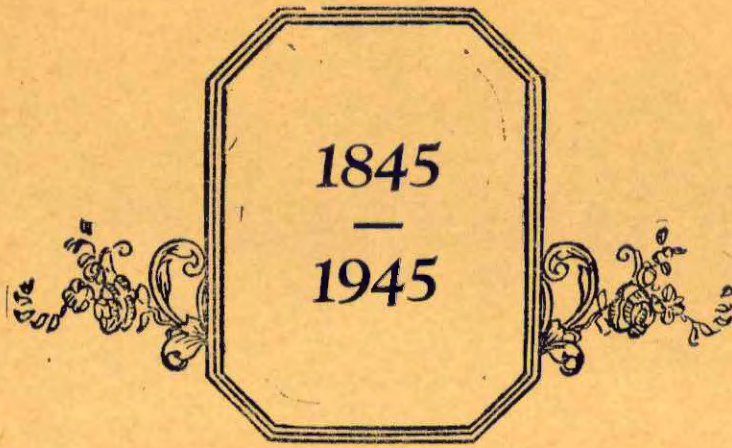




Centennial
of
TINLEY PARK

100 Years of Progress

October 5, 6, 7, 1945

TINLEY, EDWARD

Edward Tinley was a well-known business man for nearly 50 years. A native of Southwall, England, he came to this country with his father and mother in 1848.

In 1855, the family moved to what is now known as Tinley Park, Illinois. In 1854, he entered the employ of the railroad as assistant to his father at the station. In 1856, he came to DePue as station agent. His wife was Dorcas Kittel of Mendota. They had no children but raised several nieces and nephews. His duties at the railroad did not engage his entire time, and he bought and shipped grain and was in partnership with Jacob Bernhardt and J. H. Hassler. Due to poor health, he sold his business interests in DePue in 1895.

Mr. and Mrs. Tinley traveled extensively in Europe from 1876 on. He returned to Chicago in 1898, after an extended trip in Canada, and lived at the Plaza Hotel in Chicago where he passed away in 1903. He was cremated according to his wishes and the ashes were conveyed to Princeton. He served the town board in many capacities and was active in the Congregational Church, being choir director for many years.

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FOREWORD:

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This booklet setting forth the history of 100 years of progress of Tinley Park since it first came into existence as a community in 1845, has been compiled by Editor William Semmler of the Tinley Park Times with the very fine collaboration of Mrs. Walter Eichelberg of Tinley Park.

They are deeply indebted to Mr. Bert H. Fulton, a descendent of the first pioneer family of Tinley Park and to other living descendents of the early pioneer families for authentic data concerning the history of Tinley Park. The paramount objective of the compilers have been, to present correct data, and if by chance any errors have crept into this work, it has been done unknowingly.

As far as is known, this is the first illustrated history of the village of Tinley Park ever printed. We trust it will be of special interest, not only to the older generation, but to the present and future generations as well.

—The Compilers

Men and Women of Tinley Park in the Service of their Country

Asher Elkanah B.	Funk Robert	Olsen Henry
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Boone Howard	Juergens Otto	Siebrandt Henry
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Carr Blanche Mary	Lahti John A.	Stege George
Carlson Kenneth E.	*Lucius, Milton	Swisher Dick L.
Carlson Marvin D.	Machtemes Leonard	Schuldt Paul R.
Carmichael Wm	Mason Donald R.	Tomlinson R. T.
Ceithaml Ruth	Mason Ray M.	Tate Marjorie G.
Cloud Gilbert W.	Mason Richard L.	Uthe Harry M.
Coffey Eugene J.	Mathews Orle L.	Uthe Howard E.
Casey John W.	Meyer Fred H.	Uthe Warren L.
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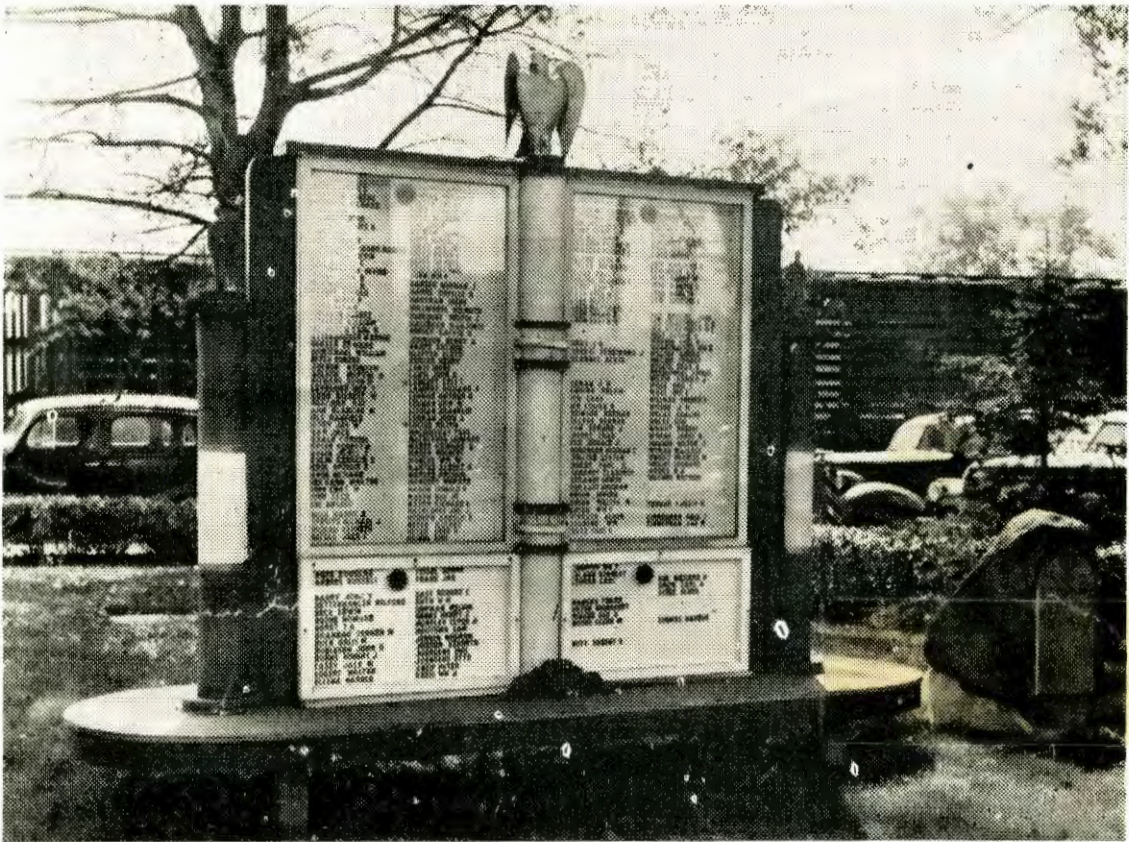
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 Cleveland, Roy
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 Cole, Mansfield
 Darby, Jessie
 Elleni, Harold
 Firchau, Kenneth

Freitag, Jack
 Gunn, Russell
 Jensen, Herman
 Kampe, Arthur
 Klepper, Floyd
 Langert, Richard
 Lehman, Carl
 Moore, Glenn
 Nott, Robert

Roe, Richard
 Siebrandt, Elmer
 Smith, Charles A.
 Stege, Melvin
 Thomas, Harold
 Uthe, Martin
 Van Brussel, John
 Wilson, J. M.
 Wollak, Adeline
 Yunker, Phillip

The Plaque



The plaque is a very superb work of art designed and built by Henry Boldt of Tinley Park. It is about ten feet long and seven feet high, made in the national colors with glass columns which permits it to be illuminated at night. This is one of the finest honor rolls for many miles around

and Tinley Park is justly proud of it. It was built through the efforts of the O.C.D., Brown Campbell was Co-ordinator for Tinley Park at the time. The plaque stands where the memorial field piece formerly stood on the Rock Island lot which is being maintained by the American Legion Post No. 615.

100 YEARS OF PROGRESS

A hundred years is a long time when one looks into the future, but in retrospect this span of times seems quite brief, especially so when one finds people who can still vividly recall the early days as for instance in the case of Tinley Park which has the honor of celebrating its 100th birthday October 5, 6 and 7, 1945.

Away back when Chicago was just beginning to grow into a city, pioneers came from the eastern states to the west in quest of cheap land and an opportunity to better their conditions.

Along in the early thirties and forties the pioneers came to this section and purchased land for \$1.25 per acre.

Along in 1844 John Fulton and his family came from New York state and located on the present Fulton homestead at the north edge of Tinley Park. Mr. Fulton had been engaged in the dairy business in the Empire state previous to coming west.

Other settlers, mostly Irish and English came and soon a settlement sprung up in what is now Orland township but which at that time was known as "The English Settlement". Later many German settlers came and with the building of the Rock Island railroad, Tinley Park came into existence, being first named "New Bremen", presumably in honor of Bremen, Germany from which port many of the German immigrants sailed. At one time Tinley Park was also known as "Yorktown."

Bert Fulton's parents resided on the same farm Mr. Fulton's grandparents had settled on and the present Mr. Fulton's father while still a small boy saw a Mr. Clark come out from Chicago in 1847 and stake out a site for the first public school house in Tinley Park. The site was located on what is known as "Kirchen Street" just back of the present Zion Lutheran church.

Shortly afterward a school house was erected and Miss Laurenda Evenden was the first school "marm".

The first building in the village was erected in 1845 by a Mr. Kittle who used it as a store and post-office. It was located at the corner of Ridgeland avenue and North Street. Later it was moved several times and finally George Schreiber bought it and opened the first cobbler shop and shoe store in Tinley Park. He continued to operate his business in the same building until a few years ago when he had it torn down to be replaced by a modern brick building.

The next business house was built on

North street in the middle of the block. John Thornworth was the second storekeeper. He also served as postmaster, later removing to Aurora, Illinois.

In about 1865 Christian Andres, Sr., came on the scene and took over the business. Some years later he built the store on Ridgeland and Andres ave.

The greatest event in the life of the growing community was the construction of the Rock Island railroad through here in 1852. Nearly everyone in the community got a job helping lay the first railroad track.

An interesting incident is related by the relatives of the old settlers that the Fulton family gave board and lodging to the railroad laborers for 30 cents a day.

Mr. Andres erected and operated the first grain elevator here and also served as Rock Island station agent. The Andres store changed hands a number of times. John Funk is the present owner.

Another mercantile establishment was started by Charles Vogt in what is now the Saenger Hall Tavern. Later his brother Henry took over the business.

Coming on down thru the years we find that the first church in the village was moved by the Fulton family from the north town line to Tinley Park and was used as a house of worship by the Methodists and later by the Zion Lutheran church. When the present Zion Lutheran church was built the old church was converted into a church school building and is in use as such today.

The Village of Tinley Park was incorporated in 1892 and the name of "New Bremen" was changed to Tinley Park in honor of the Tinley Brothers prominent Rock Island railroad men.

Dr. C. W. Bishop was the first mayor.

The first physician to put out his shingle was Dr. Basset and then came Dr. Bishop.

The first blacksmith shop was opened by James Madden and was well patronized by the farmers of this and nearby territory.

The first meat market was operated by Henry Kammert who continued in business up to the early part of the 1900's.

Grandma Wyman conducted the first millinery store.

Among the early feed dealers was Geo. Boldt. One of the first farm implement dealers was C. Goesel who operated his business where the Goodson Farm Equipment store is located.

Park we find the Funk, Nielsen, Goebel, Bruenning, Henke, Hollstein, Boldt and Mancke families, all of whom have contributed to the upbuilding and advancement of Tinley Park.

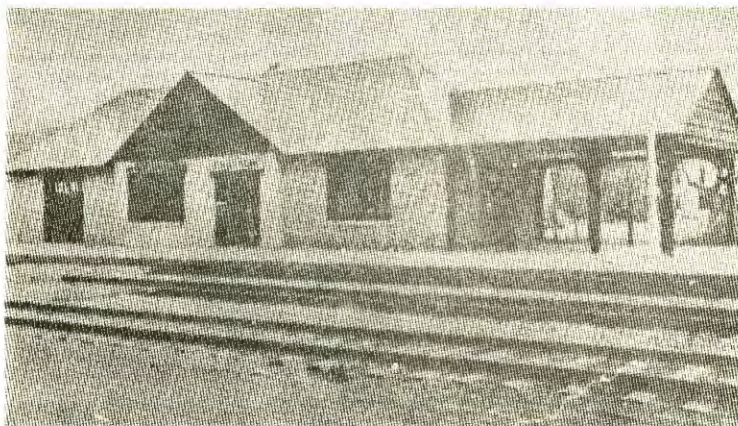
Upon the completion of the Rock Island railroad three brothers came to this sec-

tion, Sam, Charles and Edward Tinley. Sam was the first station agent here. His brother Charles was conductor on the old Peru accommodation. The third brother Edward was station agent at Minooka for many years. Tinley Park was named in honor of these brothers.

The Old and the New



Here is a picture of an old Tinley Park landmark, the old Rock Island depot which was torn down the forepart of the summer of 1945. Note the wooden platform in front of the depot and the pile of freight.



Here is a view of the new modern \$15,000 Rock Island depot in Tinley Park. Construction work was started on the new depot in the fall of 1944 and it was completed and dedicated the latter part of spring 1945.

First Families of Tinley Park

THE JOHN FULTON FAMILY

Among the very earliest family to settle in the Tinley Park community was that of John Fulton. They braved the hardships as well as perils incident to pioneer life and laid the foundations of happiness and plenty which the future generations of this family have enjoyed. John and Jane (Johnson) Fulton, were both born in Ireland in 1813 and were there married. Having heard of the advantages and opportunities afforded those who lived in America, they immigrated to the United States in 1839 and for five years resided in New York city. Moving west in 1844 they purchased land in Bremen township and there made their home on what is now the old Fulton homestead just north of Tinley Park.

This couple reared a family of fourteen children, John the eldest of these was born in Belfast, Ireland, December 10, 1838 and when nine months old came with his parents to this country.

He grew up on the Fulton farm. He was united in marriage with Miss Hula Turney, daughter of Asa Turney of Orland township, November 8, 1866. To this union six children were born, namely Emma M., Minnie L., Frank J., Luella, John B., and Bertrand H. Ancestors of this family served in the war of 1812.

Mr. Bert H. Fulton, president of the Tinley Park Board of Education is a direct descent of this pioneer family. He still resides on the old homestead.

According to the family legend one lone Indian came to the Fulton farm in the early days. One day he tapped Mrs. Fulton on the shoulder and pointed to a bowl of sour milk. He dipped his fingers in the milk and pointed to his mouth. Mrs. Fulton recognized what he wanted and gave him the milk. The old Indian was no moocher. When he shot a deer he brought the hind quarters of venison to the Fultons.

There are traces throughout the Tinley territory of the Indians by way of arrow heads, stone hatchets, etc.

CHRISTIAN ANDRES, SR

Christian Andres, Sr., was born in Germany, Nov. 11, 1834. In 1853 at the age of 18 years he immigrated to America arriving in Chicago June 28th of that year.

August 12, 1858 he was married to Miss Elizabeth Steffens. To them were born Adam, Katie, Henry, Elizabeth, John and Christian.

In November 1865, Mr. Andres located in Tinley Park, engaging in the mercantile business. In 1882 he sold out and became

station agent for the Rock Island railroad in Tinley Park, holding this office until 1894. In 1876 he erected a grain elevator in Tinley Park, engaging in the grain and coal business. In 1900 he sold the elevator and discontinued the grain business, though he continued the coal business. In 1908 he sold out entirely and retired. In 1912 he helped organize the Bremen State Bank and served as its first president up to the time of his death.

His wife died June 2, 1887. On June 13, 1888 he married Mrs. Christina Fulton. To them, one child, Frances, was born. Mr. Andres served as township treasurer, supervisor, assessor, town clerk, and Justice of the Peace. He was a member of the Masonic Order and of the Methodist church.

Members of this family who have been prominently identified with the civic and business life of the community are Christian who served as postmaster and rural mail carrier. John C., who served as mayor and cashier of the Bremen State Bank. Mrs. Elizabeth Hardinger who was employed at the local Rock Island when her father was agent and she also served as assistant cashier of the Bremen State Bank.

HENRY VOGT, SR.

The Henry Vogt family have been indelibly associated with the progress of Tinley Park. Henry Vogt, Sr., father of Henry C. Vogt, owner of the Vogt Department Store of today, was born in Cook County, Feb. 14, 1853. His parents came here from Germany in 1847 and after a few days in Chicago went to Bremen township and purchased land in Sec. 28 and established a home. The father died April 10, 1854. Later his widow married John Lawrenz. In 1872 she moved to Tinley Park, where she lived until her death, Nov. 18, 1879.

Henry Vogt, Sr., was educated in the common schools and in the Dyrenforth Business College in Chicago. At the age of 17 years he began clerking in a grocery store in Chicago until 1872 when he engaged in the store business in Tinley Park.

In 1874 he was united in marriage with Miss Matilda Wille, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Wille. To this union nine children were born.

Mr. Vogt served as justice of the peace, clerk of Bremen Township, Mayor of Tinley Park, and postmaster. His son Henry C., is one of the leading citizens of Tinley Park today. He is the owner of Vogt's Department store, one of the finest mercantile establishments in the community.

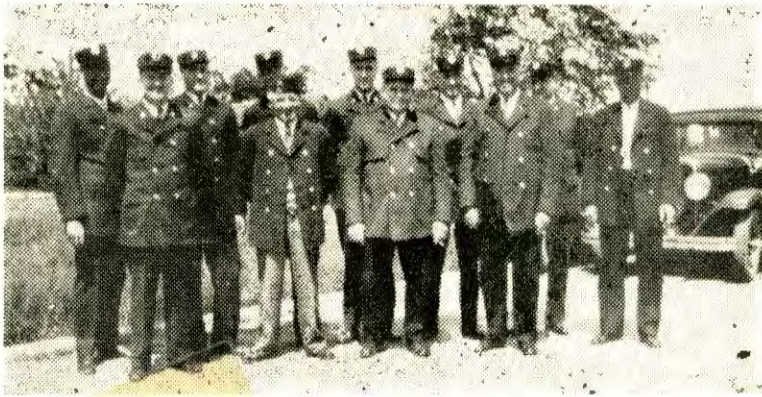
Among other first families of Tinley

Tinley Park Volunteer Fire Department

Tinley Park has a very efficient fire department organized in December 1901 with 20 charter members of whom eight are living as follows:

August Hentsch, Christ Andres, Wm. Funk, John Funk, Wm. Nielsen, E. E. Rice, Dick Bruenning, Fred Schmiediknecht is still in charge of the pump house.

The present fire chief is H. F. Brueggemann with James English assistant chief. The present day fire department has one of the best fire trucks and fire fighting equipment of any town in this territory.



Here are some of the old time members of the Tinley Park Volunteer Fire Department. This picture was taken years ago, just how long no one just exactly recollects.

Tinley Park Village Board of 1945

Mayor—

WESLEY J. STEMM

Village Clerk—

WILLIAM FIRCHAU

Village Trustees—

ARTHUR SCHOENECK

WILLIAM WANNEMACHER

RAY JACOBS

EDWARD CUPP

CLARENCE NORRIS

WALTER MAGER

Village Treasurer—

OMAR EBENHACK

Police Chief—

C. A. STEINHAGEN

Police Magistrate—

BROWN CAMPBELL

Village Attorney—

FRANK FOSTER

Water Pumper—

FRED SCHMEDIKNECHT

LAKE-COOK FARM SUPPLY CO.

The Lake-Cook Farm Supply Co., with headquarters at Des-Piaines, Illinois, established a plant in Tinley Park a few years ago which has developed into one of the leading businesses in the community.

The local plant handles a wide range of farm supplies, oils, feeds, gasoline, etc, and employs a number of men. Farmers thruout this section are supplied by this concern.

An Old Tinley Park Landmark



The Tinley Park Saenger Hall building now occupied by the Saenger Hall Tavern of which Charles Hollwedel is the proprietor, is one of the old landmarks of Tinley Park. It was erected in 1857 by Carl Vogt, brother of the late Henry Vogt Sr. The original Saenger Hall was upstairs over the tavern. The grove adjoining the hall was known as "Linden Garden" named so because of the linden trees which grew in the grove.

Henry Vogt, Sr., operated the Saenger Hall and also opened a store in this building and in 1886 erected the present Vogt's Department Store which at that time was known as the "Bremen Cash Store."

Over 45 years ago the present Saenger Hall was added and the original hall over the tavern was converted into living

rooms.

Among the proprietors who operated in the years gone by we find Henry Brodthun, John Brookman, Carl Funk, Dick Bruenning, Wm. Martenson, Blume & Scharf, F. Blume, C. Funk, Sippel & Sippel, Peter Schwab, George Lorenz, Norman Hansen, Edward Jagla and the present proprietor, Charles Hollwedel.

For many years the Linden Garden was used as a picnic grove and drew thousands of people. This grove is now called Saenger Hall Grove.

Saenger Hall got its name from the German singing societies which abounded in the early days. Tinley Park had a singer group and they used to sing with the Blue Island Saenger Verein.

The first undertaking parlor was opened by Wm. Funk. He also operated the first livery barn.

Tinley Park Had Vision of Being A Railroad Junction Point

Along in the early 70's, Tinley Park had a vision of becoming a railroad junction point when the Decatur Air Line railroad right of way was surveyed thru here. Carl Vogt, feeling that the village was on the verge of a boom, built a brick hotel at a cost of about \$20,000. The building was erected at a point near where the new road was to junction with the Rock Island.

When the big Chicago fire of 1871 destroyed the proposed new railroad's valuable papers and assets, the project was abandoned. The proposed hotel is now a flat building owned by Mrs. James Fulton.

FIRST FACTORY BUILT IN 1904

In 1904 a boom struck the village when the Spiral Manufacturing Co., was organized and a factory was built on the south-east edge of the village where the Spiral Washing Machine was manufactured. The concern was capitalized for \$250,000. The factory was built at a cost of \$12,000.

After a few years operation the concern went out of business and later the building was used as an airplane factory, a ceresote treating plant and now is used by the North American Mushroom Co.

In 1907 John M. Rauhoff, inventor of "Ironite" a water proofing used in cement, erected a factory west of the village and which is still in operation.

Mr. Rauhoff was the father of Paul Rauhoff our present postmaster.

Tinley Owned Municipal Electric Plant

Tinley Park has always had enterprising business men. Long before the Public Service came thru here, Tinley Park enjoyed light and power. In 1909 local business men organized a local electric light company and erected a plant at a cost of \$5,000. This plant was in operation up to the time it was sold to the Public Service.

The I. N. R. Beatty Lumber Co., opened the first lumber yard here in about 1915.

Tinley Park has been an important grain center for years. After Mr. Andres sold his elevator a Mr. Stege took over and 43 years ago H. F. Brueggemann purchased the elevator and has been running it ever since. More grain is shipped from Tinley Park than from any other town its size in the state.

Tinley Park began to develop right after the first world war when its first concrete pavement Oak Park Ave., was built thru from 147th street south to the Lincoln Highway.

The Elmore Real Estate Co., purchased farms adjoining Tinley Park and laid out subdivisions which brought out many new people and many new homes sprang up and Tinley Park experienced a wave of

prosperity until the last war. Indications are that Tinley Park will boom as never before soon as conditions become settled.

Tinley Park is an ideal home site and has excellent suburban service on the Rock Island Railroad.

The population of Tinley Park is of mixed nationalities, but no finer class of citizens who are hospitable, thrifty and progressive, can be found anywhere than in Tinley Park.

The first dairy in Tinley Park was run by Jake Funk in the present James Fulton place.

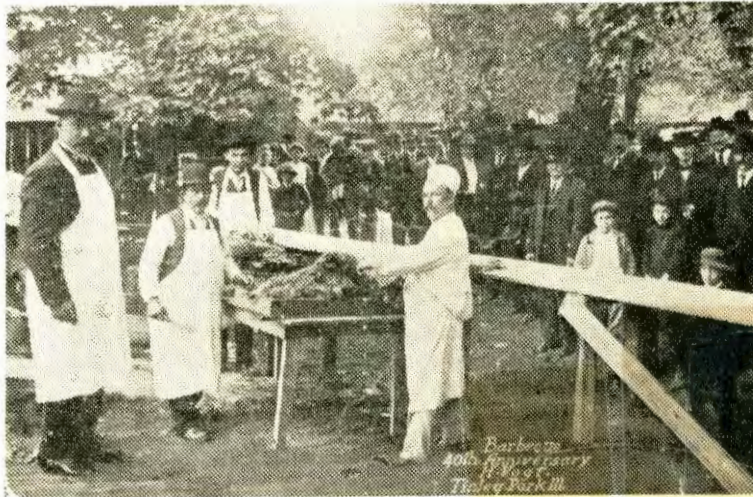
Two of the original first buildings are still standing. They are those occupied by G. Dini and the Reese family.

WHEN THE TINLEY LIONS PUT ON A MINSTREL



The above picture shows a group of the one time Tinley Park Lions staging a minstrel show at the Tinley Park gym.

WHEN HENRY VOGT, SR., GAVE A BIG BARBEQUE



When Henry Vogt, Sr., retired from the store business in 1912 he staged a giant barbeque in the Linden Garden near Saenger Hall Grove and this picture shows some of our local chefs.

Funk's Store Housed Tinley Park's First Telephone Office



The picture above shows the J. C. Funk store on Oak Park Ave., in Tinley Park as it appeared in 1901. Mr. Funk is still conducting a store in the same building, in which he first opened his merchandising establishment. Note the old horse and buggy and the wooden sidewalks.

The building pictured housed Tinley Park's first telephone and later the first telephone central. About 1898 the present Bell Telephone Company, known as "The Chicago Telephone Company" ran their first line thru here from Blue Island to New Lenox and the first telephone was placed in the J. C. Funk Store and was quite a curiosity. Only a few business places in Chicago and Joliet could be reached. There were no other phones in this section.

A little later, a drive was put on to obtain local telephone subscribers and the first local directory had seven subscribers

listed, among them being C. Goesel and Jake Funk. Then a switchboard was installed in the Funk store and was tended by Mr. Funk and his clerks which was only used during the day. Later as more subscribers were added, a 24-hour service was inaugurated and the switchboard was moved upstairs in the living quarters of Mr. Funk and his family. Mr. Funk was manager.

When the Funk family moved from the store to the residence he now occupies, Miss Viola Wilke became the local telephone manager. She continued in this capacity until the present automatic telephone system was installed about two years ago. A new brick building was built to house this system, in the rear of the Bremen State Bank building.

The Tinley Park telephone central was located for thirty-eight years in the same building, and had but two managers during this time.

The Old Mill

For many years Tinley Park had a very interesting landmark by way of an old mill which formerly stood where the Hartman dwelling north of Tinley Park now is located.

This mill was built on the style of the mills of Holland and was erected in 1872 by George Bartels and was in use for about 20 years for grinding wheat. The mill had a long fan like pair of arms so arranged as to catch the wind which created the motive



power to turn the grindstones. The mill depended entirely upon the wind for power and often times the millers would work day and night while the wind was blowing.

The building and equipment had cost about \$10,000. The mill was constructed of massive oak timbers. It was an object of interest to artists and was painted many times. Lovers of the unique and his-

torical often took trips thru this old mill.

After Mr. Bartels quit using the mill it was idle for some time and finally a Mr. Johnson took it over and operated it for about a year and then he too, quit. The old mill stood idle for a long time and finally Hans Hartman acquired the old landmark and tore it down and some of the stones of the old mill were used in the foundation of the Hartman home, it is said.



Plane Built In Tinley Park In 1917

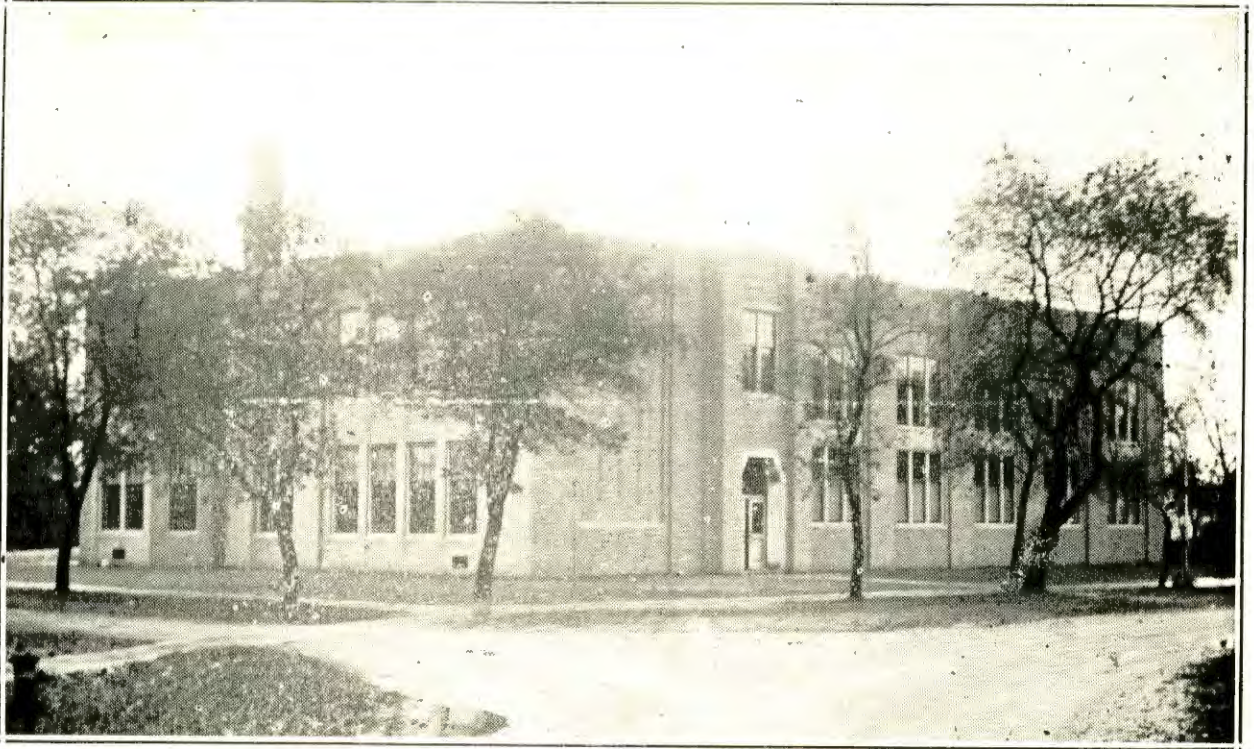
During World War I, Tinley Park had visions of becoming an airplane manufacturing town, when a man by the



name of Goodall started to build a plane in the old Wash Machine factory.

After many months of work the plane was ready for a trial flight, but the plane fell to earth after a brief flight and the aircraft building venture ended.

The Tinley Park Public School



The Tinley Park public school is one of the finest of its kind to be found in towns the size of Tinley Park. The school is modern in every respect. It has a very fine auditorium and large stage. This auditorium is used for many occasions.

The faculty of the Tinley Park grade school for 1945 is as follows:

Principal, Mr. W. W. Fierke. First grade Mrs. Jean Rauhoff. 2nd grade Miss Athena Massias. 3rd grade, Mrs. Celeste Krause.

4th grade, Mrs. Ada Schellhase. 5th grade, Miss Ruth Fritz. 6th grade, Mrs. Florence Phillips. 7th grade, Mrs. Laura Edie and 8th grade, Mrs. Helen Sandidge.

Present members of the Tinley Park Board of Education are:

President, Bert H. Fulton. Secretary, Chas. Wallin. Members of Board, Edward Henke, Wm. Wannemacher, Arthur Brandau, Edw. Mohr and John C. Funk.

OLDEST LIVING RESIDENTS OF TINLEY PARK



The two oldest living descendants of the first families

of Tinley Park are: Mrs. Cecelia Teske, right who was 93 in March, and Mrs. Matilda Vogt, left, who was 93 in June

Mr. Charles Schilling, 90 years old, Mr. Wm. Mancke and Mr. Patsy Koehler, who are each 86, are the three oldest living men. All are in good health and are unusually active for their years.

Civic and Fraternal Groups of Tinley Park

TINLEY PARK BUSINESS MEN'S ASSO.

Tinley Park has a live, up-to-the minute Business Men's Association comprised of the following local business concerns: I. N. R. Beatty Lumber Co., Bremen State Bank, Bockstahler Gas Service Station, Bechstein Farm Implements, Bettenhausen Hardware Store, Cavett Drug Store, R. H. Carmichael M. D., C. C. Enoch, D. D. S., Dini Tavern, English Bros. Garage, Elmore Grocery Store, William Funk, Funk Grocery Store, Fred Goebel, Insurance, Goodson Farm Implement Sales, H. & S. Feeds, Hirsch Bros., Funeral Directors, Hicks Market, Edward Henke, August F. Habenicht, Walter Mancke Tax Collector, Mels Philipp's 66 Service Station, John G. Poorman, Poultry Equipment, Prosperi Flying Service, Paul Rauhoff, Postmaster, George Schreiber, Saenger Hall Tavern, Schanz Market, John Swisher, Wholesale Meat-Service Bakery, Inc., Standard Oil Lloyd Peterson, Agent, Tinley Park Dairy Inc., Tinley Park Coal & Feed, Tinley Park Times, Vogt's Department Store, Wm. Wannemacher, well driller.

The Association is headed by Fred Fremder as President and Henry J. Bettenhausen, Secretary.

The Association holds monthly meetings.

Other business places in Tinley Park not included in this list are Theresa's Beauty Shop, two barbershops run by Joe Greco and Charles Bohnsack, Funk Bros., Tavern, Peter Parenti Tavern, Fremder's Confectionary and Elaine's Beauty Shop.

HISTORY OF TINLEY PARK PTA

Mrs. Ickstadt was instrumental in the founding and organizing of the Tinley Park Parent-Teacher Association and held the first meeting on Feb. 13, 1925, but it was not until during 1928 the Tinley Park P. T. A., became affiliated with the Illinois Congress of Parents and Teachers. At that time there were approximately twenty members and since then the membership has steadily grown until now there are over two hundred members.

The first Fathers' Night was held April 3, 1925. Fifteen Fathers joined the P. T. A. at that meeting.

The P. T. A., has done many things during its twenty years of existence in the way of beautifying and helping the school. To mention a few: The School Library was started on a small scale and over a period of several years the P. T. A., donated \$50 per year for the purchase of new books and is still helping to maintain and take care of the books in the Library. Pictures, curtains, clocks and many other things

have been purchased to beautify and equip the school. Pianos have been and are kept in tune and repair. Play ground equipment, baseball and volleyball equipment was purchased at various times for the use of school children. The projection machine for showing school movies was another project started by the P. T. A. Kitchen equipment for the school has been purchased, including an electric range. American Flags have been presented to the school at various times. The Bell Clock System was given to the school by the P. T. A.

The P. T. A., continues to be an organization concerned mainly in the welfare of the youth of the school and the community. It strives to acquaint the citizens with their school and to help bring about a high standard of education.

THE TINLEY PARK R. N. A.

The Royal Neighbor Camp was organized in 1895, while the Tinley Park Camp was organized in March 1900 with twenty charter members, all of whom have passed away. This Camp is called Dew Drop Camp No. 2023. It is a beneficial as well as a social organization and the membership is now 135 members. The meetings are held in the Social Hall of the Methodist Church on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month.

There is a juvenile camp connected with the adult camp with a membership of 75. Their meetings are held once a month in the Veteran's Hall.

Mrs. Margaret Miller is the Oracle at present.

TINLEY PARK CITIZENS SERVICE COMMITTEE

The Tinley Park Citizens Service Committee was formed and approved by the Village Board. The purpose of this group was to do everything possible to help our boys and girls in service. A special tag day was held Feb. 14, 1942 to raise funds to buy yarn and other materials to be used to make things for the boys. Christmas and Easter packages as well as cigarettes and candy in between times were sent to them regularly. Postage was paid on papers of the Tinley Park Times mailed each week to everyone in the armed services. The Citizens Service Committee members, headed by C. A. Wallin, chairman and Herman Freitag, Secretary, have done a fine job supplying the service men and women with gifts from home as well as answering their letters regularly and telling them all the news.

WOMEN'S BENEFIT ASSOCIATION

In December 1937 and January 1938 the organizing of The Women's Benefit Association, Sunset Rev. 160 was conducted by Mrs. Loretta Howard, Managing Deputy of Chicago, Rev. No. 39 assisted by Mrs. Dulcie Murphy of Rev. No. 72, Chicago.

This Review was instituted and installed in April 1938 with the ceremonies being conducted by Mrs. Bell Hendricks and Mrs. Louise Carroll of Rev. No. 72 and Mrs. Loretta Howard presiding.

Their first president was Mrs. Irene Bartsch who after a few months resigned because of illness and whose term was completed by Mrs. Helen Johnston.

The meeting place was the P. T. A., room in the Tinley Park School until this was made into a class room, when they met in an adjoining room. After awhile this was made into an office for the Principal, which necessitated finding a new meeting place. For a short time they met in the basement of the Tinley Park Methodist church, then for awhile the Village Hall and for the past two and one half years in the Bremen Township Veteran's Hall.

The W. B. A., is a fraternal benefit society giving safe protection to adults and juniors in the way of life insurance. It also aims to lend a helping hand wherever there is trouble, sickness or death in a home. It also offers a social life to its members in the way of the different clubs. Junior societies, young girls clubs and clubs for men and boys. It has a beautiful ritual, with ritualistic floor work and guard teams to execute it.

Tinley Neo Triangle (Youth Org.)

The Tinley Park Neo Triangle or Youth organization held its First General Assembly March 3, 1944, 22 members being present. The first president was Douglas Aden and June Willman was the first secretary. The purpose of the organization is to provide through cooperative efforts, activities for the youth of Tinley Park. Their constitution and by-laws were adopted March 27, 1944. Since organizing they have held Friday night dances regularly at the Tinley Park School and special parties such as Halloween and New Year's for special holidays. They have had box socials and picnics and have done much to help the Youth of Tinley Park since organizing.

AMERICAN LEGION, DEPARTMENT OF ILLINOIS

Tinley Park Post No. 615 officers were installed April 29, 1919 with Frank Hoar as the first Commander. This Post has served its community for the past seventeen years with the following Commanders:

Frank Hoar, 1929-1930; George W. Rowden, 1931; Charles Wallin, 1932; James Barry, 1933; Wm. C. Mabee, 1934; Walter Mager 1935; H. R. Freitag, 1936; Perry C. Ward, 1937; Harry W. Brandau, 1938; Frank H. Baldwin, 1939; Charles H. Wolf, 1940; Raymond N. Jacobs, 1941; Boyd H. Carr, 1942; Loys D. Maxwell, 1943; Adolph Ceithaml 1944; Clarence Hagedorn 1945 and Dennis B. Murphy, 1946.

This Post, like all other Legion Posts are working now for benefits of World War II Veterans, having had the experience, for the last 26 years of helping veterans, and aiding them to the rights they are entitled to, along with their families. One of these great accomplishments, is the Legion sponsored "G-I bill of rights."

Last year the Post finished up with a membership of 69 members, this year they think they will have well over a hundred, judging from the way World War II members are coming in.

Tinley Park Post No. 615, welcomes home all the veterans of World War II and thanks for a job well done.

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY 615

This organization was first organized in 1930 with 30 charter members. Frances Rowden was the first president. The membership at present is 72.

The purpose of the organization, which is a patriotic one, is to help anyone in the community who is in need of help.

For the past two years they have made one trip a month to Hines Hospital, giving fruit, candy and toilet articles or whatever the boys ask for.

TINLEY PARK CIVIC CLUB, Inc.

This Club was chartered March 10, 1937 and the officers at that time were: E. G. O'Neill, W. J. Stemm, C. M. Bockstahler, H. M. Uthe, Marcus Klepper. At one time there were 96 members. At the present time there are 29 members.

The Civic Club sponsors the Child Welfare and The Boy Scouts.

Bremen Auxiliary to Post No. 2791, Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States

This organization was instituted March 22, 1941 in Saenger Hall.

Department of Illinois and District Officers, as well as members of other Posts and Auxiliaries throughout the State were present at this great fraternal event. The first officers were:

Mary Maxwell, President. Viola Carr Sr., Vice-President. Ethel Cupp, Jr. Vice-President. Dena Hansen, Chaplain. Dulcie Murphy, Treasurer. Myrtle Wolf, Secretary. Cecelia Jones, Conductress. Marie Mason, Guard and Publicity. Blanche Carr, Historian and Music. Katherine Marsh, Flag Bearer. Therese Wiseman. Coral Strassenburg, Ruth Cushman, Therese Leroux, Color Bearers. Elizabeth Breck, Marie Teehan, Ruth Cushman, Trustees.

The meetings were first held in the Village Hall on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month and in early 1943 moved to the Bremen Township Veterans' Club, their present meeting place.

The aim and purpose of this Auxiliary is to aid the Veterans, their widows and orphans. The annual sale of Buddy Poppies on Memorial Day is used exclusively for hospital work for the Veterans of all wars of the United States. This Auxiliary is known throughout the State for their splendid work in the Veterans Hospitals and each year continue to improve their record.

The present membership of 65 indicates the rapid growth, as compared to the 17 charter members who formed this organization.

TINLEY PARK WOMAN'S CLUB

The Tinley Park Woman's Club was organized in March 1934 by Mrs. Wallace B. Combs. Mrs. Stella Waterman was president of the Third District of I.F.W.C. at that time.

The first business meeting and election of officers was held April 25, 1934. It was decided to hold one meeting a month on the 4th Wednesday from September to April inclusive. Mrs. Charles Nielsen was the first president.

This club has met in either the Methodist church, the Village hall or at a member's home, regularly since organization. The object of the Woman's club is to promote the Welfare of the Home and Community and to stimulate interest along educational, civic and cultural lines.

The Tinley Park Woman's Club is affiliated with the General Federation of Women's clubs; Illinois Federation of Women's Clubs and Third Congressional District I. F. W. C.

Two of the most important projects of the Illinois Women's Clubs this year are:- The Conservation of Youth and the Egyptian Music Camp. Ground was broken for the building of The Green House at Vaughan Hospital on September 12th 1945. This was last year's project. Tinley Park always does its bit.

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

Troop 55, Tinley Park, Illinois

Troop 55 was organized in October 1940 with its present Scoutmaster, Harold Zobac.

The Troop Committee consists of Wesley Stemm as chairman and the following Committee members: M. W. Bernandini, Herman Klann, L. V. Bacon, Walter Eichelberg, Mark Talmadge, Fred Jenner, Alvin Reder with R. A. Bovik and Axel Rydberk as assistant Scoutmasters.

During the five years, seventy boys have been registered Boy Scouts and there are 34 Scouts at present.

The Troop now has ten First Class Scouts, 11 Second Class Scouts, six Star Scouts, 3 Life Scouts, and one Eagle Scout, Dan Anfield. This is the highest award a boy can attain in scouting.

Three boys are in the armed forces, Paul A. Schmidt, Douglas Aden and Klaus Herkert.

Troop 55 has been given a class "A" rating for the year 1945.

LEFT HANDED SOCIAL CLUB

Started by Chas. Hollwedel March 18, 1943. It was to be a social club with about 25 members. Smoking, drinking and shaking hands were to be done left handed at first and anyone caught by any member using the right hand was fined 5c which went into a glass jar or kitty.

But the club grew so rapidly that finally certain restrictions were lifted—mainly the use of the left hand, but they still retain the name of Left Handed Social Club.

The Club is not restricted to Tinley Park but is open to anyone who desires to join regardless where he lives.

They sponsor no one in particular, but help any organization and also take part in any movement which will help build up the community.

They try to live up to their name. They had twenty-four members under arms of our country.

The present membership is about 80. They meet once a month on the second Thursday, in the Saenger Hall. They received their charter July 24, 1945.

Their present officers are: George Pekareck, President; Marcus Monson, Vice-President; Edwin Jurgens, Treasurer; Geo. Denner, Secretary; Chas. Hollwedel, Geo. Ginder and W. J. Stemm, Trustees.

They promote and support the American Ways.

TINLEY PARK LIONS CLUB

Charter Night of the Lions Club in Tinley Park was April 11, 1928. There were 60 charter members. The objective of the Club was to make Tinley Park a better place to live in. It was thru the efforts of the Club that the houses were numbered, street markers were put up, the streets were renamed and the town was zoned.

They were successful in having all rates both freight and passenger, on the Rock Island railroad reduced to Tinley Park.

They met in the Community Hall over the Drug Store at first and finally in the old school building which was then known as the Legion Hall.

This group was forced to disband because of the depression which followed World War I. They hope to be able to reorganize in the near future.

Henry Vogt, Paul Rauhoff and Fred Goebel were the first officers.

BREMEN POST NO. 2791 Veterans of Foreign Wars of the U. S.

In February 1941 several Gold Chevron Veterans of World War I, decided to start a V. F. W., Post in Tinley Park. Several meetings were held with Department Officers, a charter was granted in the name of Bremen Post, as Tinley Park was founded under the name of Bremen. On March 22nd, 1941, the Post and Ladies Auxiliary was instituted in Saenger Hall and attended by the largest crowd ever assembled in that historic place.

The first officers were:

L. D. Maxwell, Commander. Walter Mager, Sr. Vice-Commander. Dennis Murphy, Jr., Vice-Commander. Norman Hansen,

Chaplain. Charles Wolf, Quartermaster. Raymond Mason, Adjutant. John Jones, Officer of the Day. Edward Cupp, Boyd Carr and Frank Cushman, trustees.

In 1942, eight members formed a Club, known as the Bremen Township Veterans Club and secured a loan and purchased the Lehmann Garage at 17147 Oak Park Ave., and remodeled it into a meeting hall. At this writing several organizations meet there twice monthly including the following: Bremen Post No. 2791, V. F. W. American Legion Post No. 615. Women's Benefit Association and Juniors. Royal Neighbors of America Juveniles. Bremen Auxiliary to Post No. 2791, V. F. W.

Bremen Post at the present has 52 members, 30 of these having served in World War II. Norman Hansen is a veteran of World War I and II.

Post No. 2791 is very active in Veteran Hospital work through the Ladies Auxiliary who are known throughout the State for their fine work.

Any Soldier, Sailor or Marine in or out of service, who has served his Country honorably in time of War on foreign soil or hostile waters is eligible to membership in the V. F. W., by contacting any officer or member.

The present officers are:

Raymond Mason, Commander. John Gunn, Sr. Vice-Commander. Scott Brandriff, Jr. Vice-Commander. Edward Cupp. Quartermaster. Walter Mager, Chaplain. Oscar Olsen, Adjutant.

BREMEN HOME BUREAU

Cooperative Extension Work in Agriculture and Home Economics in conjunction with the University of Illinois, College of Agriculture and the U. S. Department of Agriculture. Its object is to promote the development of home making to the end that every home may be founded upon mutual affection and respect, economically sound, mechanically convenient, physically healthful, morally wholesome, mentally stimulating, artistically satisfying, socially responsible.

The unit in Tinley Park known as Bremen is one of a group of about twenty units organized in Cook County, January 16, 1941 in the Lyonsville Congregational Church, Lyonsville, Illinois with Mrs. Mary L. Wright as Home Adviser. At that time it

had a membership of fifteen with Mrs. W. A. Kopp, Chairman, Mrs. Catherine Bartholomew, Vice-Chairman and Mrs. W. H. Warnes, Jr., Secretary.

At the end of that year, due to other responsibilities, Mrs. Wright resigned as Home Adviser, and Mrs. Marie Cornelius the present Home Adviser was appointed in her place. Under the very capable leadership of Mrs. Cornelius and her assistant, Mrs. Clarabell Upham, Bremen Unit has grown and now has thirty members with Mrs. E. C. Grunst, Chairmen, Mrs. E. C. Hug, Vice-Chairman, and Mrs. F. E. Jeffords, Secretary.

It is also the duty of Home Bureau Units to sponsor 4-H Clubs for girls throughout the country.

TINLEY PARK GARDEN CLUB HISTORY

On August 25, 1927 in response to an invitation from Mrs. Wallace B. Combs, a group of ladies met at the Gift Shop on the second floor of the Schreiber Building for the purpose of organizing a Garden Club, to be known as the Tinley Park Garden Club.

The purpose of the Club: to add beauty to the home town, to study flower culture, and confer with members on garden plans and makings, to hold annual flower shows and the presentation of a community Christmas tree.

The first officers of the Club were:

Mrs. Wm. Funk, President

Mrs. Wallace B. Combs, Vice-Pres.

Mrs. W. C. Schaumburg, secretary and treasurer.

The first Flower Show was held in the Community Hall, September 17, 1927. The enthusiasm shown by the community as a whole was most gratifying and the show surpassed all expectations. Since then many more shows have followed.

Soon after the Club was organized, steps were taken to improve the grounds south west of the Rock Island tracks, which was at one time a dumping ground. Since assuming this obligation, drainage tiles were laid and water was piped for sprinkling convenience.

On October 22, 1927 a living Christmas tree was planted on this property and dedicated to the community where for many years Christmas services were held and candy and nuts distributed to the children. So within two months two major projects materialized.

In May 1928 plans, improving the grounds around the community tree into a garden plot, were completed. Trees, shrubs

and flowers were planted and maintained over a period of years until the building of the present depot when the park was taken over by the Rock Island R. R.

In October 1934 shrubs were purchased and planted on the school grounds and the sum of \$100.00 was contributed toward the stage curtain in the school auditorium.

During the summer months members collect flowers which are made into bedside bouquets and sent to institutions. At Christmas time picture scrap books, toys, candies, fruits, jams and jellies are sent to hospitalized children.

With 1945 bringing to an end eighteen years of untiring efforts the members look back on past accomplishments and forward to years of continued inspirations.

TINLEY PARK RECREATION COMMISSION

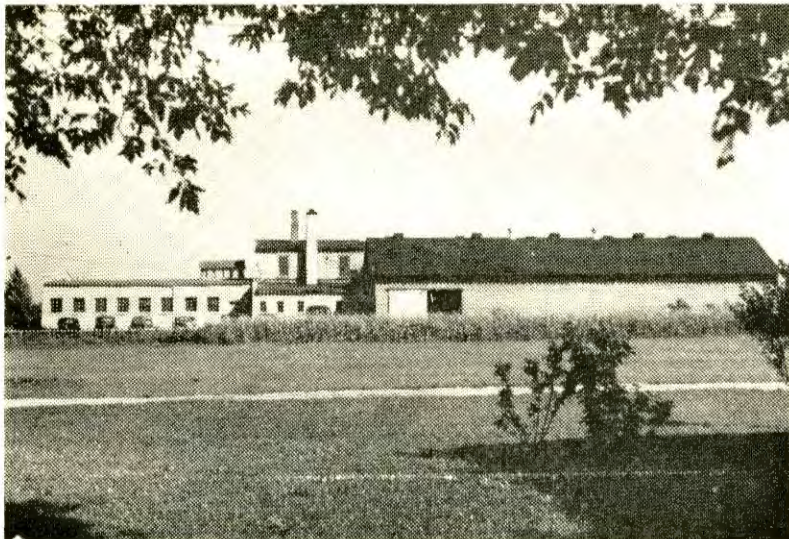
The forming of the Tinley Park Recreation Commission came about through the zeal of the parents of the Youth of the Community to provide clean, wholesome entertainment for everyone in the community. It is composed of one certified representative from each of the twenty-one civic organizations in this community. These representatives held their first meeting in March 1944 in the Tinley Park school. The Commission is now incorporated under the laws of the State of Illinois as a non-profit enterprise.

They have regularly elected officers and are governed by a complete set of By-Laws. The members of this Commission are not paid and give of their time freely and willingly to help improve this community. It is through the efforts of this Commission that the Centennial Celebration in Tinley Park will be held October 5th, 6th and 7th. The proceeds of this undertaking will go to make the final payment on the six acre piece of ground to be known as "Memorial Park." This park is to be presented as an outright gift to the Village of Tinley Park in memory of the men and women of Tinley who have served in World War II.

The work of this Commission will by no means end with the completion of this project, for they intend to continue to serve this Community in every way possible.

MEMORANDUM

Most of the pictures used in this booklet were taken by Mr. Mac Hoyt of Orland Park, Ill., a professional photographer. Some pictures were furnished by the Tinley Park Times, some having been printed in previous Tinley Park Homecoming editions. The picture of George Schreiber was taken a few years ago by Robert Carmichael of Tinley Park.



NORTH AMERICAN MUSHROOM CO.,

The North American Mushroom Co. was organized in August, 1935 as a corporation under the direction of Joseph Magiera. An abandoned factory—a one time creosote treating plant—located on Oak Forest and Ridgeland Aves., in Tinley Park attracted the corporation as a suitable site for its operations.

Completely remodeled and enlarged, the building was soon ready for use as hothouses for raising mushrooms for the commercial market. In January of the next year the first crop of mushrooms was harvested. Later in the same year another building was added to make a total of three, large and completely modern hothouses capable of producing thirty tons of mushrooms in one growing season.

February, 1939 brought the related industry of canning to Tinley Park—the pro-

duct—Mushrooms packed in Steak Sauce. In the six years since the North American Mushroom Co., has brought out this product its popularity has so grown and increased steadily year by year that it is now sold in virtually everyone of the 48 states, Cuba and Hawaii. Only war-time restrictions prevent its shipment to other points outside the states. Utilizing the most modern canning methods over three million cans of mushrooms were processed in the season of 1944. This was done despite hampering war-time restrictions.

Soaring demand for mushrooms in Steak Sauce brought the need for a larger processing plant and in 1944 the factory was again remodeled completely and further enlarged. At present a building permit has been obtained by the company to enlarge the plant further to twice its present size.

JOHN G. POORMAN

A local enterprise which has carried the name of Tinley Park thruout the country, also into foreign countries is that of John G. Poorman, manufacturer of poultry products, such as brooders, starting batteries, broiler batteries, feather boards, laying

batteries and many other items.

Mr. Poorman has been in the Tinley Park region 47 years and has been a resident of Tinley Park 35 years. He employs a number of men.

TINLEY PARK BOTTLING WORKS

Established 1889—56 Years Ago

In the year of 1889 Mr. Herman Stoeckmann of Tinley Park, known as Bremen then, started a soda water bottling plant here. Mr. Stoeckmann continued this business for six years, then sold it in the year of 1895 to Mr. Philip Mager.

Mr. Mager moved the equipment to a new building on the rear of the lot where his home was located at 6724 North Street in Tinley Park. He kept the business for 6 years, then sold it to Fred Wilke in 1901.

Mr. Wilke moved the equipment into the

basement of the James Fulton residence, which at the time was owned by Mrs. Marie Bettenhausen, mother of Mrs. Fulton.

Mr. Wilke continued with the soda water business at this address 6811 South Street with the help of his daughters for a little over two years.

Then in the year of 1903 he sold it to Fred Blume, a young man living with his folks just a few miles south of Tinley Park. Mr. Blume kept the business until September 26, 1905 when he sold it to Mr. Carl Goebel, who was born and raised in Tinley Park, but had moved to another

locality for a few years.

Mr. Goebel purchased six acres of land at 175th Street and Oak Park Avenue and continued the soda water bottling plant at that location, with the help of his sons Fred, August and Henry.

At that time Mr. Goebel put up a new building for the plant and enlarged it again in 1913. The bottling plant is still located in this building.

Mr. Carl Goebel and son Fred remained in the business thirty-four years, when upon the death of Carl, it was continued for three years with Mary Goebel, wife of Carl Goebel and her two sons Fred and Henry.

In 1943 Fred sold out to his brother Henry who operates the plant now. The bottling plant has been in the Goebel family for forty years.

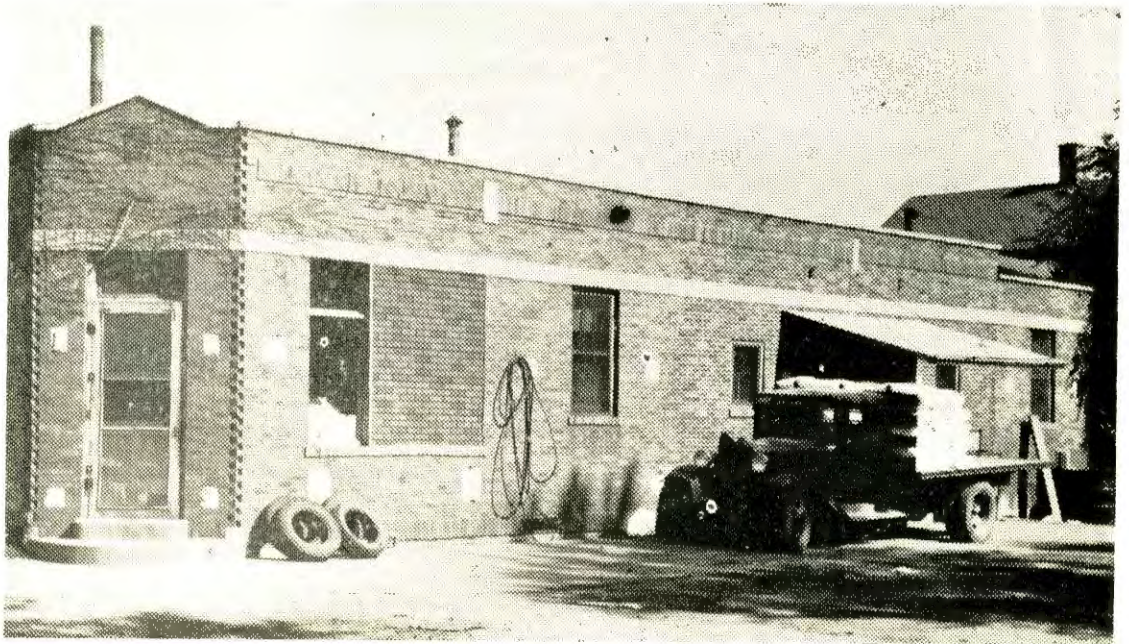
Forty years ago the bottles had spring

stoppers, in 1910 they changed over to crown caps, which meant the installation of new machinery.

The new style bottles that are now being used are with labels that come burned right into the bottles, red and yellow, which do not come off when the bottles are washed.

Many improvements have been made in the forty years, from traveling on mud roads, then gravel, and then concrete; from wagons to trucks; from washing the bottles by hand to washing and sterilizing by machinery. From spring stopper to crown caps; from mixing sugar syrup by weighing the sugar to using filter and testing syrup with an instrument.

All of these improvements occurred in the span of a life time.



THE SERVICE BAKERY, Inc.,

The Service Bakery, Inc., is a very active establishment operating at full capacity to keep hundreds of customers and many stores supplied with their product. A big fleet of delivery trucks speeds the fresh bakery goods to the consumers every day except Sundays and holidays.

The bakery was first started by Wm.

Goeb in the Hollstein Building. Next Wm. Timmermann operated it for awhile, then Charles Hollwedel.

Mr. Hercourt took over next and the name was changed from the Tinley Park Bakery to The Service Bakery, Inc. In 1940 Fred Fremder took over the business and has been operating it since.

Vogt's Department Store

then



The "Bremen Cash Store" was built in 1886 by H. C. Vogt, Sr., and the above picture shows the store soon after it was built. At one time the Tinley Park Postoffice was located in this building.

now



The Vogt Department Store of today, the leading establishment of its kind in Tinley Park conducted by H. C. Vogt.

The Tinley Park Times



Here is a view of the Tinley Park Times office.

Through the efforts of the former Tinley Park Lions Club, the Tinley Park Times came into existence in 1928. It is the outgrowth of the News-Bulletin printed in Mokena.

The personnel of this newspaper is: Wm. Semmler, editor and publisher; his wife Margaret Semmler, associate editor; their daughter Adeline Semmler is manager of the Times office and their other daughter, Mrs. Ada Westlund is bookkeeper and office assistant. The latter's husband, Raymond Westlund, is pressman and the mechanic who keeps the wheels turning. Mrs. Semmler's sister, Mrs. Clida Deadmore, is the compositor.

Last, but not least, is Pal the family pet dog, who is the mascot.

The Bremen State Bank

The Bremen State Bank was organized in 1912 with Christian Andres, Sr., as the first president.

This institution has weathered all conditions of the country and is today one of the strongest banks in this section.

This bank is both a national and a state bank.

The present officers are:

President, Fred Hick

Vice-President, Harry A. Mager

Cashier, Harry A. Mager

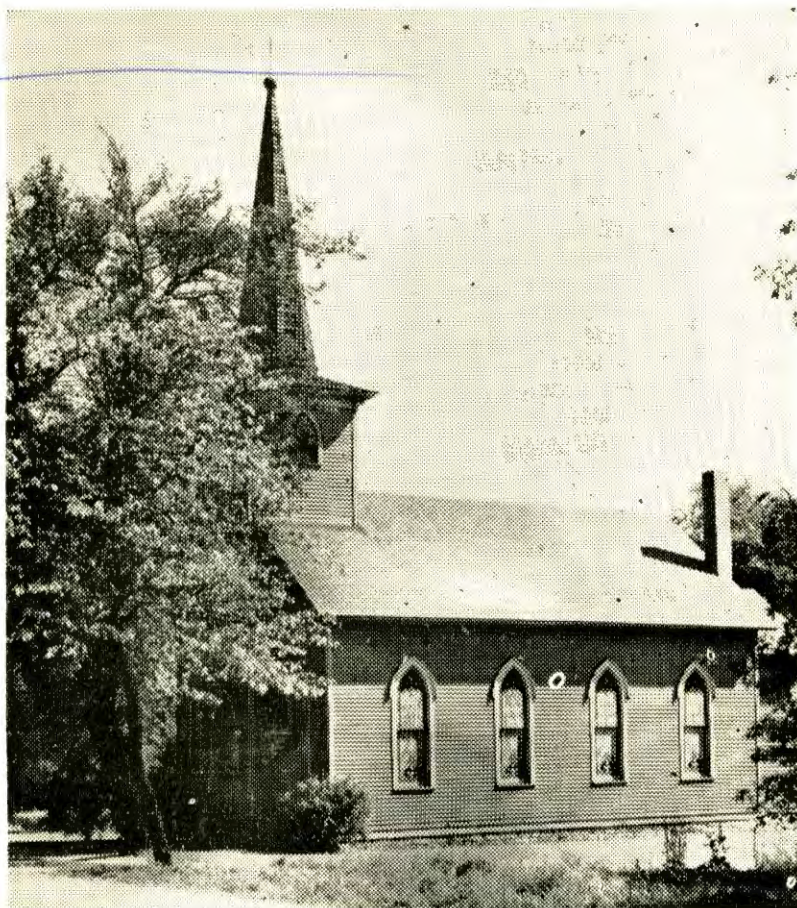
Asst. Cashier, Melvin E. Keup

Secretary, John C. Funk

Chairman Board of Directors: Henry G. Henke.



Tinley Park Churches



ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

The year 1945 marks the 100th anniversary of Tinley Park, and Zion Lutheran Church gives recognition to Tinley Park, the community in which this church was born and has been for 64 years. The beginning of Zion Church dates back to 1872 or 1873, when neighboring pastors conducted services in that little building, which even to this day serves as a School House. Pastor Deichmann had charge of the little congregation until 1881, when Pastor Wetzel became his successor. The organization of Zion took place in the same year. The following year Mr. H. Vogt erected a home for the pastor and his family, which a few years later was purchased by the congregation to serve as a parsonage. When Pastor Wetzel resigned, Pastor A. C. Krebs was called.

In the beginning of 1884 the congregation began planning for a new Church. The corner-stone was laid in May of the same year, and the dedication of the Church took place in October. In 1893 Pastor Krebs left Tinley Park, his successor was

Rev. A. Biedermann, who served until 1898. Rev. E. Lehmann came next. Pastor Alb. Buddenhagen has served Zion since the year 1902, and under his leadership the old parsonage was remodeled and enlarged, the interior of the Church decorated, a new altar, a new pipe organ purchased, eleven new Art Glass Windows installed, and a new parsonage built.

In the list of charter members we read such names as Ed. Wadel, John Hollstein, John Mohr, H. Vogt, John Klepper, William Semmler, Ed. Hoeft, John Albers, Ferdinand Fenner, Wilhelm zum Hofe, Herman Siebrandt, Peter Nielsen, Carl Broockmann, Fred Woehler, Fritz Meyer, Heinrich Boeyer, Martin Schein, William Lawrenz, Johann Henneberg, Henry Mohr, Jacob Funk, Jacob Scherer. All members who organized Zion congregation have passed away, only one widow of a charter member, Mrs. Henry Vogt, Sr., is still living.

The congregation has a communicant membership of 336, a baptized membership of 400.

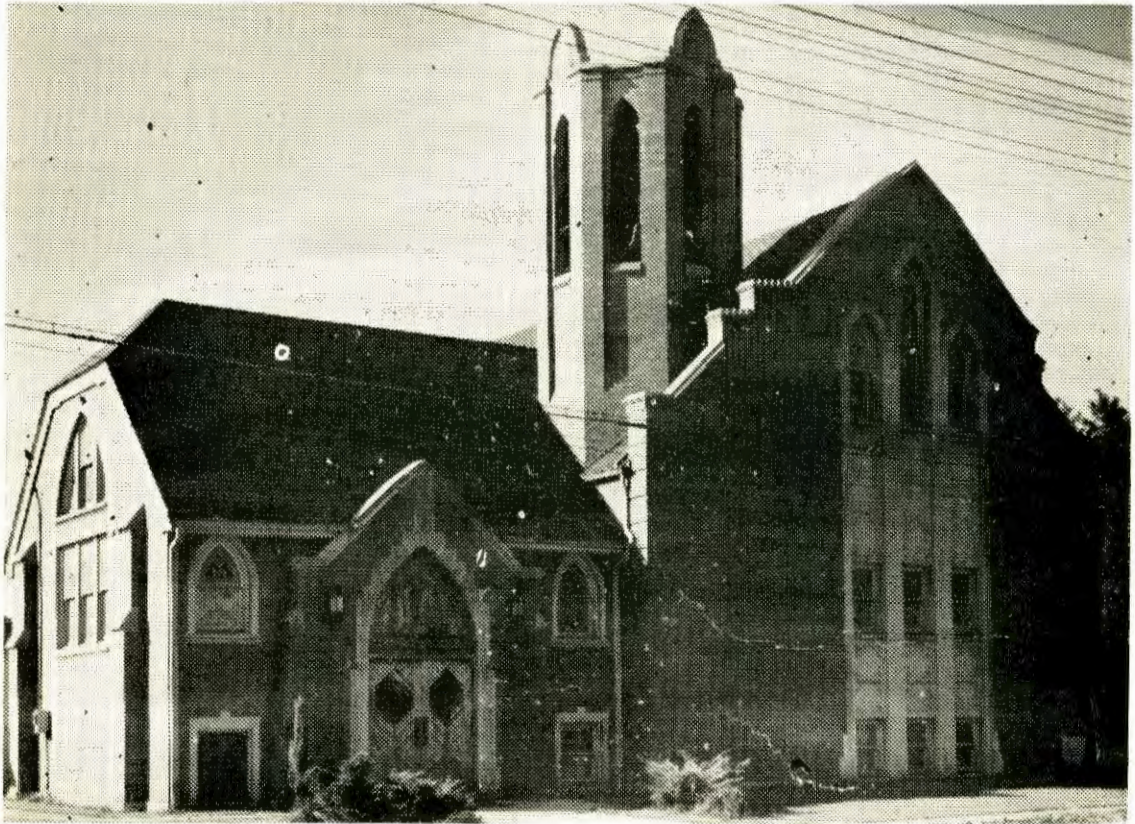
Within the congregation there are the following active organizations: Ladies Aid, Brotherhood, and the Choir.

The Church Council consists of the following: W. Keuch, Ed. Mohr, E. Bettenhausen, Ed. Henke, M. Rensink, H. Oesterreich, J. Funk, Raymond Mager.

Tinley Park has during these 100 years

grown to a little city with an estimated population of around 1300. That is the community in which Zion Lutheran Church has lived and served, the community, whose respect the church has enjoyed, the little city to whom Zion Church pays tribute on this occasion of its centennial.

"May it be our privilege long to serve in this community," Rev. Buddenhagen said.



TINLEY PARK METHODIST CHURCH

The Tinley Park Methodist Church representing two congregations now united, has quite an historical backing. The older congregation dates back to 1859 when Rev. Blutsch and Rev. Rinder organized the "New Bremen Religious Society." The Society received its first resident pastor in 1863 and held its first quarterly conference in January of that year. A total number of twenty-five ministers served this church up to the time the two congregations were united.

The original sanctuary became too small and in 1866 the edifice later known as the Orland Township Methodist Church was built and which after 52 years was destroyed by fire.

The younger congregation, the village church, was organized in 1897 by Mrs. M. E. Padotski, who organized a Sunday School in the local school house. At first preaching services were conducted by students of the Garrett Biblical Institute. In

this way Rev. A. F. Clark became acquainted with the field and was so well liked that he served the church for three years. During his time this new religious group "The Tinley Park Union Church", united with the Methodist Episcopal church. Twenty-seven ministers have served this church including Rev. J. Frank Anderson, the present pastor.

With the merger of these two church groups centered in the same community a building program became a necessity. The original church which was built on ground donated by John M. Rauhoff, was replaced by the present building in 1940. In the list of ministers several names are outstanding, such as Dr. John W. Holland, Radio Minister of WLS. Two ministers were sent out from the Tinley Park churches, namely, Rev. Christ Schellhase and Rev. W. J. Weber.

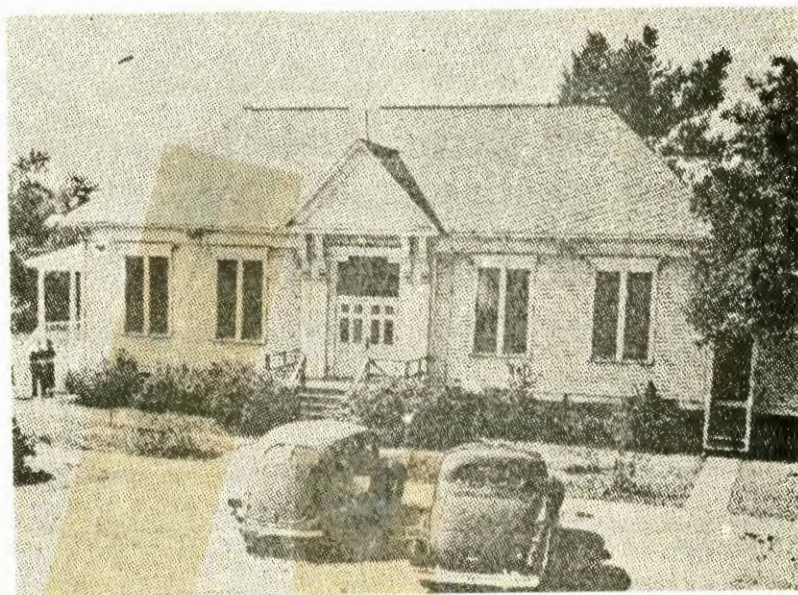
The Ladies Aid, now known as the Women's Society played an important part in

the development of both congregations and deserves much credit for making possible the Tinley Park Methodist Church of today.

It is interesting to note that among the many memorials which form a part of the present church, the pulpit which is made of solid walnut wood, is dedicated to the pioneers of the past who made this church

possible. The wood of this pulpit came from the secretary of Rev. Charles Weinreich who served this charge from 1871 to 1873 and was rebuilt into a pulpit by a member craftsman.

The Baptismal font is dedicated to the memory of Lulu Fulton Rogers, one of the most loyal and conscientious members this congregation has ever had.



ST. GEORGI CATHOLIC CHURCH

The Catholic Church in Tinley Park was founded September 9, 1934 by His Eminence, the late George Cardinal Mundelein with the late Father C. C. Boyle as organizer.

For about three years Father Boyle traveled from Palos Hills to Tinley Park every Sunday morning to say Mass in Saenger Hall. Then he purchased the building which now is the Catholic Church. This was the old school house. With the aid of his loyal parishioners, Father Boyle changed this building from a run-down old school building into a modern Church, shining with new paint all spic and span inside and outside. A pipe organ was installed so that the complete liturgy could be carried out.

On Sunday, September 19, 1937 at 11:00 A. M., this Church was dedicated by his Excellency the Most Reverend Wm. D. O'Brien, S. D., Auxiliary Bishop of Chicago officiating.

Father Boyle still continued traveling from Palos Hills to Tinley Park and celebrated two Masses every Sunday morning. Then in June of 1940 he purchased the

present St. George Rectory and from then on Mass is being offered daily as well as twice on Sunday in St. George Church.

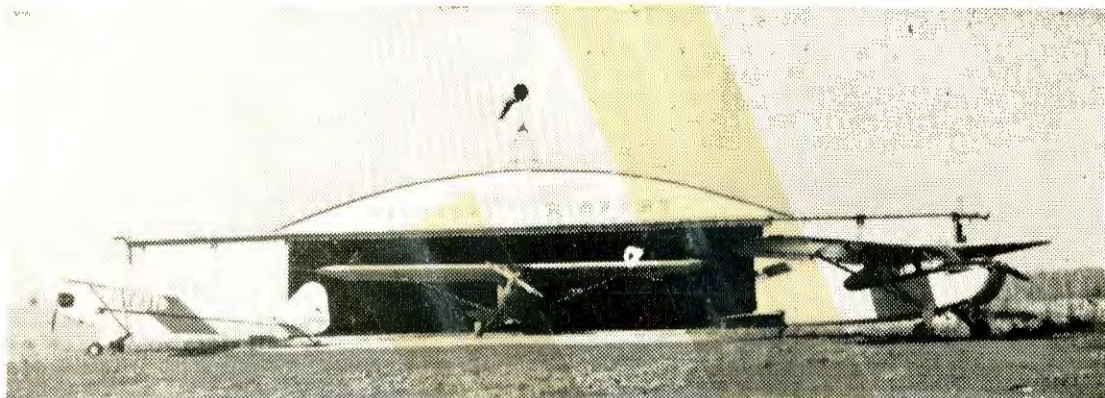
Father Boyle passed away August 26, 1941 after a short illness.

The late Father Edw. D. Malley was then appointed Pastor. For about a year Father Malley very successfully carried on the work that had already been started, and he was then appointed Pastor of a larger parish in North Chicago.

In July of 1942 the present Pastor, Father L. W. Fitzpatrick was appointed. Due to his untiring efforts the Church and Rectory both have been remodeled, repaired and newly decorated. The parish is growing in number from fourteen families originally to eighty at the present time.

Many of the pioneers of the Church have moved or passed away among them being the late Mr. Francis A. Harper. He not only was a promoter of St. George Catholic Church in Tinley Park, but he also took part in a number of the civic enterprises of the town, having served as Mayor for about twelve years. His home was open at all times to Priests to help them in their efforts during those strenuous days of pioneering.

Tinley Park Industries



PROSPERI FLYING SERVICE AND AIRPORT

Prosperi Airport was officially opened September 21, 1942. Since that time many of the young men who received their flight training here have qualified as pilots in the air forces of the Army, Navy and Marine Corps. Several young ladies who also were trained here qualified as pilots in the WASPS.

Edward Prosperi, owner of the airport states:

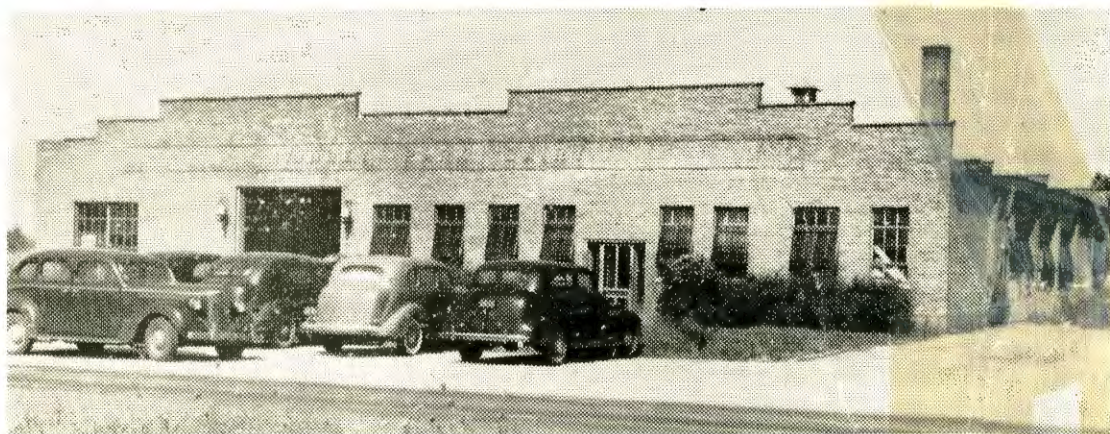
"We are now engaged in the flight training of civilians and are designated by the Civil Aeronautics Administration to conduct both the written and flight tests for Private Pilot Certificates.

"We have sales agencies for Piper Air-

craft Corp., Manufacturers of the Piper "CUB", Republic Aircraft Corp., Manufacturers of the "SEABEE" Amphibian and Stinson Aircraft Corp., Manufacturers of "150".

"Both Prosperi Airport and Prosperi Flying Service are owned and operated by Edward Prosperi who has over seventeen years flying experience and approximately 6,600 solo flying hours.

"I appreciate your including a brief history of our airport in the history of Tinley Park and believe that you will be interested in knowing that the airport has put Tinley Park on the Air Map of the United States."



THE TINLEY PARK DAIRY

The Tinley Park Dairy employs the most men of any of the local enterprises. This concern first started a dairy in the old livery of Wm. Funk and when they outgrew their quarters they erected a fine modern

brick building located on the northwest edge of the village. They have a fleet of trucks making milk deliveries in adjoining towns. They also sell big volume of milk in Chicago.

Scene on Oak Park Ave.



The above picture shows a view of Oak Park Ave., in the heart of Tinley Park. Note the hitching posts of the horse and buggy days in the foreground.



SAME STREET TODAY

TINLEY PARK HAS HISTORIC WILLOW TREE

The huge willow tree standing on Oak Park Ave., in the heart of Tinley Park is of special local interest. According to local agent Peter Nielsen had a dwelling on this spot. A rear gate afforded the youngsters an opportunity to swing on the gate until Mrs. Nielsen stuck a willow tree slip back of the gate to keep it closed and this little slip grew into the present huge tree.

The Village Cobbler



For nearly half a century George Schreiber repaired the shoes of the men, women and children of Tinley Park. He also sold new footwear and was always more than busy.

Mr. Schreiber came to America from Germany at an early age and first located in Pennsylvania, later coming to Tinley Park.

He served as rural mail carrier when C. Goesel was postmaster at Goeselville what is now Oak Park Ave., and 147th street. He carried mail to and from the Tinley Park postoffice to Goeselville, walking the entire way, a distance of about three miles, three times a week.

Mr. Schreiber was highly esteemed in his community and was honored by his fellow citizens. He served as a member of the village board, as a director of the Bremen State Bank and as Vice-President of this institution.

With the advancing years, Mr. Schreiber finally decided to retire and a few years ago he went to Bloomingdale, Michigan to make his home with his son Louis.