a prosperous store in Madrid, Iowa. [See Bosworth Family History]



BACK ROW: (L TO R) Mrs. Charles C. (Sarah) Bosworth, _____, Amy Bosworth Cornwall.

FRONT: _____, Charles Case Bosworth, Tingley Cornwall. *Courtesy Milo Bosworth*

About 1867 before the B. & M. Railroad was built through Union County or the Western Stage Company was running its old rattle traps from Mount Ayr, a few of the settlers wanting mail facilities met at the home of Tingley Cornwall, over the line in Union County, to establish a post office at his home, agreeing to take their turns carrying the mail from Afton, the nearest point, to connect the stage line. The name of "Silver Street" was sent to the Post Office Department but was rejected, as there was another office of that name in the state. Then Edgar Sheldon suggested Cornwall should send his own name "Tingley." It was accepted and Tingley Cornwall was appointed postmaster. A year later, 1868, the Stage Company started a line of hacks from Afton to Mount Ayr, making Edgar Sheldon's place the halfway station, and the post office was moved to Sheldon's, with the farmers relieved as mail carriers. This was the

reason it was moved from Union to Ringgold County; here it remained for several years. Tingley and Union Township was called Sand Creek, six miles by twelve, and citizens voted at the old Abner Goodell place at Ellston.

Organization of Tingley Township

In the spring of 1870, a division of the two townships was made by a committee selected to make a careful invoice of the assets in the way of schoolhouses, school funds, and road funds, giving to each township its share. Edgar Sheldon had the principal part of this work to do, and after the division of this township, took its name from the post office. Edgar Sheldon was postmaster, township clerk, and secretary of the school board for years until the county said, "Well done, step up higher," and he was elected county surveyor, and later county auditor.

He knew the lay of the land better than any of us and could go to any section corner in the township, designated in those days by the old government mounds, the stake in the center with the number of the section cut in it.

First Assessment

I was the first assessor of Tingley Township, elected the fall of 1870 and making my assessment January 1871. My books showed twenty-eight voters, and only four remain to claim their rights at the ballot box in Tingley Township. They are A.F. Hathaway, Jacob Frane, John Archbold, and myself [C.C. Bosworth]. I remember Albert Hathaway "kicked" a little on valuation of his land — \$3.00 per acre. I told him he would have to bear the burden, as that was the limit given me by the board of supervisors. When I look at the broad acres he has gathered around him, worth from \$50.00 to \$60.00 per acre now, and the "Roosevelt" family he has reared to manhood and womanhood, I think he is still "burdened" with an honorably acquired wealth that but few of us has gained.

Land Value

Comparing valuation of land then and now, I think to

have thrown the township on the market at \$5.00 per acre then would have been as good a sale as \$50.00 per acre now.

First Railroad Election

In 1880 surveys began for the "Drake Line" called the Missouri, Iowa, and Nebraska Railroad and our township was called upon for a five per cent tax to aid in building the same. Many of our citizens still remember the hot words used, pro and con, at the old schoolhouse at the center of the township on the day of election. While we were voting, the surveyors appeared east of where our town is now, which was of course a strong argument for the "pros". The tax carried, but, as the now lamented Ex-Governor Drake afterwards sold out to the Wabash Railroad we were relieved of the tax burden. The survey was completed and work commenced in 1881. The town of Tingley was platted by the "Town Site Company" the same year, purchasing the land from Avenell Brothers, C.E. Perkins, ex-president of the Burlington System, signing all deeds and contracts.

First Store

The first store building in Tingley, which still remains on the southwest corner of Main and Jefferson streets, was moved across the prairie from old Eugene, a trading point, post office, and church and cemetery, two and one-half miles west and one mile north of Tingley. George Swain was the owner and mover and kept his store open during all the days of its "pilgrimage." This was the fall of 1881. George Swain was the first merchant of the town. He still lives within its corporate limits, is one of the leading taxpayers, and president of the schoolboard.



George Swain

Courtesy Clair Hoyer Collection

First Train

The construction train blew its first whistle in Tingley September 18, 1882. Since then we have had daily trains except when detained by the elements of nature. We have now and then used Knute Nelson's "adjectives" when they have not come up to our idea of time, but they got here just the same.

Politics, Schools, Churches

Politically the township has always been Republican

two to one, and the post office department will attest that Tingley is not behind in the amount of mail matter received to any like area in the country — a stonger proof of the intelligence of her citizens than any words I can write. We old settlers remember how well-stuffed the old mail pouch used to be on the weekly horse trip back across the prairie to the office at Sheldon's, when the patrons were few and far between; some difference now when we have three mails daily—a "Star Route" from Afton at 9:30 a.m., one from the west at 1:45 p.m., and one from the east at 4:16 p.m., bringing Chicago daily papers printed the same day.

When the Township School Board was organized in 1871, I was elected school treasurer and have handled the school funds ever since. I do not mention this to compliment the intelligence of the people, but as an example of tenacity in holding public office. In school matters, Tingley has always kept up with the times. As the different districts settled up, schoolhouses were built till we had our full complement of nine—one for every two square miles. When the town of Tingley was strong enough, District No. 6 was made the Independent District of Tingley and now we have a graded school of six rooms. Many of the more advanced scholars of the rural district are proving its advantage.

The town is well supplied with churches. The United Presbyterians, with a membership of 209, have a good house of worship and parsonage, both worth about \$5,000.00. The Christian Church has a membership of 165, with church, fixtures, and lot costing over \$5,000.00. The Methodist Church is an older building and not so large, but the parsonage and grounds make up the deficiency. The membership of this charge is 130. Since the days of the "pioneer circuit rider", the Methodist Church has always made its ministers do the driving instead of the members. This in a measure accounts for the light membership here, as there are two charges besides this church under the same pastorate.

Young in years, though the township is, she has sent her citizens to fill places of honor and trust, both in county and state. The Hon. John Coie and the writer have represented the county in the State Legislature, as did Capt. A. Johnston and Rev. Wm. Brown from across the line in the adjoining township. To the sacred calling of the Gospel, she has sent four of her sons—W.B. and E.A. Gillis and Ross Henderson, one at least with a D.D. attached to his name. Rev. John Henderson, of the United Presbyterian Church.

Tingley Admirably Located

Tingley is located in the famous "Blue Grass" region of southern Iowa, mostly a high rolling prairie. The soil is rich black loam. It is unsurpassed for agricultural purposes and stock raising, especially as a grass producing country, pasturing as many cattle to the acre as any like area anywhere and making timothy seed one of our great exports, sending many carloads from our station every year.

We conclude that such a country, dotted over with good homes filled with contented, intelligent people, are ready with their means to keep up these landmarks of the highest type of civilization — the schoolhouse and church. Certainly for such, none but a pessimist would portend anything but a bright future.

EARLY HISTORY BY O.C. HOUSE

From Mount Ayr *Record-News*, August 27, 1931
(Heyer Archival Files)



O.C. House Family
Clair Heyer Collection

The new railroad from Humeston to Clarinda will have a station with that name and the grade is ready, although the rails are laid only as far as Grand River east. There was some difficulty about the land which was to be the townsite, but the trouble was removed and a townsite company bought the land and had it surveyed and streets and alleys laid out; thus, the town of Tingley was established, although the railroad did not get here until the following fall.

About the first store building was built in October 1881 by Howland and McCreight, who came from Promise City. Their store building was located on the lot where Wm. S. Breckenridge's store now stands. The firm carried a general stock of merchandise.

Among the first buildings was George Swain's, moved from Eugene to the corner where Hicks store now stands. Dr. T.P. Asbury moved his drugstore from Eugene about the same time and located on the north side of main street.

Dr. L.E. St. John built a store building on the lots now owned by John Frazer on the south side of main street. Garvey and Dilley built a room about the same time and put in a stock of furniture. Both buildings burned down about 1883 or 1884. The doctor then built on the north side of the street where O.W. Roush's drugstore is located.

Before the railroad came to town, goods were hauled by team from Mount Ayr.

The Becker Hotel, built just east of Hall's Hardware store, also was destroyed by fire.

Willis Karr built a fine hotel building on the corner where the Tingley service station now stands. It also burned.

Until the town was incorporated in 1884, like all new towns, it sometimes ran wild. I have lived in Tingley when there were three saloons running day and night. Prohibition may not always prohibit, but it drove these hell holes out of our fair city for good.

Before the town was started, there were several surveys made for a line north and south; one passed

between Lent's garage and the Christian Church, and the other was east of town about one-half mile. Survey stakes were driven, but nothing further developed.

When the town was incorporated, it had a population of 392. At this time there were two lumber yards, one harness shop, one grocery, three general stores, one hardware, one drugstore, a meat market, one law office, one hotel, a farm implement store, one blacksmith shop, a furniture store, one paint shop, and one livery stable.

The town has had its ups and downs. At one time fire destroyed every building on the north side of main street from the opera house to the Vindicator office.

Messrs. Garvey and Dilley have the honor of building the first storeroom in the new town for Howland and McCreight. The first buildings in town were placed on wooden blocks; later rock was hauled from down on Grand River.

When the town started, there were only two houses inside the corporation—one just south of the depot occupied by N.L. Marshall, and one where T.W. Darbyshire lives just north of the Methodist Church occupied by Pat Dempsey.

At one time there were four church buildings in town—Presbyterian, Baptist, Christian, and Methodist. For awhile church and Sunday School meetings were held in the Center School just east of town.

The first school was upstairs over the drugstore of V.D. Cowles where Roush's drugstore is now. It was taught by Jessie Godfrey.

We well remember when the rails were laid in Tingley, late summer or early fall of 1882. It seems as if everyone living in the township was here, making it seem like the Fourth of July. This was about the 18th of September, 1882.

After the town was incorporated in 1884, the first elected officers were: mayor — C.C. Bosworth; councilmen — John Haver, Pete Graber, J.J. McCreight, Levi Knapp, Levi Howland, and Jim Parrish; recorder — F.A. Boggs; marshal — John Hixon; street commissioner — W.A. Graham; treasurer — John Haver.

As we remember, Dave McGreevey was the first section foreman on the Tingley section. He was later promoted to road master.

Although nearly destroyed by fire several times, Tingley is still on the map and celebrating its 50th anniversary of existence.



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NEVER A DULL MOMENT, 1882 — 1884

"Tingley Items" and other news stories in the Mount Ayr Ringgold Record, 1880-1884, in addition to the John Blauer scrapbook items from the Mount Ayr paper called The Onward, 1878-1882, reflect the energy, optimism, and enthusiasm of Tingley's first citizens as they created the new community. The Tingley column in the Ringgold Record had several headings, such as, "Tingley Hash," and were signed "Fer Ment" or "Turn Table" — probably all written by O.C. House, with his light hearted style and frequently flippant perspective. Space prevents reprinting the complete items, but the following résumés suggest the prevailing mood.

1878

Corn sold at 10¢ a bushel. "Tingley Center" School (located across the road north of the present Charles Case home) opened with Fannie Calfee as teacher. Methodist Church Sunday School was held at the schoolhouse but closed for the winter. School No. 8, teacher Julia Galloway. C.C. Bosworth set up a feed mill in connection with his cheese factory. Corn sold at 15¢ a bushel hauled to Afton. There have been 1,000 acres of prairie broken in Tingley Township in the last year. School No. 8 closed for the winter. Land in Jefferson Township is selling for \$10 to \$20 an acre. Since the sale, some people have been blazing trees not quite on the line—probably for the purpose of claiming them and the land at some future time.

1879

March 27 — Ben Lorimor and James Price are starting new houses. Ben Asbury bought the Carson land. C.C. Bosworth is Ringgold County Representative to the Lower House of the General Assembly. Lots of flax is being sown in Tingley Township. Railroad interest is being worked up.

October 1 — Lots of diphtheria deaths.

1880

Building is being done on country homes. Johnston and Drake have bought a corn sheller. The border city of Eugene is to lose its merchant, George Swain, to Tingley. The new county bridge has been completed near the east line of Tingley Township. Hugh Breckenridge is building an addition to his home.

April — Among new arrivals is a baby boy at Tapps. Mr. Snyder has arrived and is breaking prairie and has built a stable. His house will be built this fall.

Spring — Oats are light, wheat is good, flax making 10 to 12 bushel per acre. Wm. Smith and Miss Mc Reynolds of Union Co. were married by Rev. G.C. Nixon. W.B. Starke finished building a house for M. Mariner just over the Liberty Township line. Garvey and Dilley built one for Emmons Berry. We still have excitement caused by an occasional visit from the C.B. & Q. No. 8 School. Gusta Zurich, teacher; Price School, Fannie Calfee; Center School, Miss Snyder.

1881

March — John Stafford is building a new home. Fred Blauer, wife and children, Will, Fred, John, and Edith, have bought three eighties south of No. 8 schoolhouse.

They are putting up corn cribs and a stable and will build a house this fall.

May — C.K. Grimes has the finest ornamental door yard in Tingley. Corn is still in the field ungathered. Too wet a winter and spring. Wheat is a failure, also buckwheat and flax.

August 10 — Surveys began last fall for the "Drake" line called the Mo., Iowa, Nebr. R.R. and our township was called upon for a 5% tax to aid in building a road. It failed. Work on the C.B. & Q. branch railroad is progressing. Forty to fifty teams are at work in Sec. 22. The difficulties in regard to the location of Tingley town have been satisfactorily settled and we are to have a station as originally planned. Blauer, Harris, Atwood, and Romkey put down new brick wells.

November — No rain since the May 30th flood when bridges were washed out. Corn and oats are wanted for teams working on the railroad. Corn is scarce so they are offering 50¢ a bushel. George Swain has completed his moving over from Eugene and is building a home.

November 5 — Henry Morrison has rented the Mrs. S. Berry farm. Wm. Tapp bought 120 acres in Sec. 34. Jake Frane and W.K. Peckham have bought near the Center schoolhouse. The new railroad from Humeston to Clarinda will have a station by the name of Tingley; the grade is ready and rails are laid as far as Grand River east. Due to town site troubles, the streets and alleys were not laid out until the Town Site Co. bought the land and had it surveyed.

November 16 — A youthful but ambitious town is coming to the top. The town has five business houses, a doctor, a road master, and probably next week a Justice of the Peace or Mayor will be duly installed. Here in Iowa, out on the prairie, on the grand divide between the Platte and Grand Rivers, stands a town, fresh and new — not a street gutter — and on level ground with virgin sod of the prairies in the roadway. No plow has ever run a furrow in the town. News in and around the town is one of cheerful prospects. This town will soon have all that is left of Eugene, a good village on the road from Mt. Ayr to Afton. Tingley laid the foundation for a \$1200.00 Methodist Church a few days ago by subscribing \$400.00 to start with.

December — Mr. McCreight and Mr. Howland are the new store keepers and doing a good business. Dr. James Nichol is our new Doctor. Sam England has bought land in Tingley Township.

1882

February — Henry Morrison and Julia Galloway were married by Rev. Brown; Henry Breckenridge and Lou Morrison; L.P. Berry and Edna Ryan were married by Rev. G.J. Nixon.

April 13 — Tingley is booming: 21 dwellings and business houses, plus a number of stables, 2 dry good stores, 2 lumber yards, 2 agricultural establishments, 1 restaurant, 2 carpenter firms, 1 livery and feed barn, 1 blacksmith, 1 hardware and another coming, and 1 other store about finished.

Tingley school board allows \$165 per district for teaching during the coming year, except Dist. 5 which gets \$175.

The May 18, 1882 Ringgold Record has an article, "Tingley — A Visit to the Lively Little City to the North" that gives a detailed account of the businesses that were in the town at the time. For those interested, the complete article is on microfilm at the Mt. Ayr Public Library.

Tingley contains a population of perhaps 100 souls, and has some 40 business and dwelling houses.

Law and bickerings are unknown.

With corn up to 80 cents, and all feed scarce, we understand why the road has not been finished and the steam cow is so tardy in whistling her tune over the prairies and on to the west; but with good crops this season, she will come through with a rush.

May 25 — Doctors are "begging" — no sickness. Boggs & Carmichael come in with a meat market.

June 22 — Dr. St. John laying foundation for a new building.

June 29 — Dr. St. John building an addition to his block of buildings.

July 13 — Mr. Camp is the new French butcher. (Regarding July 4th celebration) "After the livery was exhausted and all had left that could get conveyances, the rest of the businessmen set in for a good old time. Most prominent features were the flying of kites of which John Haver and Chas. Swain took the broom"... grand display of fireworks in the evening...referred to climax of burning a dog, but this proved to be a cotton toy dog.

July 13 — Teams continue to arrive in large numbers and track laying is in operation all along the line.

July 20 — John Rowell now occupying new store. Grabber & Toothaker bought the Kelley building and opened a new store. A Mr. Baker of Creston is opening a restaurant in the St. John's block.

July 27 — There is an occasional dog fight or foot race on the street, but no serious calamity.

August 3 — Burke opens a hotel. Attorney James M. Ray will locate here. A shoemaker is in town.

September 14 — The cars have come! The first train came in on the 9th and there was a lively time. A rousing bonfire and 40 guns made the evening grand. (John Blauer's notes say the first construction train came into Tingley on September 13, 1882. Until the railroad came to town, goods were hauled by team from Mount Ayr and Afton. Stone was hauled from Winterset.)

September 21 — A drunken railroader broke a showcase at Cowles' Drugstore. A dozen or more carloads of lumber are on the tracks for Tingley.

September 28 — Fire burns many business houses: Dr. St. John's drugstore and residence (combination building), John Rowell's Harness Shop, Kelly & Dilley Furniture, Carmichael's Boarding House.

Mr. Ellis's new restaurant has marble-top tables. His English cook is "Honest John."

October 5 — Depot finished, 24 x 60, "one of the best on the line." H & S ready to take shipments. Express agency opened with O.G. Baughman agent. (Hereafter, several items reflect shipping activity.) J. Haver shipped oats to Peoria. Avenell Brothers shipped first load of livestock to Monmouth, Illinois. Beard & Son received load of lime for plastering, etc.

Track layers and graders have gone—now at Conway.



Courtesy Evelyn England

A big demand for lumber..."Boom, boom, boom. The rattle of hammers, whirring of saws, and crashes of lumber are heard in all parts of our town. Buildings are going up like mushrooms in the night. All is chaos and confusion in our lumber yards. Our lumber men hardly know which way to turn—almost every turn of their heel some energetic and wide-awake man will shove a lumber bill in their faces with the pleasant demand to fill it at once. Let the good work go on and let our motto be, 'Never flinch or turn back.' Sooner or later we will have one of the most prosperous little cities in western Iowa..."

Asbury moved his store to Tingley from Eugene.

October 12 — Tingley Christians plan to build in east part of town. Asbury moving his house from Eugene. Nelsher moved his photo gallery to Tingley from Grand River. Parrish & Taylor building a 24x60 two-story store building.

November 9 — Beard & Son sold out to C.C. Bosworth and Sheldon.

November 16 — W.S. Camp sold his interest in the Carmichael Meat Market and is opening a new one in his hotel.

November 30 — Mr. Wines moving into his new store. (In 1886 Wines is listed as a shoe shop; also McClaskey & Wines, barbers.) Tingley to have a newspaper, by Gettinger. Sadie Pease and Ruth Nichol to start a millinery and dressmaking shop.

December 7 — "Four dogs to every person...but cats are scarce." Howland Hotel doing OK. Coon adding a wagon shop.

1883

March 29 — New buildings: Dr. St. John, drug store and public hall upstairs; Tingley House (Hotel) enlarged; Bemer of Afton, implements; Knapp, implements; Ida Dutcher, millinery; Johnson of Eugene, building barber shop by the Depot House; Hixon is new carpenter.

April 12 — Ed Burleigh joined the editorial staff of the Mt. Ayr Journal, which offers to loan their devils to other nearby papers.

1884

February 21 — Brennan's Saloon moved off Main Street. Chas. Hayes remodeling hotel—now the Commercial House.

Rail Workers Turn Tingley Into "Wild West Town"

And Other Reminiscences by Frank B. Sheldon

From Mr. Sheldon's letter in 1954 in response to an invitation to the 50th anniversary of the Tingley State Savings Bank. Mr. Sheldon's role in the bank's organization is included in the bank's history.

I hope you will pardon me for referring to early history, not only of the bank, but of Tingley Township and your town.

In the early 80's when the railroad came through the county from Humeston to Shenandoah, the question of the townsite was considered. The railroad company wanted to locate a station where Tingley now stands. The land was owned by non-residents, the Avenell brothers, Charles and Jim, who thought they could make some easy money. Jim Avenell lived near Eugene, his brother Charles in Illinois, and the land was owned by some people in Michigan. The Avenells slipped up to Michigan and bought the 400 acres and then asked the railroad as much for 80 as they paid for the 400 acres. The railroad or townsite company said they would not locate the station on that land, but on farther west. The result was to get the townsite company to locate where the town now is. The Avenells had to give the company 80 acres to get them to locate there.

At that time the post office was on my father's farm, five miles northeast of Tingley, so he volunteered to have the office moved to Tingley on the railroad. The town of Tingley was named after the original post office in Union County, about two miles east of our home, and was named after Tingley Cornwall, who operated the office when it was first established. He sold his farm and moved west. The post office was then moved to my father's farm and kept there until it was moved to Tingley.

George Swain, who was operating a store in Eugene at the time the railroad came, moved his store to Tingley, was appointed postmaster, and asked my father if

he could take me to help run the post office. He gave his consent and, although I was only 16 years old, I had helped run and look after the office when it was on our farm.

The railroad was completed when I was with Mr. Swain. Two sets of men that were building the railroad, one from the east and one from the west, met in Tingley and were there for some time waiting to be sent to some other location. There was a druggist here named Dr. St. John who sold liquor to the lads. One day a few of them had too much liquor. Each bunch had a dog and the dogs got into a fight in the street near Swain's store; soon the men started a fight and all that day sure was a "Wild West". The railroad fellows rode up and down the street shooting off revolvers and started to take over the town. Tingley had no police, but things got so rough toward evening that Mr. Swain sent his brother out to John Coie's, justice of the peace 3 miles north of Tingley, to swear in three men as officers. However, after a lot of fights, the business men had St. John leave his store and lock it up, so they could not get any more liquor. That night the drugstore was set on fire, supposedly by the railroad bunch. Anyway, it burned not only the drugstore but Rowells harness shop, a furniture store, and hotel, all on the south side of the street east of Swain's store. As there was no fire department then, they tried to save what they could by carrying stuff out of the building. Then the railroad bunch stole a lot of harness and other things and carried them to their tents where they were living. The next morning Swain sent a man to Mt. Ayr by horseback for the sheriff. They searched the tents and found most of the stolen property and arrested about six of the ringleaders. Then the railroad boss got busy and moved the crew out. It was a wild time, and I am sure that nothing like it happened in Ringgold County before or after.

Business and Professional People-Firms, 1882 and 1886

From *Ringgold County Historical Record*, Lewis Publishing Co., 1887, and several miscellaneous sources.
(Heyer archival files).

1882

J.E. Ray, attorney
Levi Coon, blacksmith
C.C. Bosworth, coal
R.E. Burke, contractor
V.D. Coles, druggist
Garvey & Dilley, furniture
George Swain, genl. mdse. & postmaster
John Haver, general store
Howland & McCreight, store
O.C. House, general store
John Kelly, grocer
Parish & Taylor, hardware
John Rowell, harness
Becker Hotel
J.I. Berry, livery stable
J.R. & W.L. Embree, lumber
J. Gettinger, *Times* newspaper
L.E. St. John, physician

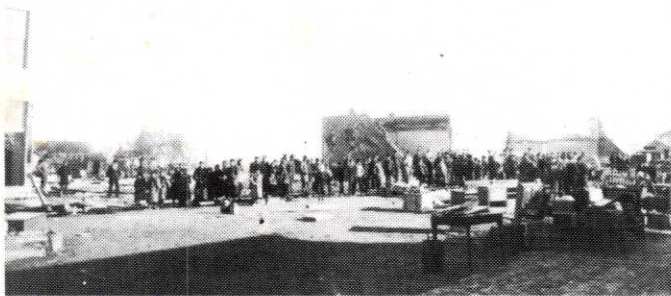
About 1886

L.O. McKinley, attorney
D.B. Alley, barber
McClaskey & Wines, barbers
J.M. Dunbar, clothing
Levi Coon, blacksmith
C.C. Bosworth, coal
Estell & Metters, contractors
Mrs. E.E. Edgington, dressmaking
James Nichol, physician
R.W. Selby, physician and druggist
T.P. Asbury, druggist
House & Carney, implements
E.A. Elder, furniture
George Swain, general mdse.
John Haver, general mdse.
Jones & Wilcox, general mdse.
T.A. Fisher, general mdse.
J.J. McCreight, grain buyer

Garside & Son, hardware
Willis Karr — Pacific House hotel
J.R. Stewart, jewelry
E.N. DeWitt, livery stable
Peter Smith, livery stable
C.H. Ennis, lumber
Chas. Carmichael, meat market
Mrs. Sadie Johnson, millinery
John Haver, postmaster
Mrs. S.E. Pease, postmaster
Miss Maggie Pollock, deputy postmaster
E.M. Stevens, restaurant
George P. Hale, railroad agent
John Wines, shoe shop
Gertrude Miller, teacher
Mary Gray, teacher



Picture taken after the fire of 1894 — facing west. *Courtesy Clair Heyer Collection*



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Destroyed By Fire The Entire North Side Of The Business Portion Of Tingley In Ashes — Opera House Saved.

**In All About \$60,000 Dollars Worth Of Property Is Destroyed —
The Stocks Mostly Saved — the Origin
A Terrible Calamity**

Ringgold Record — December 6, 1894

Early Tuesday morning news of a serious fire at Tingley reached this city and the Record at once hurried a special representative to the scene of devastation, little dreaming that the dreaded Fire King had wrought such desolation to our fair sister city as met his gaze upon arriving into town. Goods of all sorts and descriptions were piled promiscuously along Main Street and streets leading therefrom, while the smoldering ashes and blackened debris told — alas, too well — the horrible truth. The people of the afflicted city were busy in housing the goods which were left shelterless by the terrible element, but not too busy to speak in glowing terms of the manly part played by all the citizens of Tingley in Monday night's awful drama.

At about 10:30 p.m. as Mr. J.H. Nelson, who was with R.J. Wilson in Nelson's hardware store, looked in the direction of Hancock & Lee's general store, he saw smoke issuing from the rear end of same and at once gave the alarm and was joined by J.W. Asbury and others who had been chatting in Asbury's drug store. The hook and ladder truck was procured and the entire city alarmed and everyone set to work with a will. The

flames ran westward from the place of origin to John Haver's general store and from there to the clothing store of C.E. Hammans where, it was hoped by the citizens, it could be checked, as the next building was the Tingley bank which was constructed of brick, but alas for the hopes of the gallant workers, the rear end of Asbury's drug store, which projected further to the north than the bank building, was soon in flames, thereby conveying the fire to the building owned by Dr. Asbury and occupied by Mr. Martin as a jewelry store, and from there to Asbury's residence, thence to D.D. Bosworth's building which was located the office of Dr. Killingsworth and the government post office. This brought the flames to the furniture store of W.M. Barkhuff, which was also consumed, but by dint of hard work, the ravages of the fire in this direction was checked and Tingley's pride, the new opera house, was saved.

While the attention of the majority of the workers was given to the above mentioned points of the conflagration the flames had leaped across the street east to a frame building owned by C.H. Jones and which stood

partially in the street. From there they swept everything before them, including the new two-story brick owned by Mr. Jones, a vacant building belonging to the Misses Schneider, Elder Bros.' drug store, which was also the office of Dr. Hannely, MaHaffey's harness shop, the second floor of which was occupied by Mrs. Edgington as a dressmaking establishment, Bennett's barber shop and Richard's restaurant, until it reached the dwelling house of Mrs. W.R. Peckham, where by the use of dampened carpets torn from the floors the destroyer was conquered, thus saving the City Hotel. Dr. Killingsworth's dwelling, directly north of Mrs. Peckham's, was saved in the same manner.

Long before the fire had reached its greatest height, the citizens concluded that, with their limited facilities for fire fighting, it would be useless to undertake to get it under complete control and turned their attention to the saving of the numerous stocks of goods, which they did with a fair measure of success, with the possible exception of the stock of Hancock & Lee which was completely lost. To the fair daughters of Tingley, too much praise cannot be given for their noble efforts towards the saving of property; they working side and side to the sturdy brothers for the salvation of their beautiful city.

In all, twenty buildings were consumed including eighteen business buildings, McNeil's livery stable and Dr. Asbury's residence, besides four smaller barns and numerous outbuildings.

The utter hopelessness of fighting fire without an adequate water supply will be impressed on the minds of the business men not only of Tingley, but her neighboring cities as well; and when the fact becomes known to the citizens of Mt. Ayr that the Missouri combine insurance has made a very material increase in the rates at Grant City, owing to her limited water supply, active steps will no doubt be taken looking toward the construction of a complete system of water works at this place.

The Origin of the Fire

Little or nothing is known of the origin of the fire, although several advanced the idea to the Record reporter that it was the work of miscreants. This view was strengthened by the fact of the fire at Knowlton having occurred about four hours later. The fact that considerable thieving was indulged in during the continuance of the conflagration also adds weight to the theory, as does also the numerous burglaries which have been occurring in this and adjoining counties within the past few weeks.

Losses

Below will be found a synopsis of the property values and amount of insurance carried by the Tingley sufferers as given by the various losers to the Record representative:

W.M. Barkhuff, furniture; value stock, \$800; value building, \$800; insurance on stock, \$800.

D.L. Bosworth, landlord; building occupied by post office and Dr. Killingsworth, valued at \$800; insured for \$500.

Dr. Killingsworth, loss at office and house, about \$150; no insurance.

Miss Pollock, Post Mistress; loss light.

T.P. Asbury values residence, store building and stock at \$3500; insured for \$1800.

Tingley Bank, loss on building \$2700; insured for \$1500. The safe was found to be safe and the vault was found to be uninjured.

C.E. Hammans, clothing stock, valued at \$5000; insured for \$3000.

Building occupied by Hammans was owned by Josiah Lorimor of Lorimor and M.W. Vance of Afton, was valued at \$800; amount of insurance could not be ascertained.

John Haver, values stock at \$9000, building at \$1800; insurance \$3000.

Hancock & Lee lose \$4000; insured for \$2500.

J.V. McNeil, values barn at \$1000, and was insured for \$300. He also lost sleighs, robes and feed to the amount of \$200, which was not insured.

C.H. Jones, values frame building at \$1000, brick at \$5000 and stock at \$7000, about one-third of the latter was saved. Mr. Jones will probably feel the loss more severely than the others, as he carried no insurance whatever.

Elder Bros.' stock was valued at \$80 and building at \$1000; insurance on both, \$1900.

J.C. Mahaffey lost on stock about \$200. The entire stock being insured for \$400.

Mrs. Edgington loses about \$100 on household goods.

E.M. Bennett, loss on building, \$700; insurance, \$400. Household goods and stock were saved.

Mr. Martin's loss on jewelry was covered by insurance.

The above does not give an estimate of the losses on all the stock, for the reason that at the early hour at which the Record man visited Tingley a comprehensive idea of the amount of damage in that direction could not be gained.

Stray Sparks

Mrs. Peckham, an old lady of sixty-five years, received considerable praise for the incessant manner in which she labored carrying water and other articles until the fire was in subjugation.

The fire had spent its force by 2 a.m. and guards were put out to watch the sparks and look after the goods.

T.P. Asbury and Elder Bros. talk of rebuilding at once.

Hon. C.C. Bosworth was busy as a bee Tuesday figuring out how much the companies represented by him would have to "dough up."

N.A. Parker, Mt. Ayr's hustling insurance man, was looking at the ruins Tuesday.

Maxwell, the photographer, was gazing at the debris through his camera bright and early Tuesday.

John Haver was just as jolly with the reporter as if he had never seen a fire.

The clothing stock of C.E. Hammans and the furniture of W.M. Barkhuff is stored in the east room under the opera house.

John Haver moved his goods to the Galloway building across the street, while the post office has pre-empted part of the Vindicator sanctum.

Receipt for Rheumatism

Fluid extract of Dandelion ½ oz.

Compound of Karagon 1 oz.

Compound of Sarsaparilla 3 oz.

Mix and take 1 teaspoon after meals and bedtime

Drink plenty of water.

1894 — Tingley Fire

This tragic fire inspired a local poet (unknown) to pen this poem.
 Courtesy Evelyn England

Tingley's Disaster

December 4th, at 11 o'clock,
 Tingley received a mighty shock,
 The first thing that R.J. Wilson did see,
 Was a smoke in the store of Hancock & Lee,
 The citizens were sleeping in sweet repose,
 But when the alarm sounded they hustled on their
 clothes;
 And like a great army, they fought the flames,
 But soon saw their efforts were almost in vain.
 With terrific power this mighty flame,
 At Haver & Co. did take its aim.
 The citizens know for them to do right,
 Was to carry out goods with all their might.
 They carried them out by the yard and by the box.
 And even down to a bunch of cotton socks.
 At Haver & Co the fire did roar,
 And soon got ahold on Hamman's store
 Elmer and Cloud with an unusual hustle,
 Handled their clothing with a double shuffle.
 From Hamman's store it went to the Bank,
 And soon, with the rest of the buildings, it sank.
 The Bank's catching fire there was no check;
 It left T.P. Asbury's in total wreck.
 The post office, Killingsworth's office, the Furniture
 store and all.
 It wended its way westward, toward the Opera Hall.
 The Opera was saved with the greatest of pride,

And then their attention they turned to the east side,
 From Hancock and Lee's this fire did steal,
 And caught in the barn of J.V. McNeil
 J. and both of the boys were about,
 And hustled those horses and buggies right out.
 Out of the south the wild wind came,
 Bearing on this mighty flame.
 On to Jones's two story brick,
 It was consumed and that, mighty quick.
 From Jones's to Schneiders the fire did go,
 And burned that building begolly, your know;
 From Schneiders to Elders drug store
 swept on this terrible fire,
 To destroy everything in town, seemed to be its desire.
 From Elders to the Harness shop,
 It seemed to be that it would never stop.
 By this time the fire its strength had proved,
 And Bennett for safe quarters proceeded to move,
 On to the restaurant it pursued its course,
 And burned that building in spite of the force.
 But here the citizens were not to be beat,
 For they saved a building within twenty-five feet,
 The citizens though discouraged by the plight they
 are in,
 Are proceeding to build up Tingley again
 The carpenters are busy doing their best,
 On four new buildings, all going up in abreast.

Taken From A County Atlas of 1895 or 1896

Courtesy Edna Dolson, Winterset, Iowa

Tingley Town		No. in Family			No. in Family			No. in Family
Archibold, Frank	Laborer	0	Culp, E.J.	Blacksmith	9	Gray, Harriet	Teacher	0
Archibold, Geo.	Laborer	0	Curtis, E.A.	Retired	5	Gray, J.R.	Teacher	0
Archibold, James	Farmer	0	Curtis, Major	Barber	0	Gray, Mrs. Margaret	Housekeeper	5
Archibold, John	Retired Farmer	8	Dempsey, Patrick	Laborer	1	Haight, Mrs. Mary A.	Housekeeper	2
Asbury, Benj.	Retired	3	Dewitt, E.N.	Horse Trainer	4	Hale, Geo. P.	Station Agent	5
Asbury, B.F.	Painter	5	Elder, A.S.	Implement Dealer	0	Hamilton, D.D.	Plasterer	3
Asbury, Frank	Painter	3	Elder, Arch	Harness Maker	0	Hammans, G.E.	Clothier	2
Asbury, J.W.	Drug Clerk	0	Elder, C. Joyce	Milliner	0	Hammans & Co.	Clothiers	0
Asbury, T.P.	Druggist	5	Elder, Electa	Clerk	0	Hancock, A.T.	Real Estate	3
Atwood, Enoch	Retired	2	Elder, Matthew	Butter Maker	6	Hancox, A.	Clergyman	7
Atwood, J.J.	Lumber Dealer	8	Elder, Thos.	Creamery	5	Hannelly, M.F.	Physician	2
Atwood & Frane	Lumber Yard	0	Elder, W.A.	Harness and Impl's	7	Haver, C.C.	Grain Dealer	2
Ball, F.E.	Teacher	2	Elder, W.E.	Druggist and Att'y	7	Haver, John	Post Master	2
Ball, R.E.	Blacksmith	1	Elder, W.E. & A.W.	Druggists	0	Henderson, John	Retired	2
Barkhuff, W.M.	Furniture	4	Ferguson, H.W.	Clerk	1	Henderson, J.D.	Clerk	2
Bastow, Alice	Milliner	1	Fletcher, L.M.	Retired	5	Henderson, Lola	Teacher	0
Baxter, John	Retired	3	Foster, T.J.	Tinner	2	Henderson, R.A.	Miller	5
Beatty, Fred	Lather	0	Fouser, W.D.	Hotel	7	Henry, Mable	Milliner	1
Beatty, Geo.	Butcher	5	Frane, Frank	Lumber Dealer	4	Henry & Bastow	Milliners	0
Bennett, E.M.	Barber	4	Fraser, Wm.	Retired Farmer	2	Hinsdill, L.R.	Physician	3
Bennie, Robt.	Real Estate	4	Freeman, Ina	Teacher	1	Hogue, Ralph	Laborer	1
Bennie & Freeman	Real Estate	0	Fullerton, J.W.	Retired	6	House, Mrs. E.C.	Housekeeper	1
Berry, J.I.	Livery Hand	3	Galloway Bros.	Real Estate	0	Hullinger, J.R.	Laborer	2
Bosworth, C.C.	Insurance	4	Galloway, J.I.	Banker	9	Immerzeel, G.Q.	Gardener	3
Bosworth, D.L.	Retired	3	Galloway, R.E.	Barber	0	Kalkas, Henry	Section Hand	5
Boyce, G.D.	Section Hand	2	Galloway, Samuel	Retired	5	Kalkas, Joseph	Section Hand	1
Breckenridge, Hugh	Retired Farmer	2	Galloway, W.G.	Cashier	4	Karr, Wm.	Retired	2
Burns, Isaac	Section Hand	4	Garside, Edward	Tinner	1	Killingsworth, D.C.	Medical Student	1
Campbell, Wm. A.	Retired Farmer	2	Giles, Mrs. Ann	Housekeeper	2	Killingsworth, D.H.	Physician	4
Clough, Joseph	Ass't Cashier	1	Gray, Byron	Farmer	0	Lanham, L.M.	Farmer	4
Confer, Jacob	Wagon Maker	5	Gray, E.E.	Blacksmith	3	Lathrop, H.G.	Livery	3

		No. in Family
Tingley Town continued		
Lee, A.	Retired	2
Lee, A.O.	Racket Store	2
Lee & Noble	Department Store	0
Long, John	Drayman	2
Lorimor, M.C.	Retired	3
Mahaffey, Blanche	Teacher	0
Mahaffey, J.C.	Harness Maker	5
Marshall, John	Laborer	0
Marshall, Mrs. M.A.	Housekeeper	4
McClelland, S.G.	Farmer	3
McClelland, W.W.	Retired	4
McClure, John	Laborer	8
McCoy, Joseph	Carpenter	2
McCreight, J.J.	Merchant	0
McDowell, J.W.	Stock Dealer	3
McDowell, Roy	Laborer	0
McGugin, B.F.	Retired	4
McNeil, E.E.	Livery	4
McNeil, J.V.	Livery	4
McNeil & Lathrop	Livery	0
Miller, Cecil	Merchant	5
Miller, E.M.	Grain Dealer	3
Miller, Gertrude	Teacher	0
Miller & Mitchell	Merchants	0
Mitchell, F.W.	Merchant	2
Montgomery, James	Carpenter	6
Moreland, D.M.	Retired	3
Morrison, Mrs. Amanda	Housekeeper	2
Nelson, J.H.	Merchant	9

		No. in Family
Nichol, C.V.	Hardware	2
Nichol, Elder	Laborer	0
Nichol, Joseph	Carpenter	5
Nichol, M.O.	Clerk	4
Noble, C.A.	Merchant	5
O'Hare, Stephen	Section Foreman	1
Palmer, I.A.	Retired	4
Pease, Mabel	Typo.	0
Peckham, Mrs. Chas.	Housekeeper	4
Peckham, Mrs. Kate	Housekeeper	1
Penick, W.B.	Stock Dealer	5
Pierce, L.E.	Livery	5
Pollock, Frank	Farmer	0
Pollock, J.A.	Retired Farmer	5
Pollock, M.A.	Deputy Postmaster	2
Pollock, Wm.	Wagon Maker	3
Purviance, J.	Real Estate	2
Reed, D.H.	Hotel	3
Reffner, Joseph	Farmer	4
Richardson, R.J.	Restaurant	3
Richey, G.W.	Lumber	4
Robinson, J.A.	Stone Mason	4
Russell, Ed.	Laborer	5
Ryan, John	Section Foreman	1
Sayre, Mrs. Anna	Milliner	1
Scott, Helen	Dressmaker	1
Shay, Luke	Real Estate	2
Shay, Mrs. Rena	Clerk	2

		No. in Family
Sherman, E.D.	Hardware	2
Smith, John	Shoemaker	1
Smith, John	Carpenter	3
Smith, Wm. C.	Poultry Dealer	5
Speck, A.	Retired	1
Speck, C.B.	Drayman	5
Speck, D.R.	Plasterer	2
Sprinkle, Geo.	Retired	2
Stevens, W.S.	Retired	2
Stewart, A.R.	Laborer	0
Stewart, E.M.	Teacher	0
Stewart, Frank	Farmer	6
Stewart, W.W.	Auctioneer	6
Swain, Geo.	Farmer	7
Syddall, Wm.	Laborer	1
Thompson, D.B.	Drayman	3
Tingley Bank	Banking	0
Tucker, W.M.	Retired	3
Watsabaugh, D.W.	Publ. Vincicator	2
Wilcox, Joseph	Retired Farmer	2
Williamson, John	Clergyman	5
Wilson, Elmer	Real Estate	0
Wilson, John	Laborer	5
Wilson, R.J.	Lumber	6
Young, Lizzie	Milliner	1
Total in Tingley Town		482
Total in Tingley township, including town of Tingley		1115

Rural Tingley — 1895 or 1896

		No. in Family
Anderson, D.M.	NE Farmer	4
Anderson, Mrs. S.E.	W Farmer	5
Askren, L.T.	N Farmer	3
Baker, E.E.	SE Farmer	4
Baker	SW Farmer	4
Bell, C.S.	NW Farmer	3
Berry, E.	NW Farmer	7
Bierma, D.H.	NE Farmer	9
Blauer, Frederick	S Fine Stock	5
Blauer, Frederick, Jr.	S Farmer	0
Blauer, Wm.	S Farmer	0
Boling, G.E.	S Farmer	4
Border, Ernest	S Farmer	0
Border, Herbert	S Farmer	0
Border, L.A.	S Farmer	8
Boyd, H.R.	N Farmer	4
Boyd, John	NW Farmer	4
Breckenridge, H.E.	SW Farmer	5
Bretz, A.J.	NE Farmer	3
Bretz, Fred	NE Farmer	2
Brown, F.F.	NE Farmer	3
Brown, F.M.	NW Farmer	6
Brown, Geo. A.	NW Farmer	0
Brown, J.A.	NE Farmer	1
Buchanan, J.A.	E Farmer	5
Buell, Ephraim	SE Farmer	7
Carter, W.J.	NE Farmer	8
Coffman, Jas.	SW Farmer	3
Coffman, J.F.	E Farmer	4
Coffman, Mert	E Farmer	2
Coie, John	NW Fine Stock	5
Darbyshire, T.W.	NW Farmer	5
Davenport, Ed	N Farmer	4
Driver, W.D.	S Farmer	4
Dugan, M.F.	NE Farmer	4
Dunsmoor, Al	W Farmer	5
Dunsmoor, John	W Farmer	2
Earls, E.G.	SE Farmer	3
Eckerman, Isaac	E Farmer	4
Edie, Walter	NE Farmer	3
Elder, W.A., Jr.	W Farmer	3
England, Geo.	SW Farmer	4
England, Jacob	SW Farmer	0
England, Joseph	SW Farmer	6
England, Samuel	SW Farmer	8
England, W.S.	SW Farmer	2
Estel, J.M.	E Farmer	5
Finnecum, Ed	C Butcher	3
Foster, C.A.	C Plasterer	0
Foster, H.G.	C Farmer	0
Foster, J.G.	C Farmer	5
Frane, Jacob	S Farmer	6
Frane, John	S Farmer	2

		No. in Family
Freeman, E.F.	C Real Estate	4
Frost, H.L.	N Farmer	4
Fullerton, Oscar	NW Farmer	5
Gerloff, Chas.	E Farmer	1
Gerloff, Mrs. Christian	S Farmer	2
Gerloff, Henry	S Farmer	0
Gifford, P.B.	SE Farmer	5
Gillis, C.H.	C Farmer	5
Gillis, J.F.	W Farmer	3
Gillis, W.B.	W Farmer	3
Gillis, W.B., Jr.	W Student	0
Godden, Wm.	C Farmer	7
Goodale, Alonzo	N Farmer	6
Gray, Frank	SE Farmer	3
Grimes, Chas.	NW Farmer	0
Grimes, Mrs. Mary	NW Farmer	2
Grubb, J.T.	E Farmer	8
Hamlin, Wm.	SE Farm Hand	1
Hancock, Sumner	C Farmer	3
Hascall, B.A.	C Farmer	4
Hascall, Frank	C Retired	1
Hathaway, A.F.	N Farmer	10
Henderson, Wm.	SW Farmer	2
Hogue, Frank	C Farmer	3
Hogue, John	C Farmer	3
Hogue, John	S Farmer	2
Hogue, R.I.	S Farmer	8
Hopkins, Peter	C Farmer	4
House, B.J.	S Farmer	4
House, O.C.	S Farmer	6
Johnson, August	NE Farmer	0
Johnson, Elmer	NE Farmer	0
Johnson, J.P.	NE Farmer	3
Johnston, Cyrus D.	E Farmer	4
Jones, G.W.	SE Farmer	6
Kendall, A.B.	NW Farmer	7
Kendall, D.H.	N Farmer	0
Kendall, D.I.	NW Farmer	0
Kendall, James	N Farmer	4
Kendall, W.S.	N Farmer	7
Kiburz, Isaac	SE Farmer	4
Kinsell, J.W.	NW Farmer	5
Laughery, Wm.	W Farmer	1
Leslie, T.C.	SW Farmer	5
Lorimor, Asher	C Retired	2
Lorimor, Benj	C Farmer	7
Lupher, A.D.	S Farmer	4
Lupher, Gilbert	S Farmer	5
Manifold, C.R.	C Swine Breeder	4
Mariner, Marion	SE Farmer	5
Martin, C.E.	C Farmer	2
Mayhew, Geo. P	S Farmer	6
McClelland, Mrs. W.T.	W Farmer	3

			No. in Family
Rural Tingley continued			
McCoy, C.S.	NW Farmer	Tingley	4
McCulley, Gilbert	W Farmer	Tingley	2
McCulley, W.J.	N Farmer	Tingley	3
McGregor, D.D.	S Farmer	Tingley	6
McGregor, Lue	S Teacher	Tingley	0
McPherson, J.L.	NW Farmer	Tingley	6
Milligan, Andrew	N Swine Breeder	Tingley	4
Milligan, Clara	N Teacher	Tingley	0
Morrison, J.L.	C Farmer	Tingley	4
Nearmyrer, John	NE Farmer	Tingley	1
Newens, Richard	C Farmer	Tingley	6
Nisely, John	N Farmer	Tingley	5
Northrup, Albert	W Farmer	Tingley	2
Overholtzer, J.E.	E Farmer	Tingley	7
Paris, Taylor	W Farmer	Tingley	3
Pollock, Frank	W Plasterer	Tingley	0
Pollock, J.M.	W Farmer	Tingley	5
Price, G.B.	SE Farmer	Tingley	0
Price, J.P.	SE Farmer	Tingley	4
Purviance, Wm.	N Farmer	Tingley	6
Redfield, Fred	SW Farmer	Tingley	3
Reynolds, B.H.	SW Farmer	Tingley	2
Reynolds, Madison	SW Farmer	Tingley	6
Reynolds, Marion	SW Farmer	Tingley	9
Rice, E.R.	E Farmer	Tingley	2
Richards, C.E.	SW Farmer	Tingley	6
Richards, Samuel	C Farmer	Tingley	4
Ross, I.P.	E Farmer	Tingley	2
Sheldon, C.B.	NE Farmer	Tingley	2
Sheldon, Edgar	NE Retired Farm	Tingley	1
Sheldon, H.C.	NE Stock Shipper	Tingley	8

			No. in Family
Sheldon, M.L.	NE Farmer	Tingley	8
Shepherd, Joseph	NW Farmer	Tingley	6
Smith, J.W.	SW Farmer	Tingley	9
Spence, G.K.	NE Farm Hand	Tingley	1
Stafford, G.W.	W Printer	Tingley	0
Stafford, J.W.	W Farmer	Tingley	4
Steinkamp, W.F.	E Farmer	Tingley	7
Stevens, Chas.	E Farmer	Tingley	5
Stevenson, Andrew	NW Farmer	Tingley	4
Stevenson, Byron	W Farmer	Tingley	5
Stewart, Mrs. B.A.	W Farmer	Tingley	2
Summers, J.H.	NE Farmer	Tingley	7
Tapp, John	S Farmer	Tingley	0
Tapp, Walter	S Farmer	Tingley	0
Tapp, Wm.	S Farmer	Tingley	7
Taylor, Lewis	N Farmer	Tingley	2
Tedford, Henry	SW Farmer	Tingley	5
Tedford, John	W Retired	Tingley	1
Tedford, J.T.	W Farmer	Tingley	6
Tedford, Wm.	C Farmer	Tingley	6
Tidrick, R.C.	SW Farmer	Tingley	5
Tillman, Henry	SW Farmer	Tingley	6
Todd, D.J.	W Farmer	Tingley	7
Touzalin, T.A.	SE Farmer	Tingley	6
Wax, Smith	C Carpenter	Tingley	5
Wax, Wm.	C Carpenter	Tingley	0
Weeda, Arie	NE Farmer	Tingley	12
Whistler, N.G.	N Farmer	Tingley	2
Young, M.A.	N Farmer	Tingley	2
Total in Tingley township outside of Tingley town			633



Closing Out Sale

As I expect to quit farming, I will sell at public sale at my farm one mile west of Tingley, commencing at 10 o'clock a.m. on

SATURDAY, MARCH 4, 1905

The following property: 7 head of cattle consisting of 4 five-year-old cows one with calf by side, others to be fresh soon, and 3 two-year-old heifers; 4 head of horses consisting of bay mare 3 years old, black mare 4 years old, bay mare twelve years old, and yearling horse colt; 8 head of hogs consisting of 6 Duroc-Jersey brood sows, 4 to farrow April 1, and two to farrow May 15, and 2 Duroc-Jersey male hogs five months old, both eligible to record; Farm Machinery including farm wagon, top buggy nearly new, Black Hawk corn planter nearly new, George Brown corn planter, Ohio riding cultivator nearly new, John Deere 16-inch riding stirring plow nearly new, Deering mower, harrow, 3 feed bunks made of two-inch lumber 16 feet long; Grain, Hay, etc. including about 20 tons of timothy hay in barn, about 50 bushels of corn in crib, 40 shocks of fodder, and many other articles not mentioned.

Terms—10 months' time on sums over \$5, purchaser giving bankable note with interest at 6 percent if paid when due; if not paid when due to draw 8 percent from date of sale. All sums of \$5 and under, cash. On all sums over \$5 a discount at the rate of 3 percent per annum will be given for cash paid on day of sale. No property to be removed until settled for with the clerk.

M.M. COFFMAN

Hot lunch by Clifford N. McGugin.


Capt. W.W. Stewart, Auctioneer.

A.R. Hass, Clerk.

THE NEW MEAT MARKET!

will sell you good meat at
Reasonable Prices

Good Round or Sirloin Steak	12½c
Chuck Steak	9c
Good Rib Roast	8c
Boiling Beef	5c to 8c
Pork Chops	12½c
Ham	12½c
Shoulder	10c
Side	10c
Beef by the quarter	
Front Quarter	4½c
Hind Quarter	6½c

Come in we will treat you
right and guarantee you
good meat. 

H. H. CORNWALL, Prop.

First door south of Nelson's hard-
ware store.

Vintage Items from the Vindicators

1903 — 1948

Pictures of former Tingley businesses and related facts are included in each decade of historical news items.

Year 1903

January 8 — One day last week our blacksmith, Ed Gray, assisted by Chas. Peterson, put 84 shoes on horses in less than seven hours.

April 9 — There will be a Necktie Social at Sunny Side Friday evening. Ladies will please bring luncheon for two, wear a necktie, and make one like you wear to seal in an envelope to sell. The purchaser of your tie eats supper with you. Pupils of the school will give a literary program. Proceeds will be used to finish paying for an organ recently put in the schoolhouse.

April 23 — Am prepared to give hot or cold baths at my barber shop second door east of postoffice. H.H. Marriott. (Adv.)

April 30 — SAW THE PRESIDENT—THE SCHOOLS WERE DISMISSED — TINGLEY PEOPLE, MANY FARMERS, AND PEOPLE FROM OTHER TOWNS PRESENT — A large number of people assembled at the depot Tuesday forenoon to see the President's train go by. The train ran in two sections — the first, containing state officers, made a brief stop; the train carrying the President was a long one and ran very slowly as it passed the station. President Roosevelt was on the rear platform and waved his hat, bowed and smiled while the people cheered. The Tingley depot was profusely decorated with flags and bunting. Stores were closed and everybody was on hand.

June 11 — EXCURSION TO ST. JOSEPH, MO. — \$1.75 for the round trip via Chicago Great Western. Special train leaves Knowlton at 8:45 a.m.; Arrives at St. Joseph at noon. Returning leaves St. Joseph at 11:30 p.m.

June 25 — Tingley is to have a daily mail by stage from Afton. A contract has been awarded for carrying the mail from Afton to Tingley and back, seven times a week, at the rate of \$700 per annum, with the privilege of carrying passengers. Bond required with bid, \$1,000. The following is the schedule of departures and arrivals of the mail on the route: Leave Afton daily at 6:00 a.m.; arrive Tingley by 8:30 a.m.; leave Tingley daily at 1:30 p.m.; arrive Afton railroad station at 5:00 p.m.

July 2 — WILL EXHIBIT AT TINGLEY, IOWA, JULY 3 — Eighmy & Clark's Mammoth Pavilion Uncle Tom's Cabin — Under a monster waterproof tent — One grand night performance, rain or shine; seating capacity 2,000 people; Miss Lillie Havre and her Yankee Doodle Band; Elegant Scenery; Immense Stage; Splendid Company; Pack of Siberian Blood Hounds; Eva and Her Beautiful Shetland Pony; See Marks and His Donkey; Optigraph

Moving Pictures; See Big Street Parade. Admission 15 and 25 cents.

October 15 — LIVERY BARN BURNED — Pollock & Ashenhurst's livery barn burned Wednesday morning about 2 o'clock — also R.S. Spurrier's scale house and a lot of feed. Total loss will amount to \$1,500. The fire caught from the chimney and was discovered by Frank Ashenhurst who was sleeping in the barn. He went to the house nearby and awakened his partner, Henry Pollock. C.M. Richardson was among the first to arrive and relieved Mrs. Pollock at the fire bell. She had remained at her post, ringing the bell to the extent of her strength until help came. The fire spread so rapidly it took extra good work to get out the horses, buggies, and harness before the building fell in, and they accomplished it entirely before help arrived. There were twelve horses in the barn.

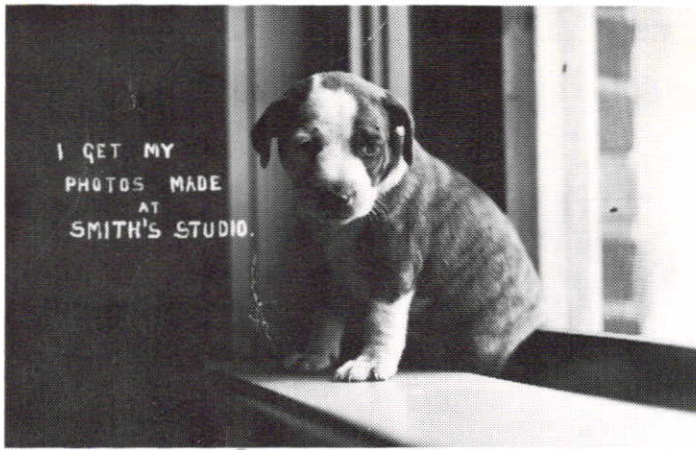
It was a close call for R.S. Spurrier's grain elevator and C.M. Richardson's lumber yard. As soon as the horses were safe from the fire, the fire engine and hose cart were brought out in order to save, if possible, the elevator. As there was no well near, it was thought the elevator building would surely be on fire before the water could be applied. But thanks to 350 feet of hose, the engine was placed at Mr. Pollock's well on the north side of the barn and a good stream was soon pouring on the elevator on the opposite side of the fire from the well. The first charge from the engine was a chemical solution, which, followed by a steady stream of water, did good work. Pollock and Ashenhurst will sustain a considerable loss. The barn was about 36x100 and was insured for \$400. It would take close to \$1,000 to replace it. It was a large building and was arranged to accommodate the breeders, and was used by many of them during the breeding season.

November 12 — One of the best sales in this part of the county this fall was Wm. Gilreath's, near Beaconsfield, with Capt. W.W. Stewart as auctioneer. Cows sold as high as \$45; heifers, yearlings, coming two-years-old, \$22.50 to \$35; yearling steers, \$28; two-year-old steers, \$35; spring calves, bulls, \$20 to \$28; heifer calves, \$25.

November 19 — TINGLEY WILL HAVE STREET LIGHTS — The town council ordered seven gasoline lamps of a late improved design on posts.

YEAR 1904

January 14 — Knight O.C. House took a sled load of his brother Knights to Shannon City Tuesday night to attend K.P. lodge and assist in conferring degrees on about 20 worthy citizens of Shannon City.



Lloyd Smith, Evelyn England's father, was a photographer in Tingley. *Courtesy Evelyn England*

Tingley Big Enough For Us

You may talk about your cities
And blow about the crowds;
You may talk about the churches
With their steeples in the clouds;
You can harp about the country
And all such foolerae;
But this ayre town of Tingley
Is big enough for me.

You may talk about the cities
Their steady growth and size;
You can talk about the people
With their business enterprise;
You can laugh and turn your nose up,
Walk or take a run,

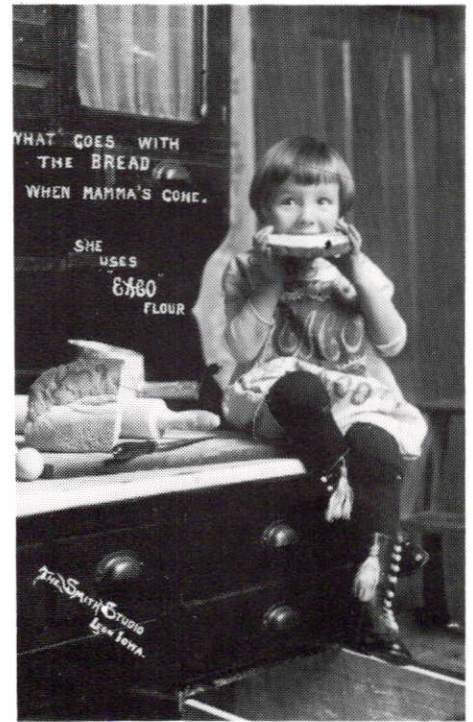
Cause we haven't any street cars
And never will have none;
But if you like the city better
Why that's where you ought to be;
But the little town of Tingley
Is big enough for me.

Some find it discommodin' like,
Of course we will admit—
To have to do without some things
Which we would like to git;
But our streets are often crowded
And everything in glee;
So this ayre town of Tingley
Is big enough for me.

October 27, 1904 Vindicator



Another view of Heyer's Sale — Showing the fire bell tower. Whenever there was a fire, someone would pull on the rope, summoning help, and all would form a bucket brigade at the well under the tower. *Courtesy Mary E. Ashenhurst*



Clair Heyer is boy in picture. *Courtesy Evelyn England*

Sale at Heyer Bros. General Store. Guy on top of building was throwing down balloons for prizes. People were waiting to catch them. *Courtesy Evelyn England*

March 24 — COAL PROSPECTING IS AT AN END — Tingley's dream of a booming coal mine has ended. About seven inches of coal was discovered a little more than 500 feet down on the S.H. Heaton farm west of town. We have at least the knowledge that there is no further need of wasting time dreaming of the great mineral resources that might be developed. If there is any coal under this section of the country, it is probably so far under it would be cheaper to let the Chinamen go after it.

April 14 — TINGLEY AT THE WORLD'S FAIR — Tingley and other towns represented by the Vindicator will have a special exhibit at the St. Louis World's Fair. Copies of the Vindicator of April 28 will be bound and placed on exhibition. Special articles pertaining to the history of this section of the county will be printed.

June 16 — AN AUTOMOBILE IN TOWN this week excited the curiosity of folks. Mr. Benson, the owner, started to Mt. Ayr last Saturday and everybody along the 'phone line was watching for it. It "balked" a few miles out and he hired a team to haul it to Mt. Ayr for repairs.

July 14 — NEW RAILROAD SURE — Surveyors began work yesterday at St. Joseph on the proposed St. Joseph-Des Moines electric railway.

August 4 — OUR GOODBYE — Owing to ill health, it is advised that we should take up our abode in a different climate. So we bid all our kind friends goodbye. We have sold the Vindicator to Mr. Burleigh of Mt. Ayr, who takes control with this issue. He is a newspaper man of long experience and good ability. D.W. Watsabaugh.

August 11 — SURVEYORS ARE NEAR — Surveyors for the Des Moines-St. Joseph electric railroad arrived at Mt. Ayr Tuesday afternoon. The route from Mt. Ayr to Tingley will be on the ridge all the way, entering the eastern corporate limits here. It is supposed the road will run to Creston, though Afton is making a strong pull for it. There seems to be no possibility of the road missing Tingley.

August 18 — Surveyors of the Des Moines-St. Joseph electric railway arrived in Tingley Monday evening. Tuesday morning the survey was run on out through George Swain's place (Dean Johnson's farm on north edge of Tingley) following the ridge route to Arispe.

September 15 — AUTO WHIZZED BY — An automobile containing a lady and gentleman passed east through Tingley Saturday noon but did not stop.

October 27 — CHOICE PICNIC HAMS — At Simpson Bros. meat market and a box of toilet soap, all for 84 cents. (Adv.)

November 3 — POSTMASTER FOR EIGHTEEN YEARS — John Haver of Tingley has the above honorable record. He got his start by hauling goods with an ox team from Kansas City to Emporia and Americus, Kansas. In 1850, the Pike's Peak fever was raging, so he

embarked in a prairie schooner and ox team and headed for the "bonanza" — he thought to "gather up the yellow dust in pails" but was disappointed. Returning to Kansas, he found the drouth and grasshoppers had destroyed almost everything, so came to Iowa. In 1882 Mr. Haver came to Tingley, built one of the first houses, embarked in the dry goods and grain business, and has resided here ever since. When fire destroyed the north side of Main street about seven years ago, his store was burned. He did not rebuild, but has devoted his time since then to the grain business. Mr. Haver was appointed postmaster in 1886 and has held that responsible position ever since. He tendered his resignation after over 18 years' service. For almost 17 years of his term, Miss Maggie Pollock was his deputy. Mr. H.W. Edwards took his place November 1, 1904.



John Haver

November 24 — THE "SHADOW SOCIAL" — Over 100 young people gathered at the home of the editor where the Epworth League had a "shadow social." The gentlemen were assembled in the north front room, the light removed from that room, a curtain hung up at the double doors and the ladies, one at a time, placed in front of a lamp so that their shadow was reflected on the curtain. The gentlemen in the dark room bid for the shadow and ate supper with the person whose shadow they had bought. John Heyer and Leon Hall acted as auctioneers. Receipts were almost \$12.

YEAR 1905

April 6 — \$300 A HEAD — D.D. McGREGOR RECEIVES \$6,000 FOR 20 HORSES — BEST PRICE EVER PAID WEST OF CHICAGO — D.D. McGregor of Tingley, who has the record of topping the Chicago horse market last Thursday, sold to Arbuckle of New York City 20 head of horses receiving the neat sum of \$6,000, or an average of \$300 each — the greatest price ever paid for so many head. A special palace express horse car 66 feet long was sent Monday from Chicago to transport the horses and D.B. McElwain, route agent of the Adams Express Co. from Creston, came with the car to superintend the loading. The car attracted much attention during the time it remained here. All feed and water for the trip are in the car, special stalls and feeding appliances are provided and an apartment for the man who cares for the horses. No stops will be made between here and New York City. The express charges



are \$450. Charles McGregor left yesterday afternoon with the horses and will be in New York at 7 o'clock tomorrow morning. We are informed this is the first time one of these cars was ever sent to Iowa.

June 22 — THE TINGLEY BAND — Organization of the Tingley band has been completed: Frank Parce, piccolo; Merrill Asbury and Leroy Spurrier, B flat clarinets; J.W. Asbury and Glenn Stewart, B flat cornets; Charles Haver and L.A. Border, E flat altos; E.W. McNeil, tenor; Ed Stover, baritone; Everett McNeil, E flat bass; W.W. Stewart, bass drum; Roy Culp, snare drum.

July 20 — FAST TIME — E.S. Downie of Liberty Township made a quick trip to Tingley and return home Monday, 12 miles in just 90 minutes.

August 17 — WILD WEST SHOW — Spencer & Black's Wild West Exhibition Co. will be in Tingley Monday, August 21. They have 21 people, including Indians and cowboys, and 32 horses. They carry their own monster pavilion, 180x100 feet. They give exhibitions of broncho riding, Indian dances, and Indian life on the plains, including stage robbery, roping, etc. They agree to ride any horse, mule or steer that is brought in. Admission, adults 35 cents, children 25 cents. Parade before the entertainment.

YEAR 1906

January 18 — John Doe of Creston has been put in jail, under bonds of \$500 fixed by Justice J.C. Faris of Liberty Township. He is accused of stealing an overcoat Wednesday evening from the dwelling of N. Heizer of Tingley Township. (Mt. Ayr news items)

February 1 — FINE HORSE PARADE — E.N. DeWitt, who sold ten fine horses in the big horse sale yesterday at Arispe, paraded the animals on the streets of Tingley Saturday afternoon.

February 8 — WORLD'S BEST — TINGLEY TOWNSHIP HAS THE HIGHEST PRICED HOG IN THE WORLD — A half interest in Sheldon & Co.'s Proud Advance was sold Saturday for \$1,500, making him a \$3,000 hog.

February 22 — John Doe indicted for burglarizing Mr.

Heizer's house in Tingley Township, pleaded guilty and was given one year in the penitentiary.

March 8 — SOW SELLS FOR \$1,060 — The sale of Duroc Jersey hogs last week by the Proud Advance Stock Co. north of Tingley was a record breaker. They received the highest price ever paid for a hog at a Ringgold County public sale — \$1,060; it being the highest price ever paid for a hog bred in Ringgold County. Nothing advertises Tingley to better advantage than the thoroughbred stock raised here, we having the world's record on high priced hogs and horses.

April 6 — A WORLD'S RECORD — MCGREGOR IS LUCKY MAN — THE HIGHEST PRICE EVER PAID FOR HEAVY DRAFTERS, \$315 PER HEAD ON CHICAGO MARKET — Tingley Township feels exceptionally proud that within its borders resides the man who holds this world's record for high priced horses — D.D. McGregor. The story is best told in the following from the Chicago Drover's Journal:

"D.D. McGregor of Tingley, Iowa, sprung a surprise on the Chicago market today when he sold in the auction nineteen head of stall-fed drafters for a total of \$5,985, a new average market record of \$315 for a load of drafters. Mr. McGregor is well-known to the trade as one of the best feeders of drafters in the West, his offerings always making high averages at the Chicago market. Mr. McGregor had made two previous efforts to break the market record, but fell a few points below the high mark of \$300.25 on each occasion. He remarked twelve months ago that he would establish a new high average for a load of drafters, as he believed Iowa had more class draft offerings than any other state in the union. He has fed eight select loads during the past nine months and the offerings today were the tops of 160 head that he has stall fed for market. One pair of matched gray Percheron geldings weighing 4100 lbs. topped the consignment at \$850, being knocked down to the bid of the big packing firm of Schwarzschild & Sulzberger. The sale was spectacular and sensational, the big crowd lost in silent admiration of the superb offerings...."

April 12 — Mr. and Mrs. J.E. Ogden went to Mt. Ayr Thursday, L.B. Kimball driving the rig. They had a great experience with the mud, being five hours on the road from Tingley to Mt. Ayr.

April 19 — PERMIT GRANTED — J.W. Asbury of this place was granted a permit to sell intoxicating liquors. A remonstrance, containing nearly 300 names, was presented. Witnesses appeared for and against granting the permit, and Judge Towner decided as above. Mr. Asbury now holds the only permit issued to a Ringgold County pharmacist.

August 2 — A \$7,000 BLAZE — N.G. WHISLER'S GENERAL STORE AND THE VINDICATOR OFFICE ARE BURNED - A fire Friday morning des-

troyed two of Tingley's business houses and caused a loss of about \$7,000. The insurance amounted to \$4,100. During the heavy electrical storm, lightning struck the C.C. Bosworth building occupied by N.G. Whisler with a stock of general merchandise. By the time the fire company and citizens arrived, the entire store was on fire and nothing could be saved. Attention was directed to the D.W. Watsabaugh building just four feet west occupied by the Vindicator. When it was found impossible to save it, many willing hands helped to move the Vindicator plant. A hole was chopped in the west wall and the large Gordon Jobber pulled through even after the flames were all about it. For a time it looked as if C. Horton Coye's building west of the Vindicator would burn, so the switch board was cut out and taken to H.B. Hayden's residence.

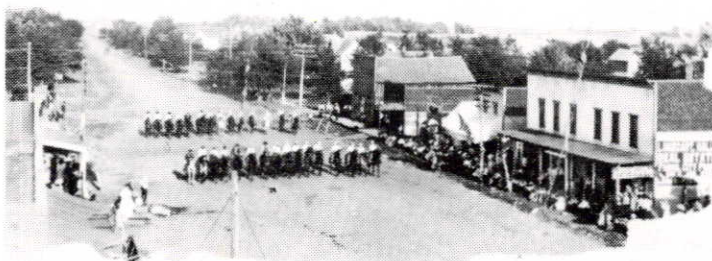
August 30 — BIG TOURNAMENT — Ideal weather, splendid music, good free attractions, fine colt show, ball games, and all tend to make the sixth tournament the best of all. The weather being so delightful, we had large crowds, estimated from 3,000 to 4,000 on Thursday and Saturday and 5,000 to 6,000 on Friday.

Tingley Band - We were all proud of the Tingley band and the excellent music they presented. They played almost all day long excepting during the ball games. When there seemed to be a lull in the program, band master J.W. Asbury would start the music to going.

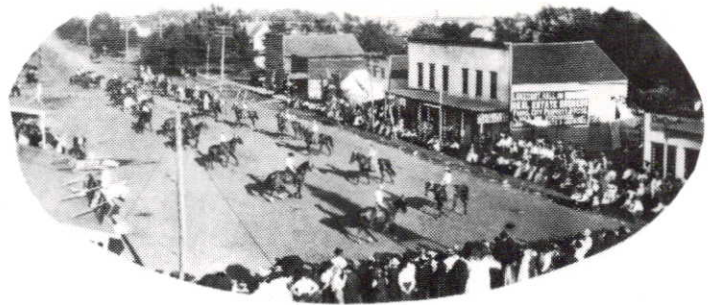


Courtesy Clair Heyer Collection

Tingley Riding Club - This splendid organization numbering 60 persons, presented an attractive appearance with the white and blue costumes of the ladies — blue ties, skirts and saddle blankets, and white caps and waists. The gentlemen had red saddle blankets. Red, white, and blue plumes were on the horses' heads. They performed many difficult evolutions, riding in twos, fours, eights and twelves, keeping an elegant line and doing many other difficult things. A needle threading contest by ladies riding at a gallop was won by Miss Fay Stanley in 9 seconds with Miss Louella House



second in 10 seconds. Great credit is due to Prof. E.N. DeWitt for the successful training of these young people in this riding exhibition.



Courtesy Twilla Lininger

The Colt Show — Saturday forenoon was a success....

The Horse Show — The show of driving teams was very nice indeed. In the single drivers, Luke Shay got first and Dr. Hannelly second. The saddle horse exhibit was won by E.N. DeWitt first, and Joe Clever of Humeston second.

The McCoy Family — were the star attractions and presented 8 acts Friday. Mr. and Mrs. McCoy were jugglers, and Mr. McCoy a slack wire performer. He rode a bicycle, climbed a ladder and did many other astonishing things. Little Everett McCoy, age 11, walked the high wire and stood on his head on the wire 40 feet above the street. He also turned a backward somersault on a moving slack wire and landed on his feet on the wire.

The Diving Dog — The dog, a Scotch Terrier, climbed a 40 foot ladder and jumped off into a net.

The Baseball Games — The first day, there were only two teams present — Clarinda, Iowa, and Ridgeway, Missouri. Not all of the Clarinda players were present so L.A. Tope and Lloyd Anderson went into the game with Lute Eighme on the bench. Games also were played on Friday and Saturday.

Other Attractions — P.E. Keesler was present with his electric theater or moving picture show in the furniture building beside the postoffice. His two made-up darkies entertained the crowd with song and dance before each exhibition. The watermelon stand...of pleasure. The merry-go-round was generally well crowded. Shooting galleries, baby racks, hamburger and lunch booths, candy and lemonade stands, the six-legged South American ox and the panoramic view of the San Francisco earthquake all helped entertain the people at a very moderate price. The Myrtle Vinton Company presented highly entertaining plays at the opera house each evening of the tournament.

September 6 — MISSIONARY TO SOUDAN — Ralph Tidrick of Liberty Township will leave September 12 for the foreign mission field at Doliab Hill, Soudan. Mr. Tidrick, sent out by the Tingley U.P. congregation, is the third young man sent to the Egyptian field. The others were Dr. D.L. Askren and Prof. Clarence Williamson. Mr. Tidrick's work will be agricultural and industrial — teaching the natives how to farm.

October 18 — \$1,800 BLAZE — THE OLD SENATE HOUSE AND CAPT. STEWART'S CASH PRODUCE HOUSE BURNED — At about 4:40 Tuesday morning, an alarm of fire was given, and the old Senate House, which has not been used for hotel purposes for about five years, was found to be all on fire in the second story.

Willing hands brought out the fire engine, hose cart and hook and ladder truck, while others were busy taking out the Kratzer buggies stored by Jo C. Mahaffey in the first story of the Senate House, and also removing Capt. Stewart's office fixtures, poultry and produce stuff. Shortly after the siamese coupler was put on and two streams turned on the fire, a bolt broke in the engine and only one side of the pump could be used. Then it took hard work by the bucket brigade and engine men to save Nelson & Nelson's hardware building. The origin of the fire is a complete mystery, some suggesting spontaneous combustion, others mice or rats and matches. No one was known to have occupied the second story for several years, or not since it was used for hotel purposes.



SENATE HOUSE HOTEL
Courtesy Clair Heyer Collection

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February 7 — PROUD ADVANCE DEAD — The celebrated Duroc-Jersey male hog Proud Advance died Saturday morning on the farm of Grant White 5 miles north of Tingley. The animal was valued at \$3,000, being the most valuable hog in the world. He weighed 700 pounds and was four years old last November. The loss is severe to breeders.

March 7 — SKATING RINK — A roller skating rink was conducted in the opera house the first three evenings of this week, but like the public dances in Tingley, it was a failure because of the non-attendance of the ladies. Tingley is much better off without the dances and the skating rink. All honor to the Tingley ladies for boycotting both.

March 14 — NEW GAS ENGINE — Christopher Bros. installed last week in their blacksmith shop a two-horse Stover gas engine. It will run all their machinery.

March 28 — MCGREGOR'S FATHORSES — The Vindicator editor stopped at D.D. McGregor's farm Monday while on his way to Mt. Ayr and was shown through the horse feeding barns by Mr. McGregor. He has 23 head of horses which he is now feeding regularly five times a day, commencing at 5 o'clock in the morning and regularly every three hours thereafter during the day, viz. 9, 12, 3, and 6 o'clock. He does not put the animals on full feed for the first week or two but as soon as practicable he gets them there and then you can almost see the animals grow. They averaged 1870 pounds in weight

Monday and nearly half of the number are a ton in weight. He has one exceptionally large black horse that weighs over a ton and is always hungry.

Mr. McGregor feeds a chop mess, no condiments or medicines, and does not take the animals out of the stalls for exercise. The only time they leave their stalls are for the purpose of weighing them and when some horse buyer comes to see them. He recently refused \$400 for a beautiful dapple gray that weighs 2100 which he bought of Ben Johnston near Ellston.

For his next carload, Mr. McGregor has had offers from Denver, Chicago, Pittsburg, and New York. [Mr. McGregor named his farm "The Home of the Draft Horse." This was painted on the horse barn.]

April 25 — AN ELEGANT RIG — Nelson & Nelson have on the floor of their implement house one of the "swellest" rigs ever seen in Tingley. It is called a bike wagon, has automobile seat and cushioned rubber tires. It is a beauty.

June 13 — AUTOMOBILE — Tingley has an automobile owned by Cecil and Lawrence Haver. It arrived yesterday and is propelled by treadle. They are showing their young friends many pleasant times riding about the city.

June 27 — A BIG SOAP TRADE — G.A. Slentz sold 2,000 cakes of soap in one day last week. That's pretty good for a place the size of Tingley.

July 4 — THE BEST YET — The eight foot cement walk on the south side of Main Street is the greatest permanent public improvement since we came to Tingley. Mr Richey had almost a half block of walk to build. Other property owners on this line were R.S. Spurrier, the Tingley Bank, Frank Gray, and the City Hall. Work was begun Tuesday on an eight foot walk on the north side of the street between Heyer's and Luke Shay's. John Ellis and his men did the work. [Most all of the cement walks were poured from 1906 to 1909.]

July 11 — AUTOMOBILE — Vivian Asbury is the first young lady in Tingley to own an automobile. She makes it move quickly.

July 18 — NEW AUTO — Paul Stewart is the latest possessor of an automobile. He is a little too small to make it go fast.

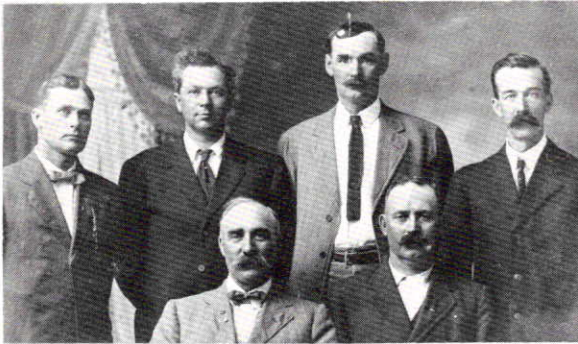
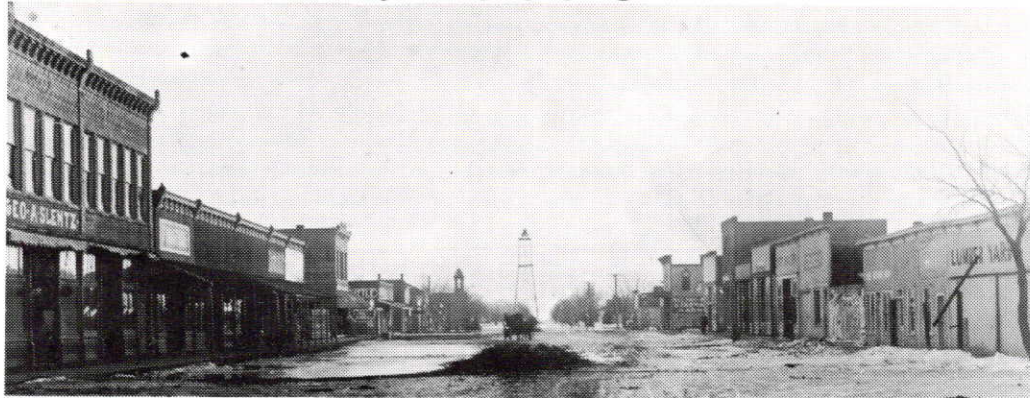
August 1 — WAGON BOXES — For \$12 at Peter Peterson's wagon factory in Tingley. (Adv.)

August 29 — COAL GUESSING — Between 600 and 700 persons guessed on the weight of the block of Centerville coal at the Richey Lumber Yard. Guesses ranged from 400 to 3100 pounds, and it weighed 1249 pounds. Dr. Whisler guessed 1250 and Perry Buchanan 1248, so they divided the lump between them.

October 10 — ESPECIAL NOTICE — Owing to the high price of feed and grain, it is necessary that we receive increased prices for draying which are as follows:

Early 1900's

Main
Street
before
1912



In the brochure announcing the Centennial, we promised to identify the persons in this photo.

Date not known but probably 1905-1910.

STANDING: Frank Gray, Harness Shop; Bert Hass, Banker; Luke Shay, Real Estate; L.F. Hall, Mayor and Real Estate. FRONT: Wally Stewart, Auctioneer; C.M. Richardson, Lumber Yard.

Courtesy Clair Heyer Collection



Mail Wagon — Jessie Richards Newton, Ed Stover, and Howard Edwards.

COMER \$12⁵⁰ SUITS

The Comer Manufacturing Co.

Dayton, Ohio

Presented by *Geo. Archibold,*
P.O. Box 176, Dingley
Phone 65.

Business Card Belonging to Jo Ellen (Archibold) Johnson's Grandfather.

Mr. and Mrs. H.E. Tuttle had a general store (today's Breckenridge Store), the earliest records being 1903 until 1918, when the stock of merchandise was sold to W.W. Miller. It changed hands several times, then Wm. S. Breckenridge moved his general store there in 1923.

Courtesy Gladys Fowler



South side of Main Street in 1908. Old Swain store moved from Eugene; Tingley Bank (building still stands today in 1982); Meat Market, Frank Hurst; Harness Shop, Frank Gray; City Bakery, A.J. (Andy) Morris; City Hall and Jail; Lumber Yard.

Early 1900's

TINGLEY HOTEL

Courtesy Pauline Lynam

It was built by Willis Karr. Not known when built, but 1894 atlas shows its existence where the Johnson Oil Station is located today. Following were persons connected with the hotel.

1903—"Merchants Hotel" N.B. German

1904—"Merchants Hotel" Mrs. Jennie McNeil and son Ernie

1905—"Merchants Hotel" Poe and Edith German

1907—"Engle House" George Engle

1911—"Commercial House" Chas. E. Whisler, owner, with Mrs. McNeil and Ernie managing

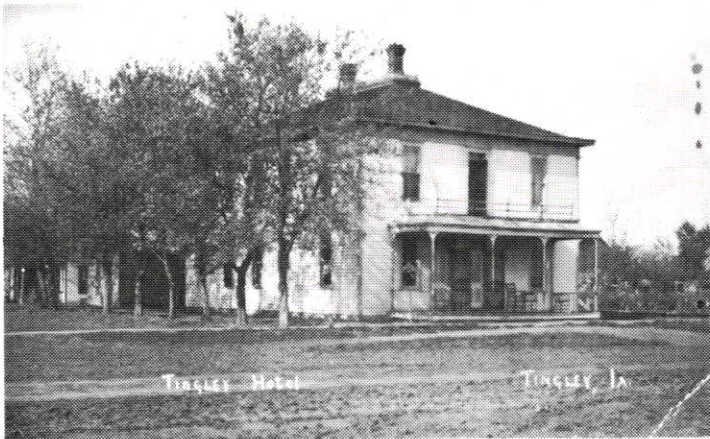
1915—"Tingley Hotel" Mr. and Mrs. A.I. Bennett served 4 course Sunday dinner for 50¢.

1916—"Hotel Clarke" J.J. Clarke

1917—"Tingley Hotel" Sold to John Heyer with R.E. Haltom manager

1918—Hotel wrecked by C.W. Lent, Oscar Garland, and Elton Giles, lumber to be used to build two residences.

1919—Ollie Carter and A.A. Simpson prepared ground for tennis court on east part of lot.



Mrs. Jennie McNeil

Courtesy

Clair Heyer Collection



Nelson & Nelson Hardware until 1920. Located on southeast corner of main intersection. Notice town pump and dray. Later was L.F. Hall Hardware, Dunlap and Giles Hardware, and Farrell's Drug Store. I.O.O.F. Hall was upstairs. It burned down about 1958.

Courtesy Fern Haley



Livery Stable located north of Heyer Bros. general store. (North of the present day post office about where the fire whistle is.)

Courtesy John Overholtzer



Geo. A. Slentz General Store and Opera House Cafe on ground floor; Opera House on Second Floor. (Location was where Community Building is today.) Mr. Slentz operated a general store in Tingley for 18 years, from 1895 to 1913. Three other general stores were here at the same time, — Heyers, Spurriers, and Tuttles.

The opera house was used for basketball games, revival meetings, graduation exercises, community programs and plays, traveling companies who put on all types of entertainments, movies, etc.

Photo from Billy Breckenridge



Another view of Livery Stable

Courtesy Clair Heyer Collection

Delivering coal 1½¢ per bushel for filling coal house,
or 35¢ per ton for single ton.

Single barrel 25¢, or two or more 15¢ each.

Express packages 10¢ each

Everything else in proportion.

Harry Ashenhurst, Roy McDowell, and J.W. McDowell
(adv.)

October 19 — Now that cool evenings are here, and especially since eight bums were here in one day last week, it seems that a night watch is needed.

October 24 — FIRE — This morning, the Martin residence north of Tingley, better known as the Mordecai Smith place, was totally destroyed by fire caused by a defective chimney. The house was an old landmark, having stood there for 40 years or more. [Across the road from the cemetery; Julia Henderson said it was used by the "Underground Railroad" to hide slaves.]

November 21 — BIG CORN — C.H. Frickey, who lives northwest of Tingley, found a big red ear of corn while husking last week. It was 11½ inches long, 10 inches around the butt of the ear, weighed 24 ounces, and had 20 rows with 60 kernels in a row.

November 28 — A CHALLENGE — Otto Petersohn, who made an average of 94 bushels per day for a week in corn that made 44 bushels per acre, wants to challenge any Ringgold County man to husk corn against him. He last week one day husked and cribbed 100 bushels in 8 hours.

December 26 — BIG TRADING DAY — C.C. Bosworth reports 92 teams hitched to the racks in Tingley at 3 o'clock Saturday afternoon.

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February 6 — WOLF HUNT — About 30 to 40 men gathered Saturday afternoon at Capt. Stewart's office to plan for a circle wolf hunt in Tingley township. No rifles or revolvers are to be used. Our hunters are supposed to all be gentlemen, and we expect no whisky drinking during the hunt. Don't use heavier than BB shot for your guns; this is for protection of the human race. No firing of guns after the line is one mile square, except at wolves.



A WOLF HUNT

Courtesy Minnie Ibbotson

February 20 — WOLF HUNT WELL ATTENDED — About 400 men attended the wolf hunt last Thursday. They killed 42 rabbits which they sold for \$2.50 which was sent to the Orphan's Home. The Young People's Christian Union of the U.P. Church served lunch at the round-up one mile northeast of town. They took in a little over \$23.

April 16 — OLDEST RESIDENT DIES — Mrs. Polly Porter Asbury died April 12, 1908, at her home in Tingley, aged 96 years and 11 months. At the time of her death, she was the oldest resident in Ringgold County, residing here 32 years, and had lived in Tingley for over 18 years. She came to Iowa in 1850. Her husband was Benjamin Asbury. Ever since his death in 1899, she and her granddaughter, Miss Emma Asbury, have lived so cozily together in a neat cottage on Main Street. Mr. and Mrs. Asbury had seven children, five of them surviving, viz. Mrs. Emily Clary of Sigourney, W.H. Asbury of Ottumwa, Dr. T.P. Asbury of Tingley, Mrs. Mary A. Neidigh of Shannon City, and B.F. Asbury of Albia.



Polly Asbury

April 16 — BUYS AN AUTO — While in Des Moines, C.C. Haver purchased a Reo, and a beauty. An expert from the house drove the machine from Des Moines with Mr. Haver. Tingley is forging ahead. [Tingley's first real auto.]

April 16 - THE NEWEST FAD — Letter Post Photos — Twelve photographs of yourself in novel style. Smith Studio (Adv.)

April 30 — BANANA EATERS — Messrs. Homer Ibbotson and Leslie McClure are the champions. In a contest at the opera house restaurant, Homer ate 20 and Leslie 16.



Homer Ibbotson
*Courtesy
Thelma
Grimes*



**Leslie
McClure**
*Courtesy
Clair
Heyer
Collection*

May 7 — CANNING FACTORY PROSPECT — The Tingley Commercial Club has been busy looking for new industries. The most flattering prospect is the Geneseo Canning Company. They must be guaranteed 2,000 acres of sweet corn and peas. The proposition is up to our farmer friends now to guarantee the acreage. The plant will be a money maker for the farmers. They will employ 300 hands. Sweet corn brings the farmers from \$25 to \$40 per acre and peas from \$40 to \$75 per acre after paying for the seed.

May 7 — At the regular meeting of the Tingley Commercial Club Tuesday evening, the correspondence regarding the canning factory was taken up. Every farmer interviewed was in favor of the project. The water supply needed by the canning factory, for fire protection and general use, is being made the subject of earnest effort. The Club is pledged to secure two large wells for immediate needs. A water system can be secured for \$2,500 that will afford good protection.

May 14 — MEAT WAGON — James Reynolds of Shannon City began running a meat wagon to Tingley and hereafter on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays.

May 21 — A WATERWORKS SYSTEM — At the special meeting of the Tingley Commercial Club, the waterworks committee made a report of progress. A preliminary survey would cost \$150, money well invested for a system to cost about \$2,500. The city has no bonded indebtedness now and we are allowed to issue bonds of five per centum of actual value of taxable property for waterworks, electric light and power plants, gas works, and heating plants, or of building and constructing sewers. There is nearly \$97,000 of personal property in Tingley corporation, and real estate is greatly in excess of that sum. With a system of waterworks, we will be in a position to secure such concerns as the Geneseo Canning Factory requiring a large water supply. But the best thing will be fire protection and consequent cheaper insurance rates. The Club urges citizens of Tingley to boost for a complete system of waterworks.

July 23 — FIRST AUTO ACCIDENT — in or near Tingley happened to Chas. Haver on the road west of town. Merrill Asbury was with Mr. Haver; both were thrown out but not seriously injured. The Reo suffered a fracture of one wheel.

August 27 — FINAL PREPARATIONS — at a special meeting of the Tournament and Fair committees. It was voted to have two rest rooms for ladies and children with combs, basins, water, looking glasses, and cleanly necessary adjuncts; seats and benches along the sidewalks on both sides of Main Street. The stock tent will be on the north side of Main Street; and tent for fancy work, culinary, farm and garden and poultry departments just east of Stewart & Son's. The merry-go-round in the street near the Engle House and a platform near Slentz's and Richardson's.

September 10 — TINGLEY'S BEST FALL FAIR — The most successful of all Tingley Tournaments...the largest crowd ever assembled in Tingley that day, nearly 6,000 persons....

October 15 — ENGINE INSTALLED — The International gasoline engine bought of the local agent, Frank Gray, has been installed and this issue of the Vindicator will be printed by power other than kicking a treadle. It is a contrary beast to control, but no more than any other gasoline engine. When we get it tamed to start at once, we will be happy—and we are learning fast.

December 31 — Macelle Steinkamp (Morrison) was the lucky girl to draw the big doll at Coye's Drug Store.



Macelle Steinkamp
Courtesy Macelle Morrison

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January 14 — GEORGE GORSUCH INJURED — His horse became frightened at the passenger train when near the bridge and suddenly overturned the cart on him, dragging him underneath it for a considerable distance before kicking itself loose. Mr. Gorsuch was brought to Dr. Nelson's office with two fractured ribs and several scalp wounds. [This is one of many horse and buggy accidents that were recorded in the Vindicator.]

March 11 — AUTOMATIC GATE — Z.I. Grout received his first letters of protection from the patent office on an automatic gate. This is the second gate Mr. Grout has patented. He sold the right to the other one. Tingley is proud of her latest inventor.

March 11 — VETERINARY COMING — Dr. H.C. Sheumaker, a recent graduate from the Kansas City veterinary college, will locate in Tingley about March 20th.

April 22 — WILL YOU DRAG THE ROADS? — Please notify Road Superintendent Bert Ashenhurst, or Township clerk Rob Coie. The township will pay 40 cents per mile.

April 29 — NEW BICYCLE — Rural Carrier E.A. Stover received last week a new Mead bicycle for use on the route during nice weather.

June 10 — RAIN AND FLOOD — From Sunday evening till Wednesday morning, there was a rainfall of seven inches. All the creeks and rivers were at flood height, higher than ever in the memory of present inhabitants. Stock in pastures along Hackberry and Walnut Creeks were in some places about a quarter of a mile wide and perfect torrents. Grand River overflowed and covered the Great Western tracks at Diagonal, 22 inches deep on the floor of the depot, water into the coaches of a passenger train held there on account of track being washed out between there and Shannon City. E.A. Stover, carrier on Route No. 1, is having trouble delivering mail and had to finish on horseback.



Courtesy of Alice Allen

July 8 — HIGH WATERS — The rain began Sunday night and continued till Tuesday morning. In Tingley the damage was slight, but in all directions from here the storm was disastrous. At Diagonal the water was 30 inches higher in the Great Western depot than it was at the June flood. About 40 miles of Great Western track is destroyed. The K. & W. has three bridges out, across Hackberry east of Tingley, east edge of Diagonal, and across Platte River. The excursion train to Clarinda was caught at Diagonal with a bridge out in front and behind. About 50 Tingley people on the excursion train did not reach home till yesterday. With about 250 extra people to care for, Diagonal was taxed to the utmost to provide them with food.

July 22 — FREIGHT SHIPMENTS — Summary for the year's shipments of freight at the Tingley station as furnished by station agent W.O. Butler: 142 cars of grain of which Talbott Grain Co. sent 67 cars, Nat Heizer 23, W.A. Allen 48, and Lane 4. Stock shipments aggregated 145 of which Breckenridge & England sent 92.

Receipts were 193 cars as follows: Coal, 81; lumber, 30; cement, 9; wire, 2; salt, 4; sand, 25; stone, 2; emigrant outfits, 16; apples, 2; horses, 4; building blocks, 3; tile, 7; sawdust, 2; oil meal and feed, 2; coal oil, 1; grader outfits, 2; crushed shells, 1.

August 26 — THE MOST IMPORTANT MEETING REGARDS FUTURE OF TINGLEY SCHOOLS — Our school board added another grade to the high school course, making 12 grades. The addition of the extra grade will prevent anyone from graduating next May. [Julia Mariner Henderson was in the last class to graduate from the 11th grade. She said she was probably the youngest graduate to come from Tingley High School — 14 years old.]

September 2 — FIFTH ANNUAL PICNIC OF ODD FELLOWS OF COUNTY AT TINGLEY — For several weeks previous to the picnic, all the livery rigs and automobiles in Afton and Mt. Ayr had been engaged by people who had made arrangements to attend, and the same condition in other nearby places. From 2,000 to 3,000 visitors were present by the time the parade started in the afternoon. The Mt. Ayr band played from the band stand near the fire tower in the forenoon.

The Engle House, Jno. Richardson and A.J. Morris were taxed beyond their limit in feeding the people, and if the ladies of the M.E. church had not come to the rescue and served dinner, supper, a midnight lunch to the people, there might have been quite a number of hungry people.

September 2 — GYPSIES HERE — A roving band of gypsies on their way to the state fair at Des Moines passed through Tingley Saturday and pestered our businessmen with their begging and fortune telling.

September 16 — THE SECOND FAIR — was a big success even with unfavorable weather. The fairground is on Frank McGugin's land and includes the old Tingley Ball Park. There is a high woven wire fence around this tract. Along the east side were erected 31 stalls for horses and cattle; west was the tent 30x40 for poultry and sheep; next a tent the same size for hogs; west of this there were baby racks and other attractions and the Moorish Wonders; in front and to the south was the amphitheater and ball park. A well was dug near the amphitheater which supplied plenty of water for the stock and for the stands and drinking. West of the amphitheater was Richardson's and Bradley's stands and Powell's rack. Along the west side of the ground there were four tents, a stand and the roller coaster.

In the first tent the art and culinary departments were exhibited; next to this was the rest tent fitted with seats and a telephone for accommodation of fair visitors; adjoining this was the tent in which Nelson & Nelson exhibited agricultural implements, carriages, etc.; the

machinery was driven by a splendid Fairbanks Morse one-horse gas engine. The latter is one of the most complete little engines we have seen, and in addition to all other qualities has a speed regulator. It drove the manure spreader on exhibition.

To the south, M.U. Myers of Beasonsfield conducted a stand and served fresh fish sandwiches and other delicacies. The great attraction of the Fair was the portable roller skating rink in a large tent, patronized by old as well as young, fat as well as lean persons, tall as well as short people, and was the scene of very much merriment. Even this editor and his better two-thirds were on the festive rollers when some one did not trip us up. It has been 25 years since we were on roller skates before. It was a little provoking when some of the young men (?) who ought to have been helping those who did not know how to skate persisted in racing around the rink and tripping other people. But then it was amusing to the crowd to watch the people pile up on the floor. Luckily no one was seriously injured. South of the rink was the roller coaster, patronized by old as well as young. [It gives an account of the livestock entries, but they were so few because of the mud roads. People couldn't get their livestock to town.]

The Moorish Wonders put on a clean and interesting show interspersed with music and magic, a continuous performance. Some of their exhibitions of strength were marvelous. There were also addresses and ballgames.

October 7 — ANDERSONVILLE PRISON ANNIVERSARY - Last Week Frank McGugin celebrated the 45th anniversary of his escape from Andersonville. He was confined there when the famous "Providence Spring" appeared on the hillside with its unlimited supply of clear, cool sparkling water, and the prisoners regarded its appearance as a direct manifestation of Divine providence to save the lives of the thousands of men there who were literally dying from exposure, starvation, and thirst. Mr. McGugin says he was not much of a dude in personal appearance when he gained his freedom, as he had only a shirt and pair of pants — the shirt being worn off at the elbows and the pants at the knees.

December 16 — The ever popular play, **TEN NIGHTS IN A BARROOM**, was presented at the opera house Tuesday evening. It is a strong temperance sermon and teaches a good lesson. The company carries its own band and gave two street concerts.

December 16 — W.C.T.U. DOINGS - The silver medal contest held last Friday evening was won by Henry Immerzeel. While these contests are a financial help to temperance work, their chief object is to give the public good literary entertainments that show the evils of intemperance, and arouse a stronger public sentiment in favor of much needed reforms. Some of the speeches presented were: The Bartender's Dream, Wreck of the East Express, That Bad Boy Fritz, and the Drunkard's Blow.

YEAR 1910

January 27 — A BOBSLED LOAD OF TEACHERS —went Saturday to Mt. Ayr to attend the county

teachers' rally. The teachers: Misses Ina Freeman, Anna Meighen, Hattie Whisler, Fay Stanley, Eva Ashen-hurst, Helene Heyer; Prof. R.E. Davenport, John Hausz.

March 24 — BOUGHT AN AUTOMOBILE - In Des Moines last week, Luke Shay bought a 40 horse power Overland touring car. A chauffeur drove it down for him. This makes the second auto for Tingley. [The next week A.R. Hass purchased a Studebaker.]

April 7 — Tingley had their first ball game of the season against Grand River at Tingley. The inning was not finished as some of the players had to take the train home and were compelled to make very fast time in order to catch it.

April 28 — MORE AUTOS - C. Horton Coye and Murl DeWitt each received new Overland machines and the Tingley Automobile Co. a large Buick car during the past week. There are now six machines here.

May 5 — THE TINGLEY AUTO CO. — with offices in the Edwards building on Main Street is the newest Tingley business firm and is composed of Messrs. Luke Shay, Frank Gray, and Alfred Brocker. Their specialty is the Overland and Buick cars.

November 17 — A RUNAWAY ACCIDENT - As Mrs. H.R. Boyd and daughter, Miss Marjorie, were driving to Mt. Ayr last Friday, their horse became frightened at F.E. Sheldon's automobile and started to run away. One of the ladies jumped out of the rig and the other was thrown out, but neither one was hurt very much.

YEAR 1911

January 12 — PIANO CONTEST ENDED — The piano contest conducted by Heyer Bros., Todd & Stewart, C. Horton Coye, and the Vindicator closed Monday afternoon. Miss Sadie Butterfield was awarded the piano. Misses Marie Eckerman, Hazel Lee, and Loretta Dufty were awarded prize watches.

March 9 — THE WAUBONSIE TRAIL - is the proposed highway across the southern tier of counties in Iowa from Nebraska City to Keokuk. It will pass through Shenandoah, Yorktown, Clarinda, New Market, Gravity, and Sharpsburg. In Ringgold County the trail passes through Clearfield, Diagonal, Knowlton, Tingley, Ellston, and Beaconsfield. In Decatur County: Grand River, DeKalb, Van Wert, Weldon, and Leroy. There is quite a controversy over where the route will be. Mt. Ayr, Kellerton, Lamoni, Davis City, Decatur City, and Leon are making a plea for the Trail, too. Both trails have been dug well to impress the inspectors who will make the decision on which route will be chosen. [The route through this township enters a mile west of the Eighth schoolhouse, goes east 2 miles, north into and through Tingley, and on east.]

March 23 — TRAIL IS INSPECTED — The Waubonsie Trail examining committee have come and gone. Five autos from Tingley driven by C. Horton Coye, Frank Gray, Clair Williams, Glen Stewart, and Dr. S.W. DeLong met the committee. Glen Stewart had a little

difficulty in "taking" a small hill with his machine, when he turned it around and backed up the hill.

March 30 — CORN BELT HIGHWAY — A new River to River road across Iowa was launched Monday. Towns from Humeston to Gravity had been turned down by the Waubonsie Trail Association, including Tingley, after they had been the first to pay membership fees and organize, so the 100 delegates from the north part of Wayne, Decatur, Ringgold and Taylor counties were determined to organize an independent River-to-River trail across the state from Nebraska City to Burlington. Mt. Ayr, Lamoni, Leon, etc. seemed to possess the most influence (?), whatever that is, and were selected as the route for the Waubonsie Trail. The "North Trail" is assured they will get the travel after once an auto has made the trip over both trails.

The work of putting up sign boards, painting the telephone poles white, and otherwise designating the trail, will be pushed as rapidly as possible.

April 6 — AN AUTO LIVERY — Tingley now boasts an auto livery, Messrs. Grimes and Cunningham having purchased a Buick six-passenger car from Des Moines.

April 6 — Decatur City was not included on the Waubonsie Trail, so the boosters in that place got busy with their signs announcing the "short route to Kellerton" and placed the signs on the trail at Leon. At Kellerton they have placed the signs announcing the "short route to Leon". We guess that is going some.

The Corn Belt Highway may erect signs at Gravity where the Waubonsie turns south announcing "short route to Burlington", but from the way trans-state travel is opening up, we guess it will not be necessary.

April 13 — GREAT DIVIDE HIGHWAY — Tingley Commercial Club was instrumental in inviting Afton and Mt. Ayr clubs to meet here and organize a north and south trail from St. Joseph to Des Moines. Inasmuch as Mt. Ayr is situated on the highest point between the Mississippi and Missouri Rivers, we would suggest the name of Great Divide Highway as appropriate. There is a good ridge road accessible nearly all the way from Des Moines via Churchill, Winterset, Lorimor, Afton, Tingley, and Mt. Ayr down into Missouri. [Later called the Ayr Line Highway.]

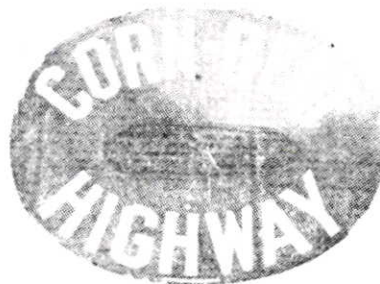
April 13 — Messrs. & Mesdames C. Horton Coye and L.P. Todd were Mt. Ayr visitors Monday. They were only 40 minutes driving back.

April 13 — The *Vindicator* made an enumeration Friday and we found there are 447 people within the corporate limits of the city, 41 less than the 1900 census.

April 27 — THE AYR LINE HIGHWAY — Tingley is fortunate in being located on both an east-west and north-south trail. The former is the Corn Belt Highway and the latter the Ayr Line Highway. From Tingley to Mt. Ayr there are three roads competing for the Ayr Line Highway: through Liberty Center; by way of Chas. Jerrems; and by way of the county farm.

May 11 — A FORD AGENT — E.D. Sherman secured the Ford agency for Tingley and vicinity and secured Dolphus Lee as his "trouble man" and chauffeur. This makes two automobile agencies for Tingley—Overland and Buick; and Ford.

May 11 — CORN BELT HIGHWAY MEETING — White, green and yellow are to be used in painting the telephone poles and official sign boards. It was decided to paint three telephone poles each way from each corner, and if the road turns a corner, to paint those on the side where the road turns.



May 18 — AYR LINE LOCATED — An endurance run will be made over the Ayr Line Saturday, and thirty automobiles from St. Joe will participate, joined by many more along the route, so that when they arrive in Tingley, there will be the greatest automobile parade in the history of our city. Painting telephone poles along the Line will be completed this week. Tingley will paint halfway to Mt. Ayr and halfway to Arispe. The colors used are a six-inch band of vermillion red, then a one-foot band of white, and above this a six-inch band of vermillion red. The Tingley committee having oversight of painting our proportion is Messrs. O.W. Roush, John O. Nelson, and Frank Gray.

August 3 — RECEIVES FIRST AUTO LICENSE — Dr. S.W. DeLong last week received his state auto license numbers and placed them on his Overland car. State authorities have been rushed greatly in issuing numbers to auto owners.

November 9 — AN UNGENTLEMANLY ACT — Some person, whether with mischievous or malicious intent, very badly scared three young ladies while they were returning from the W.C.T.U. social last Thursday evening at Wm. Bischoff's. He secreted himself under the cattle guard where the street crosses the railway track and jumped out at the ladies, chasing them for a short distance. It was a very ungentlemanly act, and if the girls had not been so badly frightened, they would have been justified in attacking him with hat pins as they are a very good weapon.

December 14 — BEDFORD WINS, 19 to 18 — Basketball fans had quite a treat Friday evening at the double header game played in the Tingley opera house. The girls' game was between the first and second teams of our high school. The boys' game was between Bedford and Tingley high school teams and was said by some who had witnessed a great many games to have been the roughest they ever saw, especially on the part of Bedford who not only threw the Tingley boys whenever

they had the opportunity, but resorted to kicking their opponents in the stomach, players making frequent remarks to "rough it," and "We can win if we play rough." A riot was narrowly averted when Hamilton, Bedford's left guard, threw Darbyshire, Tingley's left forward, two times in succession, the last time almost across the court. A two and a half minute halt was taken to adjust matters. Prof. B.L. Anderson, coach of the Bedford team, said that Referee Grady was not calling enough fouls, and proceeded to referee the remainder of the game, calling fouls when there were none, because the crowd disagreed with his rulings, and said he would call fouls everytime the crowd said anything against the referee. The score of the first half was 9 to 8 in favor of Tingley; the second half 11 to 9 in favor of Bedford, making the latter winners in a total score of 19 to 18.

Tingley		Bedford
Brown	RG	Weiser
Overholtzer	LG	Hamilton
Roush	C	Dowell
Darbyshire	LF	Evans
Stewart	RF	Lucas

December 21 — Ringgold County lost in population from 1900 to 1910 from 15,326 to 12,904.

December 21 — A BIG SATURDAY'S BUSINESS - While all our stores and businessmen seemed to be very busy Saturday, we believe the busiest of all was F.G. Hausz and his assistants at the produce house next door to the Vindicator. He received 135 turkeys which would average \$1.75 each and thus paid out \$236 or more. He received 41 coops of chickens, 2 coops of geese, and 1 coop of ducks which brought the farmers \$375 or more; and 12 cans of cream which brought the dairymen \$285 or thereabouts, thus making a total of about \$896 paid out for produce by this one house.

YEAR 1912

February 8 — ICE HARVEST - Messrs. O.W. Roush and R.E. Haltom began filling the ice houses at Bosworth's and the Opera House Cafe yesterday. Jesse Jones of Union County has the contract for the work and eight men assisting him. Ira Smith and John Lee are packing the ice in the houses, and Fletcher and Dan Hill, Harry and Walter Berry, Leonard Grimes, and Floyd Overholtzer are harvesting the ice and hauling it to the houses. The ice, taken from A.R. Franklin's pond is about 20 inches thick and of fine quality. [The meat market, restaurants, drugstores, and general stores all needed ice, as well as, there was usually an icebox in each home which had to be replenished quite frequently with a new block of ice. Ice was stored in ice houses packed in sawdust.]

February 8 — SHIPPING IN ICE FROM ELLSTON - Work of filling the large ice house at the meat market began Tuesday when a car load of ice was received from Ellston. Two more cars arrived yesterday, and it may require three or four more car loads to fill the house. The ice is from 18 to 20 inches thick. [They ended up with 250 tons.]

February 29 — WORST SNOW STORM FOR YEARS

— The snow storm which began Sunday afternoon was the worst for years, according to the older inhabitants. Snow drifts were something wonderful to behold, many being 10 to 12 feet deep and the average depth of the snow was 3 to 4 feet. The snow plow, pushed by three engines, was started Monday from Keokuk and did not reach Red Oak until Tuesday noon. It went through here about 40 miles an hour and plowed easily through the 12 foot drift the full length of the 700 foot cut west of town. Trains were running with two engines on about schedule yesterday, but travel on the wagon roads will be slow for many days yet.

April 11 — LADIES' HAIR WORK - Ladies, bring your comb's and cut hair to me and have them made up in an up-to-date manner. I make Switches, Puffs, Curls, and Coronets. Also buy comb's and cut hair. The price of Switches is 50 cents; Braids, \$1.50; Mrs. Nellie Quick (Adv.)

June 27 — NEW BAND STAND - H.H. Dufty began work Tuesday noon on the new band stand where the fire bell tower stood. The stand is octagon in shape and 15 feet in diameter, with a cement foundation. The street lamp will be swung from the center at the top.



Courtesy Evelyn England

June 27 — OLD LANDMARK GONE - The fire bell tower which has stood in the center of the intersection of Main and Depot streets for about 17 years was taken down Monday morning and moved to the Spurrier lots near the Tingley Elevator. It will be erected just south of the Christian Church, later to mount the new bell which the ladies of that church are raising funds to purchase. The fire bell was immediately placed on top of the city hall with ropes hanging outside the building in easy reach for use in case of an alarm being needed.



Courtesy Fern Haley



Courtesy Clair Heyer Collection



Courtesy Clair Heyer Collection

July 25 — CAR LOAD OF PEACHES — About 400 bushels were received Wednesday by H.E. Tuttle.

July 25 — GARAGE IN TINGLEY - Jonas Fender has opened a garage in the John McGandy building on the south side of Main Street where the Tingley Auto Co. formerly was located to do all repair work. Mr. Fender will be agent for Ford and Overland cars.

October 24 — TINGLEY FAIR WILL CEASE - At a meeting of the Fair Association, it was voted to dispose of all of its property, pay expenses and premiums of the 1912 Fair and cease to do business. Several things have conspired to bring about this result. First, it requires too much money to keep even a small fair like ours going. We are handicapped by poor railroad facilities so that people from neighboring towns cannot attend, there being no morning and evening trains. The lease for the fair grounds had expired and Mr. McGugin wished to plow up the land. It requires the unanimous support of the community. This the Association did not have. We regret to record this, but it is the cold fact. [Also, it rained almost every year, which kept people from getting their exhibits to the fair.]

October 24 — 10,000 FEET OF LUMBER AT AUCTION - The Tingley Fair Association will sell all of the lumber belonging to the Association on the Fair Grounds; about 1000 feet of fencing and 100 cedar poles.

YEAR 1913

May 8 — GOOD ROADS CLUB ORGANIZED - Tingley businessmen raised \$225 for prizes. Farmers will file a plat of the road to be worked with E.D. Sherman; the road will be inspected before and after the contest.

May 15 — THE AYR LINE - has been changed by the Mt. Ayr men so that it goes direct north past the old fair grounds, the county farm, and on to Afton, missing Tingley by about a mile. We do not know how the farmers along the old route will like this change, but as for Tingley, we do not care a cent.

May 15 — FIRST ROAD DRAG DAY - was a success. An even dozen men came in on drags—one carrying two men. O.W. Roush, manager of the Tingley Telephone Co., donated line calls Monday morning notifying the farmers they could come in on drags Monday or Tuesday and receive the prizes offered. Street Commissioner Frank McGugin treated the farmers to soda water; others treated to cigars, and we all tried to show our appreciation. Following are the names of those who rode drags into Tingley: J.E. Overholtzer, Will Butterfield, Henry Landreth, W.L. Henderson, A. Milligan, H.R. Boyd, F.L. Ashenhurst, P.W. Miller, P.R. Buchanan, H.L. Ibbotson, G.B. Weeda, and Eric Anderson for A.A. Allen.



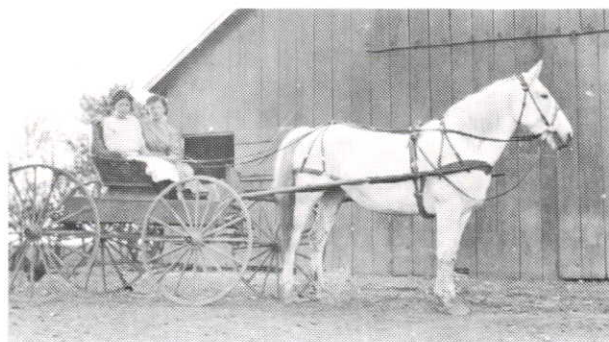
**Earl Eckerman, Perry Buchanan
and Will McDowell**
Courtesy Marie Troxell

June 19 — THIRD ROAD DRAG DAY — was a great success. Thirty-six drags registered, some with four horses and two men, so that about 50 farmers were in on drags that day. By far the cutest sight was to see George and Rowe Eighme coming in on a drag "just as important as grown up people." The greatest distance dragged was ten miles by Hallie Blackmore. About \$150 was given in prizes by our businessmen. Average length was between 4 and 5 miles.

June 19 — GRADING DEPOT STREET — was quite successfully accomplished. Three teams on the road grader made things move nicely.

September 25 — HORSE SCARED TO DEATH - A 23 year-old horse belonging to Mr. Berry north of Tingley was scared to death by autos in east Tingley yesterday. The animal was between an east and west bound auto, reared up, and fell over dead.

October 9 — BUGGY TIPPED OVER — Floyd and Dorothy Miller and Lottie and Grace Arnold walked a part of the way to school Wednesday morning last week. Their horse got frightened and turned so suddenly it tipped the buggy over.



Grace and Lottie Arnold
Courtesy Lottie Brown

YEAR 1914

January 1, 1914 — FINISHES BIG WELLS - E.H. Lay finished last week the big well near the Methodist Church. Tingley now has four big wells with an abundance of water to fight fires. Mr. Lay also did the big brick well at the Christian Church. [Mr. Lay had a peg leg. Charles Bennett can remember "Old Peg Leg" laying brick in a well when Charles was a child. "Old Peg Leg" had a tomato can on the end of the one leg. Charles said it was fascinating to watch him lay brick in a well and to work himself up, placing the leg with the tomato can on the ring of brick on one side and the good leg on the brick on the other side of the well.]

June 18 — DRAGGING STREETS WITH AUTOS - Jonas Fender and Dr. H.D. Sheumaker hitched their Ford cars to the road drag and dragged the streets Monday. It was certainly a new thing for Tingley.

YEAR 1915

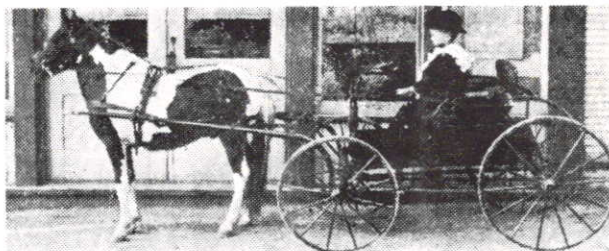
April 29 — \$3,950 FIRE LOSS MONDAY - Fire of unknown origin destroyed the Spurrier store room on the southwest corner of Main and Depot Streets about midnight Monday. Dr. S.W. DeLong lost his office fixtures, medicine, instruments, and a splendid medical library. Geo. Cooper lost his barber shop fixtures. Heyer Bros. owned the building. Heyer & Jones had a stock of merchandise stored there. The building was the oldest in Tingley, having been moved over from Old Eugene in 1881 by Geo. Swain with its general stock.

May 13 — LARGE EGG SHIPMENT - The cash produce house of F.G. Hausz has shipped since March 15 to Corydon, Centerville, Bloomfield, and Knoxville a total of 2,883 cases of eggs or 86,490 dozen or 1,037,880 eggs. They made over six car loads and brought the neat sum of \$15,856 to our poultry raisers.

July 29 — PARKING AUTOS - Dr. DeLong on one side of the band stand and Jas. Richards on the other started the parking of autos in the center of Main Street Saturday evening. At one time over 20 autos were parked.

YEAR 1916

March 9 — WINS PONY - In R.E. Fender's pony contest, Carl Hullinger of Ellston won with 1,625,650 votes. The other prize winners were: Clarence Lanham, coaster sled; Chester Breckenridge, coaster wagon; Alan Christopher, Jewell Robinson, Johnnie Giles, Gunar Hjhorthoj and LaVerne Zarr, roller skates.



Vindicator Ad of Contest

May 25 — EXPECTS TO LEAVE TINGLEY — Mrs. Cordelia Cunningham, who has three grown sons residing in Des Moines, is planning to move there. She expects to tear down the old livery barn and use the dimension stuff to build a residence in our capital city. Since advent of the auto livery, the horse livery has not been a very paying proposition.

June 8 — EQUAL SUFFRAGE IS DEFEATED - by about 5,000. Not so bad when one considers all the forces of evil that were arrayed against it, such as the foes of temperance, sobriety, and good government. The river counties were solidly against the amendment. We are proud of Tingley Township which gave Women's Suffrage a majority of 56, by a vote of 129 to 73.

July 6 — NEW TOWNSHIP SCHOOL TREASURER — Ever since Tingley Township was organized over 40 years ago, C.C. Bosworth has been the township school treasurer. This year, owing to declining health, he refused to allow his name used, and G.E. Kester was elected.

July 27 — CONCERTS DRAW BIG CROWDS — A prominent banker in a neighboring town says Tingley's excellent band is worth \$500 to this city as a trade getter. People were here Thursday night from Mt. Ayr, Shannon City, Ellston, Arispe, and Beaconsfield.

August 17 — CHAUTAUQUA ENDS [condensed] — Left-handed cartoonist and sand modeler; lecture by Rev. Wm. Bailer on "Sure Cure for the Blues." In the evening T. Alex Cairns, the Irishman who "was born in Ireland when he was a boy," had started his lecture when a storm with tornado force struck the tent and greatly demolished it, breaking the large center pole in two and letting the tent down on the people. No one was seriously injured, but the tent was damaged and required over two days' steady work to repair it. Only about 75 people were in the tent when it collapsed, most of the crowd having started for their homes. Dr. Freder-

ick A. Cook, the noted Arctic explorer, was lecturer the next day. His experiences in his attainment of the pole are almost beyond belief. Friday's program on the chautauqua was the Eight University Girls and Miss Martha Mork-the best musical company to visit our city since the Boston Orchestra of 40 pieces came in 1902.

YEAR 1917

January 4 — BUYS TELEPHONE EXCHANGE - J.A. Verploegh of Pella became owner of the Tingley Telephone Exchange. He is an expert electrician and telephone operator.

January 18 — BOUGHT AUTO HEARSE — H.W. Edwards purchased an auto hearse Thursday through the agency of Fender & Adams.

April 12 — WAR - The United States is now engaged in actual warfare with Germany...All men between the ages of 18 and 45 who are willing to enlist are to notify either Mayor Fraser or Capt. Horton at Creston.

May 31 — SCHOOL HOUSE BONDS CARRY — 164 to 23 — the vote was 83 men for, and 16 against; 81 women for, and 7 against. Bonding is not to exceed \$25,000.

September 20 — COUNTY DEMONSTRATION — Tuesday at Mt. Ayr for the young men who have been drafted into the new National Army was a decided success. From 5,000 to 6,000 persons were present. The Tingley, Kellerton, Diagonal, Benton, and Mt Ayr bands, and the Garton martial band were present to enliven the day. An army bugler also gave the bugle calls. The procession included about 30 veterans of the Civil War, Red Cross workers, the drafted young men, a troop of Boy Scouts, and Mt. Ayr school children. Tingley, Ellston, and Beaconsfield were well represented; business houses, schools, and telephone centrals in the above towns closed, and fully three-fourths of the people attended. The addresses were full of patriotism. The vast throng was aroused — nothing like it has been witnessed since the great Civil War. At 6 o'clock an elaborate banquet was served to Ringgold County's quota in the basement of the Church of Christ.

March 7 — DEATH OF ED DEWEY — The first Tingley soldier to lay down his life in defense of the cause of human liberty was Ed Dewey, only son of Mr. and Mrs. John Dewey, who passed away Monday evening at Camp Pike, Arkansas, aged 24 years.

July 4 — NEW FORDSON TRACTORS — sold by Mr. Fender, the local Ford agent, to Frank McGandy and A.T. Bennett.

August 8 — FORD TRUCK — Jonas Fender, local Ford dealer, delivered a ton Ford truck to the Tingley Lumber Co.—the first truck in Tingley. [O.W. Roush & Son]

August 15 — SCHOOL HOUSE SOLD — The old school building was sold at auction Saturday and the purchasers were A.A. Simpson, Noah, H.F. and J.C. McCowen. They paid \$500 for the building and furnaces, the school board reserving all fixtures.

September 5 — \$25,000 SCHOOL HOUSE IS READY FOR USE — [See School History]-

September 19 — BUY FORD TRUCK — The Tingley Elevator Co. has purchased a Ford ton truck from the local agent, Jonas Fender. This is the second one owned by Tingley firms. [J.W. Ferguson and Nat Heizer]

September 26 — [Extracts from letter sent by Tingley boy, Raymond H. Gordon, who has been on the Marne battle zone three months:]

I am afraid mamma is reading home novels about the horrors of war. We will have to buy her some classic English and make her read 47 pages a day like they do the high school kids.

I think the Marines have seen their part of the conflict and nobody can say we have not been in the thickest of the fight.

Had three blankets over me last night and never noticed being too warm.

It's sort o' lonesome after having so many cooties running around to be without them all of a sudden. We were coming from the front the other day and ran into a French cootie machine. We piled our clothes, cooties and all, into bags and they were put into a big oven and the cooties were all fried out. But don't tell mamma, for you know how she is horrified by one tiny bedbug, and a cootie could whip half a dozen bedbugs any night.

The French are good cooks, but have some funny notions. When they cook a chicken they don't see the necessity of cutting off its head, so cook it head and all....

October 3 — TINGLEY PRIZE WINNER — In all that's good, Tingley affords the best. Mrs. Rufus Eighme won the Des Moines Capital's state contest for the best recipe for Victory Bread.



Dottie Eighme and Marietta
Courtesy Margaret Eighme

October 24 — DEATH OF HARRY LUPHER — Another Gold Star to be added to the Community Service Flag. He was stationed as a machinist in the naval aviation corps at Gulf Port, Mississippi; son of A.D. Luphers; 32 years old. His illness was pneumonia following an attack of influenza.

November 14 — THE WAR IS OVER — When the news was received Thursday afternoon that Germany had signed the terms of armistice, Tingley went wild with enthusiasm and joy. Bells were rung, and guns fired, the demonstration continuing all afternoon. President Wilson issued his proclamation at 10 o'clock Mon-

day morning. Mayor Verploegh appointed committees, and a ratification of the peace news was planned and carried out. A parade of school children headed by our splendid band took place at 3 p.m. In the parade, an effigy of the Kaiser was dragged through the streets and finally burned. A calithumpian band also added to the patriotic noise. Following the parade came more band music and splendid patriotic addresses by Dr. S.W. DeLong, Rev. W.W. Gordon, and Rev. J.A. Branson. Main street was crowded with autos and sidewalks lined with enthusiastic and patriotic Americans. In the evening there was a band concert followed by a large bonfire. Many enthusiastic citizens contributed (?) their hats and caps to the conflagration—some by the willing activities of friends. Taken altogether it was a successful demonstration of joy at the conclusion of a terrible war, and the dawn of peace for which we have all earnestly hoped.

November 21 — TINGLEY SOLDIER KILLED — John Anderson was killed in action in France. Mr. Anderson, who was a native of Sweden, was employed on a farm near Tingley when he enlisted. His is the third Gold Star on the Service Flag.

YEAR 1919

January 30 — VICTORY LIBERTY LOAN — Bring the victors home; finish the job. Bonds on sale at Tingley Bank; Quota, \$35,000.

February 6 — Dennis Ownes, Beaconsfield boy, writes from Germany December 30, 1918.
My Dear Mother, Dad and Alice,

Just a few lines to let you know I am almost well again and have been sent back to my company in Luxemburg. I received two letters from you tonight. One contained money which you had sent in July; that looked very good to me.

I do not know when I will be home, but was sure glad to be well enough to be sent back to my company. The city we are near is about the size of Creston. The people are mostly all Germans and they sure treat us fine. We are living in with them in their homes and are sleeping in real honest to goodness beds again — much different than when we were on the front sleeping in shell holes and muddy trenches. Thank God those awful days are over; they were sure hard ones.

Our company was going over the top the morning the armistice was signed. The heavy artillery and machine guns were firing something fierce, and at just 11 o'clock it stopped dead still. That is one hour the boys will never forget. At about 11:15 many of the Germans came out with the white flag to meet our boys. They shook hands and said they were mighty glad it was over.

I wish you could see our room—a big feather bed, electric lights and all. I thought many and many a time when the shells were bursting around us and the bullets buzzing that my feather bed days were over, but it's all over now, and how cheerfully quiet everything is and how thankful every heart must be to know that the battle is hushed and the thunder of the great guns silenced.

Dad, I have a real German belt for you. I got it myself. Have you seen them? I had some good souvenirs—

among them was a German iron cross ring I was going to take to Mother or Alice but lost them all when I went to the hospital, but still the only souvenir I ever hoped to bring back to the States was myself.

We had a great time talking to the French when we first came over. The French girls would talk to us and we did not know whether to say yes or no. Mother, don't you think I was taking some great chances?

Are there many of the fellows back from camps and oversea? I sure am anxious to see all my old pals again. Please tell them all not to feel sore at me when I did not write to them because we were not out on any picnic and I did not have the time to write.

I have been over lots of country since last I saw you, and there is one more trip I am anxious to make—that's back across the pond. When I get to New York if the Statue of Liberty wishes to see me, she will have to turn around I am sure.

I guess I may as well bring this to a close. Give one and all my best regards. I hope to see you all in the near future. Write to me often. Love to all.

Your Son and Brother,
Dennis E. Owens
Co. H, 129th Infantry, A.E.F.

[Remember — the smileage books containing coupons for admission of the soldier boys to any liberty theater; Vindicator's tobacco fund for smoke kits for the soldiers; substituting corn meal for flour whenever possible; "Four Minute Men" patriotic talks at the Empress Theater; exceeding Tingley Township's apportionment of \$18,300 on the Third Liberty Loan Drive by reaching \$27,100; sugar certificates strictly for canning; flour rationed with merchants having to keep book of flour sales; dedication of service flag in Tingley; sugar rationed; helping make many items, such as sweaters, socks, pillows, comfort bags, bandages, etc., for the use of the soldier boys; no refreshments at social gatherings; the Junior Chautauqua's pageant, "Liberty's Torch"; saving peach pits and nut shells for carbon in gas masks; failure to return canning sugar considered as hoarding—punishment to follow; entire school 100 per cent Red Cross; Red Cross Auctions of animals, fowls, grain, feed, seed, household articles, furniture, etc.; W.C.T.U. sealed cans of jellies for the soldier boys to be packed in a barrel at Tuttle's store and shipped; no frosting on cakes—pie and doughnuts interned in the cook book until after the war; "This Fiend, The Kaiser, the Beast of Berlin" at the Empress Theater for 25¢ and 50¢ with war tax added.]

YEAR 1920

September 16 — AN AIRPLANE — Landed in Tingley Monday evening and did considerable business carrying passengers at \$1 per minute. Miss Marietta Eighme was the only lady passenger carried. [Quite a daring experience considering airplanes were relatively new.]

October 7 — RINGGOLD COUNTY FAIR — The prize baby for the Ringgold County Fair was Maxine Nichols, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Nichols. She won over about 100 other babies.

Businesses — 1920's



Northeast side of Main Street in early 1920's.
Courtesy Joe Brown



Roland and O.W. Roush in front of
their drugstore — 1926. They owned the drug-
store from 1911 to 1943, at which time it was sold
to M.H. Obermeier.
Clair Heyer Photo



Earl Eckerman and Marguerite. They rented the
creamery from George Ferguson. Melody
Brothers Blacksmith Shop next door east on
northeast end of Main Street. About 1927.
Courtesy Marguerite Sherwood



Breckenridge Oil Station — 1928
Built in late 1923 or 1924. (C.E.) Grandpa
Duffield, Ellsworth Breckenridge, Clark
Oxenreider.

YEAR 1921

January 20 — **ELECTRIC CURRENT IS HERE** — At 4:45 Friday evening the electric current from Creston was turned on. Twenty street lights were placed over town, principally on Main Street, and our village presents quite a city appearance. The larger part of the business houses and residences are using the current. [Jas. A. Verploegh and Murl DeWitt did the wiring of the houses and businesses.]

March 3 — **METERS WERE READ** — Recorder Wm. S. Breckenridge read the electric light meters Friday for the first time since the juice was turned on January 15. Many had not even used the minimum of \$1.25, but others had run as high as 40 kilowatts.

May 12 — **NEW GROCERY STORE** — Wm. S. Breckenridge will open a grocery and feed store Saturday in the room east of the post office.

May 26 — **ELECTRICAL DEMONSTRATION** — Jas. A. Verploegh conducted an electrical demonstration Wednesday in the office building west of the Tingley Bank. He demonstrated 15 electrical appliances. He served coffee made in a percolator and toast made on a toaster.

July 28 — **FARMERS' UNION ELEVATOR BURNED** — All efforts were put forth to keep the fire from the Tingley Lumber Co's yard and nearby buildings. Total loss is about \$11,000 with \$6,000 insurance.

YEAR 1922

February 23 — Jas. A. Verploegh installed the county's first wireless radio phone system with poles and wire installed on top of the Bosworth building connected to the telephone building. It will be possible for Mr. Verploegh to furnish Tingley telephone users with wireless concerts from large eastern cities of the United States.

April 20 — Jas. A. Verploegh was able to receive the market reports from Chicago. Also enjoyed concerts from Detroit, Pittsburg, and Des Moines. It is almost beyond one's comprehension that we out here in Iowa can listen to and enjoy concerts broadcasted from 1200 miles away. Charles Phinn Bennett and Z.I. Grout were two of the first in the Tingley area to install a radio phone at their farm homes.

July 6 — While Mr. and Mrs. Herschel Morrison were driving home Saturday evening with their horse and buggy, the horse became frightened and ran away at the R.N. Eighth corner south of Chas. Hill's residence. Both Mr. and Mrs. Morrison were thrown from the buggy and considerably bruised, he receiving a gash on his arm that required the doctor's services. The buggy was pretty badly wrecked, but the horse and harness were uninjured.

July 13 — John Boyd installed one of the most powerful radio phone sets he could secure. One of the same kind at Des Moines was able to pick up a message from Italy in Europe to Washington, D.C., also a message from a

steamship in the Pacific Ocean which was being sent to Honolulu.

YEAR 1923

January 11 — Clarence Morrison last week purchased from Breckenridge Bros. (H.E. and W.S.), the local agents — a new model 91 Overland car.

January 25 — Through the influence of the Parent-Teacher organization, the loyal boosters of the city and rural neighborhood, it is being made possible for Tingley to have a "Free Chautauqua" this coming June. By inquiring as to who these people are, you will find them to be pretty much the same group who favor good churches and good schools. The Acme Lyceum and Chautauqua System, headquarters in Des Moines, will furnish the entertainment; and it comes very highly recommended.

March 1 — N.A. Maggard returned the first of the week from Des Moines where he consulted some patent attorneys regarding a patent on a new blow-out boot. This boot is made to fit a 30x3 or a 30x3½ tire and will outwear three or four ordinary boots. If present plans are carried out, the boot will be manufactured by the Maggard Garage in Tingley.

April 12 — **NOTICE TO AUTOMOBILE OWNERS AND DRIVERS** — Is your car fully equipped regarding number plates and registration card? Are you displaying your rear light? Is your car equipped with a signal horn? Are you keeping within the speed limits while driving through town? If not, you had better begin now to get ready before May 1. No alibis will be accepted. Marion Stephens, Sheriff of Ringgold County.

April 26 — A.T. Bennett of Liberty Township raised sixty bushels of soybeans last year on three acres or an average of twenty bushels per acre. At \$2.50 per bushel, they are a very profitable crop, and also store nitrogen in the soil for future crops.

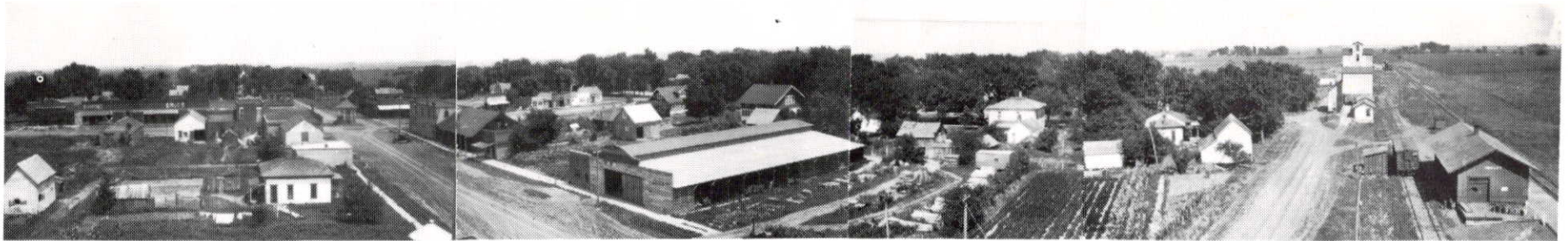
April 26 — What about a band this summer? There is a tax available for that purpose, but it will probably not be enough to meet the expenses for the summer.

May 10 — Tingley band held their first meeting for the season Monday evening and reorganized for the summer, concerts which will begin about May 30. J. Roy Sheesley is director and following is the instrumentation:

Cornets — B.P. House, Geo. Blunck, Allan Aikin,
Chas. Phillips-Clarinda, Mr. Bartlett-Afton
Clarinets — J. Roy Sheesley, Grant Hayes
Trombones — Clarence Bischoff, Wm. McMath
Baritone — J.L. Sheesley
Piccolo — Anthony Krober
Alto — Jas. Verploegh
Bass — Frank Leppo
Bass Drum and Snare — Lloyd Garver

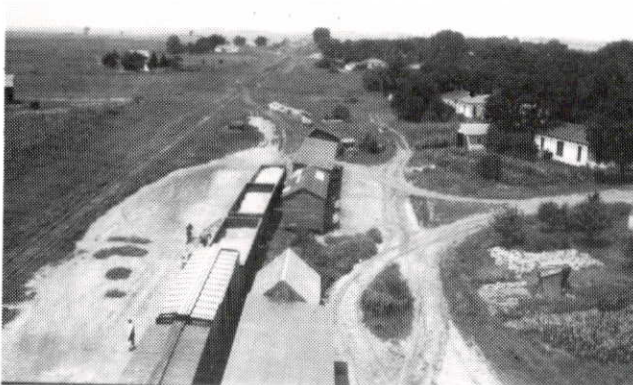
October 4 — Miss Emaline Porter of Winterset, the field representative of the World's Social Purity League for southwestern Iowa, gave an address Sabbath after-

Entire Business District of Tingley — 1923



Entire business district of Tingley in 1923.

Courtesy Clair Heyer Photos



Side Tracks for the Elevator—1923 (looking west)

Courtesy Clair Heyer Photo

DO YOU REMEMBER WHEN —

Ava Hill Overholtzer — used to clerk at Tuttle's Store. She can remember that everytime the train came in, all of the kids would run for the depot to see who got on and off the train....When Floyd and Ava lived on the farm east of town, they could always see the train go by in the distance.

"MEMORIES"

Marie Eckerman Troxell — can remember Joe Brown taught her to ice skate when she attended the Ames country school north of where she lives today. Later her family moved to the present day Harry Skarda farm, the house having been moved from town. Marie, Ellen, and Marguerite attended Willow Shade country school down the hill north of them. (The big ditch north of Harry's today didn't used to be there.) When there was snow on the ground, the girls could start on their sleds at the barn and go down the hill north through the pasture and slide clear to the schoolhouse. Marguerite was 7, Ellen 8, and Marie 11 about this time. They'd also take their ice skates to school with them to use during recesses. They were allowed 15 minute recesses morning and afternoon; however, they could only use 5 minutes in running outside to the toilet so they could save up the unused 20 minutes. That would give them an hour and 20 minutes for their noon hour to cut across the field a quarter of a mile to Grandpa Weeda's pond to go ice skating. Some of the other children were Howard, Florence, and Lloyd England, the Lee Brown children and the Kester children....

—Joe Clough was the banker at Ellston. He had the first car in the Ellston vicinity. Everytime the Eckerman children could hear Joe's car coming from the east, they would hurry down to the corner to watch him go by. This was a fascinating sight. If Joe would happen to come along as the Eckerman's were going to church in Tingley with the horses and carriage, Marie's Papa would pull off to the side and get out and hold the horses' bridles so they wouldn't get scared and run away.

"MEMORIES"

Dr. McIntosh — When Tingley first got gravel, the block where the post office and bank are located was the first block to be graveled (with old-time gravel, not crushed rock), as it used to get practically impassable, with ruts so deep the cars dragged. The rock was shipped in freight cars and unloaded and hauled by team and wagon to be spread by the road grader and by hand. Later, the second block past Breckenridge Store was graveled. The side streets were still mud, so we left our cars uptown and all walked down to the office. Also, we used to leave our good car at the gravel at 169 before the Mt. Ayr-Afton road was paved, and while the road into Tingley was still mud.

noon at 2:30 in the U.P. Church to ladies only, and in the evening she spoke at a union meeting of all the churches at the M.E. Church. Monday forenoon she talked to the pupils of the Tingley School. The League has for its object the saving of boys and girls, young men and young women from sin and evil. Miss Porter gave facts depicting the four great causes for the downfall of the girls — the automobile, the movies, the dance, and women's dress. There is a great need for the old fashioned mothers who knew where their girls were all hours of the day. Children are not trained by the parents, but the parents by the children. The home is not made as attractive for the children as it formerly was. Too many mothers turn their children—even little tots—out on the street to care for themselves. Even churches, as well as the homes are weakening and tolerating card playing and dances. All who heard Miss Porter were well pleased with her addresses. It is to be hoped the agitation of social purity will continue until the double standard of morality is abolished and men, as well as women, be made to feel that only the pure life is the one that counts or is worthwhile.

October 18 — Messrs. McFarland and Wm. R. Brookman of Sharpsburg were in Tingley Tuesday, and the latter made a deal with J.F. Fraser for a twenty year lease on the corner lots east of the Vindicator office. Mr. Brookman will begin at once the erection of an up-to-date drive-in filling station to cost \$2500 or more and to be constructed of hollow tile and kellastone stucco. There will be a cement drive about 25x25 feet. There will be a pump in the center of the drive and two pillars or posts near the corner. When completed it will be an ornament to our city.

YEAR 1924

February 14 — The question before the Tingley School District is "Shall we complete the building by the installing of a water system and the completion of the equipment of the toilets and lavatories?"

To do so will require an expenditure of at least \$3000.00, so we are informed. We are just now in position to begin paying our bonds. If the equipment is undertaken now, it will mean an increase in taxation and a delay in the payment of the bonds.

YEAR 1926

October 28 — GRAVELING OF PRIMARY 16 — (which is now Highway 169) 18-20 carloads of gravel are unloaded every 24 hours. Two shifts of men are employed, one going on at midnight til noon, and the other noon til midnight. The graveling has progressed nearly as far as Bridge Academy School.

YEAR 1927

March 10 — Dr. S.W. DeLong, Mrs. H.D. Sheumaker, and Mrs. C.G. McKnight visited the Tingley School to give the Schick test (diphtheria immunity test) to all the students who wished to have it. The test was given to 152 school children. The children not attending the Tingley School and all those not of school age but wishing to have either the test or the toxin antitoxin will be cared for at the Tingley School on Friday. Dr. DeLong and his assistants furnished their work free of charge and the local P.T.A. paid for the material. And by the way we mention that this is just another example of how Tingley co-operates.

April 7 — Mumps, that childhood disease, is epidemic in Tingley and vicinity. The children, youth, and some grown-ups are enjoying (?) the disease. It is rarely fatal, but those of us who have entertained the mumps know that it is an annoying, and sometimes very painful disease. It is interfering with school activities and the preparation of Easter and other programs.

April 21 — Complaint has been made about stock being tied out in the streets. This is contrary to law and you are hereby notified not to do this again. Please be law abiding. J.F. Fraser, Mayor

June 16 — Notice the Tingley school ad on the first page. It is interesting reading. Three years ago when the school board began advertising our school, there was an attendance of about sixty in high school. The past year the enrollment was ninety-eight, and we expect to increase that by at least twenty. The new fire escape will be installed and also a water system, making the building modern in every respect. Attend Tingley school next year.

September 29 — Through the efforts of Supervisor H.R. Boyd and others, the mile of road between Bridge Academy and Tingley which was recently graded will be graveled.

September 29 — Beginning Sunday, October 2, we agree to close our respective places of business. All customers wishing to buy meats, etc. for Sunday, buy it Saturday. Please remember this notice.

Wm. S. Breckenridge
C.D. Coffman
Dorsey & Company
B.D. Weeda

December 1 — The large two story brick business house erected thirty-one years ago last summer by the late C.C. Bosworth on the northwest corner of Main and Depot Streets, together with all the contents, was destroyed by fire early Friday morning. The building was occupied on the first floor by B.D. Weeda with his large stock of general merchandise. The second story was used as a lodge hall, club room, and Ernie Bosworth's offices. The origin of the fire will always be a mystery, but it is supposed to have been started by persons who burglarized the store, as the north window on the east side was broken out and the north door unfastened. A suitcase belonging to a traveling salesman, which had been left in Weeda's store, was found in the alley north of the store.

The alarm was given by Bert House who was aroused about three o'clock to get a lunch for two Ellston boys, who had been coon hunting. The store room was full of smoke when they discovered the fire. Citizens quickly responded to the alarm, and the Mt. Ayr fire department came in response to our call. The fire was confined to the Bosworth building, the walls of which remained standing until after the fire. Tingley has no fire fighting equipment, the fire engine not being in working order, so that a bucket brigade was all we had to depend upon.

The loss is about \$3,300 with only one-half covered with insurance.

December 8 — The graveling of the mile between Tingley and Primary 16 was finished Friday. About thirty cars of gravel were necessary for the work.

YEAR 1928

July 19 — Jas. A. Verploegh installed a General Electric refrigerator in his own home last week. This makes 2 here — H.R. Boyd's and the above. To one who has never seen one of these refrigerators, it will repay you to examine them.

November 1 — Mr. Cunningham of Afton contracted with the Tingley school board to put down a large deep well at the schoolhouse to furnish water for a complete water system.

YEAR 1929

April 25 — A carload of Chevies was received yesterday by the B. & B. Chevrolet Co. They say this is a "horseless age", but it was necessary to bring the cars from the depot to the garage by means of a team, low wagon, and rack because of muddy roads.

October 24 — [The Great Depression began when stock values in the United States dropped rapidly, that day known as Black Thursday. Thousands of stockholders lost large sums of money — or were even wiped out. Banks, factories, and stores closed and left millions of Americans jobless and penniless. Many people had to depend on the government or charity for food. President Herbert Hoover held office when the Depression began. Franklin D. Roosevelt was elected in 1932.]

November 21 — Tingley's Main Street has been gravelled for the first time, taking 30 carloads of gravel.

YEAR 1930

April 10 — Shortly after 8:00 Sunday morning, April 6, fire was discovered raging quite furiously in the frame row which occupied the north side of Main Street just east of the opera house. It was seen at once that a disastrous fire would result unless help was secured, and a call was made to Mt. Ayr for assistance. Mayor Geo. Wright, Fire Chief Ben Thompson and his fire laddies with their new truck and engine responded loyally and the run of twelve miles to Tingley was made in sixteen minutes. Their coming saved Tingley's business section, as fire fighters here were at their extremity. The flames were so hot that no one could get near enough to throw water, and our only fire fighting equipment was a few ladders and a bucket brigade. The people of Tingley were there — men, women, and children — working heroically to subdue the fire, pumping water, carrying buckets, getting on buildings, and stopping the fire as best they could. Burning embers were carried by the wind to buildings across the street and even farther away than the lumberyard. The incipient blazes were quickly put out. As it was, some of the glass fronts of the buildings on the south side were cracked by the heat. Individual acts of heroism, typically American, were so numerous that we cannot mention all. The Mt. Ayr firemen donned gas masks and went into the burning buildings with their hose line.

The buildings destroyed were H.W. Edwards furni-

ture store, Mrs. S. Bosworth's post office building, Mrs. Daisy Carlton's restaurant, three buildings owned by the Asbury Estate and occupied by Armour Produce Co., A.J. Johnston's Barber Shop, and Wheeler Bros. Restaurant.

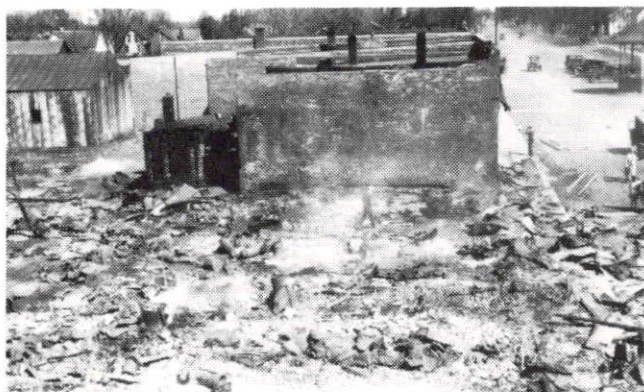
H.W. Edwards's brick building occupied by W.H. Been's Barber Shop was greatly damaged.

The Opera House building owned by M. Mariner was damaged and all in flame when the Mt. Ayr lads arrived.

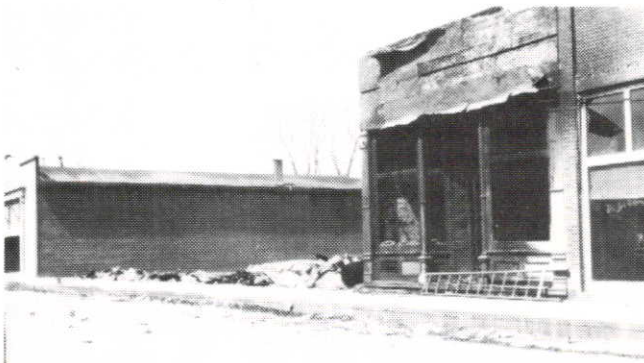
Estimated damages totaled \$25,200.



Courtesy of Alta Marie Borrusch



Courtesy of Alta Marie Borrusch



Courtesy of Alta Marie Borrusch



Courtesy of Russell Verploegh

June 5 — Another disastrous fire was discovered about 1:30 a.m. Friday, May 30 in the W.H. McGregor Harness and Shoe Shop (east of today's tennis court). Origin of the fire is unknown.

The Christopher building west of McGregors and occupied by Armours Produce Station was destroyed. J.B. Jones, manager of Armours, also lost his business in the April 6th fire.

Other buildings destroyed were the town hall, jail, and fire bell. The post office contents were hurriedly moved out.

July 3 — The third disastrous fire since April 6 visited Tingley July 2 at 1:00 a.m. The Tingley Garage (the building east of Christian Church today) was discovered in flames by Ira Ferguson who gave the alarm. Origin of the fire is unknown.

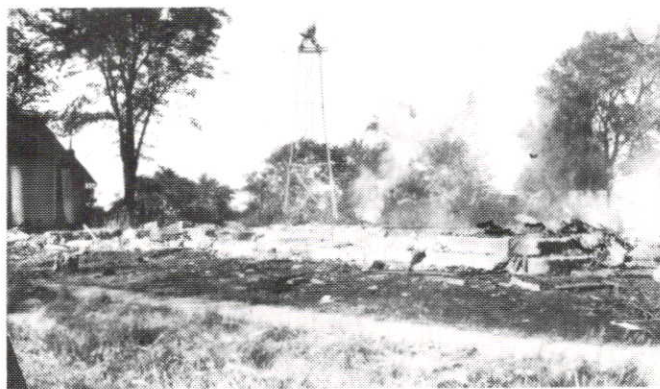
With no fire fighting equipment except a bucket brigade, the flames soon spread to the Christian Church built in 1895. The piano, pulpit furniture, chairs, books, and some broken seats were saved.

The Mt. Ayr fire department responded to the call. Several nearby homes were evacuated, but no other fires started.

Total damage to church and businesses was \$28,000.



Courtesy of Fern Haley



Courtesy of Russell Verploegh

September 4 — A community croquet ground was set up on the north side of Main Street with the grounds wired for electric lights. Players were to furnish own balls and mallets.

September 4 — No church services were held because of the danger from infantile paralysis. [Ray Griffin who lived north of Bridge Academy died of polio. The family was quarantined.]

YEAR 1931

January 29 — Infantile paralysis — The home of Elza Hathaway was placed under quarantine Saturday evening, as one of the small daughters has infantile paralysis. While the churches and Sunday Schools were closed because of it, the schools are in session this week. Dr. DeLong, the health officer, gave all the children a thorough examination each morning this week. The patient is improving and it is not thought likely any more cases will develop.

February 12 — The Elza Hathaway family were released Monday from the quarantine for infantile paralysis, no further cases having developed.

February 12 — The Vindicator is boosting for free movies, and so are practically all the other Tingley businessmen, for it will be a good business drawing investment. Of course they will be silent pictures (if the audience will refrain from reading the words thrown on the screen, and the children on front rows will be quiet and orderly.

February 19 — AFTER THE BATTLE—WHAT? — The result of the bond election last week Wednesday, the defeat of the measure by about 93 majority, caused considerable surprise to almost everyone. It was thought the measure would carry. Now that the smoke of the conflict has lifted, and people can note the facts, it appears clear that Ringgold County does not want paved roads. There have been some unjust, unfair, and harsh accusations made by both those for and against the measure, that ought not to have been said. In the first place Tingley was not fighting Mt. Ayr, but we were, are, and will continue to fight paved roads bond issues, and if Mt. Ayr or any other community gets in range of our words, they are liable to get hurt, especially if they are at all sensitive.

The vote:

	Yes	No
Tingley Township	24	243
Mt. Ayr	808	96

May 21 — Big crowds are continuing to enjoy the free movies and remain for shopping. You are invited to join the crowds. Tingley is the best little town in Iowa.

June 4 — An extra large attendance Saturday night at the free movies. There were 225 cars parked on Main Street, and at an average of five persons per car, Tingley entertained 1,125 people that evening.

June 11 — The Tingley miniature golf course, owned by E.M. Breckenridge, Wm. S. Breckenridge, and Dr. J.A. McIntosh, was opened Friday for the season and is being liberally patronized. It is located on the Tingley Service Station grounds. That, with the free croquet grounds, will certainly furnish plenty of entertainment for those who care to play.

July 30 — The free show Saturday night was a good one. The only annoying feature was the excessive noise made by the children in the front rows. Parents should see that the children behave themselves. It is a misdemeanor, punishable by a fine upon conviction, to disturb any public gathering. Just because the pictures are free does not give anyone the liberty to misbehave and annoy other people who wish to enjoy the shows. Kindly pay attention to the sign. "A quiet house makes better pictures". You are welcome to the shows, but we want you to keep quiet and behave yourselves so that others can enjoy the shows.

July 23 — Tingley has a ball team again, an organization having been completed last week. They won their first game from Prescott Sunday. The Vindicator editor is on record as opposed to Sunday baseball and all other desecrations of the Sabbath day. We told the boys we would boost for week day games but would not do anything to further Sunday baseball.

July 23 — THRESHERS, ATTENTION — We will serve meals for threshers at 40 cents. Say farmers, bring your threshing crew to our cafe for their meals and save the work and worry for the wives and daughters. Come, we're expecting you. The Tingley Cafe

July 30 — The grasshopper plague which has devastated portions of Nebraska and South Dakota has reached western Iowa and come as far east as Hamburg in Fremont County, about one hundred miles from Tingley, by the first of the week. The pests destroy all vegetation and growing crops. In many instances they have done considerable damage before their presence was discovered. Last summer was hot and dry, last winter mild, and summer hot and dry, making ideal conditions for the propagation of the pests. P.R. Cochran discovered many young grasshoppers in his pasture near Tingley this week, and Dr. Sheumaker reports grasshoppers in his alfalfa field in southeast Tingley. These are probably the advance of the horde of invasion.

August 6 — Remember the free show Saturday night of this week unless unavoidably postponed. In this connection, we wish to thank the children for the good order they preserved at the show Monday night. This thoughtfulness by them for others who want to enjoy the show is greatly appreciated.

August 17 — The following Tingley hustlers are boosting for our free movies. Any others who care to contribute may leave their gift at the bank.

Maggard's Garage	Day Carter
O.W. Roush and Son	Wm. S. Breckenridge
Fender & Oxenreider	Earl Rowland
Tingley State Savings Bank	J.A. Johnston

Dr. H.D. Sheumaker
Lent's Garage
L.E. Hicks
Hall & Son
Tingley Lumber Company
Tingley Farmers' Union
Rev. E.I. Blevins
Earl Troxell
Everett Cassady
C.E. Bosworth
Henry Mulleneaux

Dr. J.A. McIntosh
H.W. Edwards
Jas. A. Verploegh
W.A. Overholtzer
J.E. Cassady
J.W. McKee
E.D. Beemer
John J. Hurwitz
Roy McDowell
The Tingley Cafe
The Tingley Vindicator

July 16 — SEMI-CENTENNIAL PLANS — It was in 1881 that the Humeston & Shenandoah Railroad, now known as the C.B. & Q., was constructed and Tingley and the other towns between Humeston and Clarinda were built.

Editor Burleigh issued a challenge to interested persons to begin planning for a semi-centennial or a golden anniversary. "Let all who will assist, get busy and boost."

August 20 — By August 13 a meeting of citizens and businessmen of Tingley had met at the Community Theatre for the purpose of planning the 50th anniversary of the town of Tingley. Geo. Graham and J.A. Johnston were elected to investigate the cost and possibility of getting talent for the celebration. The tentative dates for the celebration were August 24, 25, and 26. An invitation was extended to the Burlington railway officials to send a representative to Tingley during the celebration. The Hon. Lloyd Thurston, congressman from this district, had also been invited.

"It is time to begin to prepare,
For of course you mean to be there,
The Jubilee's coming,
And things will be humming,
And of fun you will get a full share."

August 27 — Final preparations for the celebration of our 50th anniversary really began Saturday with the arrival of the ferris wheel and merry-go-round which had been at the Ringgold County cattle show last week at Mt. Ayr. A dance platform also was received that day, and all were placed on Main Street west of the bandstand. Other concessions and attractions arrived Sunday, and by Monday Main Street had the appearance of a midway show ground.

The activities centered around the bandstand at the intersection of Main and Depot Streets. Ideal weather prevailed and the attendance was large from Monday afternoon on.

For the benefit of our readers who did not attend our celebration, we give a word picture of the appearance of Main and Depot Streets. Beginning at the west, there was a roller skating rink in the Community Theatre. Then came the large dance pavilion, merry-go-round, and ferris wheel. Flanking these along the streets were a large number of stands, etc. North of the bandstand was the large Whitechurch show tent. Then east of the stand were smaller shows and stands. The children enjoyed seeing the Negro boy fall into the tank of water when the supports he was occupying were knocked away. The first free attraction was in the evening on the platform

just south of the bandstand. When everything was electrically lighted in the evening, the streets were almost as light as day, and the large throng in attendance surely enjoyed the festivities which continued until past the noon of night.

A plane for the purpose of carrying passengers for small flights was present.

An anniversary program was given at the Christian Church. The music was by Rowe Eighme and daughter Rowena, following which Ex-Mayor O.C. House read a paper giving the early history of Tingley. Following the paper, there was community singing led by Mrs. Ruth England, with Mrs. E.M. Breckenridge at the piano. The leading number of this was the Iowa Corn Song, which most every Iowan knows and can sing with a will.

The evening attractions each day were attended by large crowds. An amusing feature at the merry-go-round was when residents of this vicinity for 50 years or more took a ride.

We are especially proud of the financial success of our anniversary. The total receipts from concessions, etc., amounted to \$175. The expenditures were \$160 which included the band, free attractions, advertising, and incidentals, leaving a margin of \$15. This was donated to the band for efficient work, making \$125 the total for them. Some of the concessions did not pay, and some were given a rebate because of small patronage, or the receipts would have been larger. Tingley enjoys the distinction of having made their anniversary a success in every way.

Year 1933

June 8 — The Free movies have been stopped—too expensive for the boosters. Will charge admissions. With a ticket from a local merchant, the admission fee will be 3¢ per person, 6¢ per couple, or 10¢ for the whole family. Without a ticket the fee will be 5¢ per person.

July 13 — We are having the worst plague of chinch bugs for nearly a quarter of a century. Among the worst is a devastated corn field of Ray Grouts.

October 26 — Three Business Houses Burn — About 3:45 Thursday morning the fire siren sounded and the blaze was located in M. Melody's blacksmith shop on the north side of Main Street. The fire was roaring furiously when N.A. Maggard discovered it as he was going to his garage preparatory to starting early on a visit to Colorado. It was seen at once that nothing could be done to save Mr. Melody's shop nor the Fender & Oxenrider produce station next east, so everybody joined in the work of saving material from the Vindicator office near the produce station. The machinery, with the exception of the large Gordon press and two paper cutters, was taken out. On Friday the Gordon press was taken from the ruins to the new location in the front part of the Bosworth building, joining the bank on the east. In the last five mysterious fires eighteen buildings were destroyed. Mr. Melody is making preparations to rebuild, but neither Fender & Oxenrider or the Vindicator expect to rebuild.

YEAR 1934

May 10 — H.R. Boyd shipped a car load of hogs to

Chicago last week Wednesday and went along to look after the stock. The car load brought \$828.96. Of this amount, the government received \$374.40 as a processing tax—almost as much as the \$454.86 which was paid Mr. Boyd for his hogs. If the tax was removed, Mr. Boyd would have received the full amount less commission for selling his shipment. The tax is used by packers and butchers to boost the price of pork and is one of the provisions of the corn-hog law which is not meeting the expectations of the people. Without the tax, the shipper would receive more for his hogs and the price of pork would not be any higher. It looks as if the program of the government was a failure and adding more burdens to the already overburdened people.

July 20 — Talking Movies — Zane Gray's "Sunset Pass".

YEAR 1935

February 28 — Come to the silent movies Saturday night. Single admission three cents or the entire family for ten cents.

YEAR 1936

February — TERRIBLE SNOW STORM — Snow 12-18 inches deep on the level. A gang of 40 men shoveled the road from Ellston to Tingley and made it open for teams. The railroads were helpless.

YEAR 1938

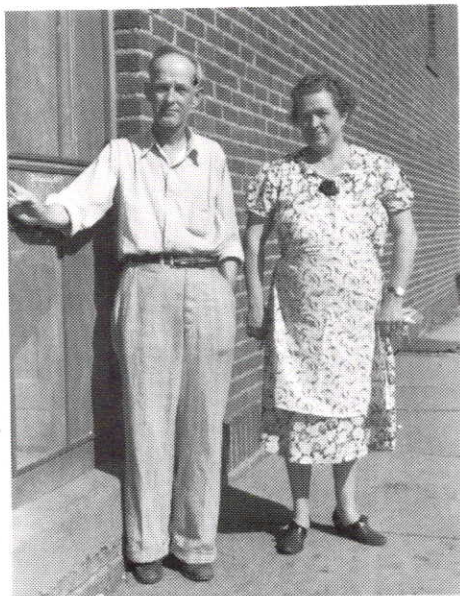
January, 1938 — The latter part of 1937 and first part of 1938 was when the road from Tingley to Ellston was graveled.



Twilla Hall and Lois Breckenridge

March, 1938 — Paving 169 from the Union County line to Mt. Ayr. The road crew stayed in Tingley.

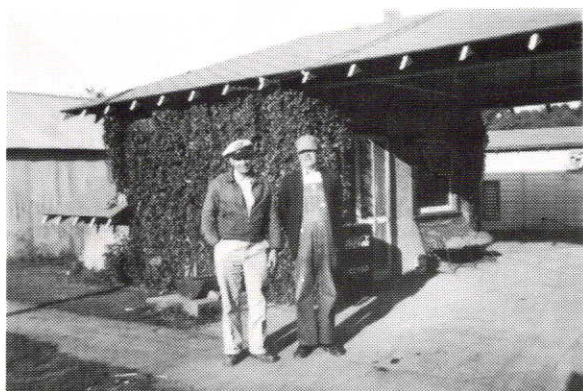
Businesses — 1930's and 1940's



Larry and Elno (Hall) Hicks — 1939
They had a grocery store in
the present day cafe building.
Courtesy Clair Heyer Photo



Richards Oil Co. Tank Wagon
Frank Richards started the tank wagon service about
1935, operating it for 13 years, then hired someone to
run it until the bulk plant was sold to Dean and
Lawrence Johnson — about 1950.
Courtesy Frank Richards



Mart Fullerton at Hall Hardware
Courtesy Twilla Lininger



**Richards Oil Co. Bulk Tank — Manson Reynolds,
Frank Richards, and Ernest Bastow.**

To dig the hole for this tank, Clarence Weeda used his horses and dug the first 5 or 6 feet down with a scraper. After that the rest of the hole was dug by hand, throwing the dirt in the scraper and letting the horses pull it out. They worked way into the night to get the job finished.

Courtesy Frank Richards

Eldon Richards and Jack Slack
(notice ice house to right.) They kept 300 lb. chunks of ice to sell to people for ice boxes, or if someone butchered, they would need ice to pack around the meat until they could can it. They also kept pop in the ice house. Hank Mulno would get a pickup load of pop from Des Moines or Albany.

Courtesy Frank Richards



Road Inspectors at Work



Ernest Bastow and (?)

YEAR 1940

February 22 — West End Garage (Hildebran and Scott) have purchased Richards Garage.

April 11 — Newly elected town council members were sworn in. They are: Mayor, John Clough; Town Clerk, D.L. McClure; J.E. Hansen, P.E. Cochran, E.A. Saltzman, H.D. Sheumaker and Walter Tapp.

May 16 — Students, patrons and friends of the Tingley School should come to the school house lawn Friday, May 17, with well filled baskets to enjoy the last day of school. Besides the picnic dinner there will be entertainment such as track, tennis and ping-pong. PTA will serve ice cream, cold drinks and coffee. In case of rain come to the school basement.

May 23 — The Alumni Banquet was held May 17 in the school gym and drew the largest crowd in the history of the organization. The theme for the banquet was "circus" and clowns, a jazz band and table decorations helped carry out the theme.

May 30 — Tingley Chapter of the American Red Cross has been asked to help raise \$400 for war refugees.

July 11 — The state highway commission workmen completely worked over and hard surfaced Main Street from the west corporation limits to the Tingley filling station. The two blocks of the business section was

black topped from curb to curb. The following Sunday a motorist was stopped and charged with reckless driving. According to the law reckless driving is going faster than permitted by the signs placed along Main Street. There was a \$25.00 fine plus costs.

September 19 — CB & Q Timetable Going East — No. 2 daily except Sunday 1:58 P.M. No. 96 — Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday 12:30 P.M. Going West — No. 1 daily except Sunday 4:19 P.M.; No. 97 — Monday, Wednesday and Friday 1:11 P.M. No. 1 and No. 2 are passengers, No. 96 and No. 97 are freight and carry passengers.

October 10 — Farm cash income is the largest since '29, about \$3500 per farm.

Taxes take 28¢ of each \$1.00 in 1940 as compared to 5¢ of each \$1.00 at the turn of the century. Necessities take 65¢ of each \$1.00 just as they did 40 years ago. The increase has been in the cost of government.

October 31, 1940 — The High School carnival, held in the Tingley Theater Friday evening, drew a large crowd and realized the neat sum of \$106.00.

Presbyterian Cafeteria Dinner — Tuesday, November 5 — Menu is;

Roast Ham 5¢	Fried Chicken 5¢	Ham Loaf 5¢
Chicken and Noodles 5¢		
Mashed Potatoes and Gravy 5¢		
Scalloped Corn and Oysters		
Baked Beans 5¢	Cranberries 5¢	Fruit Salad 5¢
Apple Salad 5¢	Pie 5¢	Cake 5¢
Coffee 5¢		
Pickles, Jelly, Bread & Butter with all meals.		

YEAR 1941

January 9 — Mr. and Mrs. Harry Spoonmoore of Sharpsburg moved to Tingley to open a hatchery in the DeLong building on Main Street. They will operate under the name of Tingley Hatchery and have a capacity of 20,500. It will hatch and sell baby chicks and do custom hatching.

Dr. Sheumaker moved his office last week to the room formerly occupied by Dr. DeLong. The change was made to make a place for the new hatchery.

Farm land that sold for \$300 an acre a few years ago can hardly be sold now. Loans are scarce and sales are few. Land is to be assessed at 60% of actual value — who knows the actual value?

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Dizzy! Frequent headaches? Intestinal poisoning from harmful bacteria in your colon may be the cause. Come in today and get a generous FREE trial package of odorless DEARBORN Garlic Tablets. See how you feel in a couple of days!

O. W. Roush & Son

February 13 — The Library Committee, under the sponsorship of the American Legion Auxiliary and the PTA have formed a book club. To join the club each one buys a book, which will be donated to the library at school after the books have been read by all the club members.

February 27 — R.G. Hogue became the owner of the Tingley Cafe last Saturday. The cafe had been operated by Mr. and Mrs. Ted Hannah for the past two years. Mr. Hannah will continue in the painting and paper hanging trade.

March 6 — Roush Nyal Store Ad — \$1.05 buys wallpaper for 8 x 12 room. All border 3¢ a yard.

Breckenridge Store Ad — Coffee 2# - 41¢, soda crackers 2# - 15¢, Wheaties - 10¢ a box, FREE dustpan with the purchase of a 59¢ or 79¢ broom.

Hicks Store Ad — Pwd. sugar 2# 15¢, raisins 2# - 15¢, lettuce 2 heads - 15¢, Life Buoy soap 3 bars - 15¢.

March 13 — The Town Council purchased the Community Theater building from the Mariner estate. They plan to use it as a town hall and no changes are planned for the present.

March 30 — To show the difference between a dictator's school and a democratic school, the high school is having school this week as Hitler runs the schools in Germany. The students cannot talk without permission. They have secret police in every class. If anyone is caught he is punished, like giving a ten minute talk to the class or standing for five minutes straight and still.

May 1 — The United States Savings Bonds and Postal Savings Stamps will be placed on sale in the main Post Office at the opening of business on Tuesday, May 1, as part of the National effort to make America impregnable.

May 8 — The annual school picnic will be held May 15 in the school yard. Everyone in the Community invited. Eighth grade graduation at 10:00 A.M., picnic at noon. Graduation at 8:00 P.M. at the Methodist Church.

May 15 — Now that tractors have rubber tires, it was suggested in an article from Iowa State College agriculture engineers that using rubber tires on other machinery might be desirable.

In order to make it more convenient for drivers to get their operator's licenses, the sheriff has arranged for the clerk to be in Tingley Monday, June 23. Bring your present license with you and 50¢.

June 19 — Farmers Institute plans are well under way. Farmers Institute officers completed several plans for detail work on the annual fair in Tingley to be held August 4, 5 and 6. Plans are being pushed to bring back the saddle horse show again this year. Walter Vorhies and Ray Comer, both of Shannon City, are in charge of this show. Officers and department heads are: President - John Blauer, Vice President - Grant Shifflett,

Secretary - Leo Williams, Treasurer - D.L. McClure, Executive Committee - Clarence Lininger, Clarence Weeda and Hershell Morrison. Other committees are: Horses - Dr. H.D. Sheumaker, 4-H Baby Beef - Keith Lininger, Donald Blauer, Finance - W.S. Breckenridge, Membership - Everett Reynolds, Sports - Ted Hannah, Program - Noel Seney, Concessions - W.A. Overholtzer. Committees for the Women's department have not been completed.

June 26 — Selective Service Registration July 1 — The Ringgold County Draft Board has received official notice of the second registration, which by the Proclamation of the President will be taken on July 1, 1941, between the hours of 7:00 A.M. and 9:00 P.M. The Proclamation reads in part as follows: "Every male citizen of the United States, who on or before July 1, 1941, and subsequent to October 16, 1940, has attained the 21st anniversary of the day of his birth, and has not heretofore been registered under the Selective Training Service Act of 1940, will present himself for and submit to registration.

July 24 — The local drive to collect aluminum for national defense is under way in Ringgold County. The nation needs the aluminum for planes and other vital items in its defense program. Housewives are asked to give up old pots, pans, kettles, utensils and anything they do not need that is made of aluminum. The mayor and the American Legion men have designated the Farmers Co-operative Company offices as the receiving depot in Tingley.

September 25 — The reception for the teachers, which was given at the high school auditorium Thursday evening, drew a crowd of over 200. The short, interesting program was high-lighted by a clever introduction of the teachers followed by several musical numbers.

October 30 — Tingley School Carnival - Admission 10¢ + 1¢ tax — October 31 at 7:30 Avon Theatre — Hour long program and a chance on Door Prize.

December 7 — Average farm wage on October 1, 1941, was \$43.25, without meals. The same date a year before the figure was \$34.25. (The paper did not state if this was weekly, monthly or yearly.)

December 7 — Japs bombed Pearl Harbor. U.S. declared war against Japan and Germany.

YEAR 1942

January 15 — Breckenridge One Stop Store Ad — Oranges from California - 15¢ a dozen; Prunes 2# - 25¢; Special lot of dress prints - 19¢; Soda crackers 2# - 18¢; Coffee 1# - 29¢; Blue Super Suds 2 large boxes - 28¢; Flour 49# bag - \$1.89.

February 19 — PTA "Pay Program" to be given at the Avon Theatre. The movie is "Duke of West Point". Prices are 11¢ and 22¢. Since Tingley has not had a picture show since the first of the year a full house is expected.

At public auction February 13 the property occupied by Myrtle Swanson was sold to Wendal Mathes for the sum of \$220 and property formerly owned by Ira Smith sold for \$153 to Roy Huntsman. Houses in Tingley are at a premium, so much interest was shown in the sale of both homes.

March 12 — C.W. Lent purchased the Scott Bros. Service Station and Garage at the west end of main street Saturday afternoon and possession was given at once.

April 23 — Salvage Campaign Has Been Stepped Up. All scrap metal, waste paper, rags and rubber goods are needed. Plans were made for stepping up the flow of salvage materials into war production channels. The Tingley school is baling waste paper, and men have been appointed to collect the scrap metal and rubber.

April 30 — Registration for sugar — Individuals should make application for war ration books for sugar. One member of the family should register for all members and need to give the following information, total amount of white or brown sugar owned by the family and the height, weight, color of eyes, color of hair and age of the person to whom the book is to be issued. Registration will be at the school house and all county schools will be closed to allow the teachers to hold the registration.

July 9 — The local salvage committee reports there have been 50 tons of old scrap iron and 6½ tons of old rubber gathered in the community so far.

September 10 — The local blacksmith shop was sold to R.B. Petersohn. The Melody brothers who previously operated the shop had been Tingley's only blacksmiths for the past six years. H.D. Ball and son, Jim, of Shannon City will operate the shop.

October 15 — Movies at Avon Theatre — "The Fleets In" with Dorothy Lamour and Wm. Holden. Admission -Adult 22¢

Junior Class Play at Avon Theatre — "Take It Easy" a three act comedy. Admission 22¢ + 3¢ tax, 13¢ + 2¢ tax for children.

October 22 — The scrap drive last week was a success with 8 to 10 tons of scrap metal collected. All business places were closed until noon to help in the search for scrap and each school child was required to bring some scrap to school in order to earn a half holiday after the work was done.

October 22 — Farm machinery is now rationed. Used tires are "frozen". The freeze order will be lifted to the extent that sales may be made to certificate holders, the same as new or recapped tires. There is a 35 mph speed limit now in effect. Coffee rationing is to start November 28. Gas has been rationed.

November 12 — A rally will be held November 16 to help raise the necessary expense to complete the cost of a service board for the Tingley Boys. The board will be

put somewhere in Tingley and will contain all the names of our men in service. An auction will be held to sell anything anyone will donate.

Our "Liberty" float that took 1st place at the County Armistice Day celebration at Mt. Ayr Wednesday will be shown at the rally. (Lois Breckenridge was the Statue of Liberty on the float.)

December 10 — The first general blackout test of the war will be at 10:00 p.m. December 14. The blackout will last 20 minutes. Every citizen of the area is ordered to extinguish all his lights during that time, with the exception of lights in a special blackout room in each house. All persons must be off the streets and highways with the exception of specially appointed air raid wardens. Air Raid, Fire, Police, First Aid and Demolition Chiefs and assistants have been appointed as well as the Local Defense Council.

December 17 — The Blackout test for Tingley was 99% perfect. A few lights were a little slow to go out. Most people sat quietly in their homes with radios tuned to WHO and heard talks and instructions should there ever be real blackouts or air raids. The cooperation of everyone in the nine states region made this the most extensive test blackout in history.

YEAR 1943

January 14 — The membership of the Christian Church dedicated a service flag to the men of the church who are serving their country in the armed forces at a special service. The flag was made by Mrs. Earl Troxell and contains twelve stars representing boys from the church.

February 11 — Shoes made of leather or with rubber soles are now being rationed.

March 25 — The best picture of the year "Mrs. Miniver" will be shown at the Avon Theatre here Tuesday and Wednesday.

April 15 — This issue had an insertion of four pages smaller than the regular paper titled "Victory Gardener's Guide" with instruction on how and what to plant.

The CB & Q Railroad Company seeks the right to take up its track from Humeston to Clarinda. Last fall company officials went over the line telling the citizens of each town of the company's intention to apply to the Inter State Commerce Commission for the privilege to do so. There was no further action or procedure until April 5 when the company filed with the ISCC their application for permission to abandon. In a case such as this there must be a formal protest of the proposed action within twenty days or the petition will automatically be granted. On Monday, April 18, a formal Notice of Protest was sent to the commission from the Tingley community, and a request for a hearing. A copy was also sent to the Iowa State Commerce Commission in Des Moines and arrangements are being made for a conference with the Commerce Council. There will be a real fight to be able to keep this railroad and there will be a hearing.

Baccalaureate will be May 2, Commencement, May 6.

May 13 — "Bambi" is the movie at Avon Theatre 10¢ and 25¢ - in **COLOR**.

May 13 — Iowa Department of Public Safety has announced that drivers renewing their licenses will pay 75¢ this year instead of 50¢ and they will be in force for three years instead of two.

May 20 — The community was visited by a severe wind storm that did considerable damage to a number of farm homes southeast of Tingley about 6:00 p.m. R.A. Longcoy was picked up and carried about 50 feet as he was going from the barn to the house and says it is an experience he will not forget.

One-half ton of scrap iron is needed from every farm in Iowa if the state makes its quota.

If every Iowa girl 15 or older and every woman brings in 1 silk or nylon stocking a month, the state can easily make its quota.

May 27 — A long expected surprise blackout May 26. It lasted 40 minutes. Cooperation was satisfactory.

June 17 — Iowa is having the rainiest season in a number of years. Tingley has had a heavy rain every night and farm work is at a standstill. The hard rain of last Thursday washed out the tracks and there was no train until the last of the week. Since May 1st Tingley has had 13.94 inches of rain.

A group of Tingley businessmen attended the hearing in Creston for the Railroad abandonment.

July 1 — A new "Dalite-Beaded screen" has been installed at the Avon Theatre. It is considered the best to be had. Tingley appreciates the high class pictures shown at the theater, and that hot weather is here, an evening at the picture show will be doubly enjoyable because it is "air" conditioned. "The Navy Comes Through" starts Saturday.

July 8 — The financial statement filed for the Tingley Independent School District shows total income of \$15,083.19, expenditures of \$8992.52 and the superintendent's salary as \$1957.98.

August 19 — School will start August 30. Teachers are Maxine Nichols, Primary, 1st and 2nd; Josephine Eighme, 3rd, 4th and 5th; Carter Rains, 6th, 7th and 8th. High School teachers are Supt. M.H. Obermeier, Mrs. Mary Nichols, Howard Verploegh, and Mrs. Howard Verploegh who will have charge of music. Mr. Rains will assist Supt. Obermeier with athletics. Enrollment in High School - 49, grades - 47.

September 9 — Mr. and Mrs. E.B. Weitzke of Ellston have rented the Bosworth building and will open a restaurant about October 1. The Weitzke's have been in the restaurant business twenty years, the last seven in Ellston but when the building they occupied was sold they decided to move to Tingley. Tingley has been without a cafe since last October when the Hogue Cafe closed and welcomes this new business.

September 16, 1943 — Tingley will be without a drug-store for the first time when O.W. Roush, our druggist for the past 33 years, retires. It will be hard to get used to being without the convenience of dropping in at Roush's for a large variety of needs.

Sunday morning during the severe electrical storm several places were struck by lightning. Two horses and a colt were killed at O.R. Petersohns, a cow at E.E. Tuckers and a barn was damaged on the Art Nichols farm.

September 23 — The town is taking on "airs" most consistently these days. The latest improvement is the new paint job on Hall's Hardware. It is white with dark blue trim.

October 14 — Supt. Obermeier who recently purchased the Roush Drug Store will take over management at the close of business Saturday night. Obie has been superintendent of the local school for the last three years and will continue as such until the close of the school term. Mrs. George Blunck will be head clerk.

December 23 — Tingley has no Community Christmas Tree this year due to war restrictions but there are bright lights and decorated trees in homes and all stores are nicely decorated.

YEAR 1944

March 9 — The Tingley Vindicator received a nice Thank You for all the bond buyers of Tingley and Tingley Township during the 4th War Loan Drive. The amount of bonds actually sold in Ringgold County was \$350,312.25 and our quota was \$297,000, so we are backing the attack.

April 20 — Plenty of eggs on the market, also cabbage and spinach. People will eat about a pound less of cheese. About 5,000,000 more pounds will go to servicemen. Cheese will also go to our Allies and to the Red Cross which helps provide for our prisoners of war.

May 4 — May 1st telephone rental rates increased, resident rates \$1.45 per month, business phones \$2.00 per month. The increase on tax on telephone calls is hard to understand - 25% on an out of town call and 15% on every local call.

May 11 — The Tingley Hall, known as the Avon Theatre, was completely destroyed by fire about 11 o'clock Saturday night when a broken film ignited during the second show. In spite of efforts of a bucket brigade and operators of the chemical tank, the flames spread so rapidly they soon burned the building. Mount Ayr Fire Department (Volunteer) was called but flat tires and other delays caused them to arrive after the building had burned to the ground. Supt. E.R. Burch of Beaconsfield owned the theatre equipment. The building, valued at \$2500, and owned by the town, was only partially covered by insurance. Efforts are being made to see what can be done about its replacement.



AVON THEATRE

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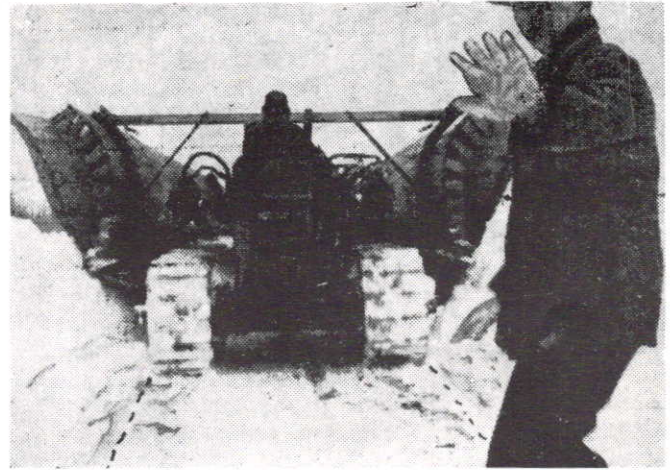
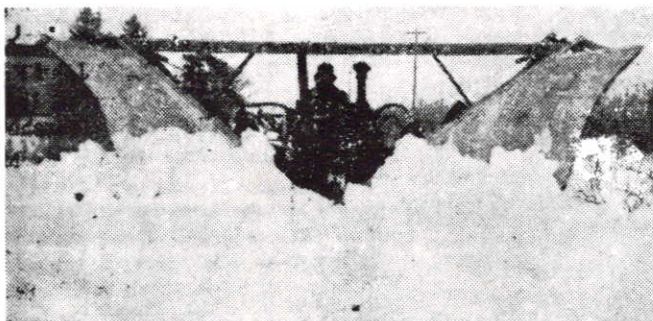
May 18 — A large group of enterprising businessmen and boosters met in an enthusiastic discussion in regard to replacing the community hall. W.A. Overholtzer and Dr. J.A. McIntosh were appointed to assist the city council in making an investigation as to government regulations, also make an estimate on various sized buildings and report on their findings at the next meeting.

May 25 — About 40 men gathered at the IOOF Hall for another meeting regarding the community hall and to hear the reports of the investigating committee. Reports were favorable. Mr. Lent and Mr. Dufty gave their reports and it was decided to ask for a \$5,000 bond and the council to build an attractive building to correspond to the money. [On July 27, a special bond election was held with 115 voters approving the construction of a new community hall and 9 no voters.]

June 5 — D-Day, allied invasion of the European continent began. The landing was successful and our sons are fighting to hold it.

Some enterprising citizen constructed a trough on the town well that sends the excess water into the horse tank. Now the water won't splash on the feet of the drinkers.

June 8 — U.S. and Canadian patents have been issued on a new type of snow plow to George B. Kester of Tingley. In 1940 Mr. Kester got to talking with local and state highway officials and did extensive research on the problems of snow plows of the past. The plow he has invented is attached to a Diesel 40 crawler type tractor.



August 24 — The Tingley Cafe Entered — Mr. and Mrs. Wietzke discovered the robbery when they opened up. Sheriff Todd took several fingerprints. A small boy found the money box beside the roadway east of Ellston. All the checks and pennies were still in it.

September 21 — The activity you might have noticed west of the post office is the building of the new theater. Men standing around idle are the sidewalk supervisors.

September 28 — A company from Missouri is tearing down the old elevator located one block west of the depot and taking the lumber back to their home state. It has not been in use for a number of years, but was a good hunting ground for the younger generation in search of pigeons.

YEAR 1945

February, 1945 — Scarlet Fever Scare — Tingley School is closed indefinitely. Two girls have the disease and it is thought all school children are exposed. Church services have been called off as have other large gatherings and parents have been asked to keep children off the streets.

Again this year Burlington will make available for gardening purposes to employees and the general public thousands of acres of railroad land adjoining track in 13 states. The increasing shortage of farm labor and workers makes a Victory Garden more important this year than ever before.

May 10, 1945 — News of Germans unconditional surrender was taken very quietly in Tingley. The stores and school opened as usual but school was dismissed at 9:30 and stores closed at 10. In the evening a union prayer service was held at the United Presbyterian Church.

May 31, 1945 — The theatre nears completion. The structure presents a very nice appearance. The front door is a massive piece of solid oak with brass knobs, locks, etc. The stage is of modernistic design which blends with the rest of the decorations. Another outstanding feature is the ceiling which looks like a huge checkerboard of a light color.

The food outlook is so dark throughout the world that in January the president asked the Victory Gardeners and Home Canners to "Carry on until the war is over". No zinc caps could be made at the beginning of the war. Now the back log of zinc has grown large enough to permit the manufacture of a large quantity of caps. A great many jars will have glass top seal. There will also be Mason jars with two-piece metal vacu-seal caps.

June 21, 1945 — Farm machinery manufacturers are running up against a shortage of parts and manpower in producing sorely needed implements.

Farm real estate prices in Iowa are up 40% from pre-war levels. That should be warning enuf against speculating in land during this war period.

NOTICE: Donations of any amount of money wanted for equipment for the new theater.

June 28, 1945 — A meeting at Van Wert for discussion concerning the abandonment of the Burlington Railroad on this spur. It is hoped the entire population of this part of Iowa can bring enough pressure on the Commission to help keep the train service at least for some time longer. October is the present dead line.

July 27, 1945 — The Tingley Chapter of The United Service Women of America organized in May met at the school house with thimble and needle. A list of things to bring that could be prepared at home; bed pillows, wheel chair pillows and covers, handkerchiefs made of any soft bleached material, wash cloths made from old towels, underwear, etc. Also wanted were wool pieces 6 inches square and print pieces six or four inches square. Any white rags for splint padding and washed feathers are also needed.

August 16, 1945 — The people of Tingley showed their relief and thankfulness at the arrival of VJ Day by celebrating in several ways. The church and school bells were rung for an hour immediately after the news was flashed. In the evening union prayer services were held in the Christian Church. After that a ceremonial bonfire and song service was held on the old fair grounds west of the barber shop. The younger generation opened the new town hall and held a party and a dance. The next day all business houses were closed for the day.

August 23, 1945 — Civilian goods are slow in coming. Most commodities are reserved for military purposes.

Now that the war is over, we are ready for the return of central time instead of "War Time" proclaimed by Pres. Roosevelt February 9, 1942. It was a relief to see the end of gasoline rationing and the use of stamps. Lend lease (give away) shipments to foreign countries have stopped.

A marshal was appointed by the town council to work on Wednesday and Saturday nights at \$15.00 per month.

September 6, 1945 — All mothers, wives, sisters and

daughters of servicemen are invited to be special guests at the regular meeting of the American Legion Auxiliary at the new theatre. A tea will be given at the close of the meeting.

September 20, 1945 — There were seventeen persons from Tingley and Tingley Township attending a meeting in Mount Ayr by an organization known as the Hospital Service, Inc. of Iowa or the Blue Cross Plan. Blue Cross is making a membership drive. Those who attended the meeting are enthusiastic about the plan.

Every person in Tingley should wear a Forget-Me-Not to honor our servicemen of World War II. The USW of America are staging a Forget-Me-Not sale. Disabled veterans make the flower, proceeds from its sale help to finance the support of hospital service for these men. There will be a house to house canvass and girls will be on the streets Saturday with the flowers, the price is whatever you wish to give.

October 18, 1945 — Successful close for the War Fund Drive — quota oversubscribed by \$164.55 which will be added to the balance of previous drives of \$203.41. This gives a home fund of \$367.96 to be used for the benefit of Tingley boys and girls who served in the armed forces.

October 25, 1945 — A nation wide long distance telephone system without wires is offered to the public as a practical possibility by International Telephone and Telegraph Corp. Cheaper and better service.

October 25, 1945 — The American Legion and Auxiliary and their families had their annual Armistice Day basket supper at the school house. World War II Veterans and their families were invited to be guests.

November 8, 1945 — Tire supply is low, prospects for an early end of tire rationing continues to appear dim according to state OPA.

December 6, 1945 — Six Tingley men attended a railroad meeting in Grand River. It was reported that the Interstate Commerce Commission had refused to change its ruling or grant a stay in time on the closing of this branch of the Burlington line. Under present rulings the branch line railroad extending from Humeston to Clarinda will be abandoned on January 1, 1946. There are two last chance moves that might keep the railroad operating but the group of businessmen were optimistic about gaining their point or keeping the road operating.

YEAR 1946

January 3 — A meeting of all parties interested in securing a state highway, east and west from US 69 to US 169 has been called to be held in the theatre building. A petition is being circulated asking the Iowa Highway to take over, rebuild and maintain the road connecting the towns of Grand River, Beaconsfield, Ellston and Tingley. Later it is hoped to extend the highway west thru' Diagonal to Sharpsburg. The need for this highway is very great since the railroad through these towns has been abandoned. With the present road conditions,

bad weather could make it impossible to secure coal and supplies in these communities for a considerable time.

January 10 — The new mail service for Tingley remains about the same since the star route has been scheduled to take the place of the trains. The afternoon mail comes in about 2:30 and on the return reaches Tingley about 5:30.

Must still save paper, tin, glass containers. The shortages of materials for packaging all types of food will be with us through 1946. Wrapping paper, paper board containers, tin cans and glass containers will continue short until the production of pulpwood, tin from Malaya and glass increase.

February 14 — At a meeting of businessmen held at the Halm Plumbing shop, it was decided to organize a commercial club in the town. Its purpose will be to make Tingley a better place in which to live and transact business. They also plan to tell the world about what a good, clean town Tingley really is.

May 30 — A Fourth of July picnic is being planned by the Business Men's Club.

July 11 — Burlington bus service will start soon. Wietzke Cafe will be the Bus Depot.

July 18 — Reward Notice — A \$10 reward will be given to anyone furnishing evidence to apprehend and convict any party or parties guilty of breaking or injuring in any way the street lights in the Corporation of Tingley. Such vandalism will be punished to the full extent of the law. O.W. Roush, Mayor

August 8 — "The Bells of St. Marys" will be shown five nights at the Tingley Theatre. This picture that stars Bing Crosby is perhaps the outstanding show of the past year.

October 17 — The Tingley sorghum plant (owned and operated by Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Halm west of town) closed its biggest season in ten years. The year's business of making 1,981 gallons wound up with the frost on October 11. The sorghum sold for \$2.25 per gallon.

November 14 — Mr. Wm. S. Breckenridge received the Iowa Press Columnists' "Kernel of the Iowa Corn" certificate of award for Iowaism. He received this award for his efforts in getting a Legion hall built here and for the many other community projects he has helped to promote. Mrs. J.A. McIntosh also received this award for work with the Girl Scouts, American Legion Auxiliary, Red Cross and other community projects.

November 28 — KSIB is the new voice of southwest Iowa to be dedicated December 8.

YEAR 1947

January 30 — A large crowd enjoyed the 45 minute program presented by the KSIB radio stars, Toby and His Ranch Hands, at the Tingley Legion Hall. Following the program, a dance was held with music by Toby

and His Ranch Hands.

March 27 — The following business places will remain open on Wednesday evenings: Breckenridge Store, V & L Store, Farmers Co-op, Dunlap Hardware, Tingley Hatchery and Thompson Produce.

October 9 — Roger Morrison is Entered in Trail Ride — The Second Annual National Trail Ride will be held Oct. 9-11. Roger is Ringgold County's first official entry. First Day - 40 miles from Lamoni to Osceola; Second Day - 50 miles from Osceola to Mt. Ayr; Third Day - 20 miles from Mt. Ayr to Lamoni. (A 1,000 pound beef barbeque was held at Mt. Ayr the night they were there. Had a band concert and crowning of Trail Ride Queen.)

YEAR 1948

January 15 — A special election was held January 12 to decide whether Tingley should install a water system for the town. The cost of erection, construction, maintaining and operating the water works and distribution system was not to exceed \$50,000. The town was to contract indebtedness for the purpose, not exceeding \$15,000 then issue bonds and levy a tax annually on property in town not exceeding 6½ mills per year for the payment of the bonds and interest. The balance of the construction would be financed through the issuance of revenue bonds, the repayment and interest charges to be paid solely from net earnings of the water works. The issue lost by a vote of 98 to 84.

April 22 — For the convenience of farm patrons, who are now in their busy season, the stores in Tingley will keep open on Wednesday evenings as well as Saturdays.

May 6 — Front page headline - "Heavy Steers \$31.00, Lambs Up, Hogs Off" CIO packing house workers strike, seven weeks old Monday, cramped the outlet for hogs. Barrows and gilts were 50¢ to \$1 off at \$14.00 to \$21.25. Fat lambs way off, spring lambs equal the high a week earlier at \$27.00. Slaughter ewes steady at \$12.50.

May 27 — As a prelude to the Wednesday evening ballgames the Tingley band will present a weekly open air concert. Musicians are cordially invited to join the band. There are very few bands in towns the size of Tingley.

June 10 — A street carnival is scheduled to open June 17, 18 and 19, sponsored by the Tingley Businessmen. The celebration will feature 4 big rides, over 20 concessions, all kinds of races with prizes and a softball game each evening.

June 10 — With but little damage done, and only to the wagon, a team belonging to Glen McKee, gave bystanders a few minutes of excitement here Thursday afternoon. The team had been tied to the "old" hitch rack west of Breckenridge Store, while Glen went to do his trading. The horses were frightened by a piece of paper blown past them and broke loose for a wild run down main street, circling a parked car and truck, narrowly missing both. The horses were caught by the time they had traveled a little over a block. A run away team,

within the city limits has always been able to create excitement, but in this day and age, it is somewhat of an oddity, too.

At a special election held Monday Ringgold County voters favored the \$70,000 bond issue for a county hospital.

On Wednesday of last week R.W. Farrell purchased the Nyal Drug Store from M.H. Obermier, who has owned and operated the Nyal Store since October 1943. The business will move to the corner building recently vacated by Browning Furniture Co.

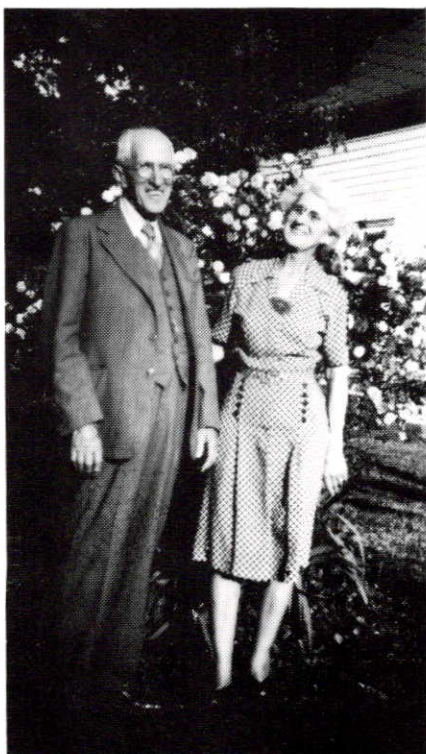
July 1 — There was an oats yield plot at the east edge of Tingley sponsored by John Boyd and the veteran agri-

culture class. Various meetings were held throughout the summer and the different varieties of oats discussed. Classes were also held on increasing the pasture value by fertilizing, etc. Various sprays and the methods in which to use them were topics of other meetings.

July 29 — Lester Bischoff opened a cafe in the Dr. Sheumaker building, first door west of the Tingley State Savings Bank.

September 9 — Tingley School opened August 30 with 105 enrolled, 77 in grade school and 28 in high school.

September 16 — Bisch's Cafe is under new management, having been purchased by Doyle and Dolores Reynolds.



Mr. and Mrs. H.W. Edwards — 1940's

Howard Edwards and Jess Jones
with the Horse-Drawn Hearse.
Courtesy Flo McClosky Burbridge



EDWARDS FUNERAL HOME

Courtesy Flo McClosky Burbridge

After Mr. Edwards' death in 1947, the Edwards Undertaking business was continued under the same name with Paul Varner of Diagonal as the mortician and funeral director. Lyndon Richards had assisted Mr. Edwards for several years and continued to serve as assistant director until 1951. Presently owned by Wilson and Watson.



In the early 1900's, all funerals were held in the home of the deceased. One can imagine the procession of horses and buggies following the horse-drawn hearse to the cemetery.

Mr. Edwards purchased an auto hearse for \$2,000 in 1917 through the local agency of Fender and Adams. Whenever it was too muddy for the auto hearse, the horse-drawn hearse was used. The cemetery road was not graveled until 1939.

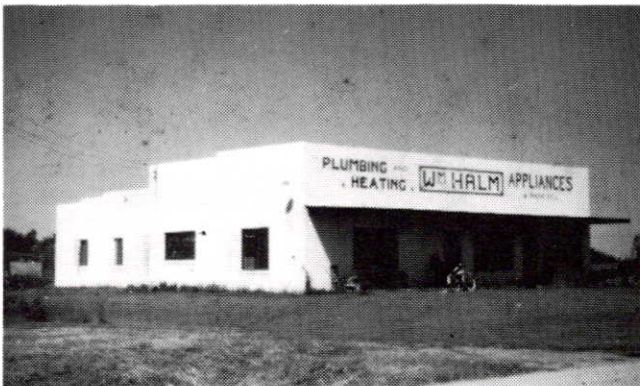
Businesses — 1950's



Ellis Cafe — 1950's

North Side of Main Street (Present day post office building) Helena and Erskine Ellis and Agnes Sutherland (Notice that coffee was 7¢, bacon and eggs 50¢, and sausage and eggs 50¢.)

Courtesy Agnes Sutherland



Wm. Halm Plumbing & Heating

Courtesy Wm. Halm



Tingley Elevator — 1952

Man from Shannon City, Levi Williams, Ed Sherwood. *Courtesy Marguerite Sherwood*



Ellis Cafe — 1952

Helena and Erskine Ellis, Fred Hubbard, Bill Henderson. Helena and Erskine left Tingley about 1959.

Courtesy Clara Mae Bird

Fabulous Fifties

by Marian England and Mary Sue and Jim McIntosh

Do you remember Tingley in the Fabulous Fifties . . . Black letter sweaters with orange T's, peddle pushers, triple roll bobby sox, cardigan sweaters buttoned down the back, circular felt skirts, jeans rolled up and pinned with horse blanket pins, dog collars on the ankles, pop beads, scratchy net formals, net half slips, accordion pleated skirts, rhinestones, penny loafers, engineer boots with upholstery tacks on the heels . . . page boys, pony tails, duck tails, crew cuts, mohawks . . . basketball, Obie, stopping in Afton or at Rogers where someone treated the players to malts to celebrate a victory, the empty town in '52, '54, and '57 when everyone migrated to Des Moines for the state tournament, no cheerleaders . . . convertibles, cat's eyes, fender skirts, the fastest car to Clema's mailbox, Tull's blue Kaiser . . . 45 rpm records, the Banner Band playing at the Legion

Hall dances sponsored by the class of '56, waltzes, polkas, schottisches, square dances, bunny hop, the jitterbug . . . movies shown on the side of Harley Been's barber shop, Sun Player's tent shows, drawing for money donated by the businessmen at the show, the popcorn stand . . . the first TV in town at Breck's Store, all the kids gathered 'round to watch "snowy" wrestling, the boys snacking on Pepsi and raw weiners at 5¢ each at Brecks, Dixie Cups with movie stars' pictures on the lids . . . Elvis Presley, Jimmy Dean in "East of Eden" and "Rebel Without a Cause," the radio station at Del Rio, Texas, Sky King, Sgt. Preston and the Yukon . . . Civil Air Patrol on the school house, "LAMA LAMA 45 BLACK" — Darl Ferguson reported sighting a crow! . . . Fads, inventions, action—yes, those were the days—Tingley in the 50's!

Been Barber Shop

W.H. (Harley) Been's barber training began when he was a young boy. His teacher was his mother, Ella Been. All of Harley's brothers and sisters had been blessed with very heavy heads of hair, and Harley learned to please them by 'trial and error'. Experience with the public came when friends, relatives, and neighbors began to hear of his ability.

On December 17, 1924, Harley moved his wife, Leona, and their six small children to Tingley to begin his barbering career. Before this time he had farmed, been a salesman, and had barbered in Mt. Ayr and Redding.

The first barber shop that he bought in Tingley was fully equipped. This building was located on the south side of main street west of the Sheesley Grocery Store. Unable to find a house to rent, the Been family moved into living quarters in the back of the barber shop where they lived quite comfortably until the following April.

At this time (1924), the price of a shave was 20¢; a haircut cost 35¢; or you could get a combination of both for a bargain price of 50¢. Sound cheap? Just remember that beefsteak could be bought for 25¢ a pound! By working many hours, on a good Saturday, Harley would have around \$16.00 in his pocket by the time he locked the door. Business grew, and for the next two years he cut the hair of as many women and girls as he did for men until the arrival of beauty operators in town.

Besides moving his family in April, Harley also moved his barber shop—this time to the north side of the street into the Howard Edwards' building which had been Bert House's restaurant. Several years later, fire destroyed this building along with other Tingley businesses, including Avery Johnston's barbershop. Unable to find two buildings, Avery and Harley moved in together in a small cement building on the east side of Charlie Lent's garage and barbered out of this building until the garage caught on fire, spreading through this shop, too. All that was salvaged was some waiting chairs. This was a pretty rough blow being burned out twice in a three month period. Harley's next move was to George Blunck's garage east of Breckenridge's store.



TAKEN IN THE BEEN BARBER SHOP.
L TO R: Les McClure, Harley Been, Lloyd Reynolds, Wayne Overholtzer in Barber Chair

In 1926 a law was passed requiring barbers to be licensed. Harley was one of the first to go to Des Moines to get his; the cost of this license was \$3.00.

In 1931 the Been family moved to Kanorado, Kansas, where Harley barbered for the next 18 months. Hard times and the Depression saw Kansas wheat drop to 25¢ a bushel. The Beens decided they would be better off back in Tingley.

Returning to Tingley, Harley went back to the building where he had first begun barbering. By this time Ernie Bosworth was the owner of this building. Harley and Ernie were together for the next 24 years—Ernie selling insurance, and Harley barbering.

The Depression took its toll in the barbering business, too. Haircuts had gone down to 25¢ each by this time. The barber shop was open long hours so a living could be made. By starting at 7:00 in the morning and staying open until 10:00 week days and until midnight or later (sometimes as late as 3:00 in the morning...if there was a customer, Harley would work) on Saturday nights, he managed to feed his family of 9 children.

Lots of slow afternoons or nights found Walter Estell with his fiddle, Avery Johnston with a guitar, Harley with a banjo and mouth harp, and Sam German playing the fiddle. The barber shop practically rocked with this good ole' foot stompin' music!

Upon Ernie's retirement from the insurance business, and because of their friendship and many years together, Ernie deeded the building over to Harley.

Harley stayed on at this location until he had a heart attack in 1964 when he decided to retire, selling the business to Ron Smith of Mt. Ayr. Four years later he bought the shop back and continued to operate it until 1972. Price of haircuts by the time he retired was \$1.25.

Harley loves to tell about his most notorious patron, a fellow who had robbed the Afton bank about an hour and a half before he dropped in at the Been Barber Shop for a shave and a haircut before going on his way. Other cherished thoughts include the fact that he cut hair for many generations of families including six generations of the Weeda family.

During the 48 years that Harley was a barber on Tingley's main street, there were many changes. The barbershop always seemed to be a good place for young and old to gather. Oftentimes some pretty tall tales were told and a few pranks played, but in general, it seemed



1959 — Grandson Steven Been Getting Hair Cut.

to be where people stopped in to "shoot the breeze", giving many a lot of fine memories.

At 88 years of age, Harley still enjoys getting out the old barber tools every now and then to give a family member what he calls a "Good Haircut"!



Cuts Hair of the 6th Generation of Weeda Family.
Pictured above is Harley Cutting the Hair of
Sterling Weeda



1982 — Harley Been at the Age of 88

1950's — 1960's



Mike Archibold and Harley Been
(Notice the Price of Hair Cuts!)

Dee Archibold at Phillips station owned and
operated by Harry Archibold — 1953.

Courtesy Jo Ellen Archibold



Southwest Side
of Main Street — 1963
Cafe, Barber Shop,
Ball Field, and
Vacant Service Station.
Courtesy Clair Heyer Photo

Train — Newspapers — Telephone

The Humeston and Shenandoah Railroad

As the poet spoke of the passing of the buffalo—the buffalo gave way to trails, the trails to wagon routes, and the wagon routes replaced by railroads.

Not until railroads crossed the country could early inland towns be assured of survival.

The following lends a small account of activities centering around Tingley's train service.

The Humeston and Shenandoah Railroad grew out of the intense rivalry that existed between Jay Gould of the Wabash, St. Louis and Pacific Railway Company and C.E. Perkins, president of the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Railroad. Gould wanted control of all rail traffic throughout the Midwest. Whenever another railroad would plan to build, Gould would rush in to build a competing line.

In 1880 the Wabash Railroad Company (controlled by Gould) acquired control of the Missouri, Iowa and Nebraska Railroad, running west from Keokuk, and announced its intention of extending it through the southern tier of counties in Iowa to Council Bluffs. The CB & Q had also been intending to build a railroad across the southern tier of counties for several years. Two railroads, side by side, would obviously have been a mistake. Even Gould knew that it would be foolish to build rails in the same territory. After negotiations, it was finally agreed early in 1881 that both the CB & Q and the Wabash Companies should abandon their contemplated enterprises and that one road should be constructed by a new and independent company called the Humeston and Shenandoah Railroad Company.

The plan was to build, own and lease a line of railroad from Prairieville (Van Wert) to Shenandoah, Iowa, a distance of 95 miles. The H & S was also to acquire a railroad line from Prairieville to the town of Humeston, Iowa, a distance of 17 miles. The total mileage operated of the H & S would be 112 miles.

Construction commenced at several different points between Van Wert and Shenandoah early in 1881. The road was completed and opened for traffic as follows: From Van Wert to Grand River, 10.89 miles, November 7, 1881; to Tingley, 14.10 miles, September 17, 1882; to Shenandoah, 70.21 miles, November 18, 1882.

C.E. Perkins, as president of the Burlington Railroad, had prior knowledge when the H & S was being formed as to where the depots were to be built along the line. He therefore bought the adjoining land around the proposed depots which would become the town sites. The Town Site Company platted the streets and alleys, and C.E. Perkins made a fortune selling the lots. Many owners of property in Tingley have the name of C.E. Perkins on their abstracts.

When the H & S became bankrupt in 1896, C.E. Perkins and his wife Edith became owners. In 1901 they sold the entire line to the CB & Q.

The following items were taken from the *Ringgold Record* under "News from Tingley".

July 1, 1882 — Fifty-five teams are on railroad work at Tingley, and thirty more are enroute here. Guess the H & S intends to rush things. The line repairers have been

fixing up the wires along the branch of the 'Q' and are doing other necessary work around the depot grounds.

A large number of colored gentry have commenced work east of town, which causes a variety of shades on our streets. Occasionally Mr. Skinner has charge of the work. The railroad is being pushed rapidly to completion. We expect to hear the whistle soon.

July 13, 1882 — Teams continue to arrive in large numbers and track laying is in operation all along the line.

July 20, 1882 — Things are beginning to look lively in Tingley and the people are happy as sunflowers.

August 10, 1882 — The railroad is running four miles nearer us.

September 7, 1882 — Railroad matters are getting along nicely. All the grading is done east of town and we can see the smoke.

September 14, 1882 — Hurrah for Tingley. The cars have come! Who would live without the cars? The cars rolled in on the 8th and it was a lively time. Mr Robert Dunlap and a couple of gentlemen from Decatur were the first passengers arrived by car. A bonfire and 40 guns made the evening display grand.

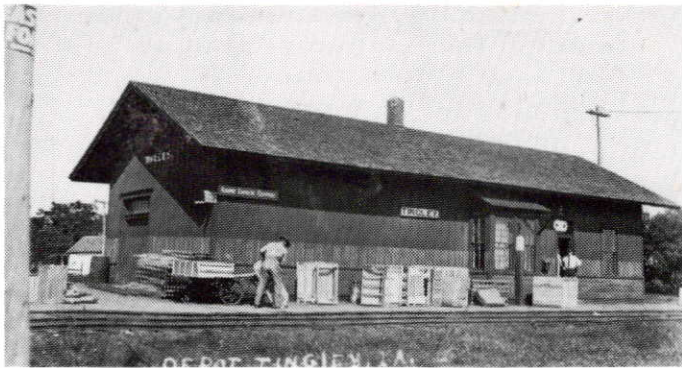
October 5, 1882 — Our depot is finished. We have one of the best depots on the line. It is 24 x 60 and well finished. Our station is now opened up and in full blast. The H & S are ready to take shipments of all kinds.

Station Agents: 1883 - Charlie Joy
1886 - 1904 George P. Hale
1904 - 1907 C.A. Stephenson
1907 - 1908 W.O. Butler
1908 - 1912 A.M. Sibert
1914 - A.R. Tillotson
1926 - 1930 Earl Davis
1930 - 1945 Earl Rowland



Earl Rowland — Depot Agent
Courtesy Billy Breckenridge

July 28, 1910 *Vindicator* — Forty-five Greek laborers came Friday to work on the roadbed from this station. They are occupying three box cars near the stock yards.



South Side of the Tingley Depot

Courtesy Billy Breckenridge

Special Exhibit trains in early 1900's:

October 20, 1910 — Soil Special Train stopped in Tingley and was greeted by an audience of 250 to 300 people in the coaches and on the platform. Lecturers talked on crop rotation.

October 19, 1911 — Burlington Exhibit Car stopped in Tingley with the view of attracting settlers to the new irrigated lands along the Burlington's new lines in Wyoming and Montana. The car had samples of grains, grasses, fruits and vegetables grown in the Big Horn and Yellowstone Valley.

March 28, 1912 — Seed Corn and Soil Special Train stopped 1 hour for lectures delivered from large audience coaches attached to the train. Henry Wallace of Wallace's Farmer was one of the speakers.

June 20, 1912 — Des Moines Booster Train containing 80 representatives of the leading business and professional firms of Des Moines stopped in Tingley. The Iowa State Band gave a splendid concert. Des Moines was bidding for our businessmen's trade.

March 9, 1911 — Dairy Special had a combination sleeper-diner where the party lived, a car transformed into a model dairy barn, and 3 lecture coaches. It was sent out by the State Dairy Association.



Iowa Dairy Special — March, 1911

Courtesy Kathleen Williams

May 22, 1913 — Burlington Trade Excursion Train with a party of 75 Burlington manufacturers, jobbers, and wholesalers stopped in Tingley. Fischer's famous band gave a concert on Main Street. The 75 boosters made visits to all the stores, and after singing their "Burlington Song" left for Diagonal amidst cheers and best wishes from the Tingley people.

April 13, 1916 — Good Roads Special Train was in Tingley for an hour. The train had an exhibit of U.S. Government model of good roads, showing the stages of construction and road machinery used in construction. A free dinner and free team feed was offered to every farmer who rode a road drag into Tingley. The high school band played. The speaker gave a plea for hard surfaced roads—one thing we can bequeath to our posterity. Murl DeWitt rode a drag 5 miles; Will Blauer, 3; Geo. W. Irving, 1½; W.L. Henderson and A.A. Allen, 1¾; Oscar McKee, 2; B.S. Ball 5¾.



The horses pulling the dray and the drayman was a familiar sight around the depot. Wonder what the finery is in the trunk he is hauling?

Courtesy Clair Heyer Collection

Everything was shipped on the trains. When people moved from one area to another, they moved by train—livestock, furniture, machinery, and themselves. All goods sold by the local businessmen in Tingley would be shipped in by train—buggies, furniture, carpets, chicken grit, all items to the grocery stores, ice from the Clarinda ice factory, wool, apples, potatoes, and later—even cars.

People could catch the Passenger No. 2 to Ellston, visit a while or tend to their business, then come back to Tingley on Passenger No. 1 going west at 4:20 p.m.

"MEMORIES"

Marie Eckerman Troxell — can remember when she and her sisters, Ellen and Marguerite, the Lee Brown children, Willie Mariner, Lawrence Bor-rusch, and George and Florence Kester used to go down to the railroad tracks to play after school. (Eckerman family lived where Harry Skarda lives today.) They would place pins or nails on the tracks, and the train wheels would smash them together into whatever shape they had laid them. Sometimes they would place two nails together and make crosses out of them. One time they were playing by the tracks, and Florence Kester got her foot caught in the cattle guard. Wouldn't you know—here came the 4:23 train from the east. They hurriedly unbuckled her overshoe and pulled her foot from it. After the train passed, they retrieved the overshoe....

Margaret Eighme — can well remember one time when she came to town with her parents. They gave her a nickel to spend and she accidentally dropped it down a knothole in the boardwalk.

BASE BALL EXCURSION JUNE 7

Tingley to Clarinda

Leaves Tingley at 12:30 p. m.

Returns at 1:00 a. m.

Fare \$2.00 for Round Trip.

A special train of five coaches will be run on above date to accommodate those who wish to attend the base ball, tournament and opera at Clarinda.

May 28, 1908 Ad from Tingley Vindicator

Extra passenger or excursion trains pulling coaches would be sent whenever there was a chautauqua at Clarinda or Shenandoah.

In 1927 — 230 Cars of Livestock Were Shipped — 121 cars of hogs, 93 cars of cattle, 16 cars of sheep.

April 23, 1928 *Vindicator* — The "Dootlebug" started through Tingley. It is really a passenger and mail car

\$27.20 to California

Daily till October 31

- \$27.20 To San Francisco, Los Angeles.
- \$27.20 To Portland, Seattle, Tacoma, Vancouver.
- \$24.70 To Spokane, Walla Walla, Wenatchee.
- \$22.20 To Salt Lake, Ogden, Butte, Helena.
- \$17.20 To Billings and Huntley, Mont.
- \$21.10 To Cody, Basin and Worland, in famous Big Horn Basin of Wyoming.

If you're going west, let me post you in regard to these very low rates. You can travel in solid comfort in the Burlington's through tourist sleeping cars from Chicago, St. Louis, Kansas City and Omaha to the coast.

Let me give you descriptive booklet and further particulars.



W. O. BUTLER, Agent,
C. B. & Q. Ry.

October 10, 1907 Ad from Tingley Vindicator

combined with the motor in the front end; Seats 50 passengers; Train electrically lighted with no steam whistle; Gasoline motor train.

December, 1945 *Vindicator* — Train service on the old Humeston and Shenandoah Railroad through Tingley was discontinued at the end of December.

February, 1946 *Vindicator* — The Tingley American Legion Post purchased the old depot for \$301.

June 17, 1946 *Vindicator* — A crew of workmen are taking up the abandoned Burlington railroad track at Tingley and soon our railroad will be just a memory.

September 5, 1946 *Vindicator* — Burlington bus service started in Tingley.



This steam engine derailed while pushing a snow plow on Jan. 29, 1940, southeast of Tingley on Burlington Railroad tracks.

In the top photo two young men, Billy Breckenridge and Russell Boyd, check the big steam engine over. Some of those working to clear the track in the bottom photo: Howard Woods, Dee Linkey, Clarence Weeda, Billy Breckenridge and Russell Boyd.

Tingley Newspapers



In this very early picture of Tingley, the Vindicator Office was on the south side of Main Street.

The first paper was the *Tingley Times*, started by J. Gettinger in 1882 and later sold to L.O. McKinley, and he to Ray Brothers, the name being changed to the *News*. Then J.J. Noah bought it, and reaching a point where he felt it necessary to appeal for help to carry the paper, and not getting it, moved the office to Wirt, now called Ellston. Tingley was without a paper until July, 1885, when E.B. Garretson of Lenox began publishing *The Battle Axe*. This warlike paper suspended in December. J.J. Clark of Gravity began publishing the *Tingley Independent* for six months in 1886, but it, too, went the way of its predecessors.

The *Tingley Vindicator* was started in 1889 (94 years ago). One wonders if the naming of "*Vindicator*" had anything to do with its meaning—one who justifies, upholds, or defends. Throughout the 60 years of its existence, printed under *Tingley Vindicator* was the paper's motto, "A Home Paper, Devoted to the Interests of Its Supporters and the Public Good. Paid for by Many, Borrowed by Some, but Read by All." The earliest editors are not known. P.B. Wilson was editor in 1892. T.F. Armstrong was a former editor, as was James Nelson, but the dates are unknown.

D.W. Watsabaugh sold the *Vindicator* to Watson Edwin (W.E.) Burleigh August 4, 1904. The town of Tingley was very fortunate in having an editor with the dedication to the community and the superior writing ability of Ed Burleigh. The *Vindicator* was truly a quality newspaper that "pulled no punches" in the editor's column and always kept Tingley in the forefront. A prime example of this was Mr. Burleigh's battle to keep the *Tingley Vindicator* as the official county paper.

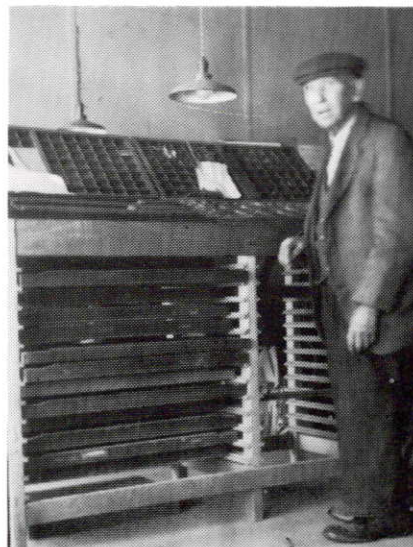
April 11, 1907 Vindicator — WE ARE AN OFFICIAL PAPER — THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ON FRIDAY NAMED THE TINGLEY VINDICATOR AS AN OFFICIAL PAPER FOR RINGGOLD COUNTY—The controversy as to which paper should be named to succeed to the official position held by the *Twice-a-Week News* was settled Friday by the Ringgold County board of supervisors when they selected the *Tingley Vindicator* as such successor. The *Vindicator* filed a list of 543 subscribers in Ringgold County and the *Mt. Ayr Journal* a list of 506. [Messrs. J.S. Shepherd and Son owned the *Mt. Ayr Journal*.] It is the first time in the history of Ringgold County that an official newspaper has been selected outside of Mt. Ayr, and hence we feel doubly gratified at the result.



The Vindicator Office was moved to the Kate Peckham building September, 1908, (where present-day Garden Club Park is located). The above picture shows Ed Burleigh in front of the Vindicator building about 1926. The Vindicator remained at this location until it was destroyed by fire in October 1933. It was then moved to the north end of the present-day post office building.

Courtesy Clair Heyer Photo

January 16, 1908 Vindicator — WE LOST THE COUNTY PRINTING — The result of the count at Mt. Ayr Tuesday was in favor of the *Mt. Ayr Journal* by about 180, they swearing to a list of 840 while the *Vindicator's* list was but 660. If we had resorted to the practices of the *Journal* and given away subscriptions where we could not secure a legitimate subscriber, perhaps we might have won, but we prefer to go down in defeat rather than to resort to questionable means to secure the printing. The *Vindicator* existed for 19 years without the printing and we can get along another 19 years if necessary. We want to thank every subscriber in this public manner for their loyalty to us in our work to secure the county printing.



Ed Burleigh in 1939, shortly before his death.

Courtesy Clair B. Heyer Photo



Noel B. Seney, Sr. — 1945



Noel Seney, Jr. and
his mother, Belle Seney



Bertha Hogue

Mr Burleigh was certainly an ardent booster and should be given credit for putting Tingley on the map and keeping it there. It is apparent, had Mr. Burleigh succeeded in all of his efforts, Tingley very well could have been the capital of southern Iowa! His attempts to attract business, obtain city water, hold the county fair, get better railroad service and better highways through Tingley, and the stressing of improved moral standards was unending.

Ed Burleigh operated the business until he was 80 years and 8 months old, hardly able to shuffle about to do the necessary work. In March, 1939, he sold the business to Noel B. Seney, Sr.. On August 4, 1939, Ed Burleigh passed away, exactly 35 years to the day from when he first printed the *Vindicator* in Tingley.

Mr. and Mrs. Seney printed the *Vindicator* from March, 1939, until November, 1946, when it was sold to Jack Bonebrake of the *Diagonal Reporter*. Mr. Seney had become ill with cancer and died in March, 1947. Jack Bonebrake continued to print the *Tingley Vindica-*

tor until September, 1948 (at least, that is the last issue we have), at which time the news from Tingley and vicinity was incorporated into the *Diagonal Reporter*. Mrs. Seney gathered the news from Tingley, turning it in to Mr. Bonebrake to be printed on the page of the *Diagonal Reporter* called the "Tingley Department". Joan Hannah was the reporter in the 50's and Frances Hannah was reporter after Joan.

Miss Bertha Hogue worked for several years in the *Vindicator* office. Pressmen were E.A. Stover and Mirl Thompson. Lee Little worked there also. Emma Weeda learned to handset type from Bertha Hogue. Laverne Zarr, Walter Zarr, Marjorie Hillebran, and Louivisa Blunck were employees of the firm. Mr. and Mrs. Victor Scott helped the Seney's with the paper. No doubt there are many others of whom we do not know at the time of this writing.

Tingley owes "posthumous thanks" to the early editors who have recorded Tingley's history.

The Telephone

Alexander Graham Bell invented the telephone in 1876. Not much of the very early history of when this new invention reached Tingley has been found. The February 1, 1883 *Ringgold Record* states, "Mount Ayr and Tingley are connected by telephone." No further information has been found until 1903 when the Tingley Telephone Company officers were Geo. Swain, president; J.O. Imus, secretary; A.R. Hass, treasurer; Luke Shay, W.H. Pollock, and J.P. Fife, directors.

The April 16, 1903 *Vindicator* states, "A new telephone company, the Tingley and Southern, has been organized for the purpose of constructing a line to run south from Tingley along the east road. The shareholders are N.B. Sweeney, Wm. Blauer, S.K. McKee, Fred Blauer, G. Luper, A.D. Luper, B.J. House, O.C. House, C.D. Johnston, John Long, Wm. Tapp, L.E. Border, Benj. Lorimor, G.Q. Immerzeel, J.A. Buchanan, and one share will also go to the M.E. parsonage. Those who were on the Tingley and Beaconsfield line sold their shares in order to take shares in the new line which would give them better service."

W.A. Elder was one of the early owners of the tele-

phone switchboard system in Tingley. It is not known how long it was located in his drugstore, but it was sold with the drugstore in January, 1904, to C. Horton Coye, a young druggist from Carson, Iowa.

In February, 1906, a new telephone line, the Tingley and Northwestern, was established with the members being Z.I. Grout, G.L. Shaw, Will McCulley, C.A. Burns, and Joe Shepherd. Each line was overseen by officers and directors. The shareholders on each line maintained their line by cutting away limbs of trees that interfered with the wire, straightened the poles, wire, etc.

The line north of Tingley was called the Tingley and Melrose Telephone Company. Some of the shareholders on this line were Rome Fleming, Hugh Kendall, Jasper Wilson, John Dewey, E.S. Green, Clarence Webb, and Will Kendall.

In January, 1911, C. Horton Coye traded his telephone system, drugstore, and residence to O.W. Roush of Alexandria, Nebraska, for Mr. Roush's 200 acre farm northeast of Tingley occupied by James Lee. [See O.W. Roush Family History.] Several Tingley citizens today



Central office telephone switchboard in the rear of Roush's Drugstore. The names of the operators are not known. (Would like them identified.) Year also unknown, but would probably be about 1915-1916.

can remember going on the walk along the east side of Roush's drugstore that led to the door at the back where the switchboard was located. Roush's drugstore was located where the vacant lot is today west of the fire station.

In October, 1916, a new Bell Telephone line was constructed from Afton to Mount Ayr, and Tingley and Ellston were connected on the east-west line. A party of about 42 men engaged in the construction of the line were encamped near W.A. Allen's, northwest of Tingley. Their camp looked like a miniature city. A few Tingley young men were among the number employed. The Bell Telephone Co. connected their line to the Tingley Central.

In January, 1917, James A. Verploegh of Pella became owner of the Tingley Telephone Exchange. [See Verploegh Family History.] Mr. Verploegh was not only a telephone operator but an expert electrician.

In June, 1917, Mr. Verploegh built a new one-story, white stucco building on the lots north of Heyer's store for the telephone office (just north of the present day post office building). H.H. Dufty had the contract for construction. The switchboard and office equipment

were moved to the new building the latter part of January, 1918.

In 1942 Jim Verploegh became ill with leukemia. To keep the telephone business going, a son Howard and his family returned to Tingley to manage the business.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale H. Peters of Ainsworth, Iowa, purchased the telephone business from Jim Verploegh and moved to Tingley August 30, 1945. [See Dale H. Peters Family History.] Mr. Peters died suddenly from a heart attack on November 9, 1950. Mrs. Peters sold the business to Harry and Coyla Archibold in August, 1951.

In April, 1961, the State of Iowa passed a law that formed the Iowa Telephone Company. The Archibolds sold the Tingley Telephone Company in 1961 to the Iowa Telephone Company (now Continental Telephone Company), they taking possession in April, 1962. On April 21, 1962, the Tingley community had a party at the Legion hall honoring the Archibolds and the local telephone operators, Marjorie Petersohn, Mabel Clymer, Ola Verploegh, and Dolores Bischoff, as a farewell to the local switchboard and over a half a century of personal service to its patrons.



**Party held in Legion Hall April 21, 1962
Marjorie Petersohn, Mabel Clymer, Dolores Bischoff, Ola Verploegh, Coyla and Harry Archibold**



Coyla Archibold



Mabel Clymer



Dolores Bischoff

Thus began the conversion to the dial phone system. A three-minute buzz warned you that you soon would be "cut off." If you wished to talk longer, you had to dial again. The personal touch of the "old fashioned" switchboard was gone forever. There would be no more "listening in" on the line by all the neighbors to get the latest gossip. And don't forget the Line Call. It was a way to let the neighborhood know of an emergency, a sale date, a cancellation, an announcement that a store had a shipment of a special commodity that had just come in on the train, or a way of letting everyone know there was to be a band concert or a road dragging.

On a one-below-zero afternoon, a Tingley farmer had to come to town to get a wagonload of coal. He hitched up the team to the wagon, took his small son along (because he wanted to go even if it was a bitter cold day); but when he arrived in town, there was no coal to be had—so he drove back home. Hours after dark a Line Call came "ringing into their home" and to all who were "on the line." The farmer hitched up the team again, took his small son and drove into Tingley, and got his coal. The coal car had come in, and thanks to the "Line Call" quick service could be given the telephone patrons.

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Having taken over the Tingley Telephone Co., I intend to devote my time exclusively to the business, and give the best service possible. In order to do this, I will be compelled to raise the rates.

Beginning March 1st, 1917, the rates will be as follows:

Business Phones,	\$1.50 per month
Residence Phones,	1.00 per month
Farm Phones,	4.00 per year

JAS. A. VERPLOEGH,
MANAGER,

Tingley Telephone Co.

February 15, 1917 — Vindicator Ad

Hats Off to the Telephone Girl

The telephone girl sits in her chair
And listens to voices from everywhere.
She hears all the gossip, she hears all the news;
She knows who is happy and who has the Blues;
She knows all our sorrows, she knows our joys;
She knows every girl who is chasing the boys;
She knows of our troubles, she knows of our strife;
She knows every man who is mean to his wife;
She knows every time we are out with the boys;
She hears the excuses each fellow employs;
She knows every woman who has a dark past;
She knows every man who's inclined to be "fast";
In fact, there's a secret 'neath each saucy curl
Of that quiet, demure-looking telephone girl.
If the telephone girl would tell all that she knows,
It would turn all our friends into bitterest foes;
She would sow a small wind which would soon be a gale,
Engulf us in trouble and land us in jail;
She could let go a story (which, gaining in force,)
Would cause half our wives to sue for divorce.
She could get all the churches mixed up in a fight
And turn all our days into sorrowing nights;
In fact, she could keep the whole town in a stew
If she'd tell a tenth part of the things that she knew.
Now, doesn't it make your head simply whirl
When you think what you owe to the telephone girl?

April 1, 1909 *Tingley Vindicator*

EVANGELISTIC MEETINGS

In February, 1907, noted evangelists, Davis and Galloway, held probably the largest crusade ever held in Tingley. The Opera House, which held 450 people, was filled by 7 o'clock every evening for 2 weeks, and the overflow meetings were held at the Christian Church. Most of the old-time sermons were of the "Hell-Fire and Damnation" type. Evangelist Galloway told the Tingley crowd, "We preached for two weeks in a town and an old infidel cussed me all the time declaring there was no God and there was nothing in prayer. But a mad cow hooked him down in the corner of a stable one day and he prayed like a good fellow. That old cow hooked more prayer into him in five minutes than I was able to preach for two weeks."

Evangelist Galloway had a special meeting at the Opera House for the men, of which there were about 200. The following is what he told them: "Some of you old fellows around here belonging to these churches walk the streets with a big cud of tobacco in your mouth running down over your chin, dripping down on your shirt, who get down and pray 'Oh Lord, fill me with the Holy Spirit.' The very idea of you asking the Holy Spirit to abide in your old dirty carcass. Why, your old breath smells like you were a cross between a billy goat and a pole cat...There is one thing I claim to be a good one at and that is skinning the booze business. I'll kick it as long as I've got a foot; I'll hit it as long as I've got a fist; I'll bite it as long as I have a tooth, and then I'll gum it to death."

CHURCHES

Tingley Christian Church Organized in 1877

(The following account of the first church in Tingley was given by Miss Ina Freeman at a Centennial Fellowship meeting November 14, 1935, at Mt. Ayr.) "Heroic origin of the beginning of any church in the earlier days must have been one of struggles. I don't believe we who live today know and realize what they must have been. I am taking my notes from a letter written by Mrs. Jacob Frane who was present at the time this little band was struggling to establish a church in Tingley."

In the old Center Schoolhouse at the east edge of Tingley in 1877, a few people gathered to organize a Sunday School and Christian Church. There were some 16 or 18 at this first meeting: Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Garvey, Mr. and Mrs. J.D. Morse, Mr. and Mrs. Levi Knapp, Mr. and Mrs. Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Emmans, Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Davis, Mr. and Mrs. James Davis, Mr. and Mrs. James Quigley, and Mr. and Mrs. Frank McGugin. These were the charter members. This was the first church organized in the town. Ezekial Harland was called to "Break the Bread of Life" to them. He was an old-time minister of the gospel and knew his Bible well. He held meetings for several weeks, and 19 united with the church. Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Frane were in this group.



First Christian Church was organized in this old Center Schoolhouse in 1877 with 35 members. Candles were used for light. Building still stands on Dean Johnson farm.

Four weeks later another meeting was held, and 16 more made the good confession. The country was so starved for the gospel that the little schoolhouse was filled to overflowing by six o'clock every evening.

After the church was organized in 1878, services were led by Rev. 'Dad' Harland for two years. A.J. Garrison was the next minister.

There were good voices among those pioneers, and the singing of the old gospel hymns led by Miss Ella Neighde was inspiring, although there was no instrument to help.

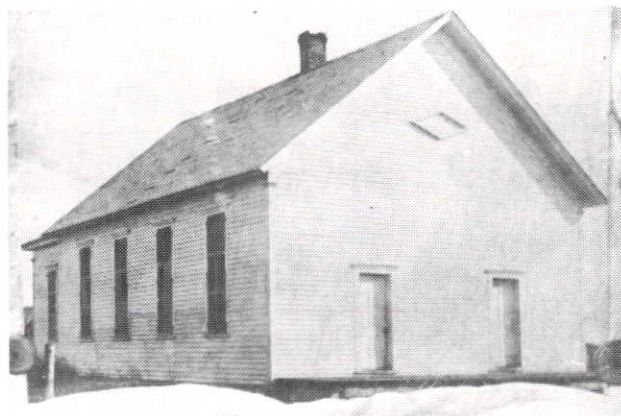
The women made candles and took them to the

schoolhouse for light.

Simpson Ely was one of the earliest evangelists, and he helped to start building the Christian Church which is now a dwelling house where A.A. Simpson lives.

The next building was dedicated February 1896 and burned July 2, 1930.

The next church, in which we now worship, was dedicated April 12, 1931.



The First Christian Church building was built in early '80's, building still occupied by Bishop family in north Tingley.



The second Christian Church building was a large frame building on main street, which was dedicated February 9, 1896 and burned July 2, 1930. Congregation had service in Community Hall for next 8 months.

Early Clerks and Ministers

Clerks:

Ina Freeman	1891
Cora Frane	1894
Eva Eckerman	1895
Anna Frane	1908 and 09

Ministers

C.H. Mattox	1891
E.A. Hastings	1892
Abe Corey	1894
Joel Brown	1896
C.E. Pile	1898
E.J. Wright	1901

A.D. Veatch	1903
Frank Ovilt	1904
George Gillette	1906
J.P. Lucas	1908
Ira C. Smith	1911
Frank James	1912
B.H. Smith	1913
S.C. Kincheloe	1914
E.L. Karstaedt	1915
A.C. Stewart	1917
Hugh Guy	1917
C. Shaw	1919
Rev. Kline	1922
Prof Stringfellow and Drake students filled in.	1923
J.M. Lowe	1925
Marion Nilson	1926
A. LeRoy Huff	1927
Robert Mattson	1929
B.M. Hopkins	1931
Rev. Kratzer	1933-35
Rev. Burr	1938
Rev. Green	1939
Rev. J.G. Slick	1940
Kenneth Hunt	1942



This building was started in June 1930 and was dedicated debt free April 12, 1931. Cost was \$5,000 with volunteer help. Contents were saved from old building.



CHRISTIAN LADIES AID — 1912

STANDING: (L to R) ———, Mrs. Steinkamp, Mrs. Frank Hausz, Mrs. Chas. Richardson, Mrs. L.M. Lanham, Mrs. Henry Breckenridge, Mrs. Pete Hopkins, Mrs. Jarvis. **SEATED:** Mrs. Mooney, ———, Mrs. Frank McGugin (Dan's mother), Mrs. Bernhardt Heyer, Eunice Nelson, Aunt Kate Peckham. *Courtesy Raymond Buchanan*

Peter Jensen	1944
Rev. Hastie	1945
Rev. James Flanagan	1949
Rev. V.L. Luce	1950
F.C. McCallon	1955
Dwight Messenger	1960
Rev. M.J. Wilkins	1963



CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

BACK ROW: Macelle Morrison, Edna McDowell, Ellen Overholtzer, Marguerite Sherwood, Minnie Brown. **FRONT ROW:** Mrs. Steinkamp, Ina Freeman, Marie Troxell, Nancy Borrusch, Ruth England, J.G. Slick (preacher), Maggie Eckerman.

Wilkins 1963 — 1983



Rev. Merlin Wilkins came to pastor the church in 1963. His family consisted of his wife Margaret and four children: Mike, Marla, Marcy and Michelle. A popular teacher in the Mt. Ayr Community schools, Rev. Wilkins was a graduate of Taylor University, received an M.A. from Northwest Missouri State U., attended Asbury Theological Seminary, and as of 1982 had completed his residence work for a doctorate at Drake University.

The entire Wilkins family became involved in the church. Margaret, in addition to being the organist, has been active in the Christian Women's Fellowship, leader of the youth group, and generally helpful in all aspects of church and Sunday School. The children were raised in the church and were always willing to help in any way, especially with the music.

In his twenty years plus as pastor Rev. Wilkins has ministered to the church with thoughtful sermons, comforted, encouraged and instructed the church and community in Biblical precepts, as well as providing academic and spiritual guidance to the students of the Mt. Ayr school.

Joyce Overholtzer Scott

Tingley United Methodist Church

The Methodist Church of Tingley had its beginning as a Sabbath School in the old Center schoolhouse which was located across the road north of the present Charles Case home in northeast Tingley. The Rev. Charles Hiram Burleigh organized the first class in the spring of 1877. At that time he was stationed at Hopeville and preached at Oliver, Rice, Cornwall, and Tingley schoolhouses, and also at High Point Church. Rev. Burleigh was one of the first "circuit riders," making his journeys by horseback. There was no town of Tingley here at that time. The class was composed of the following persons: Messrs. and Mesdames E. Atwood, Mordecai Smith, J.W. Stafford, W.W. Willey; Mesdames A. Pollock and Lucy Foster; Miss Mary Smith; Messrs. J.E. and J.J. Atwood, Link Smith, and Link Willey.

The Methodists wanted their own church. On November 16, 1881, they secured a lot by donation from the Town Site Company. Actual construction of the building did not begin until the fall of 1882. By this time, the Shenandoah & Humeston Railroad was in operation, and the town was growing. When the construction of the church started, one of the first tasks was to kill the rattlesnakes which infested the ground. John Blauer was one of the children who helped the women pick up the dead snakes with forked sticks to throw them on the bonfire. The new Methodist Episcopal Church was dedicated May 2, 1886. Enough money was raised that day to pay the \$1,600 cost.



People were very faithful in attending services, coming to church by team and wagon or buggy, or a double sleigh in winter. During the heavy farming season when the people felt the horses needed their Sunday rest, all of the families walked to town. Minnie Ibbotson's family, the Tapps, were one of these families. The people who lived in town would invite the country families to stay for dinner. Then the country families would walk home. Sometimes there would be 30 people walking on one road.

In 1889, Rev. Fred Sheldon and his wife organized the first Tingley Methodist Ladies Aid Society. Mrs. Sheldon was elected president; Mrs. Hugh Breckenridge, vice-president; Mrs. C.C. Bosworth, treasurer; and Mrs. George Swain, secretary. The following is a price list of the charges for the society's work:

Sewing Rags

5¢ Per Pd.

Children's Aprons	15¢
Lady's Cook Apron	10¢
Children's Underwear	20¢
Men's Work Shirts	25¢
Sheets	10¢
Piecing Quilt	5¢ per Block
Pillow Cases	15¢ per Pair
Mother Hubbard Dresses	50¢
Plain Waist Dresses	60¢
Children's Dresses	25¢
Knotting Comforter	25¢

One of the first efforts of the group was to earn money to pay for the church organ and a bell. They purchased a "ruff corn carpet" to put in the pulpit area of the church for \$9.80, a pulpit for \$27.12, and a lamp for the organ for 40¢.

Rev. Sheldon helped organize the Epworth League, a religious organization of the young people of the church. This name carried through until the 1940's when it was changed to Methodist Youth Fellowship. Rev. Sheldon also helped form a Junior League for children 9 through 12 years of age.

Rev. Talley served the church in 1906. In later years their daughter, Helen S. Pyle, recalled, "I can still see the beautiful Christmas tree at the church lighted with many candles, and that would be considered quite dangerous today."

In 1907, the population of Tingley was around 600. The Methodist Episcopal Church enrollment had grown to around 180 members. The present building was no longer large enough to accommodate the congregation. On May 31, 1908, memorial services were held in the old church, and workmen began tearing it down the next day.

H.H. Dufty was employed to superintend the construction of a new church. One of the first jobs was the excavation of the basement using teams of horses. Some days the farmers removed as many as 137 wagon loads of earth.

Before the new church was completed, Rev. John G. Duling was assigned to be minister. He and his family came into town by train. John Blauer and some of the other church men brought teams and wagons to move the minister's furniture from the depot to the parsonage. Rev. Duling also brought along two sows and a milk cow. From the train, Rev. Duling led the cow up the street and sang, "Glory, Glory, Halleluia!" People came from the stores, clapping and yelling a welcome to the new minister.

Work on the construction of the church continued. In six months' time, the old church had been torn down and the new one completed, with most of the work done by church members. The first subscriptions of \$3,300 had been collected. Every group in the church had held many kinds of socials to raise money. On dedication day, December 13, 1908, Dr. D.W. Parr of Indiana gave the introductory service, then the great business of the day was taken up—that of raising the money needed to pay off the indebtedness, that the building might be dedicated free from debt. Solicitors worked all day on the audience, raising \$4,300. Eldon and Lena Richards were just newly married and attended the dedication

services. Uncle Sam Richards came to them and asked if they would make a donation that day. Mrs. David Allen's mother, Etta McMinn Irving from High Point Church, was the guest pianist at the service. The church that was dedicated that day will be 75 years old on the date of Tingley's Centennial.



September 23, 1928, was a record breaking day for attendance at the Methodist Episcopal Church with 196 persons present for Sunday School. Rev. C.L. Thomas was the pastor.

In February, 1936, Tingley had a terrible snowstorm, 12-18 inches deep on the level. There were no church services. Rev. A.C. Stark requested church members to read as many chapters of the Bible as they could while shut in with the weather. They read 6, 202 chapters.

In 1940, the Ladies Aid Society was merged with the Women's Foreign Missionary Society and was changed to the name of Women's Society of Christian Service (W.S.C.S.). The name was again changed to United Methodist Women (U.M.W.).

In 1942, Josephine Eighme painted a cross and crown with an open Bible on the ceiling above the altar of the church. Painted above the cross were cupid heads. The painting was done in oil and textile paints. This was no easy task as it had to be done from a high scaffolding, and Jo was somewhat afraid of high places. This painting remained on the ceiling until the remodeling work forced it to be covered with ceiling blocks in 1958.

November 27, 1977, was an extra special day, as it was the date of the centennial of Methodism at Tingley. The celebration began with the morning worship by Pastor Les Calhoun, followed by a church family dinner served to 75 persons. The afternoon continued with a program attended by approximately 140 persons. A reception followed in the basement of the church.

At the present writing (1982), the Methodist charge is composed of Tingley, Wishard Chapel, and Ellston, alternating church services at 9, 10, and 11 a.m. The membership of the Tingley Methodist Church is 97.

Margaret Eighme has presided at the piano since her high school years, intermittently at times with other pianists during the earlier years and for the last three years, but for the most part the responsibility was solely hers, including evening services when they were in vogue. Her many years of faithfulness and service to the church are most appreciated. Ava Overholtzer is another long-time member of this church, 65 years.

Following are ministers who have served the Tingley Methodist Church and the year in which each started his pastorate:

Charles H. Burleigh	1877
Charles Brewer	1878
Father Nixon	1879
S. Matheny	1881
Wm. B. Thompson	1883
D.S. Main	1884
S. Farlow	1885
George E. Mitchell	1885
Wm. B. Thompson	1886
Fred Sheldon	1889
A. Hancox	1892
W.C. Smith	1893
F.W. Ewing	1897
Frank W. Evan	1898
W.H. Larrick	1899
E.S. Menoher	1904
M.R. Talley	1906
W.H. Holley	1907
Alfred Knoll	1907
John G. Duling	1908
R.R. Yelland	1911
I.B. Holman	1912
H.M. Strong	1913
R.T. Hodgson	1914
Peter Parker	1915
J.A. Branson	1916
Orvil F. Myers	1920
Theo Kies	1921
C.W. Peer	1921
Allen B. Gable	1923
C.R. Young	1924
C.L. Thomas	1926
L.B. Shannon	1929
E.I. Blevins	1931
A.O. Dillon	1932
Virgil Williams	1935
A.C. Stark	1935
L.M. Kirby	1939
I.B. Ruffner	1940
I.R. Mills	1942
Arthur R. Weed	1942
(Rev. Weed served the church longer than any other minister, 10 years.)	
George C. Wise	1952
Charles Hawn	1954
Willis E. Grant	1957
Walter Samp	1960
Sam E. Bowser	1961
Norman Moore	1964
John Braden	1965
Jerry Nichols	1966
John Blackadar	1969
Robert Shreve	1971
Lloyd Johnson	1975
Les Calhoun	1977
Dwight Bonham	1982

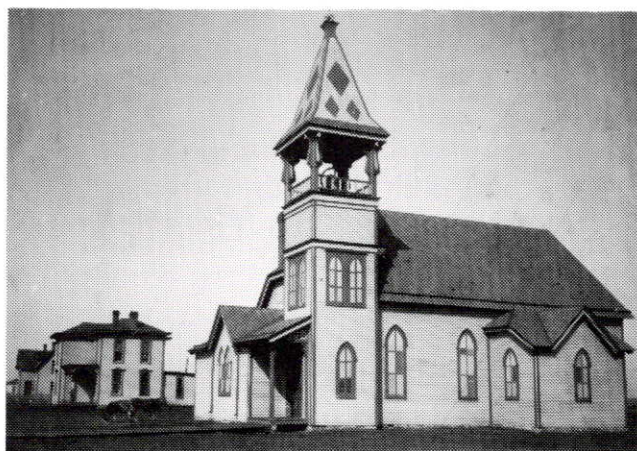
Tingley United Presbyterian Church

OUR FOUNDING

The Tingley United Presbyterian Church was organized July 12, 1883. Rev. J.C. White, then pastor of Eugene congregation, was appointed by the Presbytery to effect the organization, and he then served as pastor for almost a year. There were fifteen members in all. They were:

William Laughney
Mary M. Laughney
J.J. McCreight
Mrs. M.C. McCreight
Mrs. E.M. McCloskey
Dr. James Nichol
Alice Nichol
Ruth Carmichael

Charles Carmichael
Flora Brownlee
J.T. Henderson
Mrs. D.R. Henderson
A.A. Elder
Sarah Elder
Maggie Elder



The congregation increased in members quite rapidly. Many members transferred from the Eugene congregation. The growth of the congregation continued, and on May 26, 1896, it numbered 251 communicants.

The early services were held in the schoolhouse, Christian church, and Methodist church. On August 2, 1888, the trustees purchased land from D. Freeman for a site on which to erect the church building. Construction was started in 1888 and finished in 1889. The bell for the steeple was to be one of good material but had to weigh less than six hundred pounds. Max & Gard built this church.

Many of the members came to the services by horse and buggy, wagons, saddle horses, and sleighs. These were hitched in an area east of the new church building.

There have been a number of changes made in the exterior and interior appearance of the church since its beginning. On October 12, 1952, a portion of the ceiling fell above the adult Sabbath school class. Fortunately, no one was badly injured. A major redecorating of the interior walls and ceiling was done following this mishap, and the congregation attended church in Shannon City during this time.

The two large stoves used to heat the church were most unsatisfactory and were replaced by an efficient furnace in the 1930's. A portion of the tall steeple in which the bell hung became unsafe and was removed in December 1952. It changed the appearance of the church considerably. The parsonage which was just west of the church was sold in 1961.

OUR WORSHIP

Only psalms were sung in the early days. Hymns were definitely "taboo" — much too worldly. No musical instruments were allowed in the church. A chorister was chosen by the elders on the Session to lead the singing. In early times, the chorister used a tuning fork to give the first note of each tune.

The first organist was Miss Mattie Moreland, January 1901. A new electric organ was purchased in 1959. Today, in 1983, one can still hear Donna (Mrs. Roger) Morrison playing the old pump organ to accompany the youngest Sunday school class.

Revival meetings were an important part of the church life and were held annually. Loud, rousing songs and laudable amens were not unusual.

Current church members tell of their recollections of "Pappy" Dobbins (B.E. Dobbins, 1930-1937), a minister who earned that nickname from the love and respect of his young parishioners. During the Depression when inexpensive recreation was the rule, most citizens of Tingley enjoyed the softball games, and so did sports-loving "Pappy" Dobbins. When games were played on Saturday night, though, Rev. Dobbins always left before the midnight hour which marked the beginning of the Sabbath day devoted to holier pursuits.

Presbyterian piety required a strict observance of the Sabbath. Folks reminisce about their family rules: no work beyond the bare minimum required to maintain people and livestock; meals were prepared the day before; travel was limited to church going; children did not play loud or boisterous games, but rested and read Sabbath school lessons and heard Bible stories. Many maintain fond memories of parents' devoting time to the children on the Sabbath, a special treat since weekdays were filled with work for all the family members.

Sabbath school attendance in 1907 averaged 140-150 each week. Ten separate classes met in every corner of the building.

After Sabbath school and worship in the morning and the family time in the afternoon, most folks returned in the evening for youth groups and evening worship. Midweek prayer meetings were an important part of family worship in those days.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

In 1898 the leaders of the Junior Missionary Society met with the Session to ask for help in maintaining discipline. In December 1900 the Session approved Sabbath afternoon meetings for boys to be led by J.C. Mahaffey. Our Young Peoples Christian Union (OYPCU) met each Wednesday evening after prayer meeting. First record of OYPCU dates back to 1904. In September 1912 Albert Allen offered to pay the youth five cents per bushel for husking corn in order to help them raise money for a new piano.

In 1904 there was also a group called the "Little Light Bearers" who were the youngest missionary society. No one in this group was older than seven years! They held their meetings Saturday afternoons. After age seven, children joined the Junior Missionary Society. Many current adults remember the regular Sunday meeting of the Christian Endeavor. Currently, our United Presbyterian youth participate in the Tingley United Youth

Group. Our Session supports our adult sponsors, Curt and Terry Lininger, who work together with United Methodists', John and Cindy Allen, and Margaret Wilkins from the Christian Church. The United Youth Group has met every other week for study, and the off weeks for recreation.

WOMEN'S ORGANIZATIONS

Apparently the earliest record of the work of the women's organizations is 1900. The Ladies' Missionary Society meetings included devotions followed by a study of some foreign country. The offering was used for a worthy cause through the Women's Board of Missions.

A second women's organization was founded in the 1920's. This group was called the Ladies' Social Circle. Women attended one or both of these organizations. Emma McClure was the first president of the group and continued in office for 28 years.

In order to aid in the financial work of the church the ladies replenished their treasury with many activities. The big event of the year was the Ice Cream Social held on the spacious lawn of the Dr. H.D. Sheumakers, formerly the home of the John Frasers. It was a family project, as the men turned the ice cream freezers; the women prepared potato salad, chicken sandwiches, pies, and cakes; the young people did the serving. Card tables and chairs were set on the lawn, and lights were strung from tree to tree. It was truly a happy occasion, and quite profitable as well!

In September 1959 the Ladies' Social Circle and the Women's Missionary Society were combined and became the UPW.

Current officers of UPW are: President, Janet Tidrick; Vice-President, Iola Pritchard; Mission Treasurer, Donna (Mrs. Roger) Morrison; Social Treasurer, Twilla (Mrs. Keith) Lininger; and Secretary, Terry (Mrs. Curt) Lininger.

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE CHURCH

The governing body of the local church is called the Session. The Session's duties include the direction of the church programs and the oversight of church members. It was and is the duty of the elected Trustees to maintain the physical needs of church and parsonage. These two boards were combined in 1980, and the same members elected to the Session are also elected as Trustees. They then combine duties at a single meeting. The present Elders/Trustees are: Mildred Boyd, Clerk, Keith Lininger, Donella Reed, Ira Ferguson, Edna McCahon, Curtis Lininger.

Through these 100 years, the Session members have had to deal with some interesting problems such as:

In 1892 the Trustees were instructed not to let the church be used for any traveling troupes or anything that is a hindrance to the spiritual welfare of the congregation.

September 7, 1893, it was voted to spend thirty minutes in prayer for the young people of the congregation.

In 1897 the Elders divided the congregation into four districts and canvassed the areas to raise the mission money for that year. In 1912 one person was granted a letter of transfer contingent upon payment of her share of the mission money.

In 1899 a certain man wished to transfer his membership into the Tingley United Presbyterian church; however, it was reported that he had been seen on the streets

of Tingley intoxicated. The pastor and clerk appointed a committee to investigate the matter fully before action would be taken on the matter of the certificate. The committee reported that they contacted the man's parents and him, all of whom acknowledged the correctness of the report. He expressed his sorrow for his conduct, and his desire to live in the future an upright life. He also agreed to sign a pledge that, God's helping him, he would never take intoxicating drink of any kind as a beverage. The committee then recommended he be accepted as a member.

In 1952 the first union Good Friday service was held at the United Presbyterian Church. It was three hours long!

In 1905 J.C. Mahaffey appeared and made a complaint against three young misses as to their conducting themselves improperly during services, especially evening services. After considering the matter, a member of Session agreed to personally interview the parties, hoping that a word of caution would be sufficient that no repetition of same be made.

The meeting adjourned suddenly on November 11, 1914, due to a fire!

In 1918 Les McClure was appointed to act as treasurer until the annual congregational meeting. Mr. McClure continued until December 1962. The budget was \$1,500 (home) and \$600 (mission).

The Session diligently watched over the flock—too diligently for some! The Session members today still care as deeply for the members of Tingley U.P. Church as did the Sessions of the past, though our ways of acting out that concern have changed.

The Presbyterian system of church government has been called a connectional system for good reason. Each congregation is connected to the others for mutual support financially and spiritually. Ministers serve as Moderators of neighboring churches without pastors. Members of the Shannon City U.P. Church came to Tingley for worship during the winters of 1958 and 1959. In 1960 the two congregations united, with the Shannon City congregation's moving to Tingley.



Churches have yoked themselves for the purpose of hiring a minister to work for both. Under Rev. E.C. Williams (1960-1964), Tingley was yoked with the Presbyterian Church at Afton. As of January 1965 under Rev. Gordon Stokke, Tingley has been yoked with the First United Presbyterian Church of Mt. Ayr. This relationship continues today and is known as Ringgold United Presbyterian Parish.

Tingley United Presbyterian Church has grown with the town through all its ups and downs. We will continue to honor our ancestors and the work they accomplished for the Lord. We will seek to serve the citizens of Tingley and surrounding area by offering our reformed Presbyterian witness to the Lord.

List of Ministers

1. D.C. Wilson December 1887 - August 1888
2. J.P. Gibson November 1889 - January 1895
3. John Williamson May 5, 1895 - May 1904
4. Lytle R. Free October 1904 - July 1908
5. John J. Gardenier September 15, 1908 - June 1910
6. C.A. Pollock August 1911 - October 1915
7. W.W. Gordon August 1916 - May 1925
8. C.G. McKnight July 1926 - July 1929
9. B.E. Dobbins May 1930 - September 1937



UNION VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

About 1929 or 1930

FRONT ROW: (L TO R) Marvin McCowen, Dean Garland, Walter Mason Bullock, Edwin Verploegh, Billy Breckenridge, Alberta Johnston, Mardell Been, Lucy Weeda, Roberta Johnston. **ROW 2:** Nellie Grose, Eva June Johnston, Ada Fern Bullock, Marilyn Been, Helen Hurwitz, Nina Butterfield. **ROW 3:** Jean Breckenridge, Marabel Been, Reba Estle, Kenneth McCowen, Louise (?) Smith, Berniece Garland. **ROW 4:** Charlien Bosworth, Howard Verploegh, Mac Been, Leroy Alexander, Clair Hunter, Lloyd Lent, Blair Simpson, Dick Garland. **ROW 5:** Mark Been, John Hurwitz, Doyle Hunter, Twilla Hall, Maudeen Been. **ROW 6:** Kathleen Hunter, Margaret Hunter, Margaret Been, Dorothy Grose, Fern Blauer, Eleanor Bosworth, Frankie Eighme, _____

10. A.J. McConnell May 1938 - May 1941
11. B.M. Dobbin October 1941 - October 1943
12. H. Vincent Wright July 1944 - July 1947
13. B.M. Dobbin April 1948 - October 1950
14. Charles M. Wilson May 1951 - July 1956
15. E.C. Williams July 1960 - November 1964
16. Gordon Stokke January 1965 - May 1968
17. Karl Beesley July 15, 1971 - August 1975

(Karl served as student pastor until his ordination October 20, 1973.)

18. Clarejean E. Haury September 15, 1976
19. Mark D. Worley Sept. 15, 1976 — Sept. 15, 1982

(Mark came as assistant to the minister in 1976 and served in that capacity until his ordination August 20, 1978, at which time he became co-pastor.)

We have been served by several student pastors and pulpit supply over the years. Some of them are:

- Sandy Nesbitt (now Mrs. Glenn Rankin)
 Sidney Sandusky June-Sept 1956 & June-Sept 1957
 Jack Wineman June-Sept 1958 & June-Aug 1959
 Ron Davis July 14, 1969-July 11, 1971
 Leroy Perkins Pulpit Supply 1975-76

Latter Day Saints Church

The Latter Day Saints held Sunday evening church services in the early 1940's in the building presently known as the "card shack". After the new church was built in Mt. Ayr, church services were discontinued in Tingley.



UNION VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

About 1968

FRONT ROW: (L TO R) Steve England, Mitch England, Lori Morrison, Mary Ann Weeda, Jenifer Nichols, Sarah Briner, Teresa Fenton. **BACK ROW:** Marjorie Buck, Sandy Weeda, Jamie Trullinger, Marlene Osborn, Billy McIntosh, Mike England.

SOCIAL HISTORY

The family was the social unit of early day activities. Pioneers were very busy and life was hard but people took time out to participate in and watch different forms of recreation: baseball, fairs, roller skating, and ice skating, school sports, swimming, fishing, plays and other entertainment in various forms. What was it really like living in the early days?

TO START HOUSEKEEPING

These items were bought by George and Etta Irving when they started housekeeping at their farm home south of Tingley in 1908.

Copied by Alice Allen from the diary of her mother, Mrs. Etta McMinn Irving.

GROCERIES

Oranges	.....\$ .10
Parsnips	......10
Cream of Wheat	......25
Gelatin	......15
Butter	......40
Salmon	......15
Melons	.....1.50
Potatoes	......50
Cinnamon	......10
Bread	......10
Cheese	......20
Oysters	......40
Syrup	......35
Buckwheat	......45
Sorghum	.....1.35
Oatmeal	......10
Honey	......45
Lettuce	......05
Cod Fish	......15
Ice Cream	......50
Prunes	......25
Corn flakes	......10
Cranberries	......20
Soda	......10
Yeast	......05
Flour	.....1.55
Graham	......35
Corn Meal	......25
Coffee	......25
Cocoa	......25
Chocolate	......25
Nuts	......15
Crax	......10
Breakfast Food	......25
Pepper	......10
Bacon	.....1.25
Sausage	......45
Baking Powder	......25
Turkey	.....2.50
Celery	......10
Raisins	......20
Pancake Flour	......10
Postum	......25
Honeymoon Assortment	.....2.98
Peaches	......50
Sugar	.....1.00
Vinegar	......15
Coffee	......25
Candy	......10
Pineapples	......25
Peanuts	......05
Beans	......50
Figs	......25

Lemons	.....10
Dried Fruit	.....1.75
Sassafras	.....10
Rice	......25
Lemon Extract	.....10
Tea	......25
Confectionary	.....15
Corn	......20
Sweet Potatoes	.....15
Peanut Butter	.....17
¼ Beef (from J. Stafford)	.....5.60

MISC.

Rub No More	......05
Bluing	......05
Soap	......25
Lamp Flue	.....15
Can Opener	......04
Oil Cloth	......55
Pens and Ink	.....10
Tablet	.....10
Towels	......50
Feathers	.....2.20
Chamber	......62
Shears	......85
Fly Killers	......30
Stove Blacking	.....10
Castors	.....15
Rat Snap	......30
Coal Oil	......40
Broom	......35
Teakettle	......98
Steel Kettle	......86
Jars	......50
Basins	......90
Churn	.....6.50
Razor Strap	.....1.25
Shaving Brush	......20
Hair Brush	......18
Half Soles	......50
Razor	......50

LADIES CLOTHING

Shawl	.....1.80
Jacket and Skirt Suit	.....10.50
Hat	.....2.25
Gloves	......50
Hose	......50
Lap Duster	.....1.25
Underwear	.....1.00
Skirt	.....5.00
Coat	.....12.50
Black Dress	.....6.00
Hat	.....4.60
Fur	.....7.50

Shoes	.....3.00
Linen Waist	.....2.00
Gown	......80
Head Shawl	......75
Dress	......85
Hat	.....2.00

MEN'S CLOTHING

Suit & Overcoat	.....40.00
Jacket	......90
Socks	......25
Cuff Buttons	.....15
Collar Buttons	.....20
Cap	.....1.00
Mittens	......15
Shoe Strings	.....10
Overshoes	.....2.00
Overalls	......68
Collar	......35
Collar Stays	......05
Suspenders	......35
Shoes	.....2.50
Rubber Boots	.....2.95
Hat	.....1.50
Shirt (Dress)	.....1.00
Neck Tie	......35
Rubbers	......25
Drawers	.....1.00
Underwear	.....3.00
Cuff Links	......50
Rubens Shirts	.....1.30
Coat	.....2.80
Pants	.....2.00

SEWING SUPPLIES

Thread	.....15
Linen	.....1.50
Ticking	......36
Percal	......90
Thread	......05
Buttons	......20
Calico	......07
Waisting	.....1.85
Gingham	......20
Print	......10
Chiffon	......50
Snap	......05
Swiss	.....2.50
Venetian Dye	......10
Chambray	......10
Tennis Flannel	......10
Sheeting	.....1.12
Gingham	.....1.50
Pins	......65
Ruching	......35
Lace	......25

Muslin	1.14
Braid .....	.20
Needles .....	.15
Calico for Quilt	1.00
Scrim	1.23
Embroidery .....	.15
Ribbon .....	.15
Nainsook .....	.45
Wool Flannel	2.00
Cotton Flannel	1.50
Sewing Machine	19.75

READING MATERIAL, ETC.

Webster's Dictionary	\$.85
"Housekeeper" .....	.65
"Successful Farming" .....	.25
"Tribune"	2.75
"Vindicator"	1.20
"Interior"	2.55
"Mr. Ayr Press"	1.25
"Shannon Sun"	1.25
"Home Life" .....	.25
Doctor Book	1.45
"Shooting Sport" .....	.25
"Woman's Home Companion"	1.30
"Salina Journal"	2.00
Several Books	
Lecture Course Tickets	3.00

HARDWARE

Wash Tub	\$1.00
Boiler	2.75

Paring Knife .....	.10
Butcher Knife .....	.22
Pocket Knife .....	.62
Drawing Knife .....	.46
Post Auger	1.25
Wire Stretcher .....	.67
Nippers	1.00
Axe .....	.67
Hog Rings .....	.10
Axle Grease	1.25
Batteries .....	.50
Clothes Dryer (Rack) .....	.15
Tub Stand	1.00
Clothes Line .....	.05
Curry Comb .....	.30
Chisel .....	.42
Drill Bits .....	.75
Saw .....	.68
Chamber .....	.62
Shovel	3.00
Foot Pan .....	.40
Cream Can .....	.40
Twine	4.25
Laundry Stove	1.65
Stove Pipe .....	.40
Barrel	1.00
Spade	1.00

HOUSEHOLD FURNISHINGS

Hemp Stair Carpet	1.50
Linoleum	4.00

Tax (tacks) .....	.10
Rug Fasteners .....	.44
2 Pr. Lace Curtains	5.80
Ingrain Square	5.40
Axminster Rug	21.25
2 Pr. Muslin Curtains	1.60
Stair Rods .....	.97
Stair Corners .....	.16
Furniture etc.	46.70
Gasoline Stove	4.50
Stove Repairs	5.00
Wall Paper	1.92
Paper Hanger (labor)	1.40
Base Burner	29.75
Hard Coal	5.50
Bedroom Suit	18.75
Table	6.00
Bureau	6.00
Chairs	4.00
China .....	.50
Bowl and Pitcher	1.25
Music Rack	1.50
Hanging Lamp	5.00
Library Table	5.30
Range	28.10
Chiffonier	13.00
Bed	5.40
Mattress	4.50
Irons (sad)	1.69
Broom .....	.50

Letters written from Tingley by my mother, Mrs. Etta McMinn Irving, to her parents, the C.W. McMinn's, who had moved to Kansas in December, 1908.

Submitted by Mrs. Alice Irving Allen.

December 18, 1908

Dear Ones in sunny Kansas,

We are glad to know that you all got through alright, but too bad Father had such a hard trip. I expect you are all very busy now, unboxing and straightening around. It takes a long time to get everything in place. Now, I must write you what we are doing....

Friday evening we called on Carrie Hayden, and Saturday morning George was afraid I would be lonesome, so he staid in all forenoon and helped me. He put up the window shades in the kitchen, carried out boxes, old duds, etc.

We sorted up the things in his trunk, [He had been batching in the house for about 5 years before they were married.] baked pies, and cleaned up generally.

In the afternoon we took our cream to Tingley, had \$1.50 worth. In the evening I got supper on the new gasoline stove. It works like a charm, so I have used it quite a bit ever since.

Sunday morning we went to the dedicatory service. [New Methodist Church] You will probably read a fine description in the Vindicator. Dr. Parr is a powerful man. I never saw money given so gladly or so cheerfully. They wanted \$3,100 and took in \$4,800 during the day. This will let them finish the basement, keep the piano, and make more cement walk, etc.

We went to the Bischoff's for dinner. The Lytle's were there also. After dinner the men folks went back to church and we women staid at home. We didn't go in the

evening. Brother Larrick was there in the morning and he was so glad to see us. Gave us such hearty good wishes and was actually moved to tears. He called on us Monday and we had a nice little visit. We went to hear him preach Tuesday evening. The new church is very nice, both comfortable and pretty.

Monday morning George took 6 shoats to market. Got .05¢ and they brought \$62.00. He then husked corn and also on Tuesday. Wednesday we concluded that your house, down on the ranch, needed sweeping, so after breakfast we drove [buggy] down and had quite a time sweeping up and it looks very respectable now. Carolyn Bennet came over and we divided the pumpkins and squash with her. Brought home the beets and things we wanted and had a big bonfire. We got home about 2 o'clock and before we had dinner, Joe Irving came to help us out in the corn husking. They got out a good load. On Thursday they got 2 loads by 11:30. Arch Fraiser came and borrowed a wagon and staid for dinner. After dinner we had a little singing, as he loves music, and then the boys helped George sort some hogs.

Mr. Bischoff is helping husk today. It has been cloudy ever since you left and the corn fields are very muddy. Today it is cooler and looks like snow. Last evening we put oilcloth on the kitchen and cellar doors. So we are ready for cold now.

I have a box of Bon Ami to clean the windows with and we will soon be able to see out! I get a little done each day but it is slow. The pantry is done and today I will clean the shelves in the kitchen, and put up those curtains. George and Mr. B. came in rather late and I got the curtains up before dinner—what a nice new appearance.

We expect our goods today or tomorrow. There is a nice, big washing waiting for that new Cyclone washer. George is anxious to know how it works and I think he will know before the sun sets on Monday. Ellsworth Breckenridge and Charlie Henderson will help husk corn tomorrow forenoon and then we will be done.

You inquired where the thermometer stood the coldest day—well, Monday, December 7, was the coldest, I think. We heard that it was 10 below zero.

Now I must close as it is mail time.

Sunday evening, October 31, 1909: The weather is warm, as it was all last week, and it is raining this P.M. We went to Joe Irving's today to help celebrate his birthday. All the relation were there and also Mr. Albert Stephens and wife, John Buck and wife, Mrs. Tom McWilliams, and Mr. and Mrs. Jo Thompson.

We had a time to sell our apples this year. No one buying here. George took them to Knowlton yesterday. 35½ bu. and got .45¢ per bu. We have sold about 50 bu. altogether and glad apple time is past.

DeWitts are planning to buy an auto. Brocker's son worked in a factory in Des Moines and is now at home and has one, and Mirl thinks he must have one, too. If these boys have them, of course it won't be long until others have them in the country.

George says if he lived near enough to the other brothers, he would try to get them in the notion of having one in partnership. But we can't afford one alone yet.

November 22, 1909: Last night it snowed. This is our first. The ground was white and altho it thawed some today, there is snow left. We went to the M.E. church Saturday night. They are holding meetings now. Our U.P. church is going to lose several members this next spring. Some of them are good workers, too. So many are going to Kansas. Irwin's and Rice's are going near Garnet, Kansas. Dunsmoor's are going to Texas, and Fullerton's are all going to Nebraska. George is putting away the machinery, etc., today. I did some patching and cooked some apples that we had to sort out when we sold and stored them.

Tuesday—Today Mr. Askren came back and fixed the corncrib roof and we think now that we won't do any more repair work this season.

Young Sam England stopped this morning to see if he couldn't husk out the rest of our corn. He shot a young rabbit on the way and gave it to us for dinner. He has been working for Ed Johnson. His corn is making 14 to 23 bu. per acre. Sam helped with the best and left, as he said he couldn't make wages in the poorest at 3¢.

Wednesday—Snow is all gone. Today Sam England husked in the afternoon and stayed all night. On Thursday, Thanksgiving Day, we celebrate our one year of married life. Our journey has been smooth, so far. You have been spared and we are still alive and reasonably well. Homer and Anna Lay invited us to spend the day with them and we had a fine time, a good dinner, some singing and violin music and a general good time. All of the Irving's were there except the Hendersons. The air was as balmy as May. The roads were like March. We actually had to get out once to clean out the wheels. We have so much to be thankful for. I am glad for Christian parents and that all my brothers are good boys. I am thankful for a good, kind, Christian husband and that his people all treat me so well.

Anna Kiburz and Hallie Blackmore were married yesterday. This is Monday and it is cloudy, but it is wash day anyhow. Our best piece of corn is going to make 40 bu. per acre instead of 30 as George guessed it would. He is picking out seed corn from it, too. He still thinks lots of the Prosperity corn. Sam says it is the best quality of any in the community. Most is too soft for seed. We sold our corn on our south 80 (200 bu.) at 50¢ per bushel. Sam will finish tomorrow, then we will be done. George is painting the smoke house this P.M. Now we are about ready for winter weather.

Childhood Days in Tingley 1916-1922

by Mary Irving Link

I REMEMBER—each room of our farmhouse: The parlor with pink roses in a circle on the rug, the hanging kerosene lamp with crystal pendants, the piano, library table, and bookcase with complete set of Shakespear and other Classics.

The big dining room with built-in cupboard that opened on both dining and kitchen sides.

The kitchen large enough to seat thrashers at harvesttime. The old cookstove with reservoir on the back and the warming closets above.

Each morning we sat in a circle in front of the stove and had family worship—a scripture reading, prayer, then off to school or work.

The old stove needed lots of cobs for kindling and the woodbox needed filling. Often on the stove was a pan of clabber milk warming to make cottage cheese. In the kitchen was the churn, wall telephone (our ring was two shorts, a long, and a short). A long, long ring meant an emergency. Beside the telephone on the wall was a tin comb case and mirror. There was a bread mixer—a bucket with a blade turned by a crank on top; a water bucket, dipper, roller towel, slop bucket that got emptied into the swill barrel in the yard for mixing food for fat hogs.

Upstairs rag carpets on the floors were made by a company that you sent your rags to. The upstairs' only heat was from a grating in the floor above the heating stove below.

Butchering was a busy time. The neighbors helped each other. I remember the smokehouse, hams, bacon, sausage, head cheese, and the awful (to me) smell of rendering lard.

Sounds remain with me—corn hitting the sideboards, band concerts from the band stand in the middle of Tingley. We sometimes listened while sitting on milk stools by the barn.

The first "talking machine" at our neighbors, the Cass's. They had Hawaiian records - "Aloha Oe" and a few others.

Patent Medicine peddlers came often selling "Wasa-toosa" and other potions good for man or beast. The smell of Sloans Liniment, jap soap, rose soap, tar soap, homemade cough syrups like kerosene and sugar, herb teas, black draught tea and other dosages.

In the yard—the pump, outhouse, farm buildings, cave, big trees, lilac bushes, snowballs and cedars along the road, fruit trees in the orchard and raspberry bushes.....the pond, blue grass, red clover and timothy hay.

Our horses, Maud, Grace, Cordie, and our Model T Ford.

In Tingley I remember Mr. Edwards' Furniture Store and Funeral Parlor, Roush's Drugstore, Gross's Harness and Blacksmith Shop, Ferguson's Elevator, and Sheesley's store where cookies from the wooden barrel tasted like coconut soap, stick candy, kegs of dry beans, big rolls of cheese.

I remember school—first day in the first grade with Miss Ina Freeman. I couldn't spell "MARY" but could spell "KALAMAZOO" (the name on the front of our cookstove, "KALAMAZOO - DIRECT TO YOU").

I can see me—long (or fairly so) dress, black cotton stockings over lumpy underwear, homemade clothing made with love by our dear mother.

We usually walked the mile to school, carrying lunch in a Karo syrup bucket. When it was muddy, we went by horse and buggy. My next teacher was Macelle Steinkamp.

We went to the United Presbyterian Church where Rev. Gordon was our pastor and Mrs. Gillis the Sunday School superintendent. The United Presbyterians sang Psalms and strictly observed the Sabbath—preparing meals on Saturday for the Sabbath. We learned the catechism. Sometimes it was hard for three lively little girls to be "lady like" and quiet on a Sabbath afternoon!

Neighbors that come to mind are John Stafford and daughter, Maize, John Hanson, Eric Anderson, the McKee's, the Bischoff's, the Hill's and my schoolmates and others.

All these years I've been so thankful that I got my start in that quiet, peaceful, rural atmosphere—Tingley.

Daisy Smith Heyer To Her Son Clair Heyer, 1965

Submitted by Clair Heyer

The greatest change in household operations is heating. We had coal stoves and no insulation. One house we lived in was so cold that when Mother mopped the floor, it would freeze before it dried. Lloyd and I would skate around the table. Then Dad built the house in northeast Tingley; had trees cut and sawed. It had registers in ceiling to heat upstairs bedrooms. Cooked on coal range with reservoir for hot water—gasoline stoves for summer. Had coal oil lamps for light. My job was to keep them filled and chimneys cleaned, and how I hated it—and washing dishes.

Most people kept a cow, pig and chickens. Dad sold milk, eggs, fruit, and vegetables—his only way of making a living till he started his nursery on his mother's place north of town. He butchered a pig every winter and would help some farmer butcher a steer for part of the meat. Had a way of frying down pork meat, packing it in big stone jars and covering it with lard, in cellar. Rendered their own lard and churned butter.

Mother made all our clothes and sewed for others.

Not much a kid could do to make money. Boys took cows to and from the pasture and mowed the lawn. Dad paid us to pick and deliver berries and corn.

Carpets had to be stretched and tacked down all around. Taken up in spring, hung on line and dirt beaten out with a carpet beater.

When Dad built the house, he dug a cistern for rain water, had it piped to the kitchen sink and pump, but most people washed dishes, etc., on kitchen table.

They had iceboxes when I was a kid, as I remember following the ice wagon to get broken pieces.

Ethyl Smith Romans of Los Angeles To Her Nephew, Clair Heyer, 1965

Early Common Household Operations: Let's take a summer day when I was 7. In our home, Dad got up first, though many men left that to the wife. We had livestock and garden which meant chores and work. Breakfast was more substantial than now. Then Dad to his work. When that was at the farm, he took the cows to pasture; if at the homeplace, that was my job. In the house were dishes, floors, beds to be made, thundermugs (are you familiar with the terms) to be emptied, lamps to be cleaned and refilled, wicks to be trimmed. Oh yes, flies to be driven out. Mother would darken the rooms, leaving only the back door light. We would take towels or dish towels and start shooing the pests toward the light, 3 or 4 trips.

Dad made a good part of his money from garden produce, berries and fruits, so that was to be taken care of, and we all turned to that. Mother did sewing for people and worked it in somehow, often very late at night. The scraps from that went into the rag bag for carpet rags and quilts to be worked up in the winter. Preparation of food for the winter went on anytime. Ours was really the life of farm people, only we lived in town.

In addition to the work in town, Dad farmed Grandma's place on some share agreement. Some people had small gardens, some kept chickens, a horse and cow. Yet, when I was quite small, each woman had her day for "paying calls". She would put on hat and gloves and go in style for a short time at each house on her list. There were quilting sessions, meetings of the C.W.B.M., the W.C.T.U., the Royal Neighbors, and heaven knows what else.

The weeks went by in fairly routine fashion. Monday was wash day, Tuesday was for ironing, and Wednesday for mending. Thursday, I don't remember. Friday the baking was done and Saturday was cleaning day. Sunday was, of course, church, and on nice afternoons people would go for a walk or drives. Not an exciting life, but there was a feeling of safety and peace that children of today and tomorrow will never know.

Winter was more a time of rest, but for us there was still a lot of work—hominy to be made (a two-day job), butchering, lard to render, sausage to fry down. Dad canvased the country for his fruit trees and nursery stock. Made his own rifle and shot gun shells and went hunting whenever it snowed. And always the chores.

Winter evenings called for bowls of apples and pears and pans of cracked nuts. Dad went nutting one or two days each fall. There were black walnuts enough on Grandma's place, but we went "to the woods" for hickory and hazel nuts.

Going to bed was a traumatic experience. Sadirons were heated, fair sized rocks wrapped in paper, then towels or rags. We undressed by the fire—each had a blanket to warm by the stove, then wrap up in it, grab an iron or rock, and run like the devil and dive into bed. Few people heated the bedrooms, or indeed, any room not used much. Not many houses had foundations, so in the fall, a mulch of some sort would be piled where the house rested on the ground—at least on the north side. We never held fire in the kitchen at night—too small a firebox—so food and water would be set in the living-

room. If the pump froze, it had to be thawed with boiling water.

Foods: Any woman who opened a can was considered at fault if she could possibly prepare it herself. Corn was cut from the cob and dried or packed in salt. Hominy was made at home, and kraut. Some fruits were dried and all kinds canned. Such fruits as apples and pears were stored in cellars or caves, as were potatoes, carrots, turnips, parsnips, etc. Dad had a space in the cellar bricked up the side, leaving open dirt in which he stored cabbage pulled up by the root and the root replanted in the dirt. I think celery was put there, too. Pumpkins and squash were stored. Carrots were strictly for the cows—I never tasted one until after I was married. There was white corn for cornmeal; beans were left in the pod to mature, then shelled and stored.

We had very little money at home, but the best food anywhere. There were cherries, pears and apples, but seldom a peach crop—too easily frosted, though I remember one year when there was a good one. We three all turned to—Lloyd picked; between music lessons, Daisy prepared them for canning; and I watched the cooking and got them into the jars. The poorer ones were mashed and made into peach butter, which I had to stir.

There were strawberries, black raspberries—later the red ones—blackberries, and dewberries—oh, how I'd love to taste them again. Like a blackberry, only larger, juicier, and grew on vines instead of bushes. Serviceberries (serviceberries), yes, Sarvice, sickening things to me! Gooseberries, white, red and yellow currants. Ground cherry which grew wild. Mulberry and elderberry also grew wild and wild plums along the road.

How prepared: There was very little fancy cooking that I recall. Spices, of course, and much milk, butter and eggs were used in cooking pies, cakes, cookies, home baked bread and biscuits. Pancakes in the morning. In winter those ever-lovin' yeast-rising buckwheat cakes—always some batter left each morning to ferment. A Mrs. Lester had a bakery at one time, but mostly bread was home baked.

Refrigeration: Cellars and caves were always cool but not cold. Farmers fortunate enough to have ponds packed ice in sawdust for special use, and there was a building in town where ice was stored. Used mostly for picnics, lemonade and ice cream. Dad had an ingenious arrangement for our milk. He ran a pipe through the porch floor from a keg under the pump spout, thru the cellar wall, into a wooden tank which emptied into a drain that led to a ditch by the garden. Cans of milk were set into this water, changed twice a day. A swinging shelf in the cellar held food from the table where no mice could reach it.

Lighting: I don't know when candles gave way to lamps, but some of those lamps were beautiful. Some were suspended from the ceiling, raised and lowered by chains. Then came a gas light, pumped up each day. There was a mantle that covered the fire, was burned, and held its shape until touched, then it crumbled to a fine ash. This gave a lovely white light; stores had them first, then some homes.

Lois Swain (daughter of George Swain)
of Washington, Iowa, to Clair Heyer, 1965



Courtesy Clair Heyer Collection

Home of the George and Sarah Dunlap Swain family at Tingley, Iowa, for many years. On front porch left to right are Edith, Lois and Mary Swain. The apple tree to the right of the picture had many initials carved on its branches. It was easy to climb and all of the Swain children and their friends spent many hours playing in it.

A great deal of the lumber used in building this house was from an old elevator which Father bought and then tore down. Our home was the first in Tingley to have a bathroom, put in a number of years after the house was built. A windmill drew the water from the ponds, and a pump was used in the bathroom to get the water from the high water tank near the barn to the house. Water was heated by a small stove that had a lining of pipes about 3 inches in diameter through which the water passed. The stove also heated the bathroom as the house did not have a furnace.

[The Swain residence, just north of the Methodist Church, burned in 1971, when occupied by the Jim England family.]

Vindicator Items **LAW AND ORDER**

July 2, 1903 — Thomas Murray, who has been staying at Beaconsfield for a few months, arrived in Tingley last Friday on the 4:30 train and about 7 o'clock was lodged in jail here for *selling whiskey*. He was tried on Saturday before Justice W.A. Elder and given the minimum fine prescribed for such cases—\$50. Being without the necessary cash to pay his fine he was taken to Mt. Ayr by Marshal Roy McDowell and was committed to jail until his fine and costs are paid.

August 10, 1905 — Ordinance No. 42 — to *prohibit bowling alleys*, pool or billiard rooms, or any gambling machines or devices, or any gambling within the incorporated town of Tingley, Iowa.

August 10, 1905 — *Curfew Bell*—After a long time intervening the curfew bell is now being rung at 9 o'clock each evening.

June 15, 1905 — *Bootlegger Escapes*—A booze peddler or bootlegger was plying his hellish occupation in Tingley Monday morning, but escaped arrest by flight.

December 19, 1907 — J.C. Norman of Decatur County sentenced to 6 months in penitentiary for *stealing a coop of chickens*. He affirms his innocence but delivered himself to authorities at the penitentiary rather than have officers take him, so sentence will soon be over.

With good behavior, credit will be given and he should be out in time to put in his crop.

July 15, 1909 — Rattle snakes are now worth 50 cents each in Iowa according to a new *law* that has just gone into effect, which provides a bounty of that amount to be paid upon a presentation of 6" of the tail with the rattles attached, evidence of death of its snakeship.

April 1909 — Sabbath Desecration — Perhaps some of the people of Tingley and vicinity are not aware that it is a direct violation of the laws of Iowa to go hunting, play ball, and engage in other diversions on Sunday. We quote for their benefit Section 5040 of the Code of Iowa:

"If any person be found on the first day of the week, commonly called Sunday, engaged in carrying fire-arms, dancing, hunting, shooting, horse racing, or in any manner disturbing a worshipping assembly, or private family, or in buying or selling property of any kind, or in any labor except that of necessity or charity, he shall be fined not more than 5, nor less than 1 dollar, and be imprisoned in the county jail until the fine, with costs of prosecution, shall be paid; but nothing herein contained shall be construed to extend to those who conscientiously observe the 7th day of the week as the Sabbath or to prevent persons traveling, or families immigrating, from pursuing their journey, or keepers of toll bridges, toll gates, and ferry men from attending the same.

May 1909 — There is much interest in the State in the *anti-Cigarette Law* enacted by the last general assembly. It absolutely prohibits the smoking of cigarettes by any boy under the age of 21, and makes each offense punishable by a \$10.00 fine. The new law will lighten the penalty if the minor will give information as to where he received the cigarettes or "makings", since it has long been against the law to furnish cigarettes or materials to minors.

September 1909 — Mayor's Court — Man raised disturbance at the Opera House while intoxicated and was arrested..Fined \$10 and costs.

March 10, 1910 — Ordinance — No person shall expectorate or spit on the floor of any public conveyance, or any railway depot platform or any public building, or any sidewalk within the town of Tingley, Iowa. Fine of not more than \$100 or committed to the County Jail not more than 30 days.

October 17, 1912 — *May Kill Trespassing Chickens* — The supreme court of the United States has ruled that trespassing chickens may be considered wild game and shot by the owner of the property onto which they have wandered.

July 4, 1912 — Especial Notice — By resolution of the town council Monday evening it was ordered that no more fireworks or fire crackers be exploded within or on the streets in the business section of the town. All boys and girls are warned to no longer coast or run their wagons on the sidewalks in the business sections of the town in such a manner as to frighten the horses. In other words they must haul their wagons quietly along the sidewalks. All persons are hereby warned to not ride their bicycles on the sidewalks within the corporate

limits of the town. By order of the council, L.F. Hall, Mayor.

June 26, 1913 — Returned Buggy Whip — A fellow in a neighboring town recently gave notice that unless a buggy whip that had been stolen was returned to a certain place at a certain time, the name of the person who took it would be published. The next morning he found seventeen buggy whips at the place designated!!!

July 3, 1913 — Too much *Auto Speeding* is being indulged in within the corporation of Tingley and many citizens have asked the Vindicator to enter a protest. Auto drivers seem to think the rule applies to only the two blocks, one each way from the band stand, and when they leave the crossing at the old Slentz stand going west or the crossing in front of the Vindicator office going east, they hit up a very fast pace. Ten miles an hour is all the *law* allows any one to run a car within the corporate limits. We hope there will not be an accident before the speed is reduced. And that those interested will take kindly to this notice—and slow down.

A Short Change Artist—Visited Tingley business men Saturday evening. Their plan was to make a small purchase, present a \$10 or \$20 bill, receive change and then require a change in the change, finally finding they had enough change in their pocket to pay for the purchase, then requested the return of the original bill. That way of making change would confuse almost any one, and our business men approached were no exception to the general rule.

CHARACTER AND MORALS IN EARLY 1900's

February 19, 1903 — Temperance Lectures were held at the opera house this week with chalk talks.

January 12, 1905 — Bowling Alley — George Archibold has put in this week what is known as a "return" bowling alley and will run it in connection with his pool room. The same rules about individual players paying for own games, no minors allowed, and no gambling or betting allowed will be strictly enforced in connection with the alley that are now in force regarding the pool tables.

April 27, 1905 — Pool Room Closed — George Archibold shipped his pool tables back to Omaha last Friday and thus the pool room is closed. The bowling alley is still here but it is very seldom a game is rolled.

January 1906 — Dance — The first dance in Tingley for a year was held in the opera house last week. It was not a success on all lines. Tingley people as a rule do not care for dancing, and are not much given to card playing.

January 23, 1908 — State Temperance Rally — There will be a state rally for all the various temperance societies and temperance workers of the state at Des Moines Jan. 28 and 29 to lay plans for a more aggressive temperance campaign in the state. The temperance wave is spreading and all temperance people will rejoice at this.

January 30, 1908 — A Temperance Railroad — The Chicago and Northwestern Railroad has 25,000 employees who have signed the total abstinence pledge thus virtually making it a temperance railroad. No corporation or business firm wants to employ a person who is addicted to the use of intoxicating liquors and the

drunkard has a hard time to secure employment. This is another wave of the temperance reform.

July 29, 1909 — "Too much Ardent Spirits were witnessed on Saturday night and Sabbath forenoon and the drunken revelry is a disgrace to any civilized community." The Vindicator was in hopes that the warning several weeks ago would be sufficient to quell such lawlessness but it seems that it was not heeded. No arrests were made and no names appear in the article!

September 22, 1910 — No More Whiskey Advertising — The Des Moines Daily Capital has announced that after the existing contracts have expired no more whiskey advertising will be accepted by that newspaper. Nearly all of the leading daily newspapers have adopted the same rule. Country newspapers long ago discarded whiskey advertising.

August 29, 1912 — Quits Chewing Tobacco — H.J. Steinkamp (Macelle Morrison's Father) quit chewing tobacco Sunday, last, after using it continuously for 52 years. This is one of the good results of the lecture delivered here during the Chautauqua by Hon. Chas. J. Hall.

ACCIDENTS

January 29, 1903 — Last Thursday evening, while Dr. L.R. Hinsdill was hitching his team, they became frightened and turned the buggy over, throwing Mr. Hinsdill under the rig and dragging him for some distance. But for the timely assistance of Miss Terry, a serious accident might have been the result.

April 18, 1907 — Mrs. Huntly, northwest of town, unfortunate enough to receive a fracture of the left radius at the wrist joint. She was at the hitch rack holding the horse which was hitched to a buggy, when the animal jerked loose, throwing Mrs. Huntly to the ground, and ran away. In passing, the buggy wheel ran over her wrist. Dr. Hannelly reduced the fracture.

July 11, 1907 — Misses Eva Nelson, Maude McNeil, Hazel Richardson, Maude Moore and Genevieve Nelson unceremoniously dumped out of a buggy by a runaway horse. No one seriously hurt.

January 30, 1908 — A Runaway — One of the livery teams belonging to C.F. Katzenbarger, the Ellston liveryman, indulged in a runaway Saturday on the Main street here. They started in front of H.E. Tuttle's and ran as far as Heyer Bros', where one of the horses collided with the iron post supporting the awning. The animal was injured on the head and the buggy quite badly demolished. The iron post also shows the effect of the contact. The driver was not hurt.

June 18, 1908 — Leg Broken — As J.C. Caster, who lives on the Hudson place north of Tingley, was coming to town Monday morning his team ran away with him near C.A. Gillis' and he was thrown to the ground, receiving a fracture of both bones of the right leg just above the ankle. Dr. H.H. Nelson was called to attend the injured man. Mr. Caster was standing up on some loose boards on the running gears of his wagon. Coming down the hill the boards slipped forward striking the horses is what caused them to run.

September 8, 1909 — Z.I. Grout was pulling the Company Thresher with his engine across a small ravine

when the engine backed down, catching him between it and the thresher. James Templeton pulled him away before the machines came together, so that he escaped with a few bruises on his head and face. The steam gauge was broken off by the impact and Mr. Grout was somewhat scalded about the head and neck.

June 13, 1912 — A Runaway Accident — Occurred yesterday noon, the victims being Marion Bowers and Jeff Summers. The horse took fright at Tuttle's corner when A.B. Hass passed them in his auto, ran west past the fire bell tower, turned sharply to the south, upset the buggy, which threw Summers out and caught Bowers underneath the box, he being rolled along until the horse was stopped by the hitching posts east of Dr. DeLong's office. Both men and horse escaped with bruises, but the buggy was badly demolished. The horse had been in a previous runaway.

October 24, 1912 — Mrs. Will McDowell Kicked by a Horse — An unfortunate accident happened to Mrs. Will McDowell last Thursday at the home of her brother, Ray Ashenhurst. She was in the buggy ready to start home when the horse began kicking. It kicked the dash-board away and its heels struck Mrs. McDowell on the stomach and bowels. She is confined to her bed, and fears are entertained that a surgical operation may have to be resorted to in order for her complete recovery.

July 11, 1912 — While Ad Lupher was driving his harvesting machine 2 of the horses fell into a ditch. Narrow escape from a serious accident. No damage.

July 18, 1912 — Master Geo. Eighme met with painful accident while he and his brother Rowe were coming to town. Their horse stumbled and Geo. was thrown out and buggy ran over him cutting his head and bruising his face.

November 6, 1913 — A Runaway Accident — Happened to Messrs. Jas. Richards and Ike Kiburz and Misses Maude McNeil and Pansy Lanham, Friday night near Jno. McClure's on their way home from the Halloween party. The horses took fright at an automobile, the carriage was upset, and both ladies severely bruised. The horses and young men escaped injury, but the rig was badly wrecked.

July 17, 1913 — What might have been a fatal accident occurred Friday forenoon when John Nelson with his auto ran into Ernie Bosworth, who was on horseback. The accident occurred on Depot street. Ernie was thrown into the air and off his horse. Aside from the bruises and a severe shaking up he seems to be no worse for the accident, but it is uncertain yet as to how the horse may act around an auto after this scare. According to the state law and city ordinance no auto can run over 10 miles an hour within the city limits. Few observe this law. Maybe it is news to most drivers, and yet there is a sign board at the outskirts of Tingley notifying them of the fact. It is to be hoped that this accident will be sufficient to cause all local drivers to comply with the law.

July 9, 1914 — A Runaway occurred Monday afternoon, caused by the team becoming frightened at an automobile driven by a lady, which seemed to be exceeding the speed limit. The auto did not stop to see what damage

was done. Four boys—Cycil Oxenrider, Clarence Hausz, Cecil Fender and Wayne Overholtzer were in Mr. Oxenrider's buggy coming into town. They passed the auto near Ralph Fenders. The buggy upset and the team ran away smashing the buggy up some and bruising the boys. But no one was seriously injured. The team and harness were unharmed.

CULTURE

July 2, 1903 — W.C.T.U. Social — The Martha Johnston W.C.T.U. desire to announce a cold water fountain social, at the home of Chas. Jerrems Thursday evening. Admission 5¢, which entitles the purchaser to a badge. Refreshments consisting of ice cream and cake will be served, after the fashion of the way of weights. Everyone present must find a corresponding badge. Each couple to march to the scales and be weighed. If the lady outweighs the gentleman, she must pay for the supper, and vice versa. Ice Cream 10¢ a dish

April 16, 1903 — At a Silver Medal contest of the W.C.T.U. at the High Point church, Miss Anna Kiburz won the medal for the best oration, with Miss Lena Jerrems, second. In the musical contest the medal was awarded to Miss Laura Dickens, with Miss Allie Williams, a close second.

September 5, 1907 — Carrie Nation was in Mt. Ayr and spoke on the Temperance Cause, at the Christian Tabernacle for the W.C.T.U. She is known Nationally as the Leader of the Temperance Movement. Tingley ladies were in attendance.

April 22, 1909 — The Tingley W.C.T.U. and a few invited friends gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G.W. Irving last Friday morning, carrying well filled baskets and equipped for sewing. A pleasant time socially and an excellent dinner was enjoyed and a quilt for "Benedict Home" at Fort Dodge was quilted and blocks for "Rescue Home" at Dubuque were made. The company consisted of Mesdames J.M. Pollock, L.F. Hall, John Gardenier, Wm. Bischoff, L.J. Little, R.E. Davenport, M. Hurst, A. Immerzeel, C.D. Johnston, L.M. Lanham, H.J. Steinkamp, H. Breckenridge, E.P. Johnson, F.C. Hogue, also the Revs. J.P. Lucas and John Gardenier and C.D. Johnston.

October 8, 1903 — The Lecture Course for the winter begins October 17. In order to get a course of entertainment that will be entertaining and at the same time be worthy of the presence of the most cultured and refined citizens of our community a number of businesses had to put up a guarantee: Messers. Hugh Ferguson, C.C. Haver, A.R. Hass, J.W. Asbury, H.W. Edwards, Harry Spurrier, John Heyer, H.E. Tuttle, and D.W. Watsbaugh.

February 28, 1907 — The Midland Concert Co. gave a very enjoyable musical program Friday evening at the Opera House. This was the last number on the Lecture Course. The Lecture Association came very nearly paying out this year, being only \$10 behind, which is guaranteed by 16 of the leading Tingley Citizens. We trust each year's course will more than pay out.

1909 — The plat for reserved seats at the Opera House for the Tingley Lecture Course will be opened at Asbury's Drugstore October 9.

July 25, 1912 — Elocution Instruction — I am prepared to give a full course of instruction in elocution. Any one who wishes to take the course for lessons on individual pieces will call at my home in northeast Tingley. Mrs. T.W. Little

The Women's Christian Temperance Union was organized by Carrie Nation to further the cause of National Prohibition.

Some of the topics discussed and reported on were:

"Woman's Suffrage—Why the W.C.T.U. advocates it—"

"How to make our homes and lives centers of good influences"

"Desirable Traits in children and how to cultivate them."

"Danger to our Girls."

"Danger to our Boys"

The requirements for membership—Sign the following pledge and pay \$1.00

Pledge — I hereby solemnly promise, God Helping Me, to abstain from all distilled, fermented, and malt liquors, including wine, beer, and cider, and to employ all means to discouraging the use of and traffic in same.

SHALL I USE CIDER?

This was given at a W.C.T.U.

Co. meeting August 19, 1904.

In our W.C.T.U. pledge we promise to abstain from all fermented, malt and distilled liquors including wine, beer, and cider.

So, we are allowed to drink cider before it becomes fermented.

Now comes the momentous question—When does it begin to ferment?

Stowell in his Physiology and Hygiene, used in our public schools says that it usually begins in from six to eight hours.

Sometimes fermentation is hastened by some of the cider being left in the mill from a previous grinding.

And the weather has a great deal to do with it, too.

Whenever bubbles begin to rise and the froth gathers, it is a sign that the sugar is changing to alcohol.

All Physiologists teach that one drink containing alcohol leads to a desire for a drink containing more alcohol; until from this simple beginning an appetite for the strongest drinks may be formed.

Stowell also tells us that "in 100 parts cider there are 5 to 7 parts alcohol." Just the same as beer.

After the cider has undergone fermentation, alcohol is formed in it.

If this is allowed to remain in the vegetable juice, and be kept warm by exposure to the sun or in some other way, another kind of ferment will enter the fluid and change the alcohol into a sharp acid, called acetic acid and commonly known as vinegar.

There is no alcohol in vinegar.

Personally I have never tasted cider.

Of course, there are not many who take this stand. But we, who do not drink sweet cider, feel as Paul did as he wrote that 14th chapter of Romans "I know, and am persuaded by the Lord Jesus, that there is nothing unclean of itself; but to him that esteemeth anything to be unclean, to him it is unclean."

But if this brother be grieved with thy meat, now walkest thou uncharitably. Destroy not with Thy meat for whom Christ died.

Him that is weak in the flesh receive ye, but not to doubtful dispectations.

For one believeth that he may eat all things. Another who is weak, eateth herbs.

Let not him that eateth despise him that eateth not, and let not him that eateth not judge him that eateth.

Let every man be fully persuaded in his own mind.

For none of us liveth to himself and no man dieth to himself.

It is good neither to eat flesh, nor drink wine, nor anything whereby thy brother stumbleth or is offended, or is made weak."

We have merely opened this subject and hope to hear it liberally discussed.

Let us, as members of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union think and study the question, so we may be able to answer those who come to us and ask -----
"SHALL I USE CIDER?"

*Contributed by Alice Allen
The talk was given by her mother,
Mrs. George W. Irving*

SOCIALS FOR FUND RAISING

March 30, 1905 — Sock Social — Among the unique social events of the season was the sock social at the home of Rev. and Mrs. Lytle R. Free Tuesday evening. It was given under the auspices of the Young People's society. Printed invitations, to which were attached small socks, requested the holder to deposit in the sock twice as many pennies as the number they wore. Fully 100 persons were present and a very pleasant evening was enjoyed by all. Refreshments of cake, fruit and whipped cream were served. The receipts were over \$16.

April 1907 — Cemetery Social — was given by ladies of the cemetery ass'n. Gentlemen showed their skill as milliners in trimming hats. Partners for supper were secured by gentlemen shooting with bow and arrow at red cardboard hearts pinned on the wall, names of ladies on the back of hearts. Gents then had to bake pancakes for two! Delicious refreshments were served. 90 persons present. Receipts about \$13.00.

OTHER ENTERTAINMENT

January 8, 1903 — "The Boy Tramp" universal success play, at the opera house.

February 1903 — Manager J.W. Asbury has secured "All a Mistake" the wide famed comedy success of the east, for February 26. It has the reputation of playing 150 nights in New York City.

January 26, 1903 — Atkins & Atkins presented good shows 3 evenings in the Opera House. Did not sell medicine.

August 31, 1905 — Wild West Show. Agree to ride any horse, steer or mule that is brought in. Admission: Adults 35¢, 25¢ children. A clean wholesome attraction.

June 7, 1906 — Keesler's moving picture show — Opera House.

July 18, 1907 — Shooting gallery is being liberally patronized each Eve.

November 14, 1907 — W.W.W. Advertising Company's show at Opera House is extraordinary of modern times. Admission 10¢ to all.

March 19, 1908 — At the Methodist Episcople church the Edison Biograph and Pathe Famous Motion Pictures to be exhibited.

April 9, 1908 — Roller skating craze has struck Tingley; boys are gliding over the cement walks on their roller skates. Craze is epidemic in the east.

April 30, 1908 — Arrangements being made by the Tingley Home Stock Co. to put on a play Memorial Day evening.

July 30, 1908 — "The Transgressor" was presented at the Opera House by the Percy Stock Company assisted by members of the Tingley Home Stock Company.

November 26, 1908 — Street parade by Coulter & Clark's Monster Uncle Tom's Cabin Co. which will appear at the Opera House.

1909 — Good clean comedy to be at the Opera House. "THE IRISH SENATOR"



To Be Repeated as a Benefit for the Community Theatre

RAINBOW INN!

A COMEDY IN 3 ACTS

Will be presented for the benefit of the
Community Theatre, at the

Community Theatre

Friday Evening, April 16, at 8 p. m.

CAST OF CHARACTERS: 1920

Hiram Barnes	Wayne Overholtzer
Jimmy Barnes	George Kester
Mortimer Darrow	Irvin Bischoff
Joshua Panaker	John Jackson
Alonzo Fenton	Ben Weeda
Percy DeJones	John Boyd
Prof. Peter Dinglepough	Jas. Verplough
Sam Johnson	John Buchanan
Hepsy Barnes	Ellen Eckerman
Sally Bender	Marjorie Carter
Alice Brewster	Marguerite Eckerman
Mehittabel Fritters	Amy Morrison
Penelope Fritters	Josephine Eighme
Jennie Wilton	Marietta Eighme
Eloise Marie Langdon	Helen O'Leary

Time—Summer. Place—At Rainbow Lake.

Admission—25c; School Children, 15c.

September 7, 1911 — Culhane's Comedians will open an engagement at the Opera House. Macklyn Allyn will again appear in the leading male roles. Tommy Wilson to take care of comedy parts. Opening play, 4 act comedy drama, "Reaping the Harvest" — Prices 25, 35, and 50 cents.

December, 1911 — Declamatory Contest, Tingley Twp. held in Tingley — Amy Morrison, Dist. No. 9, won 1st place. Will represent the township in the County Contest.

July 20, 1911 — Lucky Bill's Big Wagon Shows will exhibit in Tingley. Circus of boyhood days.

July 10, 1924 — *Vindicator*

BROADCASTED ANOTHER PROGRAM Tingley Entertainers Gave Another Enjoyable Event Last Night at Shenandoah — Program Here Tuesday Evening

The second broadcasting program by Tingley entertainers was given last evening from the Henry Field studio at Shenandoah. The first one was given at the same place, and was heard distinctly at great distances. Tuesday evening the program was given at the Church of Christ for the benefit of home people who have no radios or would be unable to "listen in" last evening. There was a large attendance, and all are enthusiastic in praise of our local people, who put on a program equal to Chautauqua talent. The program follows:

Male Quartet, "Lorina", D.A. Hawk 1st tenor, G.A. Shifflett 2nd tenor, Clarence Bischoff baritone, Frank Leppo bass.

Vocal Solo, "Just a Pinin' for You" Miss Florence Dufty, Miss Gladys Tidrick, pianist.

Vocal Duet, "Down by the Wishing Well" Miss Mary Bevins alto, Dennis Hawk tenor, Miss Gladys Tidrick pianist, Miss Bernice Tidrick Clarinet.

Flute Solo, "Bercluse" Anthony Krober, Mrs. Daisy Heyer pianist.

Burlesque, "Sextette from Lucia" Mrs. John Cunningham 1st soprano, Miss Helen O'Leary 2nd soprano, Miss Marjorie Carter alto, Dennis Hawk tenor, Grant Shifflett baritone, Mrs. Daisy Heyer pianist.

Song, "Chong" by two Boy Scouts Horton Dufty and Russel Henry, Miss Gladys Tidrick pianist.

Vocal Solo, "Our Yesterdays" Roe Eighme, Mrs. Daisy Heyer pianist.

Mixed Quartet, "Come Where the Lilies Bloom", Mrs. John Cunningham soprano, Evelyn Smith alto, Dennis Hawk tenor, G.A. Shifflett baritone, Mrs. Daisy Heyer pianist.

Trombone Solo, Clarence Bischoff, Mrs. Daisy Heyer pianist.

Duet, "Where the Lazy Mississippi Flows", Miss Helen O'Leary soprano, Miss Marjorie Carter alto, Miss Gladys Tidrick pianist.

Vocal solo, "Sing Me to Sleep" Mrs. John Cunningham, Mrs. Daisy Heyer pianist.

Piano Solo, "Minuet from Paderiski", Miss Gladys Tidrick.

Male Quartet, "Kindling Wood", "Cold Storage", Hawk, Shifflett, Bischoff and Leppo, Mrs. Daisy Heyer pianist.

Vocal Duet, "The Invisible Land" Roe Eighme, Grant Shifflett, Mrs. Daisy Heyer, pianist.

Song by Scouts, "The Little Red School House", Horton Dufty and Russel Henry, Miss Gladys Tidrick pianist.

Vocal Duet, "Silver Threads Among the Gold", Mrs. John Cunningham soprano, Evelyn Smith alto, Mrs. Daisy Heyer pianist.

Closing Song, Duet, Dennis Hawk tenor, Roe Eighme baritone, Miss Gladys Tidrick pianist.

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COMMUNITY PAGEANT

The pageant and Christmas program given Thursday evening (Christmas eve) at the Community Theatre under the auspices of the Tingley P.T.A. was attended by the largest crowd ever assembled there. The seating capacity was exhausted and even standing room was at a premium. The program began at 8 o'clock and lasted over an hour. It depicted the Bible scenes before and after the birth of Jesus. The costumes and stage scenes were all prepared by home people, and under the colored electric lights were simply gorgeous and inspiring. The characters were all taken by local people, and the program was prepared by home folks. The events included the journey of the wise men from the East, King Herod's court, the visit of the angel to Mary, the journey to Bethlehem, the coming of the Christ, the shepherds, and angelic messengers. The more one thinks about the marvelous production the greater and better it seems. A large Christmas tree was arranged in the northwest corner of the room, brilliantly lighted and beautifully decorated. At the conclusion of the program Santa Claus appeared and distributed treats to all the grade children present. It required a great amount of work to prepare the pageant and costumes and coach the players, and the latter all did remarkably well. The stage setting was especially fine including the scene of the Star over Bethlehem. Everyone was pleased over the presentation. If you were not there, you missed one of the best programs ever presented in Tingley.

PARTIES

January 8, 1903 — A grand ball will be given at the opera house on Thursday evening, January 15. Good music and plenty of dancing will be the attractions.

February 12, 1903 — A merry crowd of young people took advantage of the fine sleighing, last Friday evening, and assembled at the pleasant home of T.A. Arneal, northwest of town, and enjoyed themselves at an oyster supper.

March 26, 1903 — A very enjoyable time was spent at Mrs. J.M. Lee's Tuesday at a carpet rag tacking. Several were present, and an excellent dinner was served. Those present were: John Glenn, Jerome Fleming, Bert Brown and their families; Mesdames Dewey, Frost, Kendall, Johnston, Glenn; Misses Lydia Hathaway, Vern Hudson and Lydia Kendall.

April 11, 1907 — Miss True Law was hostess to about 30 Tingley young ladies Friday evening and the entertainment consisted of an old time taffy pulling. Much merriment was occasioned, and all report a joyous time.



Pauline Boyd is in this picture.

1911 — Mock Weddings and Tom Thumb Weddings were typical forms of entertainment at gatherings.

June 13, 1912 — Picnic — Those who took part in the Children's Day exercises Sunday evening at the Christian church were given a picnic Monday afternoon in the Martin grove north of town. Mrs. Chas. McDowell, who had charge of the program, also planned the picnic. Mr. McDowell took the children and the flowers used in decorating the church out to the picnic ground in a wagon. The flowers were later scattered on graves at the cemetery. After this they returned to the grove.

GOOD DEEDS

January 1, 1903 — There was a husking bee at the home of Wm. Shields, of the Cornwall neighborhood. Fifteen teams in the field and willing hands made short work of the job, finishing about the middle of the afternoon. This will be a great help to Mr. Shields who is unable to work on account of a broken leg.

February 5, 1903 — As Mesdames James McKee, J. Mason and May Kendall are going to move away, their many friends pieced each of them a quilt. Each one pieced a block and worked their name on it. The quilts were presented to them last Wednesday.

February 5, 1903 — Going away surprise party for J.T. Tedford. Brought picnic baskets of food. 35 attended.

April 16, 1903 — Neighbors of Chas. B. Heizer to the number of a dozen gathered at his home last Thursday bringing their dinners with them and put in 30 acres of oats for him. His wife being sick he was not able to attend to the work and it was time that his seed was in the ground. Those who assisted were: C.N. Aronhalt, Day Kinsell, Robt. Fullerton, Sam Nicely, C. Huntley, W.L. Henderson, F.L. Ashenhurst, T.W. Darbyshire, Mart Fullerton, Nat Heizer, and Clark Arneal. The 30 acres were sown twice, with oats and grass seed, disced and harrowed and completed in less than a day. There were four 4-horse harrows, three 2-horse harrows, three discs, three seeders and one cultivator. It was a sight to see so many teams at work in a field and it looked like the bonanza farming of the West. It is certainly nice to see a helpful neighborhood spirit manifested like this. It makes one glad he lives in such a community and almost wish he had some misfortune for the pleasure of counting his friends. But the real pleasure is doing kind acts, not in having them done for you.

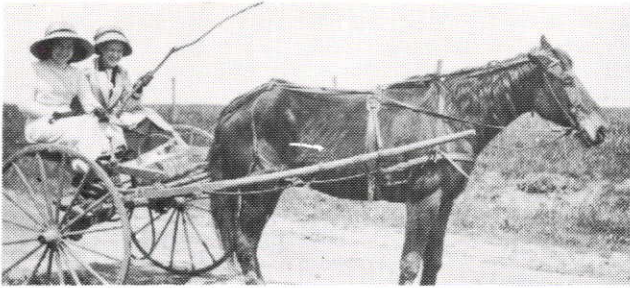
January 27, 1910 — Friendship quilt — each of 32 neighbor ladies met at home of Mrs. C.D. Johnson and pieced 2 quilts for Mrs. R. Newens. Mrs. N. and her family soon to leave for Colo. to reside. Each lady pieced a block, then they were set together and quilted.



BOYS WILL BE BOYS!
Wier Sheldon, Claude Coffman
Dean Sheldon and Joe Brown



One of the first Trap Shoot Clubs taken in 1912. Those standing L.R. Cyril Oxenreider, Lawrence Brown, Ray Overholtzer, Fred Brown, Floyd Overholtzer, Clark Oxenreider. Seated John and Wayne Overholtzer.



"Out Lookin' for Boys!"
Mattie Sheldon, Ava Hill and Old Taylor (the horse). About 1910



Having a Good Time!
Homer Ibbotson, Edith Romke, Edith Blauer, Alfred Bocker (with pitcher) Floyd Mariner, Virgil Cunningham, Dora Bocker, Minnie Tapp

Tingley Street Fairs and Baseball Tournaments

The first Tingley Street Fair and Baseball Tournament was held in 1900. This celebration became an annual affair around the first of September from 1900 through 1907 and was held on Main Street.

In 1908, the celebration was called a "Fair" and was held on the Frank McGugin land (present day ball field down by the stock yards). From all accounts in the Vindicators, it must have been very similar to our County Fair today (1982), with judging of livestock, handiwork, and garden produce. Since the County Fair at Mt. Ayr was no longer being held, Tingley citizens had "high hopes" of their fair becoming "the" County Fair. Livestock barns and a grandstand were built on the McGugin land. The fairs were hampered by rain every year, therefore preventing many farmers from



TIME FOR A GAME OF CROQUET
Third from left is Mae Coie. (Notice board walk. And how would you like to starch and iron those long white dresses?!?!)



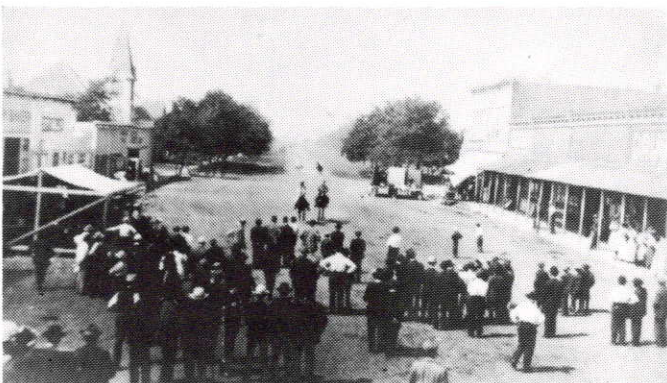
Work or Pleasure? Maybe Both!
L to R: Mae Coie, _____, Floss Coie and daughter Dorothy seated on step, Una Coie, Theo Allen, Mary Coie.

getting their exhibits to town. The fair was held for five consecutive years, and in 1912 it was decided to tear down the structures and sell the lumber.

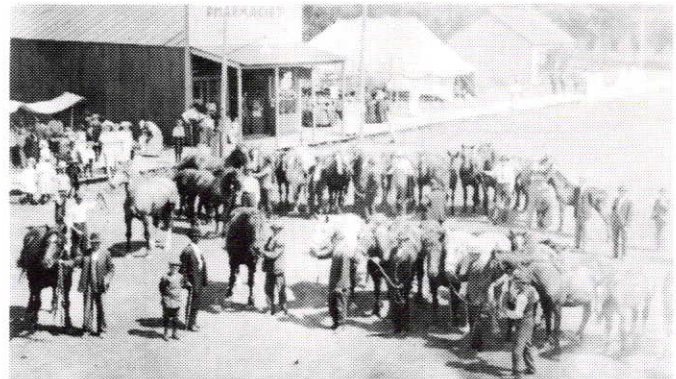
The street Fair and Baseball Tournament were again held on Main Street in 1914 and 1915.

July 27, 1905 — Tournament attractions — The various committees appointed at the tournament meeting made a partial report. Enough has already been contracted for making this the leading Tournament of any that have yet been held. They are all clean and entertaining. Foremost is Professor Simmer, the strong man.

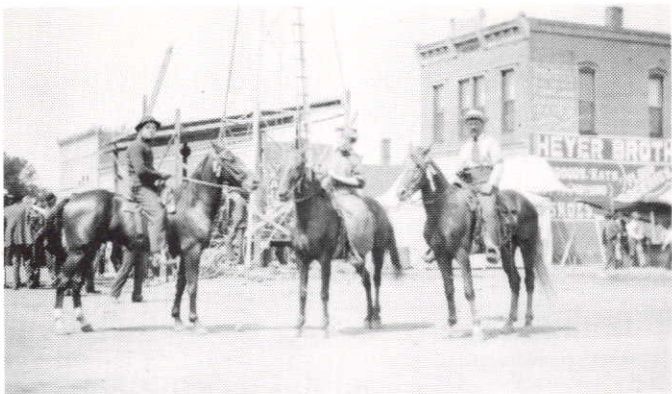
He performs marvelous feats of strength and gives a lecture on physical training that is of great value if put into practice. Clark and Stonebreaker acrobats and con-



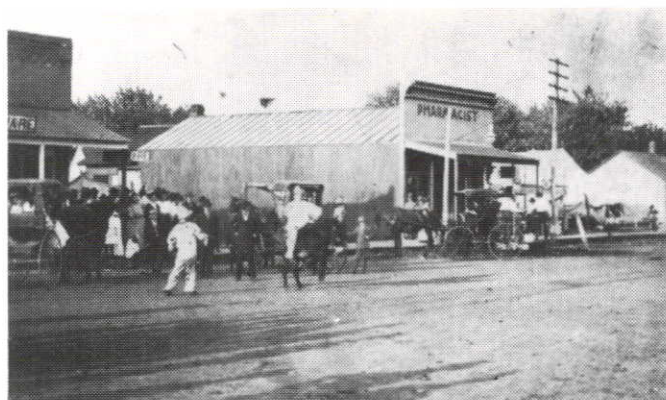
Street Fair — Early 1900's
Courtesy Clair Heyer Collection



Horse and Colt Show at Street Fair—Early 1900's
Courtesy Clair Heyer Collection



Street Fair — Early 1900's
Courtesy Marian Sheumaker Stark



Clowns Performing Street Fair — Early 1900's
C. Horton Coye's Drugstore (later Roush's)
Courtesy Clair Heyer Collection

tortionists, will be here in their double trapeze, barrel jumping, and revolving ladder, unicycle riding and balloon ascension and parachute leaping acts. The double trapeze is 40 feet high. One of the leading features in the trapeze act is the sensational act of holding a small trapeze with the teeth with a full line of athletic feats while swinging is in full motion. Another leading feature is a backward somersault from chair to table, from table to barrel, and into barrel backwards, an act that is done only by Mr. Clark. In the balloon ascension the big jumbo balloon is used, it is one of the largest found on the road. A trapeze is attached to the balloon and performances on same while ascension is being made. The parachute leap is a feature worth seeing.

Efforts are being made to secure the ball teams from Troy, Kansas, Clarinda, Villisca, and Cambridge, Iowa. Trap shoot is being planned also.

The base ball schedules are filled. Local teams will compete during the forenoon, and each afternoon there will be semi-professional games, Humeston, Bedford, Maloy, and Tingley contesting.

The Tingley Concert Band will furnish music all day long, and open air concerts each evening, the days to end with Culhanes' Comedians at the Opera House each evening.



1908 Street Fair
By Far the largest crowd ever assembled in Tingley was here — probably near 6,000

1910 FAIR

Premium Lists Are Ready — A Total of \$1,907.75 in Premiums Exclusive of the Special Ones Offered by the Tingley Business Men.

The Vindicator office completed Monday the work of issuing an edition of 500 copies of the premium list for the Tingley Fair which will be held Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, September 7, 8, and 9. The total of the premiums offered in the several departments is as follows: Horses, mules, and ponies, \$600; cattle \$469; hogs, \$359; sheep, \$327.50; poultry \$86.50; agriculture \$26.75; culinary, \$16.50; and fancy work, \$22.50. Premiums will also be awarded on meritorious articles not enumerated in the premium list should the judges deem them worthy. Call at the office of Secretary L.F. Hall and get a list and prepare some exhibit for the Fair. The special premiums offered are:

Heyer Bros., 1 sack of flour for the best loaf of bread baked from either Marshall's Best or Eaco flour.

T.P. Asbury, \$1 box of stationery for the best angel food cake.

A.T. Hancock, \$1.50 dress shirt for best sucking colt.

H.W. Edwards, a rocking chair for the best piece of fancy work.

J.W. Richardson, box of cigars for best yearling colt.

F.N. Peterson, hair cut and shave for best colt.

O.A. Talbott & Co., 5 bushels of oats for best span of draft mares.



Tingley Chautauqua in 1925 located on school-house lawn. Formerly they were held on H.J. Steinkamp's lots south of the depot, but some objected to crossing the railroad tracks.

Courtesy Clair Heyer Photo

L.M. Lanham, box of bon bons for best piece of fancy work.

Tingley State Savings Bank, \$3.00 for best driving team.

E.W. Reynolds, bottle of hair tonic for best single driver.

R.D. Nelson, small ham for best two-year-old heifer.

Nelson & Nelson, 1 Rochester cake tray to the person receiving first prize on nut cake.

H.E. Tuttle, a sack of flour for best loaf of bread baked out of flour sold by us.

C. Horton Coye, watch chain for best milk cow.

F.G. Hausz, 1 gallon Clarinda Mite Exterminator for best pen of chickens, any strain.

G.A. Slentz, 1 sack flour for best loaf of bread baked from any flour we sell.

Todd & Stewart, triple silver plate berry spoon with gold lined bowl for best pen of Barred Plymouth Rock chickens.

The Tingley Vindicator, one year's subscription to the owner of the following: Best Duroc-Jersey, Chester White, Poland China, and Berkshire pens of hogs; best pens of each breed of sheep; best display of corn, apples, largest watermelon, largest pumpkin, largest head of cabbage. For the girls and bachelor maids, calling cards for best loaf yeast, salt rising or graham bread, best collection of jellies, best collection of canned fruits and canned pickles; in fancy work, calling cards for best quilt, lunch cloth, handkerchief, waist or napkin.

Smith Studio, 1 large medallion portrait 8x10 for most handsome sofa pillow (any design).

Treasurer A.R. Hass will have the ticket office at the street entrance near Guy Border's residence and all persons are requested to procure tickets there before entering the grounds. John Lee will be the gate keeper at the south gate where the teams enter to take supplies to the stands and feed to the stock, but no tickets are taken at this gate and no one admitted except with vehicles or teams as above stated. No teams or autos allowed on the grounds except as above noted. There is a large area near the south gates where autos and teams can be left. The grounds are not large enough to accommodate the teams and rigs of visitors at the Fair.

The police force for the Fair are Jno. Brayman, city marshal, as chief and Messrs. H.E. Breckenridge, W.L. Henderson, Ray Ashenhurst and James Templeton as special officers.

Children's Day, Wednesday—All school children admitted free. Meet at the school house at 9:30 a.m. and march to the fair grounds.

Admission—Single admission each day, 25 cents; family tickets, \$1, admits husband, wife and all children under 16 years of age, family tickets good for all three days including above, per series \$1.50.

September 15, 1910 — The third annual Tingley Fair will go down in history as the most successful one so far held by the association. A combination of ideal weather, splendid crops and judicious advertising made this result possible. The morning of Wednesday was foggy and very unpropitious, but by nine o'clock it had lifted and the day proved all that could be desired. The entries for all departments were far in excess of all expectations and were a credit to a place of thousands instead of

hundreds of inhabitants.

There were ten tents on the grounds making quite a white city. The first one on entering was for Todd & Stewart. In front of this was a large "Diamond Edge" sign denoting that make of cutlery carried by the firm. On the north and west inside of the tent was a display of the Lorrain range, Moore's stoves and ranges and the Estate Oak with the demonstrator, J.E. Shearer, in charge. The International Harvester engines and machinery were demonstrated by W.T. Fluckey of Afton, the special field agent for the company in this part of the state. They also displayed the Marshalltown buggies, the Nine-in-One wagon box, DeLaval separators, One Minute washers, etc. The Tingley Auto Co. had their complete line of autos on display.

Next to this tent was the very large one for the floral hall. Along the north side was arranged the culinary and fancy work, on the west and south the farm and garden products and fruit. It was a pleasure to note the display of apples, peaches, plums, grapes, etc., when we remembered the severe freeze of early spring. J.A. Western came from over near Beasonsfield with a farm and garden display, Tingley's market gardener, G.Q. Immerzeel, was represented with almost everything that grows in the garden. We noted especially his elegant celery display. We noticed among the other displays those of Hugh Kendall, T.A. Stevenson, J.E. Overholtzer, Chas. Butterfield of Tingley, L.A. Duff of Diagonal, and several other nice collections, but did not learn the names of those who brought them. It was remarked by those who visited the state fair that the display of farm and garden products was equal to that seen at Des Moines. We wish to especially mention the things brought in by two small boys, George and Rowe Eighme. They had very tall stalks of corn, Hubbard squashes and sweet pumpkins and gathered all the displays themselves. An especially pleasing exhibit was specimens of pen work by J.W. Fudge, who is teaching school northeast of Ellston. In the center of the tent was a platform on which Ira Cunningham displayed two splendid Storey & Clark pianos, having competent musicians to play the instruments. The Singer Sewing Machine Co., was represented by two special agents from Des Moines. An especially pleasing display was that of Lloyd Smith's photographic work. John McGandy showed grinding products from his feed mill.

Just south of the floral hall tent was the rest tent fitted up with seats and a telephone for the accommodation of the visitors.

To the south of this was the Hammer Bros.' portable roller skating rink and it was crowded with merry skaters nearly all the time.

Along the extreme south end of the grounds was Walcott's Wild West Show which gave performances each day in riding bucking horses, lassoing and saddling wild horses, races on horseback, and all the sports of the western cattle ranges. A large canvas enclosure was used for the exhibition.

Between the rest tent and the roller skating rink was a tent occupied by Nelson & Nelson with their exhibit of hardware and implements. A Fairbanks-Morse one-horse engine was busy at work propelling the running gears of a Mandt manure spreader, a Case corn planter and a Speed washing machine. Around the inside of the

tent was an artistic display of the Round Oak stoves and ranges and the old reliable Majestic ranges. James E. Grant demonstrated the good qualities of the J.I. Case plows, and M.B. Strubble showed the good points of the Mandt manure spreaders. The Blue Ribbon buggies occupied a prominent place in the display. John O. Nelson represented the firm in exhibiting the goods on display.

To the left as you entered the grounds was to be seen the refreshment stands and concessions, prominent among the latter was the steam merry-go-round and it was crowded all the time with children and young people. There were by far more stands at this Fair than ever before and the amusement features such as baby rack, ball throwing, etc., were also well represented.

In the poultry tent were magnificent specimens of the Buff Orpington, R.P.R., R.I. Reds both single and double comb, pigeons, bantams, White Wyandottes, ducks, geese, turkeys, Light Brahmas, and a pair of English pheasants; these latter were sent to J.F. Fraser by the state game warden and were a curiosity to most of the Fair visitors.

The swine tent contained pens from F.F. Brown's herd of Poland Chinas headed by Teddy, a Tecumseh strain male of the very best breeding and very fine appearance. H.C. Sheldon exhibited pens of Duroc Jerseys headed by Chief Crimson, a state fair winner, weighing 850 pounds. H.D. Troxell also exhibited some fine Durocs. J.A. Western had a fine pen of Poland Chinas and was successful in selling quite a number of them. John Coie and A.A. Allen had pens of Berkshires headed by Premier Romford, a grandson of the winning Berkshire at the St. Louis exposition.

The cattle exhibit was not large, but it was more than made up for by the excellence of the animals shown. Grant White of Union county showed a herd of Herefords. J.H. Sharp had an excellent specimen of the Holstein bull and R.I. Hogue exhibited his Jersey cow.

The sheep tent was the center of an admiring throng as it contained Chandler Bros.' pens of state fair winning Shropshires from the state fair, many of them imported animals. W.B. Harvey had some pens of very nice sheep, some among them being imported, and Will Blauer also showed pens of good sheep.

The horse display was the finest ever seen in the county according to many competent judges. Among the exhibitors we noted D.C. Tidrick & Son, Allison Tidrick, T.A. Stevenson, J.J. Thompson & Son, A.K. Chandler, Ellsworth Breckenridge, F.M., Alfred and Lute Eighme, Joe and Sam England, Wm. McLachlan, Wm. Tapp & Sons, J.F. Fraser, G.Q. Immerzeel, J.A. Buchanan, E.N. and O.D. DeWitt, Wm. Jerrems, Luke Shay, J.E. Overholtzer, R.C. Alexander, Jerry Shay, Wm. Blauer, Bert Butterfield, Frank McCreary, Hugh Kendall, Clate Gammon, L.L. Morse, Fred Brown and W.B. Harvey. The contrast in size was noted between the large Percheron mares exhibited by A.K. Chandler, and the Shetland stud exhibited by Wm. Blauer, and there were horses of all breeds between these two, including extra fine stallions exhibited by Tidrick & Son, T.A. Stevenson, Thompson & Son, and Wm. Tapp & Sons, and all were prize winners. We are very much gratified to see the way the young men are taking an interest in exhibiting their horses and predict a much larger display next fall.

The first day was Children's Day, and hundreds of children of school age availed themselves of the privileges of the day to attend. By far the largest crowd was present Thursday, there being over 1800 paid admissions. Friday was Old Soldiers' Day and many of the old veterans were present. But it is quite noticeable that their ranks are so very rapidly thinning, and few are able to walk with the old time military step.

August 17, 1911 — The smallest team in the world will be exhibited at the Tingley Fair. They will be hitched to small carriage.

They are Shetlands. They weigh 35 lbs. each.

November 14, 1912 — Tearing Down the Fair Sheds — The work of tearing down the shed on the fair grounds was begun last week, some of the lumber being hauled to the Richardson farm west of Tingley, and the rest being piled up ready for sale. A meeting of the Tingley Fair Association was held at the office of Luke Shay & Co., Thursday to consider the affairs of the Association. It was voted to dispose of all of its property, pay the expenses and premiums of the 1912 Fair and cease to do business. Several things have conspired to bring about this result. First of these is it requires too much money to keep even a small fair like ours going in comparison to the amount of receipts. We are handicapped by poor railroad facilities so that people from the neighboring towns cannot attend, there being no morning and evening trains. Again, the lease for the fair grounds had expired and Mr. McGugin wished to plow up the land. And still again it requires the unanimous support and boosting of the people of a community in order to bring success to any enterprise. This the Association did not have. We regret to record this, but it is the cold fact and there is no getting around it. The thing which first disgusted and disheartened the people, causing them to lose interest, was that too much money was spent for baseball games. The Mt. Ayr Fair had the same fault in paying too much money for horse racing. Some such attraction seems to be necessary in order to get the crowds to attend, so there you are. An auction sale of the lumber, etc., belonging to the Association, will be held at the Fair Grounds next Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock, and as soon thereafter as arrangements can be made the expenses of the fair and the premiums are to be paid, these latter it is expected in full, and then the Tingley Fair Association will have passed into history. We are now ready to boost for a Farmers' Institute to take the place of the fair. All of the fair boosters will also boost for the Tingley Chautauqua, so that we will still furnish some place of entertainment and instruction for the farming community as well as the other people.

CHAUTAUQUAS

The tent chautauquas were traveling groups that operated in the United States from 1903 to 1930. They moved from town to town giving usually a week of dramatic performances, theatricals, orchestral and choral music, and lectures by any number of notables. Season tickets were sold in advance, and they usually were sold out. People would drive in for miles around, both with horse and buggy and earliest autos, to attend. If Clarinda or Shenandoah were having a chautauqua,

many Tingley folks always attended, traveling to and from on the train. Until the Depression put chautauquas and a lot of other things out of business, they were a big thing in the small towns of the Midwest. Also, their popularity decreased with the invention of the radio and the development of other forms of entertainment.

July 10, 1924 Vindicator —

Tingley's 2nd Free Chautauqua

We have paid our pledge. Have you? Remember the Tingley Chautauqua starts next Sunday, July 13. Only three days left. Let us every one get busy and make a trip to the Tingley Bank and deposit that pledge we made. The soliciting committee is very anxious that your deposit be made at your first convenience. Let us be sure and have it there not later than Saturday noon.

Tingley and community, let's boost for a big Chautauqua. Following are the names:

Chas. Butterfield, Mrs. J. Brayman, Miss Mae Coie, J.E. Hanson, Mrs. Ed Dunlap, Miss Mabel Daily, H.B. Elliott, John England, Mrs. Elsie Fouser, F.C. Gordon, H.D. Garland, Lloyd Nelis, L.C. Oxenreider, Owens & Daughter, Mrs. C.R. Ashenhurst, Mrs. S.E. Anderson, R.N. Arnold, J.D. Blauer, L.S. Brown, Chas. Borrusch, H.W. Bastow, E.J. Davis, M.E. DeWitt, J.R. Dunlap, Walter Estel, Mrs. Sam England, Margaret Eighme, Frankie Eighme, Mrs. Cliff Giles, R.I. Hogue, Mrs. Mary Hathaway, W.A. Henderson, Mrs. Pete Hopkins, Hazel

Hubbard, Andrew Halm, L.O. Imus, E.M. Jesse, Mrs. Exie Lake, J.H. Morrison, M.M. Mariner, Floyd Mariner, Floyd G. Moore, Mrs. H. Morrison, Amy Morrison, Vern D. Nichols, Edna Nichols, J.E. Overholtzer, Helen Oleary, E.L. Richards, Mrs. H.A. Reynolds, W.H. Shields, Mrs. Geo. Speelman, Mrs. Ed Sherman, Mrs. Roy Smith, Tingley Lumber Co., Dr. H.W. Whisler, Dick Weeda, D. Hill, J.M. Addison, American Legion, D.C. Banner, I.F. Bischoff, Wm. Blauer, Clarence Blauer, Perry Buchanan, Mrs. B.S. Ball, Mrs. Fred Clough, T. W. Darbyshire, J.R. Dunlap, Mrs. Mary Eckerman, H.W. Edwards, H.B. Elliott, Earl Eckerman, Mrs. R.N. and Marietta Eighme, H.E. Fender, Rome Fleming, Mrs. Wm. Fraser, Miss Ina Freeman, R.G. Hogue, B.J. House, Chas. Hill, Mrs. Mae Henry, L.N. Jacobs, C.D. Johnston, Mrs. Seth Johnston, Ike Kiburz, Jr., G.E. Kester, Mrs. Annie Landreth, Mrs. Henry Lovely, Mrs. L.M. Lanham, C.A. Moore, Mrs. Leta Miller, G.W. McNutt, S.K. McKee, Bernard McElroy, Alva Miller, Roy McDowell, Arthur Nichols, Arthur Nairn, F.M. Overholtzer, Cyril Oxenreider, Parent-Teacher Association, J.M. Richards, Mrs. Al Richards, Mrs. O.W. Roush, H.E. Shifflett, Ira Shannon, Miss Ellen Summers, Earl Troxell, Tapp Bros., Floyd Van Syckle, Leo Wilson, Ernest Warrick, Mrs. Opal Walters, LaVern Zarr.

July 4th — 1936

The festivities began with a concert by our splendid band in the band stand at 8 o'clock. Following the concert, an hour and a half of free attraction was staged on a platform on the brilliantly lighted kittenball diamond.

TINGLEY CHAUTAUQUA

AUG. 31, TO SEPT. 4.

"If I Had Life to Live Over". Inspiring to Young and Old.	COL. GEO. W. BAIN	Best loved orator on the American platform. Great thoughts—well spoken.
Big male quartet accompanied by a splendid orchestra	TEXAS GLEE CLUB	A big singing club A brass sextette A varied program
20 months in the trenches. Actual war tales seasoned with Irish wit.	ALFRED H. O'CONNOR	Decorated by King George Pensioned by British Gov. Suffered personal atrocity.
Modern Magic Mystic Illusion Story Telling	POLUHNI AND COMPANY	Musical Entertainers Swiss Bells, Chimes, Mind Reading, Psychology
A genuine Hawaiian program by best Hawaiian artists. It's all the rage.	KEALAKAI'S HAWAIIAN SINGERS AND PLAYERS	Hear the popular Ukalele played by real Hawaiians. Dreamy, weird, enchanting
"The Secret of Power" by a man who has it. Helpful and inspiring.	Dr. Clarence W. WASSAM	Known as "Gatling Gun Wassam", the "Whirlwind Orator". Hear him.
Artistic—Popular Unusual—Also Unusually Good	CROATIAN Tamburica Orchestra	From the heart of the war zone—Native costumes and instruments
"Barbara Frietchie" Darkey Dialect Impersonations, Planologs	Edna Frances THOMAS	Interpreter of child character, Reader of Plays, Recitalist
The songs of "Then" and "Now", Mixed quartet trombone	BLACKMAN'S VILLAGE SINGERS	Singing old songs well, also the best of the new.
Humorist cartoonist Rhymist—Original Clever—Clean	NED WOODMAN	Mingles mimicry and mirth Makes fun contribute to education and uplift.
Beautiful colored still and motion pictures of "Army and Navy of the U. S."	JOHN C. WELSH	Knows more about Uncle Sam's business and undertakings, and tells it better.
"Junior Town" meetings, buttons, pageant, "Good Fairy Thrift".	JUNIOR CHAUTAUQUA	Wienie roast, Good times, Games, Marches, Drills, Stories, Contests.



Johnston Sisters win Many Amateur Contests

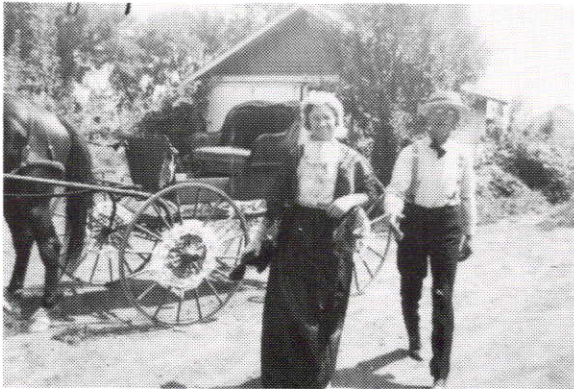
The Johnston Sisters (shown above with their father) of Tingley, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. J.A. Johnston, have the distinction of having competed in twenty-seven Amateur Contests. In this number they have only missed in the money winners three times.

These girls have won in contests at such places as Lorimor, Des Moines, Murray, Creston and Diagonal.

The acts given by the girls consist of singing and dancing and they are very talented children. Shown in the picture are Alberta, Roberta, Anna Mae and Eva June with their father, J.A. Johnston.

Taken from August 2, 1917 Vindicator

Among these attractions were boxing matches between the following boys — Buddy Breckenridge and Gale Smith, Billy Breckenridge and John Allen Kiburz, and the Priest brothers. We believe each match was declared a draw, and the prize money for the six was \$1.50. Goldner brothers of the Wishard neighborhood presented instrumental and vocal numbers assisted by their mother, receiving \$1 for their work. Herbert Stark gave two fine cornet solos and was rewarded with 50 cents. Medsames Wolfe and Dunlap gave a colored presentation of singing and acting and received \$1 for their effort. The four Johnston sisters, the popular Tingley radio girls, gave instrumental and vocal numbers and two of them clogged to an accompaniment by their father. Miss Madelyn England, accompanied by Mrs.



TINGLEY PARADE — 1942
Amy Morrison and John Boyd

Erle Luper, gave two fine vocal numbers and Miss Marilyn Been some clogging and both were rewarded with a quarter. The Hillebran musical company of Beaconsfield, father and daughters, pleased the audience with their program and received \$1. Messrs. Dunlap and Wolfe with the organ grinder and monkey presentation brought hearty applause from the crowd. They received \$1. Other free acts were by the black face group, Been, Johnston and Bert Shields, with music and song.

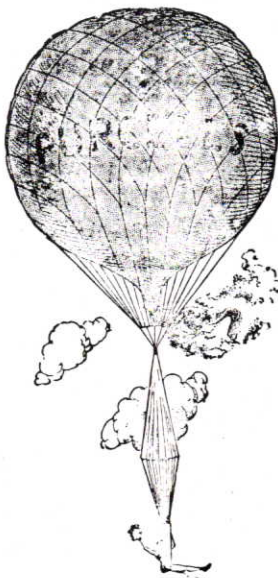
The pie eating contest was won by Darrell Blauer and he received 25¢; Gail Smith was second. The egg eating contest was won by Arthur Shockley. The prize was 40¢. Gail Smith was also second in this. It was too hot for the free movie at the community theatre. As a consolation, a dance was staged at the opera house starting at 11, and ending shortly after midnight. The big event of the evening was a \$10.00 kittenball game, 60 and 40 per cent to the teams, between Shannon City and Tingley, ending in a one score lead for Tingley. It was just anybody's game throughout the play. At the end of the game the fireworks display was given on the ball park, and so ended our fine little celebration.

Tingley Farmers' Institute

The Tingley Farmers' Institute was held for seven years, 1936 to 1942, usually during August. Cattle, hogs, sheep, horses, and ponies were judged, with monetary prizes offered the winners. There were also exhibits in the Household Arts Department, with the businessmen offering many of the prizes to the winners. A three and five-gaited Saddle Horse Show was also held. The Hatcher Players provided entertainment each day.

Devoted to the Interests of Agriculture and Stock Raising.

TINGLEY'S **Annual Farmers' Institute !** **AUG. 11th, 12th, and 13th**



Leading Attractions

**Large Exhibits of Horses, Cattle, Hogs,
Sheep, Fancy Work and Baking, etc.,
With Liberal Cash Premiums**

ENTERTAINMENT

Purcell's Attractions Company, twice daily in pony, clown, and trapeze acts, and 1 balloon ascension and parachute leap daily. Also juggling and slack wire acts, etc.

The Hatcher Players All Three Days
Music Each Day by the Tingley Band !

Merry-Go-Round, Ferris Wheel, Shows, Sports, Athletics, Concessions, etc. Something to interest everybody each day and night.

Ringgold County Centennial 1955

Tingley had their own parade and celebration in connection with the Ringgold County Centennial.

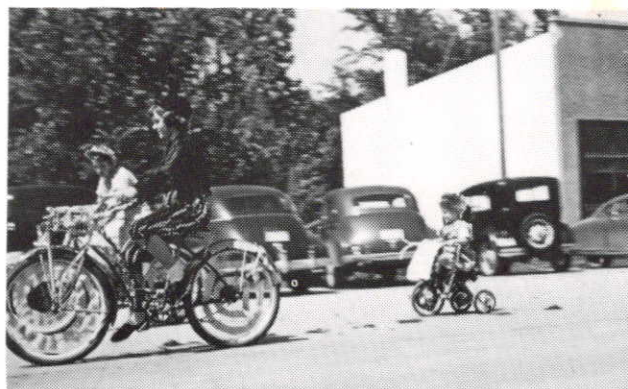


WHISKER DERBY CONTESTANTS

FRONT ROW: Earl Troxell, Lloyd England, Charlie Clark, LeRoy Giles, Earl Pritchard, Verl Duffield, Richard Minnick, Virgil Morrison
MIDDLE: Harley Been, Wayne Anderson, Roy Huntsman, Don Smith, _____, Ted Hannah, Sherrill Stephens, Russell Shields, Howard England. BACK: _____, Ernest Bastow, Carl Riggs, George Ferguson, Floyd Overholtzer, Larry Ryan, Quentin Abarr, Wayne Overholtzer



Three winners in the Tingley Whisker Derby
Don Smith, Harley Been and Myrle Reasoner



Sue Beamer, Marilyn Weeda and
Billy Ray Breckenridge, Jr.



Steve Beamer on "Old Silver"



Mr. and Mrs. Earl Eckerman and Marie Troxell



Carl and Marilyn Riggs
Family, Sue Richards
and Dwayne Overholtzer



Nancy Weeda



Cora Pritchard, Vienna
Richards and Eckermans



Floyd and Ava
Overholtzer

Band Concerts

Music has always been an important part of Tingley's heritage. Different ones have played in Tingley's band throughout the years. The band stand was built in 1912 and stood in the intersection on Main Street. In later years it was moved to the vacant lot east of today's Community Hall. Gene Clough purchased it from the town in 1947 for \$24 and tore it down. For 35 years it not only stood as a landmark but as a source of great enjoyment for entertainers and audiences alike.



Courtesy Joe Brown

Holidays Were Doubly Important!

November 4, 1909 — Halloween Malicious Mischief — We do not know of any better name to call the continued destruction and carrying away of property that has been of nightly occurrence since last Thursday night. People expect Halloween pranks on Halloween night, but they are not willing that the mischief shall continue almost indefinitely. Never before in the history of our little city has there been such persistent and malicious mischief. It is just as much a theft to carry away property on Halloween as at any other time, only custom has permitted it. Your Vindicator editor enjoys "fun" as well as anyone, but this destruction of property has continued until it is a confounded nuisance.

November 7, 1912 — Halloween Pranks — The streets of Tingley presented the appearance of an agricultural implement display Friday morning because of the Halloween pranks played by the ghosts (Young men) Thursday night or early Friday morning. The Vindicator office was remembered by the boys, and having been a boy ourselves not so awfully many years ago, we appreciated the call, and indeed would have felt slighted had the boys forgotten us. True, we had to pull pretty hard to rid our porch of a heavy farm wagon, but we for one are in favor of boys being boys while they are young and as long as they do not destroy property, will never censure them for their pranks. Come to think it all over, guess the editor and J.E. Ogden, when we were boys, did fully as much mischief on Halloween as did the boys last Thursday night.



Halloween Mischief — Early 1920's.
(Notice how main street buildings looked before the fire in 1930.)

Two Boys Hurt in Halloween Accident

November 8, 1945 Vindicator

Two boys, Keith Van Sickle and Richard Minnick, suffered severe injuries when a tractor on which they were riding overturned last Wednesday night on highway 169 near the Herb Bastow farm.

Richard Minnick suffered two broken ribs and was taken to the Creston hospital for X-Ray and treatment but was able to return home Thursday.

Keith Van Sickle was injured more severely and after receiving first aid at the office of Drs. McIntosh and Beamer, the Mt. Ayr ambulance was called and took him to Iowa City where he underwent an operation the next morning. It was found that he had a broken pelvis bone and severe internal injuries. Late reports say he is improving but he will be there some time.

These boys along with Noel Seney, Jr., and Don Swanson were riding a borrowed tractor and had started on a Halloween expedition together with three other crews on as many tractors. The accident happened before any pranking had been done. Damage to the tractor was estimated at one hundred dollars.

(The State Dept. of Education loaned the Tingley School a "Teach-A-Phone" set for the use of Keith. He was able to sit in his home and hear his teacher and class discussion. He could also take part in class discussions.)

HISTORY OF TINGLEY HALLOWEEN "FUN NITE"

by Edith McIntosh — October, 1981

The desire for a real "Fun" way to celebrate Halloween began forming in my mind as I stood in our office door and looked out over a large group of young people who had assembled in our office yard and were anxiously waiting to hear news of the boys who were being treated in the office after being injured in a Halloween prank tractor accident.

Later that night Dr. Beamer took one of the injured boys to Iowa City for emergency surgery. Fortunately all survived.

At that time, we had both Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts in Tingley. Later on the next summer, I, as a Girl Scout leader, had a newsletter which mentioned a successful "Fun Nite" which had been carried out in Minneapolis. Dr. McIntosh and I had also been in Hagerstown, Maryland, and witnessed the parade held there on Halloween night. I thought, "Wouldn't that be wonderful if we could do something like that in Tingley." It sounded like a worthwhile community project, and I knew that the people of Tingley community had always worked together to successfully carry out any project which they attempted.



Edith McIntosh

80 years young, in 1981 parade.

At that time, the American Legion Auxiliary was stressing community service and, as I was Auxiliary president that year, I presented the idea to the Auxiliary and all were enthusiastic about the plan. A committee was appointed to call a meeting of representatives from

all the organizations in the community. A true cross section of the community came to the meeting, as we had contacted the Mayor, The Town Council, the ministers and a committee from each church, the Library Board, the Parent Teachers Association, the superintendent of school and other teachers, the Book Club, the Boy Scouts, the Girl Scouts, the social clubs, the American Legion and the American Legion Auxiliary. Until I listed these organizations, I had forgotten how many active groups we had in our little town. Of course, some people represented more than one group, as in our small community, almost everyone helped in the various organizations.

The plan was presented and all became enthusiastic and interested. The first thing discussed was—could we raise enough money to put the project over, and how much would be needed?

It was decided to have the windows uptown decorated by the school classes and by any group or organization which wanted to "speak" for or reserve a window. The "Fun Nite" committee furnished the washable paints which at that time were thinned with Bon Ami powder to make the windows easier to wash. In later years, the pictures were painted on paper and placed inside the windows, as often the weather turned cold and windy or rainy, making it difficult to work and often washing off the completed paintings.

It was decided to have parties for each age group with good prizes for the games and activities and plenty of refreshments furnished.

A parade was planned and money prizes were to be given in the different classes according to our means.

Officers were elected at that meeting as follows:

General Chairman	Donald Grout
Treasurer and Finance Chrm.	Wayne Overholtzer
Secretary	Edith McIntosh

A General Committee was appointed. I cannot remember who was on this committee, but they had the responsibility of appointing a committee for the parade, the window painting, and for each party.

As treasurer and finance chairman, Wayne Overholtzer headed up an active committee which raised over \$300, and at that time, \$300 went a long way in putting on a real celebration. Wayne has been treasurer all these years and deserves a big "Thank You" for his faithful service to the community.

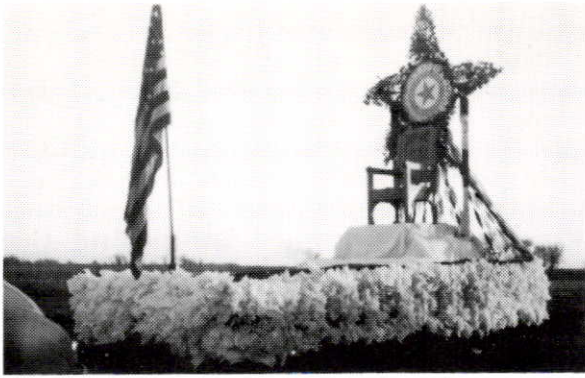
Our stores were a great help, as they solicited their suppliers and their wholesalers who were very generous in furnishing their products either free or at a discount.

Later on, the Modern Woodmen were a great source of help by furnishing a generous supply of party favors and prizes.

I believe this meeting was held in late September, 1946, and plans went forward in good shape and much enthusiasm was generated. Also, there were some doubts of the success—and I must confess—I had my doubts and misgivings at times, and as Halloween approached, I grew more nervous.

All concerned in the planning were relieved when we had a fine big parade, parties which were fun and well attended, and a background of Halloween atmosphere from the painted windows up and down main street.

We now have young people to whom Halloween means "parades, parties, and fun!"



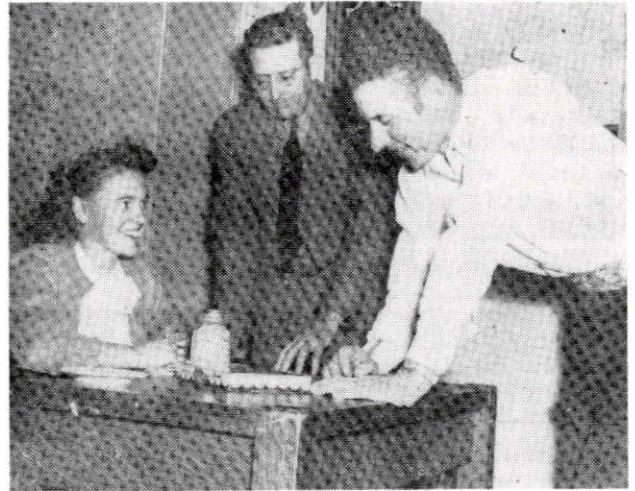
American Legion Auxiliary Float
in 1st Halloween Parade



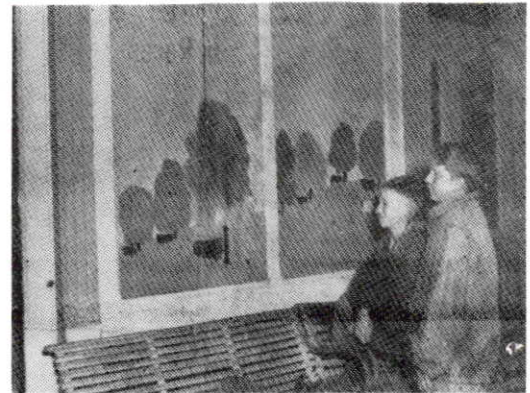
WINNERS IN COSTUME DIVISION. This outfit won first place in the group division of the parade and costume section (The three pigs and the big bad wolf). Identified they are, from left, Mrs. Leigh Beemer, Dr. Beemer (He's the wolf) and Dr. and Mrs. J.A. McIntosh. In front is little Stevie Beemer, son of the Dr. Beemers. Mrs McIntosh, by the way is secretary of the general committee and was one of the original organizers of the Halloween doings.—1948 (3rd year of celebration)



Billy Breckenridge Family



GENERAL CHAIRMEN OF AFFAIR. Here are a couple of the fellows who headed up the general committee in charge of the 1948 festival. They are Wayne Overholtzer, center, and Don Grout, right. Grout was chairman the last two years. Overholtzer handled most of the work this year with Grout assisting. They are pictured registering at the young people's party in the American Legion hall, with Mrs. Marion Millsap, left, one of the leaders at the Legion hall party, taking their guess on the number of grains of corn in the jar.



PAINT UP WINDOWS. This is probably one of the most colorful and unusual features of the Tingley affair—painting up the store windows. Groups and classes spend many hours on this, with result every business window in town is decorated. This window is a prize winner, first in the rural school section, by District No. 2. Looking on are Frankie Eighme and Charles Clarke, two boys of the school who headed up the painting crew. Clara Mae Bird is the teacher. — 1948

The Three Little Pigs

Nancy Riggs,
Dr. and Mrs.
W.E.
Boucher





The Three Little Pigs — 1973
Larry and Monica Jarred
Mary Ann and Sandy Weeda



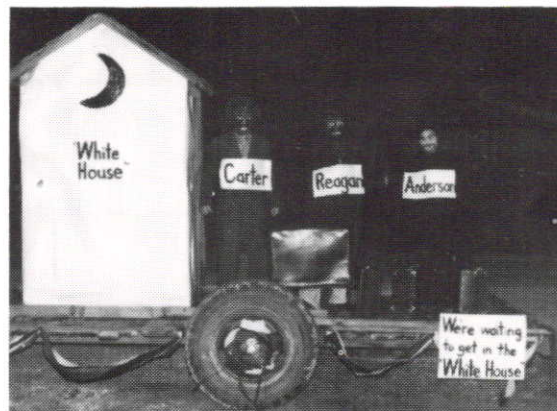
Marilyn Riggs, Clint Riggs,
Colette Riggs, Kelli Mason,
Missy Clymer, and Terry Clymer



Jim and Mary Sue McIntosh
"City Gal Sal and
Country Boy Clem" — 1974



Town Cleaners at Halloween Parade — Evelyn
England, Frances Overholtzer and Lela Reynolds



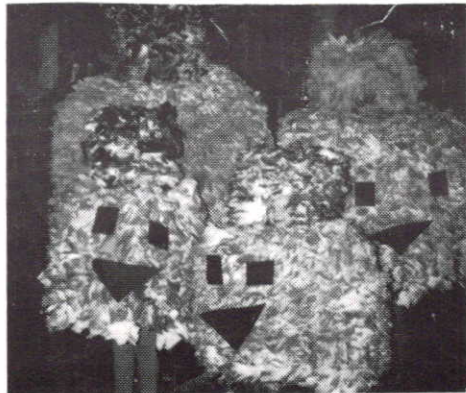
David and Joy McFarland
and Barbara Kiburz — 1980



Ryan, Ashley, Abby and Tracey Jo Breckenridge
1982



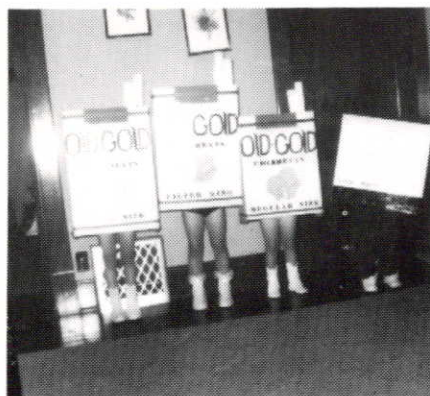
Three Little Ghosts — Bradley Johnson
Brandon Greene, and Annie Johnson



Pumpkin Power —
Carl Riggs,
Clint Riggs,
Colette Riggs
and
Kelli Mason



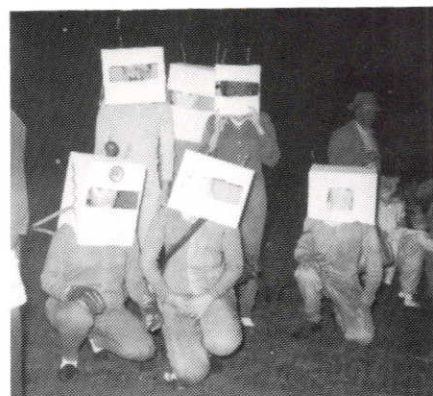
Witch-y Wash-y
David and Joy McFarland 1981



Carla Riggs, Sally Breckenridge,
Cathy Riggs, and Billy Ray
(matches) Breckenridge



Class of '57 as Juniors
Grave Diggers—Mary Sue Pritchard and Sue Richards. Corpse in
Curtain Lined Casket Box—Mary Jane
Minnick. Ghosts—Von Tull,
Donnie Richards, Jim Jobe and Hugh
Ferguson.



Class of '57 as Juniors
Spacemen—Myrna England,
Mary Jane Clark, Pat Hill,
Dean Eighme, Donald Dukes,
Gary Bear.

Clubs Have Always Been An Important Part of the Social Life of Tingley.

SOCIAL CLUBS

(No Longer in Existence)

POSTPONED BRIDES

The P. B.'s, otherwise known as the Postponed Brides, an organization composed of the marriageable ladies in Tingley and vicinity, were organized in 1885. It is not known how long this organization existed, but at least through the 1920's. Their meetings were held at "Old Maids' Paradise", the home of Ina Freeman (present day Joker Hillebran home). They had a class yell (in article which follows). They always gave a tin shower to every member who severed her connections with the organization by marriage. Whenever a picnic was held, the journey was made on hayracks according to the traditions of the P. B.'s, although some of the members transgressed the rules and went by carriage. Following are only a couple of the many items of publicity the organization received in the *Vindicator*.

June 11, 1903 — The annual picnic of the Postponed Brides' association is one of the coming events that is looked forward to with great expectation by the eligible young ladies of this vicinity. Every year one or more of the young men, who seemingly have no regard for the perpetuity of the association, persuades some of its members to desert. If you should ask them the date of the aforesaid picnic, where it is to be held, what measures are to be taken to punish the deserters, etc., they would be apt to answer you with the significant initials given at the close of the report of their first annual conclave, which is N.B.B.O.O.

September 3, 1903 — P.B. Picnic — On Tuesday afternoon, August 25, the P.B.'s held their annual picnic in the woods west of town. It was an ideal day for a picnic, when one longs to hide away from the dust and noise of the city, leave her cares at home with her dignity, and spend the time in roaming through the forest or resting on the grass 'neath the trees.

A few of our faithful members could not be with us, much to our mutual regret.

A very promising class of new members was received by the association with beautiful and impressive ceremonies.

The candidates stood upon a platform which was decorated with wild flowers and vines, the association colors, purple and gold predominating. Eleven members, including one honorary member, stood the test of initiation bravely.

Some of the old members had been guilty during the year of breaking the rules by attending weddings, thereby encouraging deserters. These culprits were brought before the authorities to give an explanation. All gave satisfactory reasons for their conduct and were pardoned. The feast was up to the usual standard, which means it was of the best quality.

Officers were elected from among the tried and true members, and the association starts upon a new year with bright prospects. The young ladies who held the reins during the homeward drive demonstrated the fact that the P.B.'s were competent to row their own boat. Several of the company were shocked and grieved when they chanced to overhear one member sigh by the way, "O, for a feller."

At night-fall all returned home and with laughter, song, and yell sustained their claim:

Never so loyal and jolly a lot

As the Postponed Brides that can't be caught.

April 9, 1908 — The young men of Tingley entertained the young ladies at the opera house last Friday evening in a way that will be hard to excel. The good things they had to eat show what good cooks they are, as well as royal entertainers. The evening is one long to be remembered by all present as a happy time. Those present: Misses Ina Freeman, Margaret Pollock, Nell Archibold, Eva Eckerman, Emma Heyer, Bertha Hogue, Hulda Sprouse, Blanche Border, Fannie Hopkins, Alice Elder, Jessie Spurrier, Chloe Palmer, Louella House, Myrtle McGregor, Florence Fletcher, Clara Tapp, Anna Frane, June Kinsell, Mae Lanham, Bess Heaton, Lenore Peckham, Birdie House, Mabel Henderson, Eva Burleigh, Gladys Snyder, Katherine Risser, Mae Fletcher, Myrtle Stewart, Nellie Whisler, Elizabeth DuBoise, Ollie Ashenhurst, Hattie Whisler, Jessie Richards, Jen-

nie Little, Della Whisler, Elno Hall, Minnie Tapp, Merna Hall, Jennie Culp, Bernice Freeman, Grace McGugan, Velma Heyer, Ethel Hogue, Eva Nelson, Mabel Lukecart, Bessie Baxter; Messrs. John Heyer, Walter Tapp, Homer Ibbotson, A.J. Morris, John Tapp, Perry Buchanan, James Tapp, Frank Parce, Clifford Culp, Cor Border, Will Killin, Leslie McClure, LeRoy Spurrier, Lloyd Smith, Harold Palmer, Harold DeWitt, George Askren, Fred Wolf, Will Butler, James Grout, Bert Ashenhurst, James Templeton, John Blauer, Francis Goff, Ralph Jarvis, Ross Whisler, Robert Hogue, Merrill Asbury, Ernest Bosworth; Messrs and Mesdames Fred Heyer, Guy Border, John McKee.

Ye Festivities At Bachelors' Hall Being a Chronological Record of the

Eventful Gathering of Young Men and Maidens

And it came to pass in the first year of the reign of Margaret, daughter of Pollock, and queen of the tribe of P.B.'s that there was a mighty people, deadly enemies of the P.B.'s, otherwise Postponed Brides, rose up in the land, called P.B.'s, otherwise Procrastinated Bachelors.

And it came to pass in the first month of said year, that the fair tribe gained great favor in the eyes of the hostile tribe by journeying them afar to the land of Tapp.

Now among this tribe were Ernest, of the house of Bosworth, Clifford, son of Culp, Leslie, surnamed McClure, John of the house of Heyer, and many other sons of the land of Tingley.

Now these sons gathered together among themselves and decreed that they would banquet these fair maidens and damsels. And there was much rejoicing among the maidens, because of this decree.

And it came to pass that the day of feasting arrived and the multitude journeyed to the Temple of Revelry or Bachelors' Hall.

And after the multitude were gathered together, there appeared a handwriting upon the wall. And straightway, one of the damsels saith, "Behold, we have some artists of great fame among us; who are they? Bring them forth". And suddenly there appeared in their midst, Lloyd, surnamed Smith, and Harold of the house of Palmer, proclaiming, "We are the artists; we have done these great works."

At one of these works, the maidens gazed and gazed and gazed, when finally one maiden saith "Behold, we see ourselves as others see us."

And suddenly there came into the midst, a band of musicians, of the Asbury tribe, bringing with them many instruments of music with which to make merry.

And straightway a youth proposed that they should indulge in a grand march. And Clifford, son of Culp, approached Florence, daughter of Fletcher, saying, "Whither shall we march?" and she saith, "Follow your nose," and he followed his nose, and the whole tribe followed him.

And it came to pass that many of this multitude were athirst, and they journeyed many times to the habitation of the "Blind Pig" after which they thirsted no more.

And many daughters of the tribe were very popular with the young men and they delighted to walk and talk with them, so there was much strife among the youth.

And straightway William, of the house of Killin, approached the queen of the fair tribe saying, "Most glorious queen, wilt thou walk with me?" And she said, "Verily, man, I am a P.B., get thee gone". And he straightway got himself gone.

As the morning approached, the multitude became an hungered, and therefore in companies of two, they sat themselves down at the banquet board. They feasted until the cock crew. And all rejoiced exceedingly at the excellency of the feast.



POSTPONED BRIDES

Leading Horse: _____ and _____ Little. On Horse: Nellie Archibold and Eva Eckerman. Front Row on Ground: Ina Freeman, _____, Lloyd Smith, Bernice Freeman, Anna Frane, Chloe Palmer. Second Row: _____, Fern Little, Ethyl Hogue, _____, Clara Tapp, Velma Heyer, Myrtle McGregor, Anna Kiburz, Daisy Smith, Merna Hall. Third Row: Eva Burleigh, Jennie Little, Minnie Tapp, Fern Little, Mabel Henderson, June Kinsell, Emma Kiburz, Emma Heyer, Maggie Pollock, Bertha Hogue. Top: Elno Hall, Jessie Richards. Courtesy Minnie Tapp Ibbotson

And they that were fed numbered about four score.
And they took up of the fragments twelve baskets full
of radishes, pickles, veal loaf, salads, coffee, rolls,
pineapple sherbet and cakes.

And the youths and maidens exclaimed at the late-
ness of the hour, and prepared to depart to the homes of
their fathers.

Then the damsels of the nations fell on the youths'
neck, and kissed them, as it were, and made a covenant
among themselves and said, "Verily, if in four more
years, any of us have escaped the holy bonds of wedlock,
we will yield to your appeals to us." And all the youth
trembled.

And all departed saying the works of their hands are
greatly to be praised for their wonderful works to the
children of men.



Postponed Brides
Courtesy Evelyn Smith England



KLATTER KLUB — EARLY 1900's
BACK ROW: (L TO R) Fern Little, Velma Heyer
(m. Haltom), Mae Lanham (Smith), Emma Kiburz
(McClure), Eva Burleigh (Bosworth).
FRONT: Helene Heyer (Smith), Elna Hall (Hicks),
Jessie Richards (Newton), Anna Mighen, Jennie
Little (Fouser). *Courtesy Evelyn England*

N.B.B. Club

The N.B.B. Club (Nine Busy Bees) of Hackberry was
organized in April, 1906, for the purpose of doing nee-
dlework and having a general good time. Special enter-
tainments were held to include the menfolk

(Bumble Bees). In 1908 the Bees were Maude Hathaway,
Gertie Hathaway, Lydia Kendall, Hazel Dewey,
Blanche Fleming, Anna Kendall, Grace Coddington,
Nona Dewey, and Laura Webb. At their 6th anniversary
picnic, "125 Bees, neighbors, and friends came
swarming in with dinner baskets. A merry hum of voi-
ces was heard all afternoon. Toward evening all
returned to their hives."



(N.B.B.'s) Persons in the picture: (order not
known) Mrs. Franke, Hazel Dewey, _____ Brown,
Ed Franke, Harry Wilson, Bicket (?) Kendall,
Dewey Brown, Bryan Lee, Willie Fleming,
Bertha Beattie, Vienna Brown, Hazel Webb,
Anna Webb, Otto Petersohn, Clara Kendall,
Chelsia _____, Maggie Hathaway, Marjorie Peter-
sohn, Wilbur Hathaway, Fred Brown, Will Ken-
dall, Vera Kendall, Harold Temple, _____ Hatha-
way, Allen Aiken, Jim Lee, Lydia Kendall,
Blanche Fleming, Maude Hathaway, Hazel Lee,
Charles Wilson, Effie Hathaway, Rosa Cass,
Ralph _____, Clara Jones, Jess Jones, Boyd
Hunt, Anna Kendall, Laura Webb, Mrs. Lily Lee,
Stella Wilson, Fern Goin, George Franke, Mack
Beattie, Mildred Kein, Gladys Aiken, Frank
Brown, Paul Frost, Clarence Webb.

Courtesy Raola Giles



**? CLUB — Jennie Little, Eva Bosworth, Fern Lit-
tle, Jessie Richards, Minnie Tapp, Hattie
Whisler, Jennie Culp, Ethel Stewart, Ethel Jenks,
Mabel Little. *Courtesy Thelma Grimes***

Kensington Klub — was organized June 25, 1908, at the home of Mrs. H.W. Edwards. Charter members were Mesdames E.A. Stover, Luke Shay, H.W. Edwards, J.E. Ogden, L.R. Free, C. Horton Coye, A.E. Lane, W.E. Burleigh, E.F. Freeman, A.R. Hass, and C.C. Haver. Elaborate parties were held on holidays with husbands included.

Home Culture Club — Early 1900's. March 19, 1908 *Vindicator*: "The most elaborate society event of the spring season was the entertainment provided by the ladies of the Home Culture Club at the elegant home of Mr. and Mrs. Luke Shay in northeast Tingley. The ladies of the Home Culture Club have an enviable reputation for providing delightful entertainment." The club met every two weeks from October-May. Each program was intellectual—on musicians, authors, Indian life, art, Shakespeare, study of the original 13 colonies, etc. Elaborate Thanksgiving and Valentine's parties were held.

MB Club — My Birthday or Mutual Benefit was organized January 25, 1912, by Mrs. A.T. Hancock and Mrs. H. Breckenridge. Those present were Mesdames C.C. Bosworth, H.R. Boyd, A.S. Richards, F.C. Hogue, T.P. Asbury, E.J. Engle, and H.E. Tuttle. The group did handwork, and in later years visited or played games. This group was active until about a year ago when it was discontinued because so few members were left.

Idyl Wyld — A club for single women organized about 1920 when they met at Grace Richards' and tied a quilt for her. They worked for each hostess if she had some kind of handwork for them to do (no housecleaning) and gave showers for girls who were getting married. Some other charter members were Margaret and Marietta Eighme, Amy Morrison, Ruth Carter, Valere Fierce, Fay Stanley, and Marie Eckerman.

Vel Melchers — A Bingo club. The name was derived from the first letter of each member's name. "V" was Velma Simpson. The club no longer meets.



VEL MELCHER CLUB — Bertha Hogue, Nellie (McCowen) Slack, Bess Breckenridge, Mrs. Saltzman, Lizzie Overholtzer, Faye Stanley, Mrs. W.L. Henderson, Edith Hanson, Rebecca Steinkamp, Macella Morrison, —, Barbara Heizer, BACK: John Hanson, W.L. Henderson, Morris Heizer, Cy Johnston, Emery Saltzman.

Courtesy Thelma Grimes

Friendly Few — A club of farm women living in the neighborhood northeast of Tingley. It was a busy club that would piece quilt blocks or tie a quilt. Also talented, as they presented little plays at monthly school meeting. Dues were 10¢.

Jolly Neighbors — A "gab" and quilt club started in 1935. Members were: Nona, Nova, Fern, Marlene, Raola, and Dorothy Giles, Grace Coffman, Laura Webb, Ruth England, Ruby Swigart, Velma Briner, Ivah Coffman, Helen Weeda, Vera Eighme, Sadie Dunlap, Gertie Marler, Alberta Reynolds, Doris Vanderpluym, Doris England, Clara Mae Bird, Hazel Vanderpluym, Venita Hill, Mary Kinne, Josie Skarda, Inez Hudson, and Irene Peppmier.

Social Clubs (Still in Existence)

Old Settlers Picnic

Taken from the secretary's record 1932 - 1980

On September 25, 1932, thirty old neighbors met at the Albert Vanderpluym grove north of Tingley to have a basket dinner and picnic. The first program committee was Nona Giles, Laura Webb and Clara Jones. They organized at this meeting and decided to meet on the second Sunday of August every year.

This group had special readings, music, and always honored the oldest person there with flowers. They also honored those who traveled the farthest to attend.

The attendance at these gatherings increased from 30 in the beginning to 280 in 1934 when they held their picnic in the Tingley park because of the shortage of water and shade at the Vanderpluym Grove.

The largest attendance ever occurred at the fifth Old Settlers Reunion when 450 people representing 24 towns met in the Arispe park. This gathering included a number of pioneers who came to this part of the country in covered wagons when everything was prairie. Mary Hathaway, aged 87, was the eldest person present.

In 1940 400 people attended this yearly reunion at the Arispe park, and they decided to hold their meetings every year at Arispe on the second Sunday of September.

Except for the two years this reunion was rained out, they have faithfully held their meetings. Although their attendance has decreased, the remaining members still gather yearly. At the 49th reunion, Mrs. Lillian House and Mr. and Mrs. Rex Keller were present, and they had also attended the first picnic in 1932.

As long as any of the children and grandchildren attend, the Old Settlers picnic will be held as it has for the last 50 years.

DID YOU KNOW?

To settle a difference of opinion as to walking from Tingley to Mt. Ayr in 2 hours, Floyd Woolums proved Tuesday, February 14, 1939, it can be done. He walked from the Hicks Store to the Mt. Ayr schoolhouse in 1 hour and 45 minutes.

PASTIME CLUB

It is not known how long the Pastime Club has been in existence. The November 28, 1912 *Vindicator* states the club met at Dell Hawks and played Progressive 42 — so at least 71 years.



PASTIME CLUB in the early 1940's

Seated On Ground: (L TO R) Ava Overholtzer, Jean Henderson, Lena Johnston, Mary Virginia Johnston, Jimmy McIntosh, Bess Breckenridge, Alice Boyd, Edith McIntosh. Standing: ?, Minnie Ibbotson, Ellen Overholtzer, Emma McClure, Grace Grout, Lena Richards, Leola Bastow, Eva Bosworth, Vey Hogue, Velma Haltom, Ethel Alexander, Clara Jones, Macelle Morrison, Edith Johnston, Lola Breckenridge, Anna Blackmore.



PASTIME CLUB taken in 1962

FRONT ROW: (L to R) Lena Bischoff, Marguerite Greene, Bess Breckenridge, Alice Boyd, Minnie Ibbotson. **MIDDLE ROW:** Macelle Morrison, Vey Hogue, Grace Grout, Ava Overholtzer, Clara Jones, Ethel Alexander, Velma Haltom. **BACK ROW:** Lola Breckenridge, Lena Richards, Mrs. Edwards, Mrs. Heizer, Ola Verploegh.

Courtesy Clair Heyer Photo

DO YOU REMEMBER WHEN —

In 1926, a \$1 would open a savings account at the Tingley State Savings Bank and obtain a Liberty Bell Bank.

DID YOU KNOW?

John Blauer won 2nd at the State Fair in checkers for three years in a row.



PASTIME CLUB — 1982

FRONT ROW: (L to R) Mildred Stream, Ella Fox, Veda Davenport, Ava Overholtzer. **BACK ROW:** Margaret Eighme, Ruth England, Jean Henderson, Frankie Eighme, Josephine Eighme, Marietta Eighme.

BY Club

The BY Club (Best Yet) was organized in 1915, members living in the neighborhood northwest of Tingley. Couples who were charter members were John and May Dunlap, Jim and Mattie Mickle, Clayton and Edna Anderson, Bob and Hattie Milligan, Wm. and Minnie Nulph, John and Sue Stevenson, Wm. and Florence Nichols, Vern and Hazel Nichols, Arthur and Clema Nichols, Frank and Mabel O'Leary and Roland and Chloe Dunlap. The group played cards and had sing-alongs.



BY Club — 1982

BACK ROW: (L to R) Twilla Lininger, Clarejean Haury, Ethel Campbell, Edna McCahon, Lela Reynolds, Tami England, Lois England. **MIDDLE:** Edna Werner, Hazel Nichols, Clema Nichols, Mildred Stream. **FRONT:** Catherine Petersohn, Terry Lininger, Louise Johnson, Lola Hailey.



UNITY CLUB — 1975

Right Side (Front to Back) Lela Reynolds, Thelma Weeda, Julia Henderson, Delta Nichols, and Donna Bear. Middle (Front to Back) Hazel Nichols, Arvilla Bedier, Alma Sheldon, Evelyn England. Left Side (Front to Back) Lois Allen, Alma Tindle, Fern Pyle, Leona Minnick, and Veda Davenport.



UNITY CLUB — 1982

BACK ROW: (L to R) Cleo Clough, Clara Mae Bird, Fern Pyle, Evelyn England, Veda Davenport, Florence Coppock. FRONT ROW: Hazel Nichols, Florence Shields, Arvilla Bedier, Mildred Stream, Lela Reynolds

"T" CLUB

The "T" Club had its first meeting at Birdie Hogue's in the 1930's. Charter members were Vienna Richards, Mary Ellen Ferguson, Grace Simpson O'Connell, Bernice Swift, Evelyn England, Kathryn Richards, May White, Evelyn Beamer, and Clara Grout. "T" was chosen for a name for — "T"ingley, "T"uesday—the day chosen on which to meet, and "t"welve members.



"T" CLUB — 1982

FRONT ROW: (L to R) Vienna Richards, Velma Hill, Marjorie Ibbotson, Twilla Lininger, Alice Allen. BACK ROW: Minnie Breckenridge, Ann Ford, Louise Johnson, Catherine Petersohn, Marjorie Werner, Frances Anna Weeda.



BIRTHDAY CLUB — 1982

BACK ROW: Ann Ford, Louise Johnson, Phyllis Dukes, Marjorie Werner, Janet Hickman. FRONT ROW: Lola Hailey, Marguerite Minnick, Twilla Lininger, Joyce England, Kathryn Richards.

PIONEER Q CLUB

In 1970 a few retired pool-minded citizens decided to look for a pool table. After several trips to various towns, Lloyd Reynolds found a good slate top Brunswick table in Ankeny, Iowa.

The following Charter members pitched in and we bought it. Lloyd Reynolds, John Buck, Lloyd Nealis, Wayne Overholtzer, Cyril Green, C.E. Sutherland, Harry Skarda, Art Pritchard, Carl and Craig Riggs.

It was set up in the Cecil Allen building where he kept Pioneer seed corn, so we named our club the Pioneer Q Club. Cecil let us have it rent free if we would help repair the roof.

We bought the present building in 1975 and incorporated. We charge a nominal fee to take care of fuel and repair. Visitors are always welcome.



This picture was taken in 1977 and three of these were past 85 years of age and were hard to beat. James Werner (deceased) Carl Ford, Roy Hainey and Charles Courtney.



This group was taken in 1982. Lloyd England, Darrell Werner, Wayne Overholtzer, Loren Ibbotson, Charles Courtney, Harris Hill, John Skarda, and Francis Petersohn.

The Roaring Twenties *by Evelyn Smith England*

Why were they called the "Roaring Twenties"? I'm not sure, but there were sounds in Tingley in the 20's that are no more, and I grow nostalgic thinking about them—the three church bells ringing at the same time on Sunday mornings, the school bell warning children they might be late, children playing in the schoolyard at recesses and noon....the drayman's horses and wagon going to the depot to pick up freight, the train pulling into the station, the conductor's "All Aboard" when ready to leave....the whirr of a hand-pushed mower mowing the lawn, the clink clank of a blacksmith shoeing a horse....the band tuning up before their concert on Wednesday night with people visiting and children laughing and playing on the streets, choirs practicing with church windows open on summer nights....Then there were fads in wearing apparel, especially among teen-agers—navy blue taffeta dresses with lace collars,

accordion pleated skirts, black 4-buckle overshoes worn unbuckled (try walking in those, so buckles on the right overshoe don't become entangled with those on the left), lisle hose rolled below the knee and *silk* ones for special, above-the-knee hemlines (which few in Tingley wore), long strings of beads....Pads called "rats" were used, along with ratting the hair, for bouffant hairdos; then with hesitant permission from mothers, more and more had their hair bobbed—and later on, the back shingled. For special occasions, some girls got a Marcel Wave—electric curling irons in place of those heated in lamp chimneys. Boys mostly wore their hair pompadour with lots of oily Pomade Brilliantine to hold it in place....Model A Fords with electric starters took the place of Model T's; (One had to be almost professional to crank a T—gas lever and spark set just right, pull the wire choke with left hand and turn the crank with right hand—hoping it wouldn't kick and injure your arm or maybe break it.) And a guy cut quite a swath if he had a roadster, and, more so, if it had a rumble seat. Basic black was the color of all cars....For entertainment, there were school parties in the schoolhouse where the nearest to dancing allowed was the Grand March: boys in a half-circle around the seats in the Assembly Room (Study Hall), girls in another half-circle headed toward boys. Music starts—first boy and girl clasp each other (not too closely), do a little whirl together, then each moves on to the next girl and boy; So on, until they meet again and do something different, all in time to the music. Rook was usually played at class parties. There were silent movies with stars such as Bebe Daniels, Joan Crawford, Clara Bow, Rudolph Valentino, Al Jolson, and Van Johnson. Words were flashed on the screen for you to read, and often someone persisted in reading aloud and consequently was "shooed". We swooned over Rudy



**Railroad Trestle Across Old Primary 15
by Bridge Academy School
Ernest Weeda and Aleeta Clough
Model T Ford — About 1925
(looking north)
*Courtesy Ernest Weeda***

Vallee. We looked forward to Hatcher Players tent shows, and band concerts every week in the summertime. Boys and girls strolled under the big elm trees on Main Street. Then it was that a lot of ice cream was used in 5 cent cones. Daytime baseball games were well attended....Some of the popular songs we sung nearly drove grown-ups and music lovers out of their minds: "Barney Google", "It Ain't Gonna Rain No More", "Yes, We Have No Bananas", "Show Me The Way To Go Home". "I Wonder What Became of Sally", "Bye Bye Blackbird" and "Ain't She Sweet" were more to their liking. The first radios had earphones, usually allowing only one person to listen at a time....There wasn't much to do during a rainy season or a spring thaw. The mud on Main Street got axle deep. No way could a car get thru' it, but usually, some "fool kid" tried! But, at least, there was something going on in town and usually a farmer with team and wagon to pull him out. And we could always hike down the railroad track to Bridge Academy School for an outing. Sound boring? I don't remember it that way.



**Railroad Trestle Over Old Primary 15
by Bridge Academy School
Marvin Hall, Aleeta Clough,
Dean Heyer, Bernice Tidrick, and
Evelyn Smith — 1923
Courtesy Clair Heyer Photo**

The 1930's

by Marjorie Hillebran Werner and Twilla Hall Lininger
Let's give a cheer for those "Terrible 30's",
When we were stalwart lads and carefree girlies
Times were rough but we didn't care,
We were all in the same boat and glad to be there.
If you didn't have a job, you worked on the P.W.A.,
Some of those endeavors are around today.
Butcher Boy blouses, saddle shoes and fancy pumps—
Midcalf skirts that didn't permit you to jump.
Mr. Been's wind-blown cut or page boy hairdo;
Neat styles for boys always in view.
Basketball was a sport that required lots of steam;
One game was won by a basket for the wrong team!
Croquet was played by both young and old,

You could hear the men exclaim in weather hot or cold.
Kittenball games in Depression years offered lots of fun;
Competition was keen and the cost next to none.
Concerts were played in the old band stand that stood in
the center of the square;
Colonel Bischoff was our leader and kept us on our toes
while there.
Cars raced around the band stand without much care,
Putting streaks of silver in the musician's hair.
Roller skating on Tingley's sidewalks was a feat of
renown skill;
Bumps and cracks offered a challenge for night skaters
with a will.
Sleigh rides and tobogganing, with the help of Roy
McDowell's dray,
Landed many youngsters in the snowbanks on a cold
winter's day.
Fire escape climbing, with a swift ride down,
Often ended with your bottom hitting the ground.
Halloween pranks were a big dare:
Livestock and machinery on Main Street everywhere.
Tipping over outhouses was a great prank,
Till one fell in, and—Boy! How he stank!
The pull-up ladder to the gymnasium balcony some-
times proved to be quite a threat;
If during the game Mother Nature made a call, you
yelled for help or waited or called for a net.
All school activities weren't sports—there were lots of
declams;
Boys Five Mile Conference basketball jams;
Boys and Girls Glee Clubs—some operettas—
Initiation parties, as well as, regattas.
The old schoolhouse is no more, but fond memories lin-
ger on;
Do you remember Jo Eighme's beautiful picture drawn
on the blackboard depicting the theme of the Junior
Senior prom?
Kids went to Hick's store to buy a sack of candy for just
one cent;
Larry loved each child and enjoyed the smiles as they
came and went.
Clark Gable and Vivian Leigh in "Gone With The
Wind" was truly a great show;
"A Tisket, A Tasket, A Little Yellow Basket" was a song
that was hard to know.
Jitter Bugging was all the craze—We nearly brought
down the walls
When Ted and Frances had the cafe—We even had lots
of falls.
We often pooled money to buy gasoline—
To go see a show and thought it was keen.
George Ferguson hauled us to Winterset in the back of
his truck,
So we could go swimming—no one drowned—What
luck!
Religion was important to everyone around;
Men's groups, prayer meetings, Sunday night services,
Youth Groups were held weekly in this little town.
Franklin D. Roosevelt was at the helm of our great land.
It was during this time that our young men were forced
to take a stand.
In Germany, Hitler started a war and got too big for his
britches;
A lot of our boys took after him with lots more than

switches.
Salaries were cheap—you were glad to have a job;
A dollar was worth a dollar, and we still tilled the sod.
Winters were cold and summers were hot;
Chinch bugs and grasshoppers came if we liked it or not.
But we made it through, with lots of 'Faith in God',
Those of us who didn't lie beneath the sod.

THE SUMMER OF 1934

by Edith McIntosh

Anyone who lived through the summer of 1934 can never forget it. July came in hot and very dry but everyone was hopeful it would rain and cool off and that the crops would be saved. The 4th of July ended these hopes! Tingley had a celebration with shows and food stands on Main Street. It was extremely hot, and by afternoon a hot wind was blowing dirt up the street, ruining the celebration, closing the food stands, and burning up the remains of the crops.

As the drought and heat continued, pastures burned up and farmers were forced to sell their stock for very low prices. Some farmers cut small trees and brush for their cattle to eat the leaves in order to try and tide them through.

Grasshoppers came in hordes and stripped any remaining leaves from the weeds in fence corners and ate all the leaves from fruit trees, leaving them as bare as in mid-winter.

The heat continued and nights were almost as hot as the days, as the earth was so baked and hot. Many people slept outdoors. There was no air-conditioning; some hung wet sheets over the doors for relief from the hot, dry wind.

Since there were no crops and very little stock to tend, the farmers joined together with the Tingley residents and played softball, which was then called "kitten ball". Soon these ball games became so popular that lights were installed in the vacant lots west of Harley Been's barbershop. A few plank bleachers were set up and the whole community made these kitten ball games their main recreation. Practically every night found a crowd at the ball ground, and the games often went on until after midnight. It was too hot to sleep anyway. A collection was taken up every night to pay for the lights. It should be noted that the collections were made up of pennies, nickels, and occasionally a dime. These ball games and the interest generated in the competition amongst the different teams helped the whole community get through a very difficult and soul-testing summer.



Clair Heyer Photo

That fall some farmers bought baled straw and corn fodder from the northern part of the state which was not

as dry and hard hit as the southern part, especially the part of Iowa south of Highway 34. Some hay was also shipped in from the South and was very expensive. Poor bean hay brought \$20 per ton. The farmers had a very difficult time paying for enough of this expensive shipped-in feed to feed a minimum of breeding stock, and some had to sell or practically give their remaining herds away because they could not afford to buy any more feed.

The summer of 1934 was a difficult time, but a community spirit, cooperation, and "kitten ball" helped the people of Tingley and community get through it.

How I Remember The Winter and Summer of 1936

by Wayne A. Overholtzer

Well, it was in January 1936 that Iowans saw the first winter snow, wind, and bitter cold that made that winter the worst in Iowa history. And if that wasn't bad enough it was followed with the hottest summer ever. We had been in a drought almost since the beginning of the 30's. Climatically it was a stressful time. The bitter cold began January 18 and continued through February 22. The average temperature was -3 degrees for the month. It was the cold's persistence that made 1936 unforgettable.

Roads and railroads were blocked for weeks causing food, milk, and fuel shortages in cities, towns, and rural areas. Corn was about twenty cents a bushel and was burned for fuel.

I was carrying mail eight hours a day on horseback, and for ten straight days the temperature never got above -10 degrees. I would ride a mile and walk a mile. Snowfall in January was twenty inches and in February was sixteen inches. There was no use to open roads as it would drift back overnight. The snow was so hard you could ride a horse over the ditches and fences.

One day as I was completing my route on horseback, I heard the train coming with the snowplow from the east. As I watched, the engineer backed up the train and made a second run at a large drift which caused the train to jump the track. I am sure I was the only witness to that. This might have been in 1940.

Then came the summer with days of 110 degrees. Along with the drought, the farmers of Iowa had an average corn crop of twenty bushels per acre.

I hear of the low temperatures broken in 1883, and I remember the winter of 1912 when records were broken and roads were closed most of the winter. But I was only eight years old, so no doubt I was hugging the Old Base Burner wood stove or kitchen wood range.



**Road dug out by hand. — 1936
Team belonging to the Eckermans.**

Glenn McKee Escapes Flood Waters in a Tree — 1974

It was any port in a storm for 70 yr. old Glenn McKee of Tingley Saturday night. And that port turned out to be a small tree along Hackberry Creek, where McKee spent four hours battling against flood waters waiting for rescuers.

It all started when McKee left Mt. Ayr for his home three miles north of Tingley about 9 p.m. Saturday night. The heavy rains were at their heights and the creeks were rushing.

By the time McKee reached Hackberry Creek, the water was over the road. The swift current carried his car into the ditch, where McKee rolled down a window and crawled out, hoping to stay on top of the car but the swift waters swept him away. He was able to cling to a small tree, though.

It was three hours later that Mr. and Mrs. Dave Hill, neighbors of McKee, were returning home from their square dance club and spotted the car. Recognizing his car, they backtracked to check at his home. When they did not find him, they called the Tingley fire department.

Firemen sped to the scene, but because of strong currents, didn't start rescue operations at once. When the water had receded a bit, Chas. Jackson and Jim McIntosh waded to McKee's tree to take him back to safety, apparently unharmed after the ordeal.

The report is that Glenn was more upset over losing his good cap than anything else.

Tingley's Weather Man, was H.J. Steinkamp in the early 1900's. In later years Jim Verploegh was the weather observer for years.



Buck McGregor and Marvin Hall with Big Flathead caught in Grand River. About 1930's.
Courtesy Evelyn England

DO YOU REMEMBER WHEN —

November 7, 1946 — "Blimp" Cruises Over — On Monday morning of this week, a "blimp" cruised over the community just south of Tingley, which attracted much attention. It was traveling from west to east very slowly, and was low enough for those who saw it to read the Goodyear advertising printed on the sides of it.



Cider making time October 1982

We made 20 gallon of pure apple cider at Wayne Overholtzer's out of Quentin Abarr's Jonadel apples. Those in picture are Quentin Abarr, Wayne Overholtzer at Mill. Those cutting and de-worming are Frances Overholtzer, and Mr. and Mrs. Barton Abarr.



Wayne A. Overholtzer with same tools used in 20's to cut 60 tons of ice to fill this same ice house. Top layer of ice was pulled by horse thru small door at top. Each layer was packed with chipped ice. A six inch layer of saw dust was packed around and on top.



Do You Remember The Popcorn Stand?
1945 — Noel Seney, Lois Breckenridge,
Don Bosworth.

Agriculture

Before the town of Tingley was here, this area was prairie covered with bluestem and other native grasses. Pioneer settlers described the endless sea of native bluestem grass as standing higher than a horse's back. Fires would burn the prairie frequently and control the brush. Much of the bottom land consisted of timber, which in time was cleared by the pioneers. A firebreak would be plowed around the cabins and buildings to protect them from the prairie fires.

By 1849 land was surveyed. The section corners were marked with stones, posts, pits or mounds. In 1855 Ringgold County had approximately 100 new families.

In the beginning most Ringgold County farmers planted sod corn as their first crop. Corn and oats soon became a staple feed for cattle, hogs, sheep and horses. Blue Grass was brought to Ringgold County in the early years and now is considered native. It was the basis for stock farming. When properly cut and cured, it made excellent hay. It grew naturally and luxuriantly.

In 1870 there were 24,651 acres under cultivation, harvesting 24,482 bushel of wheat, 426,840 bushel of corn, and 51,401 bushel of oats. During the Civil War, sheep raising was important because of the wool products. In spite of the wolves, and due to the war demands, the sheep herds increased until there were 16,577 sheep in the township. In 1858 a law was passed to provide for a bounty for wolves. Charles K. Grimes was one of the early sheep raisers. There were 9,362 hogs and 5,961 cattle. In 1870 the herd law was passed, so the number of sheep and hogs dwindled; the open range was no longer allowed, and the farmers couldn't afford the expense of fencing. Farmers began to breed horses that later made the county well-known in the Eastern markets. There were 2,659 horses in the county, 116 oxen, and 204 mules. In 1870 farmers were fighting grasshoppers. In 1876 and 1877 farmers had a bad time with hog cholera. In the 1880's interest in dairying increased.

When railroads were extended through Ringgold County, stock raising became still more profitable. Long hauls by wagon or long drives to market at Fairfield, Ottumwa, and St. Joseph were no longer necessary.

One of the most successful enterprises in Tingley Township was that of John Blauer, who lived south of Tingley. He came to Ringgold County in 1881 and established the Evergreen Dairy Farm. In 1883 he netted \$450 on the sale of butter from 12 cows alone. When farmers found out about this income, several increased their dairy herds. Angus cattle were first brought to Ringgold County in 1890 by T.A. Stevenson in Jefferson Township, a half mile from Tingley Township.

LIVERY, FEED AND SALE STABLE



West Side of Jefferson St., Near Depot

E. N. DeWitt, Prop.

All parties wishing Livery work done will do well to call and get prices. Horses bought and sold on Commission. Special attention given to Feed. The patronage of the public solicited.

TINGLEY, - - - IOWA.

**Picture of the E.M. DeWitt Adv.
taken from 1904 Vindicator.**

In 1876 E.N. DeWitt was a successful breeder of fine matched teams of horses. He and his brothers ran the livery stable in Tingley. Some of their fine stallions took top prizes in county fairs and the Illinois State Fair. The DeWitts frequently paid as high as \$2,500 for breeding stock. D.D. McGregor of Tingley had the reputation of raising the best horses in the county. He bred draft horses and had specimens in his stable that weighed from 1800 to 2300 pounds each. One team of dapple grays was reported as ideal for a city fire department. About this time the Tingley Percheron Horse Association was organized and the Tingley Shire Horse Company. Another was the Liberty Township Horse Com-



These possibly could be D.D. McGregor's horses.(?)

Courtesy Clair Heyer Collection

pany organized by Norm Rogers, S.F. Lowder, D.C. Tidrick and F.M. Eighme. The Tingley Colt Show was established in the 1890's and was popular until 1899. In 1900 Tingley sponsored the first Tournament and Street Fair. In 1906 a foal and colt show was added and stallion owners paid a premium for the best colts. One of the annual features was the riding exhibition put on by the Tingley Riding Club.

One of the many problems farmers had were the bad roads. When heavy snows came in the winter, many roads would be drifted full from the fence post on one side of the road to the fence post on the other side. Quite often a farmer would have to travel across fields, finding his way between the snowdrifts, sometimes even over the top of the fences. When spring rains came, the ruts would be so deep the mud would oft' times be up to the hubs on the wagons.

A bill was passed which gave farmers credit on their tax bill for dragging their roads in the neighborhood. Not more than 10 draggings at 50¢ per mile, or \$5.00, could be credited to any one farm. When gravel roads came by the farms, they were much help to marketing problems.

The 1930's drought brought erosion of once fertile soil. Much of the topsoil had been eroded and worn away through the years of heavy cropping and overgrazing. Through aid from the government agencies, steps were taken to put out more trees, and in 1941 came the Agriculture Adjustment Act, with many farmers enrolling in the conservation programs. The year of 1933 was the year with the least amount of rain, and when the spring of 1934 passed with no rain, the farmers feared for their planted crops. Into May, June, and July there was still no rain. The days were hot and clear, with temperatures ranging from 105 to 111 degrees. The crops and gardens were burned up by July 1st. When it finally rained on August 30th, it came too late to save the crops, though it did fill the wells, ponds, and creeks. The pastures grew up to weeds, as the clovers and grasses had been killed. Many farmers had to sell their hogs and cattle because there was no feed. Some gave hogs away, or destroyed them. Had there been no corn-hog loans, many farmers would have had to go on relief. Many farmers had a hard time finding hay and fodder for their livestock in the winter. They increased the production of spring wheat and purchased a better variety of seed corn.

In 1900 Tingley had a population of 488 people, and in 1950 there were 333. The number of farms decreased from 1,938 in 1930 to 1,533 in 1960. The size of the farms went from 169 acres in 1930 to 223 in 1955. 47% of the county land was used for pasture; 7% for roads, lots, etc.; 12% for small grain; 10% hay; 6% soybeans; and 18% corn. In 1930 less than 10 million pounds of pork and beef were produced. In 1956 there were 14,300 pounds of beef produced and 11,285 pounds of pork. Average farm value in 1979 for the county was \$955; in 1980 it was \$1,001. Estimated cost for producing a bushel of corn in 1981 was \$2.89 per bushel, and in 1977 it was \$2.21. Hog prices averaged \$38 per hundredweight, down from \$41.60 per hundredweight in 1979. Prices ranged from a low of \$28.10 for a marketing year to a high of \$47.50. Steer and heifer prices averaged \$67.20 per hundredweight in 1980, down from \$68.00 in 1979. The average price ranged from a low of \$64.20 in December to a high

of \$70.60 in August. In 1981 Ringgold County had under 2,500 sheep marketed. In 1980 under 20,000 chickens were used as layers, and there were over 35,000 beef cows and over 100,000 hogs. In 1980 there were 13,300 acres of corn planted, with an average yield of 127 bushel per acre in 1979. There were 8,270 acres of beans planted, with an average yield of 39 bushels per acre. In 1980 8.7% of the farmers picked corn with a mechanical picker, while 84% of the farmers used the cornhead on a combine. In 1980 there were 179,840 acres of cropland harvested.

MEMORIES OF —

The itchy chaff on the hot, perspiring skin, blown out from the threshing machine.

Shocking oats into neat little pyramids, ready for the men to load on the hayracks to haul to the threshing machines.

Each member of the threshing crew assigned his specific job, such as, stacking the straw blown from the huge mouth of the machine, picking up the oat bundles, taking care of the mechanics of the threshing machine, and the youngsters being responsible for getting the water to the crew.

Setting up the places for the crew to "wash up" for dinner, and preparing the huge amount of food.

The horses straining against the walking plow, turning up the sweet-smelling, fresh, damp soil; and that favorite farm dog trudging up and down the field looking for an occasional rabbit.

Filling the icehouse in the winter with huge chunks of ice, and covering it with sawdust to keep it for summer use.

The sound of ears of corn being thrown into a wagon and anxiously waiting for the wagon to get full, and the rustle of the dry cornstalks as the horses pull the wagon ahead; and then the chore of unloading the wagonload of corn into the corncrib.

The sweet smell of new-mown hay, as the mower being pulled by the horses makes a swath into the tall strands of hay, and watching for the baby rabbits being chased from their nests, or a mother bird hovering over her nest.

Always the morning and evening chores after the days in the field — getting the cows in from the pasture for milking, feeding the hogs and chickens, gathering the eggs, pumping the water from the well.

Sitting on the milk stool trying to get the bucket full of milk, while the cats stand by anxiously waiting on their meal—at the same time dodging the swish of the cow's tail as she tries to get rid of the flies on her back.

Taking the week's supply of cream and eggs to town on Saturday night, hoping to get enough money to buy the groceries and needs for the coming week—at the same time, taking a little time to visit with friends and neighbors.

Getting a neighbor to help butcher a beef or pork, then having the smell of fresh rendered lard in the house for several days, and having to take care of the rest of the

meat by either canning or smoking it.

Being assigned the job of leading the "hay horse" that was hooked to the hayrope to pull the fork full of hay up the side of the barn and on into the barn.

All of the neighbors gathering to do whatever they can to help an injured or sick neighbor.

Working furiously to dig a trench to put oil along the fields to keep the hordes of chinch bugs away that were moving in to destroy the crops.

Watching the crops and gardens being destroyed by a sudden, devastating hail and windstorm.

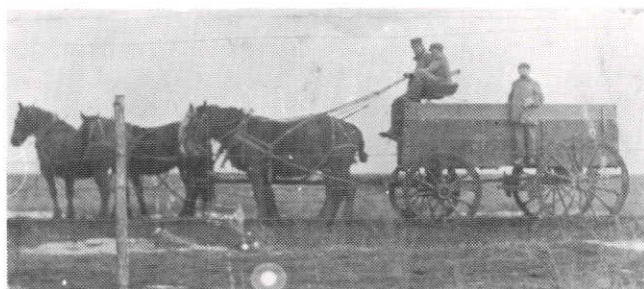
Of having to make a trip to town after supplies in the winter, being wrapped in lap robes, quilts, and blankets with a rock or iron tucked in that had been warmed by the fire; listening to the squeak and crunch of the hooves of the horses and wagon wheels on the hard crusted snow. In the spring and summer, the horses had to strain to keep their footings to pull the wagons through the mud and water—sometimes the tracks getting really deep.

Following the path to the outdoor "bathroom," and finding the dry spot to sit down after the night-before snow or rain that had blown in.



**A diminishing landmark
are the barns and cornercribs.**

Courtesy Eloise Brown



**Fred, Joe, and Lawrence (Shorty) Brown
hauling hogs to market in wagon.**

Courtesy Joe Brown



**Putting hay in mow at John Coie Farm.
John Coie, Albert Allen, and Coie boys.**

Courtesy Dorothy Sloss Welbon



**Loading Hay at John Coie Farm.
Probably Early 1900's**

Courtesy Dorothy Sloss Welbon



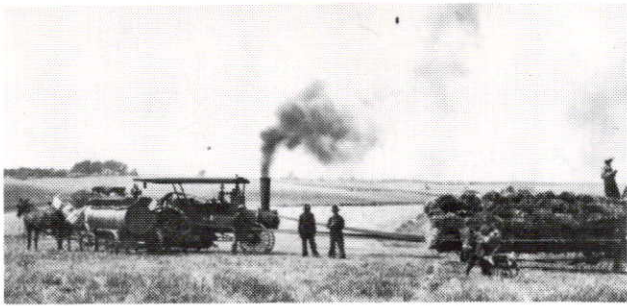
**Fred Clough and His Team
About 1910-15**

Courtesy Verne Cooper Winfrey



**Three Teams Side by Side
Cultivating Corn on John Coie Farm.**

Courtesy Dorothy Sloss Welbon



Threshing

Two little girls in foreground with their dolls and carriage have a "front-row seat" to watch the threshing. Water Wagon is at left. Joe Brown is on rack. 1910-1915

Courtesy of Joe Brown



One of the old-time daily labors.
Joseph Reffner, Joe Brown's Grandfather.

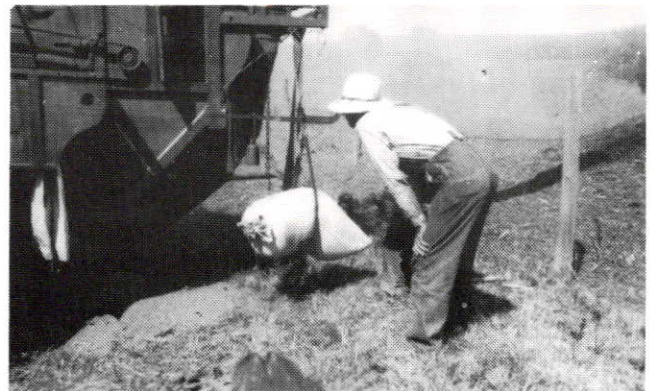
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Stacking Oat Bundles

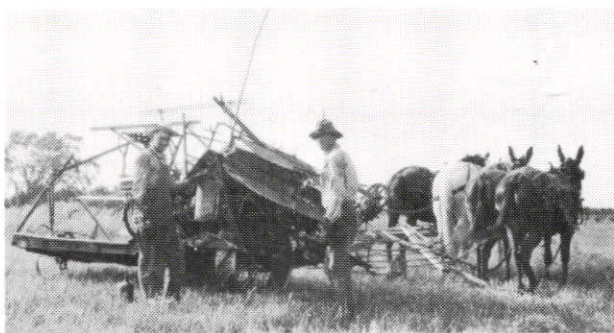
Fred Brown on Stack; Shorty and Joe on Rack.

Courtesy of Joe Brown



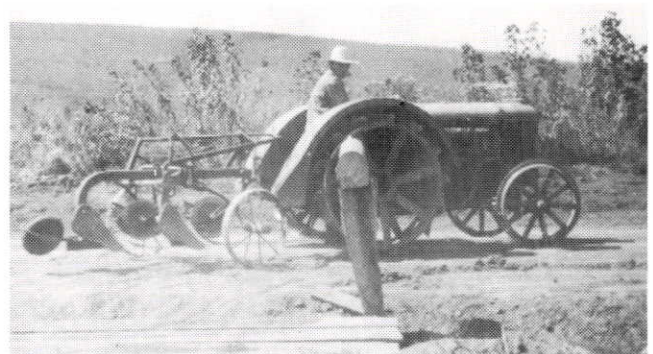
Joe Brown weighing clover
on Luper's clover huller.

Courtesy of Joe Brown



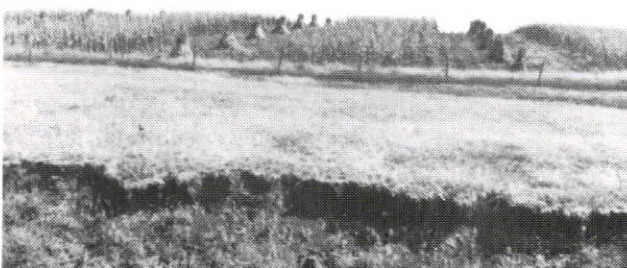
Joe Brown and Horse-Drawn Corn Binder —
About 1930.

Courtesy of Joe Brown



Joe Brown going to the field to plow.

Courtesy of Joe Brown



Corn Shocks — Taken October, 1954, and printed
in Wallace's Farmer. Farmed by Joe Brown.

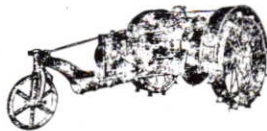
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Joe and Lawrence (Shorty) Brown
with the Horse-Drawn Grain Binder.

Courtesy of Joe Brown

A TRACTOR PLOWING DEMONSTRATION



PRICE \$1075

The LaCrosse "Happy Farmer" Tractor

will give a Plowing Demonstration at the farm of Elmer Goldner 3½ miles east and ½ of a mile north of Tingley, Iowa,

TUESDAY, SEP. 10, '18,

and you are invited to see this tractor demonstrated.

The LaCrosse Tractor Co. will have charge and will demonstrate a Model F 12-24 "Happy Farmer" Tractor equipped with the most perfect kerosene burning motor ever built, pulling a 3-bottom plow. See the real honest-to-goodness Tractor. We will show you how it works.

Nelson, Nelson & Fraser

TINGLEY, IOWA.

September 5, 1918 Vindicator Ad
Notice: This was the first time the tractor was ever advertised.



No, we don't have any street fair parades of our own anymore, but we do have two fellows in the community who are "just looking for a parade to happen" — Carl Riggs with his antique cars and Roger Morrison with his team of mules and stage-coach.

1914 - 1917
Street Scene
Heading West on
Main Street
Aerdome is
first structure
to the right.



May 28, 1914 — Building An Aerdome — O.W. Roush started the workmen on the construction of his Aerdome moving picture building Tuesday. It is 29x70 feet with a 15 foot front. The floor is earth, raised at the south, and with a gradual slope to the north, it makes a natural ampitheater. This will be covered with sand, and the rains will compact the surface. The building will be lighted with a gas lighting plant, and the picture machine enclosed in a booth. Mr. Roush expects to give two shows a week.

June 11, 1914 — The shower Saturday evening prevented Roush's Aerdome opening at that time as adver-

tised. However, on Monday evening telephone calls were sent out and the opening held that evening. The aerdome is seated with benches which have backs and canvas seats. A good sized crowd was present to witness the pictures. Music was furnished by an Edison talking machine with the latest music and song hits. Commencing Saturday evening at 8 o'clock two shows will be given—that is the reels will be run through the machine twice as is done in the city.

June 21, 1917 — Aerdome Wrecked — O.W. Roush began Monday tearing down the aerdome building between his lot and that of Mirl Thompson's.

WAR VETERANS

American Legion and Auxiliary — Memorial Day

American Legion — Dewey Post Unit No. 516

The Tingley American Legion was organized August 5, 1920. Their Unit was No. 516 with 16 charter members.

John Boyd was named Post Commander; Robert G. Hogue, Post Vice-Commander; Wm. S. Breckenridge, Post Adjutant; Clarence Bischoff, Post Finance Officer. Other officers were: Ray Grout, Master-at-arms; James Richards, Historian; and Carl Ball, Chaplain of the Post.

Other charter members were Alan Aiken, Leon Lupher, Robert McLachlan, Ralph Mercer, Earl Roush, Howard Johnston, Roy Smith, Clarence Brace, and Carl Anderson.

It was decided to call the post "Dewey" after Ed Dewey, who was the first soldier from Tingley to give his life for his country in World War I. He was the only son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Dewey, and he died March 7, 1918.

The first meeting place of the Tingley American Legion was upstairs over the Tingley Bank on the south side of Main Street.

In February, 1946, the Dewey Post had 60 members and was the successful bidder at \$301 for the old depot building (from the defunct Burlington Railroad Line in Tingley) to be used as a Legion Hall. In April, the Tingley Legion Post had a carnival at the Community Hall to raise money to remodel the old depot into a new Legion Home. A stage show started the evening's entertainment. Net proceeds were over \$800. This building was used as a Post meeting place until 1968 when it was sold to Allyn Jarred, and the proceeds were used to help remodel the Community Building.

Tingley's Dewey Post is not as active as it has been in years past, but each year on Memorial Day the Legion men go to Eugene, Johnston, and Tingley Cemeteries to honor their dead comrades. A flag is placed on each veteran's grave in the Tingley Cemetery on Memorial Day. They are placed there by Don Kinne in the morning and removed in the evening by Harold Grout.

Sergeant of the Color Guard is Clare Johnson. The flag bearers are Roger Morrison and Bernard Hull. Color Guard, Loren Ibbotson, Lloyd Weeda, Jack England, and Donald Grout, take aim and fire the



LEGION HALL from 1946 - 1968
(Old Tingley Railroad Depot)
Courtesy Clair Heyer Photo

Salute. A short Memorial Address is given at the cemetery before the Auxiliary members decorate the graves with memorial poppies. Keith Lininger is Post Commander at the present time.



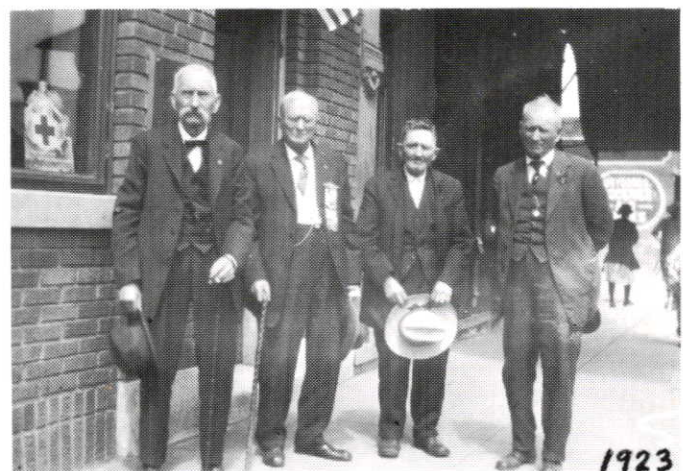
Clyde Johnston, Allen Aiken, John Boyd, Weldon Speelman, Wm. S. Breckenridge and Earl Troxell were honored when they received their 50 Year Membership Pins in the American Legion.

BEN TALBOTT POST 286

GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC

Grand Army of the Republic (G.A.R.) was a society of men who fought for the North in the Civil War. It was founded in 1866 to strengthen fellowship among men who fought to preserve the Union, to honor those killed in the war, to provide care for their dependents, and to uphold the Constitution. The society founded soldiers' homes and was active in relief work and in pension legislation. The G.A.R. Post in Tingley was called the Ben Talbott Post 286 and was mustered in in 1884.

The G.A.R. started the celebration of Memorial Day in the North in 1868 and had charge of Memorial Day celebrations for many years. The American Legion took over this duty after World War I, assisted by the American Legion Auxiliary.



Civil War Veterans — 1923
Frank McGugin, Frank Hogue, Dave Zarr, and Bob Hogue. *Courtesy Clair Heyer Photo*

**WE DO WISH TO PAY
GRATEFUL TRIBUTE
TO THOSE
SERVICEMEN AND WOMEN
WHO FOUGHT THAT WE MIGHT
BE FREE.**



World War I —	Ed Dewey Harry Lupher John Anderson
World War II —	Warren Allen Jay W. Miller Paige Nichols

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Do you remember the Tingley Servicemen's Honor roll for W.W. II that stood at the east end of the present day City Park on Main Street?
Courtesy Kathryn Richards

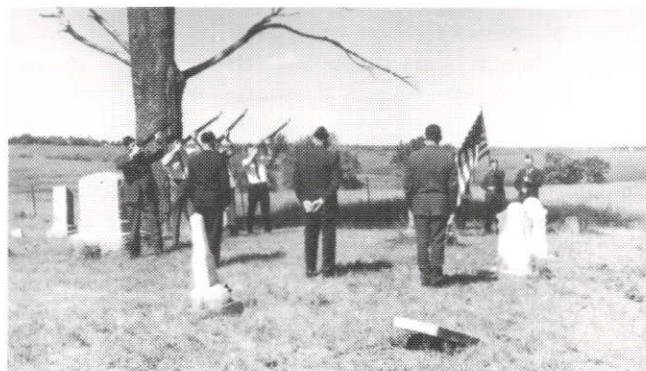


TINGLEY CEMETERY — 1963



JOHNSTON CEMETERY — 1966

Walter Zarr, Wm. S. Breckenridge, Clare Johnson, Keith Lininger, Harold Grout, Donald Grout, Billy Breckenridge, Bernard Hull, Bud Breckenridge, Roger Morrison



EUGENE CEMETERY — 1966



1970

Wm. S. Breckenridge, Clare Johnson, Lloyd Weeda, Harold Grout, Jack England, Roger Morrison, Keith Lininger

—: PROGRAM :— Memorial Services

At TINGLEY THEATRE

May 30, 1951

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Processional.....Gladys Luper
Song—1st verse of "The Star Spangled
Banner"..... Audience
Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.....
.....Led by Post Cmdr. Loren Ibbotson
Thirty seconds of Silent Prayer honoring
those who have made the Supreme Sacrifice.
Invocation.....Rev. Charles M. Wilson
Song—"Make Us Worthy".....Girls Sextette
Gettysburg Address..... Charles Grout
Piano Duet... Gladys Luper, Evelyn England
Solo, "There Is No Death"..... Bob Luper
Community Singing. .Led by Bud Breckenridge
Civil War—"Tramp, Tramp, Tramp".
Revolutionary War—"O, Columbia, the
Gem of the Ocean".
World War I—"Keep the Home Fires
Burning".
World War II—"God Bless America".
Benediction.....Rev. A. R. Weed
Recessional.....Mrs. Luper

TINGLEY AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY HISTORY

The Tingley American Legion Auxiliary, Dewey Unit #516, was organized August 3, 1921, with these charter members:

Ethel Alexander	Lena Johnston
Clara Ball	Letitia Johnston
Helen Boyd	Pauline Boyd Lynam
Margaret Boyd	Elvie Richards
Luella Breckenridge	Ellen Roush
Anna Henderson	Mae Smith
Bertha Hogue	

Most of the Unit's projects carried out today had their inception with these charter members, more than sixty years ago.

Veteran-made Memorial Poppies are sold on the last Saturday in May to help finance the aid given to veterans and their families.

Each Memorial Day, Memorial sprays assembled by the Unit members are placed on veteran graves in the local cemetery and in several other Ringgold County cemeteries.

We still remember our hospitalized veterans and their families at Christmas time.

Home-made cookies are regularly sent to the Veteran Hospitals, more than 160 dozen being sent in 1981-1982.

Several projects such as the Poppy Poster and the Poppy Essay contests had to be abandoned when we lost our secondary school in 1959 and our elementary school in 1980.

The basket dinners held for so many years on the Legion's birthday, Washington's birthday, and Armistice Day have faded into history; nor do we any longer sew carpet rags.

In 1947 the Unit sent its first delegate to Iowa Girls State and has sent a girl each year since with the exception of three years. An interesting note is that the first girl was sent for \$25.00. The fee in 1982 was \$90.00

In 1948 a Halloween celebration headed by the Tingley Unit was begun and it is still observed, but because of its growth, it has become a total community project.

One member, Edith McIntosh, served as Fifth District president in 1935-36. Twilla Lininger was District Historian one year and another year she was District Vice-President in charge of membership. She and Editha Obermeier have held District Chairman positions in recent years.

Submitted by
Editha Obermeier
Dewey Unit president

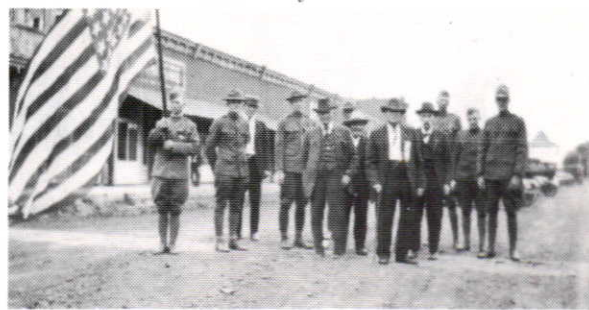


AUXILIARY MEMBERS —1982

(L TO R) Twilla Lininger, Marie Troxell, Margaret Hull, Louise Johnson, Vienna Richards, Frances Overholtzer, Jean Skarda, Editha Obermeier, Marjorie Ibbotson.

MEMORIAL DAY

Clair Hoyer Photos

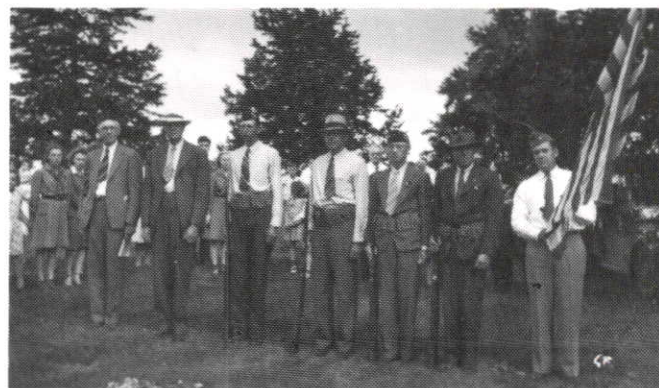


1923

John Boyd, Ike Kiburz, Bob Hogue, Bill Breckenridge, Frank Hogue, _____, Dave Zarr, John Hogue, Frank McGugin, Carl Ball, Alan Aiken, Jim Richards.



1924



1944

Bill Breckenridge, Leon Luper, Carl Ball, Ray Grout, John Boyd, Earl Troxell, Dr. J.A. McIntosh



1944

DECORATING THE OLD SOLDIERS' GRAVES
Doris Johnson, Anne O'Neal, Nina Morrison, Marlene Giles, Jenesse Overholtzer, Linda Richards, _____, Betty Jobe, Dr. McIntosh and Minnie Brown

Civic Clubs and Other Organizations

The Modern Woodmen Lodge Of America

100 Years Old

The Modern Woodmen was organized January 5, 1883, in Lyon, Iowa. It was a Fraternal and Insurance Lodge designed to help their neighbor in sickness and death.

The Tingley Camp 3782 was organized in 1896 and existed for 75 years until 1971 when it was combined with the Mt. Ayr Lodge. The Ellston Lodge was combined with Tingley in 1965. Many Ellston and Tingley members still belong. Wayne A. Overholtzer has been a member 58 years and was clerk of the Tingley Camp for 45 years.

The Modern Woodmen maintained a sanitorium for tuberculosis in Colorado Springs for 38 years and treated 12,000 patients. They still provide scholarships as one of their community service projects and also furnish free prizes for Halloween parties, as Tingley is well aware. They are a very strong Insurance Company and are located in Rock Island, Illinois.

I will not list the names of former members, as it is a very long list, but will list the names of officers for three decades as follows:

M.W. A. Officers 1914

S.W. DeLong	V.C.
John Hausz	W.A.
Gordon Garver	E.B.
F.G. Hausz	Clerk
Wm. Blauer	Escort
W.W. Christopher	Watchman
Merl DeWitt	Sentry
C.D. Johnston	} Managers
J.A. Buchanan	
Wm. Bischoff	

M.W.A Officers 1924

F.F. Mariner	V.C.
P.R. Buchanan	W.A.

J.E. Fierce	E.B.
Frank Hausz	Clerk
H.D. Sheumaker	Escort
W.W. Christopher	Watchman
George Grose	Sentry
S.W. DeLong	Physician
W.E. Burleigh	} Managers
Wm. Bischoff	
Walter Tapp	

M.W.A. Officers 1934

Howard Weeda	V.C.
Earl Troxell	W.A.
Perry Buchanan	E.B.
Wayne A. Overholtzer	Clerk
Paul Weeda	Watchman
Russell Shields	Sentry
H.D. Sheumaker	} Managers
Roy McDowell	
John Buchanan	

Tingley Vindicator — June 18, 1908

Modern Woodman Memorial—About 40 members of Tingley Camp 3782 participated in a march to the Tingley cemetery and back Sunday afternoon and the decoration of the graves of deceased members of the order buried there took place. The parade was headed by members of the Forester team in uniform under command of C.M. Richardson. John O. Nelson acted as consul in the ritualistic services. The floral offerings were beautiful though not profuse. The following graves were decorated, J.W. McNeil, Job Nelson, Calvin Cooper and Virgil Galloway.

Tingley Lodge No. 15 I.O.O.F.

Tingley Lodge was instituted January 21, 1907. The fourteen charter members were M.S. Conway, W.E. Burleigh, J.E. Ogden, J.W. Richardson, Luke Shay, R.D. Nelson, F.G. Hausz, H.H. Dufty, S.H. Heaton, J.S. Claypool, Joseph England, Jacob England, James Archbold, and A.J. Bretz.

Membership was made up of high and low; rich and poor; learned and unlearned where they taught the Universal Brotherhood of Man and Fatherhood of God.

This fellowship of lodge members sat by the bedside of ill members and supplied money for sick benefits.

MEMBERS OF I.O.O.F. IN EARLY 20's



TOP ROW: (L TO R) Bryce Reynolds, Will England, Leon Luper, Perry Buchanan, Abe Bretz, W.W. Christopher, Jake England. BOTTOM ROW: (L TO R) L.R. Aldis Longcoy, Morris Heizer, Unknown, Unknown, Ray Ashenhurst, Allison Tidrick.

Boy Scouts

Tingley had one of the first Boy Scout troops in Ringgold County, organized August 12, 1912. The scouts were: Raymond Byers, Lloyd Garver, Wilfred Pollock, Lawrence Haver, Clarence Hausz, Clarence Lanham, Clarence Hass, Cecil Haver, Cecil Fender, Cecil Cunningham, Lloyd Roush, Roy Sheesley, Elgin Asbury, Albert Franklin, Floyd Miller, Willie Mariner, Irwin

Bischoff, Bertrum House, Rolla Ashenhurst, and Ernie Frane. They were warned that "swearing and tobacco using would not be tolerated in the Tingley Troop." Their first campout was 2 miles north of Mt. Ayr. They got up at 3:45 A.M. to prepare for the long walk to Tingley. They came into town whistling "Marching Through Georgia."



SCOUTS — 1912

BACK ROW: Ed Burleigh, Roy Sheesley, Lloyd Garver, Raymond Byers, Wm. Mariner, Bert House, Cecil Haver, Lloyd Roush. **FRONT ROW:** Roy Harvey, Clarence "Pete" Lanham, Elgin Asbury, Lawrence "Fat" Haver, Clarence Hausz, _____, Rolla Ashenhurst, Ernest Frane, Den Hawk.

Clair Heyer Collection

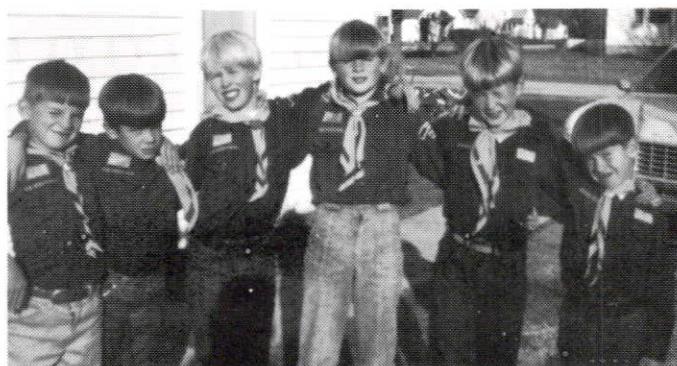
July 21, 1938 *Vindicator* — The local Boy Scouts had their annual camp on Grand River. Those who attended were Donald Bosworth, Billy Breckenridge, Dean Breckenridge, Junior Eatwell, Raymond Ball, Paul Alexander, Dean Garland, Russell Boyd, Lee Maynard, Marvin McCowen, Keith Richards, Clell Blunck, George Stringer, Lyle Troxell, Edwin Verploegh, Clark Van Sickle, together with their Scoutmaster, Delbert Pidgeon.

July 10, 1947 *Vindicator* — Boy Scout Troop 167 of Tingley had a week's outing at Lake of Three Fires — Guy Peters, Allen Coffman, M.C. Been, John Overholtzer, Ken Kiburz, and Keith Wright.

Boy Scouts have continued intermittently throughout the 71 years since its beginning in Tingley. Tingley's only Eagle Scout was Kenneth Kiburz, under the leadership of Scoutmaster Wayne Overholtzer.



**Middle 1940's
Guy Peters**



CUB SCOUTS
Larry Jarred, Steve England, Billy McIntosh, Buddy Allen, Eric Clymer, Greg Jobe
About 1972



Clint Riggs - 1977

Girl Scouts

Girl Scouts were organized in Tingley on August 28, 1913. Fourteen girls from 10-16 years of age signed up: Irene McDowell, Helen Hass, Lottie and Grace Arnold, Ivah Richards, Leona Frane, Lola Roush, Almeda McGugin, Gladys Tidrick, Lois Shay, and Lucile Quick. Dorothy Miller and Hazel Nelson were patrol leaders. Loretta Dufty and Florence DeLong were corporals. Fern Little was Lady Captain.

April 3, 1947 — Girl Scout Candlelight Ceremony at

Legion hall — Those receiving badges were Doris Johnson, Roberta Reynolds, Joan Hannah, Verlene Halm, Roberta Swigart, Wanda Swigart, Anne O'Neal, Marlene Giles, Donna Ferguson, Linda Richards, Ellen Eighme and Lyla Clough. Margaret Troxell and Joyce Overholtzer went out of scouting.

July 10, 1947 — Girls flying-up from Brownies to Intermediates are Betty Jobe, Jenesse Overholtzer, and Carol Werner.

Girl's 4-H 1931-1934

Tingley Township organized a girls 4-H club in 1931 with Marguerite Eckerman as the leader. The club, named the Happy Home Makers, had Gladys Franke serve as County Secretary in 1931. Leona Been became the leader in 1932. Members were Delene McKee, Ava Smith, Kathleen Hunter, Ruth Carr, Wardene Smith, Margaret Been, Alta Marie Borrusch, Lois McCowen, Monafay Hanson, Maxine Nichols, Maudeen Been, Reba Breckenridge, Helen Dufty, Helen Henderson, and

Gladys Franks. Mary Ferguson served as leader, with Julia Henderson as assistant for 2 years. Margaret Been was County President in 1933 and Delene McKee became County President in 1934. Maxine Nichols won the county health contest and entered the state fair contest. Attending the State 4-H Convention in Ames were Monafay Hanson, Reba Breckenridge and Delene McKee.

Tingley Topperettes 4-H Club

Many important events mark December 7. First of all—Pearl Harbor, the coal strike was called off, and then a 4-H club was organized in Tingley Township on that date in 1946. It was the thirteenth girls' 4-H club to organize in the county. The mothers and girls met at the Tingley schoolhouse to hear about 4-H projects. Mrs. Hershel Morrison, 4-H committee member for that territory, was in charge of the meeting. Officers elected for the club were: president, Marlene Giles; vice-president, Margaret DeVries; secretary, Lila Del Clough; treasurer, Ann O'Neal; reporter, Evelyn DeVries; historian, Betty Marrs; recreational chairman, Doris Johnson.. Other girls attending were Joan Hannah, Verlene Halm, Ann Anderson, Marjorie Putney, Jenesse Overholtzer, Roberta Reynolds, Patty Dunlap, Gertrude Priest, Wanda and Roberta Swigart, Betty Jobe, Linda Richards, Marilyn Kester and Ellen Eighme. Mrs. Louise Millsap and Mrs. Helen Anderson were the first leaders.

In 1952 the Farm Bureau World Paper wrote an article on the Tingley Topperettes as the outstanding girls' club in Ringgold County. The following are excerpts from that article: "The Tingley Topperettes, with its membership of 26 4-H girls, is located in Tingley township, Ringgold County. Its 26 town and country girls, along with their leaders, Mrs. Rosie Blauer and Mrs. Jean Skarda, work toward their 4-H Motto, "To Make The Best Better". Besides their 4-H projects each year, they take part in many community activities which they think are a very important part of being a good 4-H'er. This past year, as well as other years, the girls have decorated a store window in Tingley in remembrance of "Poppy Day". They also participated in selling poppies. For Halloween Fun Night, they painted a window and contributed to the Halloween Fund. When there is work to be done, the Tingley Topperettes are always willing to do it. Maybe we have led you to believe

that all we do is work. We have fun, too—a trip to River-view Park last year and another one planned for this year, a slumber party (an annual event), and a swimming party are just a few of our fun club activities. A good time while we work and play together is what we strive for".

Thirty years later, 1982, the club still continues to be very active. The 4-H program has changed over the years, but our Tingley gals still continue to furnish county leadership, have State Fair projects and demonstrations, and bring home the "blue ribbons". The membership has averaged 18 girls per year, and 26 women have served as leaders in the club's 36 year history.



CHARTER MEMBERS IN 1947

FRONT: Wanda Swigart, Gertrude Priest, Doris Johnson, Betty Jobe, Jenesse Overholtzer. **MIDDLE:** Roberta Reynolds, Evelyn DeVries, Roberta Swigart, Ellen Eighme, Lyla Del Clough, Linda Richards, Joan Hannah, Verlene Halm, Anne Anderson. **BACK:** Betty Marrs, Marilyn Kester, Marlene Giles, Margaret DeVries.



First 4-H Leaders.

1947

**Helen Anderson and
Louise Millsap**



MOTHERS AT FIRST 4-H TEA — 1947

Mrs. Francis Swigart, Macelle Morrison, Ava Overholtzer, Mrs. Ben Marrs, Genevieve Jobe, Florence Halm, Frances Hannah, Fern Giles, Vienna Richards, Helen Anderson, Cleo Clough, Mrs. Eldon Priest, Lela Reynolds, Edith Johnson, Vera Eighme.

Outstanding Achievements Through The Years

1947 — Betty Marrs elected County Sec.-Treas. Betty gave campaign speech for Mary Jo Cornelison elected State President. Betty and Evelyn DeVries demonstrated at State Fair.

1950 - Joan Hannah elected County Sec.-Treas.

1951 — Jenesse Overholtzer elected County Historian.

1952 — Betty Jobe elected County President. Topperettes outstanding club in county.

1953 — Macelle Morrison installed as honorary member in county.

1954 — Sue Richards elected County Vice-President. Sue and Jenesse demonstrated at the State Fair (only team to receive blue ribbon in 9 years).

1956 — Pat and Betty Hill demonstrated at State Fair (blue ribbon).

1958 — Nancy Weeda and Karen Reasoner were top county junior demonstration team.

1962 — Eleanor Shields installed as honorary member in county. Sally Breckenridge and Carla Riggs top county Jr. demonstration team. Nancy Weeda elected Co. Historian.

1964 — Sally Breckenridge elected County Vice-Pres. Deb Henry and Rose Wurster were top County Jr. Demonstration team.

1965 — Twilla and Keith Lininger received Alumni Awards.

1966 — Annette Shields and Marlene Pridgen were top County Jr. Demonstration team.

1970 — Anne Marshall and Marla Wilkins were top County Jr. Demonstration team.

1971 — Pam Jackson and Rita Ibbotson demonstrated at State Fair.

1973 — Pam was Ringgold County Outstanding Girl Member.

1975 — Marla won County Dress Review. Marcia Ford and Marla Wilkins — American Royal.

1976 — Topperettes won Ringgold County Basketball Tourney.

1977 — Marcy and Shelley Wilkins were Dress Review Winners.

1978 — Shelley won County Dress Review. Shelley and Shari England were top County Senior Demonstration team.

1979 — Shelley received Lions 4-H Award.

Leaders with Long Service: Four Years - Louise Millsap and Georgia Etta Kinne; Five Years — Rosie Blauer and Margaret Wilkins; Seven Years — Eleanor Shields; Nine Years - Connie Richards.



Betty Jobe, Marjorie Putney, Verlene Halm, Marian O'Neal, Betty Marrs, Marilyn Kester, Anne O'Neal, Donna Mae Weeda.



Gertrude Priest, Roberta Swigart, Jenesse Overholtzer, Linda Richards, Margaret DeVries, Wanda Swigart, Anne Anderson, Joan Hannah.



Macelle Morrison being installed as an honorary member in 1953



4-H MEMBERS 1953

FRONT: Judy Jobe, Glee Bear, Linda Kinne, Marie Miller, Rita Miller. MIDDLE: Sharon Kinney, Karen Sue Anderson, Norma Jean Sutherland, Darlene Giles, Janet Pearl Longcoy, Muriel Stephens. BACK: Anne Anderson, Ruth Grout, Sue Richards, Joyce Richards, Jenesse Overholtzer, Mary Dailey, Lucy Dailey, Betty Jobe.



4-H MOTHERS AT "COME AS YOU ARE" BREAKFAST IN 1953

Helen Anderson, Nova Giles, Mrs. Priest, Mrs. Dailey, Genevieve Jobe, Agnes Sutherland, Helen Kinney, Katheryn Richards, Veda Miller, Vienna Richards, Evelyn England, Ava Overholtzer, Hattie Werner, Venita Hill, Mrs. Mathes, Mrs. Hayes, Mrs. Longcoy.



MEMBERS ON TOUR — 1962

FRONT: Annette Shields, Becky Skarda, Linda Hill, Carla Ford, Peggy Welling, Sally Breckenridge, ———, Carla Riggs, Ginger Jobe, Quita Trullinger. BACK: Minnie Breckenridge, Dorothy Jean Kinne, Ann Ibbotson, Marcene Reynolds, Gwen Trullinger, Kathy Wurster, Karen Reasoner, Kay Barnett, Nancy Weeda, Marilyn Riggs, Ellen Ibbotson, Eleanor Shields, Phyllis Reed, Alberta Reynolds, Helen Weeda.



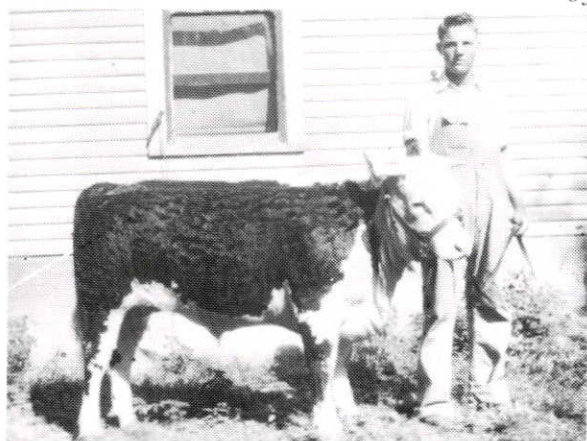
TOPPERETTES — 1979

FRONT: Joyce Briner, Jeanie Briner, Kris Richards, Melanie Trullinger. MIDDLE: Robyne Jones, Kelly Richards, Colette Riggs, Dawn Olds. BACK: Jackie Trullinger, Lisa Reed, Deana Carlisle, Debbie Reed, Terri Clymer

Tingley Toppers

Tingley Toppers 4-H Club Report Written in 1953

by John Blauer



Keith Lininger 1938 Grand Champion Baby Beef

Tingley Toppers 4-H club was organized in the spring of 1934 at the home of John Blauer. Sixteen boys joined and elected John Blauer as leader and he has been the leader ever since—this making his 19th year in club work. He was also County Youth Assistant for 4 years and is Honorary Member of the County Girls 4-H Clubs.

Today the club has 39 members, the largest club in the county. The Tingley Topperettes have 29 members, making a total of 68 4-H members in Tingley Township. No other township in the area could beat that total. Early members who are still around Tingley and farming are: Keith Lininger, Donald Weeda, Robert Bastow, Elton Werner, Francis Smith, Donald Grout, Franklin Nichols, Clare Johnson, Darrell Werner, Howard Vorhies, and Darold Blauer, Two of the early Tingley

Toppers are now doctors—Merrill Johnson, dentist-at State University, Iowa City, and Harold J. Blauer—Children's Hospital, State University, Iowa City. In the early life of the club, colts and swine were the major projects — Darold Blauer's gelding, winning first at the Iowa State Fair; Ringgold Co. topped all counties in the State in colt projects; Tingley Toppers showing the most colts in 1939. Harold Blauer's Shorthorn baby beef winning first in 4 states—Iowa, Missouri, Nebraska, and Kansas at the St. Joe show. In 1940 two of our members, Robert Bastow and Darold Blauer, scored 100% at the Iowa State Fair Livestock Judging Contest, first judging the hogs on foot, and the next day, the carcass at the packing house. This set a record for State Fair Judging. In 1951 Tingley Toppers were the highest scoring club at the Ringgold County Livestock Judging Contest. What makes us click? A 100% leader and a 100% group of parents behind our boys and girls and a club who are interested in their projects. Our officers are: Pres.-Kenneth Weeda, Vice-Pres.-John Overholtzer, Sec.-Charles Clark, Reporters-Jim McIntosh and Jim Smith, Flag Bearer-Larry Blauer.

John Blauer Makes 4-H Pay Off for Family in Cattle

It isn't difficult to find the stories about how 4-H work has paid off for the boy or girl.

John Blauer's story reveals that it paid off for the whole family.

Twelve years ago Darrell Blauer, who now is partner and active operator of his dad's farm, started with an Angus heifer.

Today the Blauers have a herd of 40 cows and heifers, plus 20 head of steers on feed, weighing about 800 pounds. Most of them are purebreds. There are 20 spring calves on hand, with several more expected soon.

Development of the Blauer herd is just about what 4-H boosters would have expected from John Blauer.

He's probably the No. 1 club leader in Ringgold county. He has served the Tingley Toppers in that capacity for 16 years, helping organize it when his boys were ready for club work. Clifford Johnson, West Potawatamie's extension director, was youth assistant then.



**John Blauer with his Aberdeen Angus herd bull
at his farm south of Tingley.**

For three or four summers, Blauer has served the 4-H cause as the youth assistant in Ringgold county and

he's the quickest to say "Yes" when Dick Franklin or Milt Henderson call for help on a 4-H chore.

The Blauers have 320 acres south of Tingley.

Besides Darrell, who lives on the farm, the Blauer children include Harold who is attending the University of Iowa; Mrs. Alberta Reynolds of Tingley and Mrs. Grace Breese of Omaha.

In the fall of 1953 John Blauer of Tingley received special recognition for his 20 years of service to Ringgold county 4-H clubs. He received the coveted "award of the clover" pin and the Tingley community, in appreciation for his service as leader of the Tingley Toppers club, presented him with a very comfortable platform rocking chair. Mrs. Floyd Overholtzer represented the community in the presentation.

AYERS WINS 4-H HEALTH TITLE — 1941

Raymond Ayers, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Ayers of Jefferson township, received the highest score in the county 4-H health clinic which was held Monday August 18, 1941. Raymond Ball, son of Mr. and Mrs. Verl Ball of Tingley township, was the second highest scoring boy in the clinic. Both boys are members of the Tingley Toppers 4-H club. Raymond Ayers represented Ringgold county at the state 4-H health contest in connection with the Iowa State Fair.



Roger Morrison

1941

**County Fair
Entry**

1943

Roger Morrison, member of the Tingley Toppers 4-H Club, suffered a painful accident last week when the horse he was riding slipped and fell, breaking four of Roger's toes. The accident cheated him out of a trip to State 4-H Boys' Short Course at Ames, which he won on his showmanship record at county fair.



TINGLEY TOPPERS — 1943

**1st in group of 5 baby beeves from one club.
Irene Swanson, Carl Swanson, Bob England,
Roger Morrison, Joyce Overholtzer.**

During club meetings at the homes they always looked at and judged the member's projects (animal). The meetings were only held during the spring and summer because of bad roads and school activities.

During 1942-43 the popular refreshment at club meetings was ice cream cones.



4-H Tour 1951

Francis Smith, LeRoy Giles, County Agent, Jim and Mildred Smith, John Blauer, Von Tull, Kenny Johnson, Earl Pritchard, Larry Ford, Jim Archibold, Frank and Katheryn Richards, Jim Jobe, Larry Giles, Eddie Ford, Vienna Richards, Charlie Clark.

4-H Story of Dietrich Geschke

Featured in Creston Paper by Milt Henderson

It was written by Dietrich Geschke of the Tingley Toppers 4-H club in Ringgold county. As the story will tell, Dietrich came to this country with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Franz Geschke, about two years ago. They are residing on a farm north of Tingley. Dietrich is 18 years old and a sophomore in Tingley High School. He is making an outstanding scholastic record. Here is his 4-H story.

This has been my first year in the Tingley Toppers 4-H club. One year ago I came from Germany to the United States. Over there we didn't have 4-H clubs, but I heard about them, that these were clubs organized for youth, to help them to become better farmers, housewives, and citizens. I also heard about the fairs, where young people were showing their projects and were able to win prizes. I never thought that this could be true all over the United States; but after I had joined our club, I saw that it was true. I learned many things about farming and how to become better citizens, which some members made clear to us, by discussions and demonstrations. Then came the time when I was elected for candidate as a delegate for the short course in Ames. I was happy to make such a tour. In Ames we had demonstrations and lessons concerning agronomy and animal husbandry. We also had problems in relationship between parents and teenagers, between boys and girls, discussed by Mrs. Duvall. My project is a garden and I like to have it since I won a few little prizes at the fair.

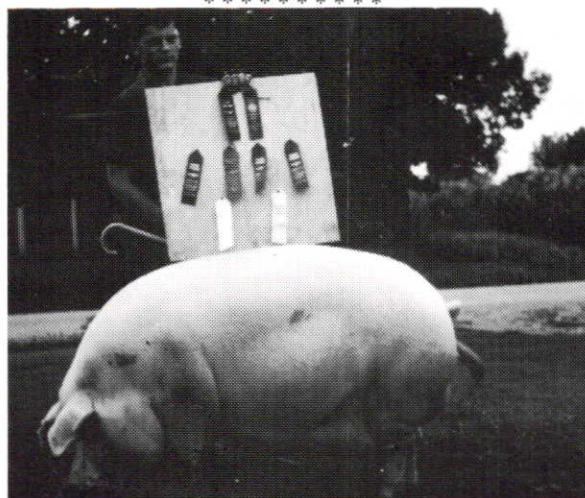
1952 Tingley 4-H Boys and Girls Tour Des Moines

Wednesday July 1 at 7:00 A.M. 47 wide-awake boys and girls from the Tingley Topperettes and the Toppers met at Ellis Cafe to start on a tour of our state capitol. We loaded into eleven cars with 19 parents and 3 leaders accompanying us.

Our first stop in Des Moines was to tour the Meredith Publishing Co. Groups of 15 people were taken through the building by a guide who explained how the magazines are printed. From there we walked 15 blocks to the Register & Tribune building. Here we saw how our daily paper was printed and heard a very interesting story about the progress of the paper, told by our guides. On our way back to our cars we stopped at the WHO building, where we saw The Buckaroos broadcasting at 11:30 and Clay Rusk welcomed us over the air. When we arrived back to our cars we went to the Capitol Building where we ate sack lunch on the Capitol grounds. After lunch, we toured the Capitol and at 2:30 we had an audience with Governor Wm. Beardsley, who welcomed us to the city. From the Capitol we toured the Historical Building where we found many interesting sights of prehistoric Iowa.

The highlight of the day was the fun at Riverview Park. Each boy and girl was given \$1 from the club treasury. The boys earned theirs by being one of the outstanding clubs in the county. Our dollars took us on many rides at the park since Wednesday was 3¢ day. Returning home Wednesday evening, we all agreed that we had a perfect day.

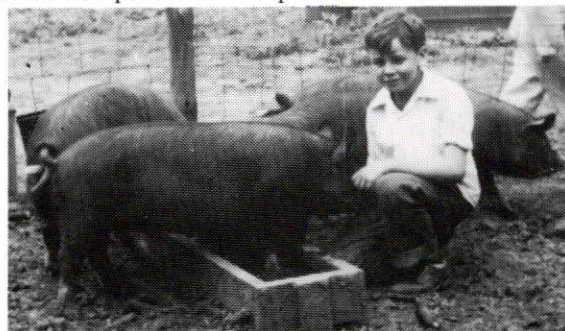
Reporter, Larry Blauer



Marvin Halm — 1952

Tingley 4-H Clubs Develop Roadside Park

In 1955 a roadside park at the junction of highway 169 and highway 259 (which leads into Tingley) was developed by the Tingley boys and girls 4-H clubs. Permission for the special project was given by the state highway commission. Following road work this park was relocated in 1960 and a plaque in memory of 4-H'er Jon O'Neal was placed in the park.



Jon O'Neal-1951 Berkshire Pigs



**Jim Smith Receiving State "Lew Plager Award"
-1959**

Jim Smith received Lew Plager award, one of the highest awards an Iowa 4-H boy can receive. High moral character and leadership ability are factors considered in making the award which goes to the boy who has accomplished much in 4-H and upheld 4-H standards and principles.



1961 Basketball Team
David Allen, Webb boys, Craig Riggs, Dennis Miller, Rodney Shields, Art Allen

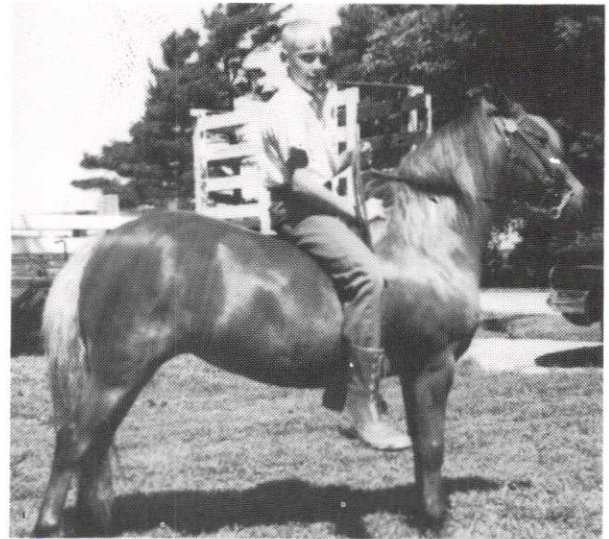
ART ALLEN IS 4-H STATE PRESIDENT



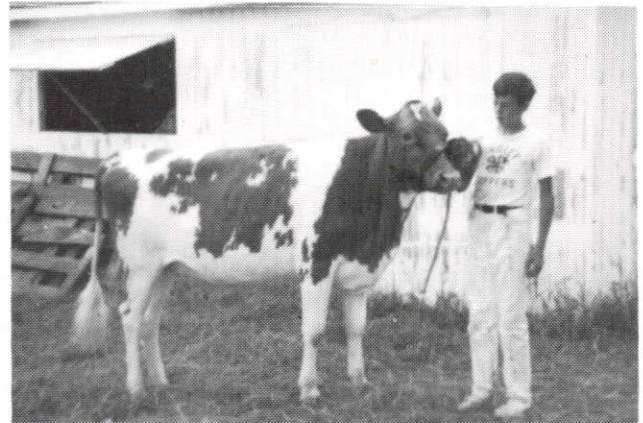
Arthur Allen

Art Allen of Tingley township, was installed as president of the state 4-H boys' organization in a ceremony in conjunction with the 1966 State 4-H Conference in Ames. A son of Mr. and Mrs. D.H. Allen, Art is a 1966 graduate of Mount Ayr Community High School and a member of Parnassus Chapter of the National Honor Society. An eight-year member of the Tingley Toppers 4-H Club, he has served as county 4-H president; repre-

sented Ringgold county at the 1965 4-H Conference; was a member of the state championship grain judging team at the Iowa State Fair and high scoring individual, and winner of a KSIB 4-H record book award. He participated in the Iowa Youth Tour last year, for which he served as spokesman and reporter upon its return to Iowa, and in September, was one of four Iowa boys chosen for the Grain Marketing Tour and Clinic in Chicago, Ill. In 1965 Art was elected Governor of the Y.M.C.A. Iowa Youth in Government Model Legislature. He attended the American Royal at Kansas City where he gave a response for Iowa 4-H'ers.



4-H Tour 1966 - Robert Johnson



County Fair 1968 — Patrick Weeda



Mark Baker and Rich Johnson 1968

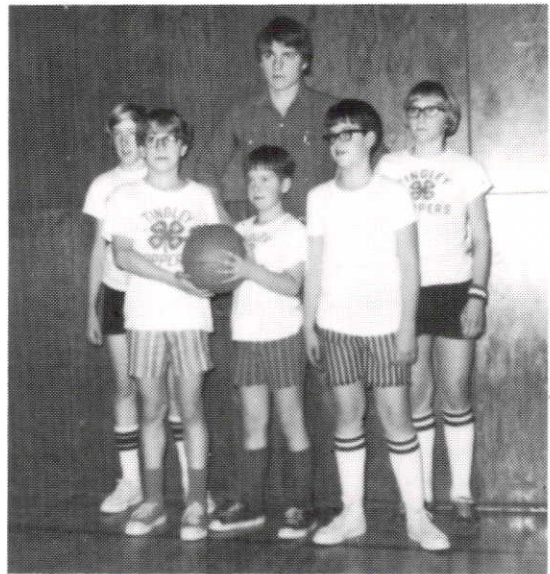
OUR 1970 4-H YEAR

This year has been one of the most profitable years our club has had. One of our most successful events this year was our county fair. We had champion crossbred (Doug Campbell), reserve champion crossbred (Doug Campbell), champion Hereford (Becky Morrison), champion Shorthorn heifer (Karen Weeda), reserve champion Shorthorn heifer (Dan Weeda), champion Angus (Joy Kiburz), reserve Angus (Judy Kiburz), [champion Guernsey, grand champion dairy heifer, reserve Guernsey, reserve champion on dairy heifer (Pat Weeda)], champion market lamb (Jeff England), grand champion beef steer (Joy Kiburz) and reserve beef steer (Judy Kiburz).

Other highlights of the fair—we had three people from our club that were named top horse (Rich Johnson), dairy (John Morrison), and beef showman (Joy Kiburz).



Joy Kiburz, left, had grand champion market beef animal, an Angus, at 1970 Fair, while sister Judy has reserve champion.



Tingley Toppers — 1974 at County 4-H Basketball Tournament. John Alan Overholtzer, Scott Wood, Greg Jobe, Jeff Jobe, Gary Weeda, Coach-Steve Wood

Fifteen men have served as leaders during the 49 years the Tingley Toppers have been a 4-H club. Leaders with long service were John Blauer-20 years, Leonard O'Neal-6 years, Dave Allen-9 years, Lloyd Weeda-9 years, and Don Campbell-10 years.

1981 - After the county fair the RAGBRAI bike ride sponsored by the Des Moines Register came thru Tingley and the Toppers and Topperettes served them with fresh fruit and drinks.

In 1982 the Tingley boys and girls 4-H clubs voted to merge and their club be known as the Tingley Toppers. Coed Clubs are becoming very common now, as projects are open to all every year. The leaders in 1983 are Connie Richards, Colletta and Dan Weeda.



Tingley Toppers (Coed Club) - 1982

Members (BACK: L to R) Lywanda Case, Missy Clymer, Melanie Trullinger, Kelly Richards, Colette Riggs, Tim Weeda, Kris Richards, Tara Grout, Cliff Buell, Rick Farrell, Tricia Trullinger, Terry Clymer, Robbie Miller. Guests in Front: Sterling Weeda, Dana Weeda and Jodi Richards. Members Not in Picture: Madonna Farrell, Debbie Reed, Jennifer Swank, Jackie Trullinger, John Trullinger, Kevin Klomphaus, Kory Klomphaus.

Tingley Toppers

Outstanding Achievements Through The Years

- 1940** — Darold Blauer and Robert Bastow on state 1st place carcass judging team. Both had perfect scores. Raymond Ball, Howard Swanson and Darold Blauer attended 4-H Convention in Ames. While there Darold and Raymond got in the finals of the 100 yd. dash and Howard won the baseball free throw.
- 1941** — Merrill Johnson - County President
- 1942** — Roger Morrison - County Showmanship
- 1943** — Russell Boyd - one of 20 Iowa boys chosen for Conservation School; Donald Weeda attended 4-H Short Course; Dean Johnson - gold medal for Outstanding County Club Member
- 1944** - Roger Morrison - County President—gave campaign speech for state office candidate; Dean Johnson - County Sec.-Treas.
- 1945** — Roger Morrison - County Record Book Award; Donald Weeda - County Vice-President; Marvin Johnson - County Historian.
- 1946** — Roger Morrison — 4-H Short Course and State Camp at Boone; Kenny Johnson - County Sec. Treas.
- 1947** — Lloyd Weeda - County Historian, County Showmanship; Roger Morrison - National Club Congress, county Judging Team for three years.
- 1948** — John Overholtzer - State 4-H Convention, received dairy heifer.
- 1949** — Roger Morrison - Demonstration at State Fair, Achievement Award; Kenny Johnson-Achievement Award.
- 1950** — Kenny Weeda - Lion Gilt; Tingley Toppers won Co. Fair Livestock Judging Contest. Members were Axel Larsen, Ken Johnson, and Jim Jobe.
- 1951** — John Overholtzer - County Vice-President
- 1952** — Ross Craft - Lion Gilt, Grand Champion Market Pig at Iowa State Fair; Top Club in County.
- 1954** — Ross Craft - County Sec.-Treas.; Dietrich Geschke - 4-H Short Course
- 1955** — Jim Smith - KSIB Award; Clubs developed Roadside Park
- 1957** — Charles Nichols - 1st in County Judging; Jim Smith - Lion Gilt; Ron Shields and Jim Smith on State 1st place Crop Judging Team; top Club in County.
- 1958** — Jim Smith - County Historian; Ron Shields -Lions Award

- 1959** — Jim Smith - National Club Congress, State Lew Plager Award; Ron Shields - County Sec.-Treas.
- 1960** — Bob Allen - 4-H Short Course; Raymond Shields KSIB Award; Jim Smith - Achievement
- 1962** — Rodney Shields and Darrell Reynolds - Blue Jr. Demonstration Team; Raymond Shields and Craig Riggs - State Demonstration Team; Craig Riggs - 3rd high individual at St. Joe Livestock Judging.
- 1963** — Art Allen, Craig Riggs, Raymond Shields on State 1st place Crop Judging Team; Art Allen - top score in state; Top Club in County.
- 1964** — Art Allen (as stated previously under picture)
- 1966** — Rodney Shields - Achievement Award, County Secretary.
- 1967** — Chuck Jackson - County Vice-Pres., Leadership Award, State Chorus; Rodney Shields - Lions Award, State Chorus; Dave Allen - Honorary Member.
- 1968** — Chuck Jackson - State 4-H Trio
- 1969** — Pat Weeda - Dairy Showmanship; David Weeda - Grand Champion Market Lamb; Joy Kiburz - County Grand Champion Beef Steer ('69-'70-'71)
- 1970** — John Allen - Achievement; Danny Weeda - KSIB Award; Joy Kiburz - Leadership; Steve Wood - 1st Co. Junior Demonstration
- 1971** — 1st County Basketball Tourney — Players - Rich Johnson, Pat Weeda, Steve Wood, Gary Wurster, Danny Lee Weeda, and Jeff England
- 1972** — 1st County Basketball Tourney — Players - Jeff England, Steve Wood, Terry and Gary Weeda, and John Skarda; John Morrison — KSIB Award.
- 1973** — Judy Kiburz - Citizenship Award
- 1974** — Steve Wood - Achievement
- 1975** — Judy Kiburz - Lions Award
- 1976** — Carl Riggs - Honorary Member
- 1977** — Dwayne Campbell - KSIB Award
- 1978** — Mary Ann Weeda - County Beef Showmanship; Sandy Weeda - County Fair Queen; Dwayne Campbell - American Royal
- 1979** — Sandy Weeda and Dwayne Campbell - Achievement
- 1980** — Darwin Campbell and Sandy Weeda - American Royal; Mary Ann Weeda - Achievement; Sandy Weeda - Merit; Darwin Campbell - KSIB Award
- 1982** — Darwin Campbell - Lions Award; Mary Ann Weeda - Merit, County Beef Showmanship, Grand Champion Beef Steer ('81-'82)

Tingley Lions Club

The Tingley Lions Club was organized in 1957. Its charter was granted November 8th. There were forty-six charter members: Quentin Abarr, Harry Archibold, Dr. Lyle Bailey, Harley Been, Ernest Bastow, John Boyd, Russell Boyd, Billy Breckenridge, Dean Breckenridge, E.M. Breckenridge, Wm. S. Breckenridge, Merle Dukes,

Earl Eckerman, Lucius Eighme, John England, Rev. Willis Grant, Donald Grout, Harold Grout, Wm. Halm, David Hill, Loren Ibbotson, Dave Jobe, Dean Johnson, Lawrence Johnson, Donald Kinne, Keith Lininger, Lloyd England, Glenn McKee, Marvin Miller, M.H. Obermeier, John Overholtzer, Wayne Overholtzer, Leo-

nard O'Neal, Richard Pistole, Dale Reynolds, Frank Richards, Carl Riggs, Edwin Sherwood, Dr. Harry Sheumaker, Francis Smith, Harry Skarda, Donald Weeda, Paul Weeda, Darrell Werner, Elton Werner, and Herman Wilkes.

The first president of the club was Carl Riggs, and the first secretary-treasurer was Wayne Overholtzer. Quentin Abarr has been secretary-treasurer since 1962, or a total of 20 years at the present writing (1982). The meeting nights have been the first and third Thursdays of each month.

When the club was organized, the meetings were held in the old depot which was owned by the Tingley American Legion. Allyn Jarred purchased the Legion Building in 1967. The Lions Club then moved to the Tingley Community Building for its activities. The Lions Club, in cooperation with the Tingley City Council, has done much to improve the Community Building, so that now the town and surrounding community have a meeting

place of which to be proud. The Community Building is used for family reunions, 4-H meetings, American Legion Auxiliary, and various other groups.

For several years, the Tingley Lions sponsored the Mt. Ayr girls' sports banquet—one year, both girls' and boys' banquets. It also has sponsored the Tingley Little League and paid the coach.

Each year the Lions have a chili and oyster supper, the proceeds going to the Iowa Lions Sight Foundation. The club has sponsored a number of projects to raise money for community betterment, such as donkey ball games, tractor pulls, and printing the Ringgold County Fair Books. The Lions contribute money each year to the Tingley Halloween Fun Night, the Easter egg hunt, and provide treats for the children at Christmas time. The club also contributed money to help build the tennis court.

Over the years, the Lions Club has done much to make Tingley and community a better place in which to live.

Tingley Lions Club Pictures: (Members — 1982)



(L TO R) Curtis Lininger, Dan Weeda, Ernest Bastow, Donald Wood, Loren Ibbotson, Rick Farrell, Wayne Stoll, Ivan Shields, Lloyd Weeda, John Overholtzer, Dean Breckenridge.



(L TO R) Cecil Allen, Richard Derscheid, Billy Breckenridge, Quentin Abarr, Mike Breckenridge, Clare Johnson, Wayne Overholtzer, Lloyd Bonham, Frank Richards, Marvin Shields, Ted Taylor.



(L TO R) Carl Riggs, Elton Werner, Keith Lininger, Eddie Ford, Jim Jobe, George Hosfield, LeRoy Wood, Kenneth Wood, Howard Wurster, Gary Wurster, Donald Weeda.

Members not pictured: Quentin Anderson, Jim England, Ivan Grout, John Hettinger, Dean Johnson, Bob Johnson, Phil Keneally, Lloyd Miller, Marvin Miller, Gary Petersohn, Lyle Raines, Lyndon Richards, Gene Pettinger

Tingley Federated Garden Club

The Garden Club was organized by Beulah Smith and Florine Miller January 6, 1959, at a meeting at the schoolhouse. Officers elected were: Beulah Smith, president; Betty Miller, vice-president; Marian Reynolds, secretary-treasurer. Other members were Julia Henderson, Donna Bear, Lola Breckenridge, Evelyn England, Edna Hupp, Ella Fox, Ola Verploegh, Clara Williams, Lena Richards, Ruthie Pistole, Ruth England, Daisy Ferber, Nona Giles, Bertha Abarr, Ava Overholtzer, Edith Johnson, Leona Been, Florine Miller, Vey Hogue, Marie Troxell, Pearl Marrs, Eleanor Shields, Dora Jones, Dorothy Grant, and Marguerite Greene.

The club continues to meet once a month. A program

is presented pertaining to flowers, gardens and landscaping. The club has held many local flower shows, gone on tours, and participated in district and state meetings.

In 1963 they sponsored a Junior Garden Club of 14 members with Ella Fox as leader, and later Florence Lupher. The Junior Club set out evergreens near the Community Building. This group no longer exists.

The Garden Club landscaped a plot of ground, a gift from Claire and Jean Henderson, across the street west of the filling station and are caretakers where they have a picnic table and flowers for every season.

In 1982 the club has eleven members.



1982 GARDEN CLUB

FRONT ROW: (L to R) Arvilla Bedier, Cleo Clough, Ella Fox, Maggie Courtney. BACK ROW: Florence Coppock, Flora Courtney, Hester Derscheid, Eleanor Shields, Charlotte Stoll. Not pictured: Cleone Thompson.



Charlotte Stoll, Cleone Thompson, Cleo Clough, and Arvilla Bedier working in park. 1982

Dentists — Doctors — Veterinarians

Dentists

Dr. J.P. Horton moved to Tingley in 1907 and practiced dentistry. In 1928 Dr. R.E. Leazenby, who was associated with Dr. C.C. Lawhead of Mt. Ayr, opened a dental office on Thursdays at the C.W. Lent residence. Previous, Dr. W.M. Hockabout was the dentist.

Doctors

Following are some of the doctors who practiced in Tingley:

1883 - 1884 Dr. Louis E. St. John, age 49, came from Eugene. He moved West in two years. He apparently "could not save his own" — two of his small children lie in neglected graves at Eugene Cemetery.

1887 - James Nichols and R.W. Selby

1903 - 1907 M.F. Hannelly, M.D.

1904 - 1906 Lyman R. Hinsdill, M.D., Physician & Surgeon

1907 - 1908 A.E. Lane, M.D., Physician & Surgeon

1908 - 1910 H.H. Nelson, M.D.

1911 - 1912 Dr. T.W. Little

1915 - Dr. T.N. Wilson, Osteopath from Clarinda — Monday and Friday afternoon; Found at R.I. Hogue's residence.

1919 - E.A. Trotter, Chiropractor at Mrs. S.H. Heaton's

Following are more detailed accounts of other doctors serving the Tingley community:

Dr. D.H. Killingsworth

Taken from 1896 Mt. Ayr Twice-A-Week-News.

Dr. D.H. Killingsworth began the practice of medicine at Tingley in 1889. In 1895 he took a course in the New York post graduate school of medicine, winning first honor in surgery and diseases of women in a class of 400. He has a very large practice in Tingley, many patients coming from a distance. He is especially noted for the difficult surgical operations he has successfully performed.

Dr. Killingsworth was married September 28, 1892, to Miss Clara E. Stranahan of Mt. Ayr, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Stranahan, who are among the earliest settlers and most respected citizens of the county. The following from the Tingley *Vindicator* gives a hint of the doctor's surgical skill: "Dr. Killingsworth on Monday, assisted by Dr. Hannelly, performed one of the most difficult operations on James Lorimor of Winterset. Four years ago Mr. Lorimor had a cancer removed by the caustic method from just below the right eye, which had removed the lower eyelid and occluded the nasal duct. The doctor formed a new duct, then removed a flap of skin and formed a new eye lid, which has united nicely. This speaks well for the doctor, to have patients come that distance and from so near Des Moines.

Dr. Killingsworth opened Kennelsworth Hospital in Clarinda, Iowa in 1899. The February 26, 1903 *Vindicator* had a news item from Dr. Killingsworth thanking those who helped in fitting up the "Tingley Room" in his new hospital at Clarinda. After Dr. Killingsworth moved to Clarinda, many Tingley persons went to Clarinda for surgery; and he would return to Tingley by

train to make sick calls.

He died November 22, 1944.



Dr. D.H. Killingsworth
Courtesy of Edna Dolson

Dr. Hiram Whisler



Dr. and Mrs. H. (Annie Frazey) Whisler — 1920

Dr. Hiram Whisler was born in Ohio in 1849. While just a child he moved with his parents to Fairfield, Iowa.

He received his medical education at Rush Medical College in Chicago.

He was married in 1881 and moved to Afton in 1882 where he practiced medicine for eight years.

In 1900 he moved to Tingley where he practiced for 30 years.

Dr. and Mrs. Whisler had thirteen children who are all

deceased. Three of the children graduated from Tingley High School and one daughter taught in the Tingley school later.

Dr. Whisler retired in 1933 due to ill health and died in 1935.

He and his wife are buried in Afton.

by Jennie Vance

for the Ringgold County Historical Society



Mr. and Mrs. Bryce (Winifred Ferguson) Whisler
—1957



(L to R) Perce, Bryce, Dad Whisler, Darl, Ross,
Everett, (Not Shown) Harry

(L to R) Nell (Mrs. Lloyd Anderson), Gertie (Mrs. Frank Lehman), Hattie (Mrs. Lisle Harper), Edna (Mrs. Sam Elder), Dad Whisler, Della (Mrs. Cal Overmier), (Not Shown) Ida (Mrs. Harve Elder)



by Mrs. Bryce (Winifred Ferguson) Whisler

The Whisler's came to America from Germany. When in his teens, Grandfather Abraham Whisler's first job was driving the mules along the towpath beside the Erie Canal as they pulled the barges. In his adult years, he became a doctor.

Abraham and his family came to Iowa via Pennsylvania and Ohio just after the birth of his ninth child, eighth son, in 1849. Tingley folk knew him as Dr. H. Whisler.

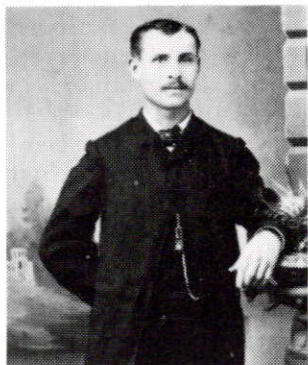
When he and his next older brother, Levi, rode into Mt. Ayr one day wearing identical light-colored topcoats, they were surprised to see people hurrying to get off the street and shopkeepers locking their doors and pulling down shades. Later they learned that Jesse James and his brother, wearing similar topcoats, had recently been seen in the area.

Dr. H. Whisler, his wife Annie Frazey Whisler, and their 13 children moved to Tingley about 1900. Two of the Whisler girls, Edna and Ida, married two brothers, Sam and Harve Elder, whose father ran the drugstore in Tingley about that same year.

Five of the Whisler children, Perce, Edna, Hattie, Everett, and Darl, presented their parents with twin great-grandchildren.

The Whisler progeny are now scattered from coast to coast, but none are left in Tingley. However, there are some cousins in the area.

S.W. "Doc" and Emma DeLong



DOC WHEN A YOUNG MAN IN MISSOURI: Emma, 1908; and DOC'S "BABY OVERLAND."

BELOW, DOC WITH: Little Vergene Williams and his niece Louise Smith, 1923; Clair and watermelon, and with Emma, 1922; Warren and Velma Haltom and Kristine Heyer, 1938.

"Doc" Samuel Warren DeLong (1863-1940) was Tingley's M.D. in the classic tradition from 1909 until his death in 1940 after a long struggle with angina. Born and raised on a woodland farm near Andover, Mo. — he farmed, taught a country school, preached at the country church, and courted our Aunt Emma Heyer (1870-1955, see *Heyer Family History*). She favored another suitor, however, so Warren married Charity Thomas of Kansas and they had five children plus several grandchildren before Charity died in 1902.

Not satisfied with his progress to that point, Warren then went to St. Joseph, Mo., worked his way through law school and hung his attorney shingle back at Cainsville, Mo. Within a few months he concluded, "I'd have to be a crook to be a successful lawyer"; so he returned to St. Joe and worked his way through medical school, graduating in 1907 at the head of his class.

In the meantime, Emma Heyer's fiancé died before they could be married, and she had come to Tingley to help John and Fred in Heyer Brothers store. Dr. Warren resumed his suit; he and Emma married in late 1907; and early 1908 he started his practice at Tingley.

Doc was early enough to be a traditional horse and buggy doctor, recalling that he never removed his clothes during a three-week pneumonia epidemic. The barn that housed his team and buggy, also Emma's White Brahma chickens, now stands on Clair Heyer's "cottage" property.

Then Doc gradually shifted to the auto age. First an Overland roadster (1911); a 1918 Buick roadster with removable winter top; on to a 1925 Star coupe; finally a Dodge Victory and another Dodge.

Patients frequently paid their accounts with home-killed meat and chickens, eggs, fruit and vegetables; and the same came as gifts. Friendly patients, if not in great pain, timed their office visits to not interrupt Doc's listening to the WHO afternoon Wheaties baseball broadcasts by Iowa's most famous sportscaster, Ronald "Dutch" Reagan. Every day Doc ate half a box of Wheaties for breakfast, then finished the box that evening for supper.

After his first heart attack in 1926, Doc hired a driver for all except town calls — usually Bert House, but Warren or Clair when they were there during holiday and summer vacations. Doc and Emma's was their second home.

Clair's vivid memories are: Steering the Overland while sitting on Doc's lap. The big Edison with records of MAKE THAT TROMBONE LAUGH, DARDANELLA, WHISPERING...; the RCA table radio with built-in speaker for Coon Sanders and His Night-hawks.... Driving to Iowa City hospital through an ice storm with a boy who had a burst appendix; across the Missouri line to visit Doc's mother and Sister Edna; his pipe and Granger tobacco; his medical case by the kitchen door; consuming a watermelon and recovering on the couch; frosty mugs of beer, one each, at Creston on a hot day, while Emma mumbled. Emma's applesauce.

Warren Haltom's flashbacks recall their close relationship and the seven full summers (1922-1928) he stayed with Doc and Emma. "He was a sincere and kind-hearted man — I never heard him say anything really bad about anyone. How he enjoyed sports. Doc's honesty with, and compassion for, his patients. He loved youngsters, and vice versa. Our many trips to Creston and St. Joseph hospitals on dirt, mud, and sometimes gravel roads. Emma's immaculate house-keeping and how she would get after me if she didn't think I was scrubbed clean."

Emma was a member of the Kensington Club, active in church, and managed their home on split-second timing. Both were lifelong members of the Christian Church, Doc serving as elder and on the board, and he could preach a more scholarly sermon than many of the local preachers. Doc also was member and president of the school board in the 1920s.

The Bible that Doc gave Emma at Christmas, 1912 is inscribed by him, "Take it at all times and places as your counselor."

By Nephews Warren "Larry" Haltom and Clair B. Heyer



Dr. J.A. McIntosh

Dr. J.A. McIntosh and his wife Edith came to Tingley in 1927 from Des Moines, Iowa, after receiving his degree from Still College of Osteopathy. For thirty years he conducted a general family practice. In 1941 he was joined by Dr. Leigh S. Beamer as a partner, and they served Tingley and the surrounding area until Dr. Beamer's death in 1954. Dr. McIntosh maintained the practice until his retirement in 1956, selling his office and home to Dr. Robert Bailey.

For many years Genevieve Jobe served as office nurse, and Pat Eagen (Johnson) filled in for Genevieve while some of her children were young.

Dr. McIntosh, during his years of practice, saw many changes and much progress in the care and treatment of disease. Discovery and general use of sulfa, penicillin, and antibiotics changed the course of medicine and saved many lives. They were indeed "miracle drugs," and no one realizes this better than those doctors who practiced before and after their discovery.

Dr. McIntosh also saw great changes and improvement in Ringgold County roads. When he started practice in January of 1927, there were only 12 miles of gravel in the county and no pavement. Ringgold County really was in the mud! He kept a mud car, usually a Model T Ford with a Ruckstel axle, or later on, a Model A Ford. Mud roads were taken for granted, and mud was just something to poke from wheels when they rolled full and slid instead of turned.

Telephone service was primitive and personal, as one had to call through Ellston and Beaconsfield to reach Grand River. One was indeed fortunate if the lines were clear and you could "get through" without trying and trying and standing and waiting. Frequently the various "Centrals" were very helpful and allowed you to wait on the line, or would even ask for the line when for a doctor's call. For a while, long distance was the only means of talking to Shannon City. There was no wonderful "beeper" to let the doctor know he was wanted, nor a short wave radio to keep in touch with his office.

Tingley Central usually was the answering service in the evening. The doctor would call Central, leave word where he would be, and the operator would put a note on her board where to reach the doctor, leaving it for the night operator who came on at 9 o'clock.

Tingley had two daily passenger trains, one going east at 2:00 p.m., and another west at 4:00 p.m. Oftentimes when the roads were impassable due to mud or drifted snow, calls were made on the train. Dr. McIntosh would take the eastbound train to Ellston, Beaconsfield, or Grand River, make calls, then return on the westbound 4:00 o'clock train. Often he made country calls, getting off the train at a crossing where someone would meet him with team and buggy, bobsled, or even horseback, make the sick call, return to the crossing and flag the westbound train to come back to Tingley. Train crews knew him and were so helpful and obliging.

Foreman of the railroad section crew lived in Tingley and several times he got out of bed, went to the depot and started the engine of the handcar. Then he and the doctor would go flying through the cold, dark night.

One day Dr. McIntosh made calls in three counties in bobsleds, as roads were impassable for a car due to snow drifts.

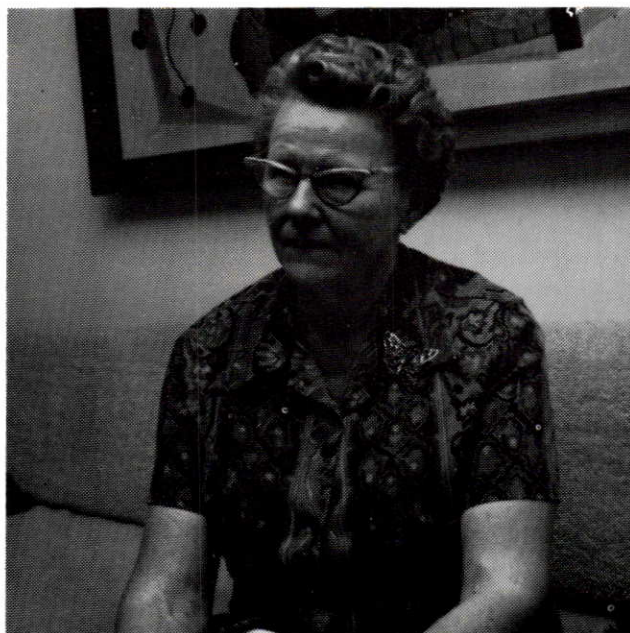
A wonderful spirit of neighborliness and helpfulness pervaded the whole rural community. In case of emergency, help always rallied. One day when roads were badly drifted, almost 70 men shoveled snow and made way for teams and bobsleds to transport an injured boy to the main road for emergency treatment.

Roads were considered the worst when, after being muddy and rolling with big hunks of mud punched from wheels, they froze solid. Bumping over such roads was almost impossible, and cars and tires had to be expandable. All of this seems impossible, when today a well-equipped and well-attended ambulance can roll to the door and whisk the patient away for modern medical attention at the nearest hospital.

Since retirement, Dr. McIntosh and Edith have been dividing their time between spending summers on their farm at Keosauqua, Iowa, and winters at Ft. Myers Beach, Florida.



Dr. J.A. McIntosh



Edith McIntosh



(Left) Doctor's Office from 1927-1941
(Right) Doctor's Office from 1941-1966



Leigh and Hazel Beamer
Sue and Steve



Another View of Doctor's Office
Courtesy Clair Heyer Photo

Dr. Leigh S. Beamer

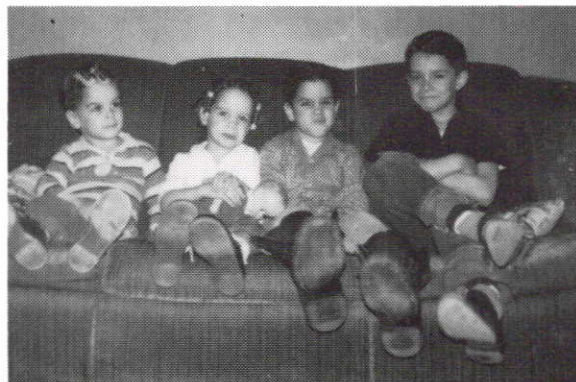
Dr. Leigh S. Beamer came to Tingley in 1940. Dr. Beamer was born and raised at Laura, Illinois. He graduated from Still Osteopathic College in Des Moines in 1939. The following year he served an internship at Des Moines General Hospital. He then came to Tingley to begin practice with Dr. McIntosh. Dr. Beamer lived with Dr. & Mrs. McIntosh for one year after which time he married Hazel Webster from Toulon, Illinois, now of Chillicothe, Illinois. They had two children, Sue Ellen Beamer Eberle, Sparland, Illinois and Stephen Leigh Beamer, Chillicothe, Illinois. Dr. Beamer practiced with Dr. McIntosh until 1954. He passed away December 14, 1954 at the age of thirty-eight following a short illness.



Dr. Leigh S.
Beamer

Dr. Lyle R. Bailey

Dr. Lyle Robert (Bob) Bailey took undergraduate study at Grand View College, receiving his Doctorate Degree from Still Osteopathic College in Des Moines, Iowa. It was during his internship at Des Moines General when Dr. Bailey met Dr. J.A. McIntosh. Upon the retirement of Dr. McIntosh in 1956, Dr. Bailey took over the practice. He continued to practice in Tingley until July, 1966, at which time his family moved to Chandler, Arizona. Dr. Bailey was the last doctor to practice in Tingley.



Chuckie, Jennifer, Jimmie, and Mark Bailey



STANDING: Jim, Jennifer, Mark
SEATED: Nancy, Chuck, Randy and Dr. Bailey



This picture is proof of just one of the many great strides that have been made in the prevention of disease—Mary Ashenhurst's father, Henry C. (Hank) Overholtzer, when he had that dread disease, Smallpox, in 1917. He was at the age of 34.

Treating illnesses in the horse and buggy days was quite different from nowadays. Many times the doctor would have to transport a patient by horse and sleigh or buggy to Shannon City to catch the train and go to the hospital at St. Joseph. Many patients were sent to Dr. Killingsworth's hospital at Clarinda by train. Some were taken by horse and buggy to Cottage Hospital in Creston. After Drs. McIntosh and Beamer came to Tingley, they took many patients to Des Moines General, Iowa City, or Creston's Greater Community Hospital.

Veterinarian Sheumaker

Dr. H.D. Sheumaker and Gertrude Crouch were married June 1, 1910. Harry Sheumaker was born November 5, 1884, in Blockton, Iowa, and Gertrude Crouch was born April 18, 1885, in Nebraska City, Nebraska. She came to Redding, Iowa, with her parents, John Marion and Myra Miller Crouch. Before her marriage, she was a teacher in rural schools near Redding.

Dr. and Mrs. Sheumaker came to Tingley immediately after their marriage and established their home. Dr. Sheumaker had just graduated from the Kansas City Veterinary College, and he set up his veterinary practice in Tingley which he continued until the late '60's.

They were members of the Tingley U.P. Church. Both Harry and Gertrude were active in community affairs. Gertrude taught Sunday School classes for many years

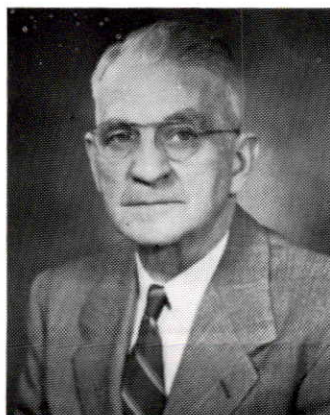
and was deeply involved in school organizations. Harry was a town council member for many years and also a member of the school board for fourteen or fifteen years.

They were the parents of two children: Marian, now Mrs. Donald Stark of Traer, Iowa; and Robert, Dr. R.G. Sheumaker of Danbury, Iowa, who married Jean Anderson of Danbury. The Donald Starks have two children; Dr. James E. Stark of Dubuque, Iowa; and Jean, Mrs. Wm. P. McCarty of North Liberty, Iowa. The Dr. R.G. Sheumakers have four daughters; Susan, Mrs. Tom McLuen of Spokane, Washington; Ellen, Mrs. Garry Beightol of Des Moines; Joan, Mrs. Dave Davis of Sioux City, Iowa; and Nancy, Mrs. Steve Rendall of Pleasant Hill, Iowa. There are now ten great-grandchildren.

Harry began practice when he would have to sit up all night with colicky horses, and travel mud roads. He began practice driving a team and rig. When he graduated from veterinary school, he had been schooled to the fact that he should present a professional image. One of his first trips ended in a run-away made more traumatic by a "plug" hat which was jammed down over his eyes during the fracas. Everything ended without serious injury or damage, but that was probably the beginning of the end of trying to maintain a professional image. He later graduated to a Model T Ford. By the way, the door on the driver's side was not made to open. Many times it was necessary to walk from farm to farm because of deep snow or mud. He doctored small animals but didn't get paid for that. Now his grandson's practice is exclusively small animal and he does get paid.

Harry graduated in 1910 from Kansas City Veterinary College; his son Robert graduated in 1940 from Iowa State University Veterinary College; his grandson "Jim" graduated in 1970 from Iowa State University Veterinary College. Harry joked about his being smarter than his son or grandson. The length of the course in 1910 was only three years, but it took son Robert five years in 1940, and grandson "Jim" six years in 1970 to arrive at the same degree. Now the average length of the course is eight years.

Because of ill health and the scarcity of home help, Dr. and Mrs. Sheumaker left Tingley in 1970 and went to a care center in Mapleton, Iowa, which was near their son, Dr. R.G. Sheumaker. Harry died February 6, 1974, at the age of 89, and Gertrude died June 4, 1980, at 95 years of age.



Dr. H.D. Sheumaker Gertrude Crouch Sheumaker

SCHOOLS

RURAL SCHOOLS OF TINGLEY TOWNSHIP

Tingley Township was divided into nine school districts. In the northeast corner of the township was Tingley No. 1 known as the Ames School. Two miles west was No. 2 or Hackberry. Number 3 located on Highway 169 was called Cozy Corner. Bridge Academy, or No. 4, was located two miles south on Highway 169. Tingley No. 5 was known as Center School before the town of Tingley was established, it being located across from the present Charles Case home. Tingley Independent Schools took its place in 1885. Number 6, or Willow Shade, was located two miles east on the Tingley-Ellston road. Two miles south was No. 7 which was known as the Mariner School. Pleasant View, or No. 8 was two miles west. The last of the nine schools was the Eighthme School also located on Highway 169.

The rural schools were governed by the township school board with a director from each of the rural schools and one director at large.

In the early days the rural schools operated under a system of fall, winter, and spring terms. Some of the teachers who taught in the winter term of 1906 were paid \$35.00 per month. The teachers in the rural schools for the fall term of 1907 were Jennie Culp, Mable Henderson, Hattie Whisler, Alice Gillis, Nellie Whisler and Anna Kiburz, also Louella House and Dessie Stradley. They were paid \$30.00 per month.

By the year of 1920, salaries had risen to \$85.00-\$110.00 per month. Teachers that year were Nina Lee, Mildred Wilson, Mabel Dailey, Marietta Eighthme, Mary Carter, Pearl Priest, Eva Adams, and Alice Hardin.

The salaries were cut to \$40.00 by the mid-thirties. Teachers were Leola Richards, Velma Wimer, Elma Owens, Opal Hubbard, Lynna Linkey, Ava Smith and Velma Heaton.

Each rural school had a director. In 1942-43 the directors were Wayne Newberry, John England, Lloyd McGrath, Lloyd England, Howard Weeda, Leonard O'Neal, Ray Grout, and George Putney. Teachers were Georgia Eighthme, Vera Morgan, Clara Mae Bird, Nadine Wood, and Naomi Weeda. Numbers 3, 6, and 9 were closed. Salaries were \$70.00 per month.

All rural schools were closed by 1949-1950 with the exception of Numbers 2 and 7. Clara Mae Bird and Lois Triggs were the teachers, at a salary of \$175 per month.

By 1951-52 all rural schools in Tingley Township were closed.

Community activities were carried on in the rural schools. Picnics, potluck suppers, Christmas programs and other activities served as a means of gathering the school patrons together.

Rural school teachers had many exciting experiences. One rural teacher, Twilla Hall Lininger, had a skunk get into the schoolroom and left its perfume. The teacher and students spent much time scrubbing and scrubbing the room and its contents to get rid of the odor.

Another teacher, Barbara Horne, told of all the students in her class having the chicken pox in the spring of 1947. Even the teacher came down with the disease and took it home to her pre-school child.

When Jack England was a student at Hackberry, the teacher, Eleanor Weeda Shields, had trouble with his

going round and round and round when playing Drop the Handkerchief because he liked to carry the handkerchief.

Wayne Overholtzer told of the time his rural school didn't have playground equipment, so they had a box supper and took in over \$30.00. They purchased a basketball and one hoop, baseball and bat, also boxing gloves. They played Tingley 7th and 8th grades at a high school basketball game. Since they had only one basket, one of the boys thought he could put the ball in either basket so he shot one or two in for them. Wayne said they got beat by a small margin. He told of playing several ball games with Melrose, another rural school. Several Gileses were on the Melrose team including Clara Mae Giles Bird.

At Bridge Academy, Hazel Nichols Jenkins, the teacher, told of Francis Smith's coming to school very early one morning. His reason for coming early was because he had gotten a ride. His teacher asked if he had ridden with Henrietta Carr. His answer was, "I don't know what kind of car it was."

Opal Barnett told about a time when Robert Anderson was worried because he was going to die. When she talked to him about it, he said it was because she was making him work too hard in third grade.

The discipline codes have changed—whether for the better or for the worse. Clara Mae Bird tells of sending children out to get a switch from the tree so she could swat them for punishment. Sometimes the switches they chose were not very big.

Transportation to school in the early days was by foot, horseback, buggies and Model T or a Model A.

Country School

No. 1 — Liberty Twp. — Sunnyside 1924-25

In Memory of Cecil Isaac Staats

Who Was Reared in the Home of the Jim Maggards

He stood in the open doorway of the lonely country school, well hidden by overhanging trees.

He was small, so very small and young. His innocent smile showed a full set of baby teeth; his babyish, chubby hands moved back and forth in effort to convey feelings unexpressed.

Finally his lips managed several repeats of his name, "Cecil Isaac Staats."

It was his first day. It was a first day for me. A first day for what? Perchance a long road up a winding hill? All school lessons before him? My life's lessons yet unlearned?

How was inexperienced "me" to set him on the right road to learning?

The year moved on. Leaves fell. Cecil Isaac sat in a seat far too large, but we did our best. There was no neglect. Daily, during playtime, an older boy carried him on his shoulders.

He learned—some from other children, some from his book and a bit from me.

On occasion he would cross his arms at the wrist, stretch his weary body and utter "Whueue!", an amusing sound to the by-sitters.

The school year came to an end. Pupils departed. Cecil Isaac failed to quite clear his desk. A few treasures lay

hidden—a gray owl's feather, a small stone and a smooth worn stick.

Time being the enemy of life, the years rolled.

Thunderous wars echoed across the lands. The name Cecil Isaac Staats was called. Cecil Isaac answered.

The blaring firing ceased. The roll was called. Cecil Isaac didn't answer, "Here," nor did he hear the taps. He had given his all.

He had answered to the untimely bugle call of Gabriel that sounded on the echoless shores.

At night when ghostly winds whisper, "Whueue!" around that shady spot, are they answering to the call of

the ever-young?

Do they know the meaning of "Whueue?"

Or life's values?

Or a little boy's childish value of

a gray owl's feather?

a small stone?

or a smooth worn stick?

by Jo Eighme

A sniper's unerring aim caught Cecil Isaac while he was patrolling Lamar Island during World War II.

(Cecil Isaac Staats 1919-1944)

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Tingley No. 3 — Cozy Corner



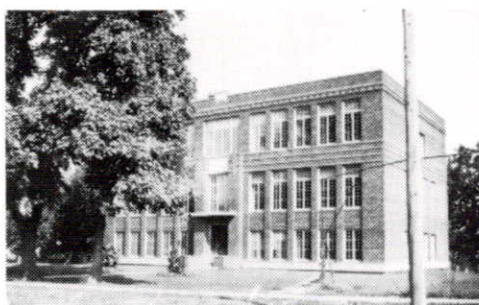
Tingley No. 2 — Hackberry
On Step: Clara Mae Giles, Floyd
Giles and ——— Hathaway



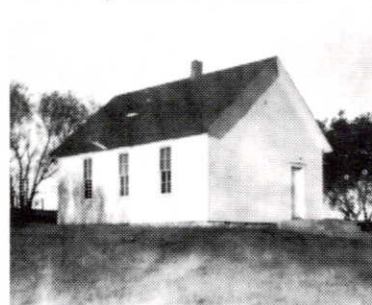
Tingley No. 1
Ames School 1916
BACK ROW: Ira Weeda, Louvisa
Summers, Maggie Sherwood
(Goldner) teacher, Aldon Ping-
ree, Vienna Brown, Emma
Weeda. FRONT ROW: Irven
Weeda, William Weeda



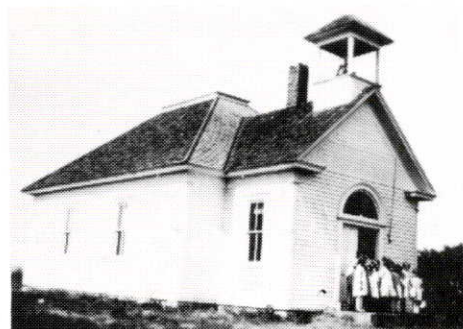
Tingley No. 4 — Bridge Academy
BACK ROW: (L TO R) Mary
McGrath, Doris England, Mar-
garet Troxell, Roberta Reynolds.
FRONT ROW: Marjorie Putney,
Doris Johnson, Ann Anderson,
Jim England, Alvin Selsor,
Deloris Selsor.



Tingley No. 5 — Center School
until Tingley Independent School
took its place.



Tingley No. 6 — WillowShade
Two miles East of Tingley



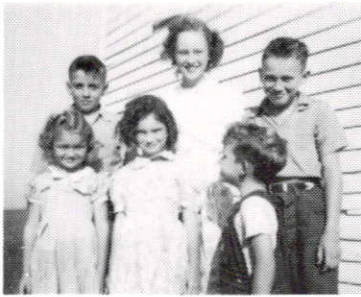
Tingley No. 9 — Eighme School



Tingley No. 8 — Pleasant View
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Tingley No. 7 — Mariner School



Tingley No. 3 — Cozy Corner
BACK ROW: John DeVries, Ann Anderson, Robert Anderson. **FRONT ROW:** Karen Ricker, Karen Sue Anderson, Jimmie DeVries



Tingley No. 1 — Ames School
Edna McKee Lorimor, teacher
TOP ROW: (L TO R) Violet Trower, Emma Weeda, Gladys Trower, Bernice Shields, Ira Weeda.
BOTTOM: Margaret Weeda, Russell Shields, Irvin Weeda, William Weeda.



Tingley No. 2 — Hackberry
BACK ROW: (L TO R) John Giles, Velma Case, Miss DeLong—teacher, Vera Kendall. **MIDDLE ROW:** William Kendall, George Hathaway, Leonard Borrusch, Beulah Marler, Cora Borrusch, Clara Mae Giles. **FRONT ROW:** Mary Butterfield, Ernest Hathaway, Howard Borrusch, Floyd Giles.



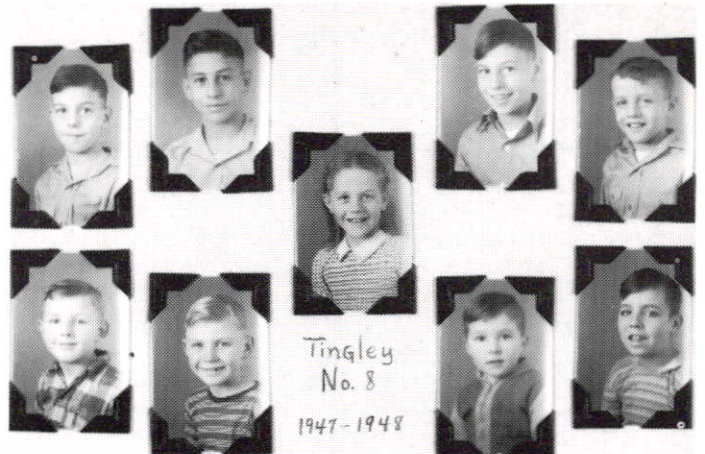
Cozy Corner — #3 Taken around 1912 or 1913
BACK ROW: (L TO R) Amy Duncan, Cecil McDowell, Jessie Duncan, Edith Hankins, Eva Ashenhurst (teacher), Edna Nichols, Eva Reynolds, Faye Hankins, Dave Hankins. **MIDDLE ROW:** Faye McDowell, Helen Hankins, Merle Hankins, Alma Duncan, Birdie McDowell, Agnes Reynolds, Alma McDowell. **FRONT ROW:** Wayne Darbyshire, Manson Reynolds, Emmett Heizer, Clyde McDowell, Oral Hankins.



Tingley No. 6 — Willow Shade 1937-38
BACK ROW: (L TO R) Lloyd Dean Borrusch, Marvin Kester, Allen Weeda, Floyd Borrusch, Barbara Borrusch, Rex Morrison. **FRONT ROW:** Betty Borrusch, Marilyn Kester, Doris Borrusch



Tingley No. 6 — Willow Shade
BACK ROW: (L TO R) Howard England, Ellen Eckerman, Lawrence Borrusch, Ethel Jenks (teacher), Gladys Brown, Florence Kester, George Kester. **FRONT ROW:** Juanita Bowman, Florence England, Rex Bowman, Marguerite Eckerman, Ila Brown (little one), Leland Sharp, Lloyd England, Walter Brown, Howard Brown, Leonard Borrusch.



Tingley No. 8 1947-48
TOP: Ronald Grout, Marvin Grout, Kenneth Grout, Robert Grout. **BOTTOM:** Larry Ross, Jim Smith, Ruth Grout, Larry Blauer, Dick Baker

History of Tingley School

Establishment and early years of our school is outlined in this story from the *Vindicator* of May 28, 1903.

The Tingley Independent School District was organized in 1882. The first school directors were elected in April, consisting of J.J. McCreight, Jacob Frane and John Haver. Jacob Frane has been a member of the school board ever since, with the exception of two years when he lived outside of the district.

SCHOOL HOUSE BUILT IN 1885



The present school building was erected in 1885 at a cost of \$3,300, the contractor being N.B. Case, of Clearfield. An addition was built to the school building in 1901, making it a building of six rooms. There are five departments of the school presided over by as able a corps of teachers as may be found in the county. The history of the school has been one of progress. As a rule the teachers have been above the average in ability, especially those now in charge have given excellent satisfaction.

They are earnestly supported by the patrons of the school, and the school board is always anxious to furnish supplies that will aid the teachers in making the instructions efficient. A large number from outside the district attend the school each year and under the management of the present principal, Prof. Murray, it has maintained a well earned reputation of being one of the best schools in the county. Thoroughness is the chief aim and those from outside of the district who contemplate taking advantage of a high school cannot do better than attend the Tingley school. Prof. Murray has been retained as principal for another year. During the vacation he is teaching in the summer school at Drake University.

Miss Freeman is the oldest teacher in the school having been constantly employed in the primary department since 1893.

Sixty-nine have graduated from the Tingley schools, the sons and daughters of some of the best families of the town and surrounding country. The first school held in town was held in the second story of a building that stood where Elder's drug store now stands. There was also school maintained in a school house located at the northeast corner of town, directly north of where Mr. Lanham's residence now stands. The building is now used as a house for Mr. Swain's family carriage and stands just west of his dwelling.

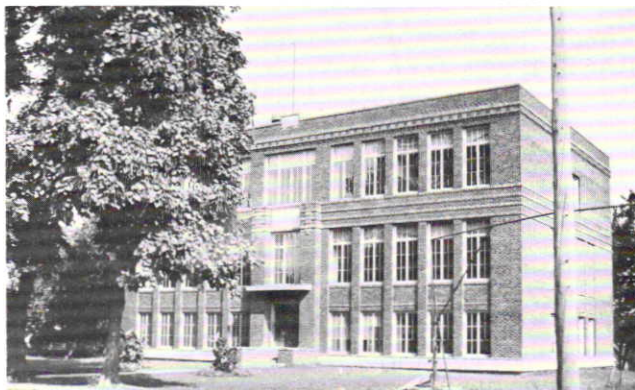
The list of principals are as follows:

F.R. Porter	F.E. Sanders	Loie Campbell
F.F. Fuller	Gertrude Miller	Clara Milligan
Louis Ellington		F.E. Hall

1918 — Tingley Builds New \$25,000.00 Brick School House

Information on new school house was taken from September 1918 issue of *Tingley Vindicator*.

SCHOOL HOUSE BUILT IN 1918



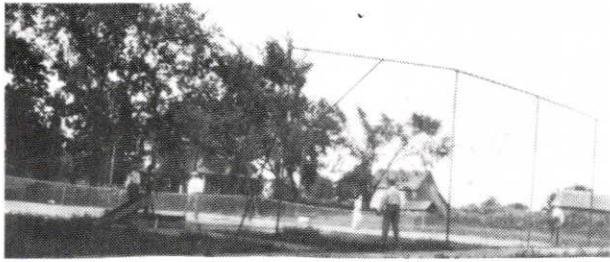
Tingley's new \$25,000 brick school building was completed in September of 1918. The building is 51' x 79' in size and 39' high. The furnace chimney at the northwest corner towers up 48 ft. It has a basement, and first and second stories. The basement houses the domestic science and manual training rooms, restrooms, the gymnasium and furnace and fuel rooms, on the first floor there are the four grade rooms complete with seating, blackboards and cloak rooms. In the main hall on this floor there is a sanitary drinking fountain. The water supply is procured from a well; it was necessary to go to a depth of 65 feet to secure sufficient water supply. On the third floor the study hall or main assembly occupies the west half of this floor, two recitation rooms, a laboratory and the superintendent's office make up the other part of the third floor. Above the main stairway is the book room.

The floors of the rooms are of hard maple and the stairways and halls of cement, making the building as nearly fireproof as possible.

The architect for the building is Wm. Gordon of St. Joe. The brick work was done by F.H. Thomas also of St. Joe, the plastering by I.G. Brown of Lamoni; the painting by Arthur Slaughter of Mt. Ayr; Contractors were H.H. Dufty and Leonard Grimes; they did the carpenter work and were assisted by A.S. Richards. Quite a force of men were employed on the excavation for the basement and helping with the brick work. Among them were O.C. House and A.A. Simpson.

Members of the school board are: J.L. Sheesley, H.D. Sheumaker, H.R. Boyd, A.M. Tidrick, Dr. S.W. DeLong, J.F. Fraser, and A.A. Simpson; Secretary, H.W. Edwards; Treasurer, C.C. Haver.

Teachers are: Superintendent, Miss Mae Coie; High School Principal, Miss Nina Withrow; Assistants, Misses Helen Kirk and Tracy Brisbane; the latter is domestic science instructor; 7th and 8th grades, Miss Ruth DeWitt, who is also manual training instructor; 5th and 6th grades, Miss Glenn Henderson; 3rd and 4th grades, Miss Vesper Fierce; 1st and 2nd grades, Miss Ina Freeman. Janitor, Henry Ray.



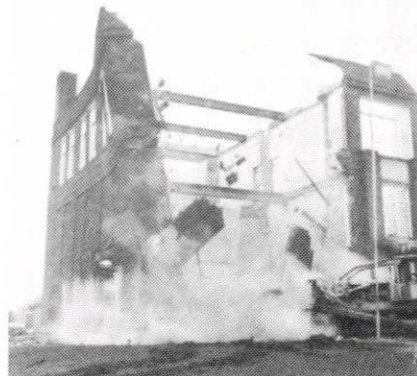
Tennis Court East of the Schoolhouse — 1925
Courtesy Clair Heyer Photo

Because of declining enrollment Tingley Independent School was combined with Mt. Ayr. The class of 1959 was the last to graduate from Tingley High. In 1959-60 the high school students began attending school in Mt. Ayr, while kindergarten through eighth grade remained at Tingley. In 1961-62 the lower elementary grades were moved to Ellston, and Ellston-Beaconsfield upper grade students attended school at Tingley. While still at Tingley, but a part of the Mt. Ayr district, the salaries of the grade school teachers ranged from \$5500.00 - \$6800.00

When the new Mt. Ayr elementary building was completed in the spring of 1980, the Tingley School was closed. It was torn down in the fall and winter of 1980.



Courtesy of Clara Mae Bird



Courtesy Clair Heyer Photos — 1980

**What a lot of years
 and a lot of kids
 couldn't accomplish!!!**

“MEMORIES”

Sue Richards Wood — can remember helping fill customers' vinegar jugs from the big barrel in the back room of their grocery store. She had to be careful not to pump up any “mother”. Cookies and crackers were sold by the bulk and stored in tin boxes. The locker was in the back of the store and was run by Pine Dairy....Slacks were only worn to school on Fridays by the Tingley high school girls—and NEVER to a ballgame....Sue has fond memories of the annual school picnics with lots of

tables laden with food—followed by an afternoon of ballgames. It was also the one day of the year when the fire escape door was opened and anyone could slide down the fire escape. Of course, it was even more fun if you had a “waxed paper” bread wrapper to slide down on; it really made it slick.....In the late 40's and 50's on Saturday afternoons, all young people had their ears tuned to KSIB's “Musically Yours”, a request program that informed everyone of the romances in the listening area.

Tingley High School Alumni Directory 1893 - 1983

1893 - Sanders, Supt.
Clark Casady
Lou McGregor
Maggie Elder Nichol
Ed Frane
Jessie Mahaffey McCoy
Erle Hancock
Mabel Pease Bement
Ollie Hancock Haver
Mabel Gibson Mills

1894 - Sanders, Supt.
Clyde Mahaffey
T.B. Stewart
Rose Petty
Lettie Haight Hall
Alice Hancos
Stella Russell Morrison
Grace Marshall Clough
Charles Stewart
Hattie Gray Tyson

1895 - Sanders, Supt.
Roy Pollock
Thomas Archbold
Webster Hancox
Mae Palmer
Anna McClure
Mary Butler
Daniel McGugin
Ralph Tidrick

1896 - Sanders, Supt.
Theo Coie Allen
Golda Gray Dougherty
Clyde Russel
Ethel Nelson McCully
Verna Pease Archibold
Burriss Stewart
Harvey McClelland
Rex Kinsell
Mary Frane Fullerton
Clara Nichol Elder
Fred Stewart

1897 - No Class

1898
John Coie
Alice Elder Templeton
Bessie Lathrop

1899 - L.J. Little, Supt.
Ruth Frane Robinson
Lee Little
Eleanor Swain Fuller
Fannie Asbury Henderson
Margie Hogue Mahaffey

1900 - L.J. Little, Supt.
Lloyd Smith
Lee Thompson
Harvey Elder
Luella House Goff
Blanche Border Hauser

1901 - Chas. Murray, Supt.
Irwin Swain

Floyd Henry
Anna Frane Smith
Martha Pennick Atkin
Mabel Little Lillard
Boyd Reffner
Robert Coie
Marie Henderson Brown
Daisy Smith Heyer

1902 - Chas. Murray, Supt.
Edith Swain
Lloyd Anderson
John Beatty
Julia Fletcher Henry
Mae Coie Stephenson

1903 - Chas. Murray, Supt.
Nellie Whisler Anderson
Grace Elder Swain
Ethel Henry
Houston Henderson

1904 - Chas. Murray, Supt.
Hawley Tuttle
Leslie McClure
Jessie Spurrier Snapp
Chloe Palmer
Merna Hall Smith

1905 - Chas. Murray, Supt.
Bessie Baxter
Etta Nelson Heyer
Ila Hinsdill Smedley
Anna Kiburz Blackmore
Gail Hamilton

1906 - Chas. Murray, Supt.
George Askren
Alice Gillis Schaffer
Mabel Henderson Plummer
Jennie Little Fouser
Asher Lorimor
Delilah Parch Lorimor
Lenore Peckham Yingling
Jessie Richards Newton
Ethel Stewart Miller
Eunice Swain Henderson
Minnie Tapp Ibbotson

1907 - Chas. Murray, Supt.
Jennie Culp Henderson
Glen Darbyshire
June Kinsell Smith
Mae Lanham Smith
Ray Darbyshire
Neil Lawhead
Mable Lukecart Culp
Ada Stiles
Hattie Whisler Harper
Leroy Spurrier

1908 - Chas. Murray, Supt.
Pearl Brown Larson
Lena Confer
Elno Hall Hicks
Glenn Henderson Relich
Leta Lawhead Sparks
Zoe McGandy Strong

Eva Burleigh Bosworth
Harry Gillis
John Hausz
Fern Little Hudson
Fay Stanley
Rose Whisler
Helene Heyer Smith

1909 - R.E. Davenport, Supt.
Julia Mariner Henderson
Letha Criswell Estell
Eva Ashenhurst Houston
Ethyl Smith Romans
Lulu Peckham Ramsey
Glenn Stewart

1910 - No Class

1911 - E.J. Engle, Supt.
Henry Immerzeel
Weeda Little
Lena Johnson Bischoff

1912 - E.J. Engle, Supt.
Ray Overholtzer
Bess Downard Parsons
Lettie Nelson Smith
Ruth McGandy
Olive Jenks Overholtzer
Mildred Asbury Moore

1913 - Jos. L. McCrory, Supt.
Emma Lloyd
Robert Darbyshire
Lloyd Little
Howard Johnson
Clay Stewart
Ben Weeda
Earl Roush

1914 - Jos. L. McCrory, Supt.
Bess Hausz Darbyshire
Marie Peckham White
Maude McNeil Hanshaw
Opal Overholtzer Walters
Fred Brown
John Boyd
Forrest Gray
James Richards

1915 - Jos. L. McCrory, Supt.
Fay McDowell Gowing
Gladys Gray Hunter
Claire Henderson
Gladys Aiken Williams
Wm. S. Breckenridge
Glenn Cook
Robert McLachlin
Cecil Brown

1916 - Jos. L. McCrory, Supt.
Mae Harvey Jones
Milo Little
Ike Kiburz
Eliphalet Mariner
Dorothy Miller
Floyd Miller
Allan Aiken

June Korf
Ernest Warrick

1917 - W.J. Dennis, Supt.
Helen Boyd Cochrane
Loretta Duffy Wells
Grace England Weeda
Lottie Arnold Brown
Lola Roush Breckenridge
Harold Gillis
Erle Lupher
Raymond Byers
Lawrence Haver
Irvin Bischoff
Amy Morrison

1918 - Mae F. Coie, Supt.
Elgin Asbury
Clarence Hausz
Mary McLachlin
Birdie Priest Johnson
Clara Priest Lawson
Cecil Fender
Hazel Nelson
Pearl Henderson Goodwin
Roy Sheesley
Glenn Grout
Edna McKee Lorimor
Edna Nichols Aiken
Lois Shay Kuhn

1919 - Mae F. Coie, Supt.
Ruth Carter England
Marie Eckerman Troxell
Iva Richards Coffman
Lawrence Brown

1920 - J.E. Behuke, Supt.
Florence Kester Lupher
Gladys Flemming McKinney
Irene McDowell Wise
Bernice Nelson Hamilton
Eleanor Fender Baker
Gladys Tidrick Grout
Margaret Eighme
Marietta Eighme
Pauline Boyd Lynam
Paul Branson
Rolla Ashenhurst
Wm. Fleming
Ina Freeman -
Honorary Member

1921 - Chas. E. Karn, Supt.
Gladys Simpson
Sadie Miller Oxenreider
Ethel Blauer Dolecheck
Geraldine Oxenreider
Lloyd Roush
Harold Temple
Ned Adams
Valere Fierce Dalbey

1922 - Chas. E. Karn, Supt.
Frankie Eighme
Oakel Buell McGregor

Margaret Archibold Malcom
Helen O'Leary Brown
Rebecca Lamb Kessler
Millard Morrison

1923 - Chas. E. Karn, Supt.
Winifred Ferguson Whisler
Ellen Eckerman Overholtzer
Grace Simpson O'Connell
Florence Dufty Demling
Birdie McDowell Hogue
Edith Stottlemeyer Hall
Wayne Overholtzer
George Kester
Emma Sottlemeyer Hanson
LaVerne Zarr
Ruth Lovely Jones
Chester Breckenridge
Clair Heyer -
Honorary Member

1924 - Chas. E. Karn, Supt.
Bernice Tidrick Romito
Chas. F. Bennett
Marguerite Eckerman Sherwood
Willis Jackson
Josephine Eighme
Ira Weeda
Mary Bevins Brown
Roland Roush
Irene Buchanan O'Leary

1925 - J.J. Hurwitz, Supt.
Marjorie Carter Archibald
Opal Hubbard Eastwood
Ernest Weeda

1926 - J.J. Hurwitz, Supt.
Ermal Breckenridge McFarland
Edna Young
Aleeta Clough Weeda
Marvin Hall
Harlin Harvey
Emma Weeda Borrusch
Violet Webb Williams
Wayne Darbyshire
Florence England Scholasser
Iona Roush Spurrier
Margaret Bevins Freihage
Boyd Fender
Fay McDowell Whitney
Fern Lovely Horton
Hazel Simpson
Evelyn Smith England
Will Pease
Lois Linkey Hammond

1927 - J.J. Hurwitz, Supt.
Lorena Fender Morgan
Nellie Clayton Harvey
George Ferguson
Ruth Gross Tarr
Loren Grout
Russell Henry
Kenneth Hoover
Mary Longcoy Boehlke
Avalyn McDowell Freeman
Frances McKee Overholtzer
Paul Simpson
Lynna Linkey Hoover

1928 - J.J. Hurwitz, Supt.
Beulah Roush Sale
Marguerite Smith Nulph
Doris Dorsey Hein
Helen Baldwin Hoyrup
Vivian Baldwin Powell
Gladys Weeda Eggleston
Gwen Van Driel Woodrow
Vienna Hall Richards
Horton Dufty
Ivan Brown
Dana Christopher
Lyndon Richards
Dorothy Hill Stringham
Flo McCloskey Burbridge
Franklin Eighme
Jud White
Rawson Coie
Cleo Blackmore Snyder
Maude McKee Drake
Hazel Nichols Jenkins
Ira Ferguson

1929 - J.J. Hurwitz, Supt.
LaVaughn Archibald Dennison
Raymond Buchanan
Althea Clough Robinson
Miles Coffman
Edwin Frank
Clara Mae Giles Bird
George Hathaway
Rex Hoover
Dean Ives
Margaret Kinne Swann
Beulah Marler Perkins
Verna McCowen Spitznogle
Opal Oxenreider Weeda
Marian Sheumaker Stark
Marvin Rawley
Charles Smith
John Smith
Pauline Webb Henry
William Weeda
Howard Weeda
Fern Gardner Friedmier
Fern Dunlap Haley

1930 - J.J. Hurwitz, Supt.
Leola Richards Bastow
Gladys Frank Moore
Frank Longcoy
Russell Shields
Nellie Blackmore Lutz
Margaret Weeda McKay
Irvin Weeda
Ralph Simpson
Leo Linkey

1931 - J.J. Hurwitz, Supt.
Raymond Verploegh
Margaret Hunter
Doyle Hicks
Vira Marler Wilson
David Kinne
Page Nichols
Alice Bennett Neville
Paul Weeda

1932 - J.J. Hurwitz, Supt.
Mary Simpson Lindquist
Iola Garland Pritchard

Homer Blauer
Beatrice Blackmore Tuttle
Lorene Marler
Frank Richards
Bert Grose
Chas. Grose
Keith McCowen
Ralph Nichols
1933 - J.J. Hurwitz, Supt.
Doris Henry Dick
Virleen Blackmore Verploegh
Ava Smith Rodemaker
David Hill
Milo Bosworth
Russell Verploegh
Kathleen Hunter Williams
Harris Hill
Helen Winner Lyddon
Stanley Garland
Donna Rosengrant Ricker

1934 - Delbert Pidgeon, Supt.
Lucius Eighme
Willis Giles
Russell Petersohn
Robert Sheumaker
Howard Simpson
Margaret Been Dutton
Alta Marie Borrusch
Rowena Burch
Delene McKee Nixon
Wardine Smith Verley

1935 - Delbert Pidgeon, Supt.
Lawrence Johnson
Alice Vanderpluym Coon
Clare Johnson
Lois McCowen Bailey
Donald Giles
Eleanor Weeda Shields
Helen Dufty Lasson
Donald Hathaway
Hazel Sharp Davis
Ivan Johnson
Thelma Henderson Rinner
Elmer Weeda
Cornelius Weeda

1936 - Delbert Pidgeon, Supt.
Lawrence Hicks
Monefay Hanson Fonkert
Mildred Bacon Cheek
Mary Blackmore Herndon
Fern Blauer Waugh
Warren Allen
Helen Jones Hoover
Billy Miller
Vashti Hubbard Ayers
Earl Henderson
Doris Weeda Reasoner
Francis Petersohn
Maxine Nichols Johnson
Elmer Vanderpluym
Charlene Borrusch Nichols
Eleanor Bosworth West
Doyle Hunter

1937 - Delbert Pidgeon, Supt.
Dorothy Webb Giles
Howard Verploegh
Twilla Hall Lininger

Thelma Marler Whitson
Wayne Weeda
Robert Sharp
Mildred Stong Beneke
Francis Smith
Reba Breckenridge Erickson
Ellis Hill
Cleone Johnson Thompson
Lester Giles
Clair Hunter
Esther Petersohn Stephens

1938 - Delbert Pidgeon, Supt.
Rowena Eighme Taylor
Evelyn Walters Bonnell
Harold Blauer
Charlien Bosworth
Evelyn Woods Winslow
Beth Pidgeon Grimm
Wayne Vanderpluym
Mark Been
Marjorie Hillebran Werner
Donald Scott
Helen Henderson Spencer
Elton Werner
Donna Mary England Farrell
Lois Breckenridge Jensen
Esther Hubbard Golliday
Billy Nealis

1939 - W.K. Saville, Supt.
Lyle Laird
Harry Skarda
Merrill Johnson
Roberta Guess Spencer
Herbert Stark
Evelyn Baker Bradley
Maudeen Been Swinehart
Eldon Lockwood
Irene Vanderpluym Hubbard
Richard Garland
Wayne McGehee
Alfred Jones
William Buck

1940 - W.K. Saville, Supt.
Paul Buck
Jean Breckenridge Skarda
Nellie Gross Roberts
Harold Ball
Warren Giles
Vern Marler
Louise Smith Ripple
Naomi Weeda Wilson
Wayne Morrison Whittington
Phyllis Morrison Smith
Opal Hillebran Webb

1941 - M.H. Obermeier, Supt.
Robert McGehee
Roberta Johnson
Gale Smith
Ardena Eighme McVay
Howard Swanson
Louise Longcoy Johnson
Leo Guess
Lola Blunk Aswald
Hester Henderson Cornett

1942 - M.H. Obermeier, Supt.
Hazel Wimer

Raymond Vanderpluym
Paul Alexander
Lyle Troxell
Fern Woollums Jeans
Lee Mainard
Clell Blunck
Lillian Bass Lorimor
Allen Weeda
Marion McGehee
Marion Mercer
George Dailey
Dean Breckenridge
Pauline Hillebran Murphy

1943 - M.H. Obermeier, Supt.
Lucy Weeda Garland
Pauline Clymer VanSickle
Dean Garland
Russell Boyd
Donald Grout
Floyd Borrusch
Raymond Ball Frank
Marilyn Been Tindle
Alfred Mohr
Barbara Hoover Kiburz

1944 - M.H. Obermeier, Supt.
Edwin Verploegh
J.R. Henderson
Dorothy Reynolds Campbell
Doyle Weeda
Mardell Been Donner
Madolyn England Gray
Jr. Hullinger
Billy Breckenridge
Dorine Manbeck

1945 - H.C. Wiseman, Supt.
Dean Johnson
Doris Borrusch Coulson
Rex Morrison
John Dailey
Cleone Overholtzer Johnson
Donald Hullinger
Bert Wright
Roger Morrison
Donald Weeda
Dorothy Zarr Myers
Donald Bosworth
Mary Alice Boyd Huckaba
Marvin Kester
Peggy Mohr Skarda

1946 - Gladys Kiburz, Supt.
Elbert Skarda
Noel Seney
Helen O'Neal Weeda
Dale Grout
Audrey Clymer Ross
Ross Clough
Ava Jean Kline Weis
Robert England
Julia Woollums Sandefur
Don Wright

1947 - Gladys Kiburz, Supt.
Elsie Mae Coffman Ashburn
Joyce Overholtzer Scott
Patsy Hogue Banks
Robert Iiams
Wayne Richards

Delores Bischoff
Margaret Troxell Hull
Lloyd Weeda
Eloise Walters Brown
Ella Dean DeVries Ferber
Norman Ferber

1948 - Gladys Kiburz, Supt.
Doyle Reynolds
Marian O'Neal
Juanita Drake Clouse
Donald Clouse
Doris England Lemar
Dean Vanderpluym
Kenneth Kiburz
Betty Marrs Fenn
Keith Van Sickle

1949 - Garland McGinnis, Supt.
Marilyn Kester McCleery
Avery Woolums
Harold Grout
Charlotte Petersohn Rosengrant
Donald Neff

1950 - Garland McGinnis, Supt.
George Peters
Walter Zarr
Lyla Clough Bucy
Jack England

1951 - M.H. Obermeier, Supt.
Roberta Reynolds Frost
Roberta Swigart Staats
M.C. Been
Phillip Clymer
Marlene Giles Zarr
Charles Grout

1952 - M.H. Obermeier, Supt.
John Overholtzer
Donna Ferguson Morrison
Lyle Minnick
Guy Peters
Jim England
Allen Coffman
Lloyd Guess
Doris Johnson Been
Kenneth Johnson
Ellen Eighme Turbot

1953 - M.H. Obermeier, Supt.
Joan Hannah Arnold
Marvin Grout
Jo Ellen Archibold Johnson
Anne O'Neal Holland
Alan O'Neal
Gertrude Priest Jennings
D.W. Archibold
Bob Lapher

1954 - M.H. Obermeier, Supt.
Linda Richards Peters
Lucy Dailey Maudlin
Louise Weeda
Dean Bastow
Howard Tull
Darl Ferguson
Dwayne Overholtzer
Franklin Eighme
Charles Clark

1955 - M.H. Obermeier, Supt.
Dietrich Geschke
Charles Ryan
Elizabeth Jobe Welsh
LeRoy Giles
Kenneth Grout
Jenesse Overholtzer Tull
Ronald Tull
Wendell Craft

1956 - M.H. Obermeier, Supt.
Karen Owens Minnick
Helga Geschke Stoldt
Darlene Giles Bear
Shirley Blauer Martin
James McIntosh
Earl Pritchard
Arvid Clymer
Marvin Halm

1957 - M.H. Obermeier, Supt.
Myrna England Spurlock
Mary Jane Minnick Mosby
Hugh Ferguson
Dean Eighme
Sue Richards Wood
Mary Sue Pritchard McIntosh
Donald Richards
Von Tull
Gary Bear
Patricia Hill O'Loughlin
Donald Dukes
James Jobe
Mary Jane Clark Beckett

1958 - M.H. Obermeier, Supt.
Judith Jobe Pottorff
Sharon Kinney Glick
Brenda Brown Shelburg
Joyce Richards Anderson
Janet Loncoy Fenton
Robert Grout
Richard Palmer
Ronald Grout
Beverly Clark Bentz
Larry Giles
Dale Weeda
Larry Ford

1959 - M.H. Obermeier, Supt.
Ruth Grout Hoy
Don Kinne
Melvin Richards
Doris Giles Dufty
Norma Jean Sutherland Jones
Jon O'Neal
Betty Hill Stephens
Kenneth Clymer
Dick Baker
Rita Miller Sickels
Larry England

Honorary Members

1960 -
Jerry Jobe
Roger Palmer
Mary Barnhill
Charles Nichols
Don McKay
Janetta Saltzman

1961 -
Ronald Shields
Linda Kinne Myers
Glee Bear Toney
Marvin Kinne
Mike Archibold
Marie Miller Sickels
Gay Lou Ferguson Lechtenberger
Bob Baker
Robert Reasoner

1962 -
Violet Scott Robertson
Nancy Nichols Willey
Darlene Saltzman Archibold
Bob Allen
Lynn Obermeier Morton
Eddie Ford

1963 -
Barbara Baker
Rita Dukes Sickels
Patty Grout Stark
Jane Kinne Skillicorn

1964 -
Rhonda Clymer
Paul Dailey
Richard J. Farrell
Danny Ferguson
Gary Hailey
Ann Ibbotson Marks
Quita Lininger Blunck
Doloris McKay Bowman
Tom Petersohn
Karen Reasoner Cope
Doyle Richards
Raymond Shields
Ted Blunck

1965 -
Sharon Giles Betof
Richard Hill
Bill England
Dennis Miller
Ellen Ibbotson Goettler
Linda Minnick Swan
Craig Riggs
Nancy Weeda Riggs
Roger Trullinger
Dorothy Kinne

1966
Arthur Allen
Rita Fear
Cheri Greimann
Phyllis Petersohn
Diane Richards Schuett

1967 -
Richard Ferguson
Gary Petersohn
Randy Petersohn
Kay Barnett
Sally Breckenridge Drake
Mary Eighme Miller
Doris Eighme Greene
Gwen Trullinger Feldt
Sandra Greimann

1968 -
 Gary Ferguson
 Greg Ferguson
 Phyllis Reed Brandes
 Debra Richards Bastow
 Carla Riggs
 Peggy Welling Trivette

1969 -
 Mike Breckenridge
 Ruth Allen Zahner
 Karen Blunck
 Carla Ford Blanchard
 Charles Ford
 Ivan Grout
 Linda Hill
 Don Ibbotson
 Charles Jackson
 Curtis Lininger
 Darrell Reynolds
 Rodney Shields
 Becky Skarda Dolecheck
 Diane Weeda Sorensen
 Fred Weeter
 Kathryn Wurster Russi

1970 -
 Randy Blunck
 Kathy Boyd Webber
 Billy R. Breckenridge
 Virginia Fear
 Mike Ford
 Kathy Johnson Defenbaugh
 Murrill Marshall
 Cindy Reasoner
 Allen Reed
 Cathy Riggs Mason
 Annette Shields
 Janet Skarda Hall
 Kent Trullinger
 Patty Weeda Tindle
 Keith Welling

1971 -
 Kathy England Woodard
 Glenn Grout
 Lynn Grout
 Polly Johnson Hartsook
 Joy Kiburz McFarland
 Rose Ann Wurster Schutte

1972 -
 Raymond Todd
 Danny Lloyd Weeda
 David Weeda
 Mike Wilkins
 Cyndi Lautenbach
 Rita Ibbotson
 Carey Crowson
 John Allen
 David Breckenridge
 Dennis Breckenridge
 Jeff Brown

1973 -
 Kathy Burton
 Mary Helen Grout Adams
 Pam Jackson Ricker
 Dianne Johnson Miller
 Craig Ford
 Robert Johnson
 John Morrison
 Reldon Welling
 Mike Zarr

1974 -
 Julie Brown Geringer
 Lynita Burgher
 Diane England White
 Judy Kiburz Harrison
 Alyce Reed
 Ginny Skarda Eighme
 Darrell Weeter

1975 -
 Richard Johnson
 Karen Weeda Pettinger
 Patrick Weeda
 Danny Lee Weeda
 Gary Wurster
 Robin Shreve Wurster
 Mark Baker
 Alan Ibbotson

1976 -
 Jeff England
 Joni Brown Robison
 Becky Morrison
 Marla Wilkins Mason
 Marsha Ford
 Curtis Riggs
 Ralph Grout
 Cynthia Bennett Sobotka

1977 -
 Donna Johnson
 Jeanine Johnson Greene
 Terry Weeda
 Chuck Bennett
 Marcy Wilkins
 John Skarda
 Kent England
 Doug Campbell
 Diana Triggs Wolf

1978 -
 John Alan Overholtzer
 Debbie Carlisle


1979 -
 Gary Weeda
 Shelly Wilkins
 Linda Weeda
 Monica Jarred Murphy
 Dwayne Campbell

1980 -
 Sherry Bishop
 Beth Clymer
 Kathy Carlisle
 Sharene England
 Lisa Reed
 Kevin Triggs


1981 -
 Todd England
 Cindy Briner
 Sandy Weeda French
 Darwin Campbell


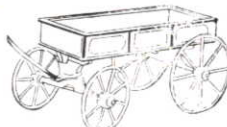
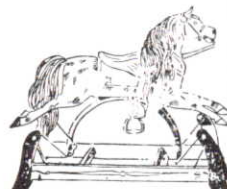
1982 -
 Lori Bishop
 Steve England
 Billie Jo Grout
 Jim Johnson
 Bill McIntosh
 Lori Morrison
 Marlene Osborn
 Mary Ann Weeda


1983 -
 Kim England
 Larry Jarred
 Debbie Reed
 Jennifer Swank






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Distinguished Members of the Class of 1895

The Tingley High School Class of 1895 was a small group, but a remarkable one. It included — Dan McGugin, who was to become one of the nation's greatest football coaches; Ralph Tidrick, who was to become well-known as a missionary; and Roy Pollock and Stella McClure, who were to become parents of Jackson Pollock, internationally known artist.

DAN MCGUGIN



Dan McGugin was born July 29, 1879, on the farm now owned by Marie Troxell in Tingley Township. His parents were Benjamin Franklin McGugin and Mellisa Almeda Crithfield McGugin. His father was a Union veteran of the Civil War who escaped from Andersonville Prison and made his way under the cover of darkness 300 miles to Union Lines.

Dan went to Drake University in the fall of 1897. He was so clever at pulling practical jokes that Professor Rea Woodman, impressed by the mischief-maker from Tingley, Iowa, wrote a book entitled *McGugin Alone*. In this book, she relates his rather numerous jokes and pranks together with the many incidents of real kindness which were as much a part of his character as were the unpredictable stunts in which he was continually involved.

Although football was a new game to him, he was a substitute tackle on the Drake team in 1898 and a regular in 1899. He continued to play tackle and scored some touchdowns under the rules of that time. He also did some of the punting and played an important part in the Drake victories over Nebraska and Iowa Universities.

After he graduated from Drake University, he enrolled at Michigan in the fall of 1901 to study law. At that time, Fielding Yost was the Michigan coach. McGugin joined Yost's football squad, and from that time on, the two men had much in common. Under Yost, it was a guard assignment for McGugin. The Wolverines slammed through 11 straight foes without being scored on in 1901. They steamrollered 11 more opponents in 1902. They mangled Michigan State 119 to 0 and riddled Iowa 107 to 0. McGugin also played in the first Rose Bowl game January 1, 1902, and smashed Stanford 49 to 0. Michigan made no substitutes that day.

McGugin graduated from Law School at Michigan at age 24 and moved to Nashville's Vanderbilt University to coach football and start a law office. He coached there

for 31 years. From 1904 to 1907, his teams were never scored on by a southern team. With this great record, he remains one of the nation's greatest coaches, and his name is in the Grid Hall of Fame.

Dan McGugin had a large law practice and taught the largest Sunday School class in the Christian Church in Nashville and often referred to the training he got in the Tingley Christian Church where his father was deacon and trustee.

"McGugin not only became prominent in the legal world of Nashville, but he became interested in the project for the development of Tennessee's enormous water power. He was assisted in this by Fielding Yost, his old football instructor at Michigan, who became his brother-in-law as well, and between them they succeeded in organizing the Tennessee Power Company, a \$20,000,000 corporation which ran transmission lines from three great plants on the Ocoee River in east Tennessee and the Great Falls of the Caney Fork to towns all over Tennessee." (October 31, 1912 *Vindicator*)

Dan McGugin was the father of two sons, Dan, Jr., and Leonard F., and one daughter Lucy Ann, deceased. On January 19, 1936, while visiting in the home of his law partner, he suffered a fatal heart attack. He is buried in Nashville, Tennessee.

RALPH TIDRICK — MISSIONARY

(See family history of Ralph Tidrick.)

Ralph Tidrick was stationed at Doleib Hill, Egyptian Sudan, as an agricultural missionary. Word of the tragic death of Mr. Tidrick in April, 1914, was received by cable and telegraph. He was but 38 years old. Following is an account of how he happened to be killed by a lion, taken from the May 21, 1914 issue of the Tingley Vindicator.

"This year has been an exceptionally dry year in the Soudan, and on account of this fact, it has been necessary for the missionaries to protect the natives against the attacks of wild beasts more than is usual, because of their coming nearer the river. Such protection has always played a very important part in winning the confidence of these black people to the missionaries. In March of this year, the natives came to Mr. Tidrick from a village five miles from the mission station, begging him to come and kill a lion which was killing their sheep. This he did, going with them during the night that they might lie in wait for it when it appeared in the morning. The report of this having spread all through the Shulla country, men came from a village 35 miles to the north to request him to kill some lions that were infesting their neighborhood. Not wishing to refuse their request, he went, and here occurred the accident which resulted in his death.

He started from Doleib Hill on Monday, April 13, reaching the village about noon and killing a lion that day. No other white man was with him and no one else able to handle a rifle, but there were doubtless a number of Shullas with him. It seems that on Tuesday morning he went out again with the Shullas and they discovered some more lions in the high grass, which at this season of the year is quite dry. They set fire to the grass and soon saw a lion rise up. Mr. Tidrick fired and the lion dropped but soon rose again and was struck by a second bullet, after which he did not appear again. Shortly afterwards another lion made its appearance and Tid-

rick dropped it also but it, too, bounded up a second time and was hit again. It then could not be seen in the high grass and Mr. Tidrick took up the trail of the two lions and soon came upon the first one stone dead. He then followed the trail of the second and came quite close to it thinking it dead also. He must have been within a few feet of it when he saw that it was not quite dead, and thinking that he would kill it with a smaller rifle than the one first used, he turned partly around to the Shulla carrying it, and that instant the lion, with a roar, was upon him. He had not time to aim his weapon, although it is thought that he fired but missed. He was thrown very heavily to the ground, and by the violence of the fall, two or three ribs were broken at the back, one of which perforated the right lung. The rifle was evidently knocked out of his hand, and in attempting to guard his face and neck from the beast, his hands were badly mutilated. He then, being a very powerful man, succeeded in kicking the lion off him and called to the Shullas, who had run in every direction, to come and spear the lion. By the time they got there with their spears, the lion had seized him by the foot and was dragging him about. Soon the spears began to fly and the lion let go the foot. One spear just grazed the foot, drawing blood but making no wound of any consequence. By this time it appears that the lion was dead. The Shullas carried Mr. Tidrick to the river bank and hailed the first passing steamer. A journey of 50 miles was completed that evening. His wounds were dressed at the government hospital at Kodok. On the arrival of the governor of the province the next day, he was put on the fastest steamer available and the engineer was ordered to make all haste to Khartoum, picking up Dr. Trudinger of the Australian mission at Melut on the way. The trip, which occupied nearly six days, was very trying to the sufferer, and at times it was feared he might not live to see Khartoum. About 60 miles south of Khartoum, they were met by Dr. Magill of the American Mission, and for a time the wounded man seemed to improve quite perceptibly. All arrangements had been made at the Khartoum Civil Hospital for the reception of the patient and an ambulance immediately conveyed him to the place. A consultation was held and an examination was made, and the report that there was hope for recovery was sent out. But as another night drew on, the fever increased, and the patient became delirious and so continued until the end. He died about 7:30 Tuesday morning, April 21. The body was laid to rest that afternoon in the Protestant section of the Khartoum cemetery. The funeral services were held in the American Mission building, and quite a company of people gathered to pay their last respects. The governor general sent a representative; the Church of England, the Catholic, Coptic, Syrian, Greek, and Italian communities were also represented, as well as, the Protestant community and Church Missionary Society. Also the Australian Mission at Melut. He was carried to the cemetery largely by the Soudanese, at least one of whom was a Shulla, for it seemed fitting that they for whom he gave his life should carry him to his last resting place. His wish to be buried at Khartoum was gratified. He is the first of the American Mission in the Soudan to mingle his dust with the dust of the land. Rev. Sowash, one of the missionaries at Khartoum writes, 'The Mission

has lost a strong worker, physically by far the most powerful, a strong character, with a high sense of honor; a man of firm convictions, of strong faith, a true friend of the Soudanese, a leader of men, a warrior for the truth, a soldier who followed his Lord whithersoever He led the way. Life's battles over, he sleeps well.'

JACKSON POLLOCK — FAMOUS ARTIST

Jackson Pollock (1912-1956), of universal fame, was the son of Roy and Stella (McClure) Pollock who were born and reared in the Tingley area. His grandparents were John and Jennie (Speck) McClure, in whose home he and his brothers visited as boys.

Jackson made his entrance into the art world by devising a technique of lines and colors that, as he said, he felt he was right in it, an attitude that is characteristic of abstract expressionism. As a critic said, "In viewing modern art, use more humor, more imagination, and see it as an expression of human creativity. It's the message, not the messenger, that counts."

Jackson's mother is buried in the Tingley Cemetery, having lived her last years with her brother, Les McClure.



Pollock's 'Two': a work, not an icon

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EARL ROWLAND, Agent,

SUPERINTENDENTS THROUGH THE YEARS

Our records show that in 1893, 1894, 1895 and 1896 that a Mr. Sanders was Superintendent. There was no graduating class in 1897. L.J. Little was Superintendent in 1899 and 1900. He was followed by Charles Murray as Superintendent through 1908. R.E. Davenport in 1909. No Graduating Class in 1910. E.J. Engle was Superintendent in 1911 and 1912, Jas. L. McCrory, 1913 through 1916. 1917 - W.J. Dennis, 1918 & 1919 - Mae F. Coie, J.E. Benuke in 1920. Chas. E. Karn became Superintendent in 1921 and remained through 1924, he was succeeded

by J.J. Hurwitz from 1925 through 1933. Delbert Pidgeon came in 1934 and was our Superintendent until 1938. W.K. Saville was in charge for two years and then M.H. Obermeier was Superintendent through the year of 1944. Following him was H.C. Wiseman in 1945 and Gladys Kiburz from 1946 through 1948 when Gayland McGinnis came for the following two years. M.H. Obermeier returned in 1951 and was in the Tingley School System as Superintendent until it was reorganized in 1960.



L.J. Little
Supt. of Schools
1899 and 1900



Prof. Chas. Murray



Prof. R.E. Davenport



THE OLDEST CLASS PICTURE TO BE FOUND
Miss Stahl's Primary Room, 1889-1900
Names According To Numbers:

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| 1. _____ | 20. _____ Nelson |
| 2. _____ | 21. Bessie Lorimor |
| 3. Verna Pease 1896 | 22. Ernie Bosworth |
| 4. _____ | 23. _____ |
| 5. Harvey McClelland | 24. Ruth Frane 1899 |
| 6. Mazzie Stafford | 25. Pearle Alley |
| 7. Clyde Mahaffey 1894 | 26. Beulah Fisher |
| 8. Fred Marshall | 27. Daisy Smith 1901 |
| 9. _____ | 28. Frace Mahaffey |
| 10. Ethel Nelson 1896 | 29. Edith E. Swaine 1902 |
| 11. _____ Wagoner | 30. Billy Coon |
| 12. _____ | 31. Carmon Graham |
| 13. Mary Frane 1896 | 32. Orville Pollock |
| 14. Fanny Hopkins | 33. Lloyd Smith 1900 |
| 15. _____ | 34. _____ |
| 16. Bertha McClelland | 35. _____ |
| 17. Bess (?) Avenell | 36. John Pollock |
| 18. Eleanor Swaine 1899 | 37. _____ |
| 19. Richey Haver | 38. Lee Thompson 1901 |

1904-1905 THIRD ROOM (PROBABLY CLASSES 7 AND 8) FRONT ROW: Lula Peckham, Lellie Criswell, Fannie Lester, Marjorie Boyd, Ethyl Smith, Lettie Nelson, Lois Swain, Belle Bennie, Della Whisler, Creta Baldwin. 2ND ROW: True Law, Nell McClure, Lelia Terrill, Claude Morrison, Lloyd Anderson (teacher), Ferg Booth, Clyde Bennie, Willie Tedford, Claude Lorimor, Fred Stevenson. 3RD ROW: Bert Spurrier, Rex Lawhead, Weeda Little, Henry Immerzeel, Melvin Garver, Glen Stewart, Harold Palmer, Clyde Richardson, Roy Culp.



CLASSES OF 1901 - 1904



1901 — TOP: Mattie Penick, Irwin Swain, Daisy Smith. 2ND ROW: Marie Henderson, Supt. Murray, Boyd Refner. 3RD ROW: Robert Coie, Anna Frane, Floyd Henry, Mabel Little.



1902 — TOP: Mae Coie, Supt. Murray, Julia Fletcher. 2ND ROW: Edith Swain, John Beatty, Lloyd Anderson.



1903 — TOP: Nellie Whisler, Grace Elder. BELOW: Houston Henderson, Ethel Henry.



1904 — CLOCKWISE, STARTING AT TOP: Jessie Spurrier, Leslie McClure, Merna Hall, Hawley Tuttle, Chloe Palmer. CENTER: Supt. Murray.

CLASSES FROM 1905 - 1908



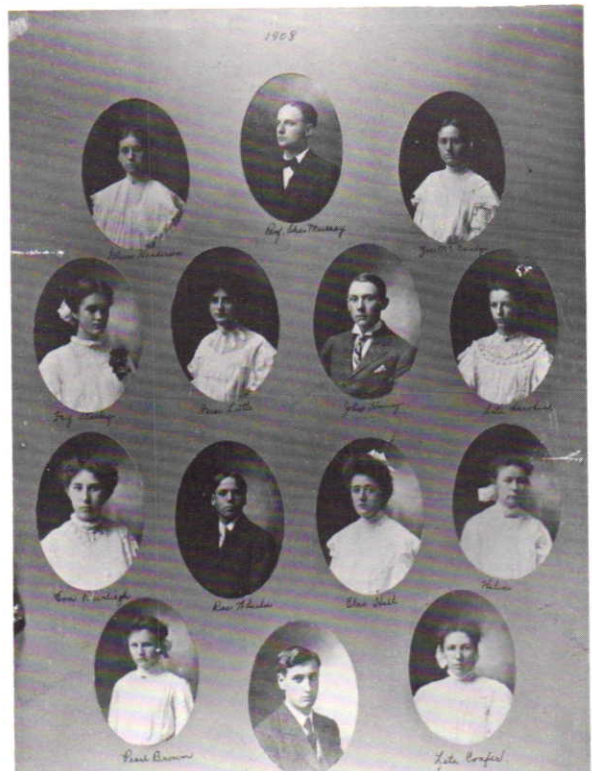
1905 — TOP: Gail Hamilton. CENTER: Anna Kiburz, Supt. Murray, Ila Hindsell. BOTTOM: Etta Nelson, Bessie Baxter.



1906 — TOP: Supt. Murray. 2ND ROW: Minnie Tapp, Delila Parce, Ethel Stewart, Eunice Swain. 3RD ROW: Jess Barker, Jessie Richards, Asher Lorimor. 4TH ROW: Mabel Henderson, Lenora Peckham, George Askron, Jennie Little, Alice Gillis.



1907 — TOP: Ray Darbyshire, Jennie Culp, Hattie Whisler, Glen Darbyshire. 2ND ROW: Mae Lanham, Supt. Murray, Mabel Lukehart. 3RD ROW: LeRoy Spurrier, June Kinsell, Ada Stiles, Neal Lawhead.



1908 — TOP: Glenn Henderson, Supt. Murray, Zoe McGandy. 2ND ROW: Fay Stanley, Fern Little, John Hausz, Leta Lawhead. 3RD ROW: Eva Burleigh, Ross Whisler, Elno Hall, Helene Heyer. 4TH ROW: Pearl Brown, Harry Gillis, Lena Confer.

YEARS OF 1909 - 1915



CLASS OF 1909

Julia Mariner Letha Criswell Eva Ashenhurst Ethyl Smith Lulu Peckham Glenn Stewart



1913 - 1914 HIGH SCHOOL: JAMES L. McCRORY, SUPT.

FRONT ROW: Floyd Miller, Harold Gillis, Earl Lupher, Irvin Bishoff, Lawrence Haver, Harvey Sharp, Cecil Haver, Cecil Terrill, Raymond Byers, Fred Brown. 2ND ROW: Miss Mabel Strong, (teacher), Mae Harvey, Helen Boyd, Cora Cunningham, Gladys Aiken, Lottie Brown, Lola Roush, Dorothy Miller, Maude McNeil, Loretta Dufty, Opal Overholtzer, Amy Morrison, June Karf, Pansy Lanham, Bessie Hausz, Faye McDowell, Marie Peckham, Gladys Grey. 3RD ROW: Charles Wilson, Carroll Oxenrider, Forrest Grey, Miss Gordon (teacher), John Boyd, Glenn Cook, Clair Henderson, Isaac Kiburz, Earl Strong, James Richards, Robert McLaughlin, Claude Coffman, Fred Strong, Joe Brown, William Breckenridge, Milo Little, Allan Aiken, Eliphalet Mariner, Supt. McCrory.



1914 - 1915, HIGH SCHOOL: JAMES L. McCRORY, SUPT.

FRONT ROW: Roy Sheesley, Harold Gillis, Cecil Fender, Allan Aiken, Clarence Hausz, Cecil Haver, Cecil Cunningham, Raymond Byers, Floyd Miller, Cecil Brown, Lawrence Haver, Bertram House. 2ND ROW: Irvin Bishoff, Earl Lupher, Carroll Oxenrider, Joe Brown, Clair Henderson, Charles Wilson, Isaac Kiburz, Robert McLaughlin, William Breckenridge, Claude Coffman, Milo Little, Eliphalet Mariner, Ernest Warrick. 3RD ROW: Miss Jamison (teacher), Loretta Dufty, Pearl Henderson, Lottie Butterfield, Hazel Nelson, Gladys Aiken, Clara Priest, Gladys Grey, Mary McLaughlin, Helen Boyd, Mae Harvey, Lois Shay, Supt. McCrory, Bertie Priest, Leone Frane, Lola Roush, Amy Morrison, Fay McDowell, Edna McKee, June Karf, Dorothy Miller, Roy Harvey, Miss Jackson (teacher), Elgin Asbury.

**CHARLES MURRAY — Superintendent of
Tingley School from 1900 to 1908.**

from Tingley Vindicator - May 28, 1903

Charles Murray was born in Ohio in 1876, and moved to Iowa in 1881. He attended school in Russell until he was fifteen years of age. He attended school at Humeston Normal school one year; taught in rural schools one year and a half, and in Chariton Academy one winter. He went to Woodburn, Clarke county, as principal in 1895 and remained there two years. He was also at Lucas two years. In 1899, he was in Drake, teaching in

the Academy, and taking work in college. He came to Tingley in 1900 where he still has charge of the school. He has attended the summer sessions of Drake for the past seven years - except last year he attended Chicago University. He goes to Drake this summer as assistant in Zoology.

Leaving Tingley in 1908, Professor Murray later was director, and finally director emeritus, of the School of Veterinary Medicine at Iowa State University. He retired to Santa Fe, New Mexico and passed away at that location.



1916 - 1917, GRADES 5 and 6, MISS CROUCH, TEACHER

BY SINGLE ROW, ZIG-ZAG AS THEY COME: Clarence 'Pete' Lanham, Charles Roush, Harvey Bishoff, Clarence Hass, Ernie Frane, Allan Christopher, Juanita McGugin, Nellie Shay, _____, Florence Dufty, Opal Baldwin, Gladys Simpson, Miss Crouch, Lucille Quick, Grace Simpson, Ivan Hewitt, Archie Cunningham, Helen Hass, LaVern Zarr, John Buchanan, Wayne Overholtzer, Nat Quick, Glen Butterfield.



1921 - 1922, HIGH SCHOOL; MAE COIE, SUPT.

LEFT REAR IN FRONT OF MISS COIE, L TO R: Gladys Flemming, Ned Adams, Marietta Eighme, Gladys Tidrick, Rolla Ashenhurst. **HEREAFTER SEAT/ROWS FROM LEFT, FRONT TO BACK:** **LEFT ROW:** Marie Eckerman, Lawrence 'Shorty' Brown, Ruth Carter, Iva Richards, Irene McDowell. **2ND ROW:** Margaret Eighme, Mary Carter, Eleanor Fender. **3RD ROW:** Vienna Brown, Lloyd Roush, Pauline Boyd, Florence Kester, Paul Branson, Bernice Nelson, William Flemming, Clarence Blauer. **4TH ROW:** Gladys Simpson, Harold Temple, Margaret Archibold, Goldie Byers, Valere Fierce, Ethel Blauer, Geraldine Oxenrider, Hazel Hubbard, _____, Pauline Kelly. **5TH ROW:** Mary Pollock (?), Oakel Buell, Frankie Eighme, Millard 'Pete' Morrison, Helen O'Leary, Charles Roush, Rebecca Lamb. **6TH ROW:** Jewel Robinson (?), Allan Christopher.

CLASSES OF 1919 — 7th & 8th GRADES AND HIGH SCHOOL



7TH AND 8TH GRADES, 1919: RUTH DeWITT, TEACHER.

ROWS FROM LEFT TO RIGHT, FROM FRONT: ROW 1: Alma McDowell, Birdie McDowell, Wayne Overholtzer, Florence Dufty, John Buchanan. ROW 2: LaVern Zarr, Virgil Brown, Roland Roush, Howard Harvey, Pete Lanham, Grace Simpson. ROW 3: Keith McNutt, Mona Branson, Louise Jones, Abby Byers, Winifred Ferguson, Wade Lent. ROW 4: Chester Breckenridge, Max Lent, Bernice Tidrick, Irene Buchanan, Lucille Heizer, Josephine Eighme.



1919 HIGH SCHOOL

FRONT: Ethel Blauer, Margaret Archibold, Valere Fierce, Helen O'Leary, Pauline Boyd, Mary Scott, Oakel Buell, Frankie Eighme. 2ND ROW: Millard (Pete) Morrison, Pauline Kelly, Rebecca Lamb, Gladys Simpson, Geraldine Oxenrider, Vienna Brown, Hazel Hubbard, Goldie Byers. 3RD ROW: Jewel Robinson (leaning), ———, Florence Kester, Bernice Nelson, Eleanore Fender, Lloyd Roush, Marie Eckerman, Margaret Eighme, Gladys Tidrick. 4TH ROW, STANDING: William Flemming, Ned Adams, Clarence Blauer, Alan Christopher, Ruth Carter, Rolla Ashen-hurst, Iva Richards Coffman, Harold Temple, ———, Paul Branson. 5TH ROW: Mae Coie (Supt.), Tracy Brisbane (teacher, home ec.), Marietta Eighme, Mary Carter, Helen Kirk (teacher), Irene McDowell, Nina Withrow (teacher, English), Gladys Flemming, Lawrence 'Shorty' Brown.



PHYSIOLOGY CLASS - About 1919
Teacher - Miss Nina Withrow
FRONT ROW: (L TO R) Vienna Brown, Mary Carter, Bernice Nelson, Irene McDowell, Gladys Tidrick, Ruth Carter. **BACK ROW:** Lloyd Roush, Gladys Fleming, Marietta Eighme, Ivah Richards, Pauline Boyd.



BOOKKEEPING CLASS
L to R: Ned Adams, Bill Fleming, Margaret Eighme, Rolla Ashenhurst, Florence Kester, Lawrence Brown, Eleanor Fender, Paul Branson, Vienna Brown, Mae Coie, teacher.

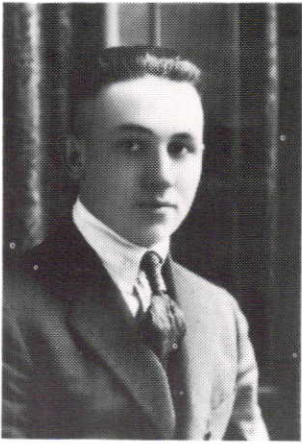


DOMESTIC SCIENCE CLASS
L to R: Tracy Brisbane (teacher), Mary Scott, Frankie Eighme, Helen O'Leary, Margaret Archibold, Rebecca Lamb, and Oakel Buell.



CLASS OF 1920
BACK ROW: Gladys Tidrick, Margaret Eighme, Marietta Eighme, Eleanor Fender, Florence Kester, Pauline Boyd. **FRONT ROW:** Irene McDowell, Bernice Nelson, Rolla Ashenhurst, Gladys Fleming, William Fleming. Paul Branson, not in picture.

CLASS OF 1921



Ned Adams



Ethel Blauer



Valere Fierce



Sadie Miller



Geraldine Oxenrider



Lloyd Roush



Gladys Simpson



Harold Temple



CLASS OF 1922

Millard Morrison in Back, Oakel Buell,
Rebecca Lamb, Helen O'Leary, Frankie
Eighme, Margaret Archibold



Ina Freeman



Ina Freeman's Primary Parade - 1924



CLASS OF 1923

FRONT ROW: Ellen Eckerman, Florence Dufty, Miss Gladys Boller (teacher), Ruth Lovely, Grace Simpson, Birdie McDowell. **BACK ROW:** J. Earl Stacey (principal), Chester Breckenridge, Emma Stottlemeyer, Winifred Ferguson, Laverne Zarr, Edith Stottlemeyer, George Kester, Wayne Overholtzer, Supt. Chas. E. Korn.



Chas. E. Korn, Supt.
1921 - 1924



GRADE SCHOOL FACULTY 1923-24. FRONT TO BACK: Gladys Simpson, Ina Freeman, Mabel Dailey, _____, Marietta Eighme



CLASS OF 1924

BACK ROW: Mary Bevins, Ira Weeda, Irene Buchanan, Willis Jackson. **FRONT ROW:** Bernice Tidrick, Roland Roush, Josephine Eighme, Charles Bennett, Marguerite Eckerman.



Miss May, Miss Link, Supt. Hurwitz, Ronald Lynam
HIGH SCHOOL TEACHERS IN 1924



J.J. Hurwitz
Supt., 1925 - 1933



CLASS OF 1925
Marjorie Carter,
Ernest Weeda,
Opal Hubbard



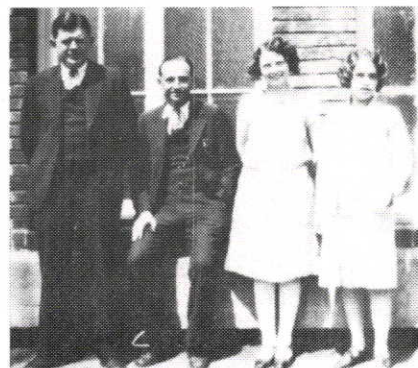
CLASS OF 1926

FRONT ROW: Hazel Simpson, Ermal Breckenridge, Iona Roush, Faye McDowell, Edna Young, Aleeta Clough, Evelyn Smith. MIDDLE ROW: Fern Lovely, Emma Weeda, Margaret Bevins, Wayne Darbyshire, Bill Pease, Boyd Fender, Lois Linkey. BACK ROW: Supt. J.J. Hurwitz, Florence England, Marvin Hall. NOT PICTURED: Harlin Harvey, Violet Webb.



CLASS OF 1927

BOTTOM ROW: Nellie Clayton, George Ferguson, Ruth Gross, Avalon McDowell. 2ND ROW: Francis McKee, Paul Simpson, Supt. Hurwitz, Russell Henry, Lorene Fender. 3RD ROW: Lynna Linkey, Loren Grout, Kenneth Hoover, Mary Longcoy.



Lynam, Hurwitz, McClintic, Eastwood
Teachers During Late 20's & Early 30's



CLASS OF 1928
STARTING FROM LEFT (TOP TO BOTTOM): ROW 1: Gladys Weeda, Doris Dorsey, Rawson Coie. ROW 2: Dorothy Hill, Marguerite Smith, Vienna Hall, Frank Eighme. ROW 3: Horton Dufty, Maude McKee, Ira Ferguson. ROW 4: J.J. Hurwitz, Supt., Beulah Roush. ROW 5: Jud White, Hazel Nichols, Lyndon Richards. ROW 6: Flo McCloskey, Vivian Baldwin, Gwendoline Van Driel, Dana Christopher. ROW 7: Cleo Blackmore, Helen Baldwin, Ivan Brown.

CLASS OF 1929
(Starting at Left, Top to Bottom)
 ROW 1: Edwin Frank, Miles Coffman, Howard Weeda. ROW 2: Fern Dunlap, Fern Gardner, Margaret Kinne. ROW 3: Marvin Rawley, Clara Mae Giles, Marion Sheumaker, John Smith. ROW 4: Ronald Lynam, Althea Clough, Raymond Buchanan. ROW 5: William Weeda, LaVaughn Archibald, Opal Oxenrider, George Hathaway. ROW 6: Verna McCowen, Beulah Marler, Pauline Webb. ROW 7: Charles Smith, Rex Hoover, Dean Ives. The Class of '29 graduated without caps and gowns, as they did not arrive in time—although ordered October 5, 1928!!



CLASS OF 1930
FRONT: Irvin Weeda, Russell Shields. **SECOND:** Gladys Franke, Leo Linkey, Frank Longcoy, Leola Richards. **BACK:** Margaret Weeda, John J. Hurwitz, Supt., Nelle Blackmore



CLASS OF 1931
 Alice Bennett
 Margaret Hunter, Vira Marler
 Page Nichols, Supt. J.J. Hurwitz, Doyle Hicks
 Raymond Verploegh, Paul Weeda
 David Kinne



CLASS OF 1932

Mary Simpson

J.J. Hurwitz, Supt., Iola Garland, Lorene Marler, Ralph Nichols

Beatrice Blackmore

Homer Blauer, Bert Grose, Keith McCowan, Frank Richards

Charles Grose

TEACHER 1926 - 1944



Jo Eighme in 1928



TINGLEY HIGH SCHOOL — 1934

Senior Class of '34 Identified by *.

FRONT ROW: (L TO R) Francis Smith, Elmer Weeda, Jerry Linkey, Harold Hunter, Wayne Weeda, Donald Scott, Earl Henderson, Paul Grose, Clare Johnson, *Howard Simpson. SEATED ON LEFT SIDE PIECE: Milo Bosworth, *Russell Petersohn, *Delene McKee, Mary Margaret Blackmore. SEATED ON RIGHT SIDE PIECE: (L TO R) Lawrence Hicks, *Bob Sheumaker, Donald Hathaway, Dorothy Grose, Cleone Johnson, Opal Smith. 2ND ROW ON STEPS: (L TO R) Thelma Henderson, Doris Weeda, Reba Breckenridge, Monefay Hanson, Vashti Hubbard. 3RD ROW ON STEPS: Eleanor Weeda, Alice Vanderpluym, Lois McCowen, Twilla Hall, Charlene Borrusch, Esther Petersohn. 4TH ROW ON STEPS: Fern Blauer, Maxine Nichols, Eleanor Bosworth, Dorothy Webb, Thelma Marler. 5TH ROW ON STEPS: Howard Verploegh, Ellis Hill, Clair Hunter, Lester Giles, Elmer Vanderpluym. STANDING: Donald Giles, *Lucius Eighme, *Margaret Been, *Wardene Smith, *Alta Marie Borrusch, *Rowena Burch, Miss Wendland, Mr. Pidgeon, Hazel Sharp, Helen Dufty, Doyle Hunter, Warren Allen. BACK ROW: Herbert Hathaway, Truman Garland, Mr. Zillmer, *Willis Giles, Neal Weeda, Ivan Johnston. NOT PICTURED: Mildred Bacon, Helen Jones, Billy Miller, Francis Petersohn, Lawrence Johnson, Wendell DeWitt.

CLASS OF 1933 50 Year Class in the Year of Tingley's Centennial - 1983



C. Milo Bosworth



Doris Henry



Harris Hill



David Hill



Kathleen Hunter



J.J. Hurwitz, Supt.



Ava Smith



Helen Winner



Virleen Blackmore



Stanley Garland



Russell Verploegh

"MEMORIES" by Julia Henderson

I finished the 8th grade in 1905. Emma Kiburz and I shared a seat. I learned as much or more from listening to other classes. Country schools opened with Bible readings, Lord's Prayer, and a song. Attendance was higher in the winter term, as the big boys came then. There were 15 minute recesses mid-forenoon and afternoon and one hour at noon. If the weather was favorable, we would go skating, the older ones often going too far to hear the bell to return (accidently of course). The last half hour on Friday afternoon we would have a spelling or ciphing down. On Thanksgiving, Lincoln and Washington birthdays, Valentine's

Day, Arbor Day, Christmas, or Halloween, we would have special programs with recitations and songs. There would be occasional box or pie suppers to raise money for the school library, globe, or wall maps. We carried our lunches to school in syrup pails. Mrs. Kiburz made the best sandwiches—fresh beef or pork on good bread spread with butter or jelly. My mother made the best 3-layer cake with hickory or walnut butter icing.

High school in Tingley went only through the 10th grade, then in 1897 they added the 11th grade. The 12th grade was added in 1910.

CLASS
OF
1935



Lawrence Johnson



Helen Dufty



Cornelius Weeda



Elmer Weeda



Alice Vanderpluym



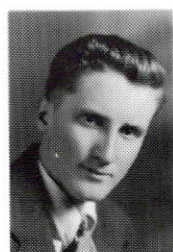
Thelma
Henderson



Clare Johnson



Lois McCowen



Donald Giles



Eleanor Weeda



Donald Hathaway



Hazel Sharp



Ivan Johnston

CLASS
OF
1936



Lawrence Hicks



Monefay Hanson



Mildred Bacon



Eleanor Bosworth



Mary Blackmore



Elmer
Vanderpluym



Charlene
Borrusch



Fern Blauer



Warren Allen



Maxine Nichols



Francis Petersohn



Doris Weeda



Doyle Hunter



Earl Henderson



Vashti Hubbard



Billy Miller



Helen Jones



Dorothy Webb



Howard
VerPloegh

CLASS
OF
1937



Twilla Hall



Esther Petersohn



Clair Hunter



Wayne Weeda



Thelma Marler



Lester Giles



Cleone Johnson



Ellis Hill



Reba Breckenridge



Francis Smith



Mildred Stong



Robert Sharp

CLASS
OF
1938



Esther Hubbard



Billy Nealis



Rowena Eighme



Elton Werner



Donna Mary
England



Lois
Breckenridge



Mark Been



Charlien Bosworth



Harold Blauer



Evelyn Walters



Helen Henderson



Donald Scott



Marjorie Hillebran



Evelyn Woods



Beth Pidgeon



Wayne
Vanderpluym

CLASS
OF
1939



Lyle Laird



Harry Skarda



Merrill Johnson



William Buck



Roberta Guess



Wayne McGehee



Alfred Jones



Herbert Stark



Evelyn Baker



Richard Garland



Irene
Vanderpluym



Maudeen Been



Eldon Lockwood

CLASS
OF
1940



Paul Buck



Opal Hillebran



Jean Breckenridge



Naomi Weeda



Waye Morrison



Nellie Grose



Harold Ball



Louise Smith



Vern Marler



Warren Giles



Phyllis Morrison

CLASS
OF
1941



Lola Blunck



Hester Henderson



Robert McGehee



Leo Guess



Roberta Johnston



Louise Longcoy



Howard Swanson



Gale Smith



Ardena Eighme

CLASS
OF
1942



Dean Breckenridge



Pauline Hillebran



Hazel Wimer



Raymond
Vanderpluym



George Dailey



Paul Alexander



Marion McGehee



Marion Mercer



Fern Woollums



Lyle Troxell



Allen Weeda



Lillian Bass



Clell Blunck



Lee Mainard

CLASS
OF
1943



Alfred Mohr



Barbara Hoover



Lucy Weeda



Marilyn Been



Pauline Clymer



Raymond Ball



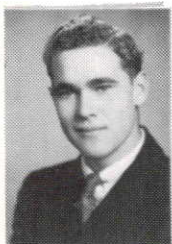
Floyd Borrusch



Donald Grout



Russell Boyd



CLASS
OF
1944



Dean Garland

Edwin VerPloegh

Mardell Been

Dorine Manbeck

Billy
Breckenridge

J.R. Henderson



CLASS
OF
1945



Dorothy Reynolds

Doyle Weeda

Madolyn England

Jr. Hullinger

Roger Morrison

Donald Weeda



Dean Johnson

Doris Borrusch

Bert Wright

Donald Hullinger

Cleone Overholtzer

John Dailey

Rex Morrison



CLASS
OF
1946



Dorothy Zarr

Donald Bosworth

Mary Alice Boyd

Marvin Kester

Peggy Mohr

Elbert Skarda



Noel Seney, Jr.

Helen O'Neal

Don Wright

Dale Grout

Julia Woollums

Robert England

Ava Jean Kline



CLASS
OF
1947



Ross Clough

Audrey Clymer

Elsie Mae Coffman

Joyce
Overholtzer

Eloise Walters

Ella Deane
DeVries



FRONT ROW: Darwin Larsen, Louise Weeda, Jenesse Overholtzer, Linda Richards, Betty Jobe, Donna Mae Weeda, Donnie Thompson. MIDDLE ROW: Jimmie McIntosh, Charles Ryan, Darl Ferguson, Rebecca Lamb - Teacher, Arvid Clymer, Marvin Halm, Axel Larsen. BACK: Jim Mohr, Dean Bastow, Dwayne Overholtzer, Donald ~~Wiley~~, John Peters.



FRONT ROW: Donna Joyce Ferguson, Opal Mae Blunck, Lyla Del Clough, Jeanie Buchanan, Marlene Giles, Nina Morrison. MIDDLE: M.C. Been, Bing Clymer, Walter Zarr, Mrs. Miller, Allen Coffman. BACK: Lyle Minnick, Lloyd Guess, John Overholtzer.



Kenny Eighme, Frank Eighme, Robert England



HIGH SCHOOL — 1946 - 1947

FRONT ROW: (L TO R) Avery Woollums, George Peters, Walter Zarr, Milo Been, Lloyd Weeda, Keith VanSickle, Doyle Reynolds. 2ND ROW: Margaret Troxell, Evelyn DeVries, Marilyn Kester, Ella Deane DeVries, Charlotte Petersohn, Doris England, Lila Dell Clough, Betty Iiams, Elsie Coffman. 3RD ROW: Dolores Bischoff, Harold Grout, Juanita Drake, Donald Clouse, Kenny Kiburz, Eloise Walters, Jack England, Robert Iiams, Joyce Overholtzer. 4TH ROW: Supt. Gladys Kiburz, Beulah Kester, Byron Bender, Dean Vanderpluym, Wayne Richards, Donald Neff, Vera Gustason, Howard Verploegh.



M.H. OBERMEIER

Superintendent, Math, Coach

'Obie' was what he went by...He came to Tingley as Superintendent, Coach and Math Teacher in 1940, was with us through 1945 then moved on to Beaconsfield and Shannon City but returned to Tingley in 1951 and was here through the last graduating class in 1959...in fact, I've heard him say that they had to 'close the school to get him out!'

Obie appeared to be a very gruff man but it didn't take anyone very long to discover that he was kind hearted. He worked well with both the boys and girls and was very much respected by all.

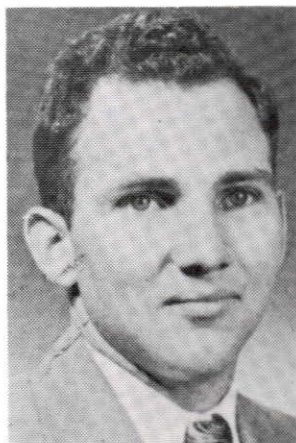
Obie was a fine teacher, but he will be remembered for his love of sports. He took girls' basketball teams to the State Tournament in 1952, 1954 and again in 1957. Also, the boys' baseball team played in the State Tournament in the Fall of 1951.

Obie, Editha and Lynn were very much a part of Tingley's history! He passed away in 1964.

TINGLEY'S TEACHERS



Mr. McGinness



Mr. Solomon



Miss Weldin



Mrs. Kester



Olie Bissell



Gladys Kiburz - Supt.



Mrs. Editha Obermeier
Taught English and Music

TINGLEY'S TEACHERS



Mr. Findley



Mrs. Findley



Mary Ashenhurst
taught 1947 - 1961



Naomi Weeda



Rebecca Lamb



Mrs. Bird



Cleone Overholtzer



Cora Pritchard



Mary Overholtzer



Maxine Nichols



Howard Verploegh



Mrs. Bloomstrand



Bessie Egly



Mr. R.A. Pistole
Commercial



Mrs. Marien Anderson
Government & English



Gys Weeda
Janitor



Robert Iiams



Patsy Hogue



Lloyd Weeda



Margaret Troxell



Wayne Richards



Dolores Bischoff

CLASS
OF
1948



Doyle M. Reynolds



Kenneth Kiburz



Marian O'Neal



Doris England



Donald Clouse



Keith Van Sickle



Juanita Drake



Betty Marrs



Dean Vanderpluym

CLASS
OF
1949



Harold Grout



Marilyn Kester



Donald Neff



Avery Woolums



Charlotte
Petersohn

CLASS
OF
1950



George Peters



Lyla Clough



Walter Zarr



Jack England

CLASS
OF
1951



Roberta Reynolds



Roberta Swigart



M.C. Been



Phillip Clymer



Marlene Giles



Charles Grout

CLASS
OF
1952



John Overholtzer



Donna Ferguson



Lyle Minnick



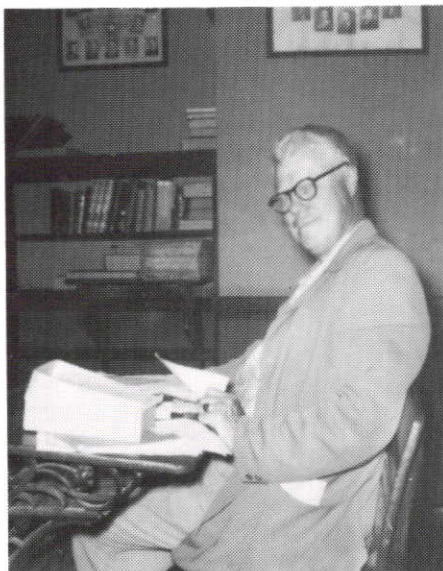
Guy Peters



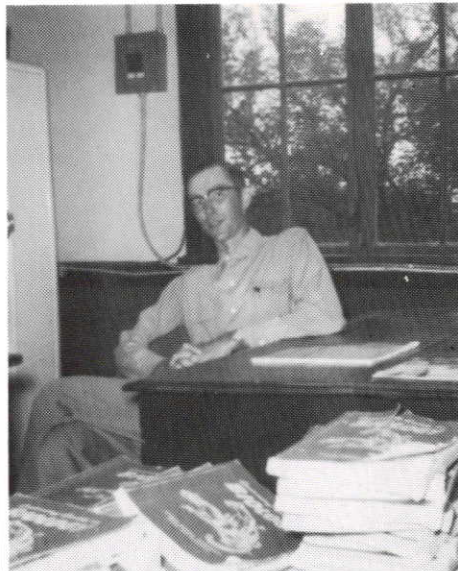
Ellen Eighme



Jim England



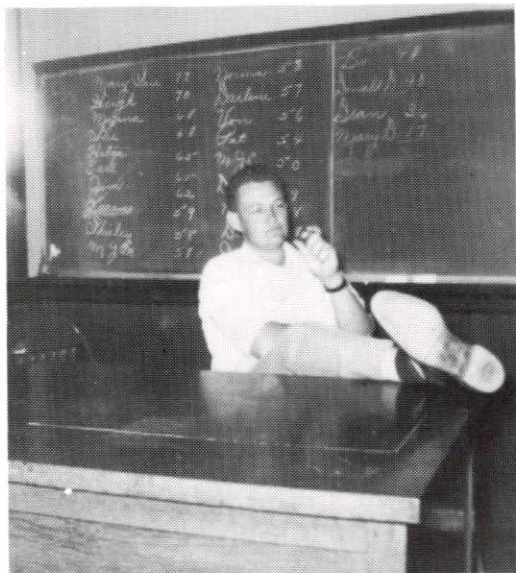
M.H. Obermeier
"Obie" 1954-55 Supt.,
Math Teacher and Coach



Russell Boyd
Science Teacher 1954-55



Aileene Beaman - 1954-55
Home Ec and English Teacher



Teacher Dale Clement
in Typing Class 1954-55



"Old Molly Bones" was the guest of honor at a Halloween party held in the gym, 1957. (Notice the old balcony and how close the free throw circles were to the center line in our little "cracker box" gym. Sue Richards, LeRoy Wood, and Geraldine Scott in picture.



SENIOR TRIP — CLASS OF 1958
Mildred Boyd, Joyce Richards, Beverly Clark,
Russell Boyd, Brenda Brown, Richard Palmer,
Janet Pearl Longcoy, Robert Grout, Ronnie
Grout, Judy Jobe, Larry Ford, Larry Giles.



Allen Coffman



Lloyd Guess



Doris Johnson



Kenny Johnson

CLASS
OF
1953



Joan Hannah



Marvin Grout



JoEllen Archibold



Anne O'Neal



Alan O'Neal



Gertrude Priest



D.W. Archibold



Bob Lupher

CLASS
OF
1954



Linda Richards



Lucy Dailey



Louise Weeda



Dean Bastow



Howard Tull



Darl Ferguson



Dwayne
Overholtzer



Franklin Eighme



Charles Clark

CLASS
OF
1955



Dietrich Geschke



Charles Ryan



Elizabeth Jobe



LeRoy Giles



Kenneth Grout



Jenesse
Overholtzer



Ronald Tull



Wendell Craft

CLASS
OF
1956



Karen Owens



Helga Geschke



Darlene Giles



Shirley Blauer



Jim McIntosh



Earl Pritchard



Arvid Clymer



Marvin Halm



SENIOR TRIP TO WASHINGTON D.C. — May 20, 1957

Donald Dukes, Mary Jane Clark, Jim Jobe, Sue Richards, Hugh Ferguson, Mary Sue Pritchard, Chaperones—Russell and Mildred Boyd, Rep. Karl LeCompte, Pat Hill, Don Richards, Myrna England, Von Tull, Mary Jane Minnick, Dean Eighme. (not present - Gary Bear)

Class of '57

Our class did well scholastically, (2 valedictorians) and excelled in sports. Hugh won the pole vault at State Indoor Track Meet. 5 boys and 5 girls played basketball as seniors. Hugh scored 475 points and Myrna 600 points for scoring honors. Mary Sue, Mary Jane M., Myrna and Sue were starters on the State Tourney teams in '54 and '57, Sue receiving 1st team honors as a guard. But more important, we all worked well together on our projects and had **lots of fun**. The highlight was our trip to Washington D.C. We raised \$1159.34 our 4 years of H.S. and this financed a 5 day trip for 15 people! Thanks, Tingley, for being our home town and for all the great memories we share.

Class of '57 Motto — Striving For Success.



JUNIOR CLASS PLAY "Faith, Hope & Flarity"



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25 YEAR CLASS REUNION — MAY 1982

CLASS
OF
1957



Myrna England



Sue Richards



Hugh Ferguson



Dean Eighme



Mary Jane Minnick



Gary Bear



Donald Dukes



Donald Richards



Von Tull



Mary Sue Pritchard



Jim Jobe



Mary Jane Clark



Patricia Hill

CLASS
OF
1958



Judith Jobe



Sharon Kinney



Brenda Brown



Joyce Richards



Janet Longcoy



Robert Grout



Richard Palmer



Ronald Grout



Beverly Clark



Larry Giles



Dale Weeda



Larry Ford

CLASS
OF
1959



Ruth Grout



Don Kinne, Jr.



Melvin Richards



Doris Giles



Norma Sutherland



Jon O'Neal



Betty Hill



Kenneth Clymer



Dick Baker



Rita Miller



Larry England

CLASS
OF
1960



Mary Barnhill



Jerry Jobe



Donald McKay



Charles Nichols



Roger P. Palmer



Janetta
Saltzman

CLASS
OF
1961



Mike Archibold



Bob Baker



Glee Bear



Gay Lou Ferguson



Linda Kinne



Marvin Kinne



Marie Miller



Robert Reasoner



Ronald Shields

CLASS
OF
1962



Bob Allen



Eddie Ford



Nancy Nichols



Lynn
Obermeier



Darlene
Saltzman



Violet Scott

CLASS
OF
1963



Barbara Baker



Rita Dukes



Patty Grout



Jane Kinne

CLASS
OF
1964



Ted Blunck



Rhonda Clymer



Paul Dailey



Richard J. Farrell



Danny Ferguson



Gary Hailey



Ann Ibbotson



Quita Lininger



Deloris McKay



Tom Petersohn



Doyle Richards



Raymond Shields

CLASS
OF
1965



Bill England



Sharon Giles



Richard Hill



Ellen Ibbotson



Dorothy Kinne



Dennis Miller



Linda Minnick



Craig Riggs



Roger Trullinger



Nancy Weeda

CLASS
OF
1966



Arthur Allen



Rita Fear



Cheri Greimann



Phyllis Petersohn



Diane Richards

CLASS
OF
1967



Kay Barnett



Sally Breckenridge



Doris Eighme



Mary Eighme



Richard Ferguson



Sandra Greimann



Gary Petersohn



Randy Petersohn



Gwen Trullinger

CLASS
OF
1968



Gary Ferguson



Greg Ferguson



Phyllis Reed



Debra Richards



Carla Riggs



Peggy Welling

CLASS
OF
1969



Ruth Allen



Karen Blunck



Carla Ford



Charles Ford



Ivan Grout



Linda Hill



Don Ibbotson



Chuck Jackson



Curt Lininger



Darrell Reynolds



Rodney Shields



Becky Skarda



Diane Weeda



Fred Weeter



Kathy Wurster

CLASS
OF
1970



Randy Blunck



Kathy Boyd



Bill Breckenridge



Virginia Fear



Mike Ford



Kathy Johnson



Muriel Marshall



Cindy Reasoner



Allan Reed



Cathy Riggs



Annette Shields



Janet Skarda



Kent Trullinger



Patty Weeda



Keith Welling

CLASS
OF
1971



Kathy England



Lynn Grout



Glenn Grout



Polly Johnson



Joy Kiburz



Rosie Wurster

CLASS
OF
1972



John Allen



Dave
Breckenridge



Dennis
Breckenridge



Jeff Brown



Carey Crowson



Rita Ibbotson



Cyndi Lautenbach



Raymond Todd



Dan Lloyd
Weeda



David Weeda



Mike Wilkins

CLASS
OF
1973



Kathy Burton



Mary Grout



Craig Ford



Pamela Jackson



Dianne Johnson



Robert Johnson



John Morrison



Reldon Welling



Mike Zarr

CLASS
OF
1974



Julie Brown



Lynita Burgher



Diane England



Judy Kiburz



Alyce Reed



Ginny Skarda



Darrell Weeter

CLASS
OF
1975



Mark Baker



Alan Ibbotson



Richard Johnson



Robin Shreve



Danny Lee
Weeda



Karen Weeda



Pat Weeda



Gary Wurster

CLASS
OF
1976



Joni Brown



Cynthia Bennett



Jeff England



Marcia Ford



Ralph Grout



Becky Morrison



Curtis Riggs



Marla Wilkins

CLASS
OF
1977



Charles
(Chuck) Bennett



Douglas
Campbell



Kent England



Donna Johnson



Jeanine Johnson



John Skarda



Diana Triggs



Terry Weeda



Marcy Wilkins

CLASS
OF
1978



Debra Carlisle



John A. Overholtzer

CLASS
OF
1979



Dwayne Campbell



Monica Jarred



Gary Weeda



Linda Weeda



Shelly Wilkins

CLASS
OF
1980



Sherry Bishop



Kathy Carlisle



Beth Clymer



Shari England



Lisa Reed



Kevin Triggs

CLASS
OF
1981



Cindy Briner



Darwin Campbell



Todd England

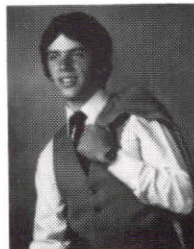


Sandy Weeda

CLASS
OF
1982



Lori Bishop



Steve England



Billie Jo Grout



Jim Johnson



Bill McIntosh



Lori Morrison



Marlene Osborn



Mary Ann Weeda

CLASS
OF
1983



Kim England



Larry Jarred



Debbie Reed



Jennifer Swank

Sports

From the Tingley Vindicator - May 1904

Tingley has an athletic association that furnishes the lovers of baseball with good entertainment. The pitcher, Lloyd Anderson, is one of the best in the state. He has refused good offers from several leagues. The Tingley club has played several of the best clubs in southwest Iowa, such as Bedford, Mt. Ayr, Creston, Osceola, and Bethany, Missouri winning from each some hard fought games.



Lloyd
Anderson

The lineup of the Tingley club is as follows: L. Eighme, c; L. Anderson, p; D. Tullis, 1 b; W. Wax, 2 b; A. Eighme, ss; E. McNeil, rf; M. Fullerton, cf; Kinsell, lf.

April 22, 1909 — Brown's Tennessee Rats vs. Tingley at the Tingley Ball Park was arranged and will be the first game of the season. The members of the nine Brown's Tennessee Minstrel Co. will give an entertainment of music and comedy at the opera house following the game. The "Rats" are a strong semi-professional team composed of nine negro baseball players. Many people have not seen a negro team and they will find them both capable and funny and the gate receipts will be divided between the nines.

April 22, 1909 — Tingley won the first game played with the Brown's Tennessee Rats. The ball game was played in the rain and the score was 4 to 2. The Brown's Minstrels gave a very good performance at the Opera House. It was an evening of vocal and instrumental music and clog dancing.

DID THE SCHOOL PLAY COED BASEBALL?

April 6, 1911 — Tingley Wins — A nine composed mostly of boys from the Tingley high school went Saturday to Ellston and played a nine composed mostly of boys from the Ellston high school. The score was 9 to 8 in favor of Tingley. This was the first baseball game of the season.

During the summers of 1911 and 1912 Tingley had a salaried baseball team who played several games a week. This team had much success at winning tournaments. The 1911 team opened its season with a 13 inning win over Bedford. Tingley ball players were Robbins, Ashmore, Donnley, Ewing, Lee, McDermott, G. Stewart, Jones, and C. Stewart. This team won a game 8-0 over the traveling American Bloomer Girls. The girls had beaten Van Wert and Grand River before arriving in Tingley. The team won 31 out of 39 games.

Many ball games were held in the summer, with the

15-16 year old boys playing as the Tingley Tigers, and the Tingley Cubs being boys about 10 years old. Admission was 5 and 10 cents with the ladies free!

The Tingley Cubs were — Irvin Bischoff, c; Claude Coffman, p; Harvey Bischoff, 1 b; Garver, 2 b; Thompson, ss; C. Haver, 3 b; L. Haver, rf; John Hausz, cf; Earl Roush, lf.

1912 — Both of Our Teams Win — Two of the fastest, best, and most closely contested basketball games played in Tingley were those of Friday evening when the girls' team from Mt. Ayr High School played the girls' team from the Tingley High School and the boys team from Mt. Ayr played the Tingley boys, both Tingley teams winning. A \$35 house greeted the contestants, indicating the interest in the games. Eight or ten automobile loads of enthusiastic supporters of the teams from Mt. Ayr accompanied them, this evincing their popularity. Well Mt. Ayr should be proud of their teams, for they did excellent work and made the Tingley teams work hard to win. The girls teams played the nicest game, keeping within the lines but it was rather tame beside the wild rushes of the boys who played according to college rules, the lines being abolished according to this year's rules and players allowed to field the ball from any place within the court, making it seem like a football game and reminding one of old college days. Really it is becoming more dangerous than football because the players are not protected with sufficient clothing or guards to prevent accidents of which there were three minor ones during the boys game.

Following is the line up of the teams and the score:

Tingley		Mt. Ayr
Stewart	RF	Shroyer
Darbyshire	LF	Robinson
Roush	C	McAninch
Overholtzer	RG	Johnston
Brown	LG	Stephenson

Score — Tingley, 27; Mt. Ayr, 20

Tingley		Mt. Ayr
Olive Jenks	RG	Ruth Porter
Besse Downard	LG	Mary Reger
Opal Overholtzer	C	Zella Campbell
Maude McNeil	RF	Ada Thompson
Mildred Asbury	LF	Mary Wolf

Score — Tingley, 12; Mt. Ayr, 9

October 26, 1911 — Cozy Corner 5; Bridge Academy 3. On Friday, Sept. 20, a game of baseball was played between the schools of Bridge Academy and Cozy Corner, resulting in a score of 5 to 3 in favor of Cozy Corner. The following is the line-up:

Bridge Academy		Cozy Corner
Elton Giles	p	H. Ashenhurst
Howard Giles	c	Wyatt Hankins
John England	1 b	Floy Hankins
Dorothy Miller	2 b	Archie McCahon
Grace England	3 b	Fay Hankins
Ray Grout	ss	Mae McCahon
Glenn Grout	rf	Cecil McDowell
Floyd Miller	cf	David Hankins
Oscar McKee	lf	Edith Hankins

October 10, 1912 — A Basket Ball Team Organized — A basketball team composed of the young men of Tingley was organized Tuesday evening with the following officers and members: Manager, Hubert Roush; secretary and treasurer, Clair Williams; referee and coach, Jas. L. McCrory; captain, Ray Overholtzer; members, besides the above three, Clarence Bischoff, D.A. Lee, and John Hausz. It was agreed to follow the instructions of the captain and manager in regard to who shall play. The name selected was "Tingley Wild Men". Games will be arranged soon with Bedford, Mt. Ayr, and other neighboring towns.



TINGLEY'S BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM IN THE EARLY YEARS — NEED IDENTIFICATION



1913 - 14 BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM
FRONT ROW: Ike Kiburz, Fred Brown, Bill Breckenridge. **BACK ROW:** Claude Coffman, McCrory, Fred Strong.



Ike Kiburz —
About 1916

March 22, 1923 — The Indianola Tournament — Bang! Bang! Bang! No, this is not young Wild West Shooting Cowboys but Mr. Eckerman's wagon taking the Tingley High School basketball team over the bumpy road to Shannon City. On Thursday the Tingley High School basketball team composed of Captain Milton McDowell, Wayne Overholtzer, Chester Breckenridge, Harry Archibold, George Kester, Willis Jackson, and Laverne Zarr, headed by Coach J.E. Stacy, left for the Simpson College Invitational Tournament at Indianola via Shannon City and the Great Western Railroad. After a trip marred by long waits for trains, they arrived at 8 p.m. The first game of the tournament was played the next morning.

October 28, 1926 — A large number of baseball fans went yesterday to Des Moines to see the famous "Babe", the great "swat king." Irvin Bischoff of Tingley, who was pitching for one of the teams, "fanned" the great Babe when he went to bat, and that is honor enough for "Bish" and Tingley. However "Babe" made three home-runs in the game.

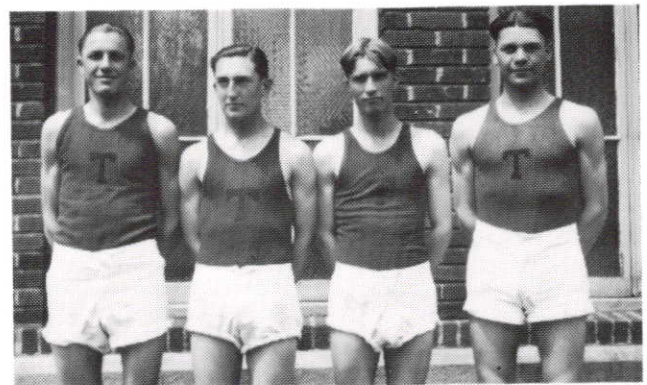


"Bischoff
Fans
Babe Ruth"

1928 — Tingley held their first track meet at Tingley in 4 years — a dual with Diagonal — and won 7 out of 10 first placings.

At the county track meet, entered by 7 schools, the mile relay team of Ivan Brown, Lyndon Richards, Raymond Buchanan, and Howard Weeda received a trophy cup for their win. Others who placed in events were Hoover, Ives, Christopher, Longcoy and Rawley.

At the district meet Raymond Buchanan broke the county record when he pole vaulted 10'10".



Howard Weeda, Raymond Buchanan,
Ivan Brown, and Lyndon Richards
Mile Relay — 3rd in Drake Relays — 1927 or 28

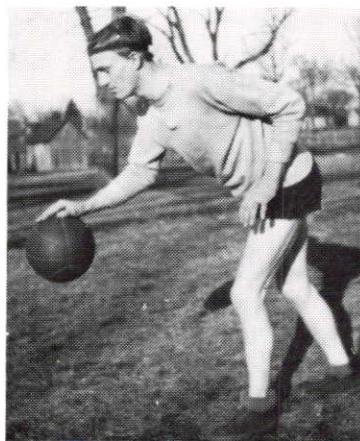
March 26, 1929 — B.B. boys entertained by J.E. Overholtzer, as promised early in season. Evening spent playing progressive rook, eating oyster stew, home-made ice cream and cake.



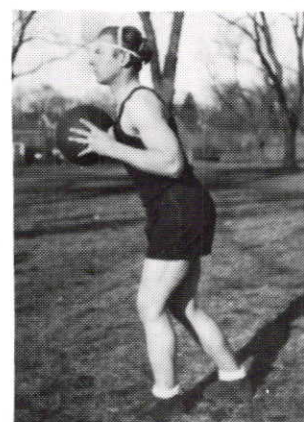
Coach Ronald Lynam,
Boyd Fender,
Marvin Hall,
George Ferguson,
Harlan Harvey,
Will Pease,
Ivan Brown.
About 1924 or 1925.



Marvin Hall and Harlan Harvey



George Ferguson



Boyd Fender



1927 Boys' Basketball Team
FRONT: Ivan Brown, Judson White; MIDDLE:
Rex Hoover, Paul Simpson; BACK: Coach Ronald
Lynam, Dana Christopher, Russell Henry,
Lyndon Richards, Kenneth Hoover.



Raymond Buchanan, Dean Ives,
Miles Coffman



Around 1932
Russell Petersohn, David Hill, Ralph Nichols

April 4, 1929 — In Physical Training the girls have two **baseball** teams and are progressing rapidly with Miss McClintic as coach.

1929 — Tingley won the County Track Meet by winning 6 out of 14 firsts and both of the relays. Many medals and four dandy trophies were won by the THS boys.

1935 — Tingley High School's baseball team finished 2nd in the County Tourney, then two weeks later defeated Mt. Ayr (the County Champs) 3 to 2 in 2 extra innings. They ended the season with a 16-3 record. Receiving baseball letters were Clare Johnson, Neal Weeda, Lawrence Johnson, Donald Hathaway, Lawrence Hicks, Earl Henderson, Doyle Hunter, Billy Nealis, Clair Hunter, and Mark Been.

July 23, 1936 — The Tingley kittenball field was the scene of numerous contests each week. They had a fine field, brilliantly lighted, and free from hazards since Ira Smith removed his barbed wire fence from around his garden.

The Tingley girls have new suits of brown and yellow and present a neat and attractive appearance.

The flood lights on the kittenball diamond were changed to shine more clearly on the diamond and not dazzle the eyes of fielders.

August 13, 1936 — Last week the Tingley business men defeated the Ellston business men in kittenball in a score of 20 to 17. It was a very laughable affair, especially after Leon Hall began pitching for Tingley.



1935-36 BASEBALL TEAM

FRONT ROW: Howard Verploegh, Mark Been, Earl Henderson, Bill Buck, Clair Hunter.

2nd ROW: Mr. Pidgeon, Lyle Laird, Wayne Vanderpluym, Smiley Johnson, Warren Giles, Francis Smith, Irvan Coffman, Doyle Coffman, Mac Been, Alfred Casey Jones, Ellis Hill, Harry Skarda,

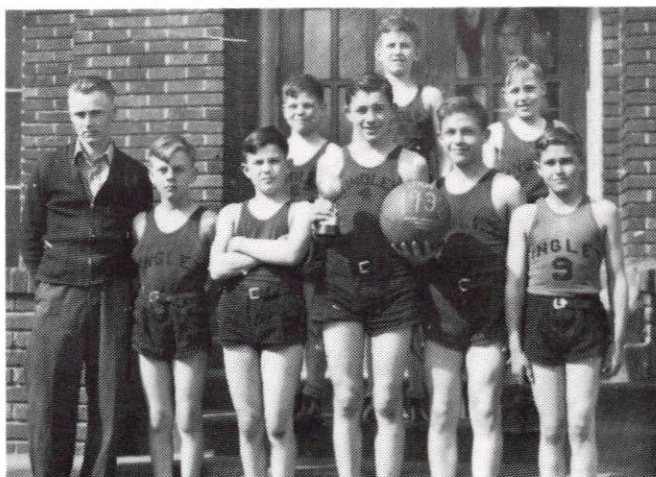
1936 H.S. Baseball Record Was 6-0. Those hitting over .300 were Billy Nealis, Harry Skarda, Bob Sharp, Elton Werner, and Lyle Laird. Other players were Merrill Johnson, Clair Hunter, Doyle and Erwin Coffman, Mark Been and Howard Verploegh.

May 21, 1936 — The Athletic team, accompanied by Mr. Manners and Coach Berry went on their annual "fishing trip." Departing from Tingley about 7 o'clock P.M. the boys pitched camp on the banks of Grand River near Westerville shortly after nightfall. Everyone enjoyed a fine outing. Fish and sleep were decidedly missing. The next day the sleepy eyed fisherman

journeyed to Shannon City and lost the baseball game 3 to 1 and Earl Henderson fractured his right ankle while sliding to second.



1937 - 38 — Alfred Jones, Billy Nealis, Elton Werner, Richard Garland, Harry Skarda, Merrill Johnson, Mark Been, Wayne McGehee, Wayne Vanderpluym, Lyle Laird, and Coach Turner.



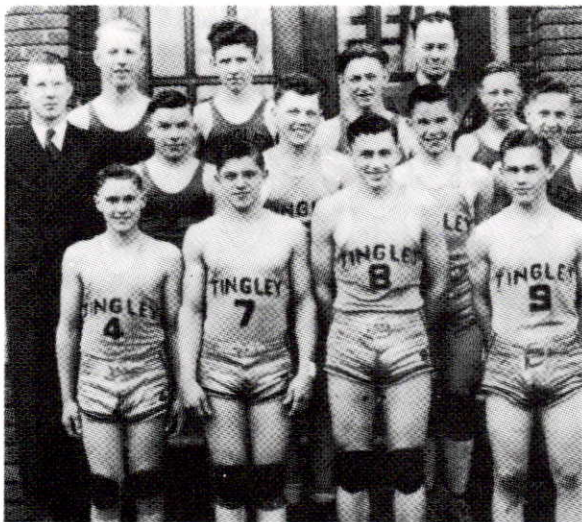
1938 — 6th, 7th, and 8th BASKETBALL TEAM
First basketball trophy won in the Tingley School
FRONT (L to R) Lawrence Johnson, Marvin McCowen, Clell Blunk, Raymond (Ball) Frank, Dean (Bud) Breckenridge, Dean Garland.
BACK ROW: Billy Breckenridge, Paul Alexander, Eddie Verploegh.



1939-40 BASEBALL TEAM
FRONT ROW: (L to R) Dean Garland, Darold Blauer, Duane Roush, Dean Breckenridge.
MIDDLE: Lyle Troxell, Burl Reynolds, Raymond Ball, Harold Smith, Clell Blunck. **BACK:** Coach Orwick, Harold Ball, George Dailey.

1939 — The Five-Mile Conference (organized in 1936) was made up of the following schools: Tingley, Ellston, Beaconsfield, Shannon City and Arispe. The Tingley H.S. boys basketball team won the Five-Mile Conference crown. They won 16 of 18 games with single game high score of 73 and a low of 17. Players were: Paul Buck, Garland, Laird, Johnson, Skarda, Alfred Jones and Giles.

THS had a good season on the baseball diamond also in 1939. Later a Tri-City Club baseball team was organized with star players from Tingley, Ellston, and Shannon City.



1939-40 BOYS BASKETBALL

FRONT ROW: (L to R) Dean Garland, Darold Blauer, Raymond Ball, Dean Breckenridge.
2nd ROW: Orwick (2nd team Coach), Burl Reynolds, Harold Ball, Clell Blunck, Gale Smith.
3rd ROW: George Dailey, Harold Smith. **BACK:** Leo Guess, Paul Alexander, Saville (1st Team Coach).



Yes, Tingley Had Cheerleaders! 1939-40 CHEERLEADERS

Rosemari Baker and Duane Roush (in front).
PEPSQUAD — Hester Henderson, Marilyn Been, Roberta Johnston, Pauline Hillebran, Lucy Weeda, Agnes Swanson, Barbara Hoover, and Jean Breckenridge.

1940 — Tingley hosted the County Baseball Tournament with 5 teams entered. A Donkey Ball game was held in September, 1940. It was stated it would be a good show and one that no one should miss. They would have good lights and plenty of good seats. The admission was 10 and 20 cents. (Thirty years later the Tingley Lions brought donkey ball back to Tingley and it still was a good show for 75 and 150 cents!!)

Track was reorganized in the spring of 1940 and THS got off to a good start by winning the Tri-School meet in Shannon. Those who won events were Ball, Blauer, Swanson, Guess, Roush, Breckenridge and Swanson.

1941 — Track success continued as Tingley won the Five-Mile Conference. Records set by the Tingley boys that year were: 100 Yards: 11.1; 220 yards: 24.9; 880 run: 2.18; shot put: 37'6"; broad jump: 17'10"; 880 relay: 1.41.6. Banners were awarded for winning relay teams and a trophy for the winning team.

1941 — Girl's basketball was reorganized in 1941 (more in the Tingley Story of 1954)

The girls on the basketball team in 1941 were Ferne Woollums, Pauline Hillebran, Lucy Weeda, Mary Alice Boyd, Dorine Manbeck, Cleone Overholtzer, Eloise Walters, Dorothy Zarr, Joyce Overholtzer, Mardell Been, and Peggy Mohr.

1942 — Raymond Ball qualified for the State Track meet in the 880 yard run and placed 3rd.

In 1943 the Tingley girls basketball team won the first place trophy in the Ringgold County Tournament by scoring a 26 to 23 victory over Beaconsfield. This was only Tingley's second year of competition.

The Tingley boys team also won their first county trophy by finishing third in the county tournament. The trophy was a basketball which was much appreciated because of the shortage of leather and rubber.

The girls team continued to improve in 1944 — winning the conference and placing 3rd at the district tourney. The boys conference ended with Tingley and Shannon City tied.

1944 — The Five-Mile Conference held a basketball jamboree at the Shannon City gym for the benefit of the Red Cross Ambulance Fund and the large turn out from all the communities was much appreciated. The games were exciting from start to finish. The Tingley boys were the only team, either boys or girls, to stay in the "play" for the full game. That means they had high score at the end of each quarter and played a different squad each time.

January 24, 1946 — Tingley girls won County Tourney 28-24 over Beaconsfield.

RINGGOLD COUNTY GIRLS ALL COUNTY TEAMS

1st Team	2nd Team
Eloise Walters — Tingley	Betty Johnson —
Vivian Creveling — Ellston	Beaconsfield
Naomi Minnick — Kellerton	Eloise Hall — Benton
Joyce Overholtzer — Tingley	Beverly Cooper — Kellerton
Donella Sutherland —	Ava Jean Kline — Tingley
Beaconsfield	Oletta Poore — Beaconsfield
Alice Laird — Kellerton	Viviane Hoff — Kellerton



GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM — 1946
FRONT ROW: Charlotte Petersohn, Evelyn DeVries, Joyce Overholtzer, Eloise Walters, Margaret Troxell, Marilyn Kester. **2ND ROW:** Doris England, Lillian Blunck, Ava Jean Kline, Helen O'Neal, Ella Deane DeVries, Maxine Nichols, Chaperone, Howard Verploegh, Coach.



1945 - 46 BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM
FRONT ROW: Doyle Reynolds, Kenny Kiburz, Marvin Johnson, Lloyd Weeda, Noel Seney, Bob England, Don Wright, Elbert Skarda. **BACK ROW:** Avery Woollums, Byron Bender, Harold Grout, Robert Iiams, Donald Neff, Ross Clough, Dale Grout, Coach - Howard Verploegh.



BOYS KITTEN BALL TEAM — FALL 1946
FIRST ROW: Harold Grout, Kenny Kiburz, Keith Van Sickle, Lloyd Weeda, Milo Been, Doyle Reynolds. **2ND ROW:** Avery Woollums, Bob Iiams, Coach Howard Verploegh, Donald Neff, Walter Zarr. **3RD ROW:** Supt. Gladys Kiburz, Jack England, Byron Bender, Donald Clouse, George Peters.

February 14, 1946 — Army-Navy Game (right in Tingley) On Saturday night of this week there will be a basketball game at the Tingley H.S. gym between army and navy men of the local community. The proceeds from this game will go to the Legion Post for the promotion of athletics among local folks. These players are former service men of this community who helped win the big war. Come out and show your appreciation and

help a good cause. (Navy won with Billy Breckenridge, high point man with 10.)

February 21, 1946 — A Close Call — Last Wednesday nite, while on a B.B. trip to Orient, three H.S. students had a close call when they were overcome by carbon monoxide gas in a car in which they were riding. Between Creston and Orient, Don Wright who was riding in the back seat of a car driven by Floyd Walters,

noticed he was ill and spoke to the girls riding with him, Margaret Troxell and Ava Jean Kline; they did not answer. Mr. Walters stopped the car and found both girls unconscious. The girls were revived and taken to Orient, but no doctor could be found so they were taken to the Creston hospital where they spent the night. Neither girl suffered any serious effects of the experience. Wright was not overcome and was able to play with his team that evening.

1946 — A Town Softball Team was organized and a ball field made on the south side of main street. The first game held under the lights was between Tingley and Ellston Odd Fellows with Tingley winning 27-21.

RINGGOLD SPORTS FESTIVAL

August 19, 1947 — 500 people were in attendance when Ernie Johnson's Tingley Township softball team won the crown when they defeated Joe Fetty's Rice team 9-5. Members were Warren Giles, catcher; Elbert Skarda and Keith Ross, pitchers; Ernie Johnson, 1st base; Harry Skarda, 2nd base; Clare Johnson, 3rd base; Smiley Johnson, shortstop; Donald, Lloyd and Neil Weeda, outfielders.

The Tingley Topperettes won 2nd in the 8 different events of competition.

Marlene Giles won Horseshoe Pitching and Baseball Free Throws.

Sue Richards won the foot race for girls 9 and under.

Linda Richards was 2nd in foot race for girls 10-11-12.

Kenny Johnson was 2nd in foot race for boys 13-14.

Smiley Johnson was 1st in Men's Free-for-All foot race.

Wayne Hensley's "Heftys" from south of Highway 2 defeated Hershel Morrison's "Puffers" from north of Highway 2 to win the tug of war.

1948 — The little boys of Tingley High School pulled a surprise basketball victory out of the bag when they stopped the talented Mt. Ayr Raiders cold with a 38-36 win. (THS has only 28 high school students.)



1949 GIRLS BASKETBALL

FRONT ROW: Lyla Clough, Marilyn Kester-Captain, Charlotte Petersohn, Co-Captain, Marlene Giles, Donna Ferguson and Roberta Swigart.

SECOND ROW: Anne O'Neal, Evelyn Stephens, Coach: Mr. McGinness, Joan Hannah and Doris Johnson. **THIRD ROW:** Ellen Eighme, Linda Richards, Wanda Swigart and Roberta Reynolds.

Howard Verploegh attended an intensified 10 day swimming instruction course in Illinois and taught free Red Cross lessons at the Mt. Ayr beach. Rides were pooled from Tingley and many kids from the Tingley area learned to swim at the Mt. Ayr lake. (Remember **how many** kids Halm's truck could hold? Vienna Richards and Iola Ferguson once hauled 13 kids in a car!)

The women and girls organized a softball team the summer of 1948. They entered in a 7 team round robin tournament in Creston and handily beat the 3 Creston teams and gave Arispe their 1st defeat 14-9.

Team players were: pitcher - Margaret Troxell; catcher - Marlene Giles; 1B - Cleone Overholtzer; 2B - Anne O'Neal; 3B - Doris Johnson; SS - Marion O'Neal; LF - Linda Richards; CF - Marion Reynolds; RF - Joan Hannah and Alberta Dailey and Donna Ferguson.



1950 BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM

FRONT ROW: Allen Coffman, Lyle Minnick, M.C. Been, George Peters, Kenny Johnson, Charles Grout, Jack England, **SECOND ROW:** Alan O'Neal, Guy Peters, Dee Archibold, John Overholtzer, Coach Mr. McGinness, Walter Zarr, Bob Lupher, Lloyd Guess, Jim England.

1951 — In the fall of 1951 the THS baseball team accomplished a **first** when they earned a trip to the state tournament. A victory over Yale at the district tourney in Lorimor advanced the Tingley team. Squad members seeing action in the big win were seniors — Lyle Minnick, John Overholtzer, Allen Coffman, Ken Johnson, Guy Peters, junior — Bob Lupher, sophomores — Howard Tull, Dean Bastow, and freshman — LeRoy Giles.

Tingley Plays in State Baseball Meet

For the first time in the history of Tingley High School! Yes, we got beat in the first round by Rock Valley. And who is Rock Valley? The 1951 fall State High School Baseball Champs. We're proud of our boys. A year ago some of them played baseball for the first time—only a few had ever played in a regulation game. This was the same group of boys who this fall won three tough ball games to win a Sectional title and then roared through three more teams in the Districts to reach the finals. They were finally beaten on a cold dreary day in Gowrie, but the memory of how Tingley won its first District title in history will last much longer than that 7 to 0 score against Rock Valley in the State.

To the boys themselves, we should say, "Well done," and we hope it will not take nearly as long to reach the finals again as it did for the first time.

How did it happen? Well, in the first game of the Sectional, it was Blockton, with Kenny Johnson pitching good ball and Allen Coffman, Red Giles and Johnson each getting two hits. It was Tingley 8 to 3 the winner. Then came Gravity. This time it was Lupher and Johnson sharing the pitching with some lusty hitting by the entire team and we were into the sectional finals 9 to 6. The Tingley boys had never won a Sectional title until this one, but they were not to be denied in this one, as Redding was the victim, 10 runs to 1, and gave Johnson his third pitching victory of the tour. Now it was on to the District at Lorimor, with Treynor as a first round opponent. In this one, it was a combination of powerful hitting and a beautiful one-hit pitching performance by Bob Lupher that made an easy 14 to 2 victory possible. The game was called at the end of 5 innings since Tingley had a 12 run lead. Johnson collected 3 hits to lead the power parade, with Coffman and Tull getting 2 each. Giles, Minnick and Overholtzer also collected a hit in this game. Next came Yale. They, too, felt the wrath of Tingley bats, and a 4 inning 15 to 3 victory was the result. Johnson gave up 3 hits to win his 4th tour game, while his mates were getting 10 hits to make his job easier. The District final was a different story. In this one, Lorimor furnished the opposition and proved to be a much tougher opponent. Tingley scored 3 runs in the top of the first, but Lorimor came right back in their half of the first with one. Both teams scored a run in the third to make the score 4 to 2. There it stayed until the top of the 7th when the roof fell in on the Lorimor pitcher. Bastow and Overholtzer walked to start the inning. Then Coffman doubled to right center, scoring Bastow to make it 5 to 2. Johnson walked to load the bases and Minnick came through with a ground single over 2nd to score Bastow. Two more big runs were scored before they got the side out and Tingley led 9 to 2. This was more than enough as Lorimor could not score in their half of the inning and Tingley was in the State Tournament. Johnson pitched his best game in this one, allowing just one scratch hit to win his 5th game of the tourney series.



Ken Johnson, pitcher, and Guy Peters, catcher, following victory over Yale, Iowa in District Baseball Tournament at Lorimor in Fall of 1951. Victory advanced Tingley to the State Tourney.

Then came that cold dreary Saturday at Gowrie and a tough Rock Valley team to end any State Championship hopes, 7 to 0. The boys could do nothing right in this one, and Rock Valley could do no wrong. The power in the Tingley bats, which had produced 38 runs in 3 District games, suddenly left completely, as only Al Coffman could solve Rock Valley's pitching for Tingley's 2 hits. However, it was a terrific season, with Tingley gathering a total of ten wins against only two defeats. For a team that has played ball for only a year, they were great; and Tingley fans will never forget the thrills they brought!



FALL — 1951 BOYS BASEBALL TEAM WHO PLAYED IN THE STATE TOURNAMENT.

L to R: Lyle Minnick, John Overholtzer, Allen Coffman, Dean Bastow, Ken Johnson, Guy Peters, Howard Tull, Bob Lupher, and LeRoy Giles.

Cheerleaders at THS were ALMOST unheard of because nearly everyone was on the team. But for the 1950-51 basketball season, teacher Marian O'Neal organized sixth graders — Hugh Ferguson, Von Tull, Myrna Englund, and Bonnie Sanderson — to lead yells. They wore black slacks and long-sleeved orange satin shirts. These were found in school storage. The shirts were worn by a Pep Squad in 1940.

The Tingley girls skunk mascot was uncaged at the 1951 athletic banquet. The expert needlework was done by Rosie Blauer, Editha Obermeier, and Edith McIntosh. This original stuffed skunk sat in the center circle during warm-ups at many games, including the state tourney in 1952 and 1954. Because of wear and tear, "Flower" was replaced by two skunks in 1956 and they made an appearance at the 1957 state tournament.

1952 — Tingley, the first Ringgold county team ever to play in a state girl's tourney, made a gallant stand at the Drake Fieldhouse, pulling the upset of the first round to defeat highly-favored Churdan, 56-54, and going down before the heavy siege guns of state champion Reinbeck in the second round, 69-35.



PLAYED IN STATE TOURNAMENT IN 1952
FRONT ROW: Linda Richards, Jenesse Overholtzer, Ellen Eighme, Donna Ferguson, Doris Johnson, Anne O'Neal. **2ND ROW:** Coach Obermeier, Karen Owens, Carol Werner, Lucy Dailey, Sue Richards, Betty Jobe, Jo Ellen Archibold, and Joan Hannah.

The magnitude of its accomplishment can be realized when one considers that Tingley has only 14 girls in high school, nine being on the regular squad. Coach M.H. Obermeier reinforced his Mighty Nine with Karen Owens, eighth grader, and Sue Richards from the seventh grade to make eleven. The latter was the only grade student to play in the meet.

The Orange and Black featured Donna Ferguson, a right handed pivot post player, who liked to shoot soft shots on a left-handed swing. She finished with fourth-high total of quarterfinalists, a field goal percentage of 48% and a free throw average of 75%.

Other members of the Tingley front court were tiny Anne O'Neal, a five-foot forward with a good set shot, and Linda Richards, the playmaker. Freshman Jenesse Overholtzer was an effective post guard, and the scrappy seniors, Ellen Eighme and Doris Johnson, helped give Tingley a season's record of twenty-four wins and four defeats. A unique Tingley feature was its rarity of fouls.

In the Churdan game, Tingley went over nine minutes without a foul. In the Reinbeck game, the Ringgold county team fouled in the first nine seconds.

THS gym was retired for games in 1953, after two games in '52 and three in '51. The famous balcony was removed in 1956, but many will remember the pull-up stairway that trapped you until half time (unless you were a teenage boy and could swing down), the bang boards installed on the wall, the sliding mat over the furnace room door, and having chairs set up under the balcony that **were on the playing floor**, the home court advantage because you knew where to angle the ball to miss the light fixtures. [Also the paper roll-up score board.]

FUN AT THE STATE TOURNEY — 1952

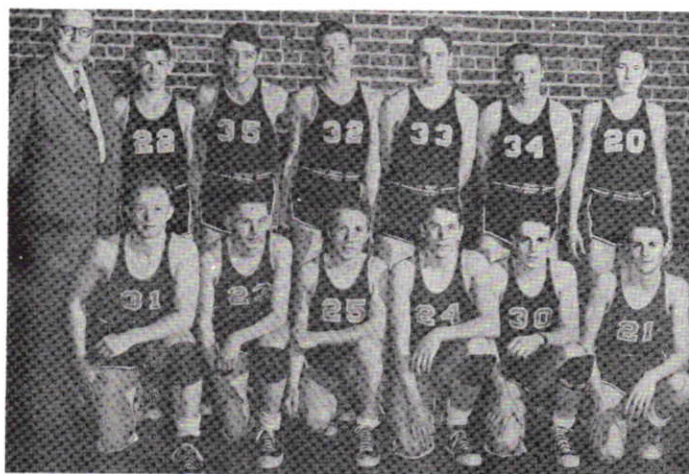


Linda Richards, Doris Johnson, Donna Ferguson, Anne O'Neal



Sue Richards, Jenesse Overholtzer, Ellen Eighme, Betty Jobe, Joan Hannah, and Jo Ellen Archibold.

What's in a name — Who didn't get "Tingley" when the Ringgold county six was in that thriller with Churdan?



1952 - 1953

FRONT ROW: Leroy Giles, Ron Tull, Dietrich Geschke, Charles Clark, Alan O'Neal, Jim McIntosh. **BACK ROW:** Coach Obermeier, Howard Tull, Dwayne Overholtzer, Kenneth Grout, Dean Bastow, Bob Lupher, Darl Ferguson.

1954

The Tingley Terrors captured the hearts of the crowd with their courageous stand against smooth Holstein, entirely unexpected. But with only a minute and a half left in the game, Holstein nursed but a 62-60 margin and it was only by forcing Tingley to come after the ball that the final 69-62 score was so great.

Given small chance in the tournament after a first half that looked bad against Williams in the opening round, Coach M.H. Obermeier's poised girls came back with a vengeance then, romping to a 56-52 victory, and never let up against Holstein.

Jennie Overholtzer, Tingley's pivot forward, had the attitude of a champion, and she played like one. Linda Richards, the other big scorer, was an expert long shot, and Myrna England covered the floor like a midget comet.

Back court, Sue Richards, time and again, intercepted passes. Mary Jane Minnick, a substitute, bolstered a sagging defense in the Williams game. Mary Sue Pritchard, at the post, was especially effective in the Holstein game, holding Leonard to six baskets. Karen Owens was a good floor guard.

Highlights of the Holstein game were Overholtzer's swing shot that tied the score 16-16 at the first quarter gun, and Linda Richards' long shot that tied it again at 58 with only four minutes left.



1954 STATE TOURNEY TEAM

BACK: Karen Owens, Coach M.H. Obermeier, Jenesse Overholtzer, Linda Richards, Sue Richards, Mary Sue Pritchard, Myrna England, Darlene Giles, Mary Jane Minnick.
FRONT: Helga Geschke, Shirley Blauer, Betty Jobe, Lucy Dailey.

1954

Story from Iowa Girls Basketball Yearbook The Tingley Story

Probably the team that overcame the greatest handicap in reaching the state tournament finals was Tingley, a school that didn't play a single game on its home floor all season. It even had to move to Afton for some practice sessions.

There's a reason. Tingley's gym is only 40x30, and when you get six players in one end of it, you'd think you were on a crowded street car. The baskets are smack up against the wall, eliminating any chance of driving in, and 100 spectators fill the seats.

But despite such limited facilities, Tingley turned out a team that won the hearts of girls' tourney fans, coming from behind to take the measure of Williams in the opening round, then going down in a heart breaker before Holstein, ultimate third place winners. And every man jack in Tingley watched those games. If there had been a fire in Tingley at state tournament

time, no one was left in town to put it out.

The Queens of the Court who get such respect from Tingley fans include five farm girls: Jenny Overholtzer, Myrna England, Karen Owens, Mary Jane Minnick, and Helga Geschke. The rest — Mary Sue Pritchard, Linda and Sue Richards, Lucy Dailey, Betty Jobe, Darlene Giles, and Shirley Blauer — live in town. Ordinarily they practice from 11 to 12 in the morning, but when an after-school session is necessary — and the bus has to leave — Coach Obermeier loads the farm girls in his car afterwards and takes them all home.

Working out a Tingley schedule requires a new technique in the annals of Iowa high school activities. Obermeier, known in this area as "Obie", who also is superintendent and a 1924 graduate of Iowa Wesleyan, makes a deal with schools he plays twice during the season. Both games are played on the other team's floor. For one game, Tingley is the home club and pays the bills. For the other, Tingley is the visiting outfit, and gets a guarantee.

There is one exception: Redding. When Tingley is the home team against Redding, Obermeier rents the Shannon City gym, and plays the game there. Against larger schools, such as Lenox, Seymour, or Leon, only one game a season is scheduled, that played on the floor of the large school, with Tingley being the visitors.

Ringgold county is a hotbed of girls basketball. "This year there were four teams in our county which could have been in this state meet," Obermeier said, "Beaconsfield, Redding, and Ellston, besides us."

Tingley beat Ellston three times and was the only team Ellston failed to lick at least once. Beaconsfield fell to Tingley twice, but knocked off Obermeier's charges once. With Redding, Tingley divided. Redding is coached by Maurice Carr who brought Maloy to the finals a few years ago.

Before tournaments, Coach Obermeier takes his Tingley girls to Afton to practice in Afton's gym. In practices at Tingley, he uses the entire floor as "half a floor."

With the Tingley boys' team, which went to the finals of the district, the same problem arises and the same solution is reached.

Coach Obermeier is pretty proud of his girls. "Garnavillo wouldn't let my Linda Richards stand out there and shoot, as they did Seymour. Linda would make em."

And he went on to point out that coming from behind to beat Williams presented no particular mental hazard



Freshmen at State Tourney 1954
Mary Jane Minnick, Sue Richards,
Mary Sue Pritchard, Myrna England

to Tingley. "We beat Adair in the first game of the district the same way we beat Williams. Just like the Williams game, it looked like we were whipped in the first quarter. Adair was ahead, 17-10. But we hooked them in the third quarter, same as Williams. We won in an overtime when Myrna England stepped up to the free throw line, AFTER THE GUN, and calmly dropped one through."

Then they beat Guthrie Center, 51-43, in the finals.

Seven of the Tingley girls are on the honor roll, which may account for their adeptness at figuring out another team's offense. Linda Richards will be valedictorian of her class. England, Overholtzer, and Sue Richards are straight "A" students.

Coach Obermeier went to Tingley in 1940, started girls' basketball in 1941. His present girls' chaperone, Cleone Overholtzer Johnson, was on his first team. She is Jennie's sister. That first team won one game, its last

of the season.

"You'd have thought we won the state tournament, we were so happy."

The next year, Tingley lost only two games, one in the waning seconds to Cromwell, which went to the state finals.

In 1944, Obermeier decided to give up school work, and bought the Tingley drug store. In August, pleas by Beaconsfield lured him to their superintendency, although he retained residence in Tingley, driving back and forth. For the next five years, still living in Tingley, he served as superintendent at Shannon City, five miles away, where his girls' teams won the county tournament four of the five years, won the sectional three years, and lost in the finals of the district twice.

In 1950, he returned to Tingley High as superintendent and coach. His Tingley girls have been in the district tournament three of the last four seasons.



When the Register and Tribune photographed the Tingley crowd during the 1952 State Tournament to be an enthusiastic group, they picked the right town!! Tingley has always backed their young people in anything they attempted to do, especially in sports. Some games and events have been re-lived on main street for many days...(sometimes weeks, and even years!).

1954 — Girls Basketball Team Honored

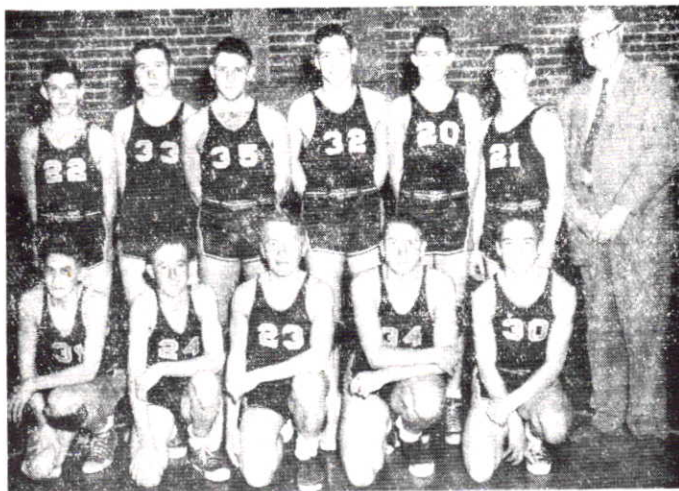
A large caravan of cars met in Arispe Saturday night and escorted "Obie" and his team of basketball girls, returning from the State Tourney in Des Moines, to Tingley, in grand style. It was estimated that there were fifty cars in the parade. They were taken to the high school gym where long tables were set for the girls team and also for the boys team, which was being honored as the first Tingley boys team ever to win a sectional tournament. The tables were decorated to resemble a basketball floor, with miniature baskets standing at each place to serve as place cards.

The center table was centered with a huge chocolate cake, shaped and decorated to resemble a basketball. The cake was baked and decorated by Mrs. Edith McIntosh, who as part of the brief program, read a poem she had written, in which every girl and boy on the basketball squads was mentioned.

A supper of sandwiches, potato salad, potato chips, and hot chocolate was served to the guests of honor and others attending (about 200).

Tingley and the surrounding community is justly proud of their teams.





1954 Tingley Boys Bow Out

Shown above are the members of the Tingley squad that battled its way to the finals of the district tournament at Mount Ayr before bowing to Redding, 55-49, a team they had twice beaten during the season. **FRONT ROW:** (L to R) Hugh Ferguson, Frank Eighme, Deitrich Geschke, Charles Clark and Von Tull. **BACK ROW:** Howard Tull, Dean Bastow, Dwayne Overholtzer, Kenny Grout, Darl Ferguson, Jim McIntosh and Coach M.H. Obermeier.



1956 GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM

FRONT ROW: Mary Sue Pritchard, Sue Richards, Mary Jane Minnick, Joyce Richards, Karen Owens, Myrna England, Brenda Brown. **BACK ROW:** Pat Hill, Norma Jean Sutherland, Coach -Obie, Ruth Grout, Helga Geschke, Darlene Giles.

1956 BOYS BASKETBALL

FRONT ROW: Jon O'Neal, Melvin Richards, Richard Palmer, Dean Eighme, Larry England. **BACK ROW:** Von Tull, Jim McIntosh, Hugh Ferguson, Jerry Jobe, Larry Giles, Jim Jobe, Coach M.H. Obermeier.

1953 - 1959

Track was revived again in 1953 at THS. Four boys (Dean Bastow, Darl Ferguson, Jim McIntosh, and Kenny Grout) advanced to the Class C State Meet. Dean Bastow placed 3rd in discus and Darl Ferguson placed 4th in pole vault.

1954 found Dean and Jim entered in the state discus again. Jim McIntosh placed 3rd at the state meet in 1955 and 1956. He also placed 5th in the shot put as a senior in 1956. Kenny Grout was a state meet mile runner again in 1955.

In the fall of 1956 Coach Obie took Hugh Ferguson and Jim McIntosh to Iowa City to enter the State Indoor Track Meet. Hugh won 1st in the pole vault and Jim 3rd in broad jump.

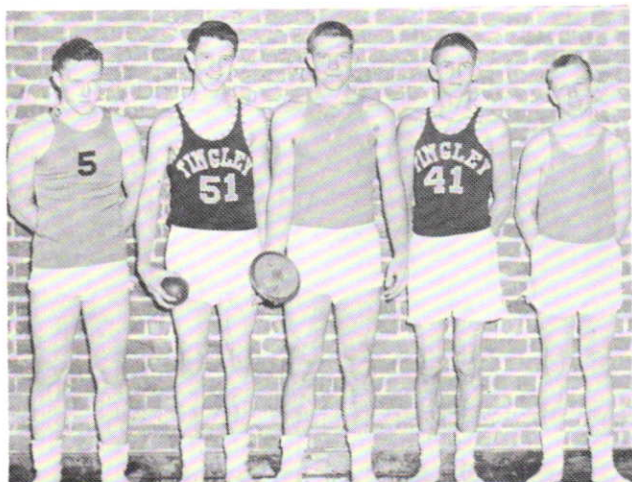
Hugh Ferguson, as a THS senior in 1957 scored 13½ points at the district Class C meet (1st in pole vault and discus, and tied for 2nd in high jump.) He then set a new state record in Class C pole vault of 11'6¾".



George Ferguson
Father of pole vaulters,
Hugh and Darl Ferguson - 1927

Jerry Jobe placed 7th at the state meet in the discus throw in 1959.

The boys of 1957 were County Tourney runnerups—improving to County Champs in 1958.



TRACK TEAM

L to R: Charles Nichols, Mike Archibold, Jerry Jobe, Ronald Shields, Roger Palmer.

Others who have excelled in track through out the years have been: Rolland Roush, Raymond Ball, Jim McIntosh, Hugh & Darl Ferguson, and Dean Bastow.

1957

Tingley Girls' Basketball from 1957 Iowa Girls' Basketball Yearbook

Tingley's Nomads, without even a gym of their own, chopped off the heads of a number of southwestern Iowa teams, and came to the state tournament again with a 22-3 record. Back in 1954, four of these girls—Sue Richards, Myrna England, Mary Sue Pritchard, and Mary Jane Minnick—had helped bring Coach M.H. Obermeier to the state finals, and in 1952, when she was in the 7th grade, Sue Richards had again performed the honors.

But this time, things couldn't have been worse. Tingley ran into a State Center powerplant in its first encounter. Exit Tingley 62-36.

Marylin Minnick, a freshman forward, counted a free throw to start proceedings, then after a State Center basket, Myrna England hit a field goal. This was Tingley's last lead. The Nomads' drive around offense kept them in the ball game, but their chances of winning were small.

England made 19 points, Brenda Brown 12, Minnick 3, and Norma Sutherland 2. Ruth Grout and Janet Richards also got into the game. In addition to starting guards Pritchard, Sue Richards and Mary Jane Minnick, Patricia Hill and Janetta Saltzman played.

Girls basketball was played at THS for 18 years (1941-1958). The County Tourney was won 9 times (43-44-45-46-47-52-54-55-57) and 7 trips to the District (44-45-52-53-54-56-57), resulting in 3 big wins to join the "Sweet Sixteen" at the State Tournament (52-54-57).

ALL-STATE TEAMS OF THE IOWA DAILY PRESS ASSOCIATION

Selected by balloting by sports editors of 1,900 coaches and officials on basis of season play prior to state finals tournament.

Anne O'Neal, forward-1953, Second Team All-State
Linda Richards, forward-1954, Second Team All-State
Sue Richards, guard-1957, First Team All-State

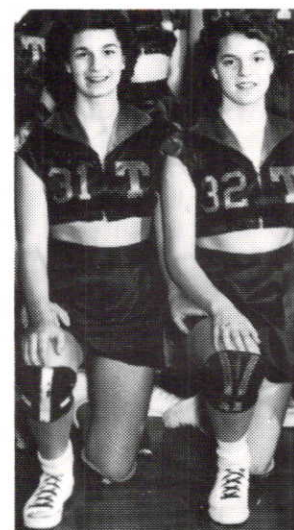


1957 STATE TOURNEY TEAM

FRONT ROW: Mary Jane Minnick, Myrna England, Marylin Minnick, Sue Richards, Mary Sue Pritchard, Brenda Brown. BACK ROW: Ellen Eighme, Chaperone; Norma Jean Sutherland, Janetta Saltzman, Ruth Grout, Janet Richards, Patricia Hill, Rita Miller, Coach M.H. Obermeier.



Anne
O'Neal



Linda Sue
Richards Richards



1957-58 BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM
BACK ROW: (L to R) Larry England, Jerry Jobe, Melvin Richards, Larry Giles, Jon O'Neal, Coach M.H. Obermeier. **FRONT ROW:** Roger Palmer, Dean Reynolds, Mike Archibold, Ronald Shields, Marvin Kinne, Charles Nichols.

The boys of 1957 were County Tourney runnerups—improving to County Champs in 1958.



1959 GIRLS BASKETBALL
Coach - Obermeier, Norma Jean Sutherland, Nancy Nichols, Gay Lou Ferguson, Janet Richards, Glee Bear, Lynn Obermeier, _____



Sectional Game Against Diagonal
 Melvin Richards shooting, Mike Archibold No. 53, and Jerry Jobe in other black suit.



1958 BASEBALL
FRONT ROW: (L to R) Roger Palmer, Charles Nichols, Mike Archibold, Marvin Kinne, Dean Reynolds, Bob Allen. **BACK ROW:** Jon O'Neal, Larry England, Don Kinne, Jerry Jobe, Melvin Richards, Ronald Shields, Mr. Obermeier.

1959

The last boys basketball team for THS in 1959 enjoyed a very successful season with a 15-4 record. In the finals of the district tournament they were beaten by Blockton 68-47, a team they had defeated twice in regular season play.

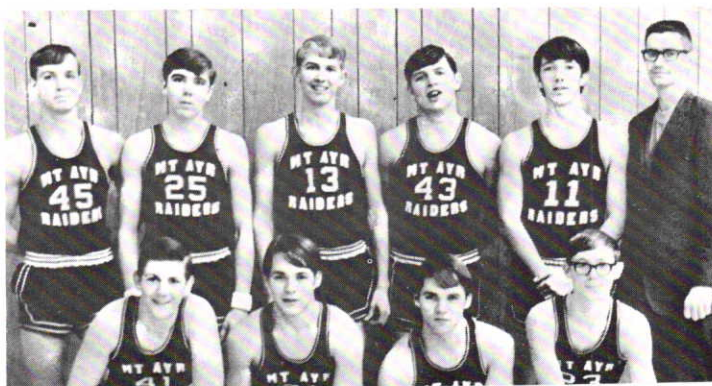
1960-1982

Many young people of the Tingley area continued to participate and achieve in sports following the Tingley school's reorganization into the Mount Ayr Community High School.

1960 — Jerry Jobe set the school record in the shot put and football throw.

1966 — The girls basketball team played in the state tournament and Tingley girl squad members were Diane and Debbie Richards, Sally Breckenridge, and Carla Riggs.

1971 — Kent Blunck wrestled to 4th place at the state meet. John Allen set the school discus record and then in 1972 was 3rd in Class A state meet.



SOPHOMORES: A. Reynolds, B. Hainline, J. Brown, L. Rinehart, J. Allen, Coach Giles, D. Weeda, D. Breckenridge, D. Breckenridge, G. Bradley.



LITTLE LEAGUE TOURNAMENT WINNERS 1972

BACK ROW: Steve Grose, Beaver Riggs, Coach Carl Beesley, Clint Poore, Baldock Twins, Jeff England. **FRONT:** Marte Anderson, Craig Greene, John Overholtzer, Eldon McAlexander, Terry Weeda, Earl McAlexander, Steve Wood.

1973 — Bob and Rich Johnson were members of the Mt. Ayr Community boys basketball team that played in the state tourney. Bob (a guard on the 1st team) was noted for his ability to hit the long shots and his uncanny jumping skill for his size.

Ginny Skarda was a runner on the school record distance medley and shuttle hurdle relay teams.

Joy Kiburz was on the school record 1600 meter relay and medley teams and ran at the state meet in '73 and '74.

1975 — Rich Johnson and Pat Weeda were both starters on the boys basketball team that played at the state tourney. (Rich was no doubt one of the best H.S. B.B. players to come from our area.)

1976 — Jeanine Johnson was on the 400 meter relay team that ran 52.2 at the state meet (school record). In 1977 Jeanine was a member of state shuttle hurdle team that ran 1.06.2 (still a school record). Sheri Wood and Jeanine shared the school high jump mark and both ran at the 1977 state meet on the 880 relay.



Sheri Wood and Jeanine Johnson
at State Track Meet — 1977

1982 — Bill McIntosh ran on the 3200 meter relay team that holds the school record of 8.27.0.

Mary Ann Weeda qualified for the girls state track meet.

The MACHS girls softball team advanced to the state tournament for the first time and Mary Ann Weeda — SS, Lori Morrison — 1B, and Debbie Reed were squad members.

The Tingley Tradition of producing good athletes will continue as each generation passes on the competitive spirit and "heart" it takes to excel.

Many participants in Tingley sports were not mentioned in this article, but their importance is not overlooked. Those "bench riders", "pinch runners", and "also rans" are a very big part in sport success. Then we must not *forget* the spectators and fans who furnish the loyalty and cheers!

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CAN YOU LOCATE THESE FANS?

Marion and Dale Reynolds
Cleone Johnson
Ernest Bastow
Clema Nichols
Rosie Blauer
Velma Hill
Guy Peters
Warren Giles
Glen McKee
Ina Johnson
Malcolm Streyfeller
Mr. and Mrs. Mohr
John England
Dick and Donna Mary Farrell
Frosty and Ava Kline
Lawrence Johnson
Thelma and Lloyd Weeda
Red Giles
Erle Luper
Mildred and Francis Smith
Dale Peters
Gary Greene
Veda Miller

Town softball teams in the 60's (men and women).

During the 70's Tingley merchants sponsored a fast pitch mens softball team. Again in the 80's you can go to the Tingley softball field in southeast part of town and watch the Lions men's team and women's softball team. It is back to fun and recreation!

Tingley Today



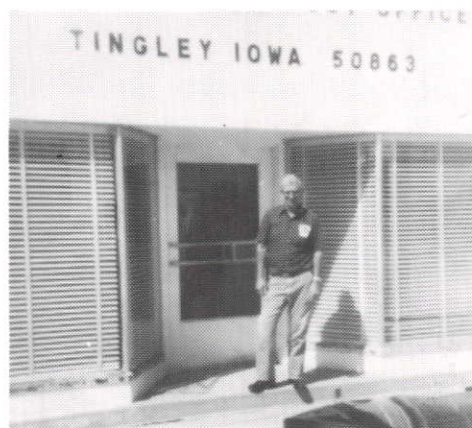
Main Street — 1983
(Approaching from the west)



Main Street — 1983
(Approaching from the west)



Northeast Block of Main Street
Breckenridge Store, Fire Station, Pioneer Q Club,
Main Car Wash, Johnson Oil - England Service



Postmaster — Don Kinne
In Front of Postoffice



Breckenridge Builders and
Bud's Cabinet and Furniture Shop



Roger and Michelle Main's Car Wash



Johnson Oil — England Service
(See history on advertisement.)



Old Fort Restaurant
Lloyd and Suzanne Miller



**Tingley Farm Supply and
Tingley Lumber Yard**



R & S Livestock Market



Gene Trullinger Fur



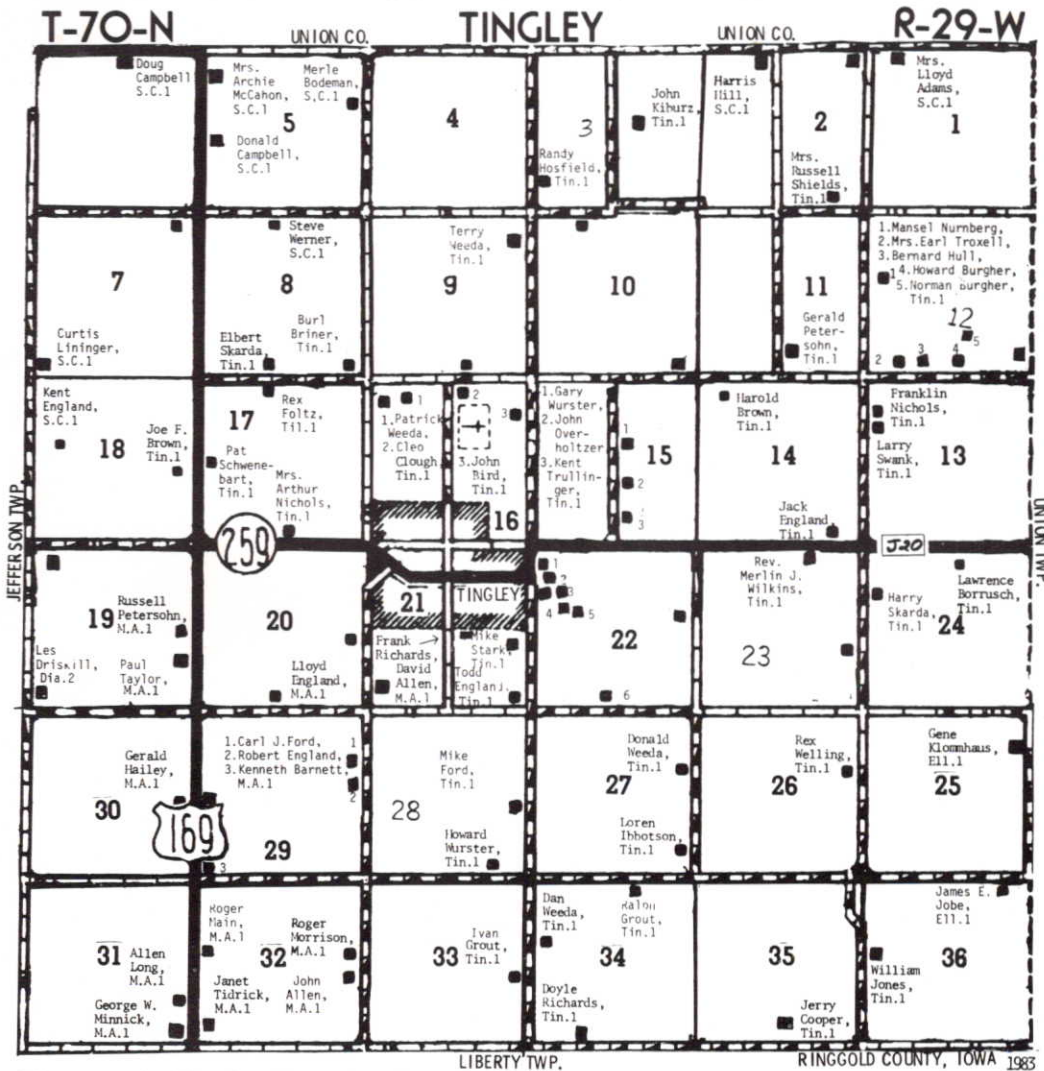
**Deb 'N' Hair Beauty Salon
Debbie Trullinger**

Residents Within the City Limits of the Town of Tingley in 1982 as per Household.

1. Quentin Abarr
2. Nancy Riggs, Clint and Colette
3. Gene and Bobbie Trullinger, John, Jacki, and Jodi
4. Dolores Bischoff
5. Margaret Eighme and Josephine Eighme
6. Mack and Jeanine Greene and Brandon
7. Alfred Stanberry
8. Paul Trullinger
9. Vienna Richards
10. Arthur and Iola Pritchard
11. Richard and Cleve Cooper
12. Myrle and Marjorie Reasoner
13. Raymond and Doris Scott and Minnie (Mrs. Jack) Scott
14. Wayne and Frances Overholtzer
15. Mary (Mrs. Rolla) Ashenhurst
16. William Voltmer
17. Justin and Rita Thompson
18. Orville and Donna Bear
19. Joshua (Joker) and Merzetta Hillebran
20. Craig and Trudy Riggs
21. Kathryn Crawford
22. Alta Marie Borrusch
23. Opal (Mrs. Floyd) Walters
24. Orville and Frances Weeter
25. Cora Miller
26. Hazel (Mrs. Vernon) Nichols
27. Lloyd and Suzanne Miller, Lisa, Robbie, Bryan, and Jamie
28. Veda Davenport
29. Marietta Eighme and Frankie Eighme
30. Ted and Bonnie Taylor
31. Marvin and Florence Shields
32. Mildred (Mrs. Lyle) Stream
33. Ira and Berniece Ferguson
34. Rick and Diane Farrell, Madonna, Rick, Stacy, and Scott
35. Kevin and Patty Bradley, Trever and Aryn
36. Tyrone Briner, Rodney, Jeannie, Joyce, and Nick
37. Arvilla (Mrs. Grover) Bedier
38. Hugh and Lucille Burton
39. Jim and Marian England, Shari, Steve, Scott, and Shad
40. Dwight and Carol Bonham
41. Don and Georgia Etta Kinne
42. Dean (Bud) and Kaye Breckenridge
43. John Clark
44. Bill and Cindy Stark
45. Ava (Mrs. Floyd Overholtzer) and Arlene
46. Roger and Mary Trullinger, Keith, Melanie, and Andy
47. Thelma Whitson
48. Lial and Dorothy Saltzman
49. Ed and Marguerite Sherwood
50. Cecil and Lois Allen
51. Thelma (Mrs. Clarence) Weeda

52. Frances (Mrs. Malvern) Shoemaker
53. Lawrence and Florence Bishop, Sherry and Lori
54. Vada (Mrs. Floyd) Guess
55. Dorothy (Mrs. John) Reynolds
56. Bill Behrends
57. Maude (Mrs. Glen) Quick
58. John and Laura Osborn, Lawrence and Marlene, Debbie Kruger
59. Dave and Marilyn Richman and David, Jr.
60. Lawrence and Ada Osborn
61. Lela (Mrs. Lloyd) Reynolds
62. Gene and Karen Pettinger
63. Donald and Helen Grout and Billie Jo
64. Clarence and Agnes Sutherland
65. Earl and Coleen Briner
66. Charles and Sharon Case, Darrell, Lywanda, and Travis
67. Bud and Fern Pyle
68. Quita Walling and John
69. Larry and Mae Ryan
70. Bernice (Mrs. C.B.) Thompson
71. Dean and Cleone Johnson
72. Charles and Maggie Courtney and Flora
73. Mike and Twyla Breckenridge, Ashley and Abby

74. Allyn and Nancy Jarred and Larry
75. Edith (Mrs. Keith) Wood
76. Fannie (Mrs. Newel) Thompson
77. Russell and Florence Coppock
78. Clara Mae (Mrs. Johnnie) Bird
79. Elbert and Fern Haley
80. Lucius and Georgia Eighme
81. Elton and Marjorie Werner
82. Arvid and Judy Clymer, Beth, Eric, Missy, Ter and Bobby
83. Lyndon Richards
84. Jean (Mrs. E. Claire) Henderson
85. Ella (Mrs. Leslie) Fox
86. Carl and Marilyn Riggs
87. Clair and Hazel Heyer
88. Cathy Mason, Kelli and Regan
89. Ivan and Mary Shields
90. Bob and Jenifer Johnson and Bradley
91. Jim and Mary Sue McIntosh and Bill
92. Ernest and Leola Bastow
93. Billy and Minnie Breckenridge
94. Orville and Opal Greene
95. Gary and Jeannette Buell and Clifton
96. Frank Richards



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Section 22
1. Mildred Boyd
 2. Harold Grout
 3. Mrs. Grace Grout
 4. Mrs. Leona Minnick
 5. Kenneth Weeda
 6. Benno Baker

Those on the Tingley Township line on the -
West - Keith Lininger, Clare Johnson, Lowell Hickman
South - Mrs. W.C. Bagley, Mrs. Francis Smith, Kenneth-
Reed

East - Kenneth Wood, Maurice Jones, Douglas Bullock,
Gaylen Bullock
North - None

City Government

Old city records show that a petition to incorporate the village of Tingley (population 251) was presented to the Judge of the Circuit Court at Mt. Ayr, on June 20, 1883. A year later, on June 17, 1884, a special election on whether to incorporate was held in Tingley at A.A. Elder's furniture store. Thirty-nine voted—38 for and 1 against. On June 18, 1884, a Special Notice of Incorporation was posted in Section 423, Code of Iowa that Tingley was an Incorporated Town.

The first mayor was C.C. Bosworth and first recorder, W.L. Embree. The first money paid from the city treasury was for lumber (probably for board walks).

Other items of interest from the minutes of the meetings:

April, 1885 — To go to Burlington, Iowa, to talk with C.E. Perkins to see if block east of Pacific House Hotel could be acquired for school and park. (School built in 1885)

July, 1885 — Ordinance prohibiting cattle, sheep, and goats from running at large on Main Street from A.A. Elder's east to Pacific House and from livery barn to R. R. on Depot Street.

November, 1885 — Committee of Geo. Swaine and John Haver to procure a pound.

February, 1886 — The pound committee reports that J.W. McDowell offers to keep cows for 25¢ per day and horses for 40¢ per day.

December, 1887 — Committee appointed to select cemetery ground on W.W. McClelland's land. (Paid \$33 1/3 per acre or \$156.25 for it. Had it surveyed, lots assessed, and a brick placed at corner of each lot.)

May 1889 — Town of Tingley ordered to procure a star for the City Marshal.

October, 1889 — John Haver and C.C. Bosworth to assist street commissioner in putting in hitching posts.

June, 1890 — Reffner and Frane's bid was lowest to dig a well in the center of Main Street — \$1/Ft. for first 20 Ft.; \$1.50/Ft. for next 10 Ft.; \$1.75/Ft. for next 5 Ft. (They earned \$27.50.)

August, 1890 — John Lee was given privilege of mowing cemetery and to have hay as compensation.

November, 1891 — Oak lumber purchased for street crossings.

June, 1892 — To sell hay in park to highest bidder. (D.B. Thompson for \$5.)

April, 1894 — Bill of Dr. Killingsworth for \$2 for fumigating school house.

July, 1899 — To purchase a steel tower for a fire bell over town well.

April, 1901 — 50¢ to E.W. McNeil for 2 dinners for tramps. \$1.52 for 2 tickets to Van Wert for tramps.

January, 1902 — Granting Tingley Telephone Co. the right to erect and maintain poles and lines in Town of Tingley.

May, 1908 — License fee of \$2 per month for meat wagon to sell meat within city limits.

In 1943, Harold Smith was paid \$1.60 for 4 hours of work.

In 1947, Floyd Mariner was paid \$5 for a stove for the cemetery.

On June 24, 1948, a special meeting was called for the

purpose of acquainting the following boys with the state law in regard to the shooting of firecrackers and questioning them in an effort to locate the source of their supply—George Peters, Lloyd Eldon Guess, M.C. Been, Guy Peters, Walter Zarr. (Dale H. Peters was City Clerk.)

In 1943, the city light bill was \$26.78 per month. Today (1983) the bill for street lights, community building, softball fields, tennis court, and fire whistle runs from \$280 to \$300 per month.

Mayors

Date They Took Office

C.C. Bosworth	1884
A.A. Elder	1885
J.R. Stewart	1886
W.C. Smith	1889
Samuel Galloway	1890
W.C. Smith	1891
Wm. E. Elder	1893
G.E. Hammans	1895
C.V. Nichol	1897
Wm. E. Elder	1898
J.R. Stewart	1900
J.C. Mahaffey	1900
Chas. M. Richardson	1901
Harry Spurrier	1904
I.B. Frazee	1905
Hiram Whisler	1906
C.M. Richardson	1906
A.J. Faust	1907
H.W. Edwards	1908
Luir F. Hall	1912
John O. Nelson	1914
John F. Fraser	1916
H.E. Berry	1918
Jas. A. Verploegh	1918
H. Whisler	1920
F.F. Brown	1924
J.F. Fraser	1926
O.C. House	1928
J.F. Fraser	1930
C.W. Lent	1932
O.W. Roush	1934
J.F. Fraser	1936
C.W. Lent	1939
John Clough	1940
Dr. Sheumaker (pro tem)	1946
O.W. Roush	1946
Lyndon Richards	1948
Cliff Giles	1950
E.M. Breckenridge	1954
Alvin Tull	1957
Dave Jobe	1959
Harry Archibald	1960
Cyril Greene	1960
Clarence Weeda	1966
Allyn Jarred	1967
John Clark	1980

to the present

Recorder or Clerk	Date They Took Office
W.L. Embree	1884
O.C. House	1885
Chas. A. Foster	1895
J.J. Atwood	1897
Robt. Bennie	1897
Chas. Haver	1898
I.M. Fletcher	1900
J. Clyde Mahaffey	1902
Luir F. Hall	1905
H.W. Edwards	1906
R.A. Lawhead	1907
I.M. Fletcher	1908
Luir F. Hall	1909
A.A. Simpson	1912
Frank Gray	1914
L.F. Hall	1917
Wm. Breckenridge	1920
D.L. McClure	1922
Howard Verploegh	1943
Forest Galbraith	1946
Dale H. Peters	1947
Lyndon Richards	1950
Kay Breckenridge	1951
Don Kinne	1954
Quentin Abarr	1967

to the present.

Margaret Eighme has been City Treasurer for almost 40 years.



Quentin Abarr, city clerk, and Allyn Jarred, mayor, accept a bicentennial flag for the Tingley community presented in 1976 by Charles Bennett, chairman of the county Bicentennial Committee.

History of Tingley Post Office

The first Tingley post office was established in what is now Sand Creek Township in Union County. About 1867 before the stage route was running, Edgar Sheldon and Tingley Cornwall worked to establish a post office there. The first name they proposed was Silver Street but the Post Office Department in Washington, D.C. rejected that name because there was already an office with that name within the state. They then decided to send in Mr. Cornwall's first name, Tingley, and that was accepted.

With the coming of the railroad to what is now Tingley, the post office of Tingley and the town of Eugene were moved here. The town of Eugene was about 2 miles west and $\frac{3}{4}$ mile north of Tingley. The original Tingley post office was three miles north and two miles east of the town of Tingley.

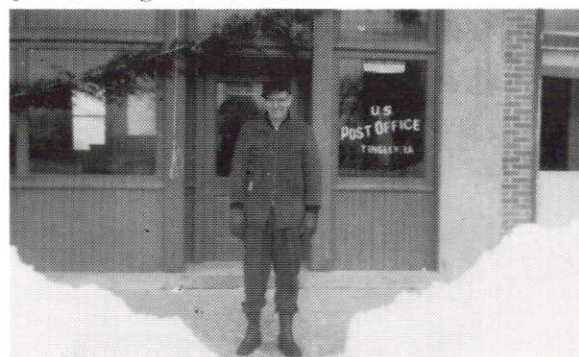
Tingley Cornwall was the first postmaster at the Union County site. Edgar Sheldon was also Tingley postmaster when his home was used as a stage stop.

After the post office was moved to the present town of Tingley, the following persons served as postmaster: George Swain, July 1882-May 1883; Mrs. S.E. Pease, May 1883-March 1898; John Haver, March 1898-March 1905; Howard Edwards, March 1905-July 1934; Leo Williams, August 1934-March 1951; Clara Williams, as officer-in-charge, March 1951-May 1951; Donald R. Kinne, May 1951-present time.

Before 1948 postmasters had to be appointed or reappointed each time the administration changed in Washington, D.C. Mr. Kinne's tenure is the longest of any of those who have served as postmaster at Tingley.

The first rural route from the Tingley post office was established in 1903. The first route consisted of 22 miles.

Over the years it has been added to by extension and consolidation with Ellston and Beaconsfield routes to its present length of 117 miles.



Don Kinne in front of old post office in 1962, (located in building west of bank today.)



POST OFFICE TODAY

Tingley Rural Mail Route No. 1

started 80 years ago.

These are pictures of every mail carrier.



Boyd Reffner was the first Rural Mail Carrier, Tingley, Iowa. He started September 15, 1903 and resigned in 1908. He had 102 boxes on a 22 mile route with 510 patrons. Salary was \$50 a month. He used a span of little mules to pull his mail wagon. No cars were allowed until 1913.



Ed Stover took over the route June 1, 1908. He carried the mail until January, 31, 1921. His salary ran from \$864 to \$1728. Those in the picture are Jennie Little, Ed Stover, and Hon. Howard Edwards.



George Blunck was appointed Rural Carrier June 27, 1921. He transferred to Rail Mail service in 1924. Earl Eckerman was appointed temporary carrier.



Wayne A. Overholtzer's first day on Tingley mail route November 17, 1924—with his new 1924 Model T Ford Roadster.



Wayne A. Overholtzer was appointed Rural Carrier November 17, 1924, and carried 38 years, and retired March 1, 1962. He served under six postmasters, three at Tingley and three at Ellston. Wayne A. Overholtzer leaving Post Office for his final 78 mile trip on Tingley Ellston routes, February 28, 1962. The bundles of mail were for Tingley route. He had about that much more waiting at the Ellston Post Office.



Kenneth Morrow was transferred from Diagonal route in 1962 and retired November 30, 1979. John F. Overholtzer, after substituting for Wayne A. Overholtzer and Kenneth Morrow for over 25 years, was appointed regular carrier January 26, 1980. John is now serving three routes, Tingley, Ellston and Beaconsfield with a total of 110 miles.

Tingley State Savings Bank



Old Bank Building on South Side of Main Street Which Still Stands today.

The charter for Tingley State Savings Bank was created in 1904 — although since 1887 an institution known as the Tingley Exchange Bank had been in existence.

On March 3, 1904, the Tingley State Savings Bank opened its doors with a capital of \$20,000.

Officers of the bank were H.R. Boyd, president; J.J. Baxter, vice-president; A.R. Hass, cashier; Chas. C. Haver, assistant cashier. Stockholders and directors were H.R. Boyd, Geo. Hass, T.W. Darbyshire, Chas. C. Haver, Al Dunsmore, F.E. Sheldon, J.J. Baxter, and A.R. Hass.

The early span of life of this institution reverts to an entirely different economic world than today. In spite of changes, it has served the Tingley community well. It has served fathers, sons, grandsons, and even great-grandsons.

For a period of 30 years, 1904-1934, H.R. Boyd served as president. His tenure of office was characterized by faithful service and integrity.

In November 1917 J.E. Fierce became identified with the bank. Until his death in 1944, he conscientiously served with sound judgment in the capacity of cashier and stockholder.

Under the supervision of Mr. Fierce and Mr. Boyd, the brick bank building at the present location was constructed and the bank opened there in 1920.

Ike Kiburz became part of the bank force when he returned from serving for Uncle Sam in World War I. His work thus continued until 1933.

In 1933 during the administration of President Roosevelt, all banks in the nation were closed for a period of time. After its reopening, the personnel of the Tingley Bank included O.W. Roush, president; Fred Borrusch, vice-president; J.E. Fierce, cashier.

Mr. Roush, too, was tireless in his efforts to make the Tingley bank meet the needs of the community. During his 16 year period, he missed but one monthly bank meeting, his keen interest being on the alert.

Upon the resignation of Mr. Roush in 1950, D.L. McClure was elected president with H.W. Edwards as vice-president. Again, steadfast townsmen were at the helm working for the best interest of the community.

Carl G. Riggs, in 1953, was elected to be the bank's cashier. He and his family moved to Tingley from Bloomfield, Iowa.

Fifty years of business was noted by the bank in 1954. An open house was held. Former residents and officers returned. Letters of reminiscence and recognition abounded with credit to the workers and community for the continuance of the institution, reminding them that of thirteen banks in the area at one time, only three remained; namely, the Security State Bank of Mt. Ayr; First State Bank of Diagonal; and the Tingley State Savings Bank.

The officers and directors at this time were Carl Riggs, cashier; Margaret Eighme, assistant cashier; Eugene Robison, bookkeeper; W.A. Overholtzer, Wm. S. Breckenridge, and H.J. Morrison, directors.

Wm. S. Breckenridge held the presidency for a period of time with Overholtzer as vice-president, making an integral team to further the bank's solidarity. Bill's years numbered well over 30 in attending regular bank meetings; Wayne's years being 38 (his term not out-numbered by any in the county). H.J. Morrison also put in long dutiful years a substantial director.

Margaret Eighme started her banking career with Mr. Fierce in the early thirties. He was an able banker and teacher. She served in many capacities and was



Bank Building Built in 1920 on North Side of Main Street



Same Building Remodeled in 1971 and As It Appears Today



**Tingley State Savings Bank —
Charley Haver and Bert Hass**

Clair Heyer Collection

cashier at her retirement in 1973.

Harold Z. Grout became a trusted figure in this place of business in 1956. His duties have covered several departments, and he now holds the vice-presidency.

1971 brought a changed appearance on the outside as well as the inside. A new front and signs replaced the old; new and modern equipment was installed thus adding to the efficiency of the already able help.

So through the long and many years, the staunch Tingley community have remained loyal in upholding active business with their deposits and trust in the Tingley bank.

Frank B. Sheldon's Role in the Bank's Organization — taken from Mr. Sheldon's letter in 1954 in response to an invitation to the 50th anniversary of the Tingley State Savings Bank.

Now as to the bank: George Swain was also responsible



**H.J. Morrison, D.L McClure, Wm. S. Breckenridge, Carl Riggs, and Wayne Overholtzer
June 1954**

for my getting connected with the Tingley Bank. Several years after I worked for him, he was elected a member of the board of supervisors, and one day when he came to Mt. Ayr for a meeting, he came to see me. I was at that time associated with the firm of Allyn Bros. in Mt. Ayr. They had a bank—also a farm loan and real estate business. I was manager and part owner of the real estate business. Swain wanted me to come to Tingley and start a bank. I told him I could not afford to quit

my job, but soon after, George Hass moved to Mt. Ayr from Missouri. I got acquainted with Bert Hass, and later he and I decided to take over the bank in Tingley. It was operated by Rob't Bennie; Chas. Haver was working for him, and we organized the Tingley State Savings Bank. I paid little attention to the bank, as I had all confidence in both Bert Hass and Chas. Haver, also Henry Boyd. I sold my stock in the bank when I sold out the bank in Mt. Ayr.



Ed Fierce

Clair Heyer Collection



Margaret Eighme



Marilyn Riggs, Cathy Mason, Carl Riggs, Teresa Wilkey, and Harold Grout — 1982

History of Breckenridge Store



Wm. S. Breckenridge Store

An integral part of Tingley and surrounding area for the last sixty-two years is the "Breckenridge Store," currently owned and operated by Billy and Minnie Breckenridge.

On May 23, 1921, William Shafer (Bill) Breckenridge opened a grocery store in a small room approximately one-half block from the present location. Two years later, May 1, 1923, the stock of merchandise was moved to the now occupied site. At that time there were three grocery stores in Tingley.

Upon relocation, a fresh meat department, with walk-in refrigerator, was added to the store. O.W. Roush (father of Lola Breckenridge), who operated an icehouse in Tingley, furnished ice for the top of the refrigerator. Later, the cooling appliance was converted to electricity and continues to be used for meats and vegetables.

Written in a store ledger, dated 1923-1928, were several items of interest. Throughout the pages it was noted that beef and hogs were purchased for eight cents per pound from W.A. (Billy) Johnson, Clarence Weeda, Henry Breckenridge, R.A. Longcoy, D.O. Coffman, Perry Cochran, Sadie Dunlap, Jim Werner, A.R. Hubbard, Roland Wilson, C.E. Coffman, John Blauer, Joe Brown, H.E. Buck, C. Drake, A.W. Smith, Roy Eyberg, H.J. Morrison, Mr. McElroy, B.D. Weeda, Carl Hullinger, Elmer Goldner, Mrs. Gillis, E.B. Troxell, Harry Grimes, Roy Perkins, and D.A. Hawk. There was also a light bill for \$2.39. Quite a change from today!

Dry goods and footwear departments were also added in 1923. A stock of hardware, purchased in 1930 from Day Carter, was enlarged and later stoves, refrigerators, and other appliances were added. At one time, harness, tarps, and shoes were repaired in the store, which soon became known as "The One Stop Store" to many persons.

The name of the store was changed several times from Briardale to I.G.A. Associated Grocer, but is now known as the "Breckenridge Store."

Lola found time to "help out" in the store besides rearing a family of five children — Reba Breckenridge Erickson, Lois Breckenridge Jensen, Jean Breckenridge Skarda, and Dean (Bud) and Billy Breckenridge. The girls assisted in their Dad's store during the time Billy and Bud were in service, and fourteen other

members of the family and a number of the grandchildren worked at various times. Frances Hannah Overholtzer, an employee for 38 years, is credited with the longest tenure.

One of the most important changes in the store occurred in 1946, when the practice of self-service was introduced. Customers would begin their orders and then give them to the clerks to fill. Another service initiated was the buying and candling of eggs.

During World War II, the store was open on Saturday nights until one or two o'clock in the morning as a courtesy to people who came to town to shop and visit. A potbellied stove provided heat, and pickles and crackers were available in barrels.

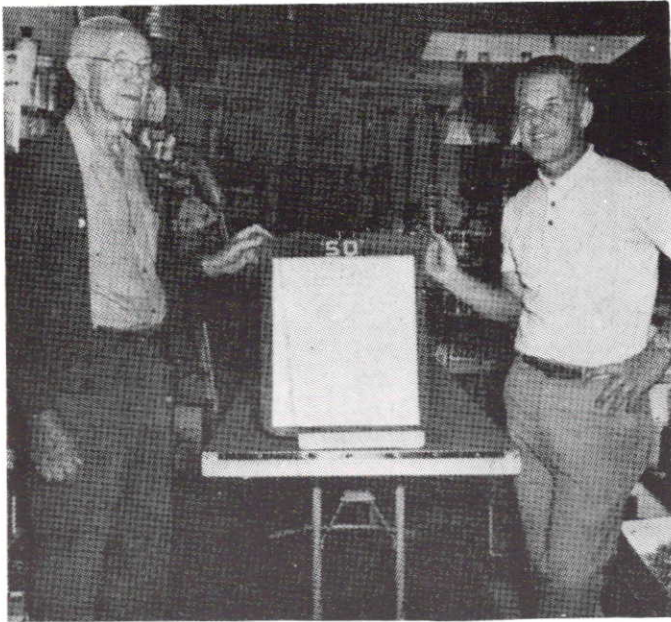
On one occasion, "Pop," as he was lovingly called by his family, purchased a barrel of Calumet baking powder, the prize for which sale was an eight-day clock with "Time to Buy Calumet Baking Powder — Best By Test" inscribed on it. It was an item of which "Pop" was very proud. However, it took a long time to sell that amount of baking powder!

The "Breckenridge Store" is one of only a few grocery stores which maintains a delivery service. For several years, groceries have been delivered each Friday to residents of Shannon City.

Bud and Billy assumed the duties of operators of the



Wm. S. Breckenridge, Frances Hannah, Bud Breckenridge — 1952



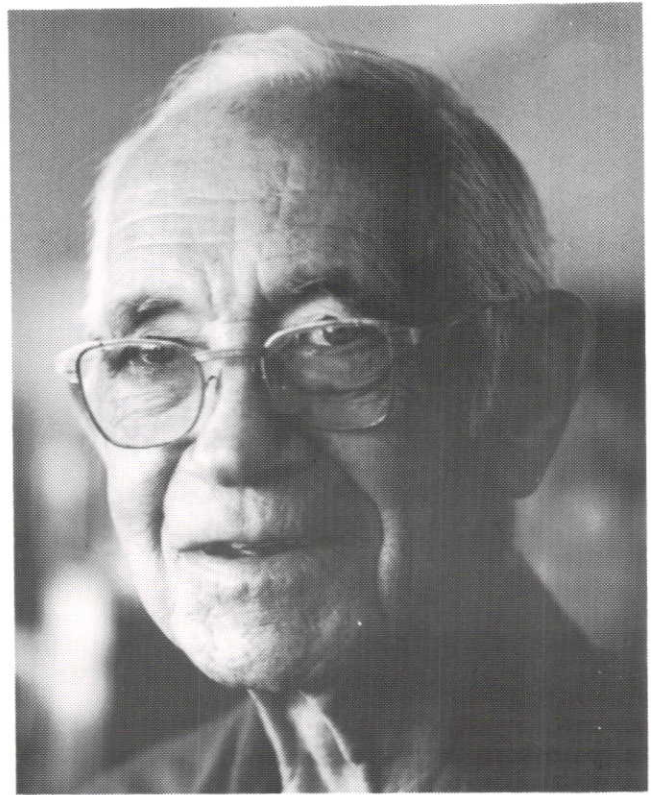
(Newspaper Clipping) May, 1971

William S. Breckenridge, left, and his son Billy, right, hold plaque with names of store employees during 50 years in business. Breckenridge Store marked its 50th year in Tingley with an open house Saturday.

store upon their return from active duty in World War II and continued in that capacity for twenty years. In 1960, Billy took over the business with the assistance of his wife, Minnie. Present employees of the store are Pearl Grout (Mrs. Harold) and Ed Sherwood.

The owners are proud of the accomplishments and the fact that the store handles a complete line of groceries, hardware, and sundries and maintains a drug room. With a decline in population in town and country, the store has a stabilized volume sales—thanks to the faithful people of the community.

Everyone is extended a cordial invitation to stop in the store for a visit when in Tingley for its Centennial observance.



Wm. S. Breckenridge — 1977



Meat Department with Walk-in Cooler



Billy and Minnie Filling Grocery Orders To Be Delivered At Shannon City — 1977

The Gun Rack

The Gun Rack got its start during the fall of 1970 and was run on a part-time basis by Jim McIntosh in his home. In the summer of 1975, Mac's Gun Shop (as it was named) became a full-time business.

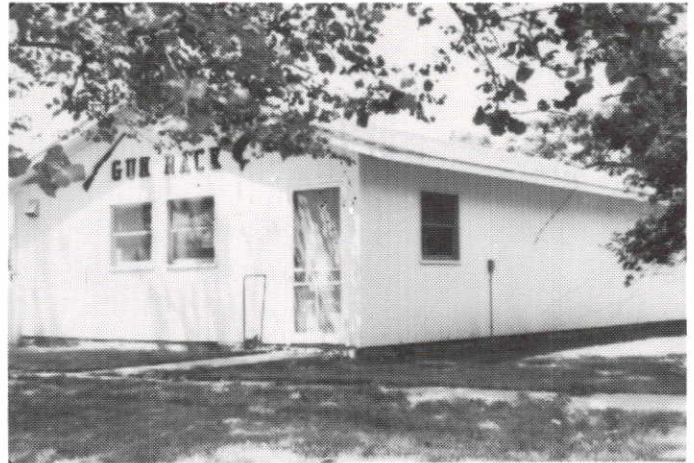
On January 1, 1979, a partnership was formed between Bob Johnson and Jim McIntosh, and The Gun Rack evolved. Since that time Bob and Jim have built a new building and are in the full-time business of selling guns and accessories. Bob does all of the gunsmithing work which includes modern gun repair and wood-working.

In addition to selling and repairing firearms, The Gun Rack is the largest merchandiser of metallic silhouette targets in the country. Besides selling silhouette targets through ads, The Gun Rack sells and ships silhouettes

for Remington Arms Company. The Gun Rack and the town of Tingley have become well-known throughout



southern Iowa—and through the silhouette sales, they have become well-known throughout the entire country.



Tingley Fire Department



Tingley's Fire Department has always been a volunteer one with willing people always ready to lend a helping hand. At first the Mayor was acting Fire Chief.

The bell tower in the center of main street had a bell that was used to call for help in any emergency, usually a fire. When the belltower was taken down the fire bell was put on top the city hall on the south side of main street.

Later a fire whistle was installed near the telephone building and the operator blew the fire siren morning noon and evening to make sure it was working and always blew it for fires.

The telephone operator in the early days gave out line calls for assistance at fires or emergencies.

Tingley Fire Dep't has an iron wheel fire wagon which uses soda-water and acid and for years this did a fair job since any fire on main street could be reached quickly.

Over the years Tingley has been limited on water supply. They have dug what they called fire wells but could never locate an adequate supply of water for fire

fighting.

Finally the Tingley Dep't organized with Tingley Township and they bought a truck and installed a 1200 gallon tank with a portable pump. They purchased 300 feet additional water hose and 30 feet of suction hose.

The second tank truck was added when the Government offered surplus army trucks for use to Fire Dep'ts to help fight grass and field fires.

The Fire Station is located on the north side of main street and houses both fire trucks.

Billy Breckenridge is Fire Chief, Don Kinne Ass't Fire Chief, and Harold Grout Treasurer. Members are Dean Johnson, Allyn Jarred, Jim McIntosh, Lloyd Miller, Ivan Grout, Carl Riggs, Jim England, Lawrence Bishop, Charles Case and Kent Trullinger

After the telephone system became dial, the fire dep't number now rings eight fire phones. Mutual aid with other town fire departments is an important part of the fire department at Tingley.

Charles Jackson was Tingley Fire Chief for several years prior to his death.

Tingley Community Building



The Tingley Community Building was built right after World War II as a memorial to veterans of that war and housed the theater. The old theater had burned down and the town was in need of such a service. It was built by the town.

Meantime, the community, with civic groups, had been maintaining the old railroad station in the south part of town as a community building. Two such structures seemed a surplus, so they decided to sell one—the old station at auction. The Jarred Construction Co. of Tingley bought it to use as its shop.

The theater had discontinued operation, and except for some storage purposes, it had fallen into little use. In 1968 the town administration, the Lions Club and the American Legion Post remodeled the Community Building. The theater stage at the north end was

lowered and a kitchen installed. A new heating system was installed and hot and cold running water put in, two bathrooms, various paneling work done, etc.

Community meetings from all around are held in the Community Building; American Legion Auxiliary, the Legion, Lions, Boy Scouts, 4-H clubs, etc. The town council holds its meetings there.

Don Kinne, the postmaster, has been named a sort of manager of the operation. He maintains the calendar for using the building. The Lions, American Legion and city help with the upkeep. Groups like the 4-H can use it without charge. It is rented out to other groups. The Tingley Friendship meals are held there three times a week. The hall will hold around 150 to 200 persons seated for a banquet. Tingley is proud of its Community Building.



CLASS PLAYS



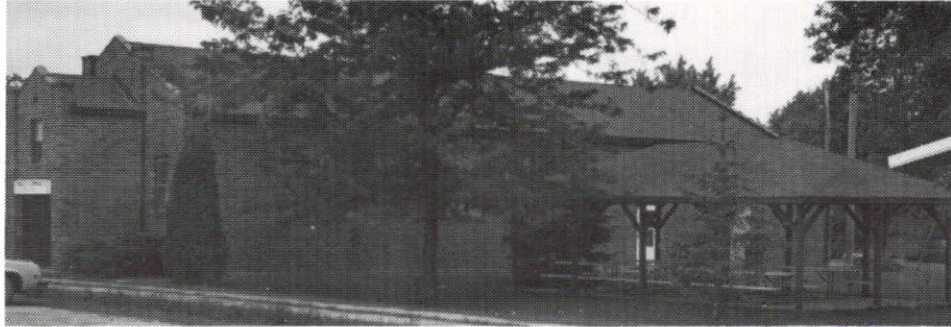
GRADUATION

Shelter House Park

In 1976 or 1977 the Ringgold County Conservation Commission built shelter houses with picnic tables for Tingley, Ellston, Kellerton, Redding, Fife's Grove, Kokesh Park, and Poe Hollow. Kenny Morrow from the Diagonal Building Supply contracted to build all of the shelters with the assistance of his son, Denny Morrow. An outdoor restroom was also built by the Conservation

Commission at the Tingley Park, as was also done at some of the other towns where shelters had been constructed.

Playground equipment of swings and a merry-go-round are available for youngsters. The tennis court across the street is accessible for those having family gatherings in the community hall or the shelter house.



History of Tingley Sport Complex

In the fall of 1978 it was mentioned and discussed by a few individuals we needed a tennis court in Tingley. So in the spring of 1979 a committee was appointed by the Lions Club to investigate and see what possibilities were available.

With the cooperation of the town officials, we tried twice to get a matching Grant from the Federal government as some other towns had done previously and other towns were still doing, but failing both times and only slowing us down, our next step was to do it independently, starting by collecting all the money we could. Ernest Bastow and John Hettinger started that task and raised nearly \$11,000 by the time work was complete on the project. Individuals, around 90 in

number, contributed a large part, also contributing very generously were Tingley Lions Club, Town of Tingley, Tingley Softball Team, Tingley State Savings Bank, Tingley Farm Supply, Inc., The Bike-A-Thon by the young people and three memorials: Wm. S. Breckenridge Memorial, Annette Shields Memorial and part of the Joe Skarda Memorial.

Then, with the committed effort of a few men and some good volunteer help, the Tingley Sport Complex was completed and being used without charge to those who wanted to use it in late spring 1980.

It is managed and controlled at this time by six directors with still no fees to the users.



Friendship Meals

In the early part of 1973, County Project Councils were formed to assist in finding programs for the rapidly growing group of senior citizens in Iowa, many of whom lived alone. After many surveys and studies, it was decided that meal sites must be provided where people could get together to share a good meal as well as fellowship.

The problem of finding a suitable site without architectural barriers became a stumbling block in locating a site in Mt. Ayr. Nadine Hosfield of Ellston, Cleo Clough, Claire Henderson and Georgia Etta Kinne of Tingley, local members of the Project Council, were instrumental in getting the votes to open the first Ring-gold County Meal Site in the Tingley Community Building.

On January 14, 1974, the Tingley Meal Site opened. Randy Petersohn was the first manager. The local Project Council members and two members of the state staff, Phyllis Fight of Garden Grove and Kris Kremmer of Leon, were on hand to assist.

Nancy Jarred, one of the first volunteers, was hired as manager after the first month and still continues in that position. Edna Werner was the first cook. Volunteers have assisted in the kitchen and other phases of the operation from the beginning. Others who have served as cooks are Lucy Maudlin, Bryce Bear, Sharon Case, and Marylin Weeda.

Delicious meals are served on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday each week. Carry-out meals are delivered to shut-ins by volunteers. There are many varied programs held in connection with the meals: blood pressure clinics, food and travel talks, entertainment films, and nutrition seminars. Birthday parties are held each month. The surrounding churches furnish the cakes for the birthday parties. Another diversion is bingo.

Several members of the group have formed a kitchen band. Edith Wood of Tingley and Mildred Johnston of Beaconsfield were the leaders in the development of the band. The members range in age from 60 to 95 and play all kinds of odd-looking homemade instruments, but the music is lively and the participants enthusiastic. This group entertains at many anniversary celebrations and local events. They also play at other meal sites, nursing homes, county fairs, and the state fair. They were the favorite entertainment when the Register and Tribune Bike Ride came through Tingley in 1981.

Friendship Meals continues to grow in daily attendance with transportation assists from the Area Agency. Several persons come each day from Diagonal, Arispe, Beaconsfield, Ellston, Shannon City, Afton, and Tingley. Anyone in the 60+ age group is welcomed to this group.



KITCHEN BAND — STATE FAIR 1979

(L TO R) Violet Grose, Merzetta Hillebran, Joker Hillebran, Jessie O'Grady, Mildred Johnston, Ruth Buck, Edith Woods, Florence Shields, Marvin Shields, Doc Bear (in beard), John Grose, Caroline Duffield, Clara Mae Bird



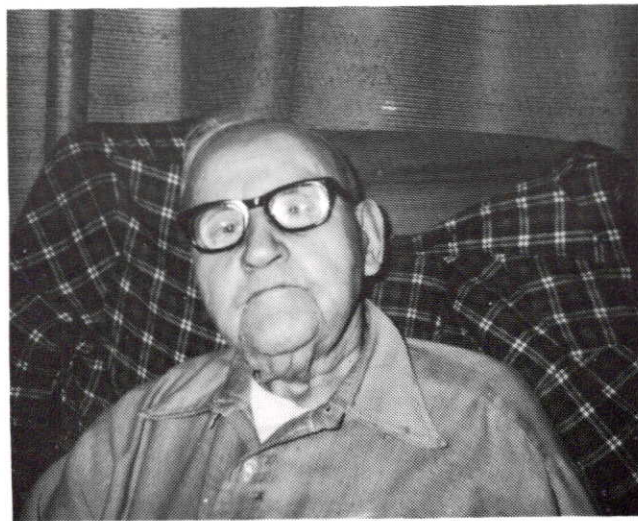
Cook, Sharon Case, and her volunteer helpers, Marjorie Reasoner, Florence Shields and Dorothy Saltzman, have the meal prepared.



Volunteer helpers, Edith Wood and Alta Marie Borrusch, are ready to serve the drink.



At the December birthday party. Much activity at the Tingley Meal Site. Three or four tables of card players, a table with Chinese checkers or Wahoo, or maybe the kitchen band practicing—with a few in the kitchen kicking up their heels to the time of the music while they are washing dishes. Here you find (L to R) Clarence Wood, Pete Reed, Raymond Green, Roy Hainey, Roy Perkins, and William Behrends in a game of cards.



Harry Grimes — 100 Years Old
At the December monthly birthday party, the Tingley Meal Site honored former resident, Harry Grimes, who was 100 years old January 3, 1983. Harry resides at Mt. Ayr Health Care Center.



Attendance at the three meals each week varies from 45 to 75 persons. A challenge from volunteer, Lyndon Richards, to donate \$1 for each person attending the meal at the Tingley Mealsite December 14th drew one of the largest attendances ever when 110 people came out. Richards presented a check of \$110 to site manager, Nancy Jarred, as a special memorial for his mother, Lena Richards, one of the site's earliest participants.



Waiting for dinner.

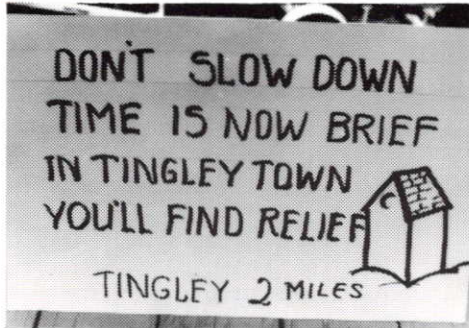


A Game of Checkers
Lydia Simons and Gladys McConnell

RAGBRAI - IX

(RAGBRAI-IX really should be news of the past, but since July 26, 1981, seems like "only yesterday", we'll put it with "Tingley Today".

Upon the discovery of RAGBRAI-IX being routed through Tingley, our community flew into action to give the cyclists a welcome second to none. Through the efforts of many, a display of hospitality was organized



Tingley's welcome to the cyclists started way before they reached Tingley. Thanks to the talents of Jo Eighme in making a series of artistic signs with clever advertising, the cyclists were tempted to take their noon break in Tingley. A special effort was put forth by Wayne and Charlotte Stoll to place signs in the pre-dawn hours that would lead the cyclists to our friendly town.



Tingley's never had so many people nor so much fun since the old-time street fair days.



Curtis (Beaver) Riggs, Tingley's only participant in the entire 493 mile ride, was greeted with a surprise cake when he reached his hometown.

Des Moines Register's John Karras writes to Donald Kaul:

Dear Chief:

Everybody along the route has been so blasted hospitable I haven't been able to make very good time on the road. Take Tingley, for example, I don't know how many people live in Tingley, chief, but every one of

to extend a welcome hand to the mass of 5,000 to 6,000 cyclists upon their descent to our rural community.

Much food was ordered and dozens and dozens of cookies were baked. The day before the bike ride, a large number turned out at the Community Hall to make ready the goodies to be sold.



View from the Top — There were food stands other than these shown—Breckenridge Store, Riggs Family at the Old Ice Cream Shop, another table in front of the community hall, one in front of the Christian Church, 4-H had fruit stands, Youth Group—drinks, Shad and Scott England—drinks.



Tingley's Kitchen Band played to the delight of the bikers. The lively beat inspired dancing (Marjorie Werner). Bill McIntosh also played records.



Frank Richards' sign gave the bikers a fond farewell as they left Tingley.

them was out on main street to greet RAGBRAI. Camping trailers were turned into food stands, picnic tables were set up in the street, the Senior Citizens Kitchen Band played such favorites as "Yes, Sir, That's My Baby" and "The Beer Barrel Polka." Bikers sang along. Every group in town took part, chief—the Lions, the three churches, the combined church youth group. It's hard to get away from a bunch of people like that, chief.

Pre—Centennial Activities

A meeting was held November 16, 1981, at the Tingley Community Building to start making plans for Tingley's 100th birthday. It was decided to have a celebration July 2-4, 1983. Officers elected were: Billy Breckenridge and Carl Riggs, co-chairmen; Mary Sue McIntosh, secretary; Don Kinne, treasurer.

A steering committee was elected to include the above officers and the following members: Roger Morrison, John Overholtzer, Joy McFarland, Frank Richards, and Wayne Overholtzer.

A contest to design a symbol or trademark that would depict some historical aspect of Tingley to be used as the logo for the centennial was held at the kick-off soup supper fundraiser. An entry submitted by Wayne Overholtzer and his granddaughter, Vickie Sowers, was selected as the winning logo, and it appears on the first page of this Centennial History Book.

The following fundraisers have been held, other than the first soup supper. No doubt there will be other fundraisers after this book has gone to press.

February 27, 1982 — Spaghetti or Chicken and Noodle Supper by Entire Community

April 17, 1982 — Pancake and Sausage Supper by Young Married or Single Persons

June 5, 1982 — Smorgasbord Supper by Entire Community

July 9-11, 1982 — Entire community provided all food

for Redding Centennial in exchange for their doing the same at Tingley's Centennial.

August 6-7, 1982 — Variety Show at Community Building

October 9, 1982 — Soup, Sandwich and Pie Supper by Tingley Youth Group and Tingley 4-H Club

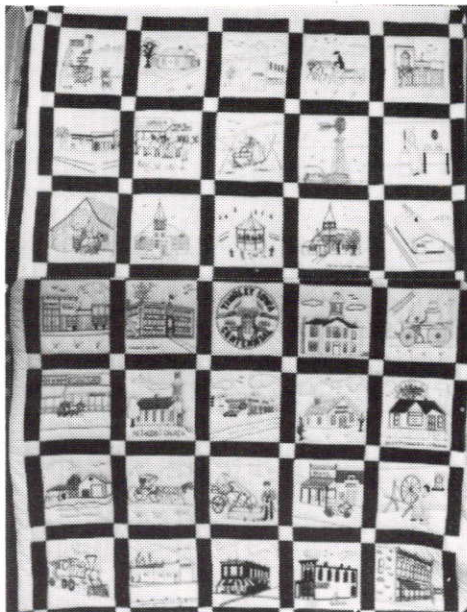
December 11, 1982 — Holiday Goodies Sale by Entire Community

January 10 and February 7, 1983 — Tingley Kitchen Band and others sponsored a fun night and also lunched a farm sale to raise money to reconstruct the old band stand for the Centennial.

The memorabilia committee has been selling bells, candy dishes, trivets, caps, shirts, jackets, etc. The Centennial Cook Book is one that all will want to add to their collection. Many nimble fingers have been busy making pillows and pictures, and the quilt is truly a work of art.

Our fund has been enhanced by donations from alumni and \$200 from the Modern Woodmen of America. Vicki Scott Sowers has painted a picture of the schoolhouse on a good many bricks from the old school, donating the profit to the Centennial Fund.

It takes many willing hands to put on a celebration such as this. The local people hope that all who have ever considered Tingley "home" will return for this special reunion, as well as, all others who want to have a good time over the July 4th week end of 1983.



CENTENNIAL QUILT



DANCING DOLLIES IN VARIETY SHOW
Mary Shields, Marjorie Werner, Cleone Johnson,
Minnie Breckenridge



WHISTLING THOROUGHBREDS
Dean Johnson, Elton Werner, Jim Jobe,
Billy Breckenridge



Roy Clark (John Allen) and His Hee Haw Gang
Dave Allen, Mary and Melanie Trullinger, Alan
Ibbotson, Dwight Bonham, Jenesse Tull, Bud
Breckenridge, Colette Riggs, Willis Allen

Tingley Housing Corp.

In February, 1978, Carl Riggs originated an idea that Tingley should attempt to obtain an FmHA loan to erect housing units for the elderly.

A board of directors was selected consisting of Lyndon Richards, Ernest Bastow, Alice Allen, Nadine Hosfield, George Hosfield, Jack England, Don Kinne, Carl Riggs, and John Overholtzer.

The first official meeting of the board was held June 8, 1978. It was decided to sell shares to raise the local money required by FmHA. A total of eighty-nine shares were sold.

On September 4, 1980, the land on which the schoolhouse was located was purchased from the town of Tingley for \$1500.00 by the Tingley Housing Corporation.

The Tracy Construction Company of Casey, Iowa, was awarded the contract in March, 1981, with a low bid of \$146,949.70 to construct eight one-bedroom units. Construction began immediately, and the first tenants moved in January 1, 1982.

Mike and Nancy Ford are caretakers and managers.



Water—At Last

On July 26, 1982, the Farmers' Home Administration offered the Southern Iowa Rural Water Association (SIRWA) funds to construct a water distribution system in the rural area around Tingley. The offer also included funds to construct a water system in the City of Tingley.

This was voted on at the General Election on November 2, 1982. Sixty people voted "yes" to forty "no" votes to give SIRWA a 25 year franchise to construct and maintain this water system.

Immediately several interested citizens worked at the formal sign-up for hookups in the town of Tingley, with 99 signing. Prior to this, there were 102 signing for the rural hookup.

SIRWA will operate and manage this entire system which is to be completed in 1983. Later, other sections of seven southern counties will be added. The water will come from Sun Valley Lake near Ellston, then later will be connected with Three-Mile Reservoir north of Afton.

Also Lived In Tingley



Quentin and
Bertha Abarr



Doris Henry Dick—Daughter,
Mae Henry Hawk—Mother;
Sarah Margaret Preston—Grandmother
Tingley 1934



BILL RILEY TALENT SEARCH 1967
Donna Johnson, Chuck Bennett, Marcy Wilkins,
Terry Weeda, Kristy Glick.