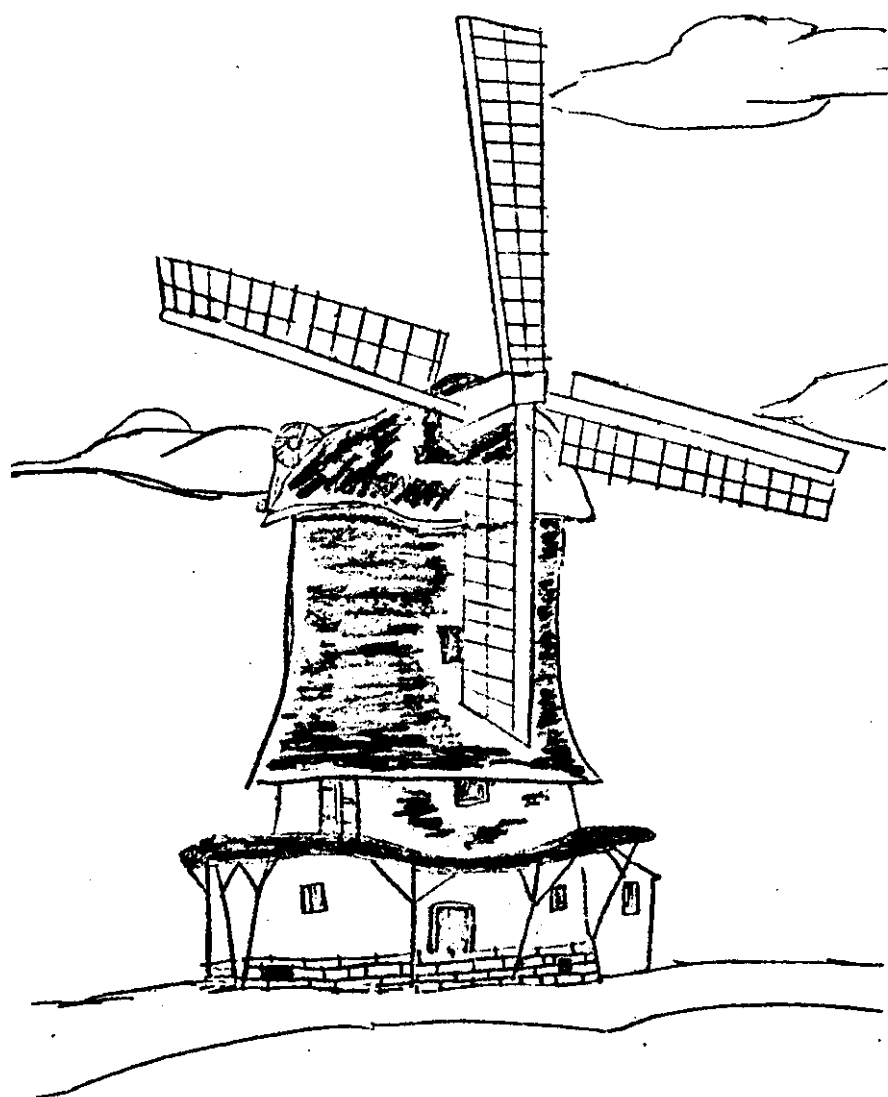




BICYCLE TOUR OF
HISTORIC
TINLEY PARK

This Bike Tour is dedicated
to the students of Tinley Park and,
especially, to Grissom Junior High.
We hope you will be proud of your town
will be inspired to discover and preserve
its history.

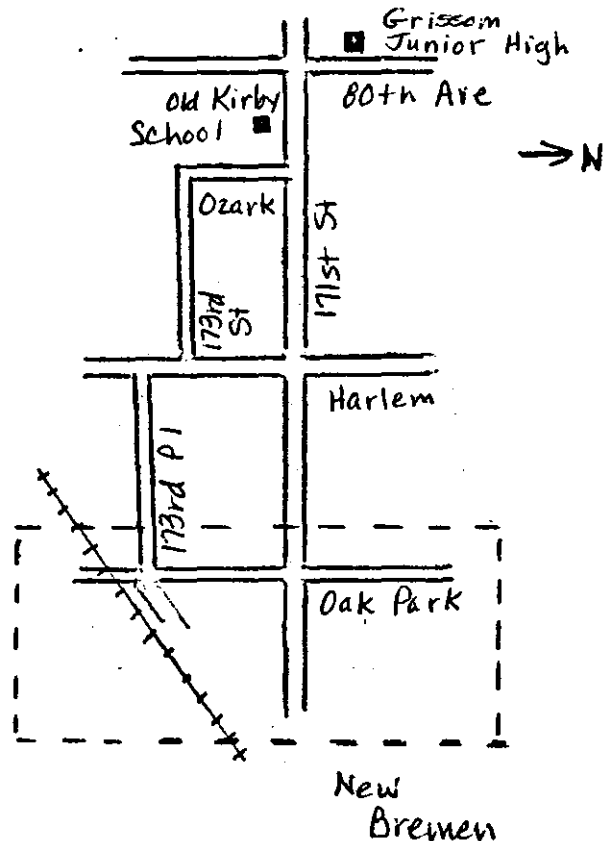
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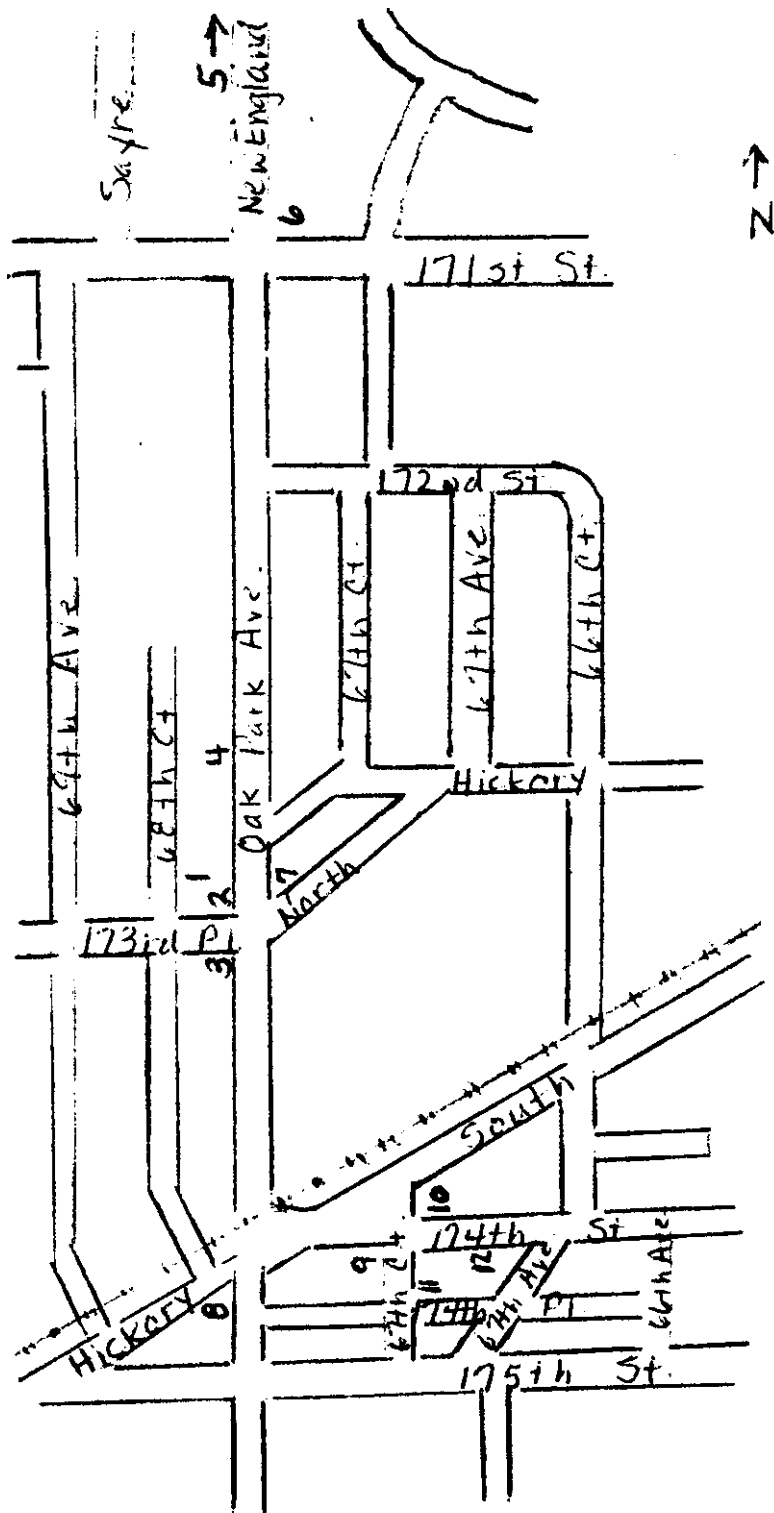
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District 140

June 1, 1980



Bike Tour - Part I

Leave Grissom parking lot
Ride South to 171st St
Turn East on 171st St
Look South at Old Kirby School
(now storage for Bettenhausen)
Turn South on Ozark
Ride to 173rd St
Turn East on 173rd St
Ride to Harlem
Turn South on Harlem Avenue
Ride to 173rd Pl
Turn East on 173rd Pl
Ride to Oak Park Avenue



- 1 - First School
- 2 - Funk's Saloon
- 3 - Funk's General Store
- 4 - Bremen Bank
- 5 - Fulton Family Home
- 6 - Windmill

- 7 - Tinley Park Hotel
- 8 - Vogt Building
- 9 - Bremen Cash Store
- 10 - Blacksmith
- 11 - Saenger Hall
- 12 - Old Zion Lutheran Church

Begin Part II - Historic Tinley Park

Bike Tour - Part II

Begin just West of the corner of 173rd Pl and Oak Park Ave
Look off the driveway on the North at 1) the First School
(moved from original site)

Ride to the West corner of 173rd Pl and Oak Park Ave

Look to the North at 2) Funk's Saloon, now Fee's

Look to the South at 3) Funk's Store, now Bettenhausen
Hardware

Ride North on Oak Park

Look to the West side of the street after departing at
4) the Bremen Bank, now District 146 Administration
Offices

Ride to 168th St and Oak Park, stop on West corner

Look to South at 5) Fulton Family Home, now Century 21

Ride South on Oak Park to 171st St, stop on East corner

Look to North at 6) site of Windmill, now Russ Draves Realty

Ride East to 67th Ct, South to 172nd St, East to 67th Ave,
Southwest on North St, stop at East corner of North and
Oak Park

Look to North at 7) Tinley Park Hotel, now Teehan's

Ride South on Oak Park to South St
Turn Southwest on South, stop in front of 8) Vogt Building
(now owned by the Fultons)
Ride Northeast to open area (Market Platz) at 67th Ct and
South St
Look South to 9) Bremen Cash Store, now Illiana Data Processing
Look East to 10) Blacksmith, now Doughnut Shop and Bookstore
Ride South on 67th Ct to 174th Pl
Turn East on 174th Pl
Look North to 11) the site of Saenger Hall (American Legion
and Illinois Bell)
Turn Northeast on 67th Ave to 174th St
Turn West on 174th St, stop at Old Zion Lutheran Church (now
Bremen Historical Society Museum)

The first settlers came to Tinley Park in 1832 (Mr. Cooper, Cooper's Grove). The village was founded by John Fulton, a New York dairy farmer. In 1850 a township government was established. In 1852 the railroad came to the area. In 1892 the citizens voted to incorporate their town and Henry Vogt, Jr., became the first mayor. The name of the town was changed from New Bremen to Tinley Park. It was named after three brothers from England who worked on the railroad here.

Around the Market Platz was the commercial area of early Tinley Park. Saenger Hall was the hub of social activity. It was built by Henry Vogt in 1857. Old Zion Lutheran Church was built in 1884 after the congregation of Germans became too large to meet in the German school.

OLD KIRBY SCHOOL

Jamie Burnett

Kirby School District was organized February 16, 1850 as District 4. The day it opened, fourteen residents voted to purchase a stove, a water pail, and a dipper. They also voted to build a one room school house that still exists, Kirby School.

Orton L. Mayhew was the first teacher of this new school. He was paid a salary of \$26 a month. He had only fifteen students in his class.

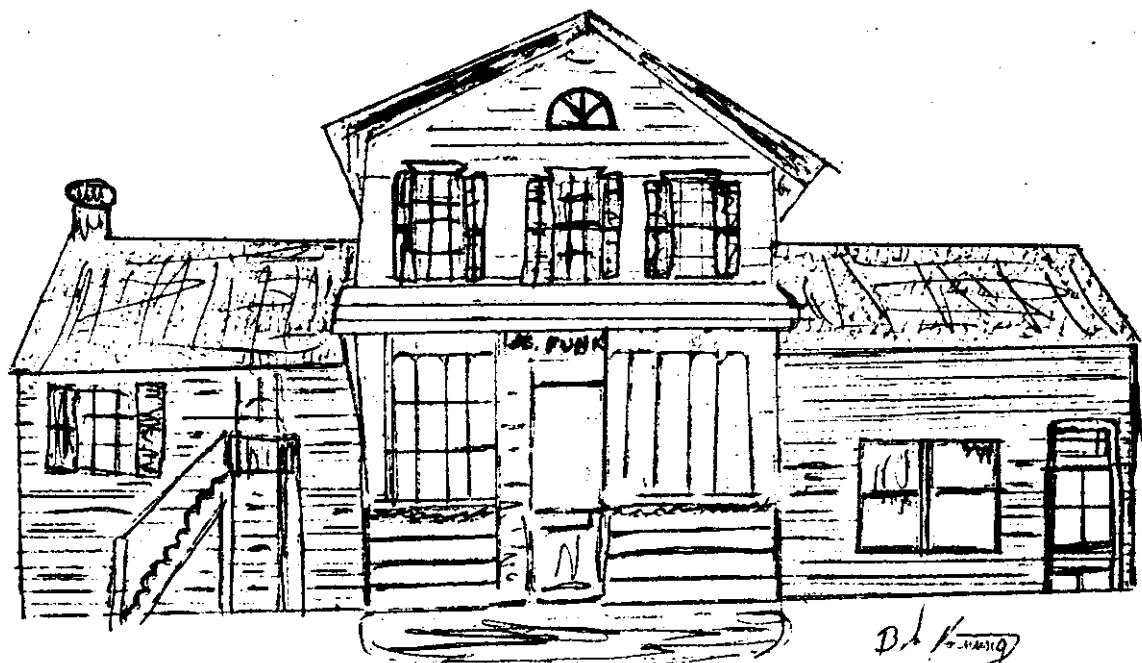
The population of the area grew rapidly when Tinley Park changed from a farm community to a Chicago suburb and new buildings were built.

THE FIRST SCHOOL HOUSE

The first school house was built on Church Street in 1870, just behind Old Zion. It was moved in 1892 next to the water tower on Andres Avenue and served as a school and village hall. It now stands across the driveway from the Bettenhausen home and is used for storage for Bettenhausen Hardware. It is the oldest public building in town. (1)

FUNK'S SALOON

Funk's Tavern had a house attached to the side. The road workers stayed in the upstairs bedrooms while Bachelor Grove Avenue (Oak Park) was being paved. The building is now Fee's Tavern. (2)



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FUNK'S GENERAL STORE

Mindy Buck

Christian Andres established the store in 1870. Later John Funk bought it. The general store housed Tinley Park's first telephone and switchboard. Today the remodeled store is occupied by Bettenhausen Hardware.

J. C. Funk and his family lived upstairs of the store; he was the first person to own a telephone in Tinley Park. He was also one of the first major store owners to extend unlimited credit to residents of the town. (3)



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BREMEN STATE BANK

Bob Hornung

Bremen State Bank was built in 1912. It served the community for 53 years from its original location. The first president was Christian Andres. The new bank facility is located on 175th and Oak Park. The Bremen State Bank building now houses the Administration Center for School District 146. (4)

FULTON FAMILY HOME

Jamie Burnett

This oldest residence in Tinley Park at 16800 Oak Park was built in 1844. The back part of the house is the original home. Mr. Dick Post preserved this family house by converting it to a Century 21 R. M. Post real estate office. Because of Dick Post's interest in the community and effort he put into preserving this home, we have another historical landmark. (5)

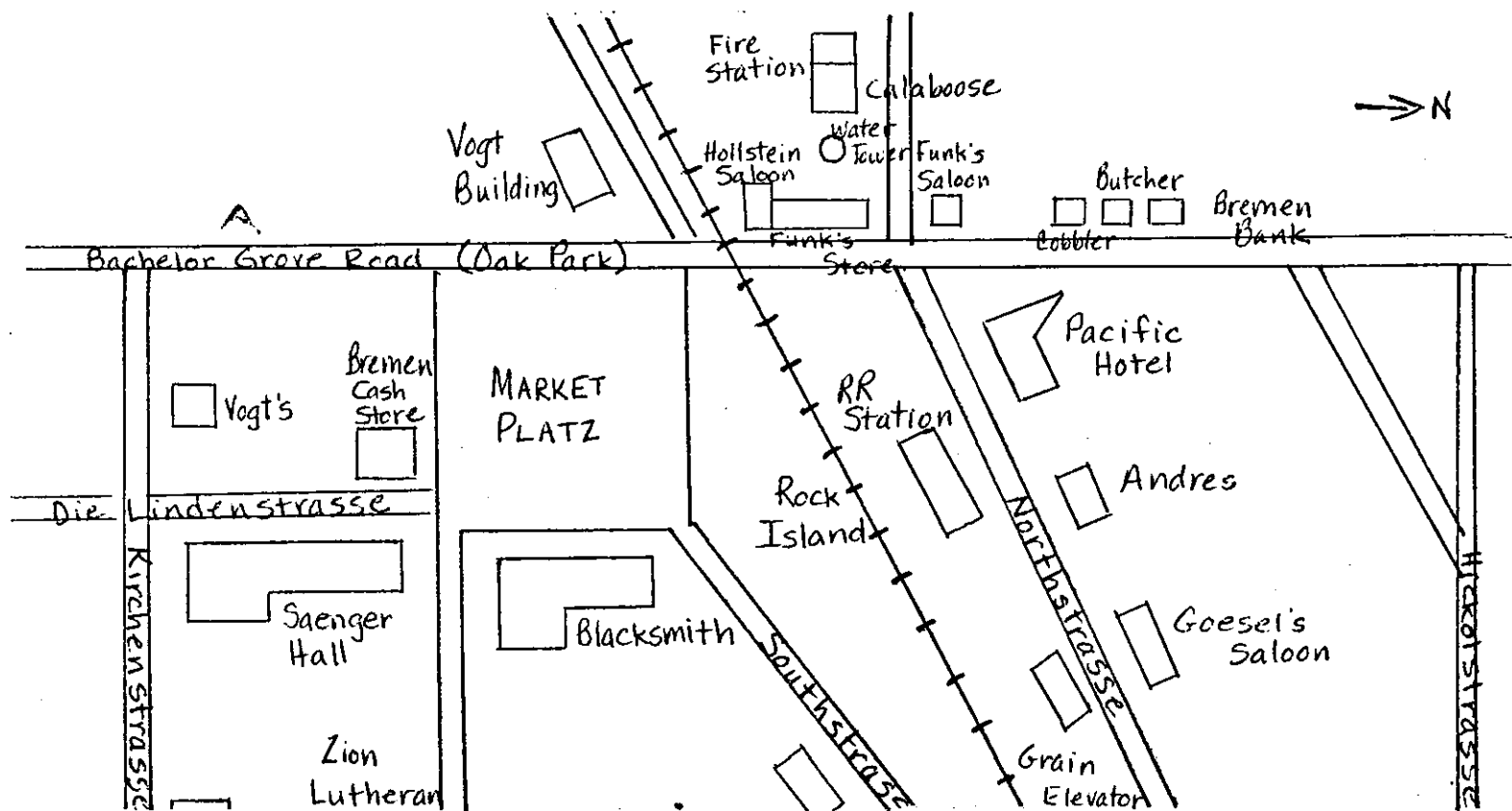


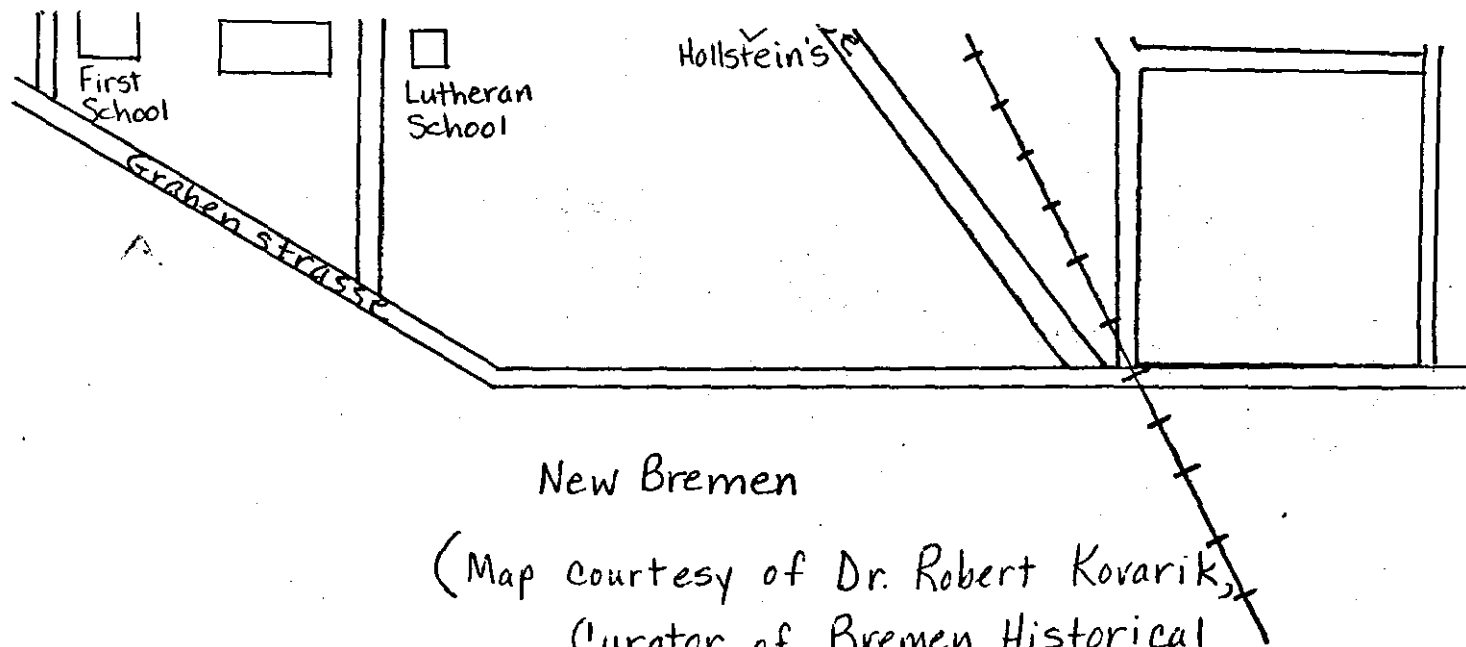
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THE OLD WINDMILL

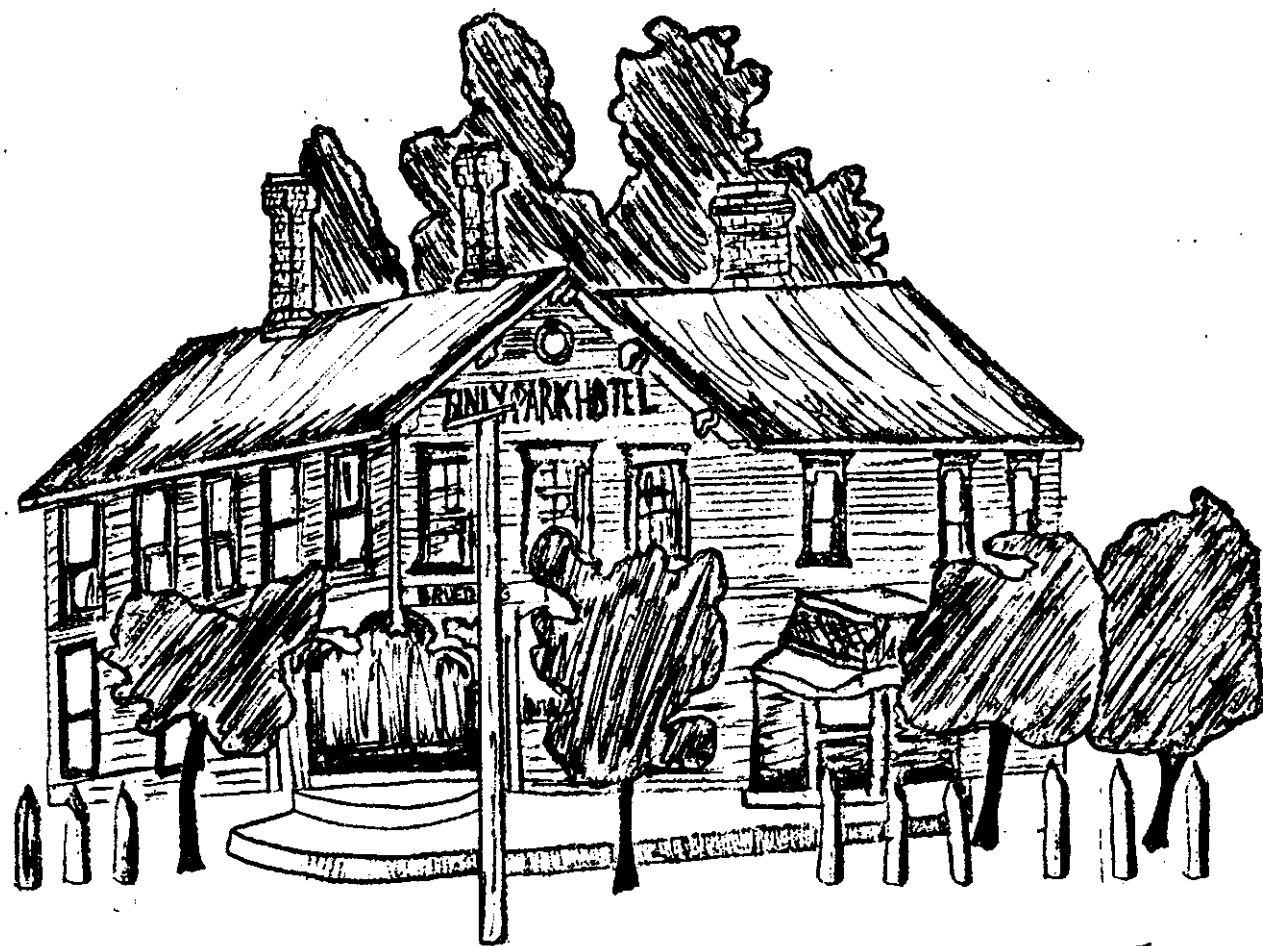
The old windmill was constructed in 1872 by George Bartels at the cost of \$10,000. It was located near the northeast corner of 171st Street and Oak Park Avenue. The mill was over 100 feet tall and had six floors. The realty company, Russ Draves, rests on the old foundation of the mill and the house is constructed with timbers from the mill. (6)





New Bremen

(Map courtesy of Dr. Robert Kovarik,
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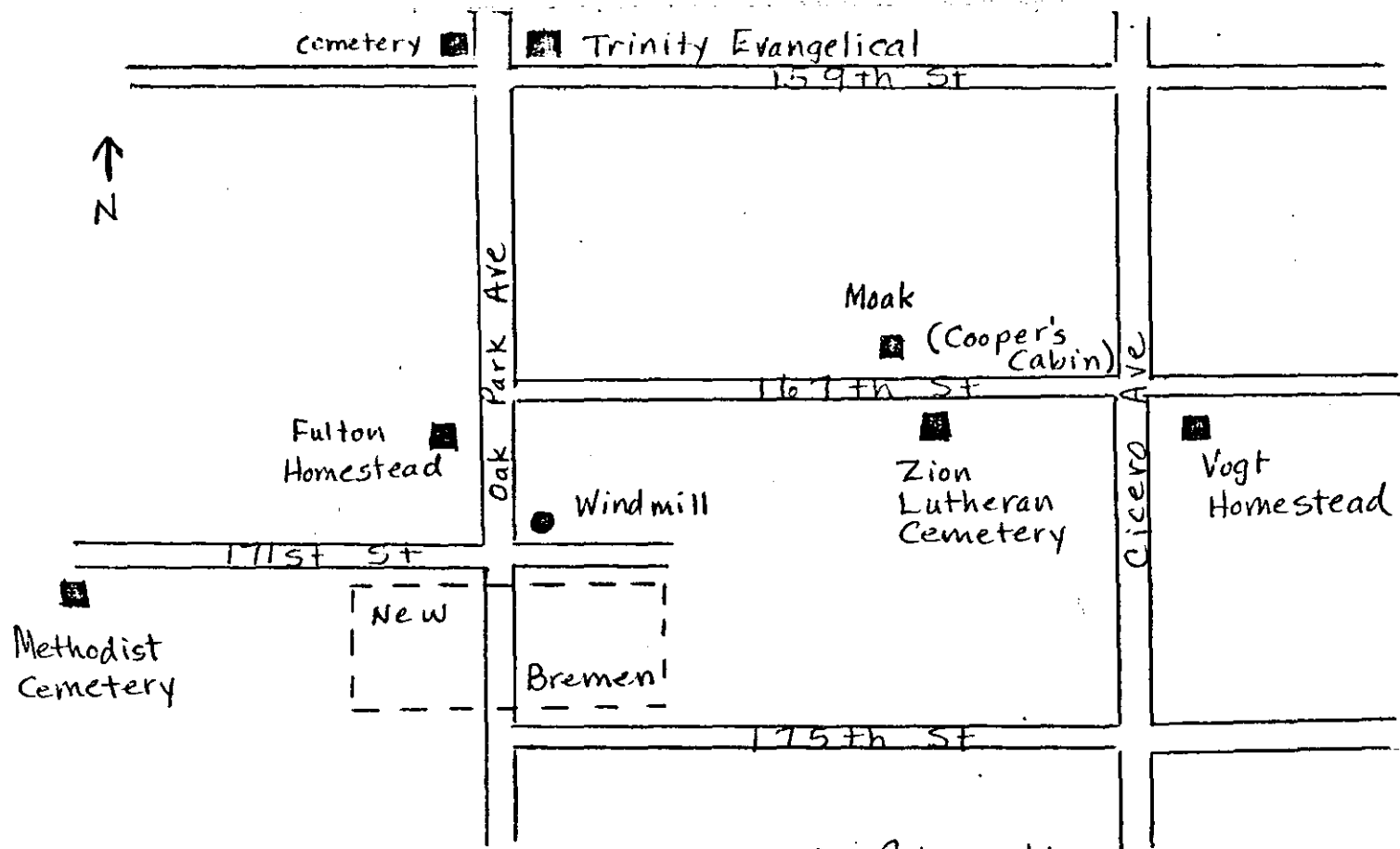


THE TINLEY PARK HOTEL

Pam Cramer

The Tinley Park Hotel, or Pacific Hotel, was built by George Boldt in the 1850's. The Teehan Family bought the property in 1917.

The parking lot of Teehan's Tavern is the site where a harness shop and Goesel's Saloon stood. (7)



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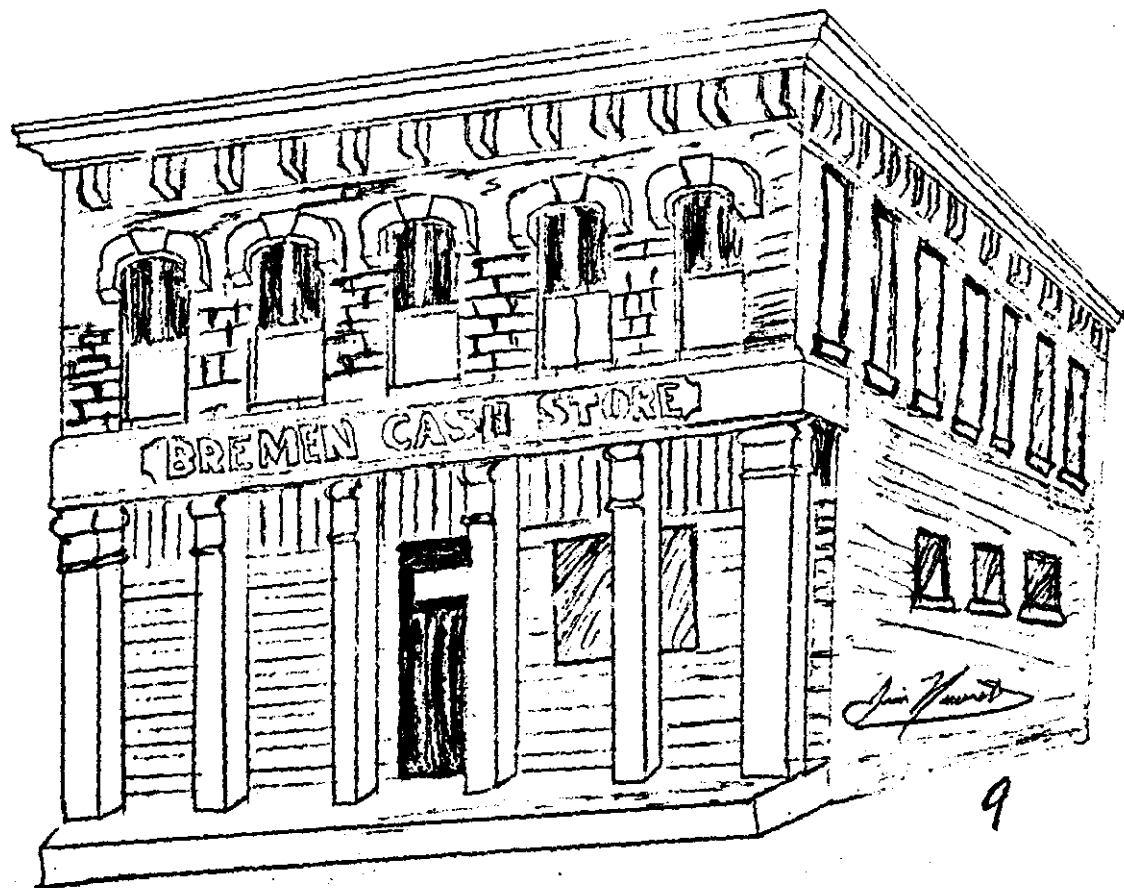
THE VOGT BUILDING

Keith Edmier

The old Vogt Building at 6811 Hickory Street is one of Tinley Park's oldest and most historic buildings. The three story red brick building was built in 1871 by a man named Carl Vogt, the uncle of Henry Vogt. When it was in use, it was used for commercial purposes. Since Tinley Park was a railroad town, the Vogt Building was one of the main places in Tinley Park for the passengers and the railroad workers to stay.

The present day Vogt Building is owned by Mr. and Mrs. Fulton. Mr. Fulton quotes, "They tell me I could get a million dollars for it, but I'll never sell. They'd just put up some mess out there."

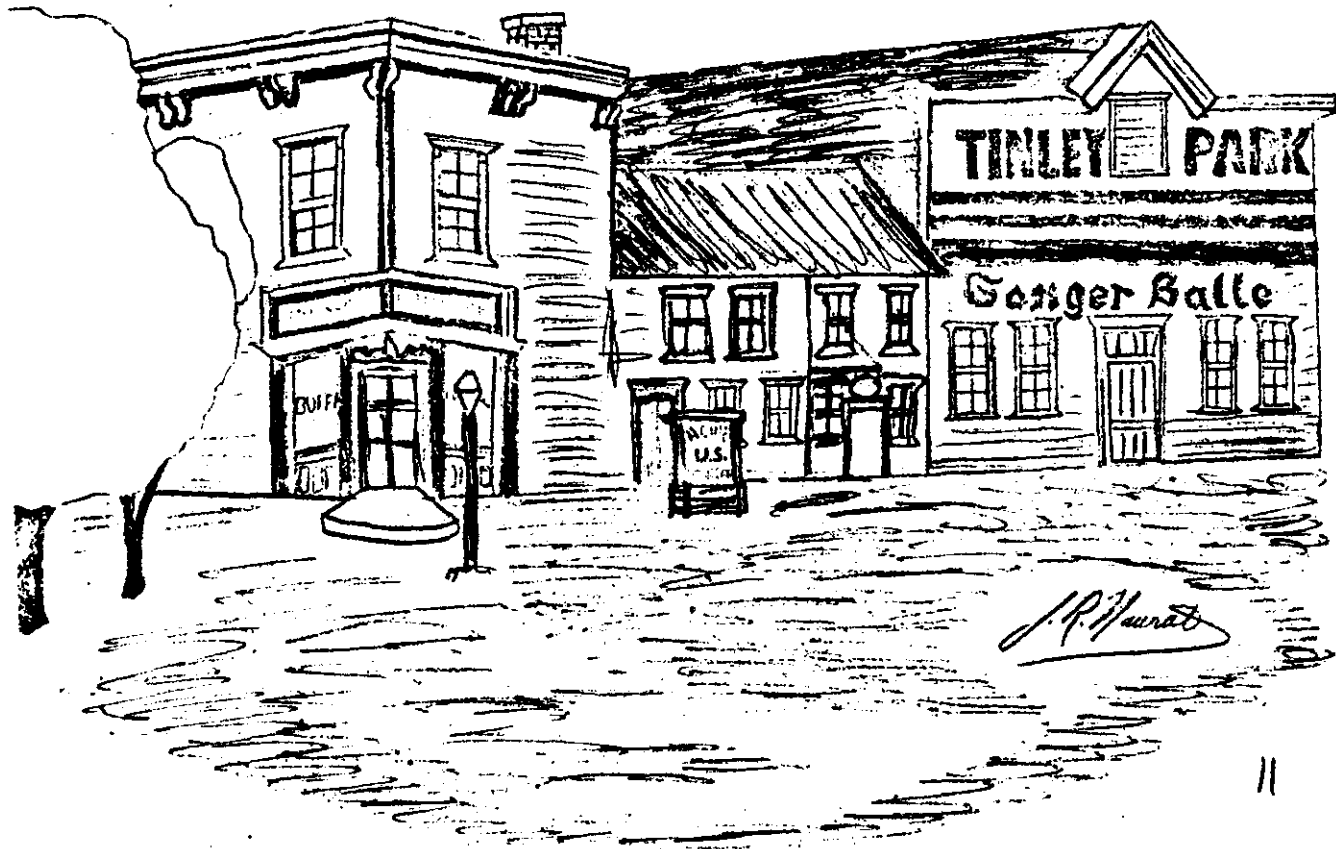
Mr. Fulton, in his late seventies, repairs and remodels the large Victorian house almost daily. He rents rooms to senior citizens and is very proud of his accomplishments. (8)



BREMEN CASH STORE

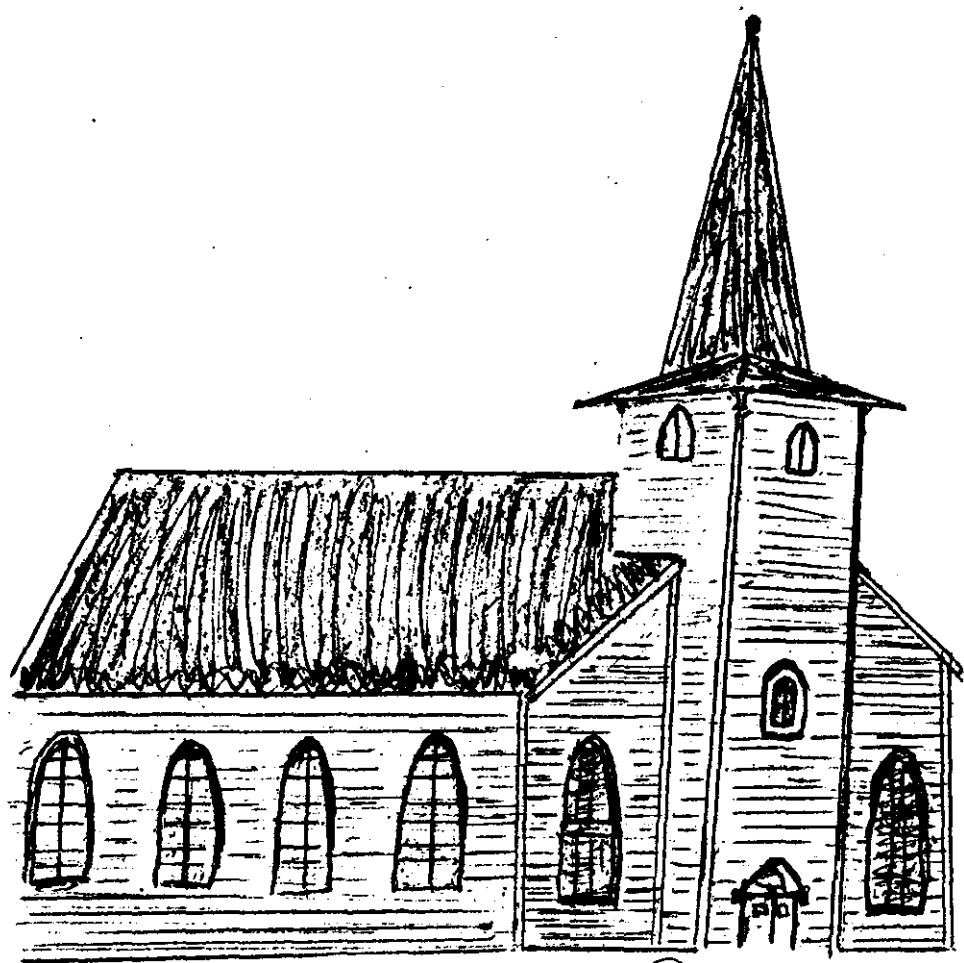
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The Bremen Cash Store stands at 6775 West 174th Street. The building was opened by Henry Vogt in the 1880's. The Bremen Cash Store, or Vogt's Store, contained the first working passenger elevator. It worked by operating a series of weights and hand pulleys between the basement and second floor. (9)



SAENGER HALL

In 1857 Carl Vogt built a tavern and named it Saenger Hall for the German singing societies that abounded in the village. There was a dance hall upstairs and a beer garden among the linden trees, appropriately named Linden Gardens. In 1903 Henry Vogt, Sr. added a larger dance hall. Fire destroyed the hall in 1962. (11)



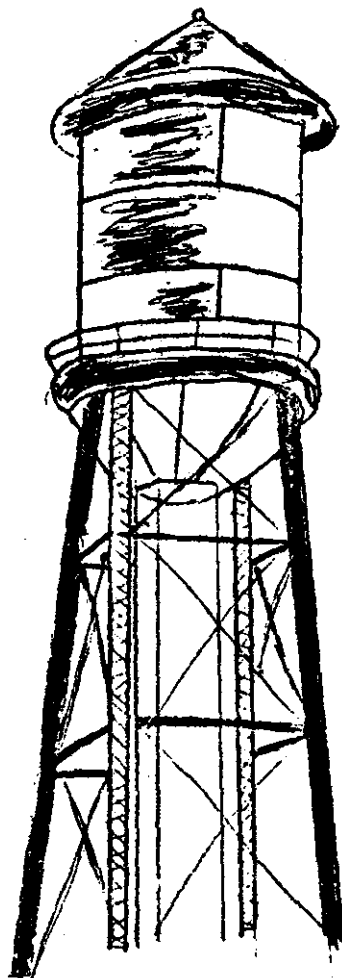
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OLD ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

Bob Hornung

Old Zion was built in 1884 by members of the German Lutheran Congregation which had formed twelve years earlier. Located on the south side of Church Street, it is now the Bremen Historical Society Museum. Old Zion became Tinley Park's first historical landmark. (12)

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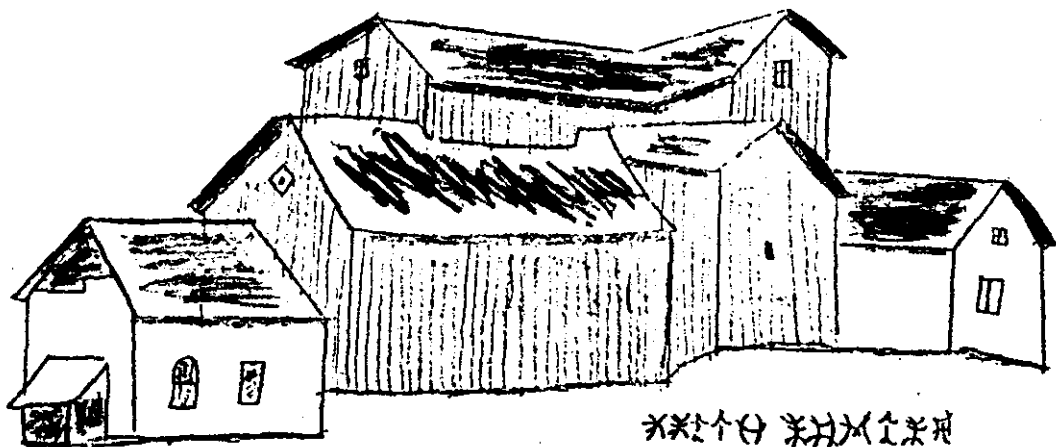
THE WATER TOWER

The Tinley Park water tower was built in 1899 by the Chicago Bridge and Iron Company. It cost \$3000.

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THE GRAIN ELEVATOR

The grain elevator was located on North Street between the lumber yard and the present day Rock Island parking lot. It was built in 1876 by Christian Andres and was torn down in the 1960's.



THE CALIBAN HOUSE

Mindy Buck

The Caliban House, at 167th and Patricia, is said to be over 100 years old. The present owner of the house, Paul Caliban, says the house was built in 1865. The "Caliban House" was the William Moak House. This house was occupied by Olive Moak Panknin, after her parents died, who later rented it to a Fulton. It was sold to a Wilson who let it fall into disrepair. Caliban completely renovated the house, installing an efficiently modern kitchen and other improvements. However the interior is furnished with pieces from an earlier period.

SPECIAL THANKS

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