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Timothy Bryers  
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June 10, 1986  
Re: Trace This Place--  
Issue of 6-6-86--

On Oct. 4, 1978 The Women's board of the Elmhurst Children's Theater held its first meeting of its 31st. season, announcing new officers and plans for the 1978-79 season.

Sherall Carson, Pres. Pat Pieckert, V.P. Jan Edgley, Mary Blossfield and Catherine Brodt, Sec's. Jan Soltys, Treas. and Jane Bartman, production co-ordinator.

This years plays also were announced, all will be presented at the Sandberg Junior High School Auditorium. "Winnie the Pooh" for Oct. 28 and 29 and Nov. 4 and 5. Ruth Miller is the director.

"Hoppily Ever After" Jan. 27 and 28 also Feb. 3 and 4. A special family night performance is set for 7:30 Friday Jan. 26 The director of this play is Kelly Danford.

The photo in the June 6 issue of the Elmhurst Press shows the characters in the play "MR. POPPERS PENGUINS" which is scheduled for Mar. 31 and Apr. 1, 7 and 8. Wally Newburn will be the director. All of the Elmhurst School P.T.A. boards select two representatives to sit on the theatre board and they publicize and sell tickets for the plays in their Schools, conduct tryouts at each School and usher at the performances.

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July 29, 1986  
Re: Trace this Place  
Photo of 7-25-86

The photo published in the Elmhurst Press 7-25-86 is the former First National Bank of Elmhurst on opening day 9-19-1910 located on the north west corner of First Street and York Street. Many of the leading business men were officers and directors of this Bank. Wm. Graue, Pres. F.W. Hammerschmidt and Dr. E.W. Marquardt, V.P.'s. Alonzo Fischer, Cashier, directors included F.H. Bates and Adam Glos. Banking hours 8 A.M. to 5 P.M. Saturdays 8 A.M. to 8 P.M. and the phone number was 28. Population was 2,360 and Henry Schumacher was the first mayor with the adoption of city form of government. Peoples Trust & Savings Bank located in the Hammerschmidt Bldg. at the north east corner of Addison Ave. and First Street merged with the First National Bank of Elmhurst 7-15-1930 and moved to 109 N. York St., today the site of the York Furrier. The First National Bank Bldg. was razed and replaced by the Walgreen Drug Co. store during the latter part of 1931 and today it is the site of Fannie May Candies. First National Bank of Elmhurst merged during October 1932 with the Elmhurst State Bank later changed to Elmhurst National Bank in 1939 and today it is the Illinois Marine Bank.

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Mr. Timothy Bryers  
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April 8, 1986  
Re: April 4th.  
"Trace This Place"

Dear Tim and Jean:

The former homestead of Wm. Giese (1855-1908) and Louise Giese was originally located at 135 Addison Ave. during the 1870's, this landmark was moved to 108 Schiller St., it was located next door east of the Smithy and had various old Elmhurst and Cottage Hill names of families living there at various times such as Grobe, Kose and Schweppe.

The photograph taken in 1940 which is shown in the Elmhurst Press April 4th. issue shows the Wm. Giese Blacksmith Shop and house he and his family lived in on the South East corner of Schiller St. and York St. He began as a Blacksmith in 1879 , retired in 1895 for about 7 years when Fred Golterman took over the business from 1895-1901. Wm. once again began operating the business 1901-1907, when he passed away and Otto his Son continued the shop 1912-1916. Charles Johnson took over from Otto and with horseshoeing becoming a thing of the past , he did welding and lawn mower services thru 1943.

Note the Elmhurst water tower in the photograph which has the fire bell next to the electric fire siren, the bell was used to alert volunteer fire fighters in case of no electric service. The tower was dismantled in 1956.

The Blacksmith and Welding shop which was vacant for a few years was demolished in 1953 to make way for the Elmhurst Square Building and Walgreen Drug Store. Irvin Ruby co-owner of Ruby's Department Store was also co-owner of the Elmhurst Square Building.

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P S: The dates on the back of Photo's at the Historical Society re; the Giese Family & Blacksmith Shop are more authentic than those in the "Trails from Yesterday" not only ~~XXX~~ my own opinion but also Mrs. Stewart, Director of the Historical Society.



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July 16, 1986  
Re: Trace this Place.  
Photo of 7-11-86.

The photo published July 11 in the Elmhurst Press was taken during the 1936 Elmhurst Centennial Parade south bound on York St. on Sunday June 7, 1936 nearing the reviewing stand which was located on Second St. and York St. The photographer at this juncture focused on the Eastern Star #54 float with Lucille Franzen and Lyman Shepard on board. Note the city water reservoir tank in the upper right corner of the picture and the Western Fire Auto Store advertisement indicating that it is located three doors south of the Elm Bark Cafe at 161 N. York St. The house on the north side of the Elm Bark Cafe which is surrounded with shrubbery was occupied by Miss Elizabeth Moeller at 165 N. York St. Today this area is occupied by the north entrance of The Robert Palmer Drive and parking facilities for the business area. Ray Steben at age 23 drove his fathers float in this parade advertising Steben's Grocery which was located at 120 West Park Ave.

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Aug. 4, 1986  
Re: Trace this Place.  
Photo of 8-1-86.

The photo published in the Elmhurst Press Aug. 1, 1986 is a hallway at the Elmhurst Hospital during 1926. First conceived in 1921 the Hospital became an accomplished fact during the succeeding years largely through the untiring efforts of Dr. E. W. Marquardt. Construction started in 1925 and the building was dedicated Oct. 10, 1926. The original building at Schiller St. and Avon Rd. has expanded to Berteau Ave. and Third St. and is almost surrounded today by new additions with a 455 bed capacity, a staff of 300 and 1600 employees. In 1951 the mailing address was 189 Avon Rd. and the phone number was 6800, today the mailing address is 200 Berteau Ave. and the phone number is 833-1400. Thru the years various name changes occurred: Elmhurst Community Hospital in 1934, Memorial Hospital of Du Page County in 1946 and Elmhurst Memorial Hospital in 1983. Truly a great Hospital for a great City.

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May 16, 1986

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Born in Greece the Poulos family migrated to Chicago, Illinois later moving to Elmhurst, Illinois during the year 1910. Christ Poulos followed his family Thanksgiving Day 1911. Shortly thereafter he built the 121-125 West First Street Building. This housed the Elmhurst Candy Kitchen and the Deluxe Restaurant in which venture he was joined by his brothers James and Sam and were known in the western suburbs and Du Page County as the Paulos Brothers purveyors of good food and candies. Later they built the 127 First Street Building and both structures still remain in the business district and are occupied by the Elm Dept. Store and Apartments. All candies and Ice Cream were home made by James Poulos. The photograph shown in the Elmhurst Press issue of May 2nd. was a photo taken shortly after 1911 of the Deluxe Restaurant and Peter Sullivan brother-in-law of the Poulos Brothers sitting in the foreground and the Chef in the rear. Christ and James later operated the Blue Ribbon Tavern at 104 South York Street, this location was next door to Ollswangs Dept. Store which today is the Paradise Restaurant. The Poulos Brothers were in business in Elmhurst for thirty-three years.

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June 4, 1986  
Re: Trace This Place.  
Issue of 5-30-86.

The photo shown in the Elmhurst Press issue of May 30 is an aerial picture by the Aero-O-Plats Inc. West Chicago-Du Page Airport looking from the northwest to the southeast. This photo and others were used by the City of Elmhurst during the 1966-70 years for one way streets and building the curvature in the Addison Ave.-Cottage Hill Ave. crossing over the C. & N. W. Ry. During this era Ted. Wilson, a founder of the Elmhurst Federal Savings & Loan Assoc., was a pilot and operator of a flying service at the Elmhurst Airport which was located and bounded by Church Rd. on the East and Lake St. on the South. He also took aerial photos during 1966 of the business area for expansion purposes of the Elmhurst Svgs. & Loan who had their beginning on the N. E. corner of Addison Ave. and First St. in 1954 in the former Peoples Tr. & Svgs. Bldg. and in 1962 built (built) the present building on the former Schwass Tavern property. and they eventually purchased the Schram Buick Garage later Scudder Buick, Bruckner Real Estate Bldg., the Tom Smith Bldg. which later housed Davis Pontiac also the Boldebuck Laundry Bldg. which later became the Nash Garage. These various properties extending west to Larch Ave. became their parking facilities. The C. & N. W. Ry. station built in 1965 and tracks are bounded by First St. on the north and Park Ave. on the South. The Post Office built in 1935 is on the S. W. corner of Cottage Hill Ave. and Park Ave., the house next door south belonged to Dr. Hills and the house on the S. W. corner of Cottage Hill Ave. and Margaret Pl. is where I formerly lived. The Park View Apts. are on the S. E. corner of Virginia St. and Cottage Hill Ave. The Wm. Graue house is on the N. E. corner of Virginia and Cottage Hill Ave. Continuing north are the Schram and Overkamp properties which the City purchased in 1966 to continue Adelaide St. from York St. to Cottage Hill Ave. The 66 Gas Station was on the S. E. corner of Park and Cottage Hill and next door east is the oldest brick building in Elmhurst, owned and built by Fred Graue in 1854. At the time of the photo it was occupied by Better Radio and still is. Next door is the Henry Fritz bldg. occupied by the Elmhurst News Agency, continuing east is the Mahler Bldg. Steben Foods was on the S. E. corner of Adel Pl. and Park Ave. for many years and at the time of this photo it had become the Baskin & Robbins Inc. Ice-Cream Parlor. The former Ollswang Dept. Store on the S. W. corner of York



and Park became the Paradise Restaurant which opened in Oct. 1963  
A garage which had been operated by Fred Kamme's and Ed. Lorenz  
became the home of the Elmhurst Press at 112 S. York St. and the  
west end of the Bldg. which is located on the N. E. corner of  
Adelaide and Adel Pl. formerly was the Mrs. Kidder property. She  
purchased an evergreen tree for .50¢, today it is the town tree  
on York St. and Park Ave. next to the Ry. tracks. Elmhurst National  
Bank on the S. E. corner of York St. and Park Ave. today is the  
Illinois Marine Bank. Larger buildings south of the bank such as  
the Heinemann Bldg. Roesch Motors, Authorized Sales and Service  
for De Soto and Plymouth now are located on Grand Ave. Egans  
Standard Service Station on the N. E. corner of Marion St. and  
York St., due to the later construction of the Palmer Dr. under-  
pass it still is at 165 S. York St. On the west side of York St.  
opposite Egans is the Ill. Bell Telephone Co. Bldg. formerly  
properties of Frank Kline and Dr's. Langhorst and Ellworthy.  
We wonder if Elmhurst residents 50 years from now will realize  
what our Forefathers and Mothers did to promote the growth of  
Cottage Hill and Elmhurst. More reason for today's citizens to take  
an interest in our Historical Society.

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July 1, 1986  
Re: Trace this Place  
Photo of 6-27-86

The photo published in the June 27th. issue of the Elmhurst Press is the Wendland & Keimel Wholesale Florists Greenhouse (1909-1945) which was located at 400 East Park Avenue. Today the location would be the northeast corner of the Brynhaven subdivision bounded by the C. & N. W. Ry. where they had a siding and 1-290. Herman Christian Wendland (1878-1953) learned the bakery trade in Germany, came to the United States in 1899 and operated a Bakery in Chicago, sold the business and moved to Elmhurst in 1908. Financed the partnership with Wm. J. Keimel (1909-1945) who also came from Germany in 1888 and was well informed in botany. The firm had a tract of 15 acres of land and their greenhouses covered 150,000 square feet. A very peculiar oddity that the two partners both coming from Germany to Elmhurst, Ill. and raising "Killarney" roses that reached 2,000,000 blooms annually. The firm won a wide reputation for high quality and honest dealing. Herman built the building on the south west corner of Park Ave. and York St. where he and his family lived upstairs later moving to Elmwood Terrace. He was Asst. County Supervisor, Member of the Elmhurst Park Board, Masonic Lodge and Elks Club, and was a primary force with Dr. E. W. Marquardt in the founding of the Elmhurst Community Hospital, dedicated in 1926.

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Feb. 14th. 1986

In answer to what is the name of the structure pictured in the Feb. 14th. issue of the Elmhurst Press.

The Henry L. Glos Private Bank at the Southeast corner of York St. and Park Ave. He built the Building and founded the Bank in 1874-1894. This building also housed the Post-Office for many years and the Library was housed from 1916-1922 in the small building at the rear. Today this site is occupied by the Illinois Marine Bank of Elmhurst.

P.S.; The Elmhurst Press is opposite the Bank on the West side of York St. and I remember when your Building was a Garage with one lone gas pump in the front where I use to buy the gas for my 1931 Ford at a cost of 5 gallons for \$1.00

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July 7, 1986  
Re: Trace this Place.  
Photo of 7-3-86

The photo published July 3 in the Elmhurst Press is a team picture taken in 1910 of the Elmhurst Teddy Bears. The Elmhurst Bears an independent football team, played from 1910 to 1917, mostly at the home field at Elmhurst Ave. and Haven Rd., against teams that could use the C. & N. W. RY. An annual Thanksgiving Day game was at Palatine Ill. and the transportation was horse and wagon. The 1910 photo was taken at the corner of Addison Ave. and 2nd. St. Seated left to right R. Ruffan, Al. Maloit, Harry Bleich, Stanley Krisch, Art. Hintz, Michael Krause ( Later Desk Sergeant for the Police Dept.) Bruno Hintz, Walter Hild, and Adolph Hintz. Back row Art. Schumacher, Mgr. Otto Haack, Richard Hintz (Killed in action during World War 1.) George Krischak, Anton Hintz and Coach Paul Hild ( Rev. John Hild, Pastor of Immanuel Lutheran Church was the father of Walter and Paul Hild.) This team enjoyed many successful seasons but due to World War 1 the team was disbanded. The Hild Family lived at the Northeast corner of Third St. and Addison Ave. and Ray Steben lived next door east from 1914-1927. Paul and Walter Hild were like my big brothers, today this area is the Bailey's Restaurant parking lots.

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