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PREFACE

"The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof" must have been the motto of the early pioneers, who in the early 1800's braved the hardships of the wilderness to settle and make a home in this community, which later became Malcom Township. We are sure that these settlers welcomed the early band of people from Vermont, led by their leaders, who had a great vision of the need for a town, an incorporated town for this community. Railroad facilities were already possible, so they chose a site which proved a boon to the people of the community and all their farming interests, always rebuilding after cyclones, fires and pestilence.

To delve into the past hundred years with all its obstacles and hardships has been a great undertaking. To collect pictures and data to bring reality and reconstruct the past as nearly as possible under great odds and recreate the stirring narratives and drama of living has required much time, patience and understanding. Therefore we would extend a vote of thanks to the Centennial Committees, to all the individuals and kin folk of Malcom and community, who so tirelessly gave endless hours of time to bring a closer appreciation of Malcom and community.

We hope the heritage handed down to all as heirs of Malcom will not have been in vain and that we may continue to accept the challenge to make Malcom a town of progress of which these pioneers would be proud. A few descendants of these pioneers have continued to make Malcom their home town.

So with humble gratitude, we dedicate this centennial book to those who founded the town and the pioneers who helped to map out its destiny.

Valiant and vanishing pioneers of yesteryear,
You fought and conquered the wilderness to meet your goals,
Well Done; May we who follow fulfill your hopes and dreams,
Dedicating ourselves to build for the generations of tomorrow.

— Ella M. Baltisberger
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APPRECIATION AND APOLOGIES

We, the History Committee, wish to thank each and every friend who helped us in any way to compile these records. Many, many hours of work were involved, delving into history books, old family records, and even prodding the brains of our long-time oldsters. Many contributed their own family histories; others wrote articles. A special thanks to those who typed endless pages for us.

Sometimes information conflicted from our various sources, so we chose what seemed most logical. Therefore, we do not claim the facts herein to be exact. If any person finds an error or omission, please accept the humble apologies of our committee. We did the best we could, in the time we had.

Again, our utmost appreciation, dear friends (also apologies) and may you enjoy reminiscing.

—Mrs. Orville (Marine) Neville
Mrs. Josephine Schneekloth
Mrs. Margaret Longnecker
CHAPTER I - History of Malcom and Mayors List.

CHATMAN FAMILY HISTORY

In the year of 1855 this beautiful state of Iowa was yet in its infancy. The great C.R.I. & P. railroad was only completed as far as Iowa City. Midway between this point and Des Moines on what was known as the "State" road, a little band of "New England" people "pitched their tents" and were known as the "Yankee Settlement." Then all the surrounding country was a boundless prairie dotted only here and there with the habitations of those who had left their old homes so dear to them trusting that in a few years they would secure a home and competence in return for their labors. But in the meantime they must endure many privations and to those accustomed to church privileges there was no self denial greater than being deprived of them.

Gradually the land was cultivated, better homes were built and in the upper room of one, the daughter of the house gathered the children and taught the first school in the new town of Malcom.

In the autumn of 1859, Rev. A. D. Chapman came to the West from Ohio seeking a missionary field in the West. The following letter written by him descriptive of his life and his work is given here.

"We came to this place in October, 1859, and commenced labors at Brooklyn six miles distant and preached there once in two weeks and between the balance of my time in various localities. In January, 1860, I commenced labor in Malcom settlement. The Lord poured out His spirit and we had a gracious revival. Prayer meetings were held from house to house and deep interest in spiritual things was manifested.

"The church of Brooklyn in 1859 contained 12 members. In the spring of 1860 there were added to the church about 20 members, the larger part of whom were from Malcom. Those who were received by profession were H. D. Arnold, Mrs. Mary S. Arnold, John Wallace, Mrs. John Wallace, Mrs. Hannah Cardell, L. E. Cardell, Norma T. Bates, Sylvan- nis R. Meigs and Margaret Nasson; by certificate, Mrs. Alma E. Chapman, Miss Emma L. Chapman, Miss Sarah E. Sears and Mrs. Sophonia V. Clark.

"We received additions from time to time until our number was 47."

The Presbytery of Iowa City changed the name of this church at its next annual meeting and since which time it has been called the First Presbyterian Church of Brooklyn and Malcom.

The Rev. A. D. Chapman was licenced by the Presbytery of Marion, Ohio, in 1838, ordained in June, 1839, and labored in the church of Kingston-Delco six years. He was called to Mt. Gilead, Morrow county, labored there three and one-half years, then received a call from Melrose, Senven county, and went in October, 1847. Remaining six years and on call from his first charge at Kingston, he returned and remained there six years. He then determined to seek a field in the West.

The Rev. Robert Court's preaching began in McDowells hall in the upper part of the Judd building, Malcom, pending the building of the new church. This was enclosed in 1869 but not entirely finished, benches being used instead of seats. Many young people were married in this new church. Among the number, Mr. Benj. Meigs and Miss Josephine Chapman were united in marriage July 25, 1869. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. A. D. Chapman assisted by the Rev. Robert Court.

It was a severe winter with deep snow drifts, and the boys drove to school in sleigh. I was not permitted to go two and one-half miles on account of the severe cold, and my tender years. Church Meigs Sr. formerly of New Hamp and an early settler in Malcom, Iowa fitted up a room in his house for school purposes that winter, and father preached there Sundays. However, a large school house was built the following year. Alto snow-bound in winter the farms were covered with flowers in the spring and looked like Fairy Land.

These were stirring years that followed. Anti slavery feeling ran high. Abe Lincoln was nominated and elected. Altho as a child I was very much interested and listened eagerly to the conversation of my father and others, and then came the call to arms, and nearly all the young men enlisted, there were meetings with beating of drums and flying of flags, four of the Meigs brothers responded, one coming home to die later. My own brother, 18, and in fact all who could, enlisted previous to this. My sister was married, which left in our home the three youngest children: eight, ten and twelve-years old. My brother, Augustus, served one year and was discharged on account of sickness. He taught school the next winter in the home of Mrs. Terwilliger and taught me the Latin Declension. The following year he attended college, at Grinnell, and I went also. While there he enlisted in the 100 days service. All students went, also professors; only a few young boys were left in college. When they returned a few went back to finish: Sient Chas. Scott, Henderson Kerrick, now of Riverside, among the number. Augustus studied medicine and graduated at Cleveland, Ohio.

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The town of Malcom is a station on the Rock Island and Pacific Railroad between Brooklyn and Grinnell. It is pleasantly situated on a southern slope and has nearly four hundred inhabitants. It was platted by Abel Kimball and Z. P. Wigton on Sept. 26, 1872. On the 18th of May, 1872, the first town council was elected. George S. Tabor was chosen Mayor, and W. R. Ackers as recorder, and they have continued in their respective offices until the present time (1875).

The town was organized as an independent school district in 1874. The school house is a good two-storied building and is sufficiently large to accommodate 300 pupils. The Methodists and Presbyterians have organizations here. The Presbyterians own a unique house of worship which was built in 1669. The Methodists are just completing an elegant small church building. The Masonic Order has a lodge and chapter here.

The town has a steam flour mill, two hotels, 17 business firms in the ordinary branches or trade, two physicians, and a bank is in the process of organization.

HISTORY OF MALCOM

In earliest days Poweshiek County was a part of the Sac and Fox lands, and the treaties that were made were generally well carried out so we were almost always on friendly terms with the Indians. The last treaty that opened the land containing Poweshiek Co. to the white settlers was signed May 1, 1843. Our county was named for the great Sac and Fox chief, Chief Poweshiek.

The school children now read of these early times and find it interesting that Indians roved around here, living on this very ground. They hunted and fished here, finding all things necessary for their existence. A century ago the tall prairie grass grew where our large farms and small cities are now.

The early settlers' life was hard, a time of self-reliance, and brave persevering, of privations, cheerfully endured through faith in a good time coming. They were invariably poor, they faced the same hardships and this made for good neighborliness. A common interest and sympathy bound them together. They made their own little world and they always shared their work, their problems and their homes. There was always good fun and merriment.

The position of the township is central, being number 80 North, and range number 15 West. It lacks none of the advantages afforded by a large farming district on all sides. The surface and the soil are all that could be desired, well adapted to garden products, grain, fruit and grasses and livestock.

As near as can be found, the first settler in Poweshiek County was Richard Bogden, coming in the fall of 1843, followed by two brothers, Daniel and J. W. Satchell, who came March 23, 1844. These men brought the first cattle, hogs and sheep to the county. Though they lived at one time in Malcom, they did not settle here permanently.

There was no extensive settlement prior to 1856 along the Little Bear Creek in the present location of Malcom. Among the first to settle in the vicinity prior to 1850, were Robert Matheral and Church Meigs. Matheral left the county after a few years. P.P. Raymond also settled here at about this time. According to accounts written by N.C. Condit in 1865, William L. Zine and wife, from Illinois, settled along the old stage road (now number 6 — East and West from McClure's school house) in August of 1853. A baby born to them was the first child born in Malcom Township. In April of 1854, William Springer located near Zine's. In 1855 Edmond L. Cardell, originally from Vermont, settled on the claim adjoining Church Meigs. Mr. Cardell kept the stage station where passengers were fed and fresh horses were hitched. He was the first postmaster and justice of the peace in Malcom. He later became a member of the 14th General Assembly of Iowa. C. B. Martin came the next season and opened a farm opposite to Meigs and Cardell. Mr. Meigs became extensive land owner and operated the first sawmill located on Big Bear Creek, and furnished the early settlers with lumber for their homes. In Feb. of 1857, Sylvester Bates, of Vermont, purchased the W. L. Zinc farm and settled permanently. About the same time, H. D. Arnold came and finally others. The little cluster of homes was called the "Yankee Settlement."

The population now justified a township, and in Sept. of 1858, L.F. Cardell was authorized to proceed to organize the township. The county judge system for management of county finances expired Jan. 1, 1857, and was succeeded by the Board of Supervisors of 13 members, one for each of the townships. The first session was held Jan. 7, 1861. Malcom was represented by P.P. Raymond in 1859, at Edmund Cardell’s home and the town. The first Board of Township Trustees was first officials were C.B. Martin, H.D. Arnold, H.
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To show the difference in land value, Mr. Meigs acquired his land for $1.25 an acre. Probably part of the acreage was taken and proven as a claim. Now the land in Malcom Township sells for $400 to $600 an acre. In our research we find a portion of Mr. Meigs' land, the farm where John Nohring lives, has been in the same family for over 100 years. Also in the same family for over 100 years is the farm where Earnest Swanson lives, which is part of the original Baltisberger holding. Some of the Schultz descendants are also living on land originally bought by pioneer settlers.

The first school was held in the Meigs home with only six pupils. It was taught by the daughter, Patence Meigs Wallace.

P. P. Raymond was not only farmer, but also the landlord of the Pioneer Hotel and Green Mountain Inn. He also established a bank in Malcom, in 1875, which bore the name of Raymond and Sons. The name is still to be found on the building. He and his son built the Mansion in Malcom, now known at the Vogel home, in 1888, It was a real show place in those days. It was four stories high and was complete with servants' quarters. The home is now owned by Cecil King, who is trying to furnish it again as it was furnished in the past.

When the railroad came through the township in 1863, and the depot was located, the village of Malcom was laid out on the Little Bear Creek, by Z.P. Wigton and Abel Kimball. The town was incorporated April 23, 1872, and on May 18 the first corporate election was held. The first city officers were elected as follows: Mayor—George S. Taber, Recorder—W. R. Akers, Treasurer—B. Osborn, Trustees—G.W. Griffin, W.J. Johnson, I.J. Wilson, W.W. Osborn and I.H. Duffus. (Other histories give George S. Tabors as first Mayor.)

This thriving town was located in the geographical center of Poweshiek County. It is beautifully located on the direct line of the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific Railroads. The first buildings were erected in 1866 by Mr. W. J. Johnson of Davenport. The depot, grain house and other buildings followed each other in rapid succession. The rapid development of the resources of the township was due largely to superior railroad advantages and its central geographical position.

The first practicing physicians in the township were Dr. John Conaway and Ruben Sears. The first to settle in Malcom was Dr. J. W. McDowell. Others were Dr. Reynolds and Dr. Holyoke, Dr. V. S. Wilcox began practicing in 1974, and was joined by his son, Dr. Delano, after he was graduated from Iowa State University and Rush Medical College, of Chicago. Dr. Delano Wilcox continued to serve the people of the community until he retired.

Early lawyers were: Clark Varnum, in 1870, and W.R. Akers, Harry Boyd and Son, Walter and Glen Eichhorn.

In early days Joe Murphy, a farmer and producer and trainer of fine horses, studied and doctor his own horses as well as those of his neighbors. Then Dr. Laird Woods was our Veterinarian for 48 years. He began practicing in 1911, and continued until his retirement in 1959.

The Rev. Chapman formed a Presbyterian Church in Malcom in 1859. The Evangelical German Lutheran Church was organized in 1867, and the Methodist Church organized in the 70's.

The town of Malcom has weathered several fires, one in 1877, 1879 and again in 1880. A cyclone struck this area on June 17, 1882. It has always been called the Grinnell Cyclone on account of the enormous amount of damage done there. Much damage was also done in Malcom. There were homes south of the R.R. tracks and on the hill northwest of town that were destroyed. The churches in town were also hit and destroyed. Both church buildings now standing were built soon after the cyclone. Another storm hit July 2, 1963, and did much damage to some of the buildings on main street.

About 1880, the population was over 1,073 persons. In the town and townships there were 232 voters. Real estate was valued at $271,841. The 1972 valuation of real estate is $2,779,745.

Malcom has had many businesses, listed elsewhere in this book. We have had a newspaper, good schools, hotels, churches, three lodges, banks, Malcom-Sheridan Telephone Co., Auditorium, grain elevator and stock yards. Years ago we shipped as many as 500 carloads of livestock annually, and Malcom was known as "Little Chicago." In those days livestock was either driven down roads or hauled in wagons, and of course, all the neighbors helped do this. Then, when the stock was delivered to the stockyards, the farmer took his helpers to a restaurant, where they were treated to a good meal. Livestock marketing has changed since those days. Now all the cattle and hogs are loaded at the farm into a
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At one time, we had a Grist Mill located in West Malcom, on the Little Bear Creek. Here, corn and wheat was ground for flour for the settlers. There was also a Sawmill on Big Bear Creek which sawed lumber for the houses and other buildings. Malcom had a Creamery too. It was located east of the present elevator, on the curve, and was run by George Torey and his sister, Mrs. Alexander. They would run the route each morning, picking up the farmers milk. The milk was brought to the Creamery, where it was separated and the cream churned into butter. We still have our Post Office, and Rural Free Delivery. The mail comes in by truck — the Star Route, instead of by train, as it did in earlier days. The first Post Office was located in the Nowak Building, and is now in the former Malcom Savings Bank Building.

Through the years, Malcom has had many bands and other groups that have brought much enjoyment to the community. We had a town and country band, organized in 1941, by Joe Marvinya, and continued by L.L. Fry. The Hubbard Brothers Band played in the park, and at celebrations, whenever music was needed. Charles Rector and The Wests had a band, which played for dances and also the Morrison Family Band, which played for dances throughout the county. We must also mention Johnny Ford, who was a one-man-band. He played several instruments at one time, including drums, harmonica and banjo. He also played for local dances.

We have many prominent people, who called Malcom their hometown. Among them were: Merrill Meigs, author of Who’s Who; poetess Lenore Doty McLain; a district judge, John E. Stone, and judge of the second district since Jan. 1, 1972, Lawyers Merle Royce, Charles Vogel and Arlo Palmer. We have had men in the State Legislature. Henry Wiehman, who still lives in Malcom, was State Representative from 1939—1943. Wilbur Moisson was State Senator in the 1950's. We have the Vogel brothers, who are Priests, in the Catholic Church. Father Laurence is at St. Francis De Salles in Keokuk, IA, and Father Ray mond, at St. Michaels, in Holbrook, IA. We have had county officials: Walter Boyd, Glen Eichhorn and Charles Vogel, as County Attorneys. Sara Carpenter was County School Superintendent for many years. Grover Eisele, Gordon Farley, Lester Hendrickson, Delmar Hanssen and Bill Moisson were County Supervisors. Two sheriffs, Ed Lamb and Jack Wakely have come from Malcom. Doctor Raymond Whitehead, now practicing in Bowing Green, Ohio, and Dr. Paul Stevens, practicing in Cedar Rapids, and Dr. Ray Stevens, deceased, all came from Malcom. Lou Maxfield, a Chiropractor; Irna Vogel, an Osteopath; Harry Wilson, a Dentist and Wilber Lehman, a missionary have also lived in Malcom. Idell Pyle, Sc. D., who earned her degree from Grinnell College, in 1971, also lived in Malcom. Dr. B.L. Meigs, M.D., practiced for many years in Cumberland and Edgeley, IA., now deceased.

Many other Alumni and Malcom people have become successful as teachers, business men and women and farmers, and in agriculturally-related professions.

So, we remember yesterday, today, and look with faith and hope to our tomorrows that will soon become history.

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therefore your petitioners would respectfully ask the said court to take the necessary steps to organize said described territory into an incorporated town, that said court may appoint commissioners to call an election to determine for the question of incorporation and that said town when incorporated may be named by the name of ____. The incorporated town of Melton

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In the Circuit Court

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March Term, 1872.

In the matter of the incorporation of Melton

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Whereas the petitioners, at a meeting held on the 26th day of April, 1872, on the petition hereinbefore made, in accordance with the laws of the State of Iowa, as the same are incorporated under the laws of the State of Iowa,

Note of Incorporation

March 1872

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The names of the petitioners, those having the same, are hereby given.

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MALCOM MAYORS — 100 YEARS

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W. E. Gould 1878—1880
James H. Duffus 1880—1884
J. C. Woodard 1884—1888
H. R. Bernard 1888—1890
C. W. Rowe 1890—1892
G. F. Lawrence 1892—1895
C. L. Royce 1895—1897
Francis Jewell 1897—1899
H. E. Boyd 1899—1904
G. L. Scovill 1904—1906
J. A. Cummings 1906—1909
J. E. Latcham 1909—1910
John A. Maxwell 1910—1914
John Eichhorn 1914—1918
A. P. Meigs 1918—1919
R. W. Boyd 1919—1920
John Eichhorn 1920—1924
John A. Maxwell 1924—1926
Henry Baltisberger 1926—1932
Halvor Larson 1932—1934
John Eichhorn 1934—1935
Amos West 1935—1940
Sam Barn 1940—1942
Dr. L. Woods 1942—1943
Harold Harmon 1943—1943
Lyle Goodwin 1943—1946
Lester Smith 1946—1948
Virgil Newport 1948—1951
Louis Brown 1951—1956
Virgil McCammant 1956—1957
Ray Dayton 1957—1962
Keith Stahl 1962—1963
Howard Badger 1963—1964
Ray Dayton 1964—1968
Floyd White 1968—1971
Lyle Bauman 1971—

PRESENT TOWN COUNCIL - (back row) Sonny Schneekloth, Jack Wakeley, Doug Robinson, Russ Hoien; (seated, l. to r.) Lyle Goodwin, Lyle Bauman, Laurence Dayton and Marvin Kolars.

NOTICE OF INCORPORATION

WHEREAS, at an election held at the Town of Malcom, Poweshiek County on the 23rd day of April, A.D. 1872, on a proposition to Incorporate said Town in accordance with Chapter 61 of the laws of the Twelfth General Assembly of the State of Iowa,

AND WHEREAS a majority of the votes cast at said election was in favor of incorporation,

THEREFORE notice is hereby given that the said Town of Malcom is an Incorporated Town as provided by Chapter 61 of the Revision of 1860. Witness my hand and the Seal of the Circuit Court herein affixed at Montezuma this 26th day of April, 1872. — John W. Carr, C.C.C.

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CHAPTER II - Memoires

MALCOM RECOLLECTIONS

On a number of occasions in recent years school children, in connection with their assigned English work about local history, have come to me for assistance. A teacher in a nearby school, who was preparing his thesis for a Masters degree, seemed to find considerable material from the facts I was able to tell him.

In such ways I have discovered that I have become about the only remaining link between Malcom's very early history and the present. Several years ago, partly as an amusement, partly because others thought well of the idea, I wrote down some of my personal recollections as well as certain things told me by the older people who have now passed on.

I was born in 1872, seven years after the close of the Civil War. During my early boyhood, Civil War veterans were numerous and were still young men. Soldiers' overcoats with attached capes of the style you will see in old war pictures were occasionally seen worn by former soldiers.

After the war, a number of Confederate soldiers — Heishman, Richman, Linaweaver — located in this vicinity, were industrious and prosperous. The older people, as the years passed, liked to talk about old times. Unfortunately, none of us recognized the importance of this material. Only a little of what might have been preserved has remained in my memory and now it is too late to correct this.

The people who knew these things are no longer here and most of the stories of intimate personal and neighborhood experiences can never be told because they were seldom put upon paper. I did not find this article at the time, but put it in a drawer in my desk and forgot about it. In going through my desk recently, I came upon it, and decided to finish it. Perhaps some others may be interested in reading what I have written. At any rate, I enjoyed writing it and that after all, is the main reason for attempting a thing of this kind.

My father moved to Malcom in 1874. I was then about two years old. The town had been established only a few years before as a station on the Rock Island Railroad which at that time had been built as far as Des Moines; Grinnell, Brooklyn, and Montezuma had already been settled for some time, and so had the advantage of an earlier start. However, Malcom's location in almost the exact center of the county encouraged many to think it would soon be the county seat and that it would be a good place for an ambitious young man to locate and grow up with the country. Among these was my father, Dr. V. S. Wilcox.

I am told that we changed our residence several times in those early years, but my first recollection is of living in the north half of the building, which still stands on the west side of "63" across the street from the Magnusson home.

This house was built as what would now be called an apartment house. It had a common stairway in the middle and identical rooms on the north and south sides. It was usually occupied by two families. It is now the home of John Meyer (1938). The time our family lived at this place was my pre-school years and of course I do not remember much about the business people of the town. I recall that while we lived here, a dwelling which stood between the homes, now occupied by Clarence Smith and Arthur Magnusson, was destroyed by fire. To the north a cabinet maker's shop stood where the D X gas station is now. It was run by Ben Gray, who lived in the house now owned by Cal Barnes.

The block immediately south of our home was an open prairie, unfenced and with no buildings. In the block adjacent to the railroad there was a rather pretentious home owned by L. G. Bodum, the hardware merchant; it was destroyed by fire some years later and no residence was afterwards built there.

A flour mill was at one time built in the middle of this space but it too was burned. I think there is now only a small barn in this area lying east of the Farmers' Elevator yard. All the buildings on the east side of "63" from the Standard Station south except the Thompson, Brewer and Curries homes were there at that time, though all have been remodeled since. It was while we lived here that fire destroyed some of the business buildings of the town, one being the hardware store which stood where the present hardware now stands. I remember of walking about the town one day with my mother, probably on a Sunday. We passed the home of James Duffus, the editor of the town newspaper, the Malcom Gazette, and I recall how wonderful the rather fine home, with its well cared for lawn, appeared to me. This house is now unoccupied and is owned by Holly Larson.

It must have been about 1877 that my father purchased a home at the corner of Main and Third streets just east of the park. It was a one story house with a false square front after the manner of the wooden store fronts in all small towns, and built right up to the side walk. I think it must have been used as a business building at one time. This building was our home until it was torn down in 1890 and the house now occupied by Henry Wichman was erected.

From the time we moved into our new home my recollections become more accurate.
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Across the street to the southwest the Masonic building had recently been completed. There were no buildings to the south of this until the present site of the Sultzer building was reached. Here was a two story frame building on the first floor was the Raymond bank and on the second floor was the law office of Clark Varnum who afterwards practiced law in Chicago for many years.

I have a special reason for remembering this building. One day I encountered another boy on the street manipulating what was called a jumping jack, a small wooden human figure with a string hanging from it. When the string was pulled the figure threw its arms and legs about in a manner, to my five-year-old mind, very interesting. Of course, I wanted one too, and began to tease my father for the money. Finally to put me off he said, “Why don’t you go to the bank and borrow the money as other people do?” It seemed like a good idea and I wanted that jumping jack very much. I think old P. P. Raymond wasn’t much interested in children. When I stated my desire to borrow a nickel to invest in a jumping jack, his reply was “You get out of here or I’ll make a jumping jack out of you.” Thus was my first attempt to negotiate a bank loan turned down.

This building withstood the tornado of 1882 and was then moved to a location back of the present Schneekloth Garage. It was used as a saloon and later as a grain buying office. Finally it was bought by Mrs. F. P. Hubbert who owned the elevator and lumber yard for many years and moved to a location west of the Presbyterian Church. It is part of the house just north of Mrs. John Heishman’s home.

The Whitehead building was probably the first drug store and was owned by Henry Hatter. This building and the one south of it — now Alpine Cafe — stand very much as they did then except some alterations to the interior.

The earliest town plan shows what was intended to be the business district plotted to surround the park, after the New England town plan, but the first business buildings were located as near the railroad station as possible and spread north slowly. On the site of the Schneekloth Garage was a general store owned by Wm. Champion Sr. The Champion home is now occupied by Mrs. Lester Schneekloth. Across the street from the Champion store was a hotel, the “Sutton House.” I recall my father telling of working all night with its proprietor, Bob Sutton, trying to ease him through an attack of gall stones in the days before hypodermic syringes. This hotel building was destroyed by fire and was replaced by a building used as a saloon by a man named Nussbaum.

Farther up the hill the group of brick buildings now occupied by the hardware store, Rivers’ store, and the Larson store had been erected, probably about 1876 or 1877 following the fire which destroyed the first frame hardware store building. On the corner north where now is the Winchell Gas Station was a three-story hotel. I do not know when this was built; whether it was erected after the Sutton House was burnt or before, but I remember it at a time which must have been about ‘77 and of seeing the proprietor, James Duffus, an uncle of Mrs. Nowak, on the front porch beating a large metal gong to announce that dinner was ready.

Just east of the hotel and near the alley was the livery barn. Hotel and livery barn flourished down to the time when the auto and improved roads made livery barns and small town hotels no longer profitable, when they were torn down.

My recollections of Malcolm seem to include a good many fires. One of the saloons of the town was owned by a man named Nussbaum. He was a character such as all pioneer towns contained a few. He was strongly suspected of having killed the first husband of his wife before coming to Malcolm. A man named William Akers who lived where Ralph Winchell now lives was much opposed to saloons and talked a good deal against them. Nussbaum was made very angry by this.

One evening Akers’ barn was discovered to be on fire. When Nussbaum appeared among the crowd that collected, Akers picked up a neckyoke and started toward him. Nussbaum drew a revolver and Akers was restrained by his friends until Nussbaum went home. Sometime later Nussbaum’s saloon was burned. It was generally believed that it was done by Nussbaum himself to collect the insurance. It was said that he had carried quantities of liquor stock to his home before the fire. Feeling now became so strong against him that he moved away.

The early history of the town is colored by incidents of lawlessness. At one time the town marshal shot a man who was creating a disturbance. The wound was probably not serious for the man recovered. At another time a man who had become obnoxious to certain citizens was tarred and feathered. A rough element was always among the new-comers. One young man, who afterwards became a respectable citizen, used to amuse himself by galloping his horse with a tremendous clatter over the town’s wooden sidewalks making a great nuisance of himself and greatly annoying the old marshal. At another time this same young man was discovered trying to ride his horse up an outside stairway to the second story of a store, a feat he had been dared to do by one of his boon companions.
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I think pioneer conditions tended to develop individualism and brought out many queer characters. On the "state road" (No. 6) north of town in the early days lived a Mr. "A." By all accounts he lived a colorful life, drank whiskey and was even suspected of selling it to his neighbors. Finally he became very sick and it was evident that death was approaching. Some of the neighbors were concerned about what would happen to his soul considering the life he had led, and sought to have him repent. Finally one sister appealed, "But Mr. 'A' don't you want to go to Heaven?" "Well," replied the unrepentant one, "I don't know but what I'd rather stay where I'm better acquainted."

When thinking of Malcom as it was in those early years, the "80's," one inevitably recalls certain individuals for various reasons so many are forgotten. The older Scoville, "Old Man" Scoville as he was generally spoken of was an old man retired from his trade of wagon maker even when I was very young; yet he lived on, it seemed to me for many years. He was a great narrator of improbable stories, yet always stoutly maintained that he did not lie. "Of course," said he, "when I tell a story I sometimes add a little to it to make it sound better."

Then there was a group of men drawn together by their interest in hunting, for there were ducks on all the creeks and ponds in season in those days, and meadow larks and turtle doves were game birds. In the early morning one could hear the "booming" of the prairie chicken from most any point in town for it was a sound that carried a long way. One remembers old Charlie Legg Woodard, the buggy painter, and Wm. Champion Sr.

One of the families which had located near Malcom even before the town was plotted was the Parson family. Their farm was on the north side of No. 6 highway and one mile east of the McClure School. In early life Mr. Parsons had been a jockey and when he was an old man he used to boast that he had remained all his life at the same weight at which he had weighed in for a race as a young man. To the end of his life he loved a fast horse. He died at the age of 92. One of his daughters (Mrs. Merrick) told me that their home was on the old stage line between Iowa City which was then the end of the railroad and Des Moines. A sign on the entrance bore the name "Half Way House," because it was about half way between Des Moines and Iowa City. These stations where horses were changed were located about every 10 or 12 miles. There was another just west of Grinnell. Each morning the stages started from the Iowa City station for all parts of Iowa. I think they have recently put some sort of a marker on the site. Twenty-five miles was a good days run.

Another family which located in the vicinity of Malcom in the days before the railroad was the Meigs family. It was a family of numerous sons and daughters and occupies much to the development of the town during those early years, in fact too much to be recorded in recollections of this sort. Some descendants still live here but most of them, like so many Iowans, now live in California.

Most of the families which conducted the early business of Malcom and were important in its development and social life are not now represented by a single descendant. One thinks of the Huberts, Blizzards, Raymonds, Scovilles, Vernons, Johnsons and others. I remember the elder P. P. Raymond as a heavy man who walked slowly with a cane and usually wore light colored linen trousers. After his death his son, E. P. Raymond, took up their banking business for a time but was apparently more interested in cattle raising. One of his ventures was to bring in carloads of the picturesque old longhorn western cattle from the Colorado ranges, saw off their enormous and useless horns and feed them for the Chicago market.

There were two black smith shops in those horse and buggy days; one which stood about where Press Shaw's filling station now stands, was run by Peter Bradbrook and later by Andy Whitmarsh. The other shop, which was located on the southwest corner of the block where the Whitehead building stands, was owned by T. C. Cartwright.

In this shop in the 90's both wagon and buggies were manufactured or rather assembled, for I think the parts were mostly purchased from Eastern factories. I can remember seeing the upholstered cushions made by slow hand labor. The buggies were then painted in an upstairs room. Weeks were required to paint, dry and finish a buggy with the paint then in use. Of course in a few years after this the large factories like the Spaulding Factory in Grinnell, made these little shops unprofitable and they became mere agencies for the sale of the big factory products.

Following Cartwright in the ownership of this shop were the Bernard brothers. I remember them as young men much interested in baseball, as well as blacksmithing. They owned this shop during the 90's and early years of this century while their families grew up in Malcom; both have been dead for many years, and the blacksmith shop has been another of the casualties of the passing of the horse and buggy era.

This is not a family history, but my father came to Malcom in 1874 and was thus a fairly early resident. I think any old resident will remember him as a hard and fast driver of horses,
for in those days before telephones it was often important that a doctor should make all the speed possible. Always there were four to ten horses in the barn, and only those which could endure the hard service of a country doctor's life were retained.

I have often heard older people recall one horse in particular. It was a western horse with a range brand on the hip. It was almost tireless, but so wild that each drive was like breaking a young colt. She was called Blaze, for as he said, she was sure to "blaze away" at anyone going behind her in the barn. The boards back of her stall were always broken.

It was father's custom to flex one fore leg and bind it up with a strap so that the horse had to proceed on three legs by a series of hops. After a mile or two of this had sufficiently calmed the animal, he would remove the strap and proceed. Sometimes a second application was necessary.

There was such a demand for cheap horses in those days, that carloads of these western range animals were shipped in for sale. None of them had been broken to the buggy and they were always wild and not to be trusted. I think they broke up enough buggies and harness that even though they cost little, they were no bargains. The barn which belonged to Mrs. Rose Robinson was our barn during the years when my father did a large country business and needed many horses.

The country roads of the 70's and 80's were not graded above the adjacent land. Generally the road was a single rutted track, often cutting across fields because much of the land was unfenced. In wet springs, the tracks became thick, deep, tenacious and through which it was impossible to drag a wheeled vehicle.

Sometimes the wagons of immigrants would get fast in a particularly bad mud hole and horses could not pull the heavy vehicle through. The Neigs family owned a yoke of oxen and would often come to the rescue. Oxen, it seems, do not get excited as horses do, and their feet are better adapted to pulling in the mud. They are strong and would pull quietly and evenly and usually succeeded in getting the wagon out.

When the spring mud came the country doctors of those times had to make their visits on horseback. I still have in my attic the old saddlebags my father used. There is a broad piece of leather which crossed the horses neck in front of the saddle and on either side hung a leather box case with space for such medicines, instruments, and dressings most likely to be needed. It was often possible to leave the mud track and gallop for miles on the grass at the roadside. This was a very satisfactory way of solving the bad road question, but when the doctor was on horseback much of the day and perhaps at night, it was very tiring. I have heard my father say how glad he would be to get back into his buggy.

We even had street lights in those early days. They were kerosene burning and each evening the town marshal would light them and later put them out. Probably this involved too much labor for there followed a period when they were not used. Then later, I think in the 90's, a gas system using gasoline gas was installed. This was rather satisfactory and was used between 1912 and 1920. During the periods when we had no street lamps, it was customary to carry a lantern with you when going about on dark nights, a custom which seemed amusing to people who visited us from larger communities.

I remember a custom of my boyhood days which seems odd now, of ringing a hand bell in front of restaurants to announce that dinner was ready. Sales and similar events were advertised by a man or boy who would go about town ringing a bell and announcing the event. Probably a revival of the "town crier" system was installed wellsome time about the turn of the century.

Of course previous to that every home had its yard well and the only way of coping with fires was by carrying water in buckets. A fire, well started, usually continued until the building was consumed. I think in the '80's there was one bath tub in town, a zinc-lined affair, in the James Duffins home. The Saturday night bath was accomplished in the family wash tub. This was a situation which was not found in small towns alone, for when I attended the University, at Iowa City, during the years from 1890 to 1894, there were very few bath tubs in that city.

A striking change in small town life which the "gas" era has brought is the decline in importance of the railroad. Down to the early years of this century the only way of distant travel was by train, and the railroad provided numerous trains. The arrival, especially of the evening passenger, was an important event and every one who could think of an excuse, especially the boys and girls, was at the depot to meet it.

Always too there was the town horse drawn dray to receive express packages and deliver them to the stores. The crowd which came back up Main street, after the train's departure, represented quite an imposing part of the town's population, and included in it were such traveling salesmen and others as may have been passengers on the train.

Recollections of those early years must include two very outstanding institutions of early town life, the yearly county fair and the town band. One is now a corn field and remembered
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by only the old or middle aged; the other lives again in the school band. Because most of us town
bays as well as the young clerks and merchants
music for the county fair as well as for 4th of
belonged to the band, and it usually furnished
July celebrations, Memorial days and other com-
community affairs, the two seem closely connected.
Practically every county had its yearly fair and
Malcolm seems to have ranked well. It, like the
band, lived and thrived until the automobile put
an end to many colorful features of small town
life.

In my early boyhood a number of residences
had been built on the hills south of Bear Creek.
Indeed in the early plots of the town when it was
ambitious and dreamed of becoming a city, much
of this land was laid out in streets and alleys
and was known as South Malcolm. In 1882 a cy-
cclone levelled all these buildings and they were
never rebuilt. The storm then crossed into the
main part of town where it destroyed both
churches and damaged some other buildings.

A building where the Malcolm Gazette was
published adjoined the Masonic building on the
south where now is the Odd Fellows building.
It was surfaced with sheets of corrugated iron.
It was torn to pieces with a fearful roar, which
I heard from the cellar of our home across the
street, and the material was scattered far and
wide. For several years one could see pig pens
and small buildings on surrounding farms built
of the material which had been deposited near
by. June 17 is always remembered by those of
us then alive as cyclone day.

Immediately after this Malcolm experienced
a building boom and a glance at the fronts of the
three brick buildings on the west side of Main
street, where the date 1882 is seen on the front
cornices, shows that they were built that summer.
However business was slow in utilizing these
buildings and for years business locations south
of this area and nearer the depot were more de-
sirable. The Presbyterian Church was soon re-
built but it seems to me that the Methodist
Church was not rebuilt until one or two years
later.

There were controversies and bitter disagree-
ments in those days and one of them centered
about hitching racks for farmers’ teams. They
were located on either side of Main street, near
the sidewalk as the most convenient place for the
farmer, who in those days was a very independant
and much courted individual. In muddy weather
the horses stamped their feet and splashed
muddy water on the store fronts and windows
and always there was the odor and flies. But
any suggestion of moving the racks brought on
a heated controversy in which the town was di-
vided into two bitter factions — for hitching racks
and anti-hitching racks. It really was never quite
settled until the auto banished the horse.

Another division of opinion occurred over the
park fence. In early days every home was sur-
rrounded by a more or less ornamental fence, if
possible of pickets painted white. The park too
was fenced. In both cases it was probably as a
protection against wandering live stock. The time
came when yard fences were no longer the style
and a feeling grew that the park would look
better without a fence. It was argued with much
feeling, but to no conclusion, until one night some
local revolutionaries tore down a good deal of
the fence and there seemed nothing to do but re-
move the rest. No attempt was made to rebuild it.

In these early years, and those that followed
to 1900, Malcolm was a good town, slowly growing
in population. The general stores did a good
business. It was said more live stock was shipped
from here than from any point between Des
Moines and Chicago. There were two blacksmith
shops and one or two elevators. There was a
flour mill, but long before 1900 the small flour
mill was no longer profitable. There were two
churches, a newspaper and a wood school build-
ing with three rooms; and such other business
establishments as were necessary for a small com-
unity of that day. There was a lawyer and one,
sometimes two doctors. The country was develop-
ing, people were confident and hopeful.

At first Malcolm children attended the town-
ship school two miles north on No. 6, but soon an
independent district was established and my ear-
liest recollections are of a wood, two story build-
ing, which stood on the site between 1870 and '74.
This sufficed until about 1902, when the east part
of the present building was built. Contrary to
modern methods of financing, the district had
accumulated a building fund and cash was paid
for material and labor, with no debt remaining.
The west part of the present building was added
in 1922 and after twenty years, is not entirely
paid for.

About the year 1900, a series of changes be-
gan, which working together have transformed
modern life, not only in Malcolm, but the whole
civilized world, and have made such little com-
unities as Malcolm no longer possible. The
strong sense of loyalty to one’s own community
and belief in its future, which it seems to me was
so well marked in those older families, and which
is so lacking today, will perhaps never be seen
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First of these changes was the rural mail delivery. Introduced rather experimentally at first, it has now spread to the most isolated dwellings. Soon after came the rural telephone. For the farmer came once or twice a week to the post office for his mail. This was usually at the nearest small town, and while there he made his purchases of groceries, clothing, and such other things as he needed. Now his mail was brought to him and he was likely to be drawn to the larger towns to make his purchases. He transacted business over the telephones and he took a daily paper, instead of a weekly one.

Then came the automobile and the surfaced roads. Means of rapid transportation and communication have made changes in a century that a thousand years had not brought. A sharp line marks the passing of one period into the other.

What happened in Malcom happened in thousands of other small towns. Whatever happens to us in the future, nothing like the life of those early years is likely to return.

And what changes those years since "77" have brought, especially accelerated since the turn of the century. Then, nearly every family in town owned a cow and the prairie south of town, up to the hills, was unfenced. A boy called for your cow in the morning, herded her while she grazed and brought her home at night. Now bottled milk is delivered daily at your door, or you can buy it in condensed tin cans.

Then, farmers brought their wheat to the local mill, which stood about where the Farm Bureau oil tanks do now, and had flour made from it. Now even the farmer is likely to buy his bread factory made.

Nearly every house had a barn on the alley, and many families kept a horse as well as a cow. Chickens and pigs, with of course swarms of flies, were an essential part of every back yard. The best homes were enclosed with a picket fence and the clutter produced when you drew a stick across them, as you ran along, delighted small boys. Few people had ever spoken into a telephone and when attempting it for the first time, were likely to feel much as you would if suddenly asked to speak into a microphone, for a continental hook up.

A small village, like Malcom, was incredibly isolated, but the isolation had certain recompenses. There was more local pride and a community had to provide its own amusements. People sang and whistled more. Every girl's ambition was to own a parlor organ, later in the century, a piano.

I will not say those times were better. There was more sickness. Typhoid was common. Diphtheria and scarlet fever and pneumonia took a heavy toll of life, especially among children.

We would not care for their stuffy parlors, opened only for when the minister came, or on other special occasions. We wouldn't care for their long skirts, and the heavy clothes of the women, for their kerosene lights, for their coffee mills and boot jacks. The isolation and lack of day to day information, of world events, would be hard to bear. We should terribly miss the auto, the radio, the electric light and other electrical conveniences. But, it still was a good life, and by comparison with a still earlier pioneer time, even luxurious.

— DELANO WILCOX, M.D.

(Dr. Wilcox's Recollections of Malcom were apparently first written about 1942. Certain corrections were added in about 1956.)

RECOLLECTIONS OF MALCOM

(This is part of a paper I turned in for credit in an Iowa History course taught by Dr. Wm. J. Petersen, Iowa City. Dr. Petersen now heads the Iowa Historical Society. Material below was written during the 1937-38 school year — Phoebe Wilcox.)

Now we come to Malcom, the quaint little village of my birth, the home of my father and grandfather. The town itself did not come into existence until after 1863, when the Chicago Rock Island Railroad was extended westward. Malcom Township was named by L. E. Cardell, who came from Vermont. No one seems to know where he got the name. The very first settler was W. L. Zink, who came in 1853. Their daughter was the first child born in the township.

Other settlers came. The settlement was called the Yankee settlement and was along the old stage road, between Des Moines and Iowa City. Church Meigs, P. P. Raymond and the Cardell family all came from Vermont. A school was held in an upstairs room of the Church Meigs home. Patience Meigs was the first teacher. Each family paid for its own pupils. P. P. Raymond built a log house and had it covered with shingles.

The town of Malcom was laid out in 1866, by Z. P. Wigton. A railroad station was built. Church Meigs built a saw mill. The home of the Wigtons still stands and is in very good shape. (Hall's home.) P. P. Raymond moved into town and built a home, that in those days, was practically a mansion. The home has fallen into good hands and is today the most imposing home in Malcom. (Used to be Vogel's house — now the antique dealer has it.) The Raymonds did much for the community. Mrs. Raymond made it possible for the town to have an auditorium.)
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Most of the citizens mentioned this far were New England Yankees. Another group came and settled in the township north and west of the present town. These were Germans, almost all direct from the old country. They spoke English very brokenly. Among them were C. C. Schultz who came in 1858, Carl Schultz and Henry Schultz in 1859, and John Schultz in 1864. These people were hard working and thrifty and had a kindly way about them. They prospered and are still remembered with affection and respect. Henry and Maria Johanna Schultz are among the more desirable citizens of today (1937-38).

In 1868 these people erected an Evangelical Lutheran Church. Jacob Schultz donated the land for the church, parsonage and cemetery. “Trinity” is a country church. It cost $3497.

South of Malcom, a Scotch group came. James Duffus was the first of these. These people were also thrifty and industrious. The Scotch and Yankees seemed to have little to do with the Germans.

Malcom became an incorporated town in 1872. It was made up of these three elements.

In 1860 a church was organized. Rev. A. D. Chapman was the minister. There were 29 members, and services were held alternate Sundays in Brooklyn and in the McClure school in the Yankee settlement. When the town of Malcom was organized, Wigton gave lots for the building of a separate church. Until it was finished the people met in the home of Dr. McDowell. The building was completed in 1871, and stood until the cyclone of 1882. It, and the Methodist church were both rebuilt. The stained glass windows of the new Presbyterian church were a gift from an eastern church.

Dr. J. W. McDowell was the first resident physician. He came from Princeton, Ill. The home of Dr. McDowell still stands, (what used to be the Whitehead house.)

Dr. V. S. Wilcox, my grandfather, bought the practice of Dr. McDowell. Grandfather was a graduate of the State University Medical School in 1874. The life of the country physician was hard. They made long, hard trips in all kinds of weather.

My grandfather kept several span of horses so that he could always have a fresh team. Quite often he went on horse-back. His case or surgical instruments, quite out of date now, his saddle bags and his string of sleigh bells are fascinating, not only because they were his, but also because they were different from the modern equipment of the physician of today.

Of course, it was necessary for the town to have a school. The first one was built of logs. Later a frame building was erected. Still later, in 1903, an $11,000 brick building took its place.

One more important thing about Malcom was the Malcom Fair. The grounds were located about a mile from town. There was a race course, a judges’ stand, buildings for exhibits and for livestock. It was held each fall and was very successful. Grinnell cast a jealous eye on the fair. An unadvertised meeting was held and it was voted to move the grounds to their city. They came down and started to tear down the buildings. James Nowak by prompt and energetic action stopped this and their action was judged illegal.

The fair lasted until the days of the automobile and the paved road when county fairs went out of existence for the most part, because it was so easy to get to the State Fair.

The history of Malcom is similar to that of hundreds of other little Iowa towns. Some of the richest farming land of the state is in this county. This attracted an energetic class of people. Most of its early settlers were good citizens. In Malcom, as in other frontier towns, there was an element of roughness. There were some high times in the saloons. Occasionally two citizens amused themselves by shooting at each other, but on the whole they were a peaceful people. The town was and still is a shipping point.

There were great hopes for Malcom’s development. I have seen the plans for the town and all the streets are named. The street names even extended into the country a mile or so.

The cyclone of 1882 did much damage to the town. Many of the homes and public buildings were destroyed. After the cyclone my grandfather was gone for a day and a night making calls on injured people. It is told that one man was found in a well hanging onto the side with one hand and holding a small child in his other arm. This is merely a story. It may or may not be true. After the cyclone many of the buildings were rebuilt.

At present the town consists mainly of retired and a few salaried people. Its recent history is not such pleasant reading because it was hard hit by the depression. As small towns go, it is still fairly pleasant. Its location is good. The University Alumni manage to get down to football games with no trouble. The women shop in Des Moines.

It is, indeed, a typical Iowa small town of about 500 people.

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One hundred years in retrospect
Is but as yesterday.

Malcom, as I recall it during the late 20's and early 30's, was a neighborly little town of friendly citizens where strangers were always welcome.

I remember my father's (E. R. Doty) newspaper office where sister, Pauline and brother Wade Doty, as well as myself helped compose and edit the weekly Malcom Leader. We lived in what was known as the Wiley house and our newspaper office was located in a basement below Leon (Fuzz) Whitehead's barber shop. We had a printing press, Linotype machine and the necessary equipment for turning out our regular editions.

We lived in Malcom during the height of the depression years when both banks closed and so many farmers lost their lucrative and that we depended on "Sheriff's sale" notices as the most steady source of income. In those days practically everyone was on an equal financial basis. Quite often we had to use corn cobs in lieu of coal to burn in our furnace. These were furnished 'gratis' and hauled to town by affable farmers.

In those days one could purchase two pounds of pork chops for twenty-five cents at McCalley's Meat Market. A dollar went a long way — provided one had a dollar. One day my mother was haggling over the purchase of a chicken from a farm woman. The owner felt that it was worth 25 cents. Mom reluctantly agreed but the rooster, a tough old bird, proved too strong to be palatable and ended up in the garbage can.

Despite the depression, Malcom was a good place to live. For entertainment there were movies in the old auditorium and weekend dances enjoyed by young and old. There were also club and lodge functions, card parties and, of course, the two churches, Presbyterian and Methodist, where many social events transpired including bazaars, teas and picnics. Churches were well attended and were the focal point of the town.

Art Magnusson was the pharmacist and the proprietor of the local drug store, where one could buy almost any kind of drug or cosmetic on the market. It was so well stocked people frequently came from Grinnell for purchases. The clerk, Miss Lizzie Wentzell, kept the store immaculately clean. There were two general stores, Ralph Sherman's and Schneekloth and Bryant; also a grocery store owned by Mr. and Mrs. Rivers.

An attractive park bordered the business district, replete with tall water tower, slides and swings. Here many picnics and family reunions were held. I should not fail to mention the Rock Island Depot, where Mr. Harmon was the telegrapher and station agent. In those days the local depot hummed with activity, for despite automobiles, train travel was much in the vogue.

I like to recall the Memorial Day observances in the auditorium. There were patriotic speeches with World War I veterans holding the place of honor seated in the front rows. Frequently I was called on for a vocal selection accompanied by my sister, Pauline, at the piano. Mrs. Josephine Schneekloth was a popular singer at that time and she, too, was usually featured as a soloist.

The Molison, Reams and Eisele families were prominent farmers and contributed to the civic interest of the town. I am not well informed as to Malcom's early history, but during the time I resided there the towns-people lived as one big family. Should illness or death occur in a home there was no lack of compassion and concern.

Many of my old friends are gone, but among those who remain are Kathryn McClure Cummings, Opal Robertson Meyer, Lizzie Wentzell, Josephine Schneekloth and Grace Middlemas, who throughout the years have been an active, integral part of Malcom.

I know that Malcom has progressed — that there are many salient changes — that the town as I knew it is no more. But I still hark back to the days when my father busily walked the streets soliciting advertising, dropping in to the Malcom Cafe for a cup of coffee; when I casually frequented the telephone office for a chat with "Pooh" Robertson; when Saturday night was a dressup time with everyone converging in stores and on the street or dancing in the auditorium.

It was the best of times and in a way the worst of times, for the depression had touched us all. But we were young, we persevered and better days were just around the corner.

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By Herb Owens
(In the Des Moines Register, March 5, 1958)

MALCOM, IA.—Bottles of drugs, syrups and
elixirs that haven’t been uncapped in half a cen-
tury line one wall of the Arthur Magnusson drug-
store here.

Oldtimers, seeking long-discontinued lines of
remedies, sometimes are sent by druggists many
miles away to see Magnusson. The implication is:
“If Magnusson doesn’t have it, you can’t get it.”

Arthur Magnusson, a pharmacist more than
50 years, has been in business at Malcom 44 years.
Even then he started with stock from a bankrupt
store in Grinnell. And he’s never thrown anything
away.

The Magnusson store, with double the aver-
age small-town business floor space, has aisles
like paths through tall snowdrifts. Thousands of
items are piled deep all over; it’s necessary to
pull in your elbows or you’ll bump the merchan-
dise.

CARRIES LARGE STOCK — Arthur Mag-
nusson, 75, Malcom druggist 44 years, holds
bottles of “Myrrh” and “epicae” — bottles
that hadn’t been opened for years. He has a
large stock of long-forgotten remedies.

ADD ITEMS TO STOCK

Of course, in a small town a man couldn’t make
a go of the business on drugs alone,” said Mag-

nusson. “If you wanted to stay, you had to add
things to the stock. I used to add every item other
merchants in town didn’t want to handle.

“I even went with salesmen to the other
stores to be certain they didn’t want to stock the
item,” said Art now 75.

“Nowadays, the spirit and attitude in small
towns is different. People are more likely to hop
into their cars and drive to a larger town to buy.

“Still, I’ve always felt that I should do every-
thing possible to make out-of-town trips unneces-
sary,” he said.

Magnusson has notions, wall paper and paints,
stock remedies, work gloves, push brooms, scho
supplies, greeting cards, novelties, gifts, and—not
by that name—antiques.

“At least once a month or oftener, someone
wants to buy the old bottles,” he said. “I know,
that with collectors, the bottles are higher than
a cat’s back, but I accept reasonable offers for
those bottles which are empty — that is, if it’s a
drug I don’t intend to restock.”

NATIVE OF LANSING

A native of Lansing, where his Swedish-born
father was a shoemaker, Magnusson was 17 when
he started clerking in the Mississippi River town.
Then he attended Highland Park College in Des
Moines, before a five year stint as a pharmacist
in Grinnell.

“Then I made a mistake, in a way,” he con-
tinued. “I took a good-paying job with a physi-
cians’ supply house in Cedar Rapids — but the
company failed. It wasn’t a total loss; I learned
about wholesale methods and I made contacts
with many fine Iowa doctors.”

Magnusson worked a year in Illinois before
taking employment in Montezuma. In 1913, Roy
Alexander, a Montezuma druggist, purchased the
bankrupt stock in Grinnell — and made Magnus-
son a partner to start up the store in Malcom.
Magnusson purchased Alexander’s interest during
World War I.

Now Magnusson is assisted mornings in his
store by a daughter, Mrs. Evelyn Rainey, who op-
erates her beauty shop afternoons. Art says he’s
“always been a night owl.” He keeps his store
open every night, sometimes until midnight. He’s
open Sunday afternoons and evenings.

Mrs. Magnusson is the former Vera Royee of
Malcom. Besides Mrs. Rainey, the Magnussons
have another daughter, Mrs. George Wilson of
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Iowa was new then and very young in Statehood. Those were, indeed, Pioneer days, and the opportunities seemed boundless and the future bright. We bow our heads in gratitude, for their foresight and faith in God, that prompted the founding of our churches. They knew then as we know now, that man does not live by bread alone. Now we who have come after them, their descendants, physically and spiritually, meet to pay them just tribute of honor and praise.

Looking FORWARD into the unknown future, may our faith fail not for God is the same yesterday, today and forever. We would remind ourselves of our obligation to carry on the work of the church in the manner of her glorious past. Let us not forget that we who live now will have joined the ranks of Forefathers and Ancestors for those who will meet to celebrate the next one-hundred years. Will we deserve the homage to be paid to worthy Ancestors and faithful Forefathers?

Let us live nobly, support in faithfulness the Church of God, and our children and their children, even to the third and fourth generations, at that day will rise up and call us blessed.

— SARITA HOLT BROWNLEE

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They bent their backs, unafraid of toil,
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By Sarita Holt Brownlee

(Reprinted from the Ninetieth Anniversary
Sunday, July 20, 1958, of the
Sheridan Methodist Church, 1868-1958.)

NINETIETH ANNIVERSARY

As men count time, the years seem long,
Full ninety Iowa Springs have passed,
Since they, so few, with faith so strong,
Were met to plan a work so vast.

They builded better than they knew,
Those early sturdy Pioneers —
Foundations laid were strong and true —
They have lasted well throughout the years.

And we will follow where they led —
We'll walk where our Forefathers trod,
In Faith that lives. They are not dead,
They dwell securely with their God.

We celebrate this happy Day
And honor those who've gone before us.
We lift our songs of praise and pray,
God bless our Church, Make Her Victorious.

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

The Trinity Lutheran Church is located in Malcom Township, just 80 rods from the north boundary line. It was first organized in 1867, at the home of Jacob J. Schultz. Mr. Schultz donated the land on which the church was built in 1868, and gave the land for the parsonage and cemetery. In 1883 the early church was torn down and

the lumber used to build a parochial schoolhouse. In this little church school the confirmation classes were taught in German.

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The MALCOM METHODIST CHURCH

Methodist preaching began in Malcom in 1867. Services were held in homes, halls and other places until 1875. During that year the members erected a church at the cost of $3000. The structure was destroyed by the cyclone which hit the community June 17, 1882. The present building was erected at that time. The parsonage was built during the ministry of Rev. Knight. During Rev. Van Schoik's ministry the Sunday School addition was built and the basement was put under the building during Rev. Crull's time.

During the more than one hundred years of the history of this church it has been affiliated with many neighboring churches. At the present time the Sheridan Methodist and the Malcom Presbyterian are united with it. They share the same Pastor but each have their own separate Sunday Schools.

The church building was remodeled in 1967, by removing the steeple and constructing a new entry way. The present membership is 98.

The first minister assigned to the Malcom charge was Dr. Isaac N. Busby. Other pastors serving the Malcom church were:

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In the year 1888 two theological students took over the work in Malcom. These two men were Edwin and Matt Hughes. Later these two men became Bishops in the church.
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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The first church services were held in the home of Church Meigs and later meetings were held in homes of other settlers. In the fall of 1859 Rev. A. D. Chapman, a Presbyterian from Delco, Ohio was minister of the Brooklyn church. He and Rev. James Cox, of the United Brethren Church, united their efforts in organizing a religious service. Rev. Chapman settled in Malcom and began his ministry with the Yankee Settlement in January, 1860. In the spring of 1860 the Malcom Sunday School was organized and was held during the spring and summer months. In 1965 it was held during the entire year. Services were held in the school house from 1860 to 1865 when they were transferred to the little town of Malcom. Later services were held in the upper room of the McDowell Building, which was south of the present bank building.

In January, 1869, Rev. Robert Court, a native of Scotland, became the first pastor in the new building, which was built and dedicated in the summer of 1871. The ground had been purchased from Z. P. Wigton for one dollar, and other values in October, 1864. On June 17, 1882 the building was destroyed by the cyclone, which swept through Poweshiek County, but a new building was quickly established and furnished.

In 1967 the church was united with the Malcom Methodist Church, sharing the same pastor. In September of 1967, the congregation celebrated the 100th anniversary with an all day observance. The church was remolded in 1971.

The membership at present is 89. The following is a list of ministers who have served this church:

Rev. Abner D. Chapman 1867-1869
Rev. Robert Court 1869-1874
Rev. James Stickel 1874-1876
Rev. James G. Martyn 1876-1880
Rev. Thomas C. McFarland 1880-1884
Rev. J. P. Baker 1884-1885
Rev. George B. Smith 1885-1888
Rev. Ed Miller 1888-1889
Rev. R. P. Pressley 1889-1891
Rev. John L. Gage 1891-1896
Rev. R. W. Taylor 1896-1900
Rev. D. O. Mackey 1900-1902
Rev. A. M. Tannor 1902-1906
Rev. A. F. Elridge 1907-1910
Rev. G. Summer Baskerville 1911-1918
Rev. Wm. Ankeamm 1919-1928
Rev. Burton Swyrts 1928-1929
Rev. Roy Peyton 1929-1930
Rev. Clarence O. Richardson 1930-1932
Rev. A. H. Grosheim 1932-1936
Rev. F. Claude Smith 1936-1940
Rev. John P. Maze 1940-1943
Rev. Edwin Harper 1943-1944
Rev. E. W. F. Holler 1944-1949
Rev. James W. Frazer 1949-1951
Rev. Rowan Potter 1952-1954
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CHAPTER IV — Places of Learning

HISTORY OF THE MALCOM SCHOOL

The first settlement near the present location of Malcom was made by Yankees from the New England states, especially Vermont, in 1835. They were farmers coming for the purpose of securing good agricultural land.

The first Yankee family to arrive was that of Church Meigs. Soon after came the Cardell family, Paschal P. Raymond family, and W. L. Zine, the first German family.

A few years later foreign settlers from Germany, Ireland, Norway, and Denmark settled in this territory. Those from Ireland and Norway were traders and fishermen. The Germans had worked in vineyards in their homeland. From Prussia were several Schultz families, including those of C. C. Schultz, A. J., Carl A., and Fred Schultz.

Most of these early settlers of Malcom were quite well-to-do, or became so a few years later. They were self-educated. The first school was started for the benefit of these families in 1855, which was eleven years before any stores or churches were established.

The school was under the direction of Mrs. Patience Meigs Wallace and was held in Mr. Meigs' home. There were six pupils who were mostly members of the Meigs family. Since at this time there were no funds available to pay the teacher, each parent paid for his own pupil's schooling. About three years after the first school was begun, the settlers built the first schoolhouse in section 23, near the place where Lotus Goodrich now lives.

During the Civil War, the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific Railroad was built through to Town City, and from there in 1869 a branch road was sent through to this territory. This caused the village of Malcom to be built on Little Bear Creek. The next year after the town was laid out, the Malcom Independent School was established. It was the largest and best school in the township, and the teachers were better paid than in most districts.

Some of these teachers later attained higher positions, such as Mary E. Athorp who later taught Latin in Oshkosh, Wisconsin State Normal School for many years; W. R. Akers, who was later Iowa Supervisor of Public Instruction; and O. J. Laylander, eminent among teachers of the state at that time.

By 1880, in the Independent Malcom District there were 136 pupils registered and 169 of school age. At this time the school year was ten months in length. There were two rooms in the school, primary and intermediate, which covered all eight
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MALCOM INDEPENDENT SCHOOL 1901—
Students were from those early Malcom families: Winchell, Royce, Gruhn, Garrittson, Hinegardner and Vogel.

The first high school was started in 1885, twenty-one years after the first grade school. The high school met in a frame building located two blocks east and one block north of the present location.

At first only three years of high school work was offered. Many, however, went to Grinnell Academy to complete their work. At this time much mathematics was taught, and bookkeeping; astronomy and chemistry were offered in the curriculum.

The first class to graduate from Malcom high school was on June 8, 1888. The graduating exercises were held in the Presbyterian Church. There were June Blizzard, Pearl Blood, Florence Nutting, Ethel Meigs, Carrie Cartwright, Thistle Williams, and Ada Royce Gross, mother of H. R. Gross, now a representative in the U. S. Congress.

In 1890 there were five to graduate. They were Dr. Delmar Wilcox, John Winchell, Wilbur Lehan, Fred Hubbert and Will Hubbert. In 1894, five graduated; in 1895, eight; 1896, eight; and in 1898, one, Ames Smith; and in 1899, two, Vesta Scott and George Scovell. This class was the first to graduate in the auditorium instead of the Presbyterian Church. From that time until the completion of the present building in 1924, the exercises were held in the auditorium. In 1901 nine graduated, and in 1902 there were ten. This was the last class to graduate from the eleven year course offered in the old building.

In November, 1903, a modern two story brick school building was dedicated. It was built at a cost of $11,000, which was considered a lot of money at that time, but the funds necessary for the new building were given cheerfully. At this time the twelfth grade was added.

1905 had the largest number graduating up to this time. There were thirteen graduates. Most of the high school pupils at this time were from town, since tuition had to be paid by the parents of the country pupils instead of the county paying it as it is done today. Until 1924, the graduation exercises were held in the auditorium.

In the year 1923-1924 a new brick addition was built. This was constructed at a cost of approximately $38,000. School was held while the new addition was being built.

THE EAST SIDE of the Malcom School is the original, built in 1903. The largest part including the gym, assembly and classrooms, was completed in 1924.

The new building included a large gym which at the time was one of the best in the county, a roomy assembly and five additional classrooms. Space for home economics, manual training, a science lab and a library was now available, thus greatly broadening the advantages offered by the school.

During the early years of the independent grade school there were also nine rural one room schools in the township. These were located so they were about two miles apart, because walking or horse and buggy was the main way of transportation. The teacher often lived with a family in the district and was sometimes considered a leader in the community. The school was the center of many community activities such as programs, socials and picnics.

RURAL SCHOOL — This is a typical rural school in the surrounding Malcom community. This is the McKee school, a short way southwest of Malcom.

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ATHLETICS

This high school has also been very active in athletics throughout the years of its existence.

Their first football team was started about 1900. In 1905 the team was defeated only once. Although the playing of football did not last long, it was successfully played while it lasted.

The story is told of a game between Malcom and Brooklyn. The Malcom team, thirteen fellows, rode to Brooklyn on the train, the easiest and quickest way of transportation. When they got there, the fellow responsible for their one and only football, forgot it and left it on the train. They immediately called to Victor, had someone get it from the train and send it back on the next one.

The first track team was started in 1903, and several honors were won. They won county places in the short distance run, high and broad jump, shot put, high and low hurdles and the hammer throw. In 1903, Bob Maxfield was first place winner in the state meet.

Girls were also active in track while it lasted. In the years 1935-1936 the girls won county honors in the low hurdles, high jump, basketball throw and 440 relay team. The trophy for girls track was passed around as each school won, and when track activities came to a halt, Malcom had the trophy.

Basketball was started in 1923-1924, with the exception of one or two games played away from home in earlier years. The boys won the basketball tournament at Deep River in 1928. This squad consisted of Claire Meyer, Casey Jones, Orville Cain, John Douglas, Joseph Eisele, Phin Varnum and Virgil Goodrich. After this the boys won second and consolation games in the county tournament in the years 1929-1934. Since this time they were conference champs several times.

In 1905 a group of girls organized a basketball team. They played on an outside court. The first game was played here against Montezuma before a boys football game with Malcom winning. After the new gym was built, girls basketball was started again. Since this time they have won several conference championships. In 1945 and 1955 they were Poweshiek county champions. In 1939-1957-1958 and 1959 they were sectional champions and in 1957 they were consoliation winners in the district tournament.

The boys played baseball in earlier years, then in 1949 it was started again and was continued until 1960. In 1959 they were runners-up in the sectional.

Among the many trophies and plaques still displayed in the trophy case in Malcom are those won for outstanding records in declamatory work. This included several county first place winners in the humorous division, two in dramatcs and one in oratorical.

GIRLS GLEE CLUB — 1917.

MUSIC

The first girls glee club was organized in the year 1917, and had nineteen members. Since that time there have been both boys and girls glee clubs. These organizations or small groups from them have performed at many school functions, besides participating in many contests. The music department has been responsible for the presentation of many fine operettas — both grade and high school. Some of the fine music teachers were Marie Whalen, Rose Duncan, Helen Olsen and Mrs. Thomas.
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OPERETTA — This is the cast of the operetta, “Windmills of Holland,” directed by Marie Stille in 1940.

In 1940 a band was organized in the Malcom school and was continued until it was absorbed into the BGM reorganization. There was no school instructor at that time, so men interested in music gave lessons and conducted the band which performed at school functions and summer concerts in the park. Joe Marvin, L. L. Fry and Dan Upah contributed much time to this effort. After this a music teacher was shared by other schools until our school had an instrumental teacher.

BAND — L. L. Fry directs the band for summer concerts in the park.

Parents of band members organized a Band Boosters Club for the purpose of helping and supporting it. It was later absorbed into the PTA.

For a few years there was an impressive group of girls called the Marching Cadets, under the direction of Mrs. Emmett Johnson and Janet Longnecker. They made many exhibition appearances.

ANNUAL EVENTS

In the past, several events were held during the year that were of special interest to the students. Initiation of the freshmen was usually carried out in some way. Many freshmen boys went through the “bumping” ordeal. They were taken by the arms and legs and swung with their buttocks hitting a tree. Then possibly put through the “paddling machine,” where they had to go through a line of upperclassmen’s legs — each giving a good smack on the seat. The girls were sometimes told to wear boys’ underwear or some “crazy” garb and had to bow and say something stupid to the upperclassmen, especially seniors. In later years, an organized initiation party was given for freshmen. They might try to blow a penny out of a dish (blindfolded, of course) and the penny had been replaced by flour. Maybe they were “fed” worms (long coked spaghetti). These tricks produced some dusty eyes and nauseating gulps which delighted and entertained the student body audience.

In 1949 the freshmen girls were required to wear “baggy” bloomers, 5 buckle overshoes and onions around their necks. No one could ever forget their entrance into the realm of higher education after this special event of their high school days.

The junior class play was always held in the fall. The money they made was used to finance the junior-senior banquet. The seniors had a play in the spring. The money was used by many graduating classes to buy gifts for the school. Some of the gifts were a large grandfather’s clock, a bust of Columbus, pictures, piano, a trophy case, movie projector and an electric clock for the gym.

The junior-senior banquet was held in the spring, using the senior class colors for the color scheme. The meal was generally prepared by the mothers of the juniors. Generally the group attended a movie in Grinnell, since dancing was not allowed at school activities.

The school exhibit was usually held in the fall, though preparation for it started in the spring. This gave the parents and community a chance to see what had been accomplished in school that year.

The graduation exercises generally consisted of addresses by the valedictorian and the salutatorian, some music, maybe the class history, class will and class prophecy. In 1939, the class decided to update the ceremonies and acquired a speaker for their commencement. This was a pleasant experience so this became a custom for the future. Several years later the graduates decided to wear the traditional caps and gowns.

ORGANIZATIONS

The students had the opportunity of participating in clubs and organizations of various kinds during their high school careers. Some of these, through the years were Latin Club, Girls Reserve, Honor M and Future Homemakers of America.

The Malcom PTA was organized in September, 1936, and continued to be a very active organization until this school was absorbed into a reorganized district. Sarah Brewer was the first president, and was served later by the very able capabilities of many dedicated parents.

The PTA took the responsibility of providing many things that we take for granted today. They earned by staging home talent plays, carnivals, Bingo parties and tag days.

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TEACHERS AND GRADUATES

Some of the teachers and superintendents who
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C. E. Shutt, Randale Otis, Mrs. D. H. Arnold, Miss
Alice Farmer, Bernice Ayers, Eisele Ditzler, Hazel
Bowling Teraberry, Alfred Gregson, Harold
Bryan, Miss Dobyns, Perry Pyle, Doran L. War-
ren, Miss Giddens, Miss Kelch, Donald McGill, A.
N. Rogers, Marlain Johnson, LeNore Johnson,
(brother and sister — Marlain was hired on his
sister's reputation) Rose Duncan, Leeta Adolph,
Beatrice Watland, C. N. Stoner and Mrs. Stoner,
A. L. Converse, Iris Elliott, Thelma Bissell, Mil-
dred Kohler, Viola Watson, Mrs. Bliss, Mrs. Wal-
lace, Lewis Loofboro, Myrna Costigan, Mildred
Hall Long, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas, Mrs. Eyestone,
Mrs. Kuntz, Lyle Oswood, Dorothy Puls, Jeanne
Wentzel, Mrs. Haworth plus many, many more
very capable and dedicated teachers.

Some graduates of Malcom High who later
returned to teach were Perry Pyle, Sarah Robb
Brewer, Ellen Robb Stephens, Catherine West,
Ruth Davis, Phoebe Wilcox, June Kepke Barnes
and Barbara Sherwood Nesselroad.

FREDDIE BAUSTIAN served at janitor for
many, many years.

Malcom has produced many graduates who
have been very successful in their chosen profes-
sions, business or other walks of life. Among the
lawyers are George Tyler, Liegh Champion, Glenn
Eichhorn, Walter Boyd, Charles Vogel, Merle
Royce and John Stone.

Among the medical profession were Drs. De-
lano Wilcox, Raymond Whitehead, and Paul and
Ray Stephens.

Among the clergymen were Dr. Wm. Lehman,
Ray Smith, and Lawrence and Raymond Vogel.

Aside from those graduates who came to Mal-
con to teach, there were many who became teach-
ers and some who are now teaching. Frederick
Eisele, Louis Schilders, Marcia Sherwood Braley,
Sarah Robey Hall and Jim Schneckloth. Jim is
now a principal at Cedar Rapids Kennedy and is
also a basketball referee. He had the honor of of-
ficiating at the finals of the 1971 Boys State
Tournament.

Those who served as president of the school
board through the years were Austin Meigs, Sher-
man Bernard, Ed Raymond, Dr. V. S. Wilcox, W.
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The largest family to graduate from Malcom High was the Stephens family of nine: Ray, Verda, Mabel, Clarence, Francis, Fred, Paul, Orrin and Walter. The next largest was that of Mabel Erickson Wolfe who was graduated in 1907. Her seven children also were graduated: Bill, Dessie, Doris, Betty, Bob, Cora and Dale. The families of Evy Sanders Meldrem, who was graduated in 1912, and Iver Davis of the 1915 class, six in each, were next in size. There were also six members of the Pete Davis and Carl Reedy families to graduate.

The oldest living graduates are Reynolds Carpenter of Brooklyn and Henry Wickman of Malcom, who were graduated in 1901.

Malcom can be justly proud of the high educational standards and accomplishments of its school in the past, which have been made possible by the cooperation of the members of the community. However, we are fortunate to be living in days of progress and we can't allow sentimentality to interfere. With the class of 1960, only three, Jon Dalton, Sarah Robey and Gary Story, the curtain was drawn on good old Malcom High.

The community of Malcom and surrounding rural schools were consumed by the newly reorganized district of Brooklyn - Guernsey - Malcom, BGM. The Malcom school is now used as an elementary center (Grades K-6).

Although Malcom High School is no longer an institution as such, the students from this community have contributed much to the BGM school academically and in music, athletics and other high school activities.

In 1939 an Alumni Association was formed. For many years the alumni met in the gym for a pot luck dinner. Then because of waning interest a banquet is held at one of the churches every two years.

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CHAPTER V - Alumni

MERRILL CHURCH MEIGS
(Included in Who's Who)

Merrill Church Meigs, business counselor, was born in Malcom, Iowa Nov. 25, 1883. He was the son of Church and Juliana Meigs. He was graduated from Malcom High School, the Iowa Business College, a student at University of Chicago 1905 - 6, Marietta College 1937 and Parsons College 1946.

He married Ethel Harmon on Sept. 26, 1912. He was employed by many firms, among which were: Rogers and Co. of Chicago (Adv. Manager) Case Threshing Machine Co., Lord and Thomas Advertising Co., Chicago Evening American, Publisher of Chicago Herald and Examiner, Vice-Pres. of Hearst Corp. of Chicago.

He served as chief aircraft section of W. P. B., 1940-42; consultant on aviation until 1945; advisor, Congressional Aviation policy board, and several other aviation positions.

He was awarded a Citation by the University of Chicago as a pioneer and leader in the field of aeronautics in 1943, and received the Congressional Medal of Merit in 1946. The Northern Air Line of Chicago was renamed the Merrill C. Meigs Field by the City Council in 1949.

He was an honorary member of the Loyal Legion, National Air Force Association, a member of Phi Kappa Psi, a Mason, also many other Clubs. He was the author of a book, B'eye View of the World. He died Jan. 25, 1968.

RAYMOND VOGEL

Raymond Vogel was born August 6 1921, the son of Nick and Elizabeth Vogel. He has four brothers: Charles, Laurence, Victor and Frank.

He attended Malcom High School from 1936-1940. Afterwards he attended St. Paul Seminary, St. Paul, Minn.

He was ordained to Priesthood in 1947 at Sacred Hearts Cathedral in Davenport and was assistant at St. Boniface, Clinton, Iowa, from 1947 - 1957. He then became assistant at Holy Family, Davenport, from 1957 - 1965. He was appointed pastor of St. Michael at Holbrook, rural Parnell, in 1965, and still serves there.

HENRY WICHMAN

Henry Wichman was born in Victor in 1892, and moved to Malcom township at the age of three. He attended country school at the Marcy or McClure School No. Four, attended high school in Malcom and graduated in the class of 1901. He entered the University of Iowa in 1902 and was in the Electrical Engineering class of 1906. He was married in 1907 to Nell Wilcox. They made
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their home on their farm northeast of Malcom, where they were in the production of purebred Angus cattle as well as farming.

In 1939, he was elected to the Iowa Legislature as Representative from this district, and for six years was Secretary of the Executive Council of Iowa. He is making his home in Malcom at the present time.

WILBUR MOLISON
Wilbur C. Molison, son of William and Elizabeth Cleland Molison, was born near Malcom, on Dec. 20, 1902. He attended the local schools of Malcom, graduating from high school in 1919. He entered Iowa State University, in Ames, in 1920, graduating there with a B.S. degree in Animal Husbandry in 1924. He was a member of Theta Delta Chi social fraternity at that institution.

He served as Washington Co. Extension Agent for four years, before returning to Poweshiek County to farm, in 1928. He was elected to the Poweshiek County Farm Bureau Board of Directors in 1934, serving as President the last four years of his ten year term. He was elected to the State Farm Bureau of Directors, representing an 11 county area, an office he held until 1948.

He was a member of the Grinnell—Newburg Community School District Board of Directors, a member of the Poweshiek County Board of Education and later served on the board of directors of Iowa State Memorial Union and Iowa State Alumni Association.

He served in the Iowa Legislature for two terms, representing Poweshiek and Keokuk Counties as Senator from 1951 — 1959. He was appointed to the Board of Regents of the State of Iowa and served on that board from 1961 — 1968.

He served as President of the Board of Directors of the Grinnell Community Hospital and was also an official of the Poweshiek County Fair Association.

At the time of his death, on Dec. 15, 1969, he was serving on the Board of Directors of the Grinnell State Bank and the General Telephone Company of the Midwest.

He was a member of the United Church of Christ-Congregational in Grinnell, and served as State Moderator of the Iowa Conference of Congregational and Christian Churches.

He was also a member of the Grinnell Kiwanis Club and was the recipient of the club’s “Most Outstanding Citizen’s Award” in Poweshiek County in 1969.

He was married to the former Miriam McLain July 6, 1967. To this marriage were born three children: Mac Molison of Grinnell, Mrs. Grant (Mary) Finley, of Harlan, Ia. and Robert Morrison of Providence, R.I.

MERLE L. ROYCE
I was born in Malcom, Iowa on July 6, 1911. My parents were Glacius L. Royce and Anna L. (Crull) Royce. My father, was a Lieutenant in the First World War, and died while in service. He was a graduate of Malcom High School and attended the Dental School for one year at the University of Iowa.

I graduated from the Malcom high school in May, 1929. By scholarships and my own efforts, I completed seven years of college. I received a Liberal Arts Degree at the University of Iowa in 1933, and graduated from the University of Iowa Law School in June 1936 with the Degree of Juris Doctor. For scholastical attainement, I was elected to the “Order of Coif”. I served in the United States Navy during World War II and was honorably discharged. Except for the years I was in service, I have practiced law for over 35 years.

My wife, Eleanor, was born and raised at Iowa Falls, Iowa, graduated from high school at Iowa Falls, attended Ellsworth Junior College at Iowa Falls, and graduated from Liberal Arts at the University of Iowa. She has taught high school at LeGrand, LaMolle and Marshalltown, Iowa. She is, at present, librarian for the Marshalltown School of Nursing at the Marshalltown Area Community Hospital.

My oldest son, Merle L. Royce II, also received a B. A. Degree at the University of Iowa, attended the Iowa Law School at the University of Iowa and graduated with a Juris Doctor Degree in June 1967. He was a member of the Iowa Law Review, and served two years as a law clerk for Judge Hubert Wills, a federal Judge, in and for the Northern District of Illinois. He is now associated with the law firm of Leibman, William, Bennett, Baird and Minow in Chicago, Illinois. My other son, Philip Hal Royce, is now attending the School of Business Administration at the University of Iowa. I have one grandchild, Sophia Ann Royce, whose parents are Merle L. Royce II and his wife, Tommie. I am a member of the Marshall County Bar Association, Iowa State Bar Association, American Bar Association, the American Legion, Forty & Eight, Elks Lodge, Toastmaster International and L. O. O. F. I am chairman of the Marshall County Soldiers Relief Commission and Attorney for the Marshall County Selective Service Board. I have been past president of the Marshall County Bar Association, past president of Marshalltown Toastmaster International, past president of Eagle Lodge. I served with the Legal Department of the City of Marshalltown for over sixteen and one-half years. I also served as acting county attorney. I have served as chairman, president or a member of other social clubs, lodges and political organizations over the last 35 years.
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ARLO W. PALMER

Arlo W. Palmer was born Dec. 28, 1895 near Malcom, Iowa. He was the son of Luna Belle and Wesley A. Palmer, also deceased. He attended country and Malcom schools, graduating from Malcom High School in 1913. He attended Grinnell College, graduating in 1917 with honors and as a member of Phi Beta Kappa. He was also awarded a Rhodes Scholarship, which he was unable to use, because of service, in W W I.

He attended the University of Iowa College of Law—where he was graduated in 1922. While attending the College of Law, he was named to the Order of Coif, and was one of the founders of the Delta Phi Saw Fraternity and was the first Dean of the Senate. He was admitted to the bar in 1922 and joined the law firm of Grimm, Wheel- er and Elliott of Cedar Rapids, Iowa as an associate. He remained with the firm until June, then began his practice in New Sharon, Iowa.

In August, 1926, he was married to Emma Louise Stevenson, at the Little Brown Church, Nashua, Iowa. Their only living son, Bruce A., was born in 1927. In 1930, he was elected as District Commander of the American Legion. In the fall of that year he was elected to the first of his terms as Mahaska County Attorney.

On Jan. 1, 1935, he moved his office to Oskaloosa, Iowa, and formed a law partnership with William Spencer, deceased, as Palmer and Spencer, retaining his residence in New Sharon. In 1938, he met with other leading Republicans, at Creston, Iowa, and out of the meeting came the modern-day Iowa Republican Party, which has been successful since.

From 1940 — 45, he was government appeal agent and later a member of the Mahaska County Draft Board. In 1948, he involved in the Oskaloosa “Battle of the Trees,” as local counsel for the State Highway Commission.

In 1952 his son, Bruce, became associated with him in the practice of law in the firm of Palmer and Palmer, Oskaloosa, Iowa. This association continued until Mr. Palmer’s death.

In 1955 he was seriously ill and hospitalized for several months. Mrs. Palmer passed away in August of 1955. He was active in many organizations: Post Commander, of the New Sharon Legion Post, and the Oskaloosa V.F.W. — member of Eastern Star, Knights of Pythias, Kiwanis Club, and Past President and Past Lieutenant Governor, and other civic organizations. He was City Attorney of New Sharon from 1924 until his death.

R. N. WHITEHEAD, M. D.

R. N. Whitehead was born in Malcom on Nov. 30, 1905, and attended both elementary and high school there. He was graduated from the University of Iowa in 1929 — with a B. S. and an M. D. degree. While there he was a member of Delta Chi, social fraternity, and Phi Rho Sigma, medical fraternity.

He interned at Lucas County Hospital, Toledo, Ohio during 1929 — 1930. Following that, he was resident at Mercy Hospital, Toledo, Ohio during 1930 — 1931. While at Lucas County Hospital, he married the former Mary Branson, of New Sharon.

In 1931 he began his general practice of medicine in Bowling Green, Ohio. During W W II, he served three years as Lieutenant in the medical corps of the U. S. Navy aboard the heavy cruiser, U. S. S. Salt Lake City in the Pacific area.

Dr. and Mrs. Whitehead have two children, Dr. Stephen Whitehead, who is an allergist with Boulder Medical Center, Boulder, Colorado, and Susan, who is an elementary teacher in the Cupertino School District, in California.

CHARLES P. VOGEL

(Charles P. Vogel was born in Sheridan Township on the 4th day of July, 1906, he being the third son of Mr. and Mrs. Nick Vogel, of Malcom, Iowa.

He attended the rural schools and graduated from Malcom High School in June of 1926, and was his Class President.

After graduation from high school, he enrolled at Saint Ambrose College, at Davenport, for his pre law course and then transferred to the State University of Iowa Law School and received his law degree with the class of 1931.

He opened his law office in Grinnell, Iowa in June of 1931 and in September of 1931 he entered a law partnership with one of his classmates, F. W. Tomasek, and they have practiced law under the name of Tomasek and Vogel, at Grinnell, Iowa at all times since.

Charles Vogel was elected as the County Attorney of Poweshiek County, in November of 1934, and was re-elected in 1936, and served as County Attorney of Poweshiek County from Jan. 1, 1935, to Jan. 1, 1939. He also served as a director of the Grinnell Federal Savings and Loan Association since 1953 and as Vice President of that organization since 1963. He also served for three years on the Grinnell School Board.

He married Frances I. Devereux in 1935 and they have two children; a daughter, Charlene is married to Dr. Jerome Betttag and they live at Glen Ellyn, Illinois. Their son, Richard Vogel, has been associated with his father’s law firm and has been the County Attorney, for Poweshiek County since Jan. 1, 1971.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Vogel live at 1910 West Street, Grinnell.
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Mr. John F. Stone was born in Malcom on March 28, 1918. His parents were Fred T. Stone and his wife, Louise. John was graduated from Malcom High in 1935 and received his B.A. degree from the State University of Iowa in 1939. He was later graduated from the College of Law, State University of Iowa in 1946. He practiced law in Mason City from 1946 to 1963, with the exception of his years of military service. He was in the U.S. Army from Aug. 2, 1941 to Feb. 10, 1946 and again from July 5, 1950 to Oct. 28, 1951.

He married Marjorie Louise Ziegler and they have three children, John, Phillip and Robert.

He served as District Judge of the 12th Judicial District from Jan. 1, 1964 to Dec. 31, 1971 and is now District Judge of the second Judicial District as of Jan. 1, 1972.

HUGH ALFRED MEACHAM, JR.

Hugh Alfred Meacham Jr. was born August 20, 1921, on a farm near Malcom, Iowa. His parents are Hugh and Hazel Meacham he has one sister, Alice Meacham Williams, who now lives near Philadelphia, Pa.

His family farmed near Malcom until 1938, and then moved to a farm three and a half miles south of Grinnell.

"Al" Meacham was graduated from Grinnell High School and Grinnell College. His major subjects were: Psychology and Economics. He served three and a half years in the Navy during World War II and started farming in 1947.

He served on the Grinnell Newburg School Board from 1962—64. and was elected to the Iowa House of Representatives in 1964 for a special reapportionment session and the 1965 regular session. He has served as chairman of Commerce Committee and Steering Committee and as ranking member of Sifting Committee. He also served on National Rules and Procedure Committee of the National Legislative Conference. He served on the Iowa Development Commission 1965 to 1966, and as secretary to the Iowa Senate 1967 session.

On July 1, 1967, he was appointed by Governor Hughes to the Iowa Merit Employment Commission for a six-year term.

He has farmed since 1947, presently farming a 540 acre livestock-grain farm in Washington and Grant townships.

He was married to Lois M. Clifton in 1945, and they have three children, Michael, 24, Casey, 21, and Connie, 18.

DR. IDELL PYLE

B. A. degree at Grinnell College (1916)
M. S. University of Iowa
Ph. D. Western Reserve
Doctor of Science Honorary Degree, Grinnell College June 5, 1971
(Alumni Award, Grinnell College, 1961)
Member of U. S. Department of Health, Education, and Welfare—Child Health
Present time: Research Advisor of New Center, Case Western University (Ohio) Study of Human Development

STEPHEN FAMILY

Frank and Mary Stephen lived near Malcom from 1908 until 1939 when they moved to Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Of their ten children only George continued to farm. Freddie was killed by a car shortly after graduation from Malcom High School. Ray became a medical doctor and practiced in Cedar Rapids until his death in Jan. 1962. Verda taught school in Sioux City where she lives now. Mable, also a school teacher, passed away in 1968. Clarence was a business man before his death in Dec. of 1962. Francis, a business man, lives in Cedar Rapids. Paul, a medical doctor, practices in Cedar Rapids. Orrin and Walter became teachers and live in Cedar Rapids.

LAWRENCE J. VOGEL

Lawrence Vogel was born October 15, 1907 the son of Nick and Elizabeth Vogel, in Malcom, Iowa. He attended grade school at No. seven Sheridan Township. After finishing he attended Malcom High from 1924—27 where he was Class President in 1927. He was a book-keeper in the Malcom Farmers State Bank from 1927—28. From 1928 till 1932 he attended St. Ambrose College in Davenport. He attended St. Paul Seminary at St. Paul, Minn. from 1932 till 1936.

He was ordained to Catholic Priesthood in Davenport Sacred Heart Cathedral on April 26, 1936. In 1936 he became Chaplin at Ft. Madison Penitentiary and associate at St. Joseph's Church in Ft. Madison where he remained until 1941. From 1941—1943 he served as associate at St. Paul The Apostle in Davenport. In 1943 until 1944 he was Auxiliary U. S. Naval Chaplain at Ottumwa, Iowa. He served as Pastor of St. Mary's Church in Nichols, Iowa, from 1944—1964. In 1964 he served as Pastor of St Patrick's Church, Burlington, Iowa until 1966, when he became Pastor of St. Alphonsus Church, Mt. Pleasant, Iowa from 1966—1969. He was assigned to St. Francis De Sales Church at Keokuk, Iowa in 1969, and he remains at that post.
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THE MALCOM MUNICIPAL WATER SYSTEM

There was probably some need earlier for a water system in Malcom, but first things had to come first; in any event, before 1895 the water used in town had to be drawn from private wells or from the well city which was formerly located on the corner of Main Street, north of the Fire Co. hall. A bond issue was approved in 1895 to dig wells, install a pump, lay mains, and erect a water tower; the bond issue in the amount of $4,600 presumably covered the cost of the entire installation.

The first water tank was of wood on a steel tower about 70 feet high, and stood close to the site of our present tower. In 1915 about 30 feet was added to the height of the tower, and a second-hand steel tank was bought to replace the wooden one. This lasted until 1967, when the present tower and tank were erected.

Water hasn't been too easy to find in Malcom and early history of the county speaks of three wells in the Malcom water system. In later years, a large hand dug well in the pump house at the foot of Main Street supplied the water needed until dry seasons and heavier water usage ran the town short. Boring a second shallow well near the pump house didn't help very long, so a deep well was drilled in the city park in 1956; this gave a fair supply of water at first, but as its output dwindled over the years the cost of pumping became prohibitive. In 1971, a ten-inch well was drilled to the depth of 200 feet near the pump house, providing our main supply of water today.

Power for pumping our water has come from many sources—understand that when the water system was first installed a steam engine was run to the pump house as needed, belted up to the old three cylinder Fairbanks-Morse pump, and run until the tank was filled. In those days of lower water usage, a tankful lasted quite a while. An Eli gasoline engine soon replaced the steam power, to be replaced in turn by two Model T Ford engines, which were succeeded about 1941 by the Wisconsin still in service. Of course electric power has pumped water for many years, the gas engine and the original Fairbanks-Morse pump being used now only in the event of electrical failure.

In contrast to the many changes in other components of our water system, the original mains laid down before the turn of the century are still in service, as are most of the original fire hydrants—about 14 in number. The original pump house proved nearly as serviceable, but after about three-quarters of a century it showed its age and was replaced by the present building in 1970.

— P. D. VARNUM

THE TELEPHONE COMES TO MALCOM

Early records of telephone development in this community have apparently been lost, so we must rely on hearsay and guesswork in our appraisal of how the telephone came to Malcom. We can guess, for example, that the pioneer housewife would have liked to visit with her neighbor—if the means had been available—as well as her granddaughter and great granddaughter do today. We can guess that the lack of radio, daily newspapers, television, and quick mail service, would have made everyone aware of the need for better communications; and we can guess that the isolation that followed closing of the primitive roads of that time by the great blizzards, or a few hours of watching by the sick-bed of a loved one—while a messenger went for the doctor—would have convinced even the most unsocial person that something better was needed.

The need was great, but even invention of the telephone by Alexander Graham Bell in 1876 did not provide the means. Patent rights granted to the American Bell Co. in December of that year, and continuing for 17 years, precluded formation of any independent telephone company—while the Bell System was able to expand into only the larger cities. With expiration of the original Bell patents at the end of 1893, independent manufacturers began producing telephones and accessories, and independent exchanges came to life.

We find from later reports made to state of Iowa taxing bodies that at least one of the rural lines out of Malcom was built as early as 1898, others in the early 1900's; so lacking other information, we feel that the first exchange must have been in service in Malcom by 1898, or possibly a year or so earlier. In those days the exchange and in-town lines were one company; while each rural line was a separate corporation, electing its own officers; responsible for its own maintenance, and paying its own bills for taxes and switching between lines.

The Malcom exchange office has been in
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three locations — the first central office was in a building no longer standing, one block west of the laundramat; later a move was made to an upstairs room in the building now occupied by Charlie's Antiques; the last move — probably about 1910 or 1912 — was to the building one-half block south of the laundramat now used by the four-county community council. The switchboard, business office, and toll booth, occupied the front of this building; living quarters took up the rear and upstairs; and the work of operating the exchange was a family enterprise.

Early in 1928 a new trend began that was to continue and grow; the West Malcom and Sheridan Telephone Co. was organized at that time for combining maintenance of only three rural lines.

There must have been advantages in this grouping of effort, for in December of 1938, the Articles of Incorporation were revised to provide for operation of the Malcom switchboard, and upkeep of all the rural lines emanating from town and by 1941 this process was completed.

No account of this activity would be complete without recognition of the people who did the work — the linemen and maintenance people who worked sometimes when it wasn’t fit to be outside, then studied at night to keep up with the new developments in telephony — the officers, both of the central exchange and of the rural lines, who gave freely of their time for nominal or no pay — and finally, and especially the operators who took a personal interest in the needs of every customer, giving them the extra personal service that no modern automated telephone service can render. We apologize in advance to those who will be overlooked in compiling a roster of those who have served the people of Malcom thru the Telephone Company, but we honor those we recall.

These people served, among others, as officers of some of the phone lines or of the exchange: Ivry Baltisberger, Fred Lidtka, Joe Eisele, Amos Falkinbarg, Glen Terraberry, Chas. W. Morrison, M.A. Brewer, L.E. Maxfield, Ronald Baltisberger, Frank Urfer, Tom Bowers, W.A. Schneckloth; P.A. Hanssen, John Lidtka, G.E. Eich-
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HE MADE THE NIGHT A LITTLE BRIGHTER WHEREVER HE WOULD GO

With this tribute to the old lamp lighter of long, long ago — in the song by Tobias and Simon — we are reminded that Malcom, too, knew its gaslight era. In order to provide gas for lighting, heating, and cooking, the Malcom Gas Company was incorporated in late March, 1904; and the same month received a franchise to use the streets and alleys of Malcom to distribute gas to the town. The ten stockholders who formed the new company were: H.E. Boyd, F.S. Bernard, W.F. Vogel, V.S. Wilcox, J.A. Cummings, E.P. Raymond, B.P. Meigs, J.F. Eisele, C.O. Bowers and James Nowak.

With the foregoing paragraph we have exhausted the entire fund of documented knowledge concerning the Malcom Gas Company, and must rely on memories and conjecture. Apparently the franchise to use the streets and alleys was extended to also allow the use of the Auditorium basement to house the gas plant. A history of Poweshiek County published in 1911 (for which the material was probably gathered in 1909 or 1910) puts the site of the plant in this basement. However, people who still recall the gas plant remember its location being a small building that formerly stood between the Auditorium and the Town Hall — which was the fire station in those days.

The same history book indicates that gas for use in Malcom was manufactured from gasoline; while memories of those who recall the plant indicate that carbide was used in the process. A short description of these gas-making processes might explain these discrepancies — about the turn of the century, when the refining processes were rudimentary and kerosene was the oil product most in demand, most of the light fractions of crude oil — the ones that now become lighter fluid, cleaning naphtha and LP gas — were left in the gasoline. Air, forced thru a vat of this early-day gasoline, would pick up enough of these lighter fractions to become a mixture flammable enough to be used as a fuel, and still tractable enough to transport through the mains and be reasonably safe for public use. Calcium carbide, which when mixed with water produces acetylene gas, was first made — by accident we understand — in 1891, and became quite popular for use in home generating plants to provide illuminating and cooking gas.

We will never know for sure, but the most likely explanation of the discrepancies between history and memory — both in the location of the plant and in the process used — seems to be that gasoline was aerated in the basement of the Auditorium during the early years of the plant's op-
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We know all for the Elkhorn carbide mine and gasolinex the growing motor car market, and as the use of carbide became more general, it made sense to the owners of a small installation such as the Malcom plant to convert to carbide — and at the same time to build a separate building above ground rather than push their luck any farther by continuing what must have been a fairly risky operation in the Auditorium basement.

It would be interesting to know what was used to power the air compressor that aerated the gasoline in the early days — we know only that electric power as unavailable. We have no information whether or not any power was needed to operate the carbide plant in later years; it is possible that formation of gas in the closed generator gave sufficient pressure for the needs of the town.

We wish we knew more about the people who served this community thru the day-to-day operation of the gas company; only one name is remembered — Em. Bryant; and the only recollection of his work is that he was the lamplighter who made the rounds at dusk each evening, sometimes accompanied by his two daughters, to light the street lights — the same ones he had turned off at dawn. Bills paid by the town during the gaslight days did not include regular wages to Mr. Bryant, so we suppose he was an employee of the gas company — and if so the only one remembered. Whoever was responsible for the regular operation of the plant must have been painstaking in his work, and the management must have been thorough — for the Auditorium where they processed gasoline for quite a few years still stands.

We know when the Malcom Gas Company was started, but we aren't sure just when it was closed down. At a special election held on June 8, 1914, unanimous (very likely the last time unanimity was achieved in Malcom) approval was given to a franchise to grant the Grinnell Electric and Heating Company the use of streets and alleys of Malcom for providing electric street lighting and service to individuals; we suppose the gaslight era ended in Malcom when the first electric street lights were turned on about the middle of October of that year, however the company might have continued to serve individual customers somewhat longer. We would like to recall here an interesting sidelight to this transition to electricity — the cast iron standards that had formerly carried the gas street lights in the down-town area were not removed, but were converted to carry incandescent bulbs, provided with underground wiring, and continued to light Main Street until 1956.

The founders of the Malcom Gas Company used their own funds and their own efforts to provide a badly needed service to this community for about ten years; we wish we could write that the venture was profitable — that the stockholders recovered their investment and showed a profit, but we will never know. The only reminder we see today of the gaslight era in Malcom comes when a grading or digging project in town uncovers one of the abandoned gas mains that may be found along many of the streets.

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The object of this article is to let our people young and old, read about the history of our first fire department, up to and including the modern one we have now. All mistakes and errors please to be excused. Some of the writing in the minutes of some reports was hardly legible in earlier years.

On June 25, 1896, citizens of the town of Malcom, Iowa met at the town hall for the purpose of organizing a permanent fire home company. Mr. G. S. Maguire was named Foreman. A motion being made that the Constitution and By-laws of the Brooklyn Fire Co. be adopted subject to change as members saw necessary.

A committee of three was elected to construct the constitution and by laws. Also to act as a committee to investigate the recommend citizens for membership.

On July 20, 1896 the Malcom Hose Co. No. 1 met in regular session to elect officers. Elected was Foreman — G. S. Maguire, Asst. Foreman—Andy Whitemarsh, Sec. - Treas. — J. B. Hubbert, and Finance — James Nowak.

First members of the Malcom Hose Co. No. 1 are as follows: G. S. Maguire, Berry Fish, F. W. Koester, Earl Scott, Ira Memelas, George Bills, Clair Lundt, Frank Wiltsie, E. T. Bryant, J. W. Cambell, M. Legg, Chas. B. Hubbert, Lester Raymond, Silas Lambert, G. S. Johnson, J. P. Hubbert Jr., Berry Meigs Jr., J. L. Early and Chas. Snyder.

A meeting was held each month at a specified time, 25 cent fines were imposed on each member who missed the meetings. You could be rejected out of the company for not paying the fines. You could be fined for not obeying house rules.

In May of 1911, the firemen built a sidewalk from the Hose House to Main St. The Hose House was located back of the auditorium.

The first hose cart was bought in August of 1896. The first building to house the hose cart was built in August of 1896. The first fire bell was purchased in Jan. of 1897. The money to buy this equipment was obtained by having dances, picnics, suppers, etc., each member was to be assessed his part of the deficiency.

The first Fireman’s Ball was held on Oct. 2, 1896. One hundred red printed invitations were sent out, at 75 cents per ticket. An oyster supper was held in connection with the dance. The band cost $18 and $107.25 was netted.

Before records were kept by the firemen, on the morning of May 6, 1877 a destructive fire broke out on the east side of Main St. destroying almost the entire port side. Three grocery stores, one furniture store, one dwelling, the town hall (in which was the Lasonic Lodge), and several other buildings were consumed.

Another fire broke out June 6, 1879 and destroyed two saloons and one hotel. A fire also destroyed the barn of W. R. Aker, burning two horses on Oct. 9, 1879. On Sept. 3, 1880, J. G. Wilson’s Grain Elevator was burned along with two horses. It was thought these fires were the work of an incendiary. It will be interesting to know that these fires were fought by what was then known as the “bucket brigade.” Water pumped from wells into buckets, handed hand over hand, until coming into contact with men nearest the fire. Unless the fire was noticed in time it was almost impossible to put one out by this method, thus causing great losses.

Today, February, 1972 Malcom has two fire trucks, one tanker, a resuscitator, a fine building to house their equipment in, and a great crew of Volunteer Firemen. All moneys to buy their equipment with, derives from their annual Fireman’s Ball, held each November and some donations. The fire siren needs but to start to wail and they’re on their way.

In January of 1929 they bought the first insurance policy for $1200, $600 on equipment and $600 on the building. Today it’s bigger and better.


Some of the fires over the years of course, were the ones previously mentioned plus, in 1910 a coal house burned at the C. R. I. and P. railroad —1911 Bernard and Wiley Black Smith
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In 1921 firemen were called to the Henry Wichman home. In 1929, to the Joe Eisele home and barn, destroyed by fire about 10:15 p.m., At 12:30 p.m. on April 7, 1931 Evert and Ray home of E. E. Haye. In 1914 the home of J. \[\text{Continue reading...}]

**MALCOM FIRE BELL and building.**

In 1939, a roof fire was reported by Art Magnusson, at the Nelson McDonald home. The fire was controlled by bucket brigade. In Dec. of 1939, a roof fire, at the E. A. King Co., was put out by Ray Dayton, before the fire department arrived.

In Jan. 1940, a fire was reported at the Bernard Bradley home, it was turned in by Mrs. Raymond Criswell, the cause was from thawing water pipes. Only the interior was damaged. The fire alarm sounded at 12:30 p.m., in Feb. of 1940, by Mrs. A. L. Falkenburg, for a fire at the home of E. A. King. The home was destroyed, fire was out of control before being reported.

On through the years many fires were reported. Grass fires, roof fires, car fires, corn pickers, corn fields, over heated heat lamps, over heated stoves and furnaces, faulty wiring, faulty chimneys, careless use of matches, smoking in bed, careless use of putting out cigarette butts, keeping explosives in the wrong places, such as: gasoline, paints, paint thinners, all the causes of many fires.

Very few fires over the years took human lives in this vicinity. A lady by the name of Mrs. Merrick, was badly burned on May 30, 1930 and later died from shock and burns. The fire was caused by lifting a stove lid off the cook stove with an apron, igniting her clothing. On Nov. 18, 1951, Mr. and Mrs. Herb Harness burned to death from a fire in their home. The origin of the fire was unknown.

Just as a note of history, a little more on our fire fighters, and we'll close this chapter. It was 40 years ago, with Fire Chief Ralph Winchell, that the Malcom Fire Co. had 26 members. They were: H. E. Wolfe, L. E. Maxfield, M. A. Brewer, P. J. Shaw, J. Haber, I. Davis, H. Wichman, L. Schneekloth, H. McGawfey R. Cummings, R. Winchell, H. Robertson, J. Humphrey, F. Fleener, E. R. Taylor, Wm. Marvin, H. Hinegardner, H. Larson, V. Dykes, H. Jones, C. Baltisberger, M. D. Davis, R. Wentzel, L. Porter, L. Walters, Ralph Schultz.

Many, many more men have belonged to this Volunteer Fire Department and have performed greatly when called to do a service. We wish it were possible to name each and every one and the years they served, but time and space will not allow. Would suggest each family add their men's names at the end of said chapter, by pen, so all can be acknowledged.

Today's Fire Department, in 1972, consists of Marvin Kolars, fire chief, Lyle Bauman, George Baustian, Louis Brown, Frank Ferneau, Roger Griffith, Richard Kirby, Sid Lamb, Barney McDowell, Wavern McDowell, Virgil McCammant,
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THE LADIES MALCOM CEMETERY ASS’N.

The articles of incorporation of the Malcom Cemetery Association, late becoming the Ladies Malcom Cemetery Association, were recorded on Dec. 24, 1870 in the office of the County Recorder of Poweshiek County. The cemetery consisted of four acres donated by A. D. Chapman and his wife, Alma, to the directors, G. W. Griffin, Isaac Alden and L. E. Cardell. The deed was dated Feb. 28, 1871. The first members of the Malcom Cemetery Association were: A. D. Chapman, G. W. Griffin, Isaac Alden, Edmond Cardell, L. E. Cardell, N. F. Bates, A. L. Wigton, B. W. Wood, James Duffus Sr., J. W. McDowell, and C. A. Uhl.

The first officers of the Ladies Malcom Cemetery Association were: President, Mrs. Dell Carroll; Secretary, Mrs. E. P. Raymond, and Treasurer, Mrs. N. E. Davis.

According to the records, the Association held many meetings in the welfare of the cemetery, and held public suppers and other functions to finance improvements of the cemetery.

In April, 1903, Eliza Callen gave the Association $50 to be used as a trust fund to provide permanent care for the Callen lot. This was the beginning of the perpetual fund which is to be put into a trust, with only the interest to be used for the upkeep of the cemetery.

In 1909 another 2.78 acres was purchased for $150 an acre. In 1914, J. F. Hatcher bequeathed $2,000 to the Cemetery Association to be used as

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Malcom Cemetery Association.

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The Malcom Cemetery Association undertake to keep a good substantial fence enclosing their grounds, and requests that owners of lots therein do not disgrace the grounds by enclosing their private lots with fences or any kind of enclosures.

Mrs. E. D. Davis, Treasurer.

Mrs. E. D. Davis, Secretary.
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a trust fund for the Hatcher lot, the remainder to be used as the association deemed best for the upkeep of the cemetery.

In 1971 two more acres were purchased for $1,000 an acre.

According to the available records, the first burial was Ray Jean Fowler in 1878; the oldest person buried was Matilda Reimers who was 99 years and six months old.

The 1972 officers of the Ladies Malcom Cemetery Association are President, Kathryn Cummings; Vice President, Ella Schilder; Secretary, Grace Middlemas; Treasurer, Edna Sheets; one-year directors, Philip Lamb, George Baustian; two-year directors, Raymond Sheets and Norman Schroeder.

— MISS GRACE MIDDLEMAS

THE MALCOM PARK

The Park was laid out in the early days and still holds a prominent place in our town and community. Our water tower, a landmark which can be seen for many miles, stands here. Children use the playground equipment. Until recently there was an imposing bandstand where the town band and High School band played and gave concerts.

About 40 years ago, the Thimble Society donated the material to build a grill for visitors to use in cooking coffee, weiners and hamburgers. It is still in use. A few years ago, a shelter house was built and water and electricity is now available.

In April, 1940, the Garden Club planted two trees in the Park. One was dedicated to Mrs. Matilda Reimers on her 99th birthday. The other was dedicated to the Park. Those taking part in the dedication were Mrs. Ray Cummings, who read the poem “Trees” by Joyce Kilmer, and the tribute was given by Dr. Delano Wilcox.

THE MALCOM LIBRARY

For 40 years Malcom had a fine library. It was started by members of the Study Club, a Wednesday Club, in the mid-1920's. At first books were borrowed from the Grinnell Library and were loaned from the first library location which was above the former Clarke Grocery.

This required transporting the books both ways, so this club and other clubs in Malcom donated money to buy books to start their own library. Mrs. Mildred Wilcox headed this project and always served as librarian or was responsible for arranging a library schedule in which many Malcom women served as librarian.

The library was then moved to a room over the postoffice, then later moved to a newly remodeled room in the auditorium. For many years Mrs. Wilcox had a summer reading club. Youngsters would read the books and report on them to her. They received points for reading certain books and a prize for a certain number of points. The participants were invited to a party which concluded the summer's activities.

After the reorganization of the school districts, there was a declining use of the library, so it was dissolved and the books were given to other uses.

— MRS. RICHARD ROSS

THE MALCOM FAIR

The Poweshiek County Central Agricultural Society was formed and shares sold which bought the Malcom Fair into being. The grounds were given by Eli T. Judd, the great-grandfather of Ronald Baltisberger.

The Fair was first held in 1867 and continued until 1919. The grounds of the association with headquarters at Malcom are 3/4-mile from town. They were closely fenced, containing a half-mile race course, buildings for agricultural and mechanical exhibits, judges' stand, and were fitted up in good style.

Ample accommodations were furnished for livestock. In addition to the livestock show, grain and vegetables, needlework and cooking and canning exhibits were included. These were the first 4-H demonstrations and livestock projects, and we
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mustn't forget to mention the amusement rides in later years, the Ferris wheel and merry-go-round.

The county baseball tournament was also played there each year.

**VIEW OF THE MALCOM FAIRGROUNDS**

Classes for pleasure horses were held and prizes given for riding and driving. Horse races were an attraction on the half-mile track and a local horse named Dolly Neigs broke a trotting record here. This horse was bred by Benjamin Neigs and trained on the track of J. H. Hatcher, who lived on what is known as the Eisele farm. Mr. Hatcher was a farmer and breeder and trainer of fine horses. He sold many of these horses to be driven on the stage line.

There were also cow-pony races and everyone bet on his favorite. The livestock in competition at the Fair was either led or hauled in wagons.

**FRED LIDFTKA**

**SCHOOL CHILD'S TICKET.**

1897 Poweshiek Co. Central Fair. 1897

Malcom, Iowa, Aug. 24-27.

Admit

This ticket will admit a school child whose name is written above (if under 12 years of age) free on one day of the fair, and will be taken up when presented at the gate.

Not transferable. JAS NOWAK, Secretary.

**THIS 1897 TICKET to the Malcom Fair was issued to Freddie Lidtka.**

One Hereford breeder, B. F. Maidin of Tama, led his animals the 20 miles to tie for honors.

The Fair was complete with circus and novelty acts in front of the amphitheatre. Once there was a balloon ascension, but most folks missed the show because the gas had to be heated and it took all day until evening to heat it enough to cause it to rise. Billy Robison, our Poweshiek County inventor and pilot, once landed his plane in the quarter stretch.

The Fairs held each fall were uniformly successful; the animals, garden and field products being of highest order, and these fairs did much to promote good feelings and emulation among the farmers of the country.

Large maple trees grew on the north and far side of the track and these had hitching racks between them. All who could would get to the Fair early to tie their horses here, and then at noon would eat their picnic lunchees and watch the races through the fence.

One of the favorite spots to the children was the well where they had to line up and wait to get a drink of water from the pump.

During the days of the Fair, a horse-drawn hack, built somewhat like our modern bus with the entrance at the rear and seats along each side, made regular trips from Malcom to the fairgrounds. Many still remember hearing the cry, “Hack to the Fair . . . Hack to the Fair!”

— MRS. LARRY VOGEL

**THE AUDITORIUM**

At one time there was a public hall in town but it was destroyed by the big fire of 1877. A new building was needed and the women of the town formed an association called W.O.B.A. — Women’s Opera Building Association. They soon got enough money together to build one of the
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times the children would pick up the mail on their way home from school.

The Postoffice has been located in the present building for many years.

There are two rural routes out of the Malcolm office to serve the country patrons. The town patrons have lock boxes in the office.

Many changes have been made at the post-office since the beginning of the service. In 1967 the postoffice interior was remodeled. Many changes were made and now we have a modern, up-to-date office, of which we are all proud.

An open house was held on a Sunday at the post office soon after the remodeling and many postal patrons and guests attended.

Names of postmasters and acting postmasters:

1866—W. J. Johnson
1868—J. E. Johnson
1870—James H. Diffus
1873—B. B. Martin
1874—Thomas Cady
1893—W. F. Vogel
1897—W. J. Johnson
1907—A. C. Blizzard
1915—Jim Nowak
1920—Mourice Brewer
1928—Thomas Sanders
1936—Lou Maxfield
1943—Juanita Maxfield
1944—Grover Eisele
1945—Ralph Wentzel
1957—Kathryn McClure Cummings
1958—P. D. Varnum
1967—M. Dorothy Vogel
1968—Keith W. Davis

MALCOM, IOWA, POSTOFFICE 50157

The first Malcolm Postmaster was L. E. Carden. He also organized Malcolm Township and kept the stage station on the state road.

Travel was by horse-drawn buggies and wagons, horseback and even walking, to deliver the mail in the early days. Now mail is delivered by ear, pick-up trucks and Jeeps.

Also in the early days, mail was left in boxes at the corner intersections, when the side roads were impassable because of mud and snow. The families would come after their mail and some-
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CHAPTER VIII - Recollections

KING RECTOR

King was a midget who was born in Newton, Iowa, on August 9, 1913. When only a baby, his parents moved to Malcom. King spent twelve years in this town. He attended school until he was in the eighth grade.

During his school days he was offered an engagement with a traveling organization. He was just playing drums then, but later studied xylophone and dancing, and this enabled him to get his first big opportunity, an engagement as a feature, with an outstanding New York company and a six month engagement right on Broadway. After this the show toured some of the larger cities in the South. King was featured there solid in theater, nightclubs and so forth.

He did not care for the carnival, and had never been in one. He much preferred musical comedy, vaudeville and dramatic shows.

At the age of twenty-one, King was forty-two inches tall and weighed forty-two pounds. He stated, "I am in perfect health, and the greatest thrill I get out of life is trying to make other people happy, with my songs, dancing and music."

King did not care for intoxicating liquors in any form but did enjoy a smoke occasionally of a mild cigar, not cigarettes. He did not smoke to excess. Maybe he was a small child in size, but when given a chance at home-made chicken and noodles, he could make a full-size man ashamed of himself.

Mrs. Rector made all of his stage clothes, but all his street clothes were tailor-made. He wore an eight and one-half infant's size shoe and small children's gloves. He wore six year old size shirts.

King loved animals, and had a white fluffy dog who played in vaudeville with him. At one time he travelled with the Ike Rose's Midget Troupe. He enjoyed the company and made many friends, but really liked to be the feature in a show. He had his own orchestra, King Rector and his Gloom Chasers. He also played for clubs, lodges and other entertainment. For some time he travelled to various U. S. O. spots to entertain the service men.

At the age of twenty-one King made the statement, "I intend to go higher in my work and improve daily. Someday I hope to be at the top of the ladder." He passed away at the age of thirty.

Well, Little Man, you did reach the top of the ladder, and we in Malcom who knew you are proud that you once lived in our little town.

BOTTLE OF HISTORY

When Lyle Bowman was remodeling the building now occupied by the Silver Lace Saloon prior to opening his grocery business in 1960, he found an old "Duffy's whiskey bottle" as he was tearing out his old window shelves. His father, 80 year old Frank Bowman, helped in the carpenter work. They found one bottle had been filled with papers of current interest back in 1924 by Postmaster M. A. Brewer. The building had been fitted then for use of the Post Office and it continued there for many years.

The contents of the bottle revealed many things. A letter was written on stationery of James Nowak advertising harness, saddlery, trunks, traveling goods, auto robes, blankets, novelty goods and so forth.

It stated that "This building built in 1882, the year of the Big Wind — Cyclone, Remodeled in June of 1924. Originally built by W. A. Vernon — Purchased by James Nowak in 1900." "A little shrimp by the name of M. A. Brewer was postmaster in 1924. M. D. Davis, Iver Davis and C. C. Snyder were rural mail carriers." "Conditions of the times—The times were hard. Farmers are not getting costs out of their products. Many are going bankrupt. Many banks are breaking up. From 1918 to 1920 land advanced $100 per acre, then when the Republicans came into power they dumped back $100 to $200." Also in the bottle was the Republican primary election ballot from June 2, 1924, Saunders for county auditor, J. J. McIlhath for State Representative, Glenn Eichorn for Clerk of Court, William Mollison for supervisor, Frank Vest for township trustee, H. P. Baustian and Wood Reams for constable and A. B. Smith for township clerk.
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- Children who have acute burns which involve an extensive portion of the body, are eligible for treatment in the Burns Institutes.

Poweshiek County Shrine Club
Kaaba Temple
HUNTING AND TRAPPING

On the open prairie of Malcom township and in the creeks and streams were abundant wildlife, birds and fur-bearing animals. The early settlers took these for food and profit.

Farmers and their sons, as well as professional trappers, early each winter, began their work of setting traps and snares to catch mink, muskrats, skunk and raccoons for their valuable pelts.

During the winter of 1914 muskrats sold for a quarter apiece and hundreds could be caught in a season. Mink brought from five to ten dollars depending on the quality of the fur. During the war years they were worth from thirty to forty dollars and the best muskrat skins were four dollars and a quarter.

Another profitable sport was hunting and shooting rabbits, which were used for food during the winter months, but also for marketing. Hunters would walk or ride bobsleds through the fields, flushing out the game, and often could get a hundred a day. Mr. L. F. Whitehead, the local barber, for many years also ran a produce house. He would buy these rabbits and ship them in barrels to Chicago restaurants where they were considered a great food.

Some men and boys still trap our streams but the animals are rather scarce. However, Malcom is now in the greatest pheasant hunting grounds in the country. Sportsmen come from many surrounding states to bag their birds and there are enough deer and quail to allow an open hunting season on them.

DEMISE OF DEPOTS

by Lenore DOTY McLain

926 N. Court, Ottumwa, Ia.

Appeared in the Des Moines Sunday Register 10-17-71: "These traditional landmarks are so much a part of our national heritage it is sad to see them drowning in the dust of obsolescence..."

What shall we do with old depots
When trains pull in no more —
The Zephyrs, the Roses, the fanciful
Transits of railroad lore?
Depots stand desolate now,
Benches in silent array,
Ticket windows with shrouded fronts
Dusted with yesterday.
Gone is the rush, hub-bub and roar
Of a colorful past that entails
Princes, paupers and notables —
Vagabonds of the rails.
With luggage crowding the floors,
Humanity coming and going,
Goodbyes and welcomes filling the air
From platforms overflowing.

What shall we do with old depots
That once awaited the shrill
Whistle of an approaching train
And clicking rails now still?
Do we use them for storage space
Or tear them down with a sigh —
These time-honored focal landmarks
That stand too proud to die?

A NEAR TRAGEDY
MALCOM GIRL, 6, RESCUED FROM CESSPOOL AT SCHOOL

(from Grinnell Herald-Register)

Missing death by a few moments Tuesday was TruAnn Story, 6, who was rescued after falling into a cesspool on the Malcom school grounds.

Coach Glenn Williams, with the aid of custodian Ray Dayton, pulled the kindergarten girl from the cesspool. She was unconscious when Williams applied artificial respiration. She responded quietly and was rushed to St. Francis hospital where her condition was good Tuesday night.

Little Mikey Hall ran into the schoolhouse about 10:20 a.m. and reported that "a girl has fallen into that hole." Williams rushed to the scene and got the help of Dayton.

TruAnn was floating face down in the cesspool when the men arrived. They first tried to lower Williams down on a rope but it was not long enough.

A ladder was then rushed to the spot and was used to hold the girl to the side of the shaft. Williams descended the ladder and pulled her up.

The cesspool is 10 to 15 feet deep and contained at least five feet of water. The accident happened when mortar around the lid gave way under the girl. It is estimated she was in the cesspool at least five minutes.

TruAnn was skinned somewhat in the fall. She remembers trying to call for help before lapsing into unconsciousness.

The lucky girl is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Story. They have three other girls.

BROWN BETTY

1 cup bread crumbs
2 cups chopped apples
1 cup brown sugar
Butter a deep dish, add sugar and bits of butter, season with cinnamon or nutmeg. Add bread crumbs and sprinkle sugar over all, bake very brown. Serve with fairy butter.

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½ cup butter
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Threshing day was one of the highlights of the farmer's year and rigs like this one were owned by Cliff Wheeler, Gus Cook and The Company, who owned Eisele's machines, and Jacob Schultz, whose rig was later run by John Pulis.

Threshermen were always a proud and respected lot. To them and to most farmers of their day steam engines and their separators meant threshing and threshing was a labor of love and a special pride came when the year's crop of grain was in the bin.

It took twenty or twenty-five men to do a good job of threshing. In the fields six or eight pitched bundles; eight bundle wagons was the usual number. Two men were on the grain boxes, plus men in the mow or on the straw stack. Bundles were pitched into the separator. A separator man tended the separator, keeping it greased and seeing that it didn't clog up. An engineer tended the boiler and ran the show. One man was kept busy hauling water to the boiler and a boy carried the burlap wetted water-jug to the thirsty men in the field.

The threshing dinner gave the farm wife her hour in the sun. Before many days everyone in the area knew what kind of table she set. There was never a lack of good food.

The working day was measured by light and not by the clock. Some farmers would stack their oats bundles at the barn and these were threshed later on.

After oats harvest was completed it was time for corn-shredding. These same steam engines ran the corn-shredder. The corn would be cut with a corn-binder and shocked in the fields. The stalks would be fed into the corn-shredder, which would separate the corn from the stalks. The corn would be stored in a crib and the shredded stalks or fodder was blown into a barn to be fed to the livestock as roughage.

The last shrill whistle of the huge machines ushered out the age of steam and opened up the way of the gasoline powered tractors. Many farmers owned the tractor and small separator for harvesting their crops. These were popular for twenty years or more. These would have only a few neighbors for a crew and the threshing job would be completed in a few weeks, where the large crews would be working from mid-August until fall.

Then came the combines. These combines, their reels chomping into the standing grain, swept across the acres, pushing the grain shock-dotted fields, the threshing dinners and the harvest goings-on into a memory.

SWEET APPLE PICKLES

Prepare sweet apples as for sauce. Take one bowl of vinegar, one of sugar, cinnamon and clove to taste. Let it come to a boil, then put in apples and cook until tender, then can it.

MRS. S. L. TERRABERRY

POPULATION FIGURES FOR MALCOM, IA.

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IT'S MY HOMETOWN
by Fred Toothaker

It didn't seem the same at first
When I went back today —
The old hometown where I was raised
and where I used to play.
The trolley cars no longer chanced
on streets that now were wide,
Where man had set the sidewalks back
and pushed the lawns aside.
The sycamores on Seventh Street
were gone, the street was bare,
And friends I'd known from other years
were now no longer there.
The water trough at Whittle Point
I sought, but couldn't find;
Its usefulness had disappeared
with years now gone behind.
The movie at the corner of
the Public Square and Main
Had been replaced and, in its stead,
a shopping center reigns.
The traffic lights in evidence
seemed strange and out of place,
And every glance that came my way
was from a stranger's face.
The blacksmith shop had disappeared,
the downtown benches gone,
And fountain that I often watched
was gone from courthouse lawn.
The railroad tracks that used to block
the way were overhead,
And crossings now were safe as streets
passed underneath instead.
These landmarks, yes, of other years,
had all but been erased,
And dreams of them I had today
appeared as dreams misplaced,
But still there lingered in my thoughts
the days that used to be,
As there again in my hometown,
I lived in memory.

THE HOMETOWN PAPER
by Ottis Shirk

There's something about the most of us.
No matter where we go,
We have within a longing,
At least I've found it so,
To keep in touch with loved ones
While wandering up and down,
And we love to see the paper
From the old hometown.
It receives a hearty welcome
As it makes its regular round,
Telling us of our old friends
And where they may be found.
It just sort of keeps together
Heartstrings once entwined;
It's the voice from our old hometown,
Where town and paper seem combined
The "On to Victory" honor roll
Names each lass and lad,
And shows the old town's given up
The very best it had.
We read and think; around the world
They're scattered everywhere,
And then "Oh, God, protect each one,"
We breathe in silent prayer.
It tells us of our fighting men
Prepared to face the brunt,
And it carries news to cheer them on
News from the old home front.
Folks away receive it
And hold it in renown....
They're glad to get the paper
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CHAPTER IX – Businesses thru the years.

WHAT MALCOM BUSINESSMEN WERE ADVERTISING IN THE YEAR 1898

(The following was contributed by Mrs. John Schilder.)

In the Masonic block is to be found a store
Where the popular clerk meets you at the door.
For groceries, staples, ribbons and lace,
Call at McDermit’s, that is the place.

When seeking relief for an ailment, just call at
Davis and Cox’s store.
Dr. Wilcox will relieve you.

Now will you listen to more?
You’ll see a full stack of Christmas gifts, to be purchased almost at cost.
This is an opportunity that can not afford to be lost.
The corner restaurant has a large supply
Of fruit and bonbons, for Christmas is nigh.
For a good cigar or an oyster stew,
Call on Alt Stigers. he’ll try to please you.

Cone, boys, to Novak’s, to buy your bells,
Robes, harness and whips are what he sells.
Protect your horses and insure good speed.
All things in the way of hardware can be found at the corner store.
From stoves, nails and tinware, to oilcloth on the floor.

Or a dandy new buggy, a wagon or sleigh.
Watson & Wilkinson will sell to you any day.
Sovil, the baker, makes pies and cakes,
The best of cookies and macaroons he makes.
The Star Bakery always has the fresh buns and bread,
And in this line he has always led.

Down at the meat market, Austin you’ll see,
Who will treat you politely and always agree
That the meat is tender, a yearling calf!
“How much, sister?” “A pound and a half.”

To the barbers, Martiss and Hayward,
They shave the constant and the wayward;
A haircut thrown in for thirty-five cents,
And a changed physiognomy is the recompense.

Winchell has Christmas toys by the score.
To be convinced, just drop into his store.
His musical counter is always in tune.
He will show you the best in drugs and perfume.

If in search of a hat that is strictly in style,
Drop into Audas’ once in a while.
Face veils, ribbons and trimmings you’ll find;
A full line on their counters bear this in mind.

Shine Brothers livery barn is the place to seek
The best of rigs every day in the week.
Take your best girl out for a ride,
Then in her thoughts you’ll ever abide.

’Tis freezing up, laddies, and horses need shoes;
There are three shops in town from which to choose.
Whitmarsh and Fish and Bernard,
But to decide, which is quite hard.

The newly married couple makes a dash for
Scott’s new store,
For carpets, rugs, matting’s to put on the floor.
Here you find the latest suites, tables and chairs.
This is an up-to-date furniture store,
everyone declares.

James Humphrey keeps a neat cafe,
Where he serves meals three times a day.
You can eat and drink to your heart’s content,
And he’ll never charge you over twenty-five cents.

Call at Joe Kloos’ establishment,
You’ll find all you need, lady or gent,
In dry goods, groceries, dishes or shoes,
He carries a stock from which to choose.

Are your shoes in need of repair?
There’s a shoe shop in town, take them there.
’Twill save money for you, we know this is true,
For Wilder will fix them up just like new.

A useful article and luxury combined,
is a good steel range for womankind.
Granite utensils cost but a trifle more.
All to be found at Vogel’s hardware store.

Samuels’, the jeweler, repairs watches and clocks.
This is the shop where everyone flocks,
Silverware and numerous things.
When you are in town and wish to choose
Dry goods, groceries, boots and shoes,

Call on Webb — he sells these,
And his competent clerks who endeavor to please.
Hubbard keeps a supply on hand
Of lumber and coal, the best in the land.
Give them a call and stock up this line.
’Tis well to have coal in the niche of time.
Johnson, the banker, has money to lend.
Give him a call, if a draft you would send.

Boyd is the lawyer, also a collector.
When going to court, take him as a protector.
Meals and lodging at Hotel de Scovill.
Draying by Winchell and Stark,
Butter you’ll find at the creamery
And a water supply in the park.

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Malcom, Poweshiek county, Iowa, is a beautiful little city of about five hundred population, located on the main line of the Chicago Rock Island Railroad about half way between Des Moines and Davenport. It is on the Lacrosse Tama City and Kansas City Highway and one mile from the River to River Road. The population of the town is made up of live-wire business men and retired farmers. The land around Malcom is the most fertile; it is a black soil with a clay subsoil, lays gently rolling and is highly improved, the prices ranging from $300 to $500 per acre.

It is a great stock feeding community. Malcom ships not less than 500 cars of livestock, cattle, hogs and sheep to market annually.

The business section of Malcom includes two banks with a capital and surplus of $110,000 and resources of over $700,000.

- Farmers State Bank
- Malcom Savings Bank
- Ralph L. Sherman, General Store
- Julius Lebin, General Store
- Joseph Kloos, General Store
- Scott Furniture Co.
- Farmers Elevator Co.
- Mutual Telephone Co.
- Malcom Garage Co.
- L. J. Shreffler and Co., Garage
- H. E. Wolfe, Auto Truck Dray Line
- W. M. Wertin, General Blacksmith
- C. F. Larson, City Meat Market
- W. F. Vogel, Hardware
- M. L. Thomas, Confectionery
- L. F. Whitehead, Barber Shop and poultry house
- Malcom Produce Co.
- L. C. Stillwell, Implements and Tractors
- Wilcox & Wilcox, M. D.
- W.O.B.A., Moving Picture Theater
- Arthur Magnusson, the Rexall Druggist
- Haberer & Eisele, Real Estate
- Jas. Nowak, Harness & Saddlery
- Malcom Leader, C. B. Copp, Editor
- Holly Larson, Cafe
- Harry Walters, Ford Expert
- Minnie L. Schultz, Milliner
- Schultz House, Hotel
- Winchell Barber Shop
- Ralph Winchell, Horse & Mule Exchange
- G. T. Lundy, Poultry, Cream and Eggs
- Boyd & Boyd, Attorneys-At-Law
- Bowers & King, Real Estate
- Eichhorn & Duffus, Real Estate
- Chas. Foster, Dray Line
- Dr. L. Woods, Veterinarian
- L. Maxfield, Chiropractor
- Carpenter Bros., Dealers in Live Stock
- John Puls, Stock Buyer
- A Community Club Room
- Churches — M. E., Lutheran and Presbyterian
- Twenty-four hour a day electric light and power
- Municipal Water Works and Fire Protection and
  a nice shady park

Malcom supports a band of 25 pieces
- W. G. Bair, Elevator
- Kuehl Elevator & Lumber Yard
- John Irwin, Blacksmith
- Bill Audas and George Humes, Poolhalls
- Geo. Audas & Chas. Griffin
- Ted Lundy and Ames Smith, produce houses
- Holyoke Drugs
- Arlo Barnes, Trucking
- Perry Dayton, Garage
- Wiltz Restaurant
- Humphrey, Restaurant and Hotel
- Austin and Ben Meigs, butcher shop
- George Hays, Grocery Store
- Wiley, Livery Barn
- Earl Taylor, Restaurant
- Ralph Sherman, Groceries
- Bill Schneekloth and Jim Bryant, Grocery
- Billy Jane Johnson, wove carpeting, etc.
- Joe Early, Carpenter, brick layer, cement work
- George Bills and daughter Mary, telephone
- Joe Marvin, Restaurant
- Wyss, Produce
- Scott Cummings, dray line
- George Mickey, Produce
- Whitehead, Produce
- Spence Walters, carpenter
- Bill Marvin and Cindy, telephone
- Holly Larson, painter
- Spot Wiley, painter
- Pinkie Martin, painter
- Mabel Wolfe, bookkeeper at Elevator

BUSINESS PLACES IN MALCOM AND
MALCOM TOWNSHIP — 1972

- Farmers’ Elevator
- Schneekloth Garage & Oil Co.
- B. I. P. T. Multipurpose Center
- Fire Station
- Tuttles Launderomat and Car Wash
- Lloyd Winchell Gas Station
- Grinnell State Bank — Malcom Branch
- Village Inn & Grocery
- Post Office
- Charles' Antiques
- Dayton-Locker Service
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Nineteen hundred forty-six marked the construction of a new brick lumber yard. A new 200-bushel capacity Campbell corn dryer was installed in 1947. The west elevator was iron-clad and a new 70,000-bushel annex added in 1950.

Two new flat storage facilities of 115,000 bushel were built in 1956. In 1960, the 60-foot scales were installed. The fertilizer plant was built and equipped in 1966. Two round metal 50,000-bushel storage tanks and a 14,000-bushel wet holding tank along with two outside legs and dryers were put up in 1970.

Today the Cooperative Elevator is interested in grain, feed, lumber, seed and fertilizer.

This review marks a sixty-year milestone of success for the benefit of the surrounding community.

— RONALD BALTISBERGER

### GRAIN MARKETS — Average Yearly Prices:

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### KUEHL LUMBER YARD

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kuehl with their two daughters moved to Malcom in 1917, when they purchased the W. G. Bair Elevator and Lumber Yard, located where the Malcom Farmers Co-op Elevator and lumber yard now stands. A group of farmers had a business located at the west elevator. Mr. Kuehl was also an auctioneer, having conducted farm and town sales in and around Malcom.

Matilda, their daughter, worked for her father.
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er, as did Mr. Robb and Hatch Hornbeck. Mr. Kuehl traded the elevator and lumber yard for a farm in Minnesota in the early 1920’s. The west elevator bought this elevator in the middle 1920’s from the Minnesota firm to add to their west elevator.

The Kuehl’s daughter, Ella, was employed at the Malcom Savings Bank. In 1919, she was married to Lester J. Baltisberger, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Baltisberger. They moved to the Henry Baltisberger farm west of Malcom and the Henry Baltisbergers moved to Malcom.

Upon the marriage of Robert Baltisberger, the Lester Baltisbergers moved to Malcom where Lester resided until his death in 1967. Mrs. Lester Baltisberger continues to make Malcom her home. Mr. and Mrs. Kuehl and Matilda moved back to Cedar Rapids in the middle 1920’s.

MALCOM STOCKYARDS

The Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific Railroad was extended from Iowa City westward to Malcom in 1863. Before the railroad reached Malcom, livestock producers drove their cattle to the railroad east of Malcom. Years ago there were so many head of livestock shipped from Malcom that it was known as “Little Chicago”. There were enough railroad sidings at the stockyards that 20 cars could be loaded without the need of a switch engine. Many times the 25 to 30-earload yards were filled to capacity.

The stockyards were used for collection of livestock as well as unloading shipped-in stock to be fed out and finished. One time J. D. Carpenter had enough lambs shipped in to finish feeding, so that when the first lambs arrived at his farm 2½ miles southwest of Malcom, the last ones were just leaving the stockyards.

On occasions, hogs were butchered in the winter, packed in barrels and transported by wagons to barges on the Mississippi river.

The stockyards is still a flourishing business, and is now owned by John Dalton.

— RONALD BALTISBERGER

MALCOM STONE CO.

Malcom Township has a limestone quarry, the Malcom Stone Co. It is located on land owned by Mary Puls and Sons, three miles north and two miles west and one mile north of Malcom.

The limestone is mined about 90 feet below the surface of the ground. The mine covers an area of 55 acres underground and has been extended to a 33-acre expanse which includes the two filter ponds.

The mine has supplied stone for 35 miles of Highway I-80, from Grinnell to Marengo. This was a sizeable contract involving 250,000 tons of concrete, 325,000 tons of stone aggregate. It has also supplied large quantities for Poweshiek County road building projects as well as rock for surrounding counties. It anticipates a continuation of operation.

POWESHIK PELLETS

In 1964 a number of local investors formed an organization to build one of the first complete pelleted feed businesses in this area. In October, 1964 Poweshiek Pellets, Inc., started business with only five employees, a small make-shift office building, and a machine shed on the Wayne Gropper farm. In June of 1965, the new modern mill complete with modern office, warehouse and grain storage facilities was ready for business.

In 1967 Hales & Hunter Co. purchased part interest in the business. Hales & Hunter Co. was to become a subsidiary of Cargill Inc. in 1969 who later purchased the remaining interest in Poweshiek Pellets Inc.

Since starting business Poweshiek Pellets has added many improvements. There is now four times the corn storage as there was when the business began. Also, corn drying facilities have been greatly improved. There are now 11 employees and five modern trucks. The latest addition is facilities for liquid supplement operations.

RECENT OWNERS of the above restaurant include Marvin Whitford, the Dotys, Porter & Miller, Duke Kronke, the Courtenys, Marie Agnew Bolen, Don Schultz, Earl McKeeag (Irish Inn), Floyd Brown, and Vivian Myers (Village Inn).
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THE SLAUGHTER HOUSE, ICE HOUSE AND MEAT MARKET

In earlier times, whoever ran the meat market also kept a slaughter house where the livestock for his meat supply to sell over the counter, was butchered. Some farmers also brought their animals to be butchered there. Then they would take the meat back to the farm to cure for their own use. The meat was then salt-cured and many also had their own smoke-house where the burning of hickory wood gave the meat a most delicious flavor. This meat would keep without refrigeration through the summer.

In these days, before electric refrigeration, it was necessary to preserve fresh meat with ice. A building especially built with double walls and insulated with sawdust was filled in the winter with blocks of ice packed in sawdust. This would stay frozen until late summer.

The local farmers would come with horses and sleds to help with the ice harvest in the winter. When the ice had frozen a foot thick in Bear Creek, an implement called an ice plow would be pulled with one horse first in one direction, then crosswise. This marked the ice into squares. Then a laborer with an ice saw would saw the ice into blocks. The ice blocks were then hauled in the sleds to the ice house to be stored in layers covered with sawdust. More layers and more sawdust were added until the house was full. The meat market owner used these blocks in the wooden ice boxes to keep their fresh meat from spoiling. The ice was also sold to townspeople and farmers during hot weather.

Those who ran meat markets in Malcom were: Ben Meigs, Gust Schultz, John Wentzel, Chris Larson, Homer McCaulley, Holly Larson and Ivan Longnecker. When Homer McCaulley bought the market, he converted the ice box into a walk-in electric freezer. Holly Larson and Ivan Longnecker ran the market until it was destroyed by the tornado of July 2, 1953.

Norman Schroeder now butchers livestock for the people of the community. This meat is stored in the modern locker plant run by Lawrence Dayton. This serves the entire community.

HOLLY LARSON — THE MEAT MARKET

I came to Malcom February 26, 1919, arriving on the 6 o'clock train. I had just returned from France with the 42nd Rainbow Division.

The first two people I met were Gene Harmon, then the depot agent, and Arthur Magnusson, the druggist. At that time Chris had a market in Montezuma, and was in the process of selling it to a Mr. Fett and had bought the building — third one down from the corner, which was owned by Mrs. Wilcox.

There he opened a market and operated it until 1922, when he sold it to Homer McCaulley and I worked for Chris to that time. Chris then bought a market at Jewell, Iowa, our home town. Mr. McCaulley operated it for several years and after a fire, he sold it to Frank Matlack. They then moved up to the Jim Nowak building. Frank operated a market for several years. After my brother Chris left Malcom, I started to paint for Ed Helm. Then Ed left for Brooklyn after several years, and I was on my own until Otto Wiley and I formed a partnership, which was really good for both of us. And I must say, he was a real partner.

Later Otto moved to Chicago, and then my brother Chris and I opened a market in 1923 in Chris’ building. After my son Hollis came back from World War II, I bought Chris out and operated it for 18 years and sold out to Ivan Longnecker in late 1950, and moved to Santa Rosa in January of 1951.

I must say, after 31 years in Malcom, there was no one I could not call a friend. They were grand people and all good to me.

THE MALCOM PAPER

The first paper was published by a man named Welsh in 1870. It was soon consolidated with the Brooklyn Journal and Malcom was without a paper until 1877, when James H. Duffus started the Malcom Gazette. In 1883 it was sold to R. B. Boyd, then later to W. P. Coutts and John Ford. In 1890 T. J. Anderson took possession and changed the name to the Malcom Leader. He sold out to T. L. Anderson and A. R. Gross and in 1894 J. E. Latchem bought the plant and it was sold again to Arden McCoy.

The paper was first published in a shop on the east side of Main St. across from the Schneckloth garage. Since then, a Mr. Olney, who owned the first Linotype machine, and a Mr. Cobbs became editors from 1918 until the fall of 1919 when Mr. J. D. Stephens bought it. His paper was published in the Masonic building. Later it was
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moved to a building south of the Scotts Furniture Store about where the fire station is now.

Mr. Doty became owner of the paper in 1925 and he published it in the basement of the Whitehead building just south of the present bank. He continued a newsy weekly until the last edition of Nov. 22, 1935. It was then sold to Dave Sutherland of Montezuma, and published under his direction for six months with Joe Alexander editing it.

Mr. Lou Maxfield worked setting type for the paper when he was still in high school about 1900, and Ms. Nellie Olson tells of working on the paper for over two years. She would meet the trains and interview visitors and wrote up the news. She also set type and ran a small printing press making wedding invitations, sale bills and other things.

The High School edited and published the “Spotlight” for many years after this until the school was consolidated with Brooklyn.

— MRS. OSCAR OLSON

THE SHIPPING ASSOCIATION

In the fall of 1920, there was a shipping association organized. This was a system in which small livestock producers pooled their animals and shipped them to terminal markets. William H. Baltisberger was the first manager of the Malcom Shipping Association, and continued until May 16, 1921, when he resigned for health reasons. Following were such men as Jack Eisele, 1925, who was manager till he and his wife, Clara, went east to live; then Fred Schultz, Henry and Fred Bausch. Several other managers followed these for a short time each.

The association also had directors; two of them were Dick Deedrick and Henry Hanssen.

The first carload of livestock to be shipped from the Malcom Association was a load of hogs in Nov. 15, 1920. Each producer’s animals were marked and pooled and were shipped to the Commission company, which handled the sales. The railroad gave a pass with each carload of stock and an owner or interested farmer could use these passes to ride into Chicago to see the livestock sold. They would ride in the caboose of the train. This was the way of shipping livestock until motor trucks began transporting the producer’s animals. When the association quit, direct buying began.

The shipping association at one time had a club room up over the butcher shop where members played pool and cards. The pool table was given by Charley Swanson of Chicago, a commission man whose firm handled many of the cars of livestock.

— HARVEY AND RONALD BALTISBERGER

COMING OF THE RAILROAD AND BUILDING OF THE DEPOT

It was in June of 1863 that the first train on the “Mississippi and Missouri Railway” later to be the “Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific” passed through the place to be known as Malcom, Iowa, on the way west and on through the country.

In the year 1866, Mr. Z. P. Wigton laid out the town plat of Malcom. That same year Mr. W. J. Johnson moved to Malcom. Mr. Johnson was a carpenter who was born in Baltimore, Md. in 1840, and had moved to Wheeling, W. Va., where he became a carpenter and house builder. He enlisted in the military service in 1864 and was honorably discharged in 1865. He then moved to Brooklyn, Ia., where he was engaged in business a short time.

In 1866 he moved to Malcom where he built the first building of the town. It was in 1866 that he also built the depot on the C.R.I.&P. This depot building was followed by a grain house and other buildings in rapid succession. Of course, with the completion of the depot and the coming of the railway service, the stockyards soon followed. These stockyards served the community for many years.

Mr. W. J. Johnson was made the first railroad agent in 1868 and served through 1880. Mr. H. V. Hilliker was appointed telegraph operator in Malcom in 1873 and also served through 1880. He went into business with Mr. Johnson handling machinery while they both worked for the railroad.

Then followed a term of service as agent by a Mr. Billy Williams. It is noted by Mrs. Charles Gruhn Morrison (Myrtle) that as a girl she served as baby sitter for the Williams family during their stay in Malcom. Mr. Williams was assisted by Ed Helm.
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Mr. Eugene Harmon was appointed depot agent in Malcom in 1905 and served until 1935, the longest period of service in the history of the depot. In 1936 Mr. Harold Harmon, who had served as helper for his father, was made agent, serving until 1946. These years of service by the Harmon's were prosperous ones for the community and the station at Malcom. The station became known as a major shipping point for grain and livestock.

The grain was handled by two separate elevators. A Farmers Elevator Company and a private owned by Mr. W. G. Bair. It was during this that two prosperous livestock shipping associations sprang up. One was headed by Mr. Fred Schultze and the other by Mr. Henry Baustian, both old time residents of the community. This period ended with the coming of big grain trucks and livestock haulers.

Mr. Harold Harmon was succeeded as agent by a Mr. McNamara who served until June, 1948. Then followed a number of short terms served by agents G. D. Evanoff, a few months, followed in 1948 by Mr. J. M. Munson until 1956. Mr. J. D. Jantz took over until 1959, when Mr. D. G. Maxwell came to Malcom as the last agent to serve at the community depot. Depot service was permanently discontinued at Malcom in 1959.

With service discontinued, the old depot was sold to Mr. Victor Vogel, a farmer living north of town, in 1961. Mr. Vogel, with the help of Stanley Vogel, Pearle Wages and Norvall Simmons, dismantled the old depot and transported it to the farm where the material was used in the construction of a new barn.

Thus terminated the service of “The Old Depot” to the community of Malcom for the last 85 years.

— THOMAS A. SANDERS

THE MALCOM HOTEL

One of the first buildings built in the town of Malcom was the hotel. It was located across the street east from the Malcom bank, and facing the south. It is not known the exact date it was erected, but it is known that Louis G. Helm stayed there until he established his home. He came to Malcom at age 20 from Missouri in approximately 1875. At this time it was called the “Central Hotel” and was managed by George Seoville and A. Wiley later on. It was a three-story wooden structure in a triangle shape and painted a yellow color. A one-story building adjoining it on the north served as a bakery for the hotel restaurant, but in later years it was occupied by a combination pool hall - barber shop run by Sam Winchell.

On June 17, 1882, when the cyclone went through Poweshiek County, it destroyed many buildings in Malcom. There was considerable damage at the Central Hotel, with windows blown out and doors twisted.

There was a large open porch on the south side of the hotel and when a train would come into Malcom, the manager of the hotel would step out on the porch and ring a dinner bell to attract the passengers who would get off the train. The hotel restaurant fed many traveling salesmen who came to town by train and there was one large room on the lower level of the hotel where the traveling salesmen could display their merchandise for buyers to view.

In 1913 the pool hall and barber shop attached to the hotel on the north was run by A. J. Stacker and the hotel was called “The Hotel Taylor.” E. R. Taylor was the proprietor and their advertisement read, “Steam Heats, Good Eats and Fine Sleeps, with baths ready at all hours.”

In the 1920’s, Ralph and Elvada Peterson managed the hotel and restaurant with a declining business, and finally around 1930 the hotel was sold to W. E. Spire, who had it torn down and used the lumber to build a barn and house on his farm in Sheridan Township. The steam registers were used in the home, and the farm is now occupied by the Lavender Lambs.

James Duffus was manager at one time of the Malcom Central Hotel in 1880, along with his son, James, who also conducted a large livery stable east of the hotel.

-- MRS. MYRTLE MORRISON

MALCOM’S FIRST GAS STATION

Pres Shaw built the first filling station in Malcom in either 1921 or ’22. Members of the family are uncertain of the date.

It is said he told of the “early days” and a hard day’s work was when he pumped 100 gallons of gasoline. Pres operated the station until his death in 1944.

The building still stands on the corner north of the present elevator’s main buildings, though it has not been used as a filling station for a number of years.
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INTERIOR VIEW of Malcom's first garage shows Ed Schneekloth, Bill Billick and John Jones.

HARDWARE STORE

The very first store in the village of Malcom was built in 1866 by James E. Johnson. It is told he had a large stock of general merchandise: dry goods, clothing, boots & shoes, groceries, Queensware (enamel pans), and agricultural implements. These latter items probably could be called a hardware section.

In 1871 is the next mention found in history books of a hardware store. Herrick & Co., a very prominent firm, sold hardware, tinware, nails, glass, building paper, shelf hardware, and everything that pertains to a first class establishment in this line. They also sold a fine assortment of willow ware, children's cabs, and did custom work in tin roofing and spouting. Repairing sheetiron and copper was done here. Mr. Carney was a very pleasant salesman for the firm. This evidently was one of the buildings which were on the east side of Main Street.

Mr. James Duffus was owner of the hardware at the time of the early morning fire on May 6, 1877. It was a very destructive fire and completely burned the business of Mr. Duffus along with three grocery stores, jewelry store, furniture store, meat market, one dwelling and the town hall. Some of the buildings were rebuilt.

Since Mr. L. G. Bodum became the owner of the hardware in 1877, he must have been the businessman who entered the new building after the destructive fire. Mr. Bodum came to our village in 1873 and went into the restaurant business until

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The hardware was where the restaurant is at the present time. Nothing could be found until 1882, the year of the big cyclone, except that it is thought that Alex Diffus was the hardware owner.

Louis Helm, from Washington, Mo., worked for all the owners from 1875 until 1930, the time of his death. He worked as a tinner and must have been the best of this kind because it is said as the store changed owners numerous times in these years, each new owner would not accept the store unless "Louie" was thrown in. It was told by Louie's daughter, Mrs. Jess Hamor, that there was a storage shed with a tin roof behind the store. When the big cyclone hit, it blew the roof off this shed. After the storm, no one could find Louie. He finally was located — across the street sitting on the roof of the storage shed where evidently the storm had blown both him and the roof. Louie was no doubt dazed, but unhurt.

No record can be found about owners for a number of years after the big storm. However, some of them in these years are Watson & Wilkenson, Merrick, W. F. Vogel. In 1950 Virgil Newport and his father-in-law, William Tindle, were owners. Following them were Allan Kies, Ernie Mecklen and Harold Bauman.

The hardware was finally razed to make way for an automatic laundry which was run by Keith and Marilyn Stahl. Several years ago, Russell Tuttle purchased the place and remodeled it into a very lovely and pleasant place and they are still doing a flourishing business.

THE SHINE LIVERY BARN — In the picture are (left to right) Freeman Shine, Elhard Hubbard and Lafe Shine.

BUSINESSES

Above are the 1907 pictures of "The Ralph Shermans" combined Grocery & General Store, which was located on the corner on the west side of Main Street. Ralph's former home was in Monmouth, Ill. He was a lieutenant in the Spanish-American War, and a relative of General Wm. T. Sherman. (Ralph's uniform is in the Historical building in Bloomfield, Ia.)

On Sept. 21, 1904, he was married to Nellie Grider of Bloomfield. Immediately after their marriage they went to Malcom and purchased this building and began their combined Grocery and General Store. He drove a horse and buggy to purchase groceries to sell in their store. They were very happy in their apartment home above their store. Ralph was very active in the community. During their 28 years of running the store, he became Fire Chief, owner of the Farmers Elevator when it was new, owner of the garage south of the park and owner of the Coal Yard at the south end of Main street. He also became President of the Bank.

About 1927, Ralph's nephew, Earl Sherman, worked for him in the Coal Yard and his wife, Verda, helped in the store. Their daughter, Irene, was five years old. Years later, Gerald and Sherry were born.

The Ralph Shermans lived in Malcom until 1932 when Ralph became sick. His relatives from Bloomfield came and moved them to Bloomfield. He was a patient in the Veterans Hospital in Knoxville for seven years before he passed away on March 2, 1943.

His wife, "Nell" as she liked to be called, lived until August 23, 1962.

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CHAPTER X — Malcom goes to War

MALCOM GOES TO WAR

Always quick to help a neighbor who was threatened by misfortune, the people of the Malcom community have also been ready to support our country when the gloom of war hovered over us. The young people have accepted — or volunteered for — service in the armed forces; some have given their lives in service to our country, others have been more fortunate. Those who have stayed behind have buried their dead, paid the taxes, supported the bond drives, saved the sugar and gasoline, and still got the work done while help was short.

There have been men from Malcom in service with our armed forces when our country needed them from the days of our Civil War until later years, when both our young men and women have served. We make no effort to list by name those who have gone from this community to serve our country; space would not permit, nor would it be fair to those we would inevitably forget; we honor, instead, all service people. We hope when the present conflict in Viet Nam is over and our people come home, that we will never again find ourselves at war; but should it happen, we expect our town and community will once more be represented in the armed forces.

Records do exist showing the names of those veterans who have gone before, and who are buried at Ivy Hill; in the spirit of the centennial, honoring events and people who have built this community, this list follows:

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Henry D. Arnold  
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Wm. Baxter  
Samuel Callen  
Thomas Carroll  
John Cavendish  
Wm. Chapman  
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A. B. Cole  
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Henry Illian  
Wm. J. Johnson  
William Johnson  
Martin Koester  

Conrad Leary  
Tobias Lamb  
Byron Martin  
Church Meigs  
John Meigs  
Simeon Meigs  
J. W. McDowell  
Charles Merrick  
Russell Miller  
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forces still needed men, so in Jan. 1946, James entered the Navy, where he served two years until Jan. 1948. Kenneth favored both services, putting in nearly a year in 1949 with the Navy — then serving two years with the Army, from 1951 thru 1953. Finally, after a lapse of nine years without one of these brothers in the service, Milo entered the Army in 1962 and served two years.

We are sorry that none of the Plum brothers live in the Malcom community any longer; the family is represented here only by their sister, Mrs. Lois Walters of the Sheridan neighborhood. Mrs. Edna Plum, the mother of the family, is living in Toledo, Iowa, will be remembered as the daughter of H. P. Baustian, who managed the shipping association here.

![Image of Honor Roll]

FOR GOD AND COUNTRY

Gruhn-Early Post No. 441, of the American Legion was named in honor of Dewey Gruhn, the first casualty in W W I from Poweshiek county—a resident of the Malcom community and a brother of Mrs. Myrtle Morrison, of Malcom; and in honor of Guy R. Early—also a resident of Malcom, but with no survivors in this community at present.

We are not certain exactly when this post was organized, but we have evidence that it was operating in January, 1921. Membership was never numerous in this post—probably not many more than 30 members at any time—but enthusiasm ran high; records of the early years sparkle
Congratulations
with mention of dances, picnics and social events.

reach the high point in the 4th of July cele-

bration at the Fair Grounds, in 1922.

Later records show a decline in membership,

until about the middle of 1925, after which no

more meetings were recorded; the post, however,

until 1930 continued to issue membership cards

and transmit state dues thru the last acting

adjutant. We believe that after 1930 Legion

membership in Malcom had to be in some other post.

Gruhn-Early Post never owned a hall of its own;

meeting rooms were rented in at least two second

floor locations on Main Street.

DEWEY A. GRUHN

First Poweshiek County boy to die in WWI:

Dewey Gruhn was born in Malcom, July 18,

1899, the son of Gus and Minnie Lidtka Gruhn.

He spent his boyhood on his parents farm south

town.

He enlisted in the Marine Corps on February

14, 1917, being one of the first brave and patri-

otic young Americans to volunteer when his

country called. He received his training at Paris

Island, South Carolina, and soon after departed

for overseas a member of the Fourth Brigade

of the second division of the Marine Corps.

On July 5, 1918 his parents received a cable-

gram that their son had died of wounds received

in action, at the battle of Chateau Thierry, in the

B conflon woods on June 14, 1918. His remains

were interred in France until the end of the war.

That afternoon a black flag was run up on a flag pole,

in Malcom, and the Stars and Stripes lowered to

half mast, and in the presence of his family and

a gathering of citizens, Rev. Hohn gave a short

memorial service.

On July 21, 1921 his remains arrived in Mal-

com by train escorted by uniformed guards and

was taken to the home of his parents where it

lay in state until July 23, when the procession

headed by the local American Legion Post and

assisted by the posts of Brooklyn and Montezuma,

formed at the family home and proceeded to the

Malcom park, where the band played a funeral

dirge. The American Legion opened and the re-

mains borne by Legion pallbearers followed by

the mourners passed thru to the stage, which was

appropriately decorated for the occasion with

bunting, flowers and flags.

The casket, draped in U. S. Flags, was

placed directly in front of the platform and near-

by a place had been reserved for the mourners.

He was the third son of Mr. and Mrs. Gruhn.

Lester and Fred, his two older brothers, were

both married and living in this county. His three

married sisters were: Mrs. Edith Martin, Mrs.

Charles Morrison and Mrs. Francis Ford. The

younger brothers Donovan and three sisters,

Mable, Inez and Eunice, were still living at home.

A quartette, composed of Ellen Robb, Daisy

Davis, John Schilders and Ray Stevens rendered

a selection followed by a prayer by Rev. Auker-

man. After another selection by the quartette,

the band followed by the Legion boys in uniform

proceeded the hearse and mourners to the Ivy

Hill Cemetery. Here the service was brief and

was carried out with military precision. A firing

squad fired three volleys over the grave and a

bugler sounded taps in the distance and the great

crowd wound its way from the scene of the last

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(From a history written Dec. 6, 1939)

On the evening of Oct. 23, 1868, the following Master Masons, being desirous of forming a Lodge of A.F. & A.M., met in Tharp's Hall. There were present E. S. Cardell, Geo. S. Tabor, C. A. Harrah, James E. Johnson, C. A. Uhl, Geo. Gibbs, Alex Meigs, Thos. Cady, F. E. Bodine and W. H. Blanchard. James Johnson acted as Chairman and Geo. Gibbs and Secretary.

After some discussion a motion was made and carried that these Brethren petition the Grand Lodge through the Grand Master for a dispensation to work until the next meeting of the Grand Lodge and that the Secretary send request in at once. It was further agreed that these Brethren meet once a week for the purpose of instruction, and the following be recommended to the Grand Master to fill the several stations of this Lodge while under dispensation: E. S. Cardell, W.M.; J. E. Johnson, S.W.; Thos. Cady, J.W.; Geo. Gibbs, Sec'y; C. A. Uhl, Treas.; Geo. Taber, S.D.; W. H. Blanchard, J. D.; A. S. Meigs, Tyler. It was also decided that this meeting the W.M. and Wardens visit Corinthia Lodge No. 174 at Brooklyn, Iowa, to exemplify the work and get their recommendation to the Grand Master for a dispensation.

On the 28th day of December, 1868, at Iowa City, Reuben Michel, Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in Iowa, issued a dispensation to the petitioning Brethren to work as a Lodge, under dispensation until the first Tuesday in June next, when the Grand Lodge of Iowa would meet in the City of Davenport, Ia., at which time, unless sooner revoked, this dispensation shall continue in full force and effect. This was signed by Reuben Michel, Grand Master, and T. S. Parvin, Grand Secretary.

The first meeting under the dispensation was held in their hall on the second of February, 1869, at which time these officers were present, and at that meeting five applications for membership were received. Also, they rented the hall from Mr. McDowell at the rate of $100 per annum including lights and fire — all seats to be removed from the hall and windows curtained. It was also authorized at this meeting that Bro. J. E. Johnson be appointed to manufacture two dozen aprons "with such trimmings as they may require."

E. S. Cardell, W.M.; J. E. Johnson, S.W., and Clark Varnum, proxy for J. W., attended Grand Lodge at Davenport, and were granted the charter for Lily Lodge No. 254, A.F. & A.M. The first meeting after the charter was granted was held on the evening of the 8th of June, 1869. An election of officers was held as follows: E. S. Cardell, W. M.; J. E. Johnson, W.W.; Thos. Cady, F.W.; A. Meigs, Treas.; C. A. Harrah, Sec'y.; Clark Varnum, S. D.; W. H. Blanchard, J. D.; Jas. Duffus, Tyler; W. F. Bates, S. S., and Church Meigs, J. S. At this time membership was about 20.

The first Masonic funeral conducted by the Lodge was that of Bro. Reese Larkin on Aug. 9, 1869, burial being at Montezuma, at which place the Brethren of Lafayette Lodge No. 52 of Montezuma joined with Lily Lodge for the service at the grave.

On Dec. 1st, 1871, the lodge not being able to pay such exorbitant rent, it was decided that we make some arrangement with the School Board for the second story of the school house in Malco,n, whereupon an arrangement was made to the Lodge for their approval in which the School Board does agree to lease us the said room for three years if the Lodge will finish up said room according to the plans. After some talk it was moved and carried that we accept the contract and go to work at once and get the hall ready so that we can hold our next regular meeting in it, the Blue Lodge bearing one half the expense and the Chapter the remaining half.

The first meeting was held in the new room on Jan. 10, 1871 at which time they decided to hold a festival to defray the expenses of the new hall, and they netted $34.35.

In 1876 steps were taken toward ways and means of erecting a Hall for the use of the Lodge. Also they rented their present hall to the I.O.O.F. for their use of one night a week.

They were forced to give up their room in the school, so Br. J. H. Duffus offered his Hall for their use until a suitable hall could be obtained. In Feb. 1877, the building committee purchased lots 13 and 14, Block 11, for the sum of $386.96 and bids were called for the erection of a Temple according to specifications in the hands of the committee. In May, 1877, the committee let the contract for the Temple to Clindinin & Co. of Grinnell for the sum of $2940, to be completed by Sept. 1, 1877.

On June 5, 1877 this record appears: "Duffus Hall burned June 5, 1877 and with it disappeared our temporary hall. We lost considerable of our property."

July 6, 1877 Grand Lodge met in Malco,n, with Grand Master Z. C. Lase presiding, for the purpose of laying the corner stone of our present Temple. The records show that "the corner stone was duly laid in due and ancient form" after which all enjoyed a sumptuous dinner provided by the Masonic wives of the membership.

After this the lodge again took up their quarters in the schoolhouse until Sept. 25, 1877 when they met in their new rooms in the present Temple.

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was finally wiped out.

Thus, we have tried to outline the story of
Lily Lodge No. 254. It is a simple story but to
the Mason it suggests more. Between the lines we
read not only tales of sorrow and joy, but also
the story of a little band of pioneer brethren in a
small community, hampered and restricted by lack
of funds and means, and the struggle to secure a
foothold in a new country, earnestly working togeth-
er with a common purpose to keep alive and
transmit to those who followed the Light of Mas-
son. May we, their successors and descendants,
ever keep that light brightly burning.

(The following added notes bring the history
to 1972)

The original furnishings are still in the lodge.
They are beautiful, of solid walnut, and well pre-
served. They should last for many more years to
come, and are rated as some of the finest in the
state.

A note of interest: of the Andrew Eisele fam-
ily there are four generations who have been
members: Andrew Eisele, Joseph Eisele Sr., Gro-
rine Eisele, Lester and Jim Schneekloth.

At one time the lodge had a Commandery, the
Chater of which was forfeited. They also had
Hsops Chapter which they gave up.
The Lodge observed its centennial in June,
1989.

At the time of this writing, there are five 50-
year members who are still living: Maurice Brew-
v, George Eichorn, Lloyd Fry, Chris Larson and
Harry Wichman.

The present membership is 47, with the fol-
lowing members holding office: Wayne Kies, W.
M.; George Axmear, S.W.; Ed Tarvin, J.W.; Treas.
Harvin Mann; Lester Schneekloth, Sec’y.; Carl
Ewing, J.D.; Everett Johnson, Chaplain, and Tom
Bowers, Tyler.

HOLLY CHAPET NO. 477 EASTERN STAR

April 16, 1917, 25 men and women met at the
tall of Lily Lodge No. 254 A.F.&A.M. to organize
the Eastern Star Chapter. Mrs. Clare Hughes, G.
Lee, called the meeting to order and explained
the requirements for organizing a chapter, and
the following signed their names:

Joe Marvin
Len Maxfield
Mrs. C. Marvin
Mrs. Lizzie Miller
Jim Nowak
Mrs. Louise Royee
Harley Booknau
Mrs. Hazel Booknau
B. Thomson

Mrs. Louise Eichhorn
Arden McCoy
Mrs. Earl Taylor
Earl Taylor
W. F. Vogel
Mrs. Lulu Vogel

Mrs. Vera Magnusson
Mrs. Harold Bryan
Mrs. Ida Bryan
Mrs. Mary Nowak
Mrs. Joe Marvin

The election of the first officers follows:

W. M. Hazel Booknau
W.P. Joe Knedlick
A.M. Elizabeth McCoy
Sec’y. Lulu Vogel
Treas. Lizzie Milles
Cond. Louise Eichhorn
Assoc. C. Pearl Marvin
Chap. Lulu Royee
Marshal Lulu Royee
Chap. Mary Nowak

Both the Brooklyn Chapter and the Beulah
Chapter of Grinnell helped with the initia-
tions

50-YEAR MEMBER of Holly Chapter No.
477 O.E.S. is Mrs. Elizabeth McClure, 1970.

PRESENT WORTHY MATRON of the Holly
Chapter O.E.S. is Mrs. Kathryn E. Cummings.
Worthy Patron is Carl L. Ewing.

and the forming of the chapter was voted to be
named “Holly,” and was to meet on the third
Tuesday of each month, and the members would
take turn serving refreshments.

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By the year 1880 the membership had grown to 34, with F. Kissler, Noble Grand; A. L. Shattuck, Vice Grand; Peter Bradbrook, Treasurer, and James Duffus, Secretary.

The building was further improved in 1906.

The Rebekah Order was added in 1901 and the Hall had many evenings of social gatherings and the Hall became known for miles around as a nice place to visit friends.

By the year 1910 the membership had grown to near the hundred mark and during those years the Lodge paid out much money in sick and funeral benefits to its members.

When Sheridan gave up their charter, the remaining members attended the Malcom Lodge.

Though most of the membership of the Odd Fellows has been lost because of death, the Lodge still holds its charter, and though regular meetings are not held, the necessary business is conducted. Present officers are Lester Smith, N.G.; Kenneth McKeag, V.G.; Lyle Goodwin, R. Sec'y; Ralph Reams, F. Sec'y; Lyle Bauman, Treas., and Elmer Mitchell, chaplain.

The first floor of the I.O.O.F. building was rented for many years by Mr. Art Magnusson, who had a drug store and conducted his business until his death.

— RALPH REAMS

POWESHIEK REBEKAH LODGE NO. 67

Poweshiek Rebekah Lodge No. 67 of Malcom was instituted on Nov. 8, 1900 by Deborah Rebekah Lodge No. 202 of Brooklyn, with 25 charter members. Sister Maggie McDonald as Special Deputy, assisted by Sister Lola Landes as Deputy. Marshal and Brother W. T. Sharp, Grand Secretary, were the leaders in the institution. Members signing the charter were: John Watson, Maud Watson, George Baustian, Phillie Baustian, William Bolen, Sylvia Bolen, John Eichhorn, Julia Eichhorn, George Duffus, Myrtle Duffus, M. M. Eichhorn, Hattie Eichhorn, George Bennett, Malinda Bennett, Addie Lamb, Fred Wichman, E. E. Lamb, Harry Reimers, Rachel Lamb.

The first officers were: N. G. Julia Eichhorn; V.G. Malinda Bennett; Rec. Sec. Myrtle Duffus; Fin. Sec. Sylvia Bernard; Treas. Sylvia Bolen; Con. Lena Speth; W. Rachel Lamb; Chap. Hattie Eichhorn; I. G. George Baustian; O. G. George Bennett.

On Nov. 24, 1900, the first regular meeting, there were 16 applications for membership. Fifty came from Deborah Rebekah Lodge No. 202 to initiate this class.
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John Eichhorn was appointed the first captain of the Degree Staff, which initiated Elizabeth Warbell as their first candidate. Later E. E. Land was appointed captain and held this office for many years.

Julia Eichhorn was elected delegate to represent the district at the Rebekah Assembly in 1903-1904, and was appointed the first District Deputy President to install the officers in the District in 1912. The following have been honored as fifty-year members: Elizabeth Wentzel, Ina Hutchison, Martha Baustian, Edna Reams, Ella Baltisberger and Avis Baustian as a sixty-year member.

During the years Poweshiek Rebekah Lodge has continued to meet, taking its turn sending delegates to the Rebekah Assembly to represent

REBEKAH LADIES of Malcom.

the District, appointing a District Deputy President to install the officers in the District, entrusting the County Rebekah Convention and Schools of Instruction and other activities.

Poweshiek Rebekah Lodge has been honored by having two Sisters as Grand Lodge Officers, Dorothy Clifton as Color Bearer for the Rebekah Assembly and Grace Middlemas as Grand Scribe of the Grand Ladies Encampment Auxiliary.

At one time there were more than 100 members; in 1972 there are 32 members. The 1972 officers are: N.G. Pamela Masehmann; V.G. Marine Neville; Rec. Sec. Grace Middlemas; Fin. Sec. Dorothy Clifton; Treas. Josephine Schmekloth; Cc. Ruby Doyle; W. Elizabeth Wentzel; Chap. Adelle Goodwin; I. G. Wilma Steffen; O. G. Ina Hutchison; R.S.N.G. Grace McKee; L.S.N.G. Martha Baustian; R.S.V.G. Kathryn Cummings; L.S. Vii. Lois Ferneau; P.N.G. Ella Graham; Mrs. Avis Baustian.

— GRACE MIDDLEMAS

KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS

St. Pythias Lodge No. 97 was chartered on October 24, 1883 with 21 initial members. We can’t find the date the Pythian Sisters Temple was organized but the Lodge was held for many years.

In 1910, the following officers were elected: Ch. Com.—E. A. King, V. Ch.—J. A. Maxwell, Prelate


FARM BUREAU

A meeting to organize a Farm Bureau Association of Poweshiek County, Iowa, was held in the Superior Courtroom at Grinnell at 1:30 p.m. on Feb. 2, 1918. Mr. J. H. Platt was elected temporary chairman and John Evans, temporary secretary.

The following were named as a committee to nominate officers and one director for each township: F. E. Eichhorn, W. S. McLennan, T. C. Cessna, W. W. Jackson, John A. Lang, Henry Johnson, C. H. Goodrich, Charles Hasley and W. E. Mackey.

The nominating committee reported as follows:

President — G. F. Eisele, Malcom
Vice-President — T. C. Cessna, Grinnell
Secretary — H. D. Eichhorn, Malcom
Treasurer — J. H. Platt, Montezuma
Directors: F. E. Eichhorn, Chester Twp.
W. R. Rutherford, Grant Twp.
Charles Hasley, Sugar Creek Twp.
D. E. Hudson, Union Twp.
C. H. Goodrich, Pleasant Twp.
John Pulis, Malcom Twp.
H. A. Schultz, Sheridan Twp.
Brownlie Graham, Madison
W. S. McLennan, Jefferson Twp.
J. C. McNalley, Warren Twp.
J. B. Gorsuch, Jackson Twp.
J. A. Lang, Bear Creek Twp.
A. L. Minehart, Deep River Twp.

By unanimous vote the report of the committee was adopted and the men declared elected to the offices for which they were named. Meeting then adjourned.

Immediately after the organizational meeting a short meeting was held to decide on the date of the first regular meeting and where it should be held. The secretary was instructed to inform all directors and the officers of this.

On Feb. 18, 1918, this meeting was held in the Directors room of the Malcom Savings Bank, Malcom, with President Eisele presiding. A committee was appointed to secure an office for the coming year and also to secure a County Agent to be located at Malcom. Dues were $5 a year. Later F. E. Ewing was named director of Scott Township and G. J. Dietrick as director of Lincoln Township. Each township director was allowed to appoint three other members in his township.
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building. About this time Mr. W. A. Geiger was hired as County Agent. He gave generously of his time to promote Farm Bureau and Extension work. At one place in the minutes it was noted that township directors were asked to be more considerate of his hours of service so as not to have so many night meetings. He spent much time on 4-H work and the county benefitted from this. Besides time spent in the office at Brooklyn, he spent half a day a week in Grinnell at an office located in the Farmers’ Elevator.

People who gave of their time in the early days of Farm Bureau include: Mr. and Mrs. Henry Wichman, Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Royce, Mr. and Mrs. Will Steenhoeck, Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Carpenter, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Schultz, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Boatman, W. J. Roudabush, Leonard Evans, Allie Johnson, Thomas Farnes, Mr. and Mrs. Otto Broders, Mr. and Mrs. William Molson, Henry Schultz, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Burlingame, Mr. and Mrs. B. O. Heatwalt, B. A. Abel, Mrs. J. F. Kane, Mrs. C. H. Decatur, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Dempster and many others.

In recent years, Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Burlingame have given much time to the work and have held offices. Mrs. Burlingame was a district chairman for many years. Glenn Ferneau, Walter Oltragge, Melvin Hohl, Norman Hall, Forrest Doty, Jr., James Van Arkel and George Morrison have been some of the township chairmen for Malcolm. Mrs. Forrest Doty, Jr., held the office of County Women’s Chairman for a number of years and the women’s work was well organized at that time.

Farm Bureau is now one of our largest farm organizations thanks to the many people who worked in it and for it. Farm Bureau and Extension are now separate organizations, enabling each to do better work for the community.

— MRS. FORREST DOTY

EXTENSION WORK FROM IOWA STATE

The records of Extension work in Agriculture and Home Economics in Poweshiek county go back to the year 1918. J. Parvin Eves was the County Agent for the men’s work and had offices in Malcolm. His one big problem was transportation as he had trouble at that time finding a car. Much of the travel was done on the train between Brooklyn, Malcolm and Grinnell. Ida V. Ahrens was the Home Economics Demonstration Agent in the county at this time.

This was the time just following World War I and the raising of food grain was most important. The County Agent encouraged farmers to raise winter wheat and he helped in choosing seed corn for next year’s crop. A silo campaign was
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35 new silos were built in the country. A Labor Bureau was formed. Due to the war efforts evidently was a shortage of labor. The businessmen in Commercial Clubs in Brooklyn and Grinnell shocked 1200 or more acres of grain for the farmers that year. Threshermen's organizations were formed and emphasis was put on grain sorting. Cows were tested for TB and hogs were vaccinated for cholera. Ida Ahrens even assisted in teaching people how to cull hens.

In the women's work conducted by Ida Ahrens emphasis was put on the use of wheat substituties, canning fruits and vegetables, making using fireless cookers, making dress forms and sewing lessons, and the conservation of wool.

Remember, this was immediately following the war. Through demonstrations and 130 visits in homes, she reached 2922 women during one year. Work was also done with Garden Clubs and lessons in canning and drying foods. Fuel saving was also stressed. Menu planning for good nutrition and budget keeping were taught. Lessons were given to high school pupils and leaflets were made available to all women. Methods for better health of children and baby welfare were taught. Increased use of potatoes was urged as well as the use of sugar substitutes. Work was done making cottage cheese and teaching its food value.

There must have been an acute shortage of wool. School teachers were asked to encourage making over wool clothing. Contests were held with girls wearing their made-over dresses and exhibits were set up. In Malcom mothers of girls in 8th grade and high school were given lessons on "Attractive dress for the High School Girl."

As early as 1920 there were youth clubs in Malcom. One of the first was called Blue Birds of Malcom. Another group of girls led by Mrs. Ruth Schneekloth was called the Worth White Club of Malcom. Josephine Eisele (Schneekloth), Bessie and Florence Reams, Daisy Davis and Esther Schultz were some of the members. Sheep and Poultry Clubs, Horse and Pony Clubs and Poultry Clubs were organized. Harlan Geiger was active in Poultry Clubs near Malcom and went on to win state and national Poultry Judging contests. He became a State 4-H leader at ISU.

In 1921 26 girls clubs were organized. Some of them were cooking clubs, some sewing clubs and some were called "Own your own room" clubs. Poweshiek county has the distinction of having the first girls' club leader in the United States. She was Mrs. Horace Royce of Malcom. Throughout the 20's it was her leadership as county chairman that built the girls 4-H clubs of Poweshiek county. In 1929, she and her husband were made the first honorary 4-H members of the county.

At one time there was a Lively Girls Club of

MALCOM 4-H GIRLS and their mothers.

Malcom. Josephine Eisele (Schneekloth) was the leader and Lois Schultz (White) and Marie Schultz (Bolen) were members along with others.

In 1944 Mr. Glenn Ferneau was chairman of Malcom Farm Bureau and with his encouragement a girls' 4-H club was organized in the No. 5 school house. This club was named Malcom Worth and Mirth and is still in existence. Mrs. Ervin Schultz was the first leader, later assisted by Mrs. Forrest Doty, Jr. who then carried on the work. The club grew and has helped a good many girls in Malcom Township. Mrs. Norman Hall and Mrs. Maynard Raffety are now the leaders. The boys club at this time is called Malcom Blue Ribbon Winners and they have lived up to their name, having first class exhibits at the County and State Fairs. Mr. Norman Reedy is the leader at the present time.

People in and around Malcom will surely remember Miss Mildred Tramel and the work she did in our county as Extension Home Economist. She lived in Brooklyn, but worked tirelessly with the women and girls of Malcom Township.

Extension work in the county has changed much through the years. It is a valuable source of education in many fields. Mr. Charles S. Wengert is the Agent for the Agricultural work; Mrs. Kathryn Wemer is Home Economist and Mrs. Judy Rama works with the 4-H program.

— ELIZABETH SCHULTZ

N.F.O.

The Poweshiek County National Farmers Organization was chartered in Malcom on October 4, 1961. Serving as first officers were the following area farmers: Paul Stone, president; Freeman Criswell, vice-president; John Douglass, secretary, and Albert Schinkel, treasurer.

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PICTURED ABOVE are Nancy Buitendorp, R.N. (now supervisor), and Margaret Longnecker, aide, as they returned from visiting the first patient cared for through the Aide services. The patient was Henry Wichman.

turn home as soon as possible.

It is a non-profit incorporated organization comprised of persons from all counties represented. Iowa county has not indicated a desire for service through their board of supervisors, but we are legally able to supply this service if we had the funds to hire staff in their county. It was funded by the three counties, an OEO grant, a Labor Department Training Grant and a Department of Health grant. To supplement this, we charge for services. We have a fee schedule which is graduated according to ability to pay. We are a certified agency under the Medicare Act and therefore may charge fees for Medicare and Medi-care patients.

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CHAPTER XII — Clubs — Past and Present

"PUNKIN' CENTER CLUB"

One of the first clubs to have its beginning in District No. 8 Malcom Township community was "Punkin' Center" in 1913. Some of the earliest members were the Horace Royce's, Albert Nuttings, Chas. and Wm. Douglasses, Henry Baltisbergers, James McKee, Frank Vests, Claus Wichmans, Martin Hollmans, Eph Lamb, Jay Tylers, John Meyers and Sarah Carpenter.

During the fall, winter and spring months, every Friday evening, they would hitch the horses to the buggies, wagons for deep mud (no good roads then), sleighs or bobsleds, pile in the whole family and set out for the home meetings. The women exchanged quilt patterns, embroidery and crocheting hints. The men would play cards and the children play in the upstairs rooms. At about ten o'clock, they would have their weekly programme. Mrs. Horace Royce composed a club song to the tune of "Old Black Joe". She also wrote a great many poems. Those who played musical instruments obliged. Sometimes even a square dance ensued, the vocalists sang for us, and there were recitations and readings by the school children and teacher, Sarah Carpenter.

Our learned William Douglass read a portion of "Burke's Speech on Conciliation with America" and other book reviews. We also had a weekly newspaper, Punkin' Center News, with a new editor every week. News of our neighborhood politics, want ads and humor were displayed in it.

Mrs. Wm. Vogt and myself joined the club in 1919. Moving to a farm from town and city was a drastic change for us. Both having musical ability, Punkin Center Club was a life-saver for us. After the programme, we all partook of the delicious refreshments that the women had prepared. Henry Baltisberger, or "Doc" as they called him, would dispense candy coated pills (?) which were supposed to cure allills.

As "Punkin Center's" fame grew, more and more outside the district wanted to come. The houses couldn't accommodate them anymore, so in 1927, our "Punkin Center" was obliged to disband.

ELLA M. BALTMISBERGER

THIMBLE SOCIETY

A group of ladies in the Malcom community had been meeting for several years in their various homes to do quilting, make quilt blocks, hem tea towels or any other similar task the hostess might find for them to do. On March 30, 1922, they were meeting at the home of Emma Falkinburg, when they decided to organize and become a club. There were eighteen charter members, and they voted that the name of this new club would be "Thimble Society".
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We had a tea to celebrate both our twenty-fifth and our fortieth anniversaries. Old members who had moved or dropped out were invited back for these occasions.

The club took several trips to places of interest through the years and each summer we had a picnic in the town park before our summer vacation.

In 1969 the club disbanded, and held a final meeting by using the treasury fund to go out to dinner.

This picture was taken of those present:
Back row, l. to r., Matilda Heishman, Hattie Light, Etta Smith, Evy Meldrem, Annie Coe, Ida Barnes, Ella Schilders, Margaret Longnecker.
Front row, Merlene Meldrem Whisenand, Effie Klein, Leanne Vest, Gussie Hamor, Cecilia Cain, Hazel Guddendorf.

MALCOM STUDY CLUB

The Malcom Study Club is one of the oldest clubs in Malcom, having celebrated its fiftieth anniversary in 1968.

Of the original Charter members Louise Eichorn, Irma Zirbel, Mildred Wilcox and Lodia Battisberger are still living. However, none are active members at present. Edna Reams is our oldest active member and in number of years belonging to the club.

The club was organized by Mildred Wilcox and Ida Ahrens. There has been a total of eighty-five members during the years. Programs have been varied and very interesting. One of the first programs was listed as follows: Subject: MURAL PAINTINGS OF AMERICA. The program included: Music Reading Selections from Holy Grail; Paper – Mural Painting in America, Story of Abbey and Sargent, Story of Holy Grail, Sargent's Prophets, Portfolio Exhibit of Abbets Holy Grail, from the State Traveling Library.

There are now fourteen members. They meet once a month, nine months of the year. Good reading is still their prime concern, with each meeting including a book report or interesting article by one of the members.

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munity Drive in the fall. We also have tried to re-
member our shut-ins in the vicinity, either at
Christmas or at Easter.
We who are the present members feel we have
a good thing going and hope the Good Lord will
continue to let us have a co-operative group for
many years to come.
The present membership list for 1972 is:
Frances Doty — President
Leta Hohman — Vice President
Ella Schilders — Secretary-Treasurer
Ella Ballisberger
Lenore Barnes
Lola Baustian
Kathryn Cummings
Izola Lamb
Ruth Geer
Josie Schneekloth
Ann Varnum
Martha Baustian
Eva Schroeder
Mary Deedrick — Honorary Member

MRS. ELLA SCHILDERS

THE NEIGHBORHOOD CLUB
At the invitation of Mrs. Nellie Hess, eighteen
of her neighbors gathered at her home four miles
southeast of Malcom during the afternoon of May
29th, 1935, to organize a social club for that com-

munity. The group selected the name of Neigh-
borhood Club, and elected as officers: President,
Nellie Hess; V. President, Hazel Wiley; Sec.-Treas.
May Fisher and Reporter, Virginia Kepke.
The club members have benefitted over the
years from the social contacts of their meetings,
and they have found ways to be of benefit to
others through donation of their funds to various
charities, and of their funds and time in remem-
bering shut-ins at Christmas. Money for these
projects, and for the annual outing to some spot
of interest in Iowa, is raised in a variety of ways,
mostly sales of food or handiwork.
Membership has varied through the years
from the eighteen charter members to a high of
twenty-seven; the fourteen members in 1972 are
headed by Loreta Gritsch, President; Judy Hall,
V. President and Rita Vogel, Sec.-Treasurer.

MRS. P. D. VARNUM

THE CHAT-A-LOT CLUB

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of our children, we decided to form a Community Club with all the families of District No. 8 being included. Charter members at this meeting were Mrs. Gordon Farley, Mrs. Tom Bowers, Mrs. Walter Schneckloth, Mrs. Richard Wichman and Mrs. Lester Baltisberger. These women were also the first officers for “Chat-A-Lot” Club. Afternoon meetings were held once a month, picnic for all after threshing, Halloween evening party, also New Years Eve party for all the family. In 1939 our motto, “Fun for all and all for fun” was adopted. A club song was also written.

Chat-A-Lot programs throughout the years have been educational, varied and amusing. The members who traveled gave resumes of the states they visited. We invited speakers to tell of trips to foreign countries. Other speakers were asked to bring and tell about their hobbies and demonstrate their crafts for us. Annually we entertain our husbands for dinner and cards at well known restaurants within a radius of 100 miles. We had breakfasts, galloping and backward parties, talent shows, dances, come-as-you-are, bus trips to points of interest in Iowa and invited other clubs for coffee.

We bought stamps and bonds and army kits. We contributed to several worthwhile projects such as March of Dimes, Iowa Children’s Home, Muscular Dystrophy, Multiple Sclerosis, Tree of Lights, Cancer drive, to name only a few, and sent boxes of clothing and money to Orphans homes. Our children helped with our programmes.

We have been blessed through the many years to number among our members an artist, several teachers, dress designers, cake decorators, candy makers, organists, pianists, vocalists, sales ladies, secretaries, nurses and above all, excellent cooks and good mothers.

Our most memorable highlight of the years was the celebration of the members’ 25th wedding anniversaries. We presented the honorees with an evening party, with flowers, gifts and a beautiful 2 or 3 tiered anniversary cake. Our programs consisted of either mock weddings or This Is Your Life and take-offs on television programs, and so forth. So far we have celebrated the 25th anniversaries of the Lester Baltisbergers, Gordon Farleys, Tom Bowers, Harry Porters, Richard Wichmans, Leslie Douglass, Autumn Watts, Floyd Griffiths, Walter Becks, Horechel Griffiths, Harold Andes, Lester Bairds, Lyle Johnsons, Raymond Schilders, Melvin Steffens and James Van Arkels. We also observed 50th anniversaries for Mr. and Mrs. Frank Vest, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Griffith and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Bowers. We also observed the 25th anniversary of the Chat-A-Lot Club at the home of James Van Arkel with a very special program.

Our members and families have always had “Fun for all and all for fun” but in times of great stress, sickness and loss of loved ones tried to make life more bearable for those of us left behind.

At the present time our active members are:

Mary Andes        Leta Hollman
Ella Baltisberger  Rose Johnson
Loretta Baird     Laura Manatt
Marie Beck        Esther Porter
Ruth Beck         Norma Steffen
Ploy Bowers       Doris VanArkel
Nell Farley       Ruth Watts
Pauline Griffith  Anna Wichman

We are now entering our 36th year. We hope to make the 50th.

L. G. T. CLUB

On a sunny afternoon, May 2, 1939, a group of neighborhood ladies met in the home of Mrs. Erwin Wang, with joint hostesses, Mrs. Ralph Rutherford and Mrs. Ralph Mattingly, for the purpose of organizing a club. Sixteen ladies were present and formed the charter of the new club to be called “Ladies Get Together” (L. G. T.), the name submitted by Mrs. Louis Farmer.

The 16 ladies were:

Mrs. Verner (Carrie) Bolen
Mrs. Frank (Vene) Carpenter
Mrs. Louis (Lucille) Farmer
Mrs. Harlan (Evelyn) Gross
Mrs. Arthur (Edna) Hanssen
Mrs. Albert (Nettie) Hanssen
Mrs. Albert (Lillie) Herzberg
Mrs. Everett (Alta) Hudson
Mrs. Ray (Hazel) Mithelman
Mrs. Herman (Josie) Mithelman
Mrs. Ralph (Minnie Mattingly)
Mrs. Robert (Betty) Miller
Mrs. Ralph (Isabel) Rutherford
Mrs. Beryl Tharp
Mrs. William Willer
Mrs. Erwin (Frances) Wang

The following were elected officers for 1939:

President, Frances Wang
Vice-President, Hazel Mithelman
Secretary-Treasurer, Isabel Rutherford
Reporter, Carrie Bolen

The meetings and by-laws were discussed. At the early meetings each member gave a topic talk during the year which was very interesting. Farm Bureau Extension lessons were later given, and a family picnic was held every August for all members of the family.

Of the original 16 members four have been lost by death, while others have either dropped out or moved away. Mrs. Ralph Rutherford has been a continuous 33 year member. Mrs. Wang and Mrs. Hudson dropped out for short intervals but
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nated the space for the sign boards that are still seen as we enter Malcom. They read, “You’ll Like Malcom, We Do”. These were installed in 1958.

The club went on doing what they could for the betterment of the community for some time, but has now disbanded.

MRS. WALTER BECK

MALCOM WCTU

In February, 1950, Mrs. McBlain, wife of the Methodist minister at Grinnell, met with a group of people in this vicinity at the home of Mrs. Minnie Coe here in Malcom. There were six women and two men attending. From this meeting a W.C.T.U. Union was organized.

The Union was very active for nineteen years. During this time we had forty-four White Ribbon auxiliaries, and sixteen life members.

It was decided to disband in August, 1969, because so few were attending the meetings.

MRS. CHARLES THOMAS

MALCOM COMMUNITY CLUB

The Malcom Community Club was organized in the year 1950. The first meeting was held on July 17, 1950, in the Malcom Auditorium. Officers were as follows: President, Emmet Johnson; Vice President, Harold Christensen; Secretary - Treasurer, J. W. Munson. Forty-six people were present.

Purpose of the club was to promote interest of both children and adults in the community. The club sponsored card parties, dances, “Free Sausage and Pancake Days”, and Christmas parties for the youngsters. A committee of the club sponsored skating and dancing for the children of the community. The club purchased a record player for the auditorium, and helped toward the motorized wheel chair for Keith Stahl. The club also helped in decorating the Honor Roll board for service men.

One of the first money making activities was a play, titled “Search for Talent”. The play was written and directed by Manley Mills and assisted by Mrs. Emmet Johnson. It was presented by an all-male cast, dressed as ladies, and was attended by a packed audience.

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CHAPTER XIII — Miscellaneous

THIS WAS THE YEAR

(Items from 1917 Newspapers)

THIS WAS THE YEAR 1917: The first great World War was in full swing, with thousands of American men in France and overseas. The Red Cross was appealing for knitters; 60,000 items were requested. Liberty Loan Lists were published in the papers daily — Malcom allotment was $100,000, with some $60,000 in bonds purchased by October. A Red Cross Auction was held in the Malcom Auditorium with all sorts of produce and livestock donated. A pair of Bantam chickens were sold for $31.50 and one egg for $34.00! "Malcom is always on the job when it comes to doing her bit," the Grinnell paper wrote, when reporting this event.

During the last week in October, the Malcom Leader carried this item which was reprinted in the Grinnell paper:

"Tuesday afternoon, October 28, Mrs. Stella Koontz, District Instructor and Worthy Grand Associate Conductress of the Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star of Iowa, Clare E. Hughes, Worthy Grand Secretary, and Mrs. D. H. Stook, of Grinnell, arrived to constitute Holly Chapter, Number 477, Order of the Eastern Star. After ceremonies the election of officers was held."

(The list of officers was not included in the article, but you will find this list in the Anniversary Booklet.)

It was impossible to resist reading further in these old newspapers. Letters from "Somewhere in France" written by Poweshiek County young men were a regular feature. Malcom letters were also featured regularly and following are a few of the things which were happening in this community fifty years ago when Holly Chapter was first constituted:

"Mrs. H. E. Boyd and Mrs. Ola Smith went by train to Grinnell for a day of shopping."

The Ladies Aid of the M. E. Church are planning to serve a Thanksgiving dinner next month.

Mrs. W. F. Vogel visited her daughter, Irma in Des Moines.

Mr. Kloos is building a new home in Malcom. Mrs. Cecil Hoover and Miss Catherine Geisler visited in Victor.

Farmers in the area were the victims of a woman collecting funds for a Children's Home which does not exist. She was apprehended by county authorities and upon being examined by a local physician was found to be a drug addict.

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Mr. and Mrs. Bob Wiley moved from Earlham to make their home in Malcom.

An OES Kensington is to be held at the Masonic Temple in Grinnell—Ladies are invited to attend and bring thimble and needle.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Pryan visited in the parental home in Montezuma.

MALCOM UP AND COMING—A quota of $600 for YMCA canteen units in France was over-subscribed. Nine hundred dollars was raised in twenty minutes at a meeting in the Auditorium.

Earl Taylor went to Rock Island where he has enlisted for Army service.

Mrs. Clarence Smith, Mrs. George Eichhorn and Mrs. Charles Snyder entertained the Ladies Aid at the home of Mrs. Eichhorn.

Red Cross Society held a chicken pie dinner at the home of Lou Francis.

Miss Vesta Scott was named Chairman of the Committee on Comfort Kits for overseas service men. 19

Maxwell cars were listed at $745 and Overland at $800. Spurgeons advertised Overalls for $1.00; Ladies House dresses at $1.00 and Ladies Hose at 15 cents to 35 cents.

The movie at the Strand Theater, in Grinnell, was "Mormon Maid," with Mae Murray in the starring role; the prices were 10 cents plus three cents war tax.

This is only a brief glimpse of the year 1917, when Holly Chapter was organized; perhaps it has brought memories to some of you. Long Live Holly Chapter!

Compiled by Alene Sanderman

Labor Day

The Labor Day celebrations were sponsored by the Poweshiek County Mail Carriers Association. There were picnics, wrestling and boxing matches, band concerts, baseball and basketball games, sack races, three-legged races for the youngsters and women's hammer throwing contests.

Cherry Soup

1 large cup fresh or canned cherries
2 cups water - use juice of canned cherries
1/4 cup sugar or more to taste
1 teaspoon cinnamon
Let all boil for 5 minutes, then put dumplings on top. Use your recipe and cook 10 minutes. Don't raise the lid until the 10 minutes are up.

Horses and Old Automobiles

Leo Lidtka and Sherm Wiley in 1908 Reo car.

Hay with horses on Schilders farm.

Randy hitched for "hayride"

Horseshoe Griffith hitches Randy, a seven-year-old in the本领 to carry hay out to the pasture. Finding such a sled is quite difficult, and this one is quite old. If Herschel were a normal farmer, he might be starting his tractor or truck, or rather, on a cold day like this one, trying to start his tractor or truck. Of course, the bobbleheads share some in the wintertime, neighbor kids get the race treat of a real sleigh ride.

Horses in multiple hitch on Schilders farm.
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In 33 years of driving, Cummings has experienced nothing more serious than minor fender dents.

In 1946 Ray sold half interest in the business to his brother-in-law, Wayne M. McClure, who had just returned home after serving four years in the Army. They operated two semi-trailers and two straight trucks, specializing in livestock and grain hauling. They made trips to Chicago, Illinois, Omaha, Nebraska, St. Louis and Kansas City, Missouri, and Wisconsin, as well as to the local markets.

Cummings made over 2200 trips to Chicago. Longest runs that he can recall were to Northern Michigan and Cincinnati, Ohio.

Born and raised in Malcom, Ray attended the Malcom schools. He is a member of the Presbyterian Church, the Elks, Masons, of which he is a Past Master, Malcom Fire Company, the town council and was a Yankee baseball fan.

His wife, the former Kathryn McClure is well known for her work in the church, lodges and various other organizations. They have a daughter, Joan Rae.

Ray continued in the trucking business, until his death in 1966.

THE OLD RAYMOND MANSION

Better known as the Vogel home, the house now owned by Mr. and Mrs. Cecil King, has 14 rooms from the walkout basement to the dormered third floor. The mansion which has three stairways from first to second floor, has an interesting storm cellar adjoining the basement. Three-inch oak double doors with three-inch braces form the entrance to the basement.

There are four deep cisterns under the basement floor and an exit into a tunnel which, currently unexplored, supposedly ran to a carriage house which no longer exists. The house was built by P.P. Raymond and his son, banker and hardware dealer, who built a special alcove to give a view of the town to his invalid mother in her wheelchair.

HUMOROUS ANECDOTES

In the year 1855 Church Meigs and P.P. Raymond from Vermont came into the neighborhood of Mr. Motherell's and bought their land of him. Mr. Meigs had a good stove. Mr. Raymond had none, so he built another addition to Mr. Meigs's house, so as to have cooking arrangements. Mr. Cardell also seeing the benefit of the stove in a new settlement built another addition to Mr. Meigs's house—all using
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The old stove. Each family of course had a different dinner and Mr. Meigs, the proprietor of the original building, had built a log shanty then covered it with prairie grass. Mr. Seymour's part of the mansion was built of dressed logs, and here was a horse-power saw mill over at Grinnell, so they obtained some rough boards and made a roof, laying on many logs instead of shingles and nails.

Fourth of July
Malcolm has always enjoyed fun and festivities of all kinds. It was customary to celebrate every Fourth of July and Labor Day. The Parades on the Fourth were outstanding and well remembered.

Mrs. Morrison remembers how the wagon which was the throne of the 'Goddess of Liberty' was decorated with bunting. The pretty girl, chosen as Goddess, and her attendants rode seated in tiers to form a throne. The Goddess wore a crown and was dressed all in white. She had been chosen back as we chose a queen now. The wagon was pulled by the team of matched horses which wore ribbons in their manes and manes. The Firemen and Hose cart were always part of the parade as well as any new cars the proud owner could show off.

There were family picnics and general merriment with fire-crackers, etc., all day long.

MALCOM'S FAMOUS HARBALL TEAM
The team had very successful seasons for several years. After each game a free will offering was taken to be used for purchasing equipment. Harley Wolfe was the team manager. The years they played are not exact, but probably were about 1929 through 1933.

The picture of the 'backs' was taken to show the names of the sponsors of the team.

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James, Dale, Gary, Shirley and Linda; and Mrs. Wayne (Myrtle Shaw) Kinnard have 2 sons: Curtis and Timothy. Mrs. Boring’s late husband, Ira Emmerson Boring passed away Nov. 10, 1962 at the age of 76. He lived in Malcom 18 years and did various carpenter work in town. Mrs. Boring still lives in her home in Malcom. She is quite well except for much arm pain from arthritis.

M. A. BREWER

Morris came to Malcom in 1914 and married Sarah Robb in 1920. They had two girls: Maurine (Brewer) Coe and June (Brewer) Schoebelen. There are ten grandchildren. Morris was Postmaster of Malcom from 1925-1927, and then was mail carrier for thirty years. He began delivering mail with a horse and buggy.

The Brewers were active members of the Presbyterian Church and Morris is a Mason. His wife Sarah was a member of the Eastern Stars.

MRS. MARY (LIDTKE) DEEDRICK

Mrs. Mary (Lidtke) Deedrick is 88 years old. She is living at Mrs. Lineweaver’s “Happy Hours Rest Home” in Grinnell. Mary was born on a farm in Sheridan Twp. Sec. 33, 34, to Lawrence and Fredericka (Schultz) Lidtke on Nov. 8, 1884. She is a cousin to the Jacob Schultz children. Mary was baptized and confirmed in the Trinity Lutheran Church of rural Malcom in 1894. On Oct. 10, 1905, she was married in her parent’s home to John C. (Dick) Deedrick. They farmed 10 years in Sheridan, where their son, Truman, was born March 9, 1911. They moved SW of Malcom where their daughter, Iona, was born March 26, 1918. They lived there until they retired and moved to Malcom in 1945. (They celebrated their 10, 15, 25, and 50th Wedding Anniversaries;--their Golden in Malcom.)

While living in town, Dick did various work: he was custodian of the Malcom Cemetery and dug graves in other cemeteries; he helped farmers shell corn and once ran the Malcom Pool Hall on Main Street.

Mary was very busy helping people; she sewed, raised gardens and flowers and taught Sunday School. Mary’s sisters and brothers are: Mrs. Fred (Leni) Mithelman; Fred, Joe (his wife, Lois lives in Brooklyn); Louis, in manhood died of polio.

(Dick Deedrick’s parents and Mary’s father came from Germany.)

Dick was born to Joseph and Hannah Deedrick in 1881. They lived in Sheridan (the 1st place east of the John Cogley Place). They had 12 children: John C. (Dick); Fred; Joe; Charlie; Minnie; Gusty; Lizzie; Mary; Ricky; Anna; Frances; Mabel; and a son died in infancy. Dick and Mary’s son, Truman, married.

MRS. ALTA IONA BORING

Mrs. Alta Iona Boring was born in Beldoit, Kansas, Oct. 23, 1886. She moved to Princeton, Missouri. Her children were born there. There were three living children, namely: Vernie and Virgil Dykes, and Mrs. Price (Sylvia Dykes) Shaw. Four children were born to Price and Sylvia Shaw: Preston, Billy, Sybil, and Myrtle. Preston’s military service was in the Air Force. He has worked in the office of Donaldson’s Muffler Factory in Grinnell for 10 years. Billy was in military service twice: Navy and Air Force. Later he was killed in a car accident in Dee Moines. Mrs. Boring has seven great-grandchildren: Mrs. James (Sybil Shaw) Fuls have 5 children:

Lodi (Carpenter) Baltisberger

Lodi’s biography will be found in the “Thru the Ages”, chapter. Lodi lives with her daughter, Mrs. John Douglass.

IDA BARNES

Ida Barnes was born and raised three miles south of Malcom. Her parents were William Duffus who came from Glasgow, Scotland and Margaret Andes from Richmond, Va. Ida has lived in the vicinity nearly all her life. She was married in 1906 to Calvin Theodore Barnes who passed away in 1958. To this union were born the two boys, Edward Duffus Barnes and Arlo F. Barnes. She has four grandchildren: Keith Barnes and Joy Barnes Allen; Jenny Barnes (Barnes) Sheridan; and Jack Barnes. There are six great grandchildren.

Cal was a farmer for a few years then bought their home in Malcom and the filling station which he ran for many years until his health failed. Ida is a member of the Rebeccah Lodge and Cal was an I.O.O.F. member. They were members of the Presbyterian church.
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just south of Malcom. Willie Tindle worked for him in 1917. Then Edd lived in Malcom for many years. He belonged to the Knights of Pythias. His brother, Morgan, is a doctor in Centerville. His nephew is mayor of Kansas City. He and his family were Methodists. His grandfather was a Methodist preacher and became a criminal lawyer. Edd says that he tried the first murder trial in the State of Iowa. That he was considered one of the best in the U.S. Also, that he defended the Joneses and the Youngers.

Edd has been living at Mrs. Dayton's Lone Elms Rest Home in Grinnell for several years. Edd is 81 years old. He had a cousin who lived in Unioville, Mo. that lived to be 103 years old.

(Other who should be included here are Mrs. Mamie Hatcher and Mrs. Cora Davis. Their pictures can be found in the "Thru the Ages" Chapter. Next to last in chapter.)

IVOR DAVIS

Mrs. Cora I. Davis, who has been making her home with her daughter and son in law, Dr. and Mrs. L. S. Trev- arthen, in Boone, was born and spent her girlhood in Poweshiek County Iowa, made her home for many years in Malcom, where her husband was a rural mail carrier.

They had six children; Ivor D., Mrs. O. A. (Neva) Collings of Bethany, Missouri, Mrs. J. E. (Vera) Miller, Costa Mesa, California, Mrs. M. E. (Daisy) Veazey Hagerstown, Maryland, Mrs. W. H. (Ruth) Ungles, San Marino, California, and Mrs. L. S. (Lea) Trev- arthen, Boone.

Mr. Davis retired because of poor health in 1935 and they moved to St. Cloud, Florida where he died in 1938. Mrs. Davis remained there until 1965 when she sold her home and moved to Boone. She has 20 grandchildren and 46 great grandchildren.

She continues in good health at age 94, spending her time piecing quilts, making ceramics, and crocheting, with never a dull moment.

MRS. SAM (ALTA C.) DOWNEY

Alta C. Downey was born March 25, 1885, south of Searsboro, Iowa. Her father, Charles Louis Stanley, was born near Searsboro, Iowa. Her mother, Clara Belle Faulkner, was born in Green County, Ohio. Alta was educated in the Searsboro schools, and attended the Friends Church. On May 25, 1903, she married Samuel L. Downey. They were blessed with 3 children, namely: Mildred; Keith who married Dorothy Gross; and Mar- veen, their youngest daughter, who pas-
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attended the Malcom school.

Jesse Hamor was born Sept. 4, 1880 on a farm between Malcom and Grinnell. His father was Clarence Hamor who was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and came to the Malcom area in 1866. His mother, Callista Goodrich Hamor came from Wisconsin. Jesse went through school at Grinnell, graduating from high school in 1900. He had three sisters and two brothers.

set away Jan. 4, 1927. In 1908, Sam and Alta and her parents moved to Malcom Twp, 3-1/4 miles east of Grinnell. This farm has been in the family 64 years where Keith Downey resides. They were active in the Farmers Union for several years. In 1949, they retired and moved to Grinnell. They celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary May 26, 1953. Mr. Downey passed away Aug. 12, 1960. Alta belonged to the GNW and Widows Club until she suffered a broken hip. She is still active and enjoys the company of the 6 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren.

MRS. LEONARD (ANNA LARSEN) HALSTEAD

Mrs. Anna Halstead is living at the St. Francis Manor in Grinnell, Ia. at present. She was born Dec. 22, 1889 to Eberhardt (Abe) and Louise (Appleby) Larsen, 4 miles west of Malcom. She lived there until she married Leonard Halstead, Jan. 6, 1909. She attended Malcom #9 Public School, graduated from Grinnell High School and Marshalltown Central Iowa Business College. For several years Anna worked as Secretary in the Grinnell Creamery Ice & Cold Storage Plant where butter and ice cream were made. Leonard and Anna farmed several years in Malcom Twp., Section 5; then moved to a Grant Twp. farm. Leonard was in the trucking business for about 12 years. They were blessed with 7 children, namely: Mrs. Odo (Bernice) Hotchkiss, Mrs. Joseph (Harriet) Eisele, Kenneth, Keith, Eddie, Leonard, Jr., and Mrs. James (Helen) Heether. In 1957, they celebrated their 48th wedding anniversary. Later in 1957, Leonard passed away. Mrs. Halstead has 20 grandchildren, and 11 great grandchildren. She has 10 brothers and sisters, namely: Lillie, Carrie, Clara, Herman, Emma, Roger, Mamie, Agnes, Karl (who died in infancy), and Rebecca. Mrs. Halstead's parents came from Norway. Her father came when he was age 19 in 1865. In 1868, he bought the farm in Section 30, on which Anna was born. Anna's mother's parents, Christ and Anna (Knutensen) Appleby, came to America with their children in 1868, and settled on an Iowa farm in Mahaska County. In 1873, Anna's parents were married. Anna is a mem-

MRS. FRANK HERKELRATH

Mrs. Herkelrath is the daughter of Ben Meigs. She had two brothers, Dr. Arthur and Dr. Ben, and one sister, Ethel. At present she and her husband Frank live in Redlands, California.

MR. AND MRS. (HAZEL) HUGH MEACHAM

The Meachams came to Malcom Twp. in 1920 and engaged in farming in the community for 17 years. Their children, Alice Williams of Ambler, Pennsylvania, and Alfred who farms in Washington Twp. attended the Eisele and Ford country schools.

They have seven grandchildren and one great grandchild.

In 1938 they bought their present home in Grinnell where they now reside.

MAE HINEGARDNER HUMES

Mae Hinegardner Humes was born May 10, 1889 in Malcom, Iowa, the daughter of John and Tillie Hinegardner. She had a twin brother, Ray (Bum) and three other brothers and three sisters.

She was married to Jim Humes. They
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lived in Chester Twp. 7 years, then moved into Malcom Twp. in 1921 and lived in this Twp. ever since. They were blessed with 4 children, namely: Lawrence, Arthur, Mrs. Eldon (Stella) Johnson who lives east of Barnes City, and Mrs. John (Esther) Bennett of north of Laurel. He has 7 grandsons and 7 granddaughters whom he loves dearly. He and his wife celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in 1956. He is a member of St. John’s Lutheran Church in Grinnell. He was an early member of the Farm Bureau. He still owns and lives on his farm in Malcom Twp. and he is in fairly good health.

Lena and Adam Schmidt were married Feb. 22, 1912. Adam was born Sept. 5, 1890. One son, George A., was born to this union, on Nov. 20, 1912. George married Francis Mahaffey. They were blessed with 4 sons: John, Joe, Jim and Jack. These sons have a total of 10 children between them. Adam Schmidt passed away July 17, 1952, and his son, George A., passed away Aug. 11, 1958. On Feb. 18, 1960, Lena and Charles Irving were married. They continued to live in Malcom Twp. Charles Irving was born in Webster City in 1909. In 1971, Charles and Lena went on the group tour to Hawaii and truly enjoyed it. (They have 4 grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren.)

FRANK KELM

Frank Kelm was born in Prussia on Feb. 5, 1847, one of five children. He spent his boyhood in Germany and served two years and eight months in the Prussian Army as an infantry soldier. During that period he received an eye injury which destroyed the sight of his right eye, thus ending his army career.

At the age of twenty-four he decided to come to the United States to seek a new life with his wife, whom he married in 1866. On July 17, he arrived in Poweshiek County.

Frank farmed in Sheridan and Malcom townships until 1882 when he purchased a tract of 160 acres in Malcom Twp., which is still owned by his son Gustav of Grinnell.

To this union five children were born; Emma Rix, Mary Ewaldt, Gustav, Otto, and Julie Bangham. They are all deceased with the exception of Gustav Kelm who is 94 and lives in Grinnell.

Upon Frank’s retirement to Grinnell, Gustav farmed the land and raised three children: Everett Kelm of Corning, New York; Marie Pearson of Paradise, Cal., and Lavern Kelm of Malcom.

Gustav retired to Grinnell in 1947 and Lavern took up the farming operation. Lavern and his wife, Avis, are the parents of four daughters: Mrs. Terry (Lynn) Cline, Mrs. John (Paula) Devereux, and Sally and June at home.

CHARLES ANDlena (HEINLE SCHMIDT) IRVING

Aline or Lena Irving was born in rural Malcom Twp. Jan. 10, 1891 to Fred and Bertha (Weise) Heinle. She has lived in Malcom Twp. all her life except for the 3 years on the Graham farm in Chester Twp. Lena’s maternal grandparents came over from Germany. They worked for the Bill Vogts in Malcom Twp. Her parents worked for Neeleys in the Cheese Factory 3 miles east of Grinnell, where Gerald Buxton lives now. One of its small buildings may still be there.

INA HUTCHISON

Ina Naville was married to Cooper Hutchison Feb. 4, 1915 and they farmed their land north of town until he retired and moved to town in 1960. They had two children, Gladys (Hutchison) Ballisberger and Claire Hutchison, who now lives in the farm. Cooper passed away in 1962. Ina has nine grandchildren and nine great grandchildren. They were members of the Malcom Methodist Church and Ina is a fifty-year member of the Rebekah Lodge. Cooper was a member of the O.O.F.

CHRISTOPHER IVERSON

Christopher Iverson was born in Stavanger, Norway on November 13, 1892. He came to America when he was 17, not intending to stay very long, but Chris didn’t make it back to his homeland until the summer of 1917. He moved into Grant Twp. about 1930 and then to Malcom Twp. in 1948. He went to school at Grant #7 Country Public School and learned the American language. He and the school teacher both stayed at his uncle’s home. Chris worked for different people for nine years. Then on Feb. 17, 1916 he married Agnetta Christenson. They
GUS KELM

There are two grandchildren: Peter Cline and Julie Devereaux.
Otto Kelm was engaged in farming with his brother Gustav. Then he bought a farm one mile east of the home place. He resided there until his death in 1948. The Otto Kelm family has four children: Dorothy, twins Frank and Leo, and Robert. Leo and Robert still live in Malcom township. Leo has one son Brian at home. Frank and his wife, Eunice, live in Grinnell and have two sons Frank and Dick. Dorothy lives out of state and has one daughter, Linda Straight.

KNUDT LARSEN

Knudt Larsen was born in Romsdalen, Norway on May 14, 1891. He came to this country in 1908 at the age of 16. He learned to speak American while attending a country Malcom Public School. On Feb. 17, 1915, he was united in marriage to Olga Figland. In 1918, they moved to a farm in Malcom Twp. They were blessed with seven children, namely: Kenneth (who was killed in World War II, in Italy); Mrs. Melvin (Louise) Doty of Brooklyn, Gladys of Montezuma, Mrs. Warren (Clara) Ryan of Grinnell, Raymond of Grinnell, Delmar of Ypsilanti, Michigan, and Jon of Littleton, Colorado. They celebrate their 40th wedding anniversary in 1971.

KNUD LEE

Knud was born in Norway and came to a farm west of Malcom when he was 11 years old. He was a farmer for many years until his health failed when he was 76.

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moved into town in 1952. He has been a carpenter since then and has done much woodworking during the years. He has made several trips to the old country.

TED LIGHT

Ted and his wife Harriet (Dee) had three children, a daughter and two sons. One son, Ennis, lives in Cedar Rapids. They lived in Malcom for about 20 years. Harriet passed away a few years ago and Ted has lived alone until he fell and broke his leg; since then he has been in the Grinnell General Hospital long term care unit.

MRS. FANNIE ROSS MINTLE

Mrs. Fannie Ross Mintle has lived at the St. Francis Manor in Grinnell since it started being a Rest Home last fall. She was born April 23, 1885 in Washington, Iowa. She was married to Guy Mintle Feb. 27, 1907. They farmed in Malcom Twp. for 56 years on the same farm except for the first year. They moved to Grinnell in 1964. Three children were born to them, namely: Mrs. Verlin (Lou) Adkins of Grinnell, Mrs. Ben F. (Norma) Edwards of Benton, Ill., and Ross who married Ila Adkins, farmers of south Sheridan Twp. There are 13 grandchildren, 22 great grandchildren and one great, great grandchild. In 1957, they celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. (Before marriage, Guy rode many miles on his bicycle to visit Fannie.) They were charter members of the WAW Neighborhood Club. Guy was an early member of the Farm Bureau. He attended the Academy in Grinnell. He was born Dec. 20, 1880. When Guy was 12 he played the piano for dances. Later Guy and his son, Ross; Jim Clinch, and Joe Weber played for house dances. He originated a musical group now known as the “Mintles Melody Men”. Guy passed away Feb. 9, 1970. He was the son of Philip and Susan (Maxwell) Mintle. (Through the Maxwells, Mintles are relatives of Chas. Rector, a past resident of Malcom, and well-known “Midget” Stage Performer.) Guy and Fannie were members of the Methodist Church in Grinnell. Mrs. Mintle is quite well. (Guy Mintle’s father, Philip, farmed in Malcom Twp., starting in 1871 for 15 years.)

JOSIE MITHELMAN

Josie and Herman Mithelman lived all their married life on a farm near Malcom. To this union was born two sons, Delmar, who died of diphtheria at an early age, and Raymond, now deceased. Raymond and his wife Hazel had three daughters: Karen Kay now Mrs. Kenneth Wichman, Connie Rae now Mrs. Larry Richman, and Donna Fae who is Mrs. Jack Swartout. Josie now lives in Grinnell General Hospital long term care unit.

MRS. JOHN (GERTRUDE RIVERS) NEWTON

Mrs. Gertrude (Rivers) Newton was born May 23, 1886 to James Richard and Sarah E. (Tish) Rivers in NW Pleasant Twp. She was married to John Newton on her home place. They were blessed with one daughter, named Ruth, who is married. Gertrude has 3 grandsons and 1 granddaughter, and 5 great grandchildren. She and her husband lived many years on a farm in SWS Section 19 of Malcom Twp. They lived several years in Grinnell, and her husband sold seed corn before he passed away. They raised 2 of their grandchildren. Gertrude’s father was a school teacher and school director many years. He was very active in the community affairs. He helped get the farm mail route, and was judge at the Malcom fair. Gertrude had 2 brothers, namely: Arthur Clark Rivers who married Jennie Blankenfeld; they had one son, Fred. They celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary before A. Clark died. Her other brother is Cecil Rivers who married Bessie Jensen. They have 2 daughters, namely: Elizabeth Ann, who is to receive her Bachelor’s Degree from St. Catherine’s College in St. Paul, Minn. this spring. Then daughter, Mrs. Robert (Andrey Rivers) Griffith lives on a large farm at Dolliver, la. (Cecil’s wife, Bessie, is well-known for the dolls she makes.) Gertrude’s maternal grandparents were Samuel R. and Alice Catherine (Shafer) Tish. They came from Pennsylvania and Ohio. He learned the trade of cabinet-maker, but later took up farming in Poweshiek County where he purchased 215 acres about 1885. He actively farmed and raised stock there for 50 years. There were 8 children in their family. Sarah E. was their daughter. Our subject, Mrs. Gertrude Newton, belonged to the Christian Church in Grinnell many years ago. Her cousin, Fred Rivers, lives with his mother near Grinnell. Gertrude is living at the Friendship Manor Rest Home in Grinnell.

ELMER AND ETHEL (SHAW) SCHULTZ

Elmer and Ethel (Shaw) Schultz were married in 1915. They celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in 1965. Elmer was born in Poweshiek County to Jacob and Amelia (Baum) Schultz. His sisters and brothers were: John Schultz (a bachelor), George (who died of diphtheria), Mrs. Bert (Emma) Lamb, Mrs. Frank (Alvena) Carpenter, Mrs. Minnie Marvin (Clark’s brother’s wife), and Mrs. Elmer (Mae) Brolers, --(Mae and
Elmer lives in Grinnell. (Elmer’s father and Mrs. Lawrence (Fredericka Schultz) Lidka were brothers and sisters.) Elmer and Ethel were blessed with one son, Don. They have a granddaughter, Karen Vulsieke; and two great-grandsons, Steve and Ricky Vulsieke. Elmer has lived in this community all his life. He farmed for a while and then moved to Malcom and operated the road maintainer for 30 years in Poweshiek County. He was baptized and confirmed NW of Malcom in the rural Trinity Lutheran Church.

Elmer’s wife, Alice Marie (known as Ethel, because she adopted that name to save some small children from learning another name). Alice Marie (Ethel) was born to Don and Emma Shaw in Keokuk County. She has been an active member of the Methodist WSCS in Malcom. Upon retiring, the Schultzes’ are living in Malcom.

and now lives at Brookhaven in Brooklyn.

MRS. JOSEPHINE (GILES) SWINDAL

Mrs. Josephine Swindal was born May 11, 1889 in Atton, Iowa to Charles and Emmeretta (Kirkwood) Giles. She had a brother, Chauncey K. and a sister, Anna Louise. Her father moved the family to Malcom in 1896, where he bought and ran the Malcom Hardware Store. Later they removed to 3 farms in Iowa, located near Alden and Des Moines. He farmed and raised many cattle.

Frank Swindal and Emma Jane were married in 1885. Three children were born to this union, namely: Bill, Leo (who died with polio in 1886 at age 9), and a daughter, Mollie. They moved to the Swindal farm south of Malcom in 1892. In March of 1923, they moved to Malcom.

Josephine Giles and their son, Bill, were married March 10, 1923. They started farming on Bill’s parents’ farm. They were blessed with 2 daughters, now married, namely: Mrs. Lowell D. (Betty Louise) Bostin of Denver, Colo.; and Mrs. Joseph F. (Ruth Harriet) Fanger of San Diego, Calif. Bill Swindal passed away on the farm on March 23, 1936. Josephine and the girls moved to Grinnell in Sept. 1937. Her sister Anna spent her last 10 years living with Josephine in Grinnell, she passed away in 1968. Her brother passed away in 1968.

Josephine has 6 grandsons and 3 granddaughters. She still owns 2 farms in Malcom Twp. Josephine’s maternal grandfather, Dr. Kirkwood, came from Old Iowa to help doctor the people in Grinnell when the terrible Cyclone came through Grinnell on June 17, 1881. One of her grandfather’s was born on a Spanish ship when coming to this country. The ship’s name was Dunya, so he was given that ship’s name for his name. His name!

Mrs. Swindal is quite well and active.

(Grandmother Giles was from Germany.)

MRS. HARRY (FREDA) VOGT

Freda Bertha Helena Bolt was born in 1886 in Stettin, Germany. She came to this country when she was 4 years old. She learned to speak American in 1890. She went to an American school in the city of Boone, Iowa; where she was married Harry Vogt. Harry’s parents were also from Germany. Harry moved from Davenport, Iowa to the Harry Vogt farm, and lived there until he passed away in May of 1966. Freda and Harry were blessed with two sons, namely: Arthur and Raymond. Arthur passed away suddenly when he was 2 years old. Raymond and wife (Gail Patterson) Vogt and family still live on and farm the home place. Freda has 3 granddaughters, namely: Mrs. Charles (Jane) Durr; Barbara, who is in college at Ames, Iowa; and Vicki at home. She also has 2 great grandchildren. Freda is living in the Friendship Manor Home in Grinnell. She is a member of the St. John’s Lutheran Church in Grinnell. She belonged to the Work Club many years ago and was a church member. Her husband, Harry, was the brother to Julia Vogt, whose pictures in this section for people of Malcom are “80 years old and over”.)
Julia was one of the very first women in 1915 to drive a car, and she drove for 48 years. (The Vogt families are distant relatives of General Sherman.)

Julia Vogt is 85 years old. She was born in a Malcom Twp. farm, March 29, 1887, to Wm. F. and Wilhelmina (Brockmann) Vogt. She was the first student from rural Malcom 44 school to graduate from Grinnell High School, which she did in 1906. She attended Grinnell College and taught rural schools in Malcom and Grant Twp. for 40 years. She used her talent to play the organ and piano in her school teaching.

Julia’s maternal grandparents, Claus and Anna (Sindt) Brockmann, and Julia’s father, Wilhelmia, came to America from Holstein, Germany in 1870. She married John C. and Catherine (Gaack) Vogt, also from Holstein, Germany in 1874. Her husband, Wm. F. Vogt, was born in 1848. In 1875 he married Wilhelmia Brockmann. In 1883, they moved to Malcom Twp. For 22 years he farmed and raised stock 4-1/2 miles east of Grinnell.

Their children were born to Julia’s parents; nursery Chris, Barry, Walter, Mrs. Will (Anna) DeKamp, Mildred, and Julia (twins), Clarence, Grover, and Bill. All are deceased except our subject, Julia Vogt.

There were 3 generations of Vogts that had twin daughters in each generation. (Julia and Mildred were first.) From the three generations, Julia has 11, 31, and 27 nieces and nephews—a grand total of 69 nieces and nephews! Julia still lives in her parents’ home that they lived in, in Grinnell, in 1918. Julia is a member of the United Church of Christ Congregational in Grinnell. She was a member of the Pythian Sisters for a number of years. Twice she traveled by plane. Because of her limited vision, she only watches special programs on TV. She is an ardent follower of ballgames on the radio, and regularly listens to radio news and the Open Forum Program. She has faithfully attended 4th Fairs because her nieces and nephews have taken part in all the projects.

Fred and Selma (Osten) Weber were married March 12, 1913. (They celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in 1972.) They farmed in Malcom Twp. Section 6, for 25 years. They have lived in Grinnell 34 years. Fred and Selma were blessed with 3 children: Mrs. Loris (Pearl) Adkins; Gladys (at home); and Paul, who married Louise Meldrem. The Adkins farm in Sheridan Twp. They were blessed with a daughter, Mrs. Jerry (Carole) Verwer. The Verwers have 3 children: Danny, David, and Kathy; they live at Muscatine, Iowa. (Jerry is a professional engineer for Stanley Corp.) Gladys Weber worked as bookkeeper for the DeKalb Seed Corn Plant for 13 years. Paul works for the General Telephone Co. in Grinnell.

Fred Weber was born in 1890 to Benhardt and Sophia (Lisker) Weber. His father built the family house on Fred’s paternal grandfather’s farm. His parents farmed the land 76 years in Malcom Twp. (Sec. 7). They lived there until they passed away. In 1906, Fred was baptized and confirmed in the Trinity Lutheran Church, rural Malcom. In 1908, Fred’s wife, Selma (Osten) Weber, was baptized and confirmed in St. John’s Evangelical Church in Newton, La. Later she joined the Malcom Lutheran Church. (Now they go to the Grinnell Lutheran Church.) Selma was born to Fred and Minnie (Boehlofer) Osten, on a farm NE of Newton in 1893. She has a sister and brother: Stella and Alvin.

Since living in Grinnell, Fred has worked for the DeKalb Seed Corn Plant a total of 25 years and is still there. Fred is 82 years old and has a living brother, Jake, of 92 years; his brother, Joe, passed away at 90 years.
and Mrs. Hale (Estella) Vanderveer. All the children were born on different farms in Malcom Twp. Upon retiring, they moved to Grinnell. Mrs. Diehm passed away at age 93, and Andrew in the year 1955. The Liskers and Webers were early members of the Trinity Lutheran Church.

Jake and Joe lived together and farmed until their mother passed away in 1928. Earlier, they custom-threshed with their big steam engine and threshing rig. In 1930, they moved to Grinnell. In 1958, they bought a 13 acre tract at the NE edge of town. They ran a junk yard and bought antiques. Half a dozen barns and sheds, and the house were loaded with ancient treasures. (They went down town for lunch, only.)

In 1959, Joe fell and broke his hip. He was in the hospital 6 months, then 1-1/2 years in a Rest Home. Jake passed away in 1971 at age 90 years. Later, Jake was admitted to the Lone Elms Rest Home. He is partially deaf and his eyesight is poor, but he gets around spryly, is happy and looks well. (On Nov. 15, 1971, the Weber family had a large Antique Sale of Jake and Joe’s antiques.)

MILDRED WILCOX and Daughter

Mildred Wilcox was born in Nebraska. As a young lady she came to Malcom to teach school. She was married to Dr. Delano Wilcox. They had two children; one who died in infancy and Phoebe who has taught in Newton for several years. Mrs. Wilcox is living in Newton and has just passed her 95th birthday.

Henry Wichman

Henry will be 85 years old in December. He has lived in or near Malcom since 1883. He is our oldest citizen. His history is written in a later chapter of this book.

MRS. ELLA SCHLDER

Mrs. Ella Schilder was born January 18, 1888 in Malcom Township. She graduated from Malcom High School and was married to John Schilder in 1908. They lived on the farm until 1913 when they moved to Malcom. She is an active member of the Presbyterian Church. She has three children: Lewis, Lucille, and Raymond and two grandchildren.

LIZZIE WENTZEL

Lizzie, whose parents were Mr. and Mrs. John Wentzel, has lived in the town of Malcom for 78 years; all but three weeks of her life, and in the same home all this time. This 78 years is longer than any one else has lived here in town. She has been a member of the Rebekah Lodge for 55 years and is a member of the Presbyterian UPW Association. Lizzie was a clerk in Joe Marvin’s restaurant; then she worked for Art Magnusson in his drug store for many years.

Mrs. (Mary) John Puls

Her write-up can be found in the “Thru the Ages” Chapter.

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CHAPTER XV - Thru The Ages

BALTISBERGER FAMILY

The Baltisberger name is definitely of Swiss descent. The Baltisberger's came to America in 1856. They settled first in the vicinity of St. Louis, Missouri. Two Baltisberger brothers by the name of Henry and John operated to Pownshiek County in 1866 and 1868 respectively. They settled in section 10 of Malcom Township. Both brothers died in the spring of 1868 within one week of pneumonia. Henry was survived by his wife, Margarete and ten children. Margarette remained on the farm now tenants by Clair Hutchinson until the marriage of her son William H. who then moved to Malcom in 1896 to make her home. John was survived by his wife Eva and five children. She remained on the farm which is presently owned by Ernest Swanson, a direct descendent of John. This making the said farm having been in the family over 100 years. Members of the third generation now living in Malcom are Mrs. Ella Baltisberger Schilders and Mrs. Hilda Baltisberger Hall.

The first members of the sixth generation of the John Baltisberger branch with the surname of Baltisberger is Benjamin Baltisberger, son of Jack Baltisberger of Malcom. Grandma Baltisberger walked three miles into Malcom carrying a market basket of eggs and received 3¢ per dozen for the eggs.

Grandpa Baltisberger (Mrs. Henry Baltisberger) was Mayor of the town of Malcom and served several years.

WILLIAM H. BALISBERGER

William H. Baltisberger, son of Henry and Margarete Baltisberger came to Pownshiek County with his parents from St. Louis, Mo. in 1866. On August 26, 1896, he was united in marriage with Matilda Reimers. To this union was born four children, Hilda Hall, Harvey Baltisberger, "the twin", whose brother died at birth and Carl Baltisberger. Billy, as he was known, farmed his mother's farm until he purchased 200 acres near Malcom retiring in Malcom in 1930.

All through his mature years he was engaged in farming and stock buying.

The farm he purchased is still in the family name. Norman Reed is now the tenant.

The daughter, Hilda Hall, has made Malcom her home the past thirty-six years.

The Henry Baltisberger Family

Mr. Henry Baltisberger was born in Illinois, the son of John and Eva Baltisberger, andigrated with his parents to the farm now occupied by Earnest Swanson in Malcom Township. In 1886, he was married to Matilda Schultz and took his bride to the farm he had purchased in Malcom Township. To this union were born two children, Ella Baltisberger Schilders and Lester J. Baltisberger.

When Lester was married to Ella Kuehl, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Baltisberger moved to a new home they built in Malcom. Lester Baltisberger stayed on the farm. They had two children, Robert Lester and Laura Jean. Lester and his wife bought a farm one mile west of this farm in Malcom Township, where their daughter, Laura Jean and her husband James Manatt still reside.

Mrs. Lester Baltisberger, widow of Lester J. Baltisberger still resides in Malcom.

THE CHARLES BASTIAN FAMILY

This is a short biography of my family. My parents' were Charles H. and Ella M. Wichman Bastian both deceased. My father's parents were Fred R. and Hannah Strebing Bastian and mother's were John D. and Anna Haase Wichman. Charles H. Bastian was born January 17, 1865 passed away November 17, 1942. Ella M. Wichman was born March 12, 1873 and passed away March 17, 1945. They were married September 28, 1892 and celebrated their Golden Wedding in September of 1942. They farmed in the Malcom vicinity until they moved to Malcom in February of 1918.

They were the parents of two daughters', Anna Sophia who passed away at the age of two years and eight months, and myself Nellie M. Bastian Olson the writer of this epitaph.

I was born near Malcom, Iowa January 16, 1896. I attended rural schools, Malcom No. 4 then Pleasant No. 1 and Malcom No. 6. I graduated from Malcom High School with the class of 1915. I was employed almost two years in the office of Malcom's only newspaper, The Malcom Leader. My first employer was Mr. Olesey. He sold to a Mr. Coppi. I worked for him until my marriage on September 2, 1919 to Oscar Olson of Malcom. We were married by Rev. W. B. Wilson in the parsonage, Granville, Iowa. We had one son Max C. Olson whose birth date is September 30, 1923. At this writing a resident of Des Moines, Iowa.

The home where I reside three miles north of Malcom on Highway 63 has been home since year 1923. My husband Oscar Olson passed away December 3, 1951.

MR. AND MRS. GEORGE BAUSTIAN, SR. AND THEIR EIGHT CHILDREN

Back Row: John-(married Elizabeth (Lizzie) Staecker); Fred-(married Henrietta (Cettie) Schultz); George-(married Philly Eisele); Joseph-(married Philly Schultz); Peter (Henry's twin)-(married Lena Schultz); Center Row: Emma-(married Andrew Appleby); Front Row: Sophia-(married John Baltisberger); Father: George Baustian, Sr. and wife, Elizabeth (Schmidt) Baustian, (natives of Germany); Henry (twin) -(married Nettie Heberg who died from measles, leaving 3 small daughters. --Many years later, Henry married Avis Howard and they were blessed with 2 daughters.)

GEORGE BAUSTIAN FAMILY HISTORY

George Baustian was born January 26, 1837 in Pashinn, Germany and came to the United States in 1858 and settled in Bucks County, Pennsylvania. In 1861 he moved to Henry
County, Illinois where he was married to Elizabeth Schmidt. In 1866 they moved to Central Iowa where their children were born, namely John, George, Henry, Peter, Sophia (Mrs. John) Baltisberger, Joseph, Emma (Mrs. Andrew) Appleby, and Fred. They were members of The Trinity Lutheran Church.

Three of the families, George, Henry and Fred settled in the Malcom area.

George was married to Phillippa Eisele and to this union were born: Elmer - wife Myrtle Broders and children Lola, Donald, Doris and Ruth; Stella (Mrs. John) Siehl and children Farrell, Blanche and Dona Faye; Ben - wife Martha Neville and children Thelma, George and Lucille.

Upon retirement from his farm in Sheridan George built a new home in Malcom where he helped with the Malcom Shipping Association and was a member of the Odd Fellow and Rebekah Lodge. Martha Baustian still lives in Malcom and is active in Rebekah Lodge.

Henry was married to Nettie Rehberg and to this union were born: Nora (Mrs. Fred) Lidtka and children Earl, Eldon and Nola; Edna (Mrs. Wm. ) Plum and children Raymond, Reynolds, Walter, Lois, William, Lester, Dorothy, Marion, John, James, Kenneth, Donna, Julia, Donald, Milo; Sylvia (Mrs. Elmer) Puls and children Theresa, Norma, Shirley, Wayne, Robert and Ruth.

After the death of his wife, Henry married Avis Howard who still resides in Malcom. Their children are: Elizabeth (Mrs. Robert) Miller whose children are Roberta, Ruth, Maxine, Mirian, Doris, Donna, Margery, Marcia, Marie, and Robert; Faith (Mrs. Chester) Hess whose children are Jerry and Beverly.

After leaving the farm Henry moved to Malcom where he helped with the Shipping Association and was President of the Poweshiek County Farmers Mutual Insurace Association. He was a member of the Odd Fellows and Avis is still an active Rebekah. Edna lives at Toledo, Elizabeth near Marshalltown and Faith near Malcom.

Fred was married to Henrietta C. Schultz and three children were born to this union: Alfred A. - wife Grace Martin and children Robert and Barbara; Carrie (Mrs. Willis) Coburn -Schmare children Izola, Lowell and Warren; Grace (Mrs. Norris) Clark who still lives in Cedar Rapids.

After leaving the farm Fred built a new home in Malcom and worked at the Farmers Elevator and Schoolhouse. Alfred lives in Ames.

THE KARL BECK FAMILY

Karl Beck was born at Bretbach in the province of Wurttemberg, Germany on March 6, 1888. At the age of sixteen in the year 1904, he came to America to make his home with his uncle, Fred Heine. His brother, John Beck, came to America a few years earlier. His parents and the rest of his family came in 1906.

Karl was united in marriage with Mary Helen Schmidt of Sheridan township. Mr. and Mrs. Beck were both baptized and confirmed into the Trinity Lutheran faith.

To this union was born:
Frederick Beck is married to Gretchen Butler. Fred is operator of Beck's Service Station in Malcom.
Walter Beck is married to Marie Dee and farms near Malcom.
Irene Beck is married to Donald Morrison. She is a farmer and mother and lives near Grinnell.
Mildred Beck married Norman Schreeder. She is a farm wife and mother. Norman is a butcher in Malcom and the surrounding locality.
Harold Beck lives at Omaha, Nebraska and is married to a former Malcom girl, Ann Lee.
Paul Beck lives at Milbrook, New York and is married to Joan Reid of Ohio.

Three generations of the Becks have rented the James McKee farm located two miles west of Malcom. They were Karl Beck, Walter Beck, and Marvin Beck. The three families occupied the farm for approximately thirty years.

MR. AND MRS. RICHARD BERNARD

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Bernard came from Ohio to the Montezuma area where they farmed several years before moving to Malcom. Eight children were born to them, Carl, Joe, Will, Horace, Sherman, Ella, Lide and Flora. Sherman, Horace and Lide lived in Malcom. Sherman and Horace ran a blacksmith shop and implement store in Malcom for many years. Sherman was married to Priscilla Stites, they had four living children: Blanche, Hazel, Frank and James. Blanche married Worth Porter, Hazel married Harley Bookneau, Frank married Vera Bennett, and James lived in California. Frank took over the implement business and later sold out and moved to California.

Horace married Sylvia Overman and they had a daughter. The family moved to Oregon.

Harley Bookneau ran the Malcom Elevator for several years then moved to California. Both Hazel and Earnest are deceased. All the Bernards are gone, only a few nieces and nephews are left.

WILLIAM BILICK

William Bilick married Addie Jane Goodrich (born Feb. 1, 1875) on Feb. 2, 1897. They moved to a farm east of Malcom Cemetery in 1905, and moved into Malcom in 1913. To this union were born four daughters, two are still living. William passed away in 1934 and Addie moved to Illinois to live with her daughter, Doris. She lived until Feb. 10, 1972.

THE BOYD FAMILY

Harry Boyd was born at Eddyville, Iowa. He attended school there and William Penn College at Oskaloosa. He received his legal education in his father's office and was admitted to the bar at the age of 21 years. Soon after he came to Malcom to practice.

He served as County Attorney for three terms 1888-1902.

He was married to Althea Baldwin and they had three children; Walter, Vera and Arthur.
His first wife passed away and later he married Carrie Cott. Walter practiced law for some time with his father. After his father’s death he was elected County Attorney and moved his law practice to Montezuma in 1924. He practiced law there until his death in 1940. His wife was Nan Meigs. They had three children, two boys and one girl.


MR. AND MRS. J. E. (EPH) CAIN
Long time residents of Malcolm were J. E. “Eph” and Celia Cain, who moved to Malcolm from Kentucky in 1919 and resided in this community until their death in 1957 and 1968.

John E. Cain was born on December 18, 1868 in Wayne County, Kentucky, to Jeff and Jane Owens Cain. Mr. Cain was a member of the Lutheran Church and his services were held at James Funeral Home on March 29, 1957 and he was laid to rest in Ivy Hill Cemetery.

Celia Francis Butler was born on January 15, 1871, to Palmer and Elizabeth Butler at Mill Springs, Kentucky. She received her education in this community and was a school teacher for 13 years. Celia was a member of the Malcolm Presbyterian Church and previous to her transfer a member of the Church of Christ.

Mr. and Mrs. Cain were united in marriage on May 6, 1895 at Ranin, Kentucky. Two children blessed this union, Mrs. Margaret Kelzback of Des Moines, Iowa and Frank Orville Cain of Washington, D. C. Six grandchildren and eleven great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Cain passed away on August 15, 1968. She was buried in Ivy Hill Cemetery at Malcolm.

Mr. and Mrs. Cain celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary on May 6, 1955 with friends and relatives at the Malcolm Presbyterian Church.

CARPENTER FAMILY
Joseph David Carpenter was born at Pownal, Vermont on May 11, 1833. He was the only son of Joseph and Augusta (Gardner) Carpenter. His mother passed away when he was only three days old. Shortly after the death of his mother his father moved to Bureau County, Illinois. By a second marriage his father became the father of four sons and a daughter. Having moved to Princeton, Illinois, Joseph had public school advantages and later attended high school for some time. He graduated from Bryant and Stratton Business College of Chicago at eighteen, doing six months in three.

Joseph D. spent his early life in Princeton, Illinois, and on June 10, 1875 was married to Minerva Unice Judd, born October 27, 1853. The young couple went on a large farm to New Bedford, Bureau County, Illinois remaining there three years. They then moved to Malcolm, Iowa where they settled on the farm.

Mr. Carpenter gave considerable attention to his extensive livestock interests, being one of the heaviest stock-feeders in the county. He shipped as high as one hundred quarters a year. As success came to him he purchased more land, becoming the owner of three valuable farms aside from the home place. All their children were born on the home place except the older two who were born in New Bedford, Illinois. The nine children were as follows:

Sarah Augusta Carpenter born July 1, 1876
David Eli Carpenter born September 12, 1877
Flora Carpenter Stimison born January 24, 1880
Reynolds R. Carpenter born August 19, 1881
Joseph Lyman Carpenter born June 8, 1883
Forrest Carpenter born February 7, 1885
Vera Adria Carpenter Lowman born August 9, 1886
Lodi Gardner Carpenter Ballsberger born April 10, 1888
Hazel Leona Carpenter Darr born August 4, 1890

Still living today are Reynolds of Brooklyn and Lodi of Malcolm. There are twenty-two grandchildren scattered throughout the United States. In the local area are: Myrtle Stimson Andrus, Odessa Ballsberger Douglass, Ronald and Wilbur Ballsberger all of Malcolm and Warren Carpenter of Brooklyn and Minerva Stimson Johnson of Grinnell.

JOHN DOUGLASS

John Douglass, born in Glasgow, Scotland, July 15, 1836, came to the United States in 1848 with his parents, two brothers and a sister. They settled at Peacham, Vermont, then moved to Neponset, in Bureau County, Illinois.

In 1857 John spent some time in Kansas, where he drove a stage between Leavenworth and Lawrence. Later he became a teamster in the Utah expedition that followed closely upon the settlement in the state of the Mormons. He also drove a team for the government troops between Leavenworth and Salt Lake City. It was said that mules would warn them of Indians. In 1858, as a member of the Second Dragons, he took part in the Indian warfare in that locality. In March 1859, he drove a team to Pikes Peak at the time of gold excitement in that region. When he returned from Colorado, he left his team in Des Moines and walked to Iowa City, a distance of 120 miles in two days. He returned to Neponset, Illinois, in 1861, at the start of the Civil War, he enlisted and served until November 1865.

In 1869, with his wife, the former Sarah Sharer, and one son, he settled in the southwest quarter of Sec. 33 Malcom Township. In 1875-76 he purchased the Northwest 1/4 of Section 33. It is said the first crop of wheat paid for this second quarter section. The family increased to four sons and one daughter, Andrew Dick, William F., Charles, Edna, later Mrs. Frank Peters, and Thomas, who lived at Mascatine. John Douglass died April 1915.

During the life of John Douglass, the railroads were built across Iowa and the nation, a lot of farm machinery was invented, and automobiles were being introduced. Now Interstate 80 crosses part of his land, airplanes fly overhead, and now a grandson, Leslie E. Douglass, owns the quarter section where he first settled.
GEORGE DUFFUS, SR. FAMILY

The George Duffus Senior family came to America from Aberdeenshire Scotland in 1870 to Pleasant Township in Poweshiek County. They settled on a farm two and one half miles south of Malcon. There were three sons and three daughters, and later the three sons, William, George and James, purchased farms and lived along the same road. They all belonged to the Malcon Presbyterian Church and lived out their lives in Poweshiek County.

THE EARLY FAMILY

Two of Malcon’s early long time residents were Joe Early and his sister, Hesper, better known to everyone as (Hess). She kept house for her brother and his two children, Guy and Maud Early Parent, now of Union, Oregon. Maud is presently the only Early living. Guy Early was in World War I and was killed the day the armistice was signed. Joe was a carpenter and built many places in Malcon. He built and lived in the house just south of the Auditorium. It is now owned by Lester Smith’s since the early 1940’s. Maud Early comes back and visits every few years, she always stays at her old home place south of the Auditorium.

THE EICHHORN FAMILY

John and Julia Eichhova were farmers and had three children, Hiram, Glenn and George, who were all born in Sheridan Township and then moved south of Malcon on a farm in 1892. In 1912 they retired and moved to Malcon. George and wife, Louise, lived on the farm and retired in 1956 and moved to Montezuma, la. They have three children, Jean, John and Jack.

Hiram and Hattie (Schultz) lived in Des Moines and then in San Jose, Cal. In 1964 they sold their home and retired to Sun City, Arizona. Hiram passed away in 1969 and Hattie passed away in 1971. They had one child, a daughter named Orah.

Glenn graduated from Malcon High School in 1906 and from the State University of Iowa Law School in 1910. He retired Clerk of District Court in 1912 and was Clerk for 26 years. He practiced law until Aug. 20, 1970 when he retired.

MR. AND MRS. ANDREW EISELE

Andrew Eisele was born October 11, 1830, in Kensingger Baden, Germany. He left his native home December 17, 1851 and came to America. It took him two months to arrive in Philada on the 17th of February, 1852, from there he went to Bucks County of the same state, where he lived until November 1856.

On the 29th of November 1856, he married Philippine Wentzel who was born in Iersdorf in the kingdom of Bavaria Germany on the 10th of February 1833. She came to America in the spring of 1855.

On December 25, 1856 they left Pennsylvania and moved to Bureau County, Illinois. They left Illinois in November 1860 and came to Poweshiek County and settled on a farm in Malcon Township.

Grandma was brought up in the Roman Catholic Church when she came to Iowa she became a member of the Lutheran Church. They had seven children - Joseph Eisele, Chael Eisele, Mrs. Gust Schultz, Mrs. Fred C. Schultz, Mrs. George Baustian, Mr. William Eisele and Mr. Jack Eisele. All of the children were born in Bureau County, Illinois near Princeton with the exception of the last one named as was born in Poweshiek County, Iowa.

They endured many hardships. Grandpa passed away 1906. Grandma passed away 1906.

HANS H. FREESE

Hans H. Freese was born in Holstein, Germany on the 6th of August 1851, son of Hans D. and Anna Freese both of whom passed away when he was one and a half years old. Hans, with his six brothers and sisters, were reared as strangers after the death of his parents.

On October 27, 1878, Hans was united in marriage to Catharine Fischer, also of Holstein, Germany. They farmed in Germany until 1881 when they came to Montezuma, Iowa. On May 16 of that year. After eight years of renting farms in the area, he purchased 120 acres, two and one-half miles east of Malcon.

Twelve children were born to this union as follows: Hans John, Carolin Pyle, Charles, Anna Kelm, Ida Eisele, Willin Lois, Elizabeth Milburn, John Frank, Delmar and Etta, who were twins. All are deceased.

When the Freese’s retired they moved to the town of Malcon where they resided till their death.

Two grandchildren live in the area. Joan Hameil of Malcon and LaVern Kelm of rural Malcon.

MR. AND MRS. JOE EISELE

Joe Eisele was born in Bureau County, Illinois, August 11, 1857, son of Andrew and Philippa Wentzel, came to Poweshiek County, October 1868.
Malcom before his death on May 19, 1919. Their grandchildren, great grandchildren, and great-great grandchildren live in and around Malcom and Grinnell yet.

MR. AND MRS. PETER J. HANSEN

Mr. and Mrs. Peter J. Hansen came to America the year 1866 from Germany. First living in Indiana and near Davenport, Iowa. In 1885 they moved with their children, H. H. Hansen, P. A. Hansen and Johanna "Mrs. F. E. Rehrberg" to a farm near Malcom, Iowa, where Mr. and Mrs. Al Graff now lives, on the late Delmar Hansen farm. The farms have remained in the Hansen name. Grandpa and Grandma after ten years moved to their farm just north of the old homestead until the death of Grandma at the age of 78, November 12, 1915. Then Grandpa made his home with his daughter until his death at the age of 78, January 6, 1919. The grandchildren have very pleasant memories of Grandpa and Grandma Hansen.

HARMON FAMILY

Eugene and Marguerite Messenger (Maggie) Harmon were married within a few days after their first meeting at the farm home of Maggie's grandparents in Boone County Iowa after which they moved to St. Joseph, Mo., where Eugene took a job as Agent-Gen'l, Yardmaster in the Railroad Terminal.

Their first son Harold was born there, who married Mary Bea Meigs of Malcom. From St. Joseph the family moved back to the farm in Boone County, because of Eugene's failing health. They then operated a restaurant in Guthrie Center, Iowa where Lafe was born and who married Bess Wehrman of Newton, Iowa.

Eugene worked intermittently at the Rock Island depot at Guthrie Center, and was later able to take Agent's position at Malcom in 1905. Their third son, Max, was born in Malcom and he married Dorothy Applegate of Tama, Iowa.

About 1938 Eugene retired because of illness and died in 1940. Maggie, Max, Bess, Harold, Dorothy, and Lafe all died within a five year period, 1946-1949, leaving only Mary Bea Harmon and two daughters, Marjory Linder of Bronxville, N.Y. and Helen Crivoro, from this family group.

Eugene was a cousin of President Grover Cleveland. Another interesting item is when the Jesse James gang asked to camp on their farm (Eugene's father's farm) in Boone County on one evening, and left there before day break and rode to Adair where they robbed the Rock Island mail train--Jesse James himself asked to stay there and made it very clear they would cause no trouble if not disturbed and Eugene's folks were too frightened to report to anyone that the James gang was on their property - just glad to see them ride out.

CAREY HATCHER

One of the oldest living former residents of Malcom is Mamie Hatcher how is now 96 years old and living in a rest home in Toledo, Iowa. She was born in Brooklyn, la., Nov. 10, 1876. At the age of one year she and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Snyder, moved to a farm just north of Malcom. They lived there until she was seven years old. The family moved to Malcom where Mr. Snyder went into the grocery business for several years.

Mamie graduated from the Malcom High School in 1894. After graduation she worked for several business firms and was working for Mr. Hayes when she married Carey Hatcher, in 1902. He was born and raised in Mitchellville, la. and was a jeweler at the time they married. Mr. and Mrs. Hatcher lived in Davenport until 1907, when they moved to Des Moines. Mr. Hatcher was in the Wholesale Drug business there.

In March 1930 they moved to Malcom, buying and living in the old home place in the north part of town. Mr. Hatcher was the Assessor the last few years before his death. He
He used to trap prairie chickens, grouse, and turkey near their home. For years he had dogs and furnished luxuries for his family from wolf pelts which he sold for $5 a pelt. The Indians were mostly peaceful but he recalled one Indian Chief who had 125 notches on his bow—One for each scalp. His wife Tillie died in 1949 at the age of 79. They were the parents of nine children. The children were Mrs. James (Mae) Humes now living in California with her daughter Lois Blue, Genevieve Decker in Montezuma, Mrs. One (Virgie) Young, Garland (Flick), Connie, Carl, Roy, Harold and Cecil, all deceased.

John’s mother was a typical hard working pioneer woman and raising her children was certainly a full time job but for relaxation she enjoyed rocking in her rocking chair while smoking her corn cob pipe.

HENRY ILLIAN

Among the veterans of the Civil War now living in Poweshiek County is Henry Illian, whose birth occurred in the district of Waldeck, Prussia, Germany on the 19th of January, 1838. In 1853 Henry’s family came to the United States. They resided at Davenport, Iowa. He enlisted in Davenport as a member of Company G, Twentieth Iowa Volunteer Infantry. He participated in all the engagements of his regiment, including the siege of Vicksburg, the battle of Forts Morgan and Blakely. He was honored August 1865 for a most honorable and creditable military career.

Returning to Scott County he again engaged in farming. Spring 1883 he came to Poweshiek County purchasing eighty acres on Section 28, Mocom Township.

In 1870 he married Miss Margaret Tisdin. Eight children were born to them. Henry and Margaret mourned the loss of most of their children to early childhood diseases. The death messenger was diphtheria. Two survived, Fred and Genevieve. Henry’s wife passed away March 4, 1904.

Mr. Illian held membership in the Lutheran Church. He belonged to the John T. Drake Post, No. 67. He belonged to the Republican Party, was a road supervisor two years, and a school director for some length of years.

December 20, 1905 Genevieve married James B. McKen. Born to them were seven children, Raymond, Harold, Ernest, Virgina, Mildred, Florence and Bertha.

December 26, 1965 at the age of 52, Kenneth Henry now of Malcom, Fern Louise (Mrs. Otto Steffen) of rural Montezuma, Kathryn Maxine (Mrs. Millard Main) of rural Montezuma, passed away in May 1940. He is buried in the Malcom cemetery. Mamie lived alone for a number of years and then moved to Toledo.

JOHN HINEGARDNER

John Hinegardner who lived to be 100 years old was probably our oldest citizen. He lived in Malcom Township for 87 years. John was born Sept. 25, 1859 at Harrisonburg, Virginia. He came to Poweshiek County with his parents when he was 18 years old and they lived on a farm about 2 miles east of the cemetery. A few years later they moved to Malcom. His father Jacob, was a Sergeant under Robert E. Lee in the Civil War.

At age 22 John married Tillie Shine and worked at various farm jobs at $15 a month and board. He worked 41 years for Joe Eisele. He once said he remembered the year he helped raise 1000 hogs and got them ready for market. When not busy with farm work his specialty was well-digging. He dug the town well about the year 1877 for which he received $40 a foot for digging. He also dug most of the wells in this part of the county.

During his life span many improvements were made in mechanical devices. He was very impressed by tractors and the attachments to lighten farm work. He marvelled at the airplane and radio but cared little for television. Another important development was that of illumination. He told of his Mother putting lard in a saucer and putting a bit of cloth on it for a wick then lighting it with a coal from the stove and that was their light. From that crude way to kerosene lamps then gasoline and gas lights to electricity was quite amazing.

John was a hunter, he killed buffalo near here in the early days. He used a cap and ball .32 caliber muzzle loading rifle and shot the animals while riding a longside on his horse.

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LIDTKA FAMILIES

Joseph, August and Lawrence Lidtka and their mother and step-father, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Swatchue, and their small step-brothers, John and Valint Swatchue came from Germany to Elmira, New York and thence, at various times in the early 1870's on to settle at Malcom, Iowa. They made their home in West Malcom.

August Lidtka was born in Germany in 1846 and came to America in 1872, living four years in Elmira, N.Y. where he worked on the railroad for 25¢ a day. He was married to Wilhemina Rux, also born in Germany and their trip to America on a sailboat took eleven weeks. August served in the Prussian army.

They, with their children—Mary, Edward and Rose (all born in Elmira, N.Y.) came to Malcom in 1876 and farmed north of Malcom on the "state road"—where the State Highway Commission building is now located on Old Highway 6. They lived there at the time of the cyclone in 1882 and from there moved south of Malcom on a Royce farm and then moved to their own farm a mile west of the Trinity Lutheran Church in Malcom Twp. that was known as the Jonas Nelson farm. They retired in 1909 and moved to their home at 1619-9th Avenue in Grinnell where August died in 1926 and Wilhemina in 1936.

Born to them after moving to Malcom were John, William, Fredereka, Lewis and Charles. Mary and Lewis died when small. Edward, John and William married and became farmers in the area and Rose became Theodore Schultz's wife.

Edward and his wife, the former Mary Wehrli, of Talcott, Iowa, lived just north of the 6-63 Junction eight years after their marriage (the present Johnnie Puls farm). Edward practiced the carpenter trade as he farmed. While living on this farm, Virgil and Tracy were born. Aton and Aline (Mrs. Eldon Petersen) were born on a farm at the south edge of Grinnell later.

John married Anna Schultz and their children are Mildred (Mrs. Russell Winburn) of Grinnell and Donovan and Gerald of Montezuma. William married Delia Schultz. Rica became Mrs. Wilbur Gregson and lived in Grinnell and later Moline, Illinois where she still resides. They were the parents of Lendell, Milo, Delores and Wilma. Charles, as a young man, went West and was a gold prospector and married and lived in Montana until returning to Grinnell. He died of tuberculosis in 1937, leaving his wife, Lucille and three children, Delmar, Thelma and Melvin.

John Swatchue was married to Augusta Gruhn. To them were born Edward and Mary (Mrs. Mary Viola Carter of Kansas). He farmed north of Malcom until after the death of his wife when he moved to Brooklyn. He was then married to Alice Mulligan. Valint Swatchue was married and had four children: John, William, Lena and Mary and lived in West Malcom.

LIDTKA FAMILY

The Joe Lidkas came to Malcom from Germany in 1874 and settled on the west edge of Malcom, Iowa where they spent their remaining years. Mr. Lidtka was a vegetable gardener and sold fresh vegetables. He passed away in 1920 at the age of 76 and his wife, Henrietta in 1927 at the age of 76.

They had one daughter, Minnie who was born in 1870 and came with them at the age of four years. Her name was Minnie Lidtka and she married Gus Gruhn in Malcom in 1887. Gus Gruhn, having been born in Germany in 1853 and came to settle in Malcom, Iowa in 1880 with his parents, Fred and Henrietta Gruhn at the age of 17. His father was killed working on the railroad shortly after coming to Malcom and Gus Gruhn bought a home in west Malcom in 1885 where his mother lived with him until his marriage. Gus and Minnie Gruhn became parents of 13 children, 10 of whom were born in the Gruhn home which still stands in Malcom. The children's names were Fred, Edith, Edna, Myrtle, Hazel,

LAMB FAMILY

The Tobias R. and Rachel (Humes) Lamb family came to Malcom Township, Poocheek County in 1884, from Keokuk County. They farmed for many years four and one-half miles north of Malcom and endured the many hardships of their times. They were the parents of twelve children as follows: Linas E.; Jeremiah died at age 13 years; James H. died at age 11; Ephraim E. married Viola Eiselle; William Lewis (Bill) married Emma Schultz; Ralph F. married Margaret Hayes; Myrtle married Herman Jantzen; Sylvia married William Bolen; Addie married Theodore Melkin; Hattie married Herb Harrnes; Sadie married Friend Kenning; Harris or (Harry) married Neillie Harrnes. Sadie is the only member of the family living at this time. Tobias Lamb died in 1899. Rachel Humes Lamb died in April 1925.

The only direct living descendent of Tobias and Rachel Lamb that lives in Malcom is Sidwell Dorris Lamb and his wife Viola and children Sandra, Steven, Lenard. Sidwell is the second son of Earl and Ruth Lamb, Earl is the only child of Ephraim and Viola Eiselle Lamb.
Lawrence Lidtka Family

Mr. Laurence Lidtka and Miss Fredricka Schultz were married on August 4, 1878, at the Trinity Lutheran Church Parsonage north of Malcom. They made their home with Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Carpenter where Mr. Lidtka was employed in farming. After the crops were harvested in the fall, they spent the winter months with Mr. Lidtka's brother Joseph assisting in caring for Mrs. Joseph Lidtka who was bedridden.

In the spring they set up their own household and farmed the W. Foot farm south of Malcom where they lived for three years. Then they moved to their own farm in Sheridan when they built buildings and set out trees. Five children were born to them: Lena, Mrs. Fred Mithmeier; Mary, Mrs. J. C. Deedrick; Fred, who married Miss Nora Buistel; Joseph, who married Miss Lois Montgomery; and Lewis who died at an early age of polio.

Mr. Laurence Lidtka was born in Luxenburg, Germany, August 1, 1849. His father Jacob died when he was quite young, and he spent his boyhood days working on a large stock farm with horses, cattle, and sheep. He was especially fond of sheep, caring for them and watching over them in open fields. He and some of the older men experimented with different herbs, tree bark and wild plants. Since there were no drug stores or veterinarians to help, those home remedies often aided him with his own stock when he farmed for himself.

When he was twenty years old, he decided to see more of the world, and he set out for America. The trip proved to be very difficult as the ship ran into bad storms and drifted into the iceberg region. Lost, they were on the water for three months. At last they landed near Elmira, New York. He had worked as the cook's helper on the trip.

Working in Elmira at masonry for a year, he next traveled by train to Malcom where he knew no one. However, Joseph Schultz hired him to help on his farm, and there he worked for three years.

Fredricka was born in Prussia, Germany, and at the age of two years came to America with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Josephy Schultz, her grandmother Schultz, a brother Charles, and a sister Lena, and several uncles. They settled in Bureau County, Princeton, Illinois. They farmed there until she was twelve when they came by covered wagon to Iowa. She drove a team and wagon, hauling the poultry and the small young animals that weren't able to walk.

Mr. and Mrs. Lidtka sold their farm to their son Fredric and moved to Malcom in 1910 where they lived until their deaths. The Earl Lidtka family live on their farm today. Besides their children, their descendants include eight grandchildren, seventeen great grandchildren, and twenty-six great, great grandchildren.

Martin Family

Byram B. Martin was born April 20, 1842 in Putnam County, Indiana, and died April 6, 1919 at the home of his son, R. L. Martin, in Follansbee, West Virginia. When he was ten years old, the family emigrated to Iowa in covered wagons drawn by oxen, and settled in Boone County, and five years later, in 1857, moved to Poweshiek County and settled near Montezuma. In July of 1862 he enlisted in Company K, 18th Iowa Volunteer Infantry, and was mustered out in August, 1865 with a creditable record for loyalty and bravery. After his return from the war, he drove a stage carrying mail between Montezuma and Oskaloosa. On June 12, 1867, he was united in marriage with Mary Miriam Menoah Ferneau, and in 1868 they moved from Montezuma to Malcom, where they maintained their home until the death of Mrs. Martin on April 27, 1917.

Mary Ferenau Martin was born February 16, 1844 in Ross County, Ohio, the daughter of Levi and Elizabeth (Taylor) Ferenau, who were both natives of Ohio.

Byram operated a barber shop in Malcom and worked in a shop in Montezuma before coming to Malcom. He also served as postmaster for four years under the Harrison administration. He then went into the fire insurance business continuing until his retirement in 1917. He also served on the town council and the school board. He was a member of Malcom I. O. O. F. Lodge, and a charter member of
She was a member of the Malcom Presbyterian Church and the ladies church group. She was a 50 year member of the Order of Eastern Star #477 and served as Chaplain for many years in Eastern Star Chapter and Rebekah Lodge. She was a member of the Malcom Garden Club, Worthwhile Club, Wednesday Club, Rebekah Lodge, Past Matrons Club and took part in all civic projects of the community.

In 1972 the farm is still the McClure farm as it is owned by William and Elizabeth McClure, son and daughters, Wayne M. McClure, Mrs. Kathryn McClure Cummings and Ruth McClure Stewart. Wayne is owner-operator of the farm.

MEIGS FAMILY

In the early days of the settlement of Malcom, shortly after the arrival of Rev. A.D. Chapman of Ohio, the Church Meigs, Sr. arrived from M intoe Falls, Vermont. This family, Church Meigs, Sr. and his wife Nancy consisted of seven sons and one daughter, Patience, Sylvanus, Simeon, Church, Jr., John, Benjamin, Austin and Merrill.

The father, Church, Sr., built a home on the State Road, which now stands. The school house which was soon built stood near the Meigs's home. It served the purpose of school, church, and town hall. Services were held there every Sunday until the Presbyterian Church was built. These services were well attended. Rev. Chapman was their first pastor. These sturdy sons of New England had brought their love and reverence with them, for what was best and good as well as habits of energy and thrift.

There were many good times too, sleigh rides, spelling bees, and never to be forgotten singing school. The gatherings were held in the Meigs home on the long winter evenings and their open-hearted hospitality would never be forgotten.

The Civil War came and many young men went to the front. These were sad years. Simeon Meigs was one of the first to give up his young life.

Many farmers knew them far and wide, as they hauled the threshing machine doing the threshing. One of the machines is now in a museum in Michigan. Austin worked in the butcher shop owned by Ben and also was a carpenter. Ben also was a Marshall at the county fair.

Many of the children of the above-mentioned have made a prominent place for themselves in the world. Merrill and Jim in the newspaper business, Dr. Bennie a fine doctor, and Dr. Arthur as one of the leading dentists of Southern California. Austin Meigs and his wife Elizabeth Davis Meigs had four children, two who are still living: Nancy (Mrs. Walter Boyd)
and Frank deceased; Mary Louise of Des Moines, formerly of Malcom; and George of Los Angeles, California. Elizabeth Meigs was an accomplished musician. In her golden years before her death she still played at funerals. Frank was a draftsman for the U.S. Navy in California, and George had a good position with the California Gas Company. Two descendants still live in Poweshiek County, Mrs. Adrian (Nellie) McKeag of Deep River and Mrs. Paul (Mildred) Bacon of Grinnell.

THE WILLIAM MOLISON FAMILY

William Molison was born on February 7, 1870 in Aberdeenshire Scotland. He came to America with his mother and grandparents, at an early age, and settled on a farm south of Malcom. They were among the early pioneers from Scotland. William Molison lived on this farm for over 70 years. On February 16, 1898 he was married to Elizabeth Cleland of Ewart. They celebrated their 50th anniversary in 1948. He passed away on December 10, 1955, and Mrs. Molison on November 9, 1958.

There were four children: one son, Wilbur C. Molison of Grinnell, Iowa State Senator from Poweshiek County; three daughters, Mrs. Ruth Schneekloth of Tipton, Iowa; Mrs. Grace Sheilor of Stillwater, Oklahoma; Mrs. Lucile McCabe of Springfield, Massachusetts.

Mr. and Mrs. Molison had a vital interest in the Malcom community and in the Malcom Presbyterian Church.

MORRISON

W. R. Morrison, farmer and stock-raiser, was born in Greenbrier County, West Virginia, March 20, 1832.

In 1854, Mr. Morrison came to Poweshiek County locating near Montezuma where he resided for eight years. On May 1, 1859, he was married to Miss Catharine Barnes of Pleasant Township. By this union four children were born; Alonza, George, Emeline and Frank. In 1862, after homesteading land in the northwest corner of Pleasant Township, Mr. Morrison was given option and purchased the land from the government for $12 per acre. Mr. Morrison died in 1867. He was again married in 1869, to Miss Mary Ann Gross of Jackson Township and the children born from this marriage were: John A., 1870; Margaret Jennette, 1877; Edward S., 1881; Charles W., 1883; and Reuben W., 1887. Three children; namely, Milton, Freddie and Mattie died in infancy.

The family farm consisted of 215 acres, part of which was in Pleasant Township.


Mrs. W. R. Morrison continued living with her son and family until her death in May 1932.

Charles W. Morrison passed away in August 1959 at the age of 76. Mrs. Myrtle Morrison, who has resided on this farm for 60 years, and daughter Marjorie remain on the family farm and her son Lavera farms the land. This is one of the few Poweshiek County farms which is still farmed by descendants of the original owner, with the fourth generation having farmed the land. It has been in the Morrison name 110 years.

OLD TIME DANCE BAND

The Ruben W. Morrison family began playing for quadrilles for house dances and as the family progressed they formed a six piece swing band. Mrs. Morrison played the piano - Jim the drums - Bud the violin and drums - Esther, bongo - Mary, saxophone and Dorothy, the clarinet.

They played for all occasions; Fourth of July Celebrations -

Wedding dances, Barn Dances - and parties in private homes. They were considered one of the better bands of the time.

In those days it was hard for them to meet their engagements, children were in school and had to be excused early, roads were bad and often they didn't get home till morning.

During the Depression of the Thirties the family depended on their music for their livelihood.

In later years after the family band broke up, Bud, who still lives in Malcom with his wife Agnes, continued to play with the Mintie's Melody Men of Grinnell, until a tractor accident in 1969.

THE MURPHY FAMILY

The farm of 300 acres located in Section 32 of Malcom Township was bought from J. B. Grinnell in 1864 by Frank Murphy and his son, William Murphy, who came to Malcom from St. John, New Brunswick, Canada. After their deaths it passed to Joseph Murphy, son of Frank Murphy and after his death it was purchased by Fred Murphy, son of William Murphy. Harold and Raymond Murphy, sons of Fred Murphy, are now farming the land. Others in the family are William, Ruth Murphy, and Gladys Wisecarver. This is the 4th generation to live on the land.

THE NEVILLE AND NUTTING FAMILY

William Neville was born November 15, 1861 in Brooklyn, N.Y. His parents had come from England. When William was four years old his father and two brothers died of small-pox. His mother died when he was eleven years old. He and his brother Albert and two sisters, Martha and Sarah, were put in the Children's Aid Society Home. When William was 13 years old, he and his brother Albert ran away from the home. They took what money they had and bought tickets for as far west as they could go and came to Brooklyn, Iowa.
Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Verbeck, a farmer near Malcom, had the boys to live with them and later sent to N.Y. for their sister Martha. The children made their home with the Verbecks working for their board and keep. They attended school until they were able to strike out for themselves. In 1890 William married Cora A. Nutting who was born June 22, 1869. She was the daughter of D. W. and Helen Nutting who had settled on a farm west of Malcom in 1870. William and Cora purchased a farm in 1898. This remained the family home and is now the home of Orville Neville. To this marriage was born four children—Ina Hutchison, Martha Baustian, Rex (deceased) and Orville. Many of the grandparents and their children still live near Malcom. Cora Nutting Neville lived nearly all of her life of 98 years near Malcom. She came, at the age of two years, and lived in a log cabin for a few months while her parents built a house. She told many interesting things she experienced during her early years, such as picking flowers and wild strawberries on the prairie, being careful not to stray too far from the house because of Indians. There were always Indians around who came to their home. Her mother would give them freshly churned butter, cookies or bread. She told of how her parents supported their family and paid for their farm of eighty acres and of producing nearly all their food at the farm. They took their produce (eggs, butter, fruit and milk) to trade for such items as spices, vanilla, sugar and flours to sew for their clothing. They had to buy their shoes also but these were always repaired at home. Their meat was all raised on the farm also. In those days the corn, wheat and sorghum canes were hauled to the grist mill at Union Mills where it was made into corn meal, wheat flour and sorghum. They also kept bees which made honey for home use and for sale. Coal was hauled from the mines at Brownstown and Union Mills. This is very different from the way we get our groceries now. We fill our carts high with all kinds of meat, vegetables, fruits, ice cream, etc. practically all the food we eat—at our modern supermarkets.

Mrs. Neville used to attend the Chataqua that came each year to Malcom. She took prizes with her canned foods and they work which was exhibited at the County Fair. She told of how everyone would run to watch the first cars go by along the dusty or muddy roads and later how thrilled all were to see an airplane flying overhead. Change has come since that period of time and now her great, great grandchildren can see cars, trucks, buses, and huge implements driving on our super-highways. At night they can look up among the stars and see the satellites hurrying across the sky that man has hurled there. Radio and television were invented and have become commonplace. Probably more changes took place during her lifetime than at any like period in history and one wonders what marvelous things will come in the next one hundred years.

MR. AND MRS. JIM NOWAK

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Nowak were long time residents of Malcom. He operated a harness shop for many years and later was postmaster. Mrs. Nowak was Mary Duffus, daughter of Alexander and Elizabeth Duffus. Mary and Jim Nowak were active in the Presbyterian Church, The Masons, Stars, Odd Fellows, Rebekahs, and in civic affairs. Mr. Nowak was secretary of the Malcom Fair Board for many years. The Nowaks lived where the Lawrence Daytons now reside. This house was built by her parents and it was their home and also the home of Elizabeth Duffus, sister of Mary Nowak, as well as the Nowaks.

Joe Knedlick worked for Mr. Nowak for many years in the harness shop.

James Nowak was born in Chekolaha, a province of Bohemia in Austria-Hungary, July 26, 1864. He came to Brooklyn, Iowa where he learned the harness trade. On January 1, 1882, he came to Malcom where he engaged in the harness business for himself. He was a resident of Malcom for 55 years. He served as secretary of the county fair at Malcom for 25 years. He was treasurer of Malcolm and a member of the
school board. He was a 50 year member of Malcom Lodge No. 369, I.O.O.F., also a member of Knights of Pythias, and a 50 year member of the Masonic Lodge.

On June 27, 1895, he was united in marriage with Mary A. Dufus.

ALEXANDER F. PALMER FAMILY

Alexander F. Palmer was born in New York on August 21, 1825. He died December 10, 1912 in Malcom, Iowa. He was married to Sarah Jane Milliman who was born October 10, 1829 in New York and died February 19, 1916 near Grinnell, Iowa.

Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Palmer were the parents of nine children: Niram; Ellis; Flora (Benefield) born in New York; John H. born in Tiffin, Ohio; Eva (Lewis); Mary Janette (Bevan); Almira (Stokes); Ruth and Wesley born near Malcom, Iowa.

The family moved from Ohio to Iowa in 1855 to a farm in Pleasant Township and moved to a farm in Malcom Township in 1860 where they raised their family. This farm is now owned by their great grandson Bruce Palmer of Oskaloosa, Iowa. John H. Palmer, the third son of A. F. Alexander, was born November 24, 1854 in Ohio and was only a few months old when the family moved to their Iowa home near Malcom.

He passed away March 9, 1932 near Taintor, Iowa. John H. Palmer was married to Elmira C. Farmer of Ewart, Iowa on March 9, 1878. The first few months of their married life they made their home one half mile west of the Palmer home. To this union were born three children. Ada Mae, born January 1, 1880, died January 31, 1880. Ralph Wesley, born March 18, 1883 in Nebraska, died October 24, 1906 in Grinnell. Marie Adele, born near Ewart July 8, 1892, married Harold Lofland Hull of Taintor, Iowa. Mr. Hull passed away in Grinnell on October 31, 1956. Two children were born to this union, Melba Irene and Donald E. Hull.

PULS FAMILY

Louis Puls was born September 27, 1846 in Germany. His parents were Fred and Anna (Miller) Puls. He came to America in the spring of 1866 and in 1877 he married Minnie Schultz, daughter of John and Mary Schultz. After his marriage he purchased a two hundred acre farm which is still in the family. To this union were born ten children; namely, Fred, Josephine (Puls) Mithelman, John, Ida (Puls) Ferguson, Louis who died at the age of seventeen years, Marie (Puls) Fogel, Charles who died at the age of two months, Theodore, Elmer, and Evelyn (Puls) Gross.

John Puls married Mary Fogel in 1909 and they have lived on the home place since 1921. To this union were born five children: Louis, John, Raymond, James, and one daughter, Wilma (Puls) Tharp. The boys all live near Malcom and Wilma Tharp lives in Marion, Iowa. There are twenty-five grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren at the present time. (1972)

THE GEORGE HARRINGTON PYLE--SARAH MCKEE PYLE FAMILY

The Presbyterian Church in Malcom, Iowa has always had a special place in the lives of the members of the Pyle family, although we have not lived in the town or close enough to this church to attend its services and activities for many years.

Sarah McKEE Pyle, our mother, was the first family member to come to Malcom. Her father and mother brought their family from Walcott, Iowa to their farm southwest of town to the place now better known as the James McKEE farm. James McKEE was Sarah McKEE Pyle's youngest brother in a family consisting of two boys and five girls.

Sarah McKEE was a young girl when her parents moved the family, by wagons, from Walcott, Iowa to their farm southwest of town, across the road from the Schneeloth farm and near the McClure and Royce families. In recent years the original farm has become much better known as the James McKEE farm. James McKEE was Sarah McKEE's youngest brother in their family consisting of two boys and five girls.

The Corrough and McClure families who settled around Malcom were related to the McKEE family—all having come from Scotland and Ireland as young people near the time of the Civil War in the U.S.A.

These three related families were all members of the Presbyterian Church in Malcom. Sarah McKEE joined this church with all her family members before her marriage to George Harrington Pyle on February 22, 1888.

George Harrington Pyle was always known as Harry Pyle. He was born and grew up near Wurtzemburg, Pennsylvania. His most direct ancestor came to Pennsylvania with William Penn and thus he was of Dutch stock and chiefly Quaker faith. However, his family members belonged to the United Presbyterian Church. His father was killed in an accident when Harry was eleven years old.

The young couple settled on one of the McKEE farms in the same general area as the Eisele, McClure and Raymond families, north and west of Malcom.

The Pyle family included three sons and one daughter, namely, Lloyd who died at the age of one year during a typhoid epidemic which struck Brooklyn and Malcom families in 1889-1890, Perry, Idell and Alton.

Throughout their lifetime, both Harry and Sarah Pyle were sincerely interested in the welfare of the Presbyterian Church in Malcom and the local school. They gradually earned the ownership of the farm on which they had settled and when they lived together for more than fifty years.

Harry Pyle saw to it that they provided for their children's college training and the parents made many personal sacrifices to achieve this goal. Both Perry and Alton were successful teachers throughout their lifetime, and both earned Master's degrees after they completed their undergraduate college education. Idell also earned a Master's degree and in addition, a doctoral degree in medical sciences. She has been a United States public health worker for many years, for which she was awarded an honorary Sc.D. degree by Grinnell College in 1971.

Both Perry and Alton have served as elders or trustees in the Presbyterian Churches in Iowa and Illinois.

Perry and his wife Lulu Foster Pyle moved to Granite City, Illinois after he retired from a lifetime of teaching in Iowa. Alton and his wife Claire Milmine live in Alton, Illinois where he completed his role as superintendent of a consolidated school. Perry and Lulu had one son and one daughter. Alton and Claire have one adopted daughter.

Idell has retained her actual membership in the Malcom Presbyterian Church for two reasons: family sentiment and the fact that her lifetime work has required travel in the United States. She attends most regularly the Church of the Covenant (United Presbyterian) in Cleveland, Ohio, which is noted for its efforts to provide facilities for group meetings of Catholic and Jewish students in Case Western Reserve University who are temporarily on campus nearby.

This church takes great pride in its Junior Bell Singers Choir and its fine pipe organ, both of which have had some well-deserved national attention. This Bell Singers Choir is a real attraction for both white and negro children from a nearby "Poverty Packet" in the City of Cleveland.

MRS. MATILDA REIMERS

Mrs. Matilda Reimers was born in Germany in 1840 and came to this country when she was 25 years old. She was one of the first old strain of Germans who came to this country and have done so much toward its betterment.

She first came to Davenport where she married C.D. Reimers in 1866. They moved to the "Wild West" in 1863, settling on a farm near Malcom. She was the mother of nine...
children. The next year after coming to Malcom her husband died. She bravely and capably raised her children by herself and at the same time, ran the farm and paid for it. After her retirement she came to Malcom to live with her daughter, Mrs. Anna Smith. She passed away in 1940, leaving 84 descendents at the age of 91-2 years.

Her granddaughter Hilda Hall, still lives in Malcom. Many of her grandchildren and great-grandchildren still live in the Malcom vicinity and her farm, though located in

When She Was Forty.

Here is a picture of Mrs. Reimers at the age of 40. Note the way the hair was combed.

Soridan Township, has been in the family since “The Reimers” settled here in 1883 and is presently tenant by the fourth generation, Franklyn Reimers.

Mr. and Mrs. Reimers children were: Helen Ohland; Rooie Schilder; Anna Beinke; Clara Reimers; Sophie Goodrich; Harry Reimers; Matilda Baltisberger Heishman; Claus Reimers; andetta Smith. The only one still living is her son Claus, now 90 years old.

JAMES WOOD REAMS

J. C. and Lucy Graham Reams came from Clearfield, Pennsylvania in 1865 and settled on a farm in north Poweshiek County. Their son, James Wood, married Arbella Sterling and lived near the home place many years. In March 1913, the family moved to the Raymond farm just north of the Malcom cemetery. This farm marks the first grain elevator of Malcom.

They had five children. Four attended Malcom High School and the nickname “Woodie” referred to each. The children were: Wayne, he and his wife, Edna Schultz Reams, live in Grinnell; Beulah Reams Liek of Mesa, Arizona; Florence (Mrs. Roy Johnston) of Sioux City; Lucile (Mrs. Edward) Scott of Manchester, Connecticut; Ralph, and his wife, Clara Reeler Reams, live in Grinnell.

Mr. and Mrs. Wood Reams celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary March 1947 in Grinnell. The family won and retained the friendship of many people by whom they were highly regarded.

HENRY N. ROBB

Henry Robb came to Malcom with his family from Prairie City, Iowa in 1906. He was married to Alice M. Hoffstatter on December 27, 1882. To this union was born four daughters:

Anna, who married Reynold Carpenter; Irma, who married Louis Zirbel; Ellen, wife of Dr. Raymond Stevens; and Sarah, who married Maurice Brewer.

Henry was born June 19, 1856. His wife Alice was born May 28, 1858. They celebrated their 40th and 50th wedding anniversaries.

T. A. ROBEY

Thomas Alonza Robey was born in White Plains, Maryland in 1862. He came to the Malcom vicinity in 1862.

In 1868, he married Dora Francis of Malcom and they had eight children. For over 50 years, the family lived on a farm north of Malcom.

There are two living children; Mrs. Ellen Morrison of Brooklyn and Alfred Robey of Malcom, who owns and still farms the family place.

CHARLES F. ROHR

Charles F. Rohr was born March 19, 1877 in Sheridan Township. He was the son of Henry and Wilhelmina Schroeder Rohr. In 1884 the family moved four miles south to the home place in Malcom Township, when Charles was seven years old. In 1909, Charles was married to Rosa S. Beck, and they resided on the same farm the rest of their lives.

They were the parents of six children: a daughter, Henrietta, who passed away in 1953; and five sons, Erwin of Lynn, Massachusetts; Oscar of Portland, Oregon; Carl of Grinnell; John of Marengo; and Laring of Grinnell. Charles passed away in 1954 and Rosa in 1971.

The farm is located two miles north and three miles west of Malcom. The Charles Rohr's were well known for the production of livestock, especially draft horses and mules in those earlier days when that business was in great demand. They were affiliated with the Trinity Lutheran Church and took a very active interest in its affairs.

ROYCE FAMILY

Horace Burrus Royce, and wife Sarah Judd, moved to a farm near Malcom in the year 1860, from Irasburg, Vermont. They had five children; Horace, Enoch, George, Leonidas, and Sarah Marie Antoinette.

Horace Burrus Royce, Jr. was born in Irasburg, Vermont. As a young man he migrated with his parents to New York, Wisconsin and then to Poweshiek County Iowa. There, with his three brothers Enoch, George, and Leonidas, he bought and settled Section 4 in Pleasant Township, each having a quarter section.

He was married January 1, 1866 to Miss Marianne Okey, daughter of Mary Leach and John Okey, Arlington, Illinois. They continued to live on their farm southwest of Malcom until their deaths. Seven children of Horace Royce, Jr. are as follows:

Sidney L., married Jeanie Cooper and lived on the farm that had been Leonidas Royces until he retired to Malcom where he was active in the Malcom Co-op and church affairs. There were no children.

Marie A. married in 1899 to James S. McKee, farmed for a number of years two miles west of Malcom before retiring. There children were Kenneth, James Paul, Donald and Agnes Marianne.

Ada married Anderson M. Gross. They lived on farms near Creston and Arispe, Iowa. She returned to Malcom in later years. Their children were: Marie A., Lillian B., Lester G., Eton L. and Sydney L. Two of her children will be remembered—Sydney farmed on the H. J. Royce farm southwest of Malcom; and Rep. H. R. Gross of Washington, D.C., who made frequent visits to Malcom to see his mother.

Horace J. married Margaret Cooper, moving to their farm in Section 34, Malcom Township where they resided their lifetime. She was born in Aberdeenshire, Scotland. She and Sidney's wife Jeannie were sisters. He did well financially.
and assisted with the remodeling of the Presbyterian Church, and was active in other community projects. Margaret died in 1940. A few years later he married Caroline Okey, of Washington, D. C. No children were born to either union.

Carrie died four years on.

Edna O. married George Cooper. They farmed in Minnesota before moving to California. They had three children: Irline, Roland, and Hills.

May married Victor West who was a Methodist minister, holding pastorates in several Nebraska cities. They had one child, Royce.

It might be noted that there was a triple union in the family—the two Royce brothers marrying the two Cooper sisters while the Cooper boy married a Royce girl.

Enoch was born at Irasburg, Vermont. He shared the pioneer work of opening up a virgin farm, where he farmed until retirement. He and his wife, Mary G. (Nutting) had two children, Ida (Mrs. Amory Burch) and Elmer. Ida had four children: Winifred (Mrs. Arnold Sevenbergen); Harley who lives in Brooklyn; Ellsworth, living in Davenport; and Ora (Mrs. John Fuerst) who lives in the Malcom area.

George, born in Genesee County, New York, married Nellie Jones of Malcom. They had four daughters: Lilian, married Grant Wheeler, no children of their own but they raised her sister Isabelle's children, Nellie and Mildred Meigs.

Irina married J. A. Hargrave. She lives in Montezuma. They had three children: Marjorie, Lois (Mrs. Bob Brownell), and George.

Addie married Martin Hollmann and they had three children; Royce, Edward and Harold.

Isabelle married Frank Meigs. She was born April 20, 1892, and died August 30, 1925, leaving two small children; Nellie (Mrs. Adrian McKeag) and Mildred (Mrs. Paul Bacon).

Leonidas was born at Burlington, Wisconsin. He married Phyllis Jane Coughlan in 1873. She died August 1, 1885, leaving three small children: Sarah Estella, Eva Leon, and Gloria.

Sarah married Fred Vest. They resided in Colorado and they had no children.

Eva Leon married Frank Vest and had two children: John who passed away in infancy, and Lyle who lives in Montezuma. The Vests lived on their farm one mile west of Malcom.

Gloria married Anna Kuril, a daughter of a one-time pastor of the Methodist Church in Malcom. They had three children: Lee, Merle, and Clair. He was a 2nd Lieutenant in the army, and died of influenza while on a furlough.

In 1885, Leonidas moved from the farm to Malcom to engage in the hardware business. On March 10, 1887, he was married to Mrs. Louise Geisler Rector. They had two children; Vera Dell, and Bryce Willard. Vera married Arthur Magnusson who owned and operated the drug store for many years. The children of Vera and Arthur Magnusson were Arts and Evelyn.

Willard had a government position and resided in Washington D. C.

A niece of Mrs. Louise Geisler Royce lived in the Royce family for many years. She became a familiar figure in the post office.

Sarah Marie Antoinette Royce, only daughter and youngest child of Horace Burrus Royce, lived in her parent's home in Wisconsin until sixteen years of age when she accompanied them to Iowa. She married George Nutting on September 1, 1870 at the Malcom Presbyterian Church. They farmed for some years, until his health failed. They were the parents of four children:

Florence married Benjamin Hendrickson and had four children.

Amy, married George Bailey, had three children, lived on a farm near Malcom.

Lucius, married Mary Bailey, had one child.

Bruce married Mildred Bakeman.

Descendants of the Horace Burrus Royce family are scattered from coast to coast.

**SCHILDER FAMILY HISTORY**

The Schilder Clan set foot on Iowa soil in 1866 in Davenport when George Schilder, who was born on July 28, 1843 in Pretz, Germany, brought his new bride, Magdalene Fisher, who was born in Schleswic, Holstine, Germany, to America to make their home in Scott County, where he had a sister, Mrs. William Gropper, residing.

In 1878 they migrated further into the state to a farm three miles south of Malcom where they engaged in agricultural pursuits until around 1910, when, because of failing health, they moved to Brooklyn accompanied by their two daughters, Elizabeth and Mary, the latter caring for them until the death of her mother on January 22, 1918 and up to four months preceding the passing of her father at the home of his son Chris, on January 23, 1922. They were both baptized and confirmed in the German Lutheran Church in youth and are buried in the Ivy Hill Cemetery in Malcom.

Ten children were born to this pair, but all died, three in infancy or early in life. The other six listed below grew up around Malcom and attended schools in the area.

George W. left Poweshiek County many years ago to reside on a ranch near Faulkton, South Dakota. He was the father of eight children (five sons—Harry, Pete, James, William and Robert and three daughters—Elnor, Phyllis, and Dorothy), and two sons, who succeeded him in death in the Faulkton area, and six who are still living in South Dakota. He is also survived by his second wife, Bernice, who makes her home in Faulkton.

William F. also left Poweshiek County and made his home for a long period of time prior to his death in Omaha, Nebraska. He and his wife had one daughter, Mary Sonny, all three of whom are now deceased.

Chris C. lived for a number of years on a farm just south of his parent's homestead. Due to ill health and age he and his wife were later forced to retire from farming to make their home in Montezuma, where their only daughter, Katherine Hubbard, with her family lived and provided care until their respective deaths. They are both interred in the Montezuma Cemetery.

John Frederick, born on January 10, 1881 in Malcom Township, was graduated from Malcom High School with the Class of 1902 and afterward attended business college in Davenport. He was married to Ella Florence Battsberger on February 2, 1910. Four children were born to this couple—Eva, who died in infancy, Louis of Cedar Falls, Lucille of Arlington, Virginia, and Raymond of Malcom. They lived on the old Schilder Homestead for several years before moving to the farm northwest of Malcom, where Raymond now resides. In the spring of 1951 they retired from active farming and moved to the town of Malcom into the home where she still dwells. He was an active member of the Malcom Presbyterian Church at the time of his death on March 23, 1959 and burial was at the Ivy Hill Cemetery in Malcom.

Elizabeth Padgham Beyers departed from this area for California a long time ago to make a living and hence—until her death—for herself and her only daughter, Helen Gehike, who still lives in the Los Angeles area.

Mary Paulson lived in Brooklyn most of her adult life prior to her passing away there. Her husband succeeded her in death and their bodies were both laid to rest in the Ivy Hill Cemetery in Malcom. They are survived by two sons, Carl of Des Moines and Paul of Brooklyn.
MR. AND MRS. HENRY SCHNEELOTH

Henry Schneeloth and his wife Louise were both born in Germany. They came to America and were married at Davenport, Iowa. They lived there several years and then moved to the farm southwest of Malcom.

They had three children: Margaret (Lena), Henry, Ed and Lena. Ed was well known as a blacksmith, a farm machinery dealer and an auto mechanic.

He lived to be 95 years old. Henry farmed with his father and later for himself.

PETER SCHNEELOTH

Peter Schneeloth and his wife came from Holtsiege, Germany in 1864. They lived in Davenport for several years. Then they settled on a farm in Malcom Township, near Malcom.

There were three sons; John, Henry, and Louie who died at the age of five years.

John lived on the farm and was married to Elizabeth Dassold—the daughter of William and Ida Dassold who lived a mile in Malcom; in March 1892. There were two daughters and three sons in his family; Eva, Della, Walter, William and Lee. They grew up and attended school in Malcom and belonged to the Presbyterian Church.

THE PIONEER SCHULTZ FAMILY

Here is an interesting old-time picture of the Schultz family who settled north of Malcom, broke out the raw prairie land, built a church and school and laid the foundation for a rich, God-loving, progressive community. Their children and children's children have carried on the tradition left by the early pioneer settlers, who came from Illinois by ox team and by hard toil, long hours and saving made the country what it is today.

J. J. SCHULTZ AND WIFE MARY PHEAL SCHULTZ

J. J. Schultz—farmer and stock raiser, Section 3, P. P. Malcom—was born in Pommern, Prussia, March 19, 1819. He came to this country in 1854. In 1864 he came to Poweshiek County and lived in the same place the rest of his life. He was married in 1837 to Miss Mary Pheal of Prussia. By this union they had five children: Charles, Fredrick, Wilhelmina, Jacob, Fredrick. Mr. Schultz owned 733 acres in Poweshiek County, all under cultivation. He was one of the largest real estate owners in the county, and was one of its most enterprising agriculturalists and stock men. He and his family are among the original members of the Lutheran Church of Malcom Township, and were recognized as its liberal supporters and patrons.

Mr. Schultz's grandson, Elmer, still resides in the town of Malcom with his wife Alice.

MR. AND MRS. HENRY SCHULTZ

Henry Schultz was born in Richtenberg in the Province of Pomerania Prussia the 19th of March 1832. He spent the period of his boyhood and youth in his native country. He was a tailor by trade.

In 1854 his family came to America, but he had to stay and serve his time in the Prussian Army. In 1857 he joined his family at Princeton, Illinois and was soon married to Marie Johanna Heberg who was also born in Richtenberg Prussia. They were married October 5, 1856. She had come to America arriving in Princeton, Illinois in 1854. They moved from Illinois by wagon in 1859 and settled on a farm in Sheridan Township, where they resided until 1897.
when they moved into Malcom, where they had built a new home.
They were the parents of nine children, one passing away in infancy. The children are: Mr. Gust Schultz, Mr. Chris Schultz, Mrs. Andrew Erickson, Mrs. Joe Eisele, Mrs. Henry Baltisberger, Mr. Otto Schultz, Mr. John Schultz and Mr. Henry Schultz.
Grandpa Schultz passed away May 30, 1900 and Grandma Schultz passed away November 15, 1907.

MR. AND MRS. OTTO SCHULTZ
MR. HENRY SCHULTZ

Henry Schultz and Mari Reihberg Schultz, both natives of Germany, were married in Princeton, Illinois in 1857. They came by wagon to Iowa, settling on a farm seven miles north of Malcom in 1859. This area of Iowa was unknown to the pioneers and proved to be correct, the sun’s rays upon this porous brown soil over the rolling territory was the most ideal in the state for maturing crops, especially corn.
The fruit, wild grapes, plums and crab apples, as well as the game, wild turkey, deer, prairie chicken and quail helped set the table for the pioneers.
The closest railroad was at Iowa City. Mr. Schultz, by wagon, brought from here the lumber for his home, and he later delivered live and butchered hogs to Iowa City, returning with wool and cotton cloth, sugar, tea, coffee and tools for farming. Mr. Schultz was a tailor, and made all the wool suits and clothes for his family. Their flour was milled at Oskaalosa and coal was hauled from the mine at Albia for 35 cents a bushel.
Pioneers assisted each other building the home and other buildings. The Meigs sawmill, on Bear Creek, saved the native lumber for the early settlers. A stage coach carried the mail daily, and the post of changing horses was at the Meigs and McKeag farm. A ferry was plowed from this area to Grinnell as a guide line for easier traveling through the swales and creeks. The first bridge built over Bear Creek cost $22. The big boost to the pioneers was the railroad that came to Malcom in 1862. The depot and grain elevator opened for business in 1866. The improved land in 1895 sold for $25 per acre, the unimproved for $8 per acre.
The Schultz family consisted of eight children: Gus, Tena, Frances, Chris, Tillie, John, Otto and Henry, all are deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Schultz lived on the farm until 1897, when they retired to their new home in Malcom (now owned by Preston Shaw). Otto and Henry were afforded the comforts of life with the new change of environment and they remained on the farm their life time.
Otto married Sophia Luttmann. They had five children: Wilbur, his wife Elva Graham, both deceased; Edna, her husband Wayne Reams of Grinnell; Omer (deceased) married Theresa Pulis of Grinnell; Raymond, his wife Ella Broders of Grinnell, continued farming and the livestock business on the home farm until retiring in 1968; Clifton, married Helen Martinson.
The Schultz family numbered among the substantial agriculturalists and stockmen of the county.

LOUIS MAXFIELD

Louis Maxfield was born in Sheridan Township, June 29, 1883, He lived most of his life in Malcom graduating from Malcom High School and also from the Palmer School of Osteopathy. He had a sister, Minnie, who was a registered nurse and a brother, Dr. George W. Maxfield of Washington, D.C. On February 17, 1942, he was united in marriage to Juanita Ford of Malcom.
He was cashier of the Malcom Savings Bank for several years. He always took an active interest in civic affairs in Malcom where he served on the school board and city council. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge and served as Worshipful Master. He was also a member of the Shriner. He had been postmaster at Malcom for eight years at the time of his death on January 19, 1944, at the age of 61 years.

CHARLES AND JANE SCOTT

Charles Scott was born December 29, 1849 and passed away in 1923. Jane Bowers Scott was born November 24, 1854 and passed away in 1945. They were married and lived in Cedar County. Earle Scott was born April 19, 1849 and passed away in 1940. Vesta Scott was born March 18, 1882 and passed away in 1966. Vesta, with her parents and brother, moved to Malcom and was in the furniture and undertaking business. Vesta Scott graduated from Malcom High School in 1909 and worked in various businesses in Malcom until her father passed away, then she took over Scott Furniture and Undertaking until her health failed. As a young lady, Vesta was interested in music. She was pianist at the Methodist Church for several years. She and her mother often sang duets.
She passed away at Grinnell General Hospital and was buried in Ivy Hill Cemetery at Malcom.

SHINE FAMILY

Adam Shine and wife Elizabeth moved into Malcom in 1881 from a farm about three and one-half miles northeast of Malcom in Bear Creek Township. He owned and operated the Malcom Livery Barn located just east of the hotel. This was a thriving business, due to the traveling salesmen who would come to Malcom by train and would go to the surrounding towns by means of the horse and buggy. These were rented and usually driven by the owners of the barn or stable. Other farmers used the barn or stable to shelter their teams while they visited or traded in town. The Livery Barn also housed the hearse and this was horse-drawn and driven by the owners of the stable.
Adam Shine sold this business to two of his sons, Late and Adam, Jr., who continued to operate it for many years. They in turn sold it to George Audas, who operated it until it closed in the early 1900’s.
Mr. and Mrs. Shine were the parents of twelve children, only five growing to adulthood—Jessie, Lafe, Adam (Bub), Jr., Mrs. Joan (Tillie) Hindgardner, and Mrs. Tom (Rose) Robertson. The Shine home in Malcom is now the Henry Stahl home in the northeast part of town.

SMILEY FAMILY

William Smiley and Mary Dunn were married in 1879 and came to Poweshiek County to make their home on a farm south of Malcom.
In 1891 they purchased 320 acres of land four miles north of Malcom and moved to that farm where they lived until 1912. They moved to Grinnell and one of their daughters could attend college. They had nine children. Five sons and two daughters graduated of Grinnell College. While living on the farm north of Malcom, four of their
little home in Malcom, the Emory Bryant home on Highway 63. His idea was not to retire but to keep on working here and there in his spare time he greased harnesses for the farmers.

His garden and his home were his pride and joy after moving to town.

Theodore and his wife now live on a little acreage south of Gibson, Iowa. They are the parents of five children.

Ella, the former Mrs. William Graham, is now living in Malcom, the mother of eleven children.

Mr. Spading passed away on June 20, 1958 and Mrs. Spading passed away October 8, 1967, leaving four children, 21 grandchildren and 52 great-grandchildren.

EARL AND MARTHA STORY

One of the older families that lived in Malcom all their lives and still have children living here is the Earl Butler Story family.

Mrs. Martha Story, wife of Earl B., was born on a farm north of Malcom, known as the “Old Nick Vogel Farm”. Her father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Erickson, (Mrs. Erickson being the daughter of one of the first settlers to take up homesteading here), moved to Malcom when Mrs. Story was just a baby. She was raised and educated in Malcom and was a telephone operator in the Malcom telephone office until united in marriage to Earl B. Study of Mendota, Missouri. Mr. Story worked as section foreman for the Rock Island Railroad and as a bridge construction foreman for many years. To this union was born six children; Ernest Delbert, Bernice Beatrice, Frederick Jarvis, Earl Benjamin, Donald Eugene, and one girl, Leota Fern who passed away in infancy. All were raised and educated in Malcom. Only two survive the family at this time, Earl (Shorty) Story and Mrs. Pearl E. (Bernice) Smith who both reside here.

HENRY STRONG

Henry Strong, the youngest son of Daniel and Mary Strong, who moved to the Malcom community from New York State, married Dora Leppencott of Brooklyn in 1909. They were the parents of five children: Mildred, Elver, Lois, Doris and Lloyd. They lived south of Malcom. Mrs. Strong died in April 1918 leaving Mr. Strong to rear the five small children. He died in August 1952.

Mildred married Harlan Johnston and they were the parents of twin girls, Dora and Donna. Elver married Phyllis Meier and they live at Sigourney, Iowa.

Lois became Mrs. Wilfred Billick. Doris lives in Grinnell and was married to Clyde Gilbreath.

EARL TAYLOR FAMILY HISTORY

BY Lucille Taylor Brown

My great grandmother Mary Snyder was married to a Mr. Whittet and had a son Bill and my grandmother Ma. Bill remained a bachelor and ran away to sea—several of his beautiful gifts from the Orient included a Ming Vase and a porcelain hot chocolate set, handed down from generation to generation by the Taylor womenfolk.

One reason I mention Bill (for I’m certain no one remembers him), he had the misfortune to lose a leg—an accident aboard ship so he had a peg leg, rather than rely on a crutch—he was still a young man in his early thirties when he returned to Malcom. My dad loved to tell how furious Bill would get when his peg leg would drop in a knot hole when he came home to the old Snyder place after dark. It’s hard for any of us to visualize board walk jutting out to residential areas from downtown. Cement sidewalks were indeed a fine step in progress. I can remember several portions of brick walks I always detested when we girls roller skated all over town.

Mr. Whittet, Sr. died and great grandma married Daniel Snyder. They had a son Charles (who was a rural mail
carrier) and a daughter Mayme (Mayme Hatcher).

Grandpa Snyder owned the grocery and dry goods store, located between what used to be Kies Hardware and Larson’s Meat Market. He later sold it to Joe Kloss.

Dad’s mother was a country school teacher and among her pupils were the Baustian boys, Elmer and Ben. She bought three acres from her stepfather Snyder, who had farmland back of the Dalton home, where Fred and Sayde Baustian lived, Alta Boring and Ben Baustian, Harry Humphrey, and my dad, in his early teens, built our home, where I was eventually born.

My grandmother died shortly after the house was built and dad went to a vocational training school in St. Louis, Missouri to learn the plumbing and sheet metal trade. He went to work for a hardware concern in Manson, Iowa. He met and married my mother, Nena Ogden, and brought her back to Malcom.

They settled in the home place where they lived almost 50 years.

In time they bought the Hubbard Hotel, a thriving business from 1913 to 1918. Trains stopped often — it was the only mode of traveling any distance in those days. The hotel had several steady roomers, among them young Laird Woods, just starting his veterinarian profession. Salesmen traveling by train and many families enroute from Chicago or even farther would stay at least overnight — train travel was anything but a relaxing joy.

Farmers would combine their livestock and drive them on hoof down to the stockyards, then come to the hotel for a big dinner. It kept my uncle, who was an excellent cook, my dad and mother, and two hired girls (one was Tine Woods or Lamb before she married “Doc”) busy long hours. The folks hired a young man to meet the trains and help with luggage — sort of a welcome wagon in person — he was Bill Marvin. I know many will recall his dad, Clark, who was our town marshall for years.

Automobiles, of course, caused Malcom’s demise. Trains quit stopping and local people shopped elsewhere for better quality and more selection. The folks sold the hotel and eventually had success once again with a small cafe during 1928-1935.

One of my happiest memories is the picture shows on Saturday nights — the Eiseles, Lams, Bookneus, Nell Whiman and many more good friends all sharing popped corn they had brought from home while the silent movies went on and on.

Oh, those were the days!

Malcom will always be home to me.

TERABERRY HISTORY

Jacob Teraberry was a pioneer. He was born October 25, 1844 on a farm near Clinton, New Jersey, one of eleven children. When a young man, he came west with his parents, settling on a farm near Princeton, Illinois. There he married Sarah Leonore Judd. In the spring of 1872 they moved to a farm in Poweshiek County, six miles north of Malcom. Two sons were born to Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Teraberry, Fredrick Judd and Glen Earl. Fredrick was killed in an accident at the age of 16.

Jacob Teraberry took an active part in community affairs. He lived on the farm and in Malcom in later years while his son Glen ran the farm. Jacob passed away September 5, 1933. Sarah Leonora followed him in death on December 2, 1933.

Glen attended Malcom School and attended Grinnell Academy graduating in 1907. He taught rural school one winter before settling on the farm. Glen married at Maquoketa, Iowa June 4, 1912 to Hazel Bowling and they took up housekeeping on the family farm. Six sons were born to them, one dying shortly after birth. They farmed the family farm until 1934. In March of 1934 they moved to Malcom as they lost the farm in the depression.

Hazel Teraberry went back to teaching school at the Malcom School and Glen worked at the Malcom hardware store. Glen took an active part in community affairs. He passed away November 4, 1950. Hazel continued to teach until 1955 when she resigned due to illness. Shortly afterwards she moved to Des Moines to be near her son Richard. She passed away on January 13, 1966.

The five sons; Donald, Max, Glen, Jr., Richard and Phillip, are still living, all married and with families.

ISA AND BENJAMIN THOMSON

Issa and Benjamin Thomson moved to the Malcom vicinity in 1885, moving there from Weeping Water, Nebraska. They settled on a farm five miles north of Malcom, and named it the Evergreen Stock Farm. Benjamin was known for his purebred short horn cattle and his thoroughbred harness horses.

In 1911 their son B. Reed Thomson took over the farming operation and Issa and Benjamin moved to Malcom where they became very active members of the Presbyterian Church.

Benjamin was active in the Masonic Lodge and Issa in the Eastern Star where she was a very dedicated worker.

It was said in Malcom that when anyone was sick or had died or was about to give birth to a baby, they called for Issa Thomson! She was always there to help in anyway she could.

The same was said for Benjamin. He was always called on if anyone had a sick animal, especially horses.

The farm where they settled in 1885 has stayed in the family for three generations. Their grandson, B. Paul Thomson, now lives on the same farm 87 years later.

Benjamin passed away March 27, 1937 at his Malcom home and Issa passed away on May 19, 1941.

JOSEPH AND EYV (BILLINGSLEY) TINKER

Five generations of this family lived in Malcom: Joseph Wainright Tinker and Eby Jane (Billingsley) Tinker were born and reared in Pennsylvania. His occupation in his youth was that of a woolen manufacturer, since his father was engaged quite extensively in that business. In 1868, he came to Poweshiek County and farmed where Alfred Robey now lives. Later the Tinkers bought the house where the Meldrem family lived in Malcom twenty-five years, two blocks west of the Masonic Lodge. Their lives were associated with the cause of Christianity, and they were liberal contributors and supporters.
CLARK VARNUM

Born at Peacham, Caledonia County, Vermont on September 24, 1846, Clark grew up on a farm in that community. At the age of 18 he was sent to Malcom with the family's savings to buy a farm and get a home started for the rest of the family, which this was done and the family settled on the new farm in the northwest part of Scott Township, about three miles southeast of Malcom, Clark took up the study of law.

Rather than attending college, Clark studied law in the office of some practicing attorney—a course approved in those days. He was admitted to the Bar in 1870 and opened an office in Malcom. He was soon recognized as one of the leading local attorneys. While he lived in this community, Clark became a member of the Masonic Lodge, holding several offices—including the Master's chair when the new Masonic Hall was dedicated in 1877.

In 1870 Clark married Ella Shipley of Montezuma, they were the parents of two daughters—Lulu and Blanche; the family moved to Newton, Iowa and later to Chicago, Illinois.

After divorce ended this marriage, Clark married Irena Galloway of New Boston, Illinois, who became the mother of two sons—Clark S. and Laurent K.—and who died in 1901. The next year he married Eva Belle Tuttle of Hamilton, Missouri, who was to also become the mother of two sons—Victor V. and P. D. Varnum. We understand that Clark was quite prominent in the legal profession in Chicago until about 1910 when his health failed.

During his later years Clark returned to Malcom only to visit his brothers and sister who lived near here; but after his death at Hart, Michigan on August 14, 1914, the family intended to return here. All the sons lived at Malcom at some time, and the two daughters are buried at Ivy Hill with their mother. Only one of the sons—P. D. Varnum—lives in Tama, Iowa; Laurent K. is a prominent attorney in Grand Rapids, Michigan. The oldest son—Clark S. will be remembered by some of our older readers, for he lived on a farm southeast of Malcom for several years, about 1920. He later made his home in Highland Park, Michigan for many years, was a self-taught electrical engineer, and died at his home there in 1960.

NICHOLAS VOGEL

From the little settlement of FOUR CORNERS in southern Indiana, NICHOLAS VOGEL came to "Ioway" at the turn of the century. He liked what he found and from the small settlement on the banks of the Muscatatuck he brought his bride, Elizabeth Maschino, to settle in Poweshiek County. Within six years of the time they had arrived they purchased the VOGEL FARM, five miles north of Malcom and comprising land in Malcom and Sheridan Townships.

Thiers were memories of the gas lights, the early home electric plants, the mutual party telephone line, township schools, and the once very popular shipping association of Malcom. Mr. Vogel was manager of this once-thriving industry.
All seven of the Vogel children attended the rural schools and five of the seven attended the Malcomb High School. The Vogel children are: Victor, who lives on and owns the Vogel Farm; Frank, who owns and operates his farm two miles north of the family home; Charles, a Grinnell attorney; Rev. Lawrence Vogel, now pastor of St. Vincent de Sales Catholic Church in Keokuk, Louis, who married a Malcomb girl, Doris West, and now owns a farm near Riceville; Elizabeth, who married Attorney John Kohrman of Florence, Kentucky; and Rev. Raymond Vogel, pastor of St. Michael’s Church, Holbrook.

Charles, Lawrence, Louis, Elizabeth, and Raymond were graduated from Malcomb High School previous to college enrollment. The Vogels have always been active in community life. Charles became the first Democratic county attorney Poweshiek ever elected and he now sees his son, Richard, filling that same office.

The Nick Vogels lived five miles north of Malcomb until advancing years caused them to seek a smaller farm and they moved to another local historic spot, the Schneekloth “80 just south of Malcomb. They counted their grandchildren at fifteen. Mrs. Vogel died in May 1959 and Nick died in April 1963 at the age of 88.

WILLIAM F. VOGEL

William F. Vogel and his wife Louisa arrived in Malcomb on September 29, 1883, coming here from Scott County, Iowa. He became one of Malcomb’s prosperous business men—first by opening a general store and later by going into the hardware business which was one of the most extensive in Poweshiek County.

Mr. Vogel was born in Dehausen, Waldeck, Germany on September 14, 1859. In 1883 he married Miss Louisa Schwartzig, who was born in Ichtershausen, Germany. The Vogel children were all born in Malcomb—Irma in 1885, Edna in 1886, Walter C. in 1888 and Stella in 1891. Irma was married to Frank Townsend of Des Moines and they made their home in that city. Walter married Esther Cheney and their home was in Washington, D. C. Edna and Stella never married. Irma nor Walter had any children.

In 1914 Maurice A. Brewer arrived in Malcomb to work for Mr. Vogel in the hardware store and he made his home with them. Maurice lived with the family until he enlisted in the U.S. Army Engineer Corps in 1917. When he completed his tour of duty he returned to the Vogel household. In 1920 he was married to Miss Sarah J. Robb.

Mr. Vogel served the town of Malcomb in public office, township trustee for 25 years, served on the Board of Education, town treasurer, and also served in the capacity of county treasurer. He also was postmaster for four years. The Vogel family are all deceased and are buried in the Malcomb cemetery with the exception of Walter who is buried in Arlington National Cemetery.

MR. AND MRS. SPENCE WALTERS

Spence Walters will be remembered as a long time resident of Malcomb also. He came in the early days as a carpenter and laid down many buildings. Spence settled here and married Mae Winchell. They had two children, Norma and Harry. Many will remember Harry for he also carpentered and later ran the Standard Oil tank truck for years. He then built a little station where the Nurse’s Station is.

Spence Walters lived where Mrs. Katherine Cummings lives. Norma Walters is the only one presently living. She makes her home in Peoria, Illinois.

MARGARET JANE WATSON

Margaret Jane Watson was born and lived her life on a farm in west Malcomb. Her education was acquired in the Malcomb schools. She was an only child and after the death of her mother and father she continued to live alone until death in the 1950’s on the home farm.

Miss Watson was truly a Christian lady. She was a Sunday School teacher in the Methodist Church and a leader for years.

The night was never too long or cold and the day was never too warm that Miss Watson would not go to help a friend or neighbor in trouble.

“There are stars that go out in the darkness,
But their silvery light shineth on;
There are roses whose perfume still lingers
When the Blossoms are faded and gone.
There are hearts full of light and sweetness,
Where no longer their life current flows,
Still their goodness lives on with the living
Like the soul of the star and the rose.”

Sincerely submitted,
Margaret Cain Ketzbach

MR. AND MRS. JOHN B. ZIRBEL

John B. Zirbel was born in Illinois but came to Poweshiek County when a small boy. He attended the rural school at the Highland Park Business College in Des Moines.

He took up the occupation of farming and extensive buying and selling cattle and was very successful in both occupations.

He was married to the former Elizabeth McClure in 1905. Mr. Zirbel was born near Wakচ, Iowa and came to Poweshiek County when a small girl. Their first home was on the McClure farm, that later was the Hugh McClure farm and now is the home of Dickey’s Prairie Home Station and Cafe.

Two years later they moved to their new farm home one mile south. John and his brother, Charles, built the barn and other farm buildings on their farm.

Mr. and Mrs. Zirbel were members of the Malcomb Presbyterian Church where Mr. Zirbel served several terms as trustee and was a faithful member and supporter of the church. Mrs. Zirbel, never very strong, did as much as her strength and health would permit. She was superintendent and teacher in the primary department of the Sunday School for a number of years. She was a faithful member of the Ladies Aid and the Ladies Missionary Society and enjoyed taking part when she was able.

Mrs. Zirbel was a member of the neighborhood Jolly Bunch Club and enjoyed meeting her neighbors and friends and exchanging homemaking ideas.

Mr. Zirbel was an industrious, honest, upright and clean man, holding the respect of all his neighbors and friends and was always ready to help others, giving of his best to anyone in trouble or sorrow. He passed away in 1831. Mr. Zirbel carried on the management of the farm until her death in 1960.
John Wentzel was born April 17, 1861 in Princeton, Illinois. John Wentzel was one of a family located on a farm near Malcom, where he made his home for the next twenty years.

After his marriage on October 5, 1892 to Augusta Frances Jaworski, the couple moved to Jewell, Iowa for a few years; while they lived there, the first daughter, Elizabeth, was born. He doesn’t know just what year the Wentzels moved back to Malcom, but when they did this became their permanent residence. The rest of their children—Ralph, Viola, and Ida, were born here at Malcom; where Elizabeth and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Wentzel still live in the family home.

Although he worked for the railroad for a time and for several years owned and operated the meat market in Malcom, he is best remembered for the 37 years he served as supervisor of the Malcom Cemetery —all before the days of the power mower.

Preceded by his wife of many years, and by his daughters Viola and Ida, John passed away at his home at the age of 92; and was buried in the cemetery he had tended so faithfully for more than a third of a century. None of the 13 grandchildren and 31 great-grandchildren of this long time Malcom resident live in Malcom, but most of them live in Iowa.

WHEELER BROTHERS

The Wheeler Brothers—farmers and stock raisers of Poweshiek County, who came to this county in 1874 from Ripton, Vermont; conducted farms to the extent of 1,140 acres, which were models of neatness and suggestive of a love of enterprise and industry, located in the southeast part of Malcom Township. Orin Wheeler was the father of Charles, Joseph, Albert, Edna, May and Fred.

Charles B. Wheeler, who was killed in the cyclone of June 17, 1882, was the father of Harry, Luna, Bert, Frank and Guy.

Edith Allen Wheeler married Carrie Jones. Of their two sons, Jay and Sid, Sid Wheeler still lives in Montezuma, Iowa, with his wife Blanche. They have celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary last year (1971) with their eight children and families. They are associated with the Methodist Church and are still members of the Knights of Pythian Lodge.

William Wallace Wheeler, came west to Iowa, in 1853, where on December 25, 1860, he united in marriage with Sarah Keller. To this union were born five children: Lizzie (Mrs. W. H. Dufus); Grant Wheeler, who married Lillian Royce; Belle (Mrs. Wesley A. Palmer); Josie (Mrs. Ben Butter); and Clifton W. Wheeler.

In 1874 he and his wife and family settled on a farm southwest of Malcom (which is now known as the Tom Bowers farm). Mr. Wheeler died in 1889 and Mr. Wheeler in 1919 at the age of 84 years. Both are buried in the Malcom Cemetery.

Clifton Wheeler graduated from the Malcom High School and later moved with his father to a farm at Hale, Missouri in 1904, where he met and married Katie Wurster in 1905. To this union were born four children, Sonie (Mrs. Harvey Jensen of Grinnell, Iowa) and Floy (Mrs. Henery Rohlfing of Grinnell, Iowa) who were both born at Hale, Missouri. In 1909 the family moved to a farm which they purchased at Erie, Kansas; where Gall Wheeler of Malcom (who married Margaret Lydick of Erie, Kansas) and Loma (Mrs. Raymond Bargh of Grinnell, Iowa) were both born. In 1917 the family sold the farm in Kansas and moved to the Wesley Palmer farm 5-1/2 miles southwest of Malcom, Iowa (where Gall and Margaret Wheeler are now living) where they lived until they retired in later years to Grinnell, Iowa. Katie Wheeler passed away in 1956 and Clifton Wheeler in 1959, following an automobile accident. Both are buried in the Malcom Cemetery. Over the years they were closely associated with the Methodist Churches and also attended the Grant No. 7 Sunday School. Clifton was a member of the I.O.O.F. Lodge in Kansas, also the Knights of Pythian Temple there and later in Malcom. Katie was a member of the Rebekah Lodge in Missouri and Eastern Star and of the Pythian Sister Temple of Malcom, Iowa.

DR. V. S. WILCOX

A man dedicated to his work, Dr. V. S. Wilcox lived and practiced medicine in the same town for fifty-three years. In May 1874 he located at Malcom. He was born in Homer, Licking County, Ohio, on October 11, 1848. He was the father of three children; Dr. Delano Wilcox, Mrs. Henry Wickman, and Mrs. C. O. Bowers.

At the age of 17, he taught a country school. In 1871 he entered Iowa State University for the study of medicine, graduating in 1874. He made the interest of his patients his first objective, and he exemplified the noblest ideals of his profession.

SAM WINCHELL

One of Malcom’s early settlers was Sam Winchell. Sam came through with the covered wagons. He settled in Malcom and later he met and married Martha Jones. They lived all their lives in Malcom. Sam and Martha had ten children. Sam ran a pool hall.

John, their oldest son, ran a drugstore for years. Elizabeth Winchell Ensor was Post Mistress. Ada Winchell married George Audas, and they had a big livery barn east of the big hotel. Ralph Winchell ran a barber shop for 25 years. The last place where he was located is the building now known as Charlie’s Antiques. After Ralph had to give up barbering, he had the little filling station built on the corner. That is where the Old Hotel stood. Just last year his son Lloyd bought it and is presently running it.

Sam Winchell has several grandchildren living in Malcom, and also several great, great grandchildren of his great grandson Harry Smith.

DR. LAIRD WOODS

Laird Woods, a former Malcom Veterinarian practiced here for 44 years and was a resident for over 50 years. He was born April 25, 1888 at State Center, Iowa.

At the age of 16 he moved to Grinnell, where he finished high school. Although his family never lived on a farm, his early ambition was to be a veterinarian. He graduated from Kansas City Veterinary College in 1912. He worked his way through school by working on the Kansas City Star and which he subscribed to for many years.

In the summer of 1911, he worked for a Grinnell veterinarian in the Malcom territory and liked the people so decided to settle there upon graduation.

In 1913, he married Ortense Lamb, whose father was Poweshiek County Sheriff. Mrs. Woods was his faithful office girl and secretary. In early days he might be away for two or three days going from one farm to another keeping in touch at home by telephone.

He used a horse and buggy for a year or more, then started with a Model “T” and during his practice, had over 40 cars
of various makes.
He was always interested in new developments in his profession. He attended national meetings and all state and local ones. He was at one time President of Eastern Iowa Veterinarian Association and served on many committees and at one time was Assistant State Veterinarian.
He was active in the Malcom Methodist Church, Masonic Order, and Eastern Star. He served on the Malcom Council-

for many years.
No matter how rough things would be he would always say, "It's just the way I like it." He loved to read and always read his medical journals. He was champion cribbage player of the Iowa Veterinarian Association Tournament for several years.
He would tell many interesting stories of his early years. A favorite was about being called to the farm of two bachelor brothers. He spent the night taking care of a very sick horse and in the morning they asked him in for breakfast. They said they had pancakes which he loved. When they went to the table they put the batter on in a pitcher, said they didn't bother to bake them. Of course, he wouldn't hurt anyone's feelings so he drank it too.
Doc, as he was known to all, always carried gum in his pockets for the children when he made his calls.
In later years, his greatest enjoyment was his grand-

children, Sharon and Larry Mills.
He passed away in November 1964.
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