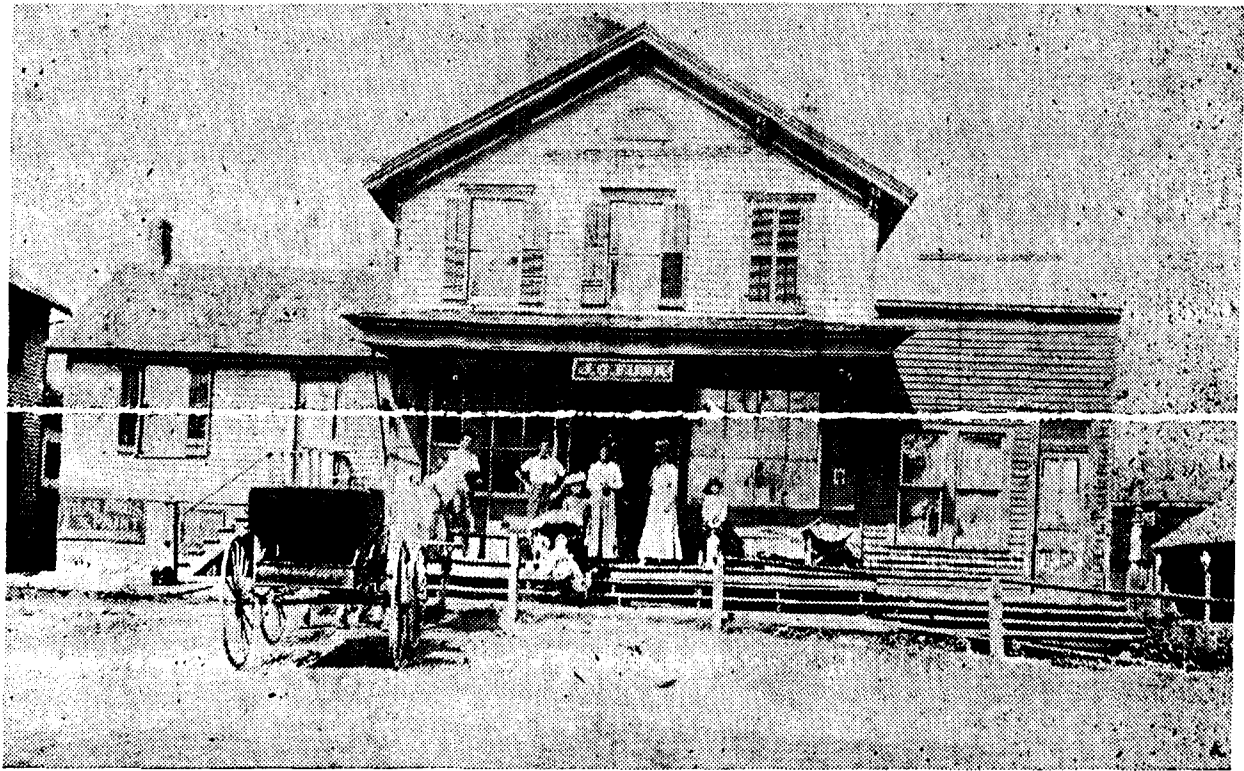


TINLEY PARK - - Your Village

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TINLEY PARK'S FIRST TELEPHONE OFFICE

1845



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Our Village came into existence as a community in 1845. Land at that time sold for \$1.25 an acre. This community was originally called New Bremen in honor of Bremen, Germany from whence came many of our early settlers. Some time later renamed Yorktown, and finally Tinley Park. The first building erected here was a combination store and post office, located at what is now the corner of Ridgeland Ave. and North Street. The railroad came in 1852 and the workers were given room and board by the settlers for 30 cents a day. Transportation made a grain elevator practical and for many years New Bremen was one of the major grain shippers of this area. In 1892 the Village was incorporated and the name was changed to Tinley Park in honor of the Tinley Brothers who were prominent Rock Island railroad men. Our first telephone directory listed seven subscribers and the switchboard was tended only during the day. A windmill was built at the north end of town in 1872 and used to mill wheat for over twenty years; it stood for many years thereafter as an interesting landmark. In 1904 a boom struck Tinley Park and the Spiral Mfg. Co. built a washing machine factory here. Tinley Park had visions of becoming an airplane manufacturing center during the first world war. One aircraft of the three wing variety was constructed using the facilities of the washing machine works but crashed while it was being test flown. Many old buildings remain to remind us of our heritage. We have come a long way and accomplished a great deal since this community was christened New Bremen. Lets pull together and our future will be even more interesting and rewarding than our past.