



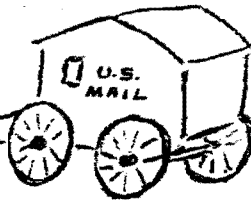
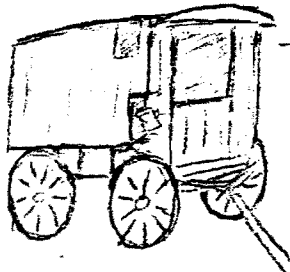
MAGLEY

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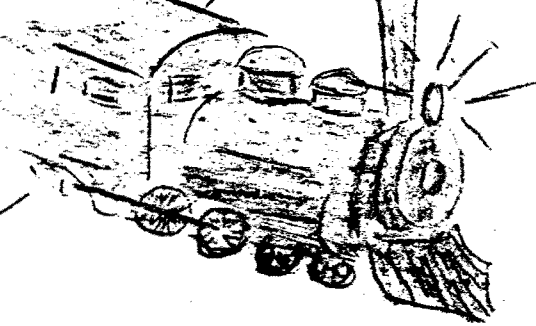
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YEARS

1882 - 1982



M. BEERY



MAGLEY CENTENNIAL 1882 - 1982

Magley, Indiana is located in Adams County, Preble Township, and is located two miles west of the town of Preble, and one mile from the Wells County line.



JACOB J. MAGLEY HARRIETT WILDER MAGLEY
(Founder of Magley)

Jacob J. was the seventh child of Christian Magley II and wife, Mary Schearer Magley. He was born near Monmouth on Sept. 17, 1852, and was married to Harriett, daughter of Edwin and Mary Barkley Wilder on March 30, 1880. Jacob J. taught school in Root, Kirkland and Preble Townships, and engaged in farming, when he went to Preble Township where he engaged in mercantile and manufacturing business. He was first merchant, tile manufacturer, first postmaster and first ticket agent for the Chicago and Erie Railroad at this place, the little town being named "Magley" for him, and still bearing this name. In 1885, he moved to Decatur and engaged in the hardware and butcher business at various times. His wife, Harriett, died at their home in Decatur, Indiana, on November 26, 1909.

They had four children:

Jessie Ethel, born May 7, 1881, in Root Township

Chauncey Edwin, born May 8, 1884, at Magley, Indiana

Mary Fanchon, born December 6, 1890, at Decatur, Indiana

Harold Wilder, born November 27, 1900, at Decatur, Indiana

He was married a second time in May, 1924, to Louisa Schearer Von Ins.

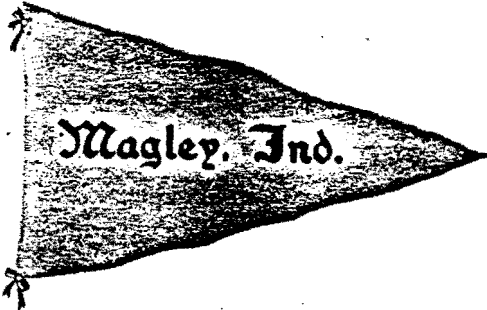
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Magley Items, January 31, 1896

Decatur Democrat

Magley is no swamp town. She has gravel roads and good sidewalks with a creamery, hoop factory, sawmill, blacksmith shop, depot, Western Union telegraph office and two general stores.

Spend your vacation
at



It's very sociable
here.



POSTCARD SENT FROM MAGLEY - AUG. 7, 1913
to Mrs. Edith Shady by Hattie Bauer

Years ago, each little town had their own general store, post office, blacksmith, sawmill, depot (if located along a railroad), saloon, etc. This was before our modern ways of travel and paved roads.

Through the years, many changes have been made. 10 houses are still standing that have been here many years. We tried to locate pictures of these houses from the past. New houses have been erected in recent years, but the population remains the same, around 65 residents.

Included is a section on the people who are living in Magley today, one hundred years since it was founded by Jacob J. Magley.



HARRY BAUER'S HORSE AND BUGGY

"PROGRESS THROUGH THE YEARS"

- A crowd of young people from this place constituted a sleighing party to Honduras Sunday night. Feb. 15, 1895
- Fruchte Bros. shipped a carload of hoops this week. Jan. 31, 1896
- Sovine and Case are busy packing ice. Dec. 15, 1898
- Our saw mill is running again and have their yard nearly full of logs. They also pay a good price for good elm logs. Dec. 22, 1898
- Robert Case is very sick with the grip at this writing. Feb. 24, 1899
- Smith and Bowers loaded a carload of elm butts, and had quite a time while loading them.
- Lagrippe (flu) has again visited a number of our people here. March 30, 1899
- Frank Jaberg went to Vera Cruz Sunday, and on his way home punctured his tire, and having no repairs, had to walk about five miles. August 25, 1899
- The snow storm last Friday, interrupted the telephone service at this place. March 29, 1900
- Albert Shady and family moved into the house of Ed Mosure, Thurs. May 3, 1900
- Charles Bauer and Edward Scherry have purchased bicycles. May 17, 1900
- The stone bridge one half mile north of this place was completed Fri. June 21, 1900
- A ghost, spook or some unnameable thing or being has been creating quite an excitement near the stone bridge the past week by its peculiar noise. Upon investigation it proved to be a young bull frog that was learning to croak. July 19, 1900
- A. R. Schlickmann believes in being up to date, he has bought him a rubber tired buggy. March 14, 1901
- August Kruetzman is busy working at the carpenter trade. May 2, 1901
- Everytning is booming in Magley.
Work has commenced on the new Pike.
All crops are looking good, except the watermellon.
August Kruetzman is thinking of organizing a new string band.
Henry Hildebrand is building a wire fence along his farm. June 27, 1901
- Work has again commenced on the new pike, and the crushed stone will be placed on in a few days. August 8, 1901
- Linker and Son holds the record of fast corn husking by threshing out 50 bushels in one week. We advise them to keep on. November 21, 1901
- Mr. Sam Jaberg's family is improving fast from a long spell of typhoid fever. Jan. 16, 1902
- Plowing, ditching and fence making are the leading industries of the farmer in these localities.
Some of the scholars passed an examination for diplomas and they said the questions were easy. March 27, 1902

Sunday was a good day for bicycles and buggies.
The farmers are busy gathering their sheaves of wheat. July 24, 1902
In olden times, wheat had to have nine deaws but today it gets about two.

Corn cutting and wheat sowing have been the farmers employment for the past few days.
Monday was the first day of school. Sept. 25, 1902

Sleighting is the main attraction here at present.
Mr. E. Bonker who was bitten by a hog last October, is now able to be about again
and can do his own work. Jan. 8, 1903

Jacob Bloemker has purchased two fine farm horses at the cost of \$250.00. Feb. 12, 1903

Henry Worthman has been running his cane mill the past week in full blast, day and night.
The farmers in this locality are busily engaged in hauling gravel and husking corn.
Oct. 15, 1903

The public roads of this vicinity have been in the worse condition than for many
years. April 14, 1904

The people are all busy plowing for corn and some are not through yet husking from
last year.
Magley is improving nicely, it's population is about 200. May 20, 1904

A number of old and young gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bloemker and
Jim Beckett entertained them with some fine music with his gramophone. June 2, 1904

Chris Borne is building a new cnicken coop, 30 feet long and 10 feet wide.
Martin Worthman and Martin Jaberg went to Angola to attend school.
Pete Bauers is putting a new wire fence around his yard.
Daniel Scherry has purchased a new rig. June 16, 1904

Edward Fruechte had a runaway Saturday with the grass mower but in all the excite-
ment he stuck to the lines. After a few rounds in the field, he was thrown from
the machine but holding to the lines managed to stop the team and escaped unhurt.
July 21, 1904

Fred Kolter, who has had the mumps for a few weeks is improving very nicely. He
will be on his duties in a few days at Fort Wayne. March 11, 1909

Our old enemy, smallpox, has again invaded our town. There are six families under
quarantine and several cases in each family, all of which are very mild, but it is not
known how soon the disease may assume a virulent form. We hope that it will soon
diasppear and not come in sight any more. Feb. 12, 1913

"Stealing"

A case of stealing was witnessed here Monday. A small boy being the guilty party,
a little "rod medicine" would be a good remedy. June 9, 1899

Several youngsters were caught in Mr. Lew Kruetzmans apple orchard stealing apples.
Remember the 6th commandment: Thou shalt not steal. Sept. 25, 1902

Jan. 15, 1892

MAGLEY DOINGS

Editor of the Democrat - will you kindly give me space in the Democrat to let the public know what the people of Magley are doing. The people about here are industrious and are anxious to have good roads and walks. Lately they have built a walk for the accomodation of school children, and those attending church. The walk extends from J.A. Steel's to the reform church, a distance of three miles, then east two miles to the Preble road, then south two miles, making a walk seven miles in length, passing three school houses, making the attendance much larger the heretofore. I think this is a move in the right direction as it is much more pleasant to attend church or school than before. The material we used for the walk was saw dust. After grading and leveling the walk, we placed a thick layer of saw dust upon the bed. It is substantial and will last a good while, and at the same time is much cheaper than gravel, which is scarce here. To our surprise, and astonishment, we saw some persons, whom we thought good citizens, riding and driving on the walk. This will soon destroy it, and we did not think there was anyone in the neighborhood who would wish to do that. To those persons we will kindly request them to keep off and not destroy the walk which protects the feet of the school girl.



Respectfully,
J. A. Steele

The Bieneke sawmill in Magley provided sawdust for this sidewalk, 7 miles long!

← J. A. Steele's home south of Magley. Robert Kershner built a new home at this location.

Items from the Decatur Democrat

Mr. Zerkle will move his store building to Kingston on bobsleds. Dec. 15, 1898

T. B. Zerkle has succeeded in getting his storeroom on the public highway. Jan. 27, 1899

T. B. Zirkle's storeroom is still in the same position, where it causes some trouble in walking and driving around it. Feb. 3, 1899

So much has been said of T. B. Zirkle's storeroom, that we hate to mention it anymore. But he thinks its fun and claims it stands as a subject for the people to look at, talk about and growl about. It may not be as much fun as he thinks it is when he hears different news from some other county. Better hurry up Theodore, and get the nasty thing out of the road. Feb. 17, 1899

(Couldn't find any other information prior to Dec. 15, 1898, to find out just what T. B. Zirkle's "storeroom" contained!)

THE MAGLEY CREAMERY

Magley News Items

Decatur Democrat

Our creamery is situated on Market street and is doing a fine business. Jan 11, 1895

Mr. H. Scherry has put up a new smoke stack on his creamery and is in full blast, running his outfit every morning. May 26, 1904

When I (Ed Jaberg), was some five or six years old, my older brother and I made frequent visits to the old creamery building located on or near the present site of the abandoned service station on the south side of S.R. 224, for a free drink of fresh buttermilk or a small chunk of ice. To us, who had never been farther from home than Decatur, the churning of butter on a commercial basis was quite an operation. Nearby farmers brought their surplus whole milk to the creamery in horse drawn buggies, carriages or wagons, sold the separated cream to the creamery operator, to be made into butter or cheese and took the so-called skimmed milk back for chicken or hog feed. Then the cream was churned into butter, or made into cheese and shipped in refrigerator or express cars over the Erie railroad. Ice, which was cut and stored during the winters was a very important and necessary item in this whole process. Power for this operation was provided by a stationary steam boiler. Lum Swain and Henry Scherry were owners and proprietors of this enterprise at different times.

THE BLACKSMITH SHOP

Magley News Items

Decatur Democrat

Ed Mosure, our blacksmith, will move to Convoy, Ohio, this week, thus again leaving us without a blacksmith. April 12, 1900

We are again having a blacksmith at this place. May 10, 1900

Harry McGill, our blacksmith is kept quite busy these days shoeing horses and attending to his duties in the east part of town. Sept. 19, 1901

The blacksmith's brother has been helping him the past week. The farmers surely must give the blacksmith rest, for he needs it, and to the storekeeper the same. Luck to you Bob (Case) and Harry. Jan. 16, 1902

Mr. H. McGill, will in the near future, put up a new blacksmith shop in Magley. Oct. 15, 1903

The blacksmith shop in Magley was owned and operated by Harry McGill, at one time. Back in the early 1900's, every small village or town had this kind of shop for "shoeing" horses, repairing machinery, welding, sharpening tools, etc. As tractors and power tools and machinery replaced the old way of doing things, blacksmith shops disappeared.

THE BIENEKE SAW MILL

Magley News Items

Decatur Democrat

Fred Bieneke is running his saw mill to its full capacity. His yard is full of logs.
Jan. 25, 1895

Fred Bieneke is done sawing, part of which was for the hoop factory in Sheldon, IN.
Feb. 3, 1899

We were surprised to hear the whistle of the saw mill blow Monday morning, it is now running in full blast.
July 5, 1900

Will Bieneke is general manager of the saw and picket mill of Magley.
March 11, 1901

Directly across from the old creamery building on the north side of S.R. 224 stood a saw mill owned and operated by Fred Bieneke of Decatur. During the late fall, winter and early spring months, after all farm crops had been harvested and sold or stored, most of the farmers near or around Magley, who expected to enlarge their present buildings or erect new ones would gather together their tools. With sledge hammers, cross cut saws, chains, wedges and axes, they would spend days, weeks, even months in their woods cutting down trees, trimming off branches and hauling their logs to the saw mill to be made into sills, rafters, posts, studdings and other rough timbers for framing their farm buildings or even building log houses. One such a log house stood on or near the property now owned by Robery Beery family, another on the Magley road one third mile north, and another three fourth mile west of the Magley school. The Kent Parks family occupied the one on the Magley road and Mr. Parks was the neighborhood barber. A boy's hair cut cost 10 cents.



The Robert Kent Park's log house, log barn and wood shed, 1897 - 1917. These buildings were located north of Magley, along the lane north of Dewey Aults.

THE TILE MILL

The tile mill, which was in operation before 1900, stood in the area where Lawrence Rekeweg's house is and the lot to the west. Many pieces of broken tile were found, when this land was farmed in later years. The clay, from which the tile were made, was taken from where Carol Bieberich now lives, just east of her house in a hollow where the trees are now.

THE HOOP MILL

It has been said that a hoop mill operated here for a few years. The hoop mill sawed out small strips of elm wood, suitable for making barrel hoops. The mill was located in the area where the I+M Electric power station is now located. In January of 1896, the Fruchte Brothers snipped a car load of hoops.

THE SALOON

For a short time a saloon was numbered among the towns business establishments. This saloon was known as "The Quart Shop". Beer and whisky was sold in quarts.

RAILROAD SIDING OR SPUR

Magley had a railroad siding or spur, where they would drop off box cars to load out hay and livestock. There was a cattle loading snoot back of the barn (where Dan Ross Jr. lives), also cattle pens. The snoot for loading cattle was still there when Oscar Bieberich was a small boy, however, they were old and delapidated boards. To the north of the barn, or where the railroad siding was, is still the remains of a pit where they would pull railroad, coal or stone cars, over this pit, open the bottoms of the car and dump the stone on a conveyer belt. Wagons would be loaded with stone to be hauled to where they were building stone roads in Preble and Kirkland townships.

Mr. Cornwall, a basket and container maker lived here some two years, making and selling all kinds of containers, which he peddled throughout the country. Once a year the villagers and nearby farmers, and residents could expect a visit from a Fort Wayne man, known only as "Laughing Boots", carrying two or three suitcases filled with small items of clothing, pins, needles, patent medicines, shoe laces, polish, plus dozen of other small items. The good people of Magley neighborhood provided meals, and lodging for this traveling salesman.

When farmers had a surplus of hay, it was bailed or wired in compressed bales about 36 to 48 inches long, 30 inches wide and deep and shipped in freight cars on the Erie railroad to points or places where there was a shortage or need. Thousands of carloads of live stock, sugar beets, butter and hay were shipped from this small town. Avon Burk, from the Burk elevator in Decatur was the buyer and shipper of the hay, and Charley Scherry loaded most of it into freight cars until shipment could be made. Items to be shipped were first weighed at the scales or weighing station located along the Erie R.R. south of the tracks.



WEIGHING STATION

ITEMS FROM THE DECATUR DEMOCRAT

MAGLEY ITEMS:

Our town is noted for the amount of stock shipped from here. There were two car loads of hogs shipped last Saturday.

Among the heavy porkers in this county, we offer the one sold by J. D. Huffman to Fred Erntmann which tipped the beam at six hundred and thirty (630) pounds. Jan. 11, 1895

Last Tuesday another car load of hogs was shipped to eastern market. Aug. 25, 1899

Wm. Bieneke, Barger Brothers, and Steele Brothers, have been hauling quite a large amount of straw here, which will be shipped to the paper factory at Hartford City. Feb. 3, 1899

The straw hauling is now complete, and now Magley is ornamented with a large pile of bailed straw. Feb. 17, 1899

George Martin loaded four car load of hay Monday and Tuesday for the eastern markets. There were three car loads of stock shipped from here by Schiman and Butler last week. July 5, 1900

The threshers association in Adams County have agreed upon the prices for their work for this year and the rates will be as follows; wheat 3½ cents, oats 2¢, barley 2½¢, rye 4¢, speltz 2½¢, buckwheat 5¢, flax 10¢, timothy 15¢, clover seed 75. The prices for bailing hay will be from \$1.25 to 1.50 per ton, for threshing set job \$3.50, for wood sawing seventy cents per hour. June 26, 1902

It will pay you to buy groceries at Magley, where you buy all package coffee for .20¢, A sugar 5¢, C sugar 4 3/4¢, good syrup .20¢ per gal., good crackers 4¢, good rice 4¢, cracked hominy 2¢, oat meal 2¢, vinegar .15¢ per gal., nice beans 3¢, potatoes .10¢ per peck, eggs .16¢ per doz., butter .12¢, beef hides 6¢.

The Ladies Birthday Almanac

TAKE AND BE HEALED

THE GREAT SPIRIT PLANTED IT

THE FORD'S BLACK DRAUGHT

WINE OF CARDUI

1903



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Magley, Ind. DEALER IN

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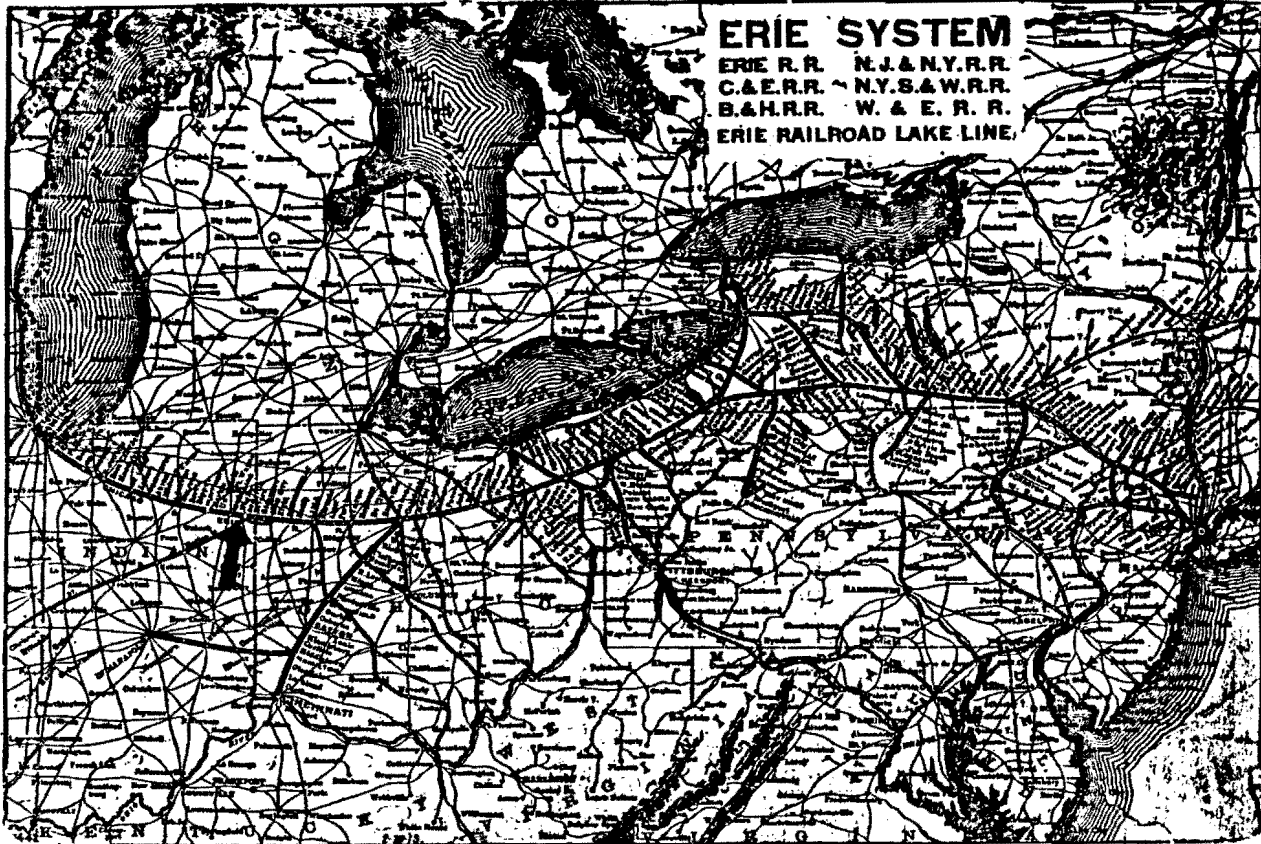
Hats, Caps, Boots, Shoes and Ready-Made Clothing.

Country Produce Bought and Sold.

We want your trade in everything you need. Our prices are the lowest.

ADVERTISEMENT OF THE MAGLEY STORE, OWNED BY ROBERT CASE, 1903

Robert Case, of Magley, who recently disposed of his store to Ed Luttman was in the city Tuesday and prepared to advertise a sale of real estate preparatory to moving his family to Indianapolis. The Case family will leave next Tuesday for the Capital City and within a few days thereafter they will be at home to their friends on Fairfield Avenue. After their arrival at Indianapolis, Mr. Case will immediately begin negotiations for the purchase of the remaining interest in the store in which his son George is a partner and in addition to this he will purchase another store in that city. The two places of business will be conducted by the sons of Mr. Case and the many friends of the family wish for them much success in the venture. Adams County people deplore the fact that this estimable family will leave their midst. The Case family is not only one of the prominent families in the county, but they have lived here for many years, and have established a warm friendship with their every acquaintance. The Democrat joins in wishing them a prosperous future.



MAGLEY IS NAMED ON THIS ERIE SYSTEM
(It's very hard to see)



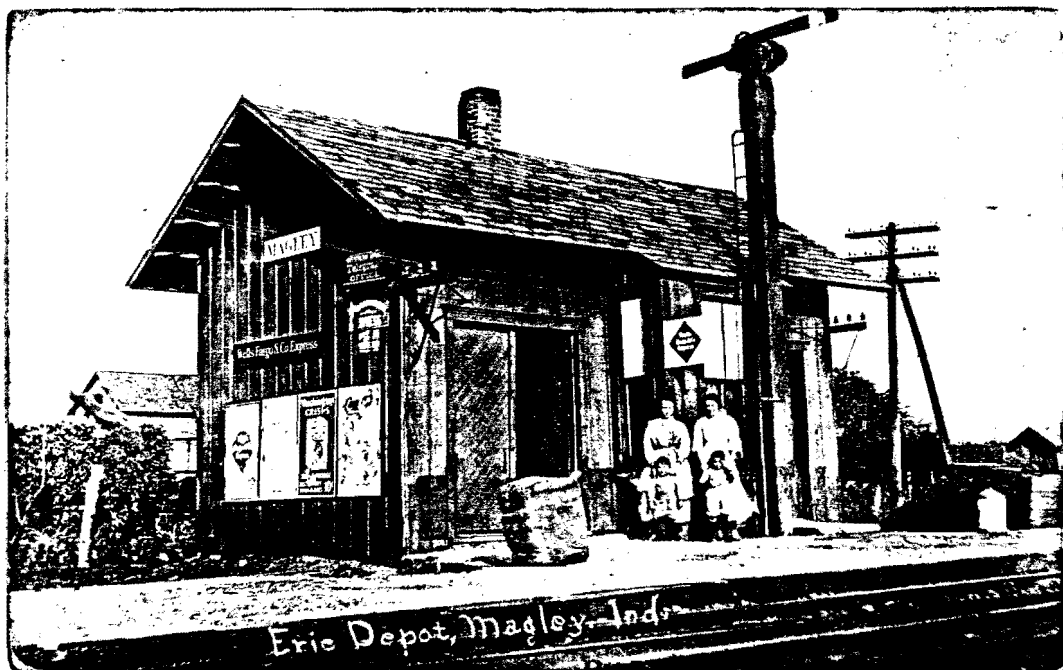
MAGLEY DID HAVE A MAIL CRANE, SIMILAR TO THIS ONE

With the aid of mail cranes such as we see in the picture, it was possible for even the smallest communities situated along the railroad to have adequate mail service. The mail crane enabled the train to pick up a bag of mail without stopping or slowing down. The crane is located near the railway station. An authorized person attached the mail bag to the crane a short time before the train was due. On each side of the mail car is a steel catcher arm. As the train approached the station, a clerk in the mail car adjusted one of these catcher arms so that when it passed the crane, it caught the waiting mail bag. The mail clerk would throw off bags of mail at designated stations also.

In 1913, when the Erie railroad was double tracked, Italian laborers were imported, and employed during the summer. They lived in special bunk box cars and did their cooking outside. Somewhat later, when the Holland St. Louis Company established a sugar factory in Decatur, they also erected a weigh station on the Erie right of way for weighing sugar beets before shipment to Decatur.

Thousands of carloads of live stock, sugar beets, and hay were shipped from this small town via the Erie railroad. Many miles of macadam roads built from crushed stone and other road products were shipped into this town.

A so-called section gang (6 or 8 men) provided labor for servicing and maintaining some five or six miles of the Erie railroad and as many as 50 were employed when new heavier gauge steel rails were laid. The old rails were thinner and weighed sixty pounds per foot, while the new rail weighed one hundred pounds per foot.



The following articles from the Decatur Democrat shows that Magley wasn't always a quiet, peaceful town. Strikes, riots, etc., caused much disturbance due to the Italian laborers.

DECATUR DEMOCRAT

JAN. 17. 1913

FIFTEEN CASES
KEPT THE POLICE COURT BUSY THURSDAY NIGHT AND THIS MORNING
NINE TO TO JAIL

THREE ARE ACQUITTED AND PAY THEIR FINES -- BIG BUSINESS

The nine Italians who were arrested yesterday afternoon by officer Melchi and Deputy Sheriff Kelly at their camp near Magley on a riot charge, were given trial last evening before Squire Stone. Six of the nine were found guilty and were given fines of \$1.00 and costs amounting to \$11.50, while 3 were acquitted. The convicted men were without funds and were committed to jail, however, it is expected that the time keeper will be in today to settle with the state and enable the men to go back to work.

QUIET IN CAMP
OF ERIE DOUBLE TRACKERS AT MAGLEY BUT OFFICERS WILL KEEP WATCH
AGAINST THREATS
MADE BY DISCHARGED BOSS - TWO SKIP OUT AFTER GETTING CLOTHES

From the camp of the Erie double-track workers at Magley, where the riot occurred last week, come echoes of still more trouble pending, and the sheriff and his deputy are holding themselves in readiness to be called to the scene at anytime.

The trouble started last week among the Italian laborers, when the interpreter or Boss, Charles Ross, was discharged for failure to get his workmen on the scene on time. He incited a riot, it is said, among the others, and nine were brought here for trial. Six were fined and went to jail, as they were not able to pay, but Ross was let go. The company took up the matter and paid the fines of the six imprisoned here, from their wages due them, so that they could be released from jail and return to work. Two of the men, however, when their fines were paid, had no balance left them on their wages. They then applied to the commissary camp for an outfit of clothing, consisting of shoes, overalls, etc., amounting to some 5 or 6 dollars apiece, and the man in charge of the commissary, thinking that they wanted the clothing to go back to work, and that he could collect the money from their wages, let them have their outfit. That was the last seen of the two men, but the four others who had money due them, are still working faithfully as though nothing had ever come up to mar the serenity of the camp. Officers along the way were notified of the fleeing men and a sharp watch will be kept for them.

Charles Ross, the discharged boss, or interpreter, made a threat that if a man would be gotten to work in his place, he would return and kill him. No one has yet been secured, but the superintendent of the construction gang, Pat Durkins is attending to Ross's work, as well as his own. Care will be taken, however, to see that Ross does not carry out his threat, and should he do so the officers here will be hot on his trail.

STRIKE AT MAGLEY

SIXTEEN ITALIAN LABORERS ON ERIE DOUBLE TRACKS REFUSED TO WORK UNLESS
ALLOWED AN HOUR

EXTRA -- THE BOSS CLAIMS HE WORKED OVERTIME BECAUSE THEY WERE LATE

The little town of Magley, on the Erie, west of this city, was the scene of more trouble this morning in the camp of the Shoemaker construction gang on the Erie double track force. Sixteen Italians "struck", refusing to go to work unless their conditions be complied with by the company.

They complained that their boss, Patty Durkins, made them work ten minutes overtime Tuesday evening. For this they demanded wages for an extra hour. He refused. They state he has been making them work overtime 3 to 15 minutes for several days. He claims they get to work that much too late every morning and he held them overtime to get in a full day work. When he refused to allow them an extra hours time, they refused to go to work this morning. Acting on the advice of the officials he put them out of the company's bunking car there this morning, denying them the privilege of occupying it unless they worked. He took two guns with him into the car, when he put them out, as he thought it necessary to be armed. They, therefore, sent their interpreter here this morning to try to file some charges against him for the part the guns played in the affair. They did not succeed in trumping up sufficient charges to warrant the filing of an affidavit against him. An official from Huntington will call at the camp today and unless they go back to work on the company's terms they will be fired.

A ROUSING RIOT

AMONG ITALIAN LABORERS AND IRISH AT MAGLEY CONSTRUCTION CAMP

ON THE ERIE RAILROAD

OFFICERS KELLY AND MELCHI MARCHED GANG TO DECATUR -- LEFT FOR CHICAGO

Another Italian laborers' riot at Magley Thursday afternoon was ended Thursday evening, when the band of eighteen Italians who were discharged Thursday, was marched to this city Thursday evening at 5 o'clock by Deputy Sherrif Jesse Kelly and Policeman Cephas Melchi. They left this morning at 3:02 over the Erie for Chicago.

The gang of laborers has been employed on the Erie double track construction work at Magley, for about two weeks, in charge of Patty Durkins, the superintendent of that division.

The Italian boss was Mike Divore, and it is said he was a tough rascal who has just finished seven years service in the pen for killing his brother-in-law. Several of the others have served in the pen and the gang all around, was one of the toughest ever employed by the construction company. Many of the neighbors have complained of their lawlessness, also. The construction company found that they divided about half their time in insipid working, and sat on the ties the other half. Accordingly, the superintendent from Huntington came down and advised Boss Durkins to pay off his men and discharge them. This was done about 8 o'clock Thursday morning, but the gang hung around the camp and refused to leave. Whereupon the officers of this city were called out to help in the matter.

About noon, the new construction gang, consisting of 23 Bulgarians, from Chicago, all peacefully inclined, and very fine people seemingly, arrived, knowing nothing of the fight on hand until their arrival. They were taken to the camp and remained there until the Italian laborers' luggage could be gotten from the snags, which they were to occupy. The Bulgarians took no hand in the fight.

Then began the tug-of-war for the possession of the shacks and cars. The Italians refused to remove their belongings and insisted on staying there all night. Deputy Sherrif Kelly and Policeman Melchi finally prevailed upon them to load up, and at 3 o'clock arrangements was made whereby Lewis Kruetzmann, a resident near Magley, was to haul their goods to this city for five dollars. The goods consisting of utensils, etc., was loaded, and still the Italians refused to leave, seemingly desirous of hanging around in the neighborhood to create any trouble they could.

Just before starting to this city, about 5 o'clock, Boss Patty Durkins told Deputy Kelly to file a bill for the Decatur officials' time at the construction office. Mr. Kelly, with two of the Irish employees of the company, stepped into the office and as he did so, the Italian boss discharged gang gave the sign for the onslaught. At that time there were present only Boss Patty Durkins, and his two engineers, together with Policeman Melchi. The Italians made a fierce onslaught onto the three Irish, wielding boards, pick handles, rails and any other weapons that came to hand. Mr. Durkin was struck over the head, and his two engineers rushed to assist him. At this point policeman Melchi made his entrance as a hero. He rushed into the thick of the fighting with bare hand, which were cut and bleeding, separated them, until officer Kelly and the others came to assist him.

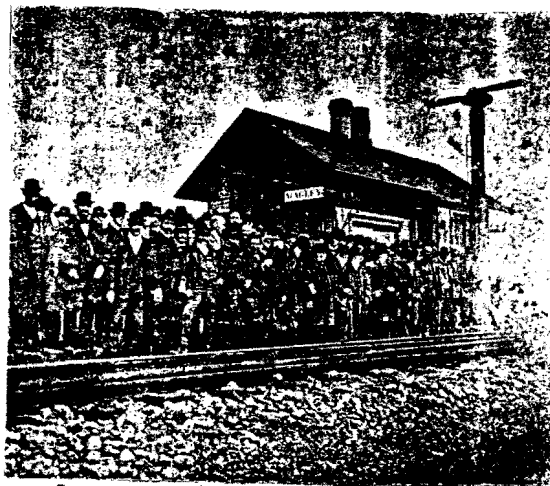
Wielding their weapons right and left, but fighting chiefly with bare hands, they finally quelled the mob, but not before the Italian boss's aged father, a man of sixty-five years of age, was knocked over the head, and felled to the ground. They were finally organized for the march here, all walking, except the aged man who had been knocked down and was unable to walk. He was given a place on the wagon.

The Italians at first refused to pay Mr. Kruetzmann, but finally Deputy Sheriff Kelly finally secured the money for him, and the Italians left early today.

It is thought they had been waiting for just the time that the greater number of Irish would leave, and the two officers become separated, for making the onslaught.

No affidavits were filed against the men as is, was considered more advisable to get them out of the county. No blame is attached to Boss Durkins, as he bore patiently with them at all times.

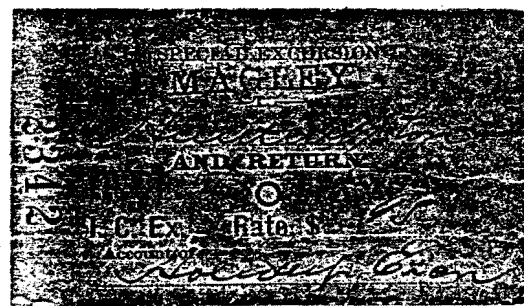
The men in this picture comprised or made up what was commonly known as the section "gang" whose duties and responsibilities were to service and maintain, some five miles of the Erie railroad track and right of way east of Magley. They are on or near what was known as a "hand car" on which they "hand-powered" themselves along with their tools and equipment to where ever their services were needed or required. This railroad had been constructed about 1880-1881 and required daily maintenance. The number of men employed varied with the times. When it was double-tracked in the year 1913, some 100 men, chiefly Italians, were imported and were housed in dilapidated box cars located on the Erie right of way along the track. Back in the early 1900's, a ten hour instead of an eight hour day was accepted and the wage for a day was \$1.35. Recently the railroad tracks and services have been abandoned and only the right of way remains.



Magley, Indiana 1902
(Notice Depot)

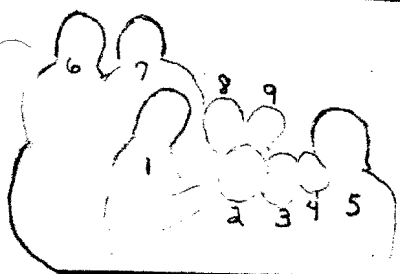
Edward Annen, Sam Jaberg
Albert Shady, Ed Hyland, William Snyder, Charles Dettinger

Ticket issued from the
Magley Depot around 1908.
Round trip train to Hunt-
ington and back, cost 95¢!

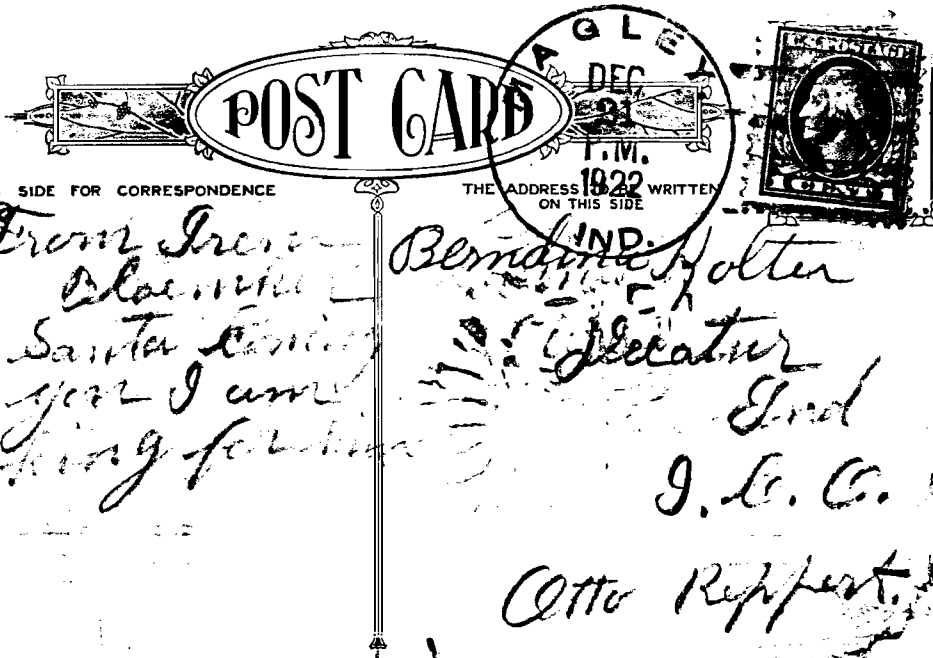


Posing along the R.R. in Magley.
The ladies are surrounding the
mail crane. Note depot also.

- 1 Rosa Krutzman Mills
- 2 Pearl Helmrich Cable
- 3 Laura Krutzman Kolter
- 4 Hanna Scherry Gerber
- 5 Adella Miller Yost
- 6 Amanda Worthman
- 7 Hattie Bauer Worthman
- 8 Alma Mann Reppert
- 9 Hulda Reppert Worthman



MAGLEY AT ONE TIME HAD A POST OFFICE. NOTE THE OLD ITEMS WITH THE MAGLEY POSTMARK.



Magley, Ind.
Jan. 23, 1900

Dear Aunt Cara,
I thought I would
write you a letter so you
will write to me. I have
not very much to say
at ~~the moment~~ ^{the moment} ~~as~~ ^{as} ~~she~~ ^{she} ~~is~~ ^{is} ~~seven~~ ^{seven}
to days so day in ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~even~~ ^{even}
Allen birthday. she is seven

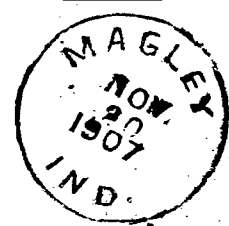
Magley, Ind.
Feb. 10, 1900

Dear Aunt Cara,
I thought
I would write you a letter
so you will get your
card. I think it is very
nice. I will say thank

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Theo and Roy Bauer on their father's rural mail delivery buggy



Miss. Flora. Braecht.
Decatur
Ind.
R. R. # 2.

The owner of the general store was usually appointed postmaster. The Magley post office had one rural delivery route, and had the following postmasters: Jacob J. Magley 1883, Theodore B. Zirkle 1893, Albert Case 1897. Mrs. Jessie Luttman 1909, Jonas Liby 1911, Fred E. Kolter 1914, Otto F. Miller 1919, Glen Chronister 1924, Orval Lenhart 1926 and Harry Bauer 1926. The Magley post office was discontinued November 15, 1927, and the area was serviced by Decatur Rural Route 2. The rural route was started in 1907, and Harry N. Bauer served as carrier.

FOLEY IS AGENT

PASSENGER AND FREIGHT MAN AT MAGLEY
EIGHTEEN YEARS IS GIVEN PROMOTION

EFFECTIVE NEXT WEEK

Mr. Odell will Leave Soon for his New Position in Philadelphia, Pa.

Mr. L. F. Foley, for sixteen years passenger and freight agent for the Erie railroad company at Magley, has been advanced to the position of passenger and freight agent for the company in this city, to take the place vacated by Mr. C. H. Odell to the traffic department of the company in Philadelphia.

Mr. Foley is a good railroad man, and his promotion after sixteen years' service with the company, shows that the corporation appreciates good service. That he will make good in the Decatur office every one knows. He is a brother-in-law of Martin Jaberg of this city. His brother, Archie Foley, is employed under road foreman Murtaugh of the Erie. Mr. Foley will assume his new duties early next week.

Mr. Odell, who has been here the past five years, will soon go to Philadelphia, to take his new duties. He is a good railroad man and during his residence here he and Mr. Odell have made many friends who regret to see them leave Decatur, but who wish for them every success possible in their new home.

No agent has as yet been appointed to the place on the Clover Leaf made vacant by the resignation of C. E. Connelly, who had been the agent here for the past two years.

A BIG REUNION

SEVENTH ANNUAL REUNION OF BLOEMKER
FAMILY WAS A GREAT SUCCESS

With nearly one hundred and fifty relatives attending, the seventh annual reunion of the Bloemker family held Sunday at the country home of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Worthman, Jr., three miles south of Magley, was a great success. At the noon hour a delicious chicken dinner, together with the fixin's, was served and greatly enjoyed. An excellent program was given during the afternoon including two good talks by H. P. Ruck of Fort Wayne and Albert Scherry of Marion, Ohio. Following the program, officers were elected, the following being chosen: Lewis Worthman Jr., President; Henry Bloemker, Vice President; Alma Manns, Secretary and John Hilgeman, treasurer. It was voted that the reunion next year should be held at Belmont Park in this city (Decatur).

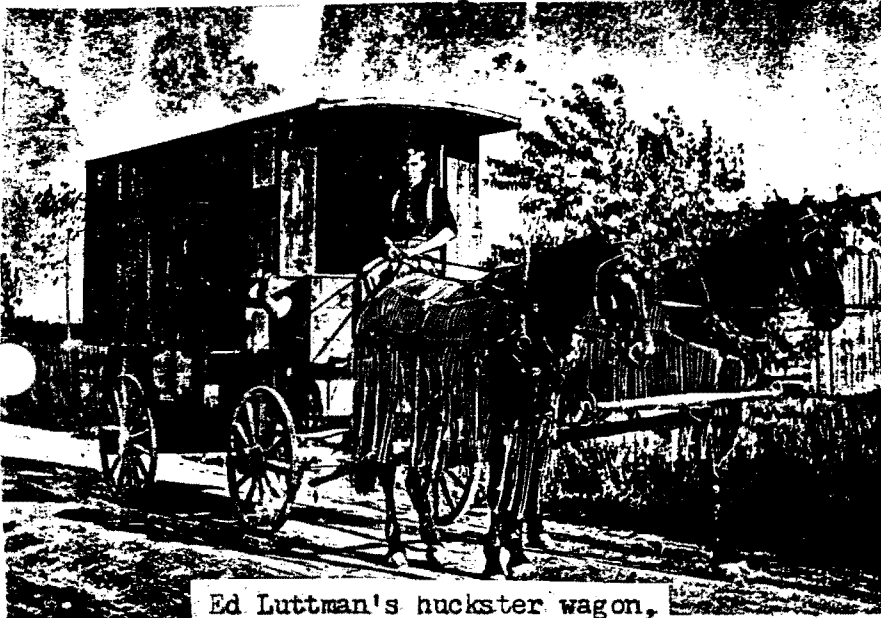


Ed Luttman, operator of the general store. Also pictured is "Dexter".

During the spring, summer, and fall months the proprietor of the general store served the neighborhood by providing a so called "Huckster wagon service". He loaded a two horse wagon, similar to a covered wagon with groceries, notions, and other items from his store, and drove thru the country for miles around. He stopped at farmer's homes, so they could exchange their produce, eggs, butter, and live poultry for needed or desired items, and goods, or buy some out right.



Floyd Luttman, Ed Luttman
John Luttman, Jesse Wagner Luttman



Ed Luttman's huckster wagon, in 1910. Floyd, the oldest son, is in the drivers seat.

Decatur Democrat

Feb. 22, 1906

CARD OF THANKS

I desire in this manner to thank the many kind friends who assisted me so nobly with their support during the "Diamond Ring" contest, and especially do I thank the school children who took such an interest in my campaign and trust I may be able to repay the compliment some time. Although I went down in defeat, I am still proud and thankful for the support I received.

Mrs. Ed Luttman

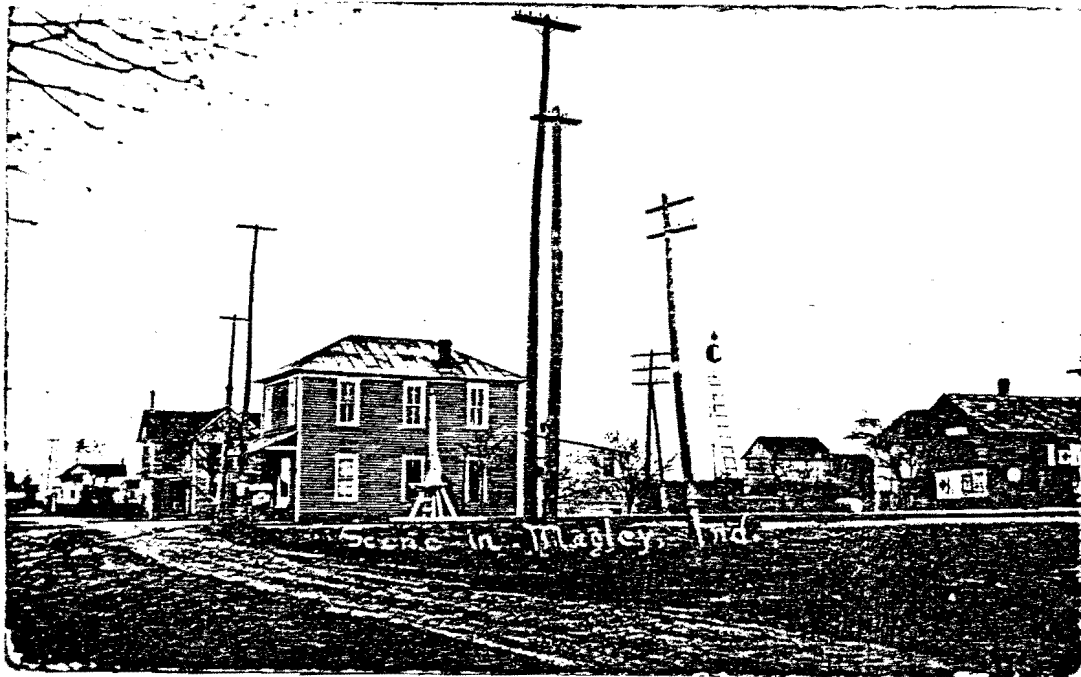
(According to the newspaper, voting for the "Diamond Ring" contest was by ballots clipped from the paper and by voting certificates issued with cash subscription receipts for the Daily Democrat and Weekly Democrat. Miss Anna Winnes was the winner with 49,101 votes, while Mrs. Ed Luttman was runner up with 35,042 votes.)

ROBERT CASE PUBLIC SALE

I, the undersigned, will offer for sale at my home in Magley, Ind., on Monday, March the 8th., the following property, to wit: horse buggy, surrey, single harness, heavy work harness, corn sheller, hay forks, shovel, large iron kettle, one cook stove, one heating stove, two tables, two moving seythes, one extension ladder, gasoline stove and other things not enumerated.
Noah Frauhiger, Auct.
Sale commences at 1 P.M.

DECATUR DEMOCRAT

MARCH 4, 1909



STORE AND POST OFFICE

ERIE DEPOT

DECATUR DEMOCRAT

MAY 6, 1909

NEW POSTMISTRESS AT MAGLEY

MRS. JESSIE E. LUTTMAN APPOINTED TO THIS IMPORTANT PLACE

The Washington dispatches make the announcement of the appointment of Mrs. Jessie E. Luttman as postmistress at Magley, the new appointee to succeed Robert Case, who had resigned. Mrs. Luttman is the wife of Edward Luttman the Magley merchant, who recently purchased the store of Mr. Case and is now enjoying a good trade at Magley. The new appointee is capable and will fill the place with that care and thoroughness which is demanded of all the employees of Uncle Sam.

Jan 16, 1914
DECATUR DAILY DEMOCRAT



JONAS LIBY HAS BIG LOSS

DWELLING, STORE AND POST OFFICE AT MAGLEY BURNED TO GROUND
AT AN EARLY HOUR

LOSS RUNS INTO THOUSANDS - BUILDING MADE IN 1884 TOTALLY BURNED

A fire that totally consumed the large two-story frame dwelling, mercantile establishment and postoffice, at Magley, owned and conducted for the past three years by Jonas Liby, merchant and postmaster, occurred this morning at 3:30 o'clock. The building, with its contents including household, general store stock and postoffice furniture and supplies, was totally consumed, except for a few kitchen utensils and bed room furniture on the first floor. The loss will run into several thousand dollars, and will be much greater than the \$3,500 insurance carried by Mr. Liby in the Decatur Insurance Agency, on both building and contents. The store was well stocked and quite valuable.

Among the things lost was the mail received late yesterday afternoon, but which did not include more than eight letters. The mail belonging to the rural route carrier, Harry Bauer, was saved by him. He kept this in a separate box in the post office and he was able to force open a window in the postoffice department and reach in and get out his rural mail box, as well as a drawer in which he kept his supplies. Mr. Liby continues that he had \$25 to \$30 worth of postage stamps on hand and this was lost with other supplies.

Fortunately, however, none of the family lost their lives or were injured. The family had their sleeping apartments on the ground floor and were able to get out. A boarder slept on the second floor, and was nearly suffocated by smoke, before he made his escape.

The origin of the fire is a complete mystery. It started in the southwest corner of the building on the first floor in the store room, near the dry goods department, about twenty feet from the store with no chimney near. The family was extremely careful to keep match boxes closed and out of danger and are at a loss to account for the fire. The fire was discovered by Mr. Liby when he was awakened by a passing train. Thinking it might be time to get up and get the mail ready he arose and went to the store room to see what time it was. When he opened the door he was driven back by the smoke. The Jaberg family and others of the town were just getting up and also saw the fire about this time. They all hastened to the scene to assist in extinguishing the fire but the means of the little town for fighting fire were inadequate and very little could be done. Owing to the fact that the building had a heavy galvanized roof, the smoke was forced downward and kept within the building and drove back all attempts of the would be assistants, in entering the building to get more of the goods.

The Erie depot is located near the store and also the home of Chris Sherry, both of which were in danger of burning and the efforts of the town also centered on keeping these wet and from danger of the fire.

The large frame building, which was very substantial, was one of the landmarks of Magley, being as old as the little town itself. In fact it was built about the year 1882 by Jacob J. Magley of this city, who was the first merchant, postmaster and station agent at Magley, and for whom this little town was named. He sold the building and store to Robert Case, who conducted it for many years; building an addition thereto and remodeling the building. This was located on the north side of the railroad and the east side of the highway. Mr. Case then built a warehouse on the west side of the road and this burned several years ago. Ed Luttman succeeded the Cases, when they moved to this city, and Mr. Liby purchased the same from the Luttmans, the store changing ownership very few times in the past thirty-two years.

BUILD NEW STORE
 ED KOLTER, NEW MERCHANT, EXPECTS TO BE IN NEW BUILDING
 BY FIRST OF MAY
 WILL BE LOCATED SOUTH OF STORE WHICH WAS BURNED A FEW MONTHS AGO

Ed Kolter, who has opened a grocery and general merchandise store in Magley, succeeding Jonas Liby, who suffered a total loss by fire a few months ago, is making arrangements to build a new store building. The new building will be cement block, eighteen by sixty feet in dimensions. It will be used as a store building alone.

It is expected that it will be completed by the first of May, and work will begin as soon as the weather permits. Mr. Kolter opened his store Feb. 4, which is located temporarily in his residence. Mr. Kolter has also applied for the postmaster at this place, passing the examination last Saturday. Mr. Liby whose store was burned, is now living on a farm.

SCENES TAKEN IN FRONT OF THE KOLTER STORE



Kids: Harold Kolter, Lillian Worthman Wittmeyer, Mildred Worthman Hardy, Robert Worthman, Lydia Fruechte Worthman at far right.
 Adults: Amanda Worthman, Hattie Worthman, Amanda Fruechte Borne, Mrs. Fred Kolter, Kris Scherry in background, Laura Kruetzman Kolter, Haulda Reppert Worthman

GRAND OPENING

FRED AND ED KOLTER WILL OPEN A GENERAL MERCHANDISE STORE AT MAGLEY

A BIG TIME

OPENING DAY WILL BE HELD WEDNESDAY, JULY 1ST -- BUY LIBY PROPERTY

Fred and Ed Kolter, two well known Adams County young men have purchased the Liby property at Magley and will on Wednesday, July 1 open a general merchandise store. The opening day will be marked with a big program, including bicycle races, potatoe races, ring bicycle races, guessing contests, fire works and the likes. The Kolter brothers have engaged the Toscin City band to render music all day. The new firm will be known as the Kolter Brothers, general merchandise store, and they will handle every thing that comes in that line. On the opening day goods and merchandise will be sold at greatly reduced prices.

DECATUR DEMOCRAT JUNE 20, 1914



THE GENERAL MERCHANDISE STORE

POST OFFICE DISCONTINUED

Magley Office Discontinued Due To Robberies
Placed on Decatur Route

Because of numerous robberies of the Post Office at Magley, Adams County, that office was discontinued yesterday, and the 18 patrons of the Magley office have been placed on Decatur, route 4, it was announced today by Postmaster Graham, of this city.

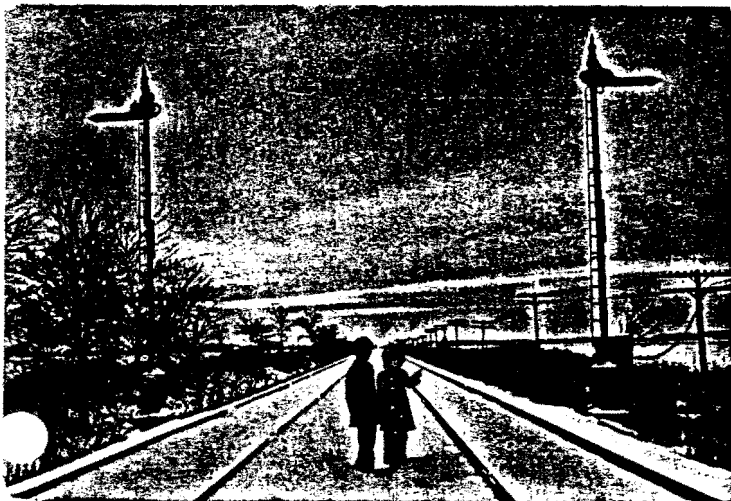
There have been several robberies at the Magley office in the last few years, it was stated, and since Harry Fuhrman, carrier of Decatur route 4, passes directly through Magley on his route it was deemed advisable to put the Magley patrons on the Decatur route.

Harry Bauer, postmaster at Magley, was notified and the change was made yesterday. It was pointed out, however, that the Magley patrons would receive as good as service through the Decatur route as before. Each patron formerly had to call at the office for the mail and now it will be delivered every morning to each patrons' mail box.

The change will be effective at once and all persons are notified that hereafter all Magley mail should be addressed Decatur, route 4.



Harry Bauer and Kids



1978



1981

A social will be held by the merchants at this place next Saturday evening, July 14. Ice cream and other delicacies will be served. All are cordially invited to attend.

The social Saturday evening was attended by a large crowd, all ice cream and pop were sold. The amusements were fireworks and two balloon ascensions and a splendid time was had. July 26, 1900

On almost every 4th of July the proprietor of the general store would arrange for the entire community, an ice cream social. This provided a once a year chance to eat "commercial" ice cream, and to visit with those from as far as four or five miles away.

Only two methods of communication were available during the early days. One telephone in the general store, and the Western Union Telegraph in the Erie depot.

On election nights a large group always gathered at the general store to hear results of both primary and general elections.

Willis Dettinger owned the store on 600 west, across the railroad tracks, and proprietors included Ed and Fred Kolter, The Miller Brothers, Glen Chronister, Orval Lennart, Harry Bauer, John Helmrich and Lawrence Rekeweg in 1946. The Rekewegs built a new store along the highway (US 224), in 1952.



Harry Bauer's huckster truck.



John Helmrich's huckster truck. In those days when the huckster truck delivered groceries, etc., to the neighborhood, the Helmrich truck was one of the largest in the area and had the best selection.



John Helmrich, Rachel, Richard and John Jr. Photo taken in 1945

MEMORIES OF THE MAGLEY GENERAL STORE 1934-36 .. BY EDNA PETERS

The huckster wagon took a severe beating out on the country roads one bright May day, when a gravel truck loaded with stones ran into the side of the grocery truck as it was turning into a farmers lane. No one was hurt -- but the broken ketchup, mustard and molasses bottles mixed with broken peanut butter jars, took weeks to clean up the mess! The egg candling machine worked day and night to separate the fresh eggs from the not so fresh. Occasionally the peep, peeps of the chicks hatched during the night in the egg cases, gave evidence that some customers didn't always sell fresh eggs for top market prices! Over the bumps and through the snow drifts we went to the Magley store as I stood in the back of the huckster truck, rocking back and forth one January morning. This had to be the worst blizzard of the season. I was picked up by my boss (John Helmrich) to come to work. Everyone else was enjoying the day off and afraid to venture through the drifts. My anger would have killed a man if I had gone up in the front of the truck for a smoother ride! One of the loudest and longest sermons ever preached at Magley was on the tracks of the Erie R.R. by the Rev. Albert Scherry, while he was visiting friends and relatives. Two of his Adventist friends met him in the store to try to convince him the second coming of Christ was near. The loudest whistle on the fastest train of the Erie could not have stopped the argument!

Saturday evening was the time to go shopping in Decatur, to see friends, parade up and down main street, discussing the farm crops and the weather.

One very dark evening as the Peters family was coming home, a cat crossed the road in front of the car. Leroy, who was supposedly sleeping on his mother's lap said, "Mamma, does the kitty have a flashlight?"

The ice cream socials on a hot Saturday evening always was a lot of fun, eating ice cream, cake and water-mellon. As one elderly sweet soul said, "Tonight we will all have to sleep with the wash tub under the bed!" (This sweet soul was Mrs. Henry Scherry.)



EDNA PETERS 1934

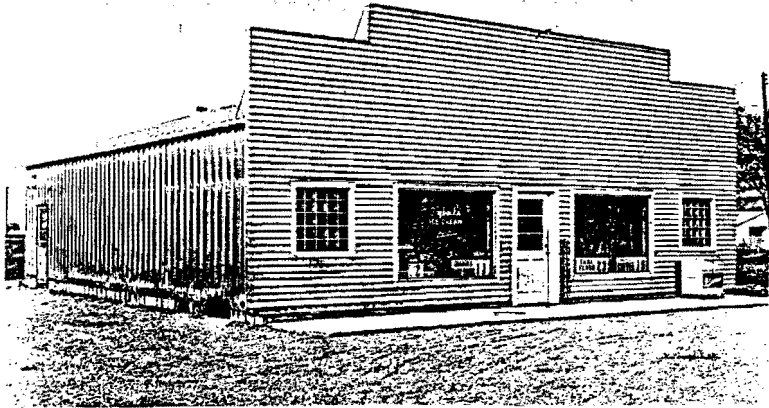
MEMORIES FROM ELSIE PETERS - STORE CLERK 1937-42

The huckster truck had to be loaded with groceries everyday and sometimes twice. Each day was a different route and a record was kept of every customer on these routes. There were plenty of dirty eggs brought in from the routes. After John (Helmrich) had them sorted, we would have to wash and dry cases of eggs. (1 case held 30 doz.) John would candle all of the eggs and Otto Helmrich (John's brother) would take them to different grocery stores in Ft. Wayne and then bring back a supply of groceries from Bursleys and Perfects and fruit and vegetables from Himmelsteins. He would bring navy, northern, lima beans, white and brown sugar and rice in 100 lb. bags and then we would have to weigh this all in 1 and 3 pound sacks. John also bought chickens and several times during the winter there were frozen toes and fingers from unloading and weighing them in the old barn across the road.

One summer day Otto was working on John's car and the jack gave way and Otto was pinned underneath. Walter Hildebrand was working close by in his field and he came with John, Rachel and John Jr. and together they lifted the car off Otto. I grabbed him by the leg and pulled him out! Luckily we were around and heard him!

One time the breakfast cereal boxes started falling from the top shelf and a snake came down too! It crawled underneath the counter and John came and got it!

I enjoyed working there, you got to meet and learned to know a lot of people!!!



Lawrence Rekeweg

Lawrence Rekeweg moved his grocery business to the highway in December of 1952. He had a modern, self-service market .. with push carts and plenty of counter and shelves. Don Schoenherr managed the store in 1970 and included antiques, eventually changing over to an antique shop. In March of 1975, Greg Sninkel and Steve Holly opened a gun shop, but this is no longer in business.



This photo was taken inside the Rekeweg store May 19, 1953. Standing behind the meat counter is Lawrence, Irma Hildebrand is with the shopping cart and Ethel Stepler has her back to the camera. Potatoe chips are 10, 25, 35 and 69 cents. Charmin Tissue 41¢, Karo 34¢ Large size 65¢, waxed paper 25¢ and cereal 17 to 28¢!

LAD'S INJURIES PROVED FATAL
Peter Parker, Seventeen of Baltimore, Md., Died Last Evening
AFTER AMPUTATION
Of Both Legs - Had Been Run over by Erie Train of Magley

Peter Parker, 17, of Baltimore, Md., a young Bohemian lad, died last evening at 8:30 at the Decatur hospital, from injuries sustained some time during the night before when he was run over by a Chicago - Erie train, which passed over both his legs.

The wounded lad was found about 5:30 o'clock yesterday morning by two men at Magley who heard his cries for help and investigating found him lying along the track, about two hundred feet from the station with his legs mangled, the feet hanging to the limbs by shreds of muscle.

Dr. Blue of Toccoa was called and he in turn called Dr. D.D. Clark, of this city, who responded, and the boy was brought to the hospital here. Dr. Blue had found his injuries to be severe, which with the fact that he probably laid half the night before being found, suffering much from exhaustion and weakness, that he stated that he thought the boy would not recover, and asked Dr. Clark to bring him here and care for him.

Dr. Clark called in other physicians on the case, and the mangled limbs were amputated about one o'clock yesterday afternoon. The left leg was amputated about three inches below the knee; and the right leg about midway between the knee and ankle. He also had a bad scalp wound. As he was so weak from loss of blood and exhaustion his body being cold when found, his chances were against him the very first, and he died last night without having gained consciousness after the operation. He was given every care possible, however, and nothing was left undone that could have been done.

The boy was conscious at all times preceding the operation and gave what information he could about himself, being a very sensible lad, of fine appearance and manner.

He stated that he had left home in Baltimore, with two other boys, to get work. He had identification cards, showing that he had been a cook in a railroad commissary department. At Chicago, he says his two companions deserted him and he started home. He had enough money to pay his way to Huntington, and stated over and over, that he never dead-headed his way in his life. At Huntington, however, it seems his money must have given out, because, on inquiry, he stated that there he intended to get on a train then, but the train was going too fast for him. The last he remembers until he awoke here with his legs mangled, was being in the dark yards of Huntington. It seems that he must have gotten on a freight and have dozed off to sleep and fallen off the train.

He gave his father's name as Peter Parker, gave his Baltimore, Md., address and asked that he not be told of the accident, as he was a poor man and he did not want his father to be told. He begged that word should not be sent to his poor mother, whom he stated would be crazy if she knew how he was hurt and she would come right away, if she knew about it.

He seemed to realize the seriousness of his condition as he called for a priest. Father Seimetz responded and ministered to him. When asked whether he could pray, the boy answered that he could pray in Bohemian, which he did. He spoke excellent English and but for the fact that he said he was Bohemian, he could not have been told from an American.

Word was sent to the father, however, relative to the boy's injury. A message last evening asking for word as to how bad he was hurt and asking that he be sent home.

Death came a few hours later and the sad word was in turn dispatched to the father. A second message was received from him this morning asking that the body be sent home and the expenses would be paid by him.

The body was taken to the Yager Brothers and Reinking morgue to await arrangements for the disposal.

ACCIDENTS HAPPENED YEARS AGO TOO!

Decatur Daily Democrat

Dec. 31, 1926

ERIE ENGINE WRECKS AUTO

Otto Hildebrand and Son Have
Narrow Escape in Accident at Magley

Otto Hildebrand, one of the best known residents of the west part of the county and his son, Walter, 14, will close the Old Year with a prayer of thankfulness that they are here after the thrilling experience of having their Chevrolet sedan cut in two by an Erie engine while they were seated in the car.

The accident happened at noon on Wednesday, in the town of Magley.

Mr. Hildebrand and son were returning home and just reached the railroad, when an engine and tender returning to Huntington and running at a fast speed came down upon them, cutting the engine and front of the Chevrolet off and practically destroying the car. Mr. Hildebrand suffered several broken ribs, a severe cut on his leg and a number of painful bruises, while Walter got off with sore spots. Physicians were summoned from this city and both the injured are reported to be getting along nicely.

Decatur Daily Democrat

Sept. 24, 1927

MAGLEY MAN IS SERIOUSLY HURT

Ed Scherry Injured When Hit on Head
by Limb While Cutting Trees

Magley, Sept. 24 (Special) Edward Scherry was seriously injured about his neck and forehead in an accident while cutting timber Thursday afternoon. A limb from one of the trees struck him on the head, rendering him unconscious.

Mr. Scherry, was working with Franklin Fruchte, Charles Scherry, William Franks and Martin Fruchte at the time of the accident. Although his condition is serious, and he can scarcely speak, it is thought that Mr. Scherry will recover.

Decatur Daily Democrat
Magley News Item

Oct. 25, 1927

The Magley section crew on the Erie railroad ran into Noah Borne while he was driving across the track. The car was slightly damaged. The section boys were thrown off the car, but were slightly injured. The accident happened one mile east of here Thursday afternoon.

FIRE STRIKES AGAIN IN THE MAGLEY AREA



July 20, 1916



Pearl, Harry Bauer, Theo and Roy are in the picture. Ed Jabergs, Millers (who owned the general store) also lived in this house. Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Murchland lived in it, when it was destroyed by fire.

BARN IS BURNED

With Fifty Tons of Hay, Two Calves and Haymower Destroyed on

KRUETZMANN FARM

Lightning Strikes Barn - Took Great Effort to Save House Nearby

The Kruetzmann farm on the north side of Decatur, Ind., was north of the village of Magley, Ind., was struck by lightning on Sunday evening, July 20, 1916, and burned. The barn, which was valued at about \$2500, with some insurance, was destroyed. The property was insured for about \$2500, with some insurance. With the barn were burned about fifty tons of hay in the mow, the haymower and two calves.

The barn, which was the old one, about 50 by 30 feet in dimensions, was only 200 feet from the house, and it took strenuous effort to save the residence. Fortunately, the horses and other stock, except the calves, were in the new barn, which is situated a greater distance away, together with the other newer buildings.

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MAGLEY RESIDENCE DESTROYED BY FIRE

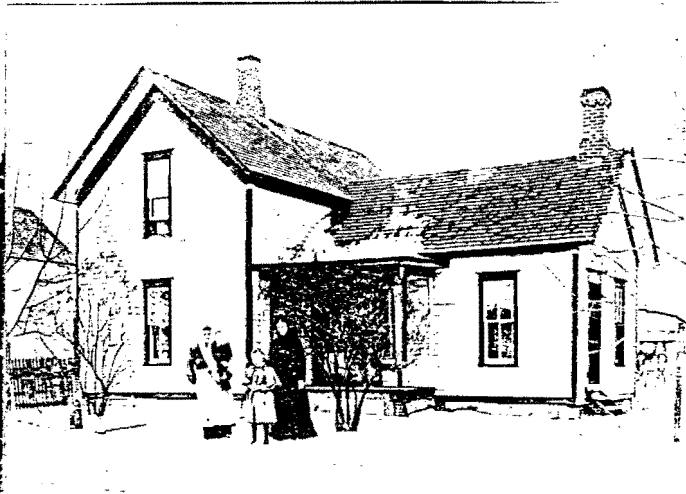
Dec. 1, 1947

HOME IS DESTROYED EARLY SUNDAY NIGHT

A one and one-half story home, housing a beauty shop, and part of the home furnishings were completely destroyed by a fire in the village of Magley Sunday evening. The home, owned by Mrs. Richard Gerber, was occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Murchland. Mrs. Murchland also operated a beauty shop in part of the residence. It was reported that defective wiring may have caused the blaze, which began about 6 o'clock Sunday evening. Firemen were called from the Decatur department but the structure was enveloped in flames when they arrived. Spectators said that the roof of the building caved in within half an hour from the time the fire was discovered. Residents of the neighborhood and other volunteers had been able to remove a majority of the household furnishings and beauty parlor equipment from the first floor, however, it was reported. They were unable to save upstairs furniture, a kitchen stove and other articles, however. No estimate was made of the damage, but it was reported that the loss on the house is partly covered by insurance.



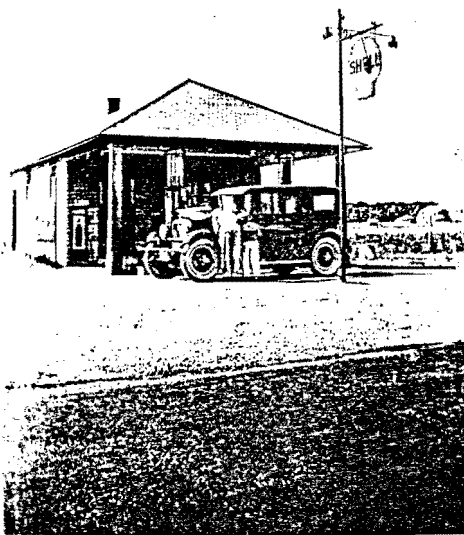
Notice Magley Depot
in background



Jaberg - Gerber residence, date
unknown, probably before 1930.



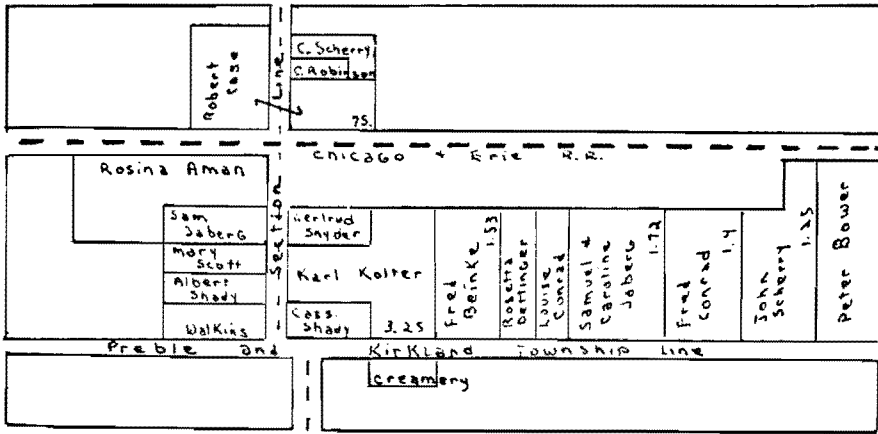
Edna Bieneke Jaberg
Velma Jaberg Gerber
Edna Peters



Shell Station in 1932

In 1930, George Gerber built a service station on the site of the former creamery. George sold gas, candy, gum, snacks, ice cream, and serviced cars. This Shell station, for many years provided a place for young and old to gather and discuss the problems of the day, such as when to plant potatoes, weather conditions, etc. Everyone remembers the old brass spittoon, sitting by the heating stove. Gerber's station was closed upon the death of George in 1971.

At a public auction later on, the 10 ft. oak church bench was purchased by Mrs. Eugene Blume and Mrs. Michael Rauner. Handy with his woodworking tools, Michael cut the bench into two 5 ft. benches, having to make two new ends. Today the one bench is being used in the Lil-Lin Beauty Salon, the only business in Magley in 1982.



OWNERS OF REAL ESTATE IN
MAGLEY IN THE LATE 1800's.

MEMORIES FROM VERNON E. JABERG

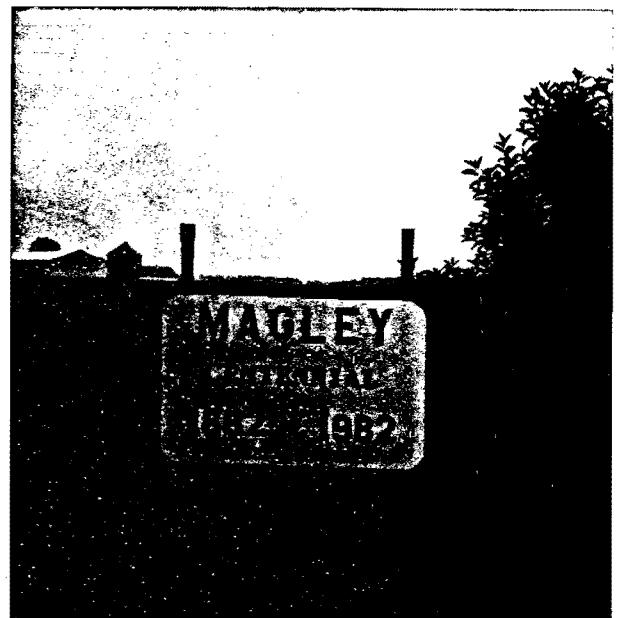
I recall the joy of being in Magley from the time I was 4 or 5 years old until I was 14 or 15, from 1927 to 1940. It was a constant and often unexpected joy to hear the distant whistle of the Erie trains and to climb the old pear tree on the front lawn of my Grandmother's home and to watch and wait for the coming of a passenger or a very long freight train! I would count the cars - 100 or even 120 or more. I would wave at the engineer and he usually would wave back at me and I was thrilled and felt a part of railroading!

I also recall an event which was quite strange. I recall that Grandma (Caroline) Jaberg used to sit on a back porch to peel potatoes, string green beans, hull peas, peel apples or pears etc. She said the afternoon sun was so warm and bright that she wanted a bit of shade. She mentioned this to George Gerber, who said he may have something at the Shell Gasoline Station that might be helpful. He brought Grandma Jaberg a bit of canvas and she tore a section of it away so it would fit on the back porch and would serve the purpose of providing shade. It had been there for some time prior to our visit to Magley. I noticed it on my return from the familiar 'out house'. Grandma Jaberg had torn the S off the Shell sign and it was plain as any passenger on the Erie R.R. could not help but see HELL! A very unlikely thing for a Sunday regular at Salem Reformed Church in Magley and a very lovely Grandmother!

Two politicians were from the Magley area, Ed Jaberg served as County Clerk and Auditor for a total of 4 terms. Robert Kolter served as the Preble Township trustee, County Councilman, Treasure, and Auditor, for many years of service for our local government!

Our town does have a public telephone booth, located on the south side of U.S. 224! Many truck drivers and other people take advantage of this convenience.

Our population remains about the same, however, we are being invaded by chipmunks! It is not known at this time if the chipmunks out number the residents or not.



"WORTHMAN'S INN"

Cabins located in the east end of Magley for overnight guests, owned and operated by Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Worthman. These pictures were taken in 1948 - 1949.



In the 1950's a truck-stop, restaurant was started in this small town by Mrs. Ernest (Hattie) Worthman. Later on, Mrs. Otto (Dot) Helmrich took over the manager position. Even though the town was little, this eating place had a large business. Then on July 6, 1959, fire destroyed the building.

Decatur Daily Democrat

July 8, 1959

MAGLEY RESTAURANT
DESTROYED BY FIRE

Dot's restaurant in Magley was completely destroyed in a blaze Monday night as fire swept through the building after apparently starting in the kitchen.

Preble firefighters fought the blaze, but loss was inevitable as the call did not arrive until the fire was well underway.



These buildings were located on the empty lot owned today by Doug Putteet.

Years ago, the ladies wore their hair long, with a knot at the back of her neck. Sometimes, ringlets adorned the face. Little girls wore pig tails or long braids. Boys usually had a home hair cut, with nicks out here and there. Men wore their hair in the "crock" style. A crock was placed on their head and the hair around the edges was trimmed off!

Kids are Ben, Roy, Bob Szelis
 Eva Parks - Charles first wife
 Robert Kent Parks
 Lillie his wife
 Jennie Parks Szelis
 Effie Parks
 Garnet Parks
 Trix (The dog)



The town barber, years ago.
 Robert Kent Parks



Del-Mar Beauty shop

In 1946 Delores Gerber and Mary Jane Murchland opened the "Del-Mar Beauty Shop" in the little town of Magley. The name of the shop was derived from the first three letters from their first names. On November 30, 1947, fire destroyed the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Murchland, and also the beauty shop in the house.

BEAUTY FLASH!

ANNOUNCING THE OPENING of the

LIL-LIN

BEAUTY SALON

MAGLEY, INDIANA
 U.S. 224

Lila and Linda
 Kruezman
 Beauticians!



Lila Kruezman

Recent Graduates of
 FT. WAYNE BEAUTY COLLEGE
 and the M. PAUL INSTITUTE
 of HAIR DESIGNING



Linda Kruezman

● HAIR STYLING ● CUTTING ● PERMANENTS
 ● HAIR TINTING ● RINSES ● FACIALS

PHONE CRAIGVILLE 4 or 10 FOR APPOINTMENTS

In 1961, Lila (Kruezman) Rauner, and Linda (Kruezman) Kalthoff, opened in "Lil-Lin Beauty Salon" in this same town. The name of this shop was also derived from the first three letters from their first names! Today, Lila still operates the beauty salon in her home, being the only business here in 1982.

THROUGH THE YEARS

Oscar Bieberich had a huge red raspberry patch on both lots where the houses of Kenneth Rumschlag and Don Scribner stand. People could come and pick their own fresh raspberries in the late 1940's and early 1950's.

Alvin Gerber started a push mower repair shop and he sharpened hand saws in the basement of his house in 1953. As the business enlarged he moved the business to the garage. "Gerber's Mower Repair" was in business until they moved from Magley in 1972. The Gerbers also raised mink from 1961 to 1963.

Calvin McKean also had a mower repair service in our town in the late 1970's.

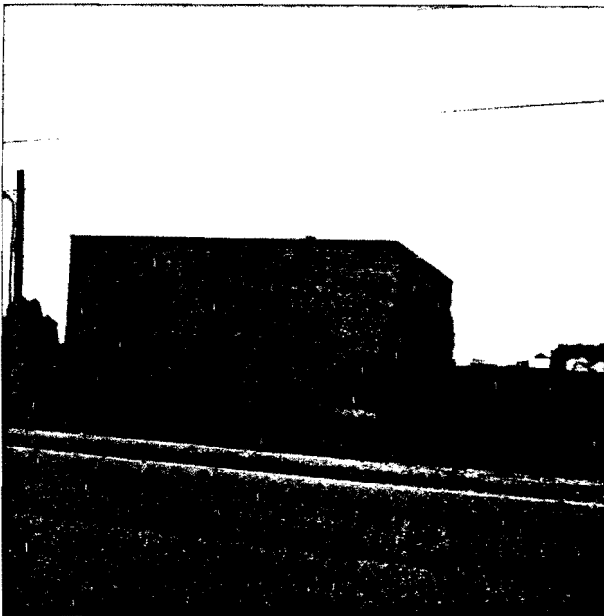
Walter Haines owned a dog kennel from 1955 to 1960 and sold A.K.C. Registered Daschunds, Poodles, Schnauzers, Pomeranians and Pekingese.

"The Wood Shed" was operated by Michael Rauner in the late 1970's. He built many redwood and olive wood clocks, made porch swings and repaired antique furniture.

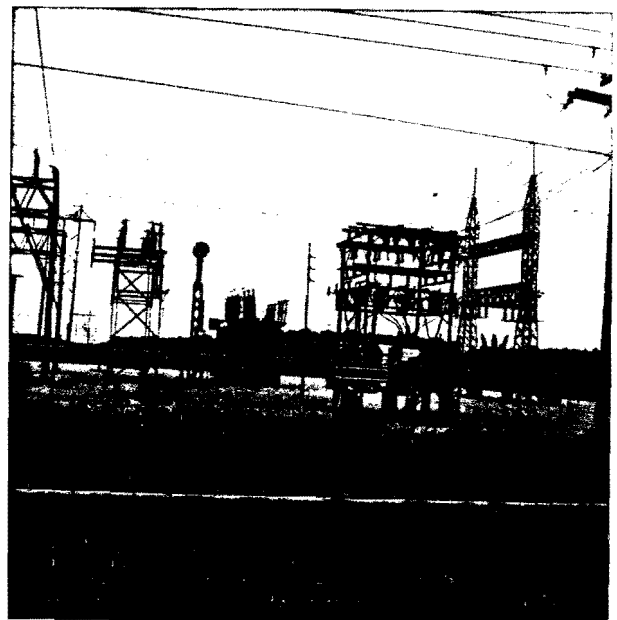
Dierke's Implement Sales have a machine shop located in the former Rekeweg Grocery. Paul Gehrman Jr., is in charge of this.

United Telephone Co. owns a building in our town today. The building was built in 1963 for Citizens Telephone Co., as a result of combining the Preble and Tocsin Exchanges. Magley is the centralized point between the two locations. The building was built by Robert Kolter who was a Citizens employee and was contracted by the company. United Telephone Company purchased the building in 1968 from Citizens, with the name being changed on January 1, 1969.

Indiana and Michigan installed the Magley Station at the east end of town in 1968. This provides electricity for 1,145 residents, in this area.



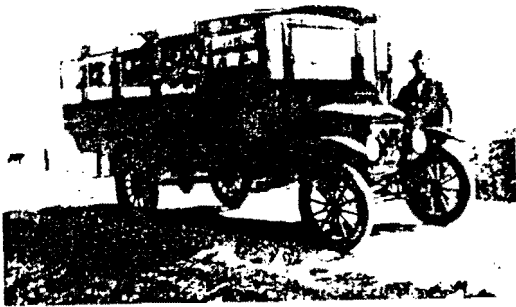
United Telephone Co.



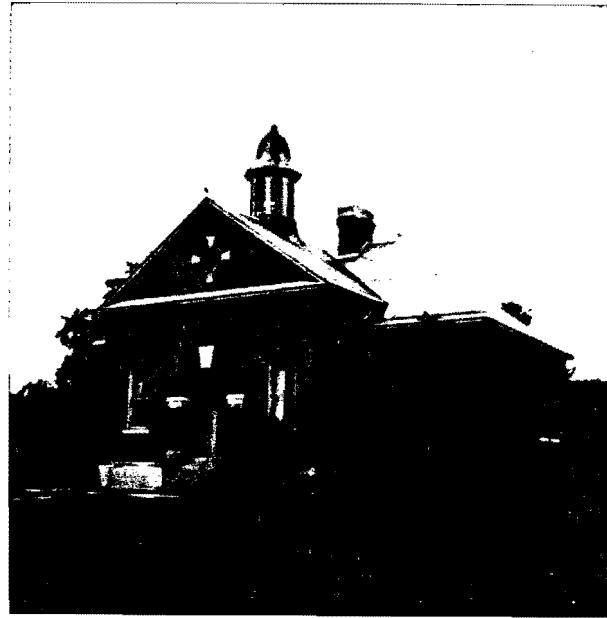
Indiana and Michigan
Magley Station

The material is on the ground and work has commenced on the new school house north of town.

June 27, 1901



Bus driver Adolph Stoppenhagen by school bus used to transport pupils to the Rupwright and Magley schools. about 1927



March 20, 1902

There is a debating contest next Friday afternoon and the question is "Resolved, that water is more destructive than fire". There will be contests every other Friday.

The graded school north of Magley challenged the Peterson school for a debate, but the latter refused to accept the challenge. They sent a challenge then to the Monmouth school, and if accepted a warm contest is anticipated.

July 24, 1902

A warm debate was held at the school house Friday night. Resolved that the first part of history beginning with 1789 to 1845 is more interesting than the latter from 1845 to 1902. The question for Friday night is that it was just for the United States to rebel against England in 1775.

Feb. 12, 1903

School number 6 has been closed this week on account of smallpox.

October 15, 1903

School number 6 is progressing nicely with Prof. Kelley as principal.

November 26, 1903

The teachers of Magley schools took a day visiting other schools last Friday. Miss Case spent her visit at the Berne schools, and Mr. Kelley at Preble and at the Peterson schools.

The box social and voting contest held at the Magley graded school was a success. In the voting contest Miss Hanna Fruechte received the greatest number of votes for being the prettiest girl and Jesse Kelley, Principal, as being the homliest boy. The entire meeting brought Mr. Kelley a neat little sum of ten dollars with which he will purchase reading circle books for his school.

March 24, 1904

As the last day of the Magley schools is approaching, the teacher with the scholars are preparing an excellent programme.

Items taken from the Decatur Democrat.



MAGLEY SCHOOL
District No. 6
Preble Township,
Adams County, Indiana

MINDWELL CASE, Teacher

PUPILS

Roy Luginbill	Irven Luginbill
Whelma Jaberg	Pearl Luginbill
Ralph Trenary	Rosa Kruetzman
Mabel Shady	Pearl Helmrick
Freada Kolter	Elmer Reppert
Harold Case	Francis Bauer
Adolph Kolter	Dortha Shady
Franklin Fruechte	Fred Helmrick
Edward Kruetzman	Opal Ball
Laura Helms	Hattie Bauer
Matthew Worthman	Garth Trenary
Ella Jaberg	Rosa Scott
Ida Kruetzman	Ernest Dettinger
Paul Schneider	Walter Reppert
Emma Kruetzman	Beatrice Dettinger

Louis Kleine, Trustee
Lawrence Opliger, Superintendent

The Close of School

My pupils, 'tis the close of school
Vacation days have come
And you're released from task and toil
And lessons' weary hum.
For many days and weeks we've met
And conned our lessons o'er.
We've done our best to try and get
A part of Wisdom's store.

Progressive have our school days been
And worthy each of you;
I've done my best to lead you in
The paths you should pursue.

As time flits by I'll think of you,
Observe you in Life's race,
Each feature still will come in view,
Each well remembered face.

But now the time has come about
The closing words to say:
The shadows fall and lengthen out
And mark declining day.

Until another term shall call
You here.—Good Bye!—till then,
May God be with you each and all—
Until we meet again.



Magley School, Dist. 6
Preble Twp.
1913

TEACHERS
William G. Teeple, Effie Patton.

Trustee, D. W. Hoffman.
Co. Supt., L. E. Opliger.

PUPILS

Larwell Shady	Elmer Beineke
Homer Liby	Anna Helmich
Elmer Kruetzman	Ireta Hendricks
Kenneth Cassaday	Calvin Schneider
Florence Dettinger	Rolland Hendricks
Rosa Beineke	Francis Borne
Alice Helmrich	George Mann
Esther Borne	Milton Scherry
Walter Shady	Bertha Helmrich
Arthur Fruechte	Beatrice Dettinger
Alvie Liby	Pearl Helmrich
Whelma Jaberg	Louis Manns
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Rosa Kruetzman	Ellen Jaberg
Fred Helmrich	Adolph Kolter

Souvenirs of the Magley School
located north of 22 1/2 on 600 W.

Group picture taken in 1914





Pete Bauer - Janitor at Magley school.

PUPILS.

FOR LIFE, NOT FOR SCHOOL, WE LEARN.

Amanda Fruchte Rudolph Kolter Blanche Bauera Ocie Highland Charley Beckner Charley Reppert Edward Hower Emma Higemann Elmira Scott Fred Kolter Adelia Fruchte Irvia Case Emma Reppert Hannah Fruchte Mollie Peck Phylla Scott Willie Scott Tricie Peters Charley Sullin Lydia Fruchte Abertia Jansert Edward Fruchte	Johnny Kuter Johnny Beiseke Roy Parks Almond Case August Peck Willie Highland Cyrus Scott Garnet Parks Henry Scott Eddie Kolter Johnny Higemann Flossie Smith Emma Conrad Lucy Kruetzman Lena Reppert John Smith Ralph Case Ed Higemann Alton Beiseke Clara Scott George Case
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SOUVENIR

Magley School
District -- Number 6.

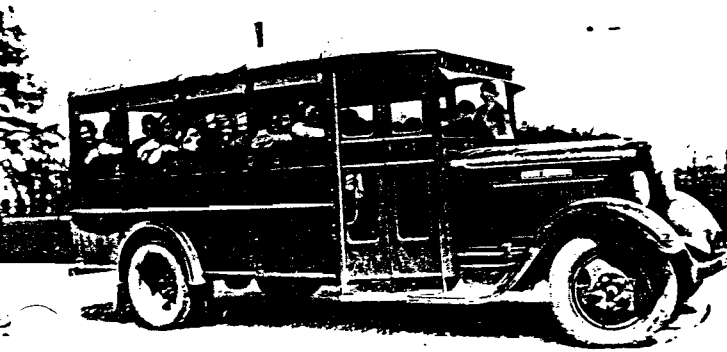
Preble Co., Adams County, Ind.

1898
1899

J. F. Fruchte,
 TEACHER

Lewis Fruchte--Trustee.
 Kent Parks--Director.

This souvenir is dated 1898 - 1899



Magley School - 1936-37.

Advisory Board Minutes

Jan. 3, 1933

We received bids for a school bus. The bid was submitted to the Saylor Motor Co. on their bid of \$1095.00 for a Dodge Schassis and an all steel Wayne Body.

At the July 18, 1933 meeting, Martin Kiefers bid of \$1.00 per day was accepted as the bus driver. On July 17, 1934, Otto Ostermeyer's bid of 75¢ per day, was the lowest bid, and it was approved. In 1941, the bus driver was receiving \$2.00 per day.



- 1 Edna Peters
- 2 Mary James
- 3 Sarah Engleman
- 4 Edna Bieneke
- 5 Matilda Kruetzman
- 6 Ida Borne
- 7 Esther Reppert



1911 school picture

According to teacher's contracts, in 1912, the teachers at school No. 6, (Magley) Wm. Teeple of room 1, received \$3.45 per day, for 21 students. The teacher of room 2, Effie Patton, received \$3.25 a day for her 20 students.

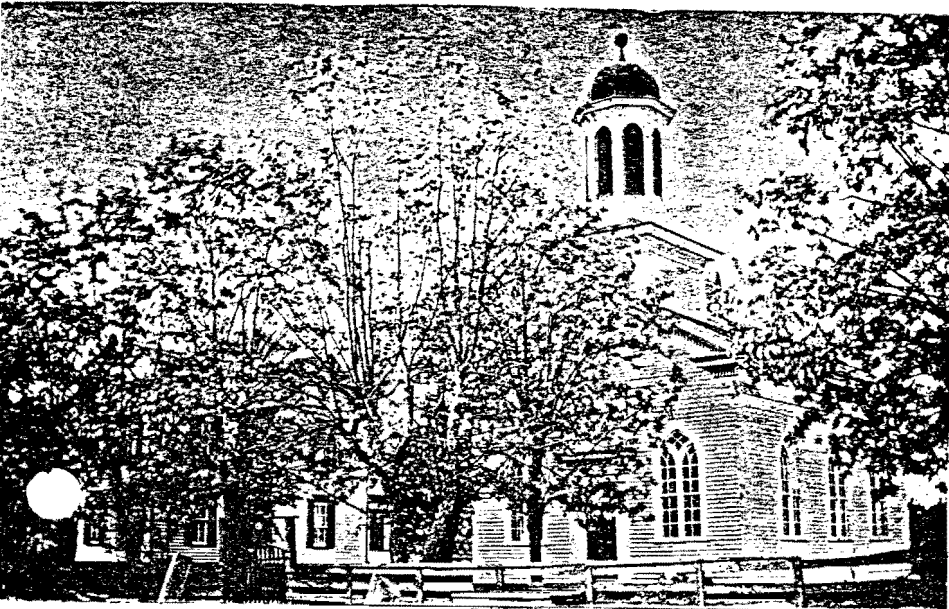
SALEM UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST, NORTH OF MAGLEY

In June 1856, fourteen men decided to organize a congregation and call a pastor. The first pastor was Rev. Peter Vitz and the name of the church was "The German Evangelical Reformed Salem Congregation" - later called Salem Reformed Church. The first group worshipped in a log school house that was 16 feet square. The pews and tables were made of hand-split and splintered planks.

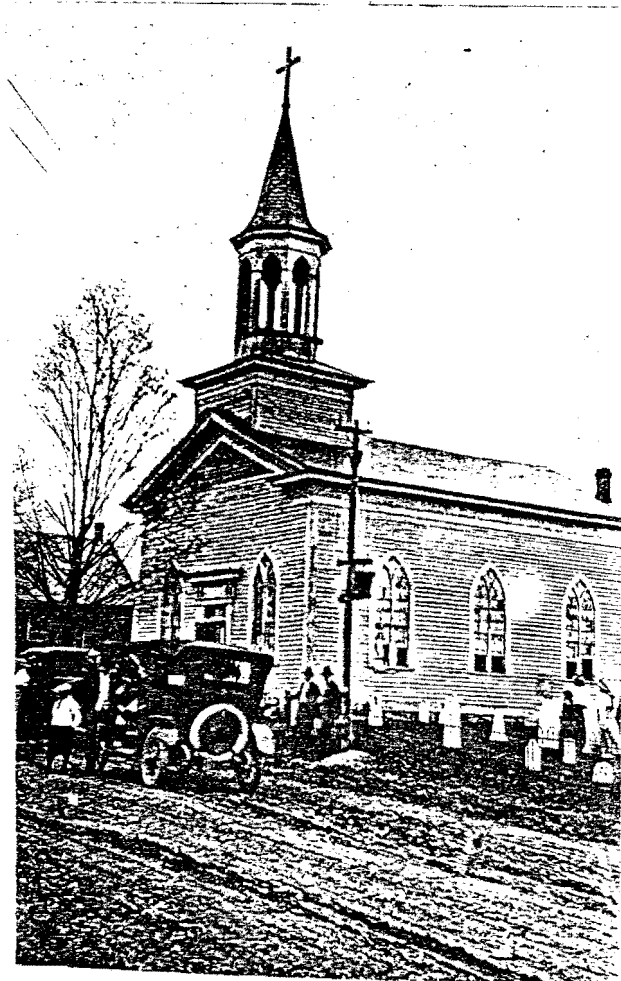
Changes occur in many ways with the years, but Christ, the Church's foundation, remains "The same yesterday, today and forever".

The present brick parsonage was built in 1926. The ground breaking for the Educational Building was March 9, 1975 with dedication on June 27, 1976

During 1981 many celebrations were held, observing our 125th. anniversary. Mrs. Harry Beavers and Mrs. Glen Girod prepared a historical booklet, along with several other booklets printed for special occasions.



Notice the steeple and enclosed belfry.



In the month of November of 1856 plans were already being made to build a frame church 30 feet wide by 40 feet long. There was much handwork including hewn timbers and rough lumber that was sawed out by hand. Fourteen months later the building was dedicated on January 17, 1858



Brick church built in 1892-93
Frame parsonage built in 1879

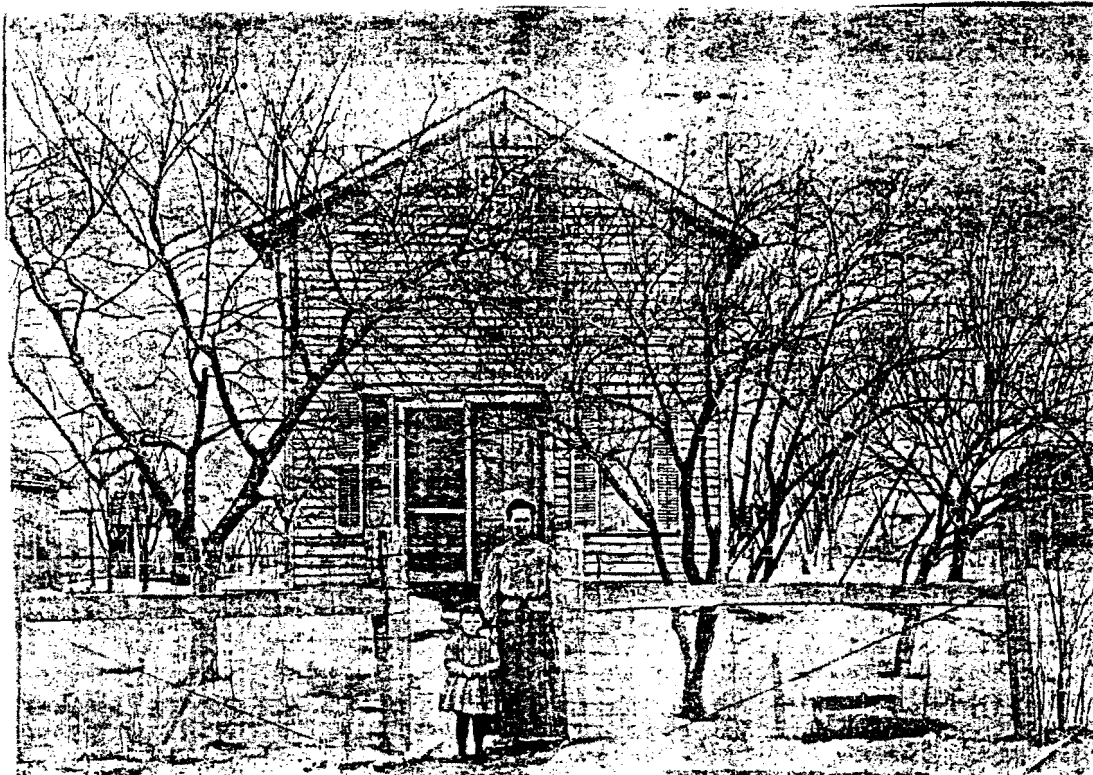
These houses are still standing in our little town of "Magley", most of them being re-modeled.



Mr. and Mrs. Robert Beery lived in this house years ago. Thomas and Elaine Hall, live here today.



House built by Harry Bauer in 1917 or 1918
The Donald Lough's residence.



Mrs. Etta Dettinger and daughter Florence
Lillian Stegbauer's home at present.

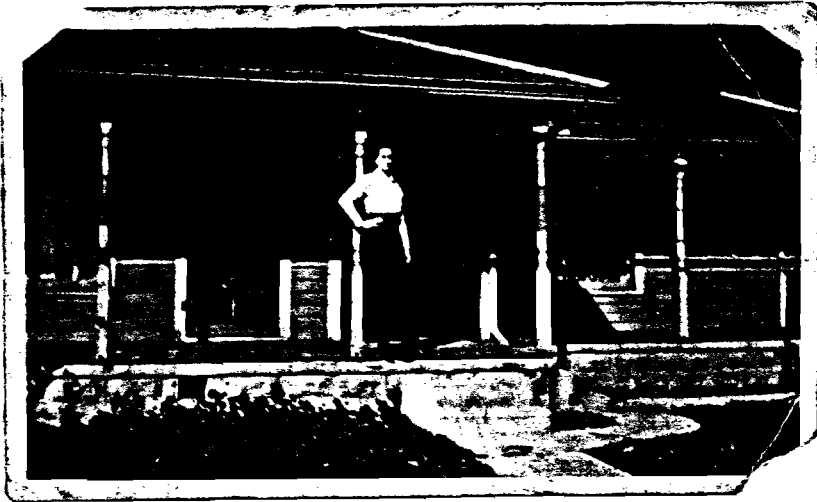


LOOKING TO THE NORTH, THE HOME OF ARTHUR ADAM, ETC.



From Left:
Fred Bloemker, Sophia Worthman, Marie Kolter, Karl Kolter, Shep, Ed Kolter, Rudy Kolter

THE PRESENT JUSTIN BLEEKE HOME



IN 1917, ED BORNE RESIDED IN THIS HOME, TODAY THE MICHAEL RAUNER'S OWN IT.



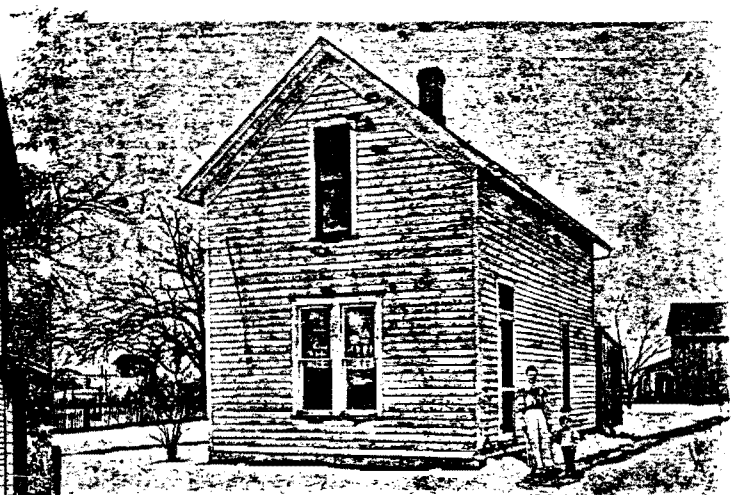
BIRTHDAY PARTY FOR ED BORNE



FIRST BLOEMKER REUNION, 1913, AT KOLTER'S HOME IN MAGLEY.



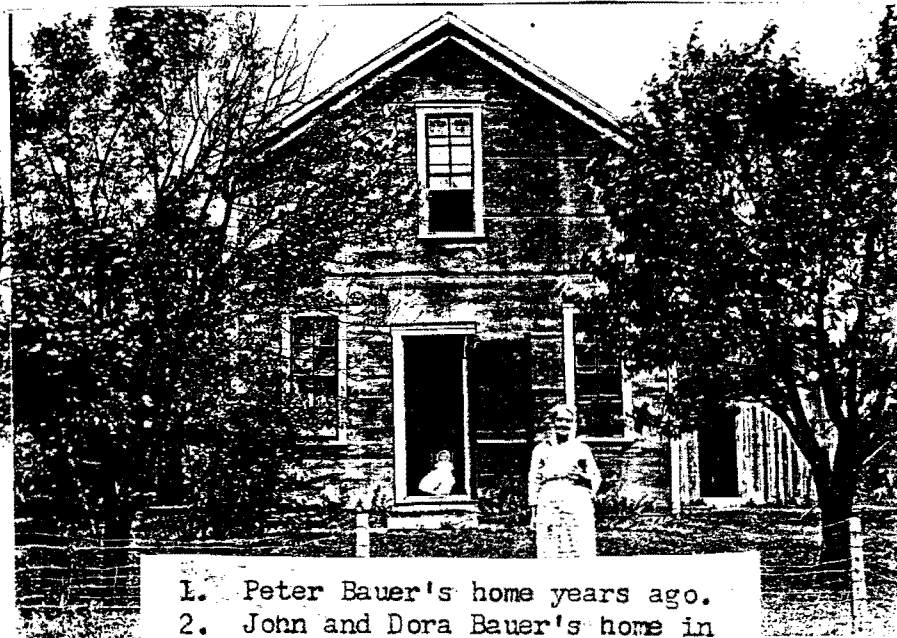
Anna Gruver's home years ago.
Jim Speith's today.



Albert Shady's home in 1909.
Ed Blume's today.



Paul Bauermeister's barn and house 1947 - 1952. Justin Bleeke's today.



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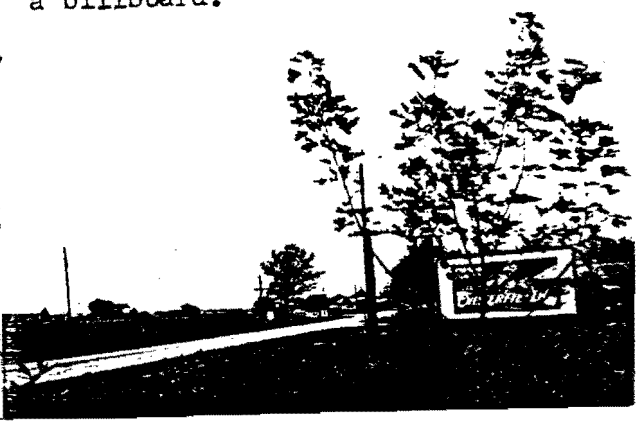
1. Peter Bauer's home years ago.
2. John and Dora Bauer's home in 1897. (Hattie Bauer Worthman in door)
3. Ernest Worthman's home Doug Putteet's today.



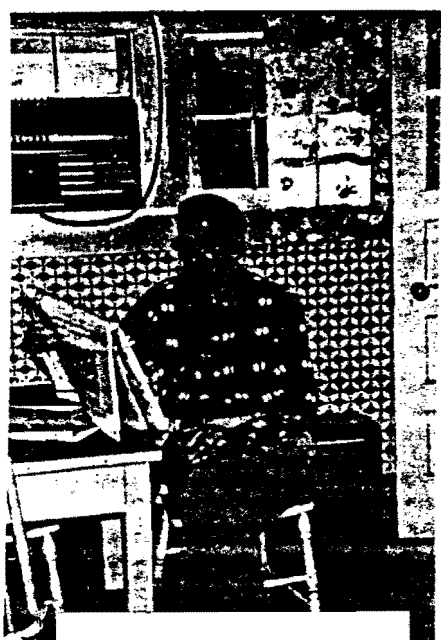
General store
on 600 W.



Magley even had
a billboard!



Charles Scherry's Home



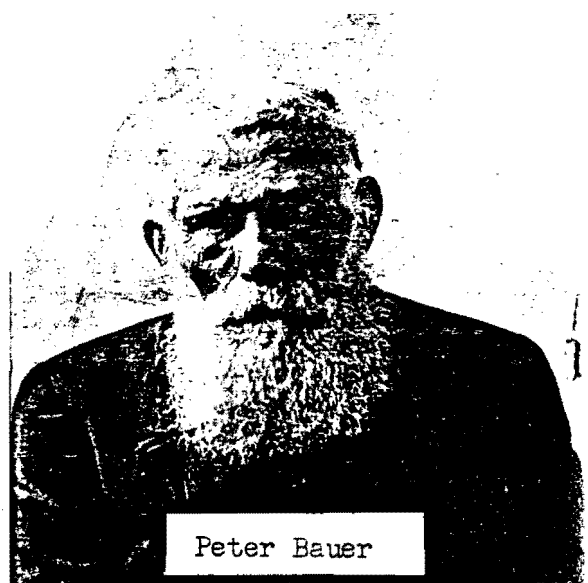
Harve Beery, photo
taken inside Dot's
restaurant.



J. A. Hauer main-
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south of Magley.



Jacob Magley
Founder of
the town.

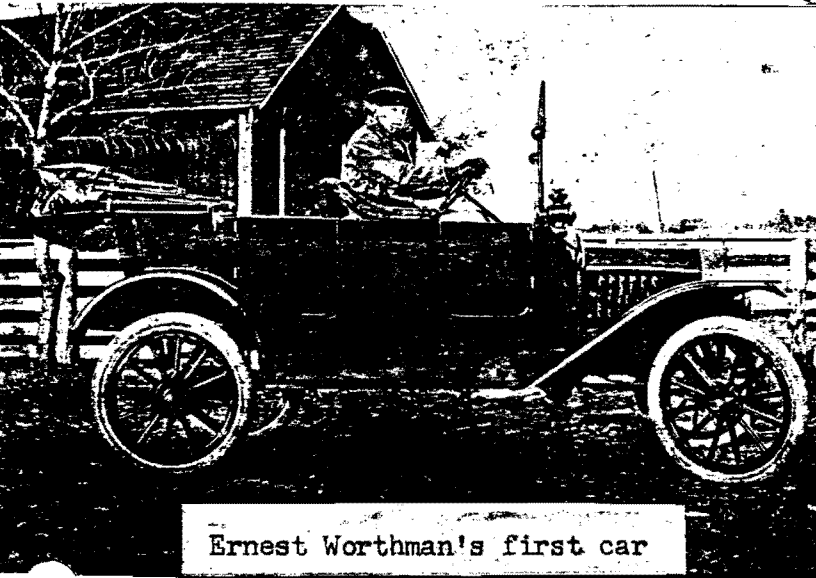
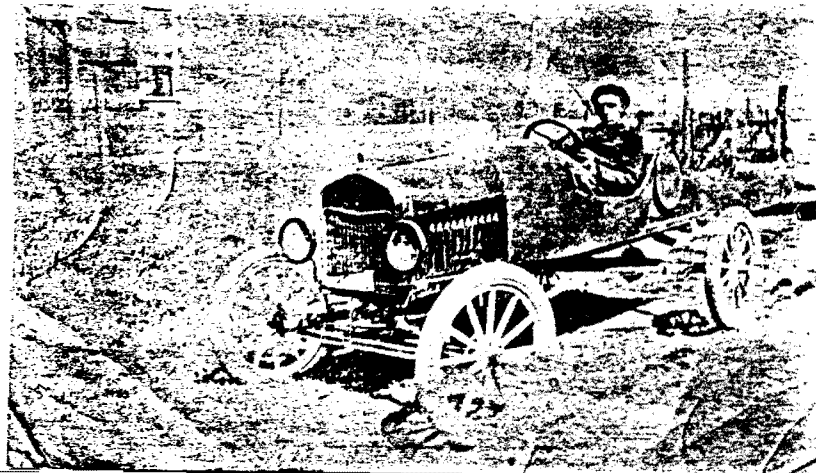


Peter Bauer

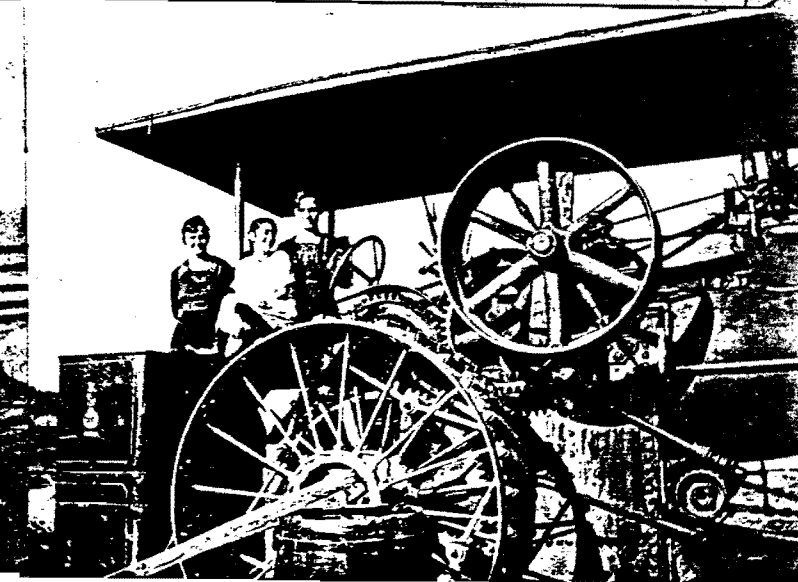


Hattie Worthman

Frank Bauer with the first
Ford in Magley



Ernest Worthman's first car



This steam engine was used to run a threshing machine to do custom threshing around the Magley area. The steam engine would also run a corn shredder. Pictured are Della Kruetzman, Alma Beisser, and Alma Kruetzman.



OLD DITCHING PARTY, above, on Feb. 19, 1929, on the Fruechte-Scherry farm on the Kirkland township side of Magley, shows what "modern" ditching equipment was when the first gas-powered ditcher was purchased. Above are Milton Girod, Franklin Fruechte, Clarence Linker, Ed Scherry, Virgil Bowers, and his father Charles R. Bowers. All the men are deceased in this picture except Virgil Bowers, Sr.

ADAM, ARTHUR AND VERA (SCHERRY) They were married in 1949 and moved into the house on the northwest corner of U.S. 224 and county road 600 west. They later purchased the house from Vera's mother, Ella Scherry, and proceeded to modernize the house. When the older residents noticed the raising of the house and digging being done under the house, they were quick to warn Art that a basement under the house just wouldn't be advisable. Despite all the doom-sayers, the basement was installed and the neighbors were quick to gather round and check out the dryness of this "New Phenomenon", a full basement in Magley! While remodeling the house two more times, the Adam's became parents of three children: Rick, Cheryl, and Dennis. Their three children have rewarded Art and Vera with four grandchildren, 3 girls and 1 boy. Art and Vera met at the Rea Magnet Wire Company in Fort Wayne though Vera worked only 2 years after they were married. Art has been working there for 40 years come November, 1982. Vera went to Magley School, in her early childhood days. Art likes to make things out of wood for himself and grandchildren. His largest project was a cover over his tractor for the winter weather. Vera likes to do ceramics for herself and for gifts. The Adam's are members of the Salem United Church of Christ.

BEERY, ROBERT AND HELEN (HILDEBRAND) The Beery's are members of Salem United Church of Christ and have been residents of Magley since 1938 living at the present location for thirty-one years. Bob, son of Harve and Susie Beery, was born on a farm south of Peterson and attended Election grade school for eight years. Helen, daughter of Otto and Flora Hildebrand was born and raised on the farm near Magley now occupied by her brother, Carl Hildebrand and family. She attended Barger grade school for eight years. Graduates of Kirkland High School, they were active in sports and both were members of the basketball teams. They are the parents of four children, David, Dorene, Ruth Ann and Susan. David and his wife, Ingrid, live in Wedgewood So. Carolina, where he is Divisional plant manager for Federal Mogul Corp. Dorene and husband Larry Rodacker live in Grand Haven, Michigan. They are the parents of two children, Ann and Michael. Dorene is a registered nurse. Ruth Ann and husband Calvin Gaston live in Anderson, Indiana. They are the parents of two children, Jane and Todd. Ruth Ann is secretary to the Divisional Plant Engineer at Delco Remy. Susan is a registered nurse and resides in Daytona Beach, Florida. Bob was associated with Indiana Wire Die Co., in Fort Wayne for 40 years, retiring in 1980. His hobbies include fishing, gardening and checkers. Helen, a member of the Sunbeam Garden Club, enjoys gardening, oil painting, piano and sewing.

BIEBERICH, NORA AND CAROL Nora has lived in Magley since 1934, leaving only to travel and spend the winters in Florida. Her first home was the house now occupied by the Spieth family. In 1945, husband Oscar built the house which served as their home till his death in 1979. She now resides with daughter Carol after selling her home to Dan and Cathy Ross. After retiring, she and Oscar traveled extensively, visiting 45 states and spending their winters in Bradenton, Florida. Her hobbies include reading and visiting her son Roger and wife Marcia and grandchildren, Kimberly and Tom, of North Carolina and raising her dog, Pandora. Carol spent the first 17 years of her life in Magley, leaving for the first time to attend Ball State. After graduation she returned to Magley while she taught school at Northwest. In 1965, she moved to Los Angeles, returning 2 years later. Since that time she has taught at Monmouth School. She presently teaches 1st. grade. She returned to live in Magley in 1977. Her hobbies include reading and needlework.

BLEEKE, JUSTIN AND LIBBY (ELIZABETH) The Bleekes moved to Magley in 1952 along with their two children Richard L., who was five years old and William F. who was three. Jud was employed at Local Loan in Decatur at that time. In 1959, he joined his present employer, the First State Bank and by this time, three more children were born, including Pamela J. 1952, Lou Ann 1954, and Daniel S. 1959. Richard died in 1969 in an accident while serving in the U.S. Navy. He was survived by his wife Pamela Kidlinger. All the children attended St. Paul Lutheran school and Wyncken. They then graduated from Monmouth and later Belmont High school when Monmouth ceased to be a high school in 1967. Richard joined the Navy in 1965, William graduated from Valparaiso as an electrical engineer in 1972, Pamela graduated from Indiana University in 1974 and became a science teacher. Lou Ann graduated from Indiana University in 1976 - Optometric Tech. Dan didn't care to continue in school so after graduation, chose employment at G. E. Jud and Libby at present have two grandchildren, Chad Allen, Dan and Robin's son, who is 2½ years old. Pamela and Keith have a daughter, Tiffany who is 2 years old. Our hobbies are fishing, sailing, gardening, golfing - while winter finds Libby bowling and Jud singing in the St. Paul Church choir (Preble). We are busy with many church organizations and community activities.

BLUME, EDWARD AND PAT Edward Allen Blume was born and raised in Magley, IN. He married Patricia Ann Byrd on June 2, 1956. The Blumes moved to Magley in August of 1957. Pamela Kaye Blume was born August 10, 1957. She is living in Muncie, IN. and attending Ball State and majoring in communication. Sandra Joan Blume, born August 2, 1960, is in the Women's Army and is stationed at Fort Sills, Oklahoma. Michael Allen Blume was born Jan. 2, 1964 and is a junior at Belmont High School, still living at home. Ed is employed at the International Harvester and has been there for 27 years. Over the past several years he has been remodeling their home. Pat is employed at First Federal Savings and Loan in Decatur, IN. She has completed 4 years at the Tri-State Christian School in Angola, IN. She was ordained into the ministry on September 27, 1981. Pat is a Co-Pastor under New Life Ministries in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

HALL, THOMAS AND ELAINE We moved to Magley in May of 1981, from Philadelphia, Pa. Tom is currently in the United States Marine Corps. We have been a service family for over 9 years, and enjoy the life and the travel. We have been at Girmo Bay, Cuba, North Carolina, and most recently Philadelphia. Tom is presently serving a tour of overseas duty, and is stationed in Japan. When his overseas tour is over we will be moving from Magley. We have two very active boys, Christopher 5, who was born in North Carolina, and Jeremy 3, who was born in Philadelphia. Being a full time mother and housekeeper keeps me on my feet and on the go with the two boys. After living in a big city like Philadelphia, we enjoy living in a small town like Magley.

HAWKINS, ROGER AND NORMA JEAN (GEPHART) The Hawkins have lived in Magley for 21 years. Before that we lived in Decatur 1 year. Norma was originally from Rockford, Ohio and has been employed at CTS of Berne for 17 years. Roger was born at Decatur, and works for ARA Services Inc., being employed with them for 2 years. We have two children, Jennifer Lynne who is 21 years old and is married to Kevin Dick of Monroe. She lives a mile west of Magley. Jennifer is employed at Scott's Supermarket. Our son, Delane D. is seventeen and will be a senior this fall at Belmont High School, where he is a math and industrial arts major. He enjoys wood working projects. We also have a black baby that is 4 months old - named Mandy, A PUPPY!! My hobbies are ceramics, knitting and sewing. Roger enjoys being outside and swimming. Over the past few years, Roger has been remodeling our home. A lot of our time is spent taking care of our garden, yard and our backyard swimming pool, which we enjoy very much. We are all fans of Cincinnati Reds and usually attend one game a year. Magley is a nice little community to live in.

LOUGH, DONALD AND CAROL The Donald Lough family consists of four, husband Don, wife Carol, daughter Trisha and son Jeff. Although all of us are life-long residents of Adams County, we have lived in Magley since October of 1975. Don has been employed by B.F. Goodrich for 14 years. Carol, after having worked as a bookkeeper at K-Mart for five years is now a homemaker. By living along the south side of U.S. 224, the children attend Adams Central School. Trisha is active in swimming and volleyball during the school year. She participates in other sports but they don't hold her interest. As a member of the Adams Central Swim Team year around, her spare time is filled with practice and competition. Jeff has been playing baseball for four years in the Adams Central Little League. For two years he has also competed on the swim team. During the school year, Jeff's sports interests lean toward basketball and wrestling. As a family, each year we plan camping trips. We are able to see new places of interest and meet many super people while enjoying a family recreation!

PUTTEET, DOUGLAS AND SHEILA The Putteets consist of Douglas, Sheila, Jason, Christopher and their dog, Ginger. They are members of the Zion Lutheran Church, Friedheim. Doug is a supervisor in the Lecithin Department at Central Soya. His hobbies are golf and fishing. Sheila at present is a housewife and mother. Hobbies are bike riding, gardening and playing softball for Friedheim. Jason is 8 years old and in the 2nd. grade at Monmouth grade school. His hobbies are bike riding and playing baseball for Monmouth. Christopher is 2 years old and his present hobby is potty training!

RAUNER, MICHAEL AND LILA Michael was a graduate of Lancaster High School, and served in the United States Marine Corp. He is a shift supervisor at Corning Glass Works, Bluffton. His hobby is woodworking. Lila, a graduate of Monmouth High School and the Fort Wayne Beauty College, manages a beauty shop in her home. She enjoys her cacti collection and genealogy research. Danelle Lin, 16, will be a junior at Belmont High School, where she is majoring in business and Spanish. She is a member of the Sunshine Society, has been a cheerleader 4 years and participated on the girls track team. This fall Danelle will be a varsity football cheerleader and will be on the staff of the school newspaper. Deborah Kay, 14, will be a Freshman at Belmont High School. She hopes to be on the gymnastics team, as she participated on the Jr. High team 2 years. She was a cheerleader 3 years, enjoys playing the flute, and was on the track team. Both girls are active in 4-H, and enjoy photography, their dog - "Ernie David", and singing in the group "The Cousins". The Rauners were honored to host Miss Sarah France, of England IFYE Exchangee, this past fall. Michael is a member of the Mizpah Temple and the whole family are members of the Salem United Church of Christ.

REKEWEG, LAWRENCE AND VELMA I am disabled now. I was a former employee of Food Marketing Corp., Fort Wayne, Indiana. I also did own the grocery store in Magley from 1946 to 1970. My hobbies include baseball, playing cards and some shuffling when we are in Florida, for the winter. I did try to please our customers when we had the store. To me that meant a lot and I hope to the neighborhood. I shall never forget how the community helped me to be successful! Our Motto was "Service is a product, not a word"! Velma worked at Stillmans for twenty-two years and at the Town House Health Center nursing home for 15 years. Her hobbies are making afagans and traveling to Florida!

ROSS, DAN AND CATHY The Ross family moved to Magley after purchasing the Oscar Bieberich house at an auction on May 24, 1980. Dan and Cathy were married September 24, 1977, at the United Methodist Church in Decatur. Dan was a graduate of Adams Central in 1975. Being very active in sports, cross country was his best, where he held many school records! Dan is still involved in softball, basketball and waterskiing. Dan started his employment for Gerbers Super Value #1, in Decatur, while still in school. He later was advanced to meat manager at Gerbers #2. He is recently employed at Colonial Baking Company. Cathy graduated from Belmont High School in 1975. In high school, she did babysitting and in her junior year started working at Gerbers #1, and later transferred to Gerbers #2, to be produce manager. In her spare time she likes plants, gardening, waterskiing, bowling, teaching Bible school and just plain warm weather! Cathy left her employment when their only daughter was born to be a full time mother. Leah surprised everyone and came a month early, weighing 5 lbs. 2 oz., on August 30, 1979. After she was treated for yellow jaundice and gained weight she was released two weeks later! Leah was baptized in the Salem United Church of Christ. She enjoys going to Sunday School, playing, and helping Mom outside, swimming and watching "Punk Panther". Magley is a friendly town and we all enjoy it!

ROSS, RALPH JR. AND PAT We have lived in Magley for 30 years. Our children were both born here, our daughter, Michelle (Shelly) who is 26 years old, and our son, Christopher, who is 23 years old. My husband has worked at the General-Electric plant in Decatur for 38 years. We also have two wonderful grandchildren, Shelly's son Matt, who turned 6 years old in May and will be in the first grade at Monmouth this fall. Also, our son Christopher has a daughter Chandra Rose, who is 14 months old, they both are our pride and a joy to have! We do have some hobbies, my husband Ralph, enjoys going fishing and playing golf in the summer time, in the winter he bowls twice a week, we also like to play cards with our friends, especially, Uno! I do ceramics in the winter, like to watch television, read some and enjoy my house plants. We are members of the Salem United Church of Christ, have been for 30 years. We enjoy living here, and like being with our friends and neighbors!

RUMSCHLAG, KENNETH The Rumschlags have lived in Magley for six years. Our family consists of three, myself and two children, Shaun age 9 and Missy age 7. Kenny works at Central Soya in the maintenance department as a plumber. We are members of the St. Marys Catholic Church in Decatur. Shaun and Kenny are active in scouting and he enjoys fishing and skating. My hobbies are fishing and playing the guitar. Missy's interests are brownies, skating and this year she has begun tap dancing. Our family enjoys travel and visiting places of interest! In the past few years we have spent much time remodeling our house and hope to soon have it finished. We have always enjoyed living here, the people are friendly and it is a nice place to raise a family. Being away from the crowds of the city, but still having the convenience of neighbors. In the past year with the loss of my wife, Deb, we are establishing new interests and rebuilding our lives.

RUMSCHLAG, STEVE AND MARTA This is a brief look at the Steve Rumschlag family in 1982. There are four members in our family. Myself, my wife Marta, and our two daughters, Jenny and Molly. I am employed by Central Soya of Decatur, in the Lecithin Department. My wife Marta, is employed as a bookkeeper at Waynedale Lumber Company in Fort Wayne. Our family has a variety of interests and hobbies. My main interests are fishing and photography. This year I've added coaching girls softball and helping as a teachers-aid at Monmouth Elementary School to my list of activities. My wife Marta, although quite busy running a household and working a full time job, still finds time to relax by bowling and riding her bike. Our daughter Jenny, age 10, is active in Brownies and ballet during the school year. In the summer months she enjoys softball, fishing and swimming with ner friends. Molly, age 8, is now in her fourth year of tap dancing. This year she has joined the Little Peoples Choir at St. Marks Church and also takes part in the Brownies at Monmouth School. Molly keeps herself busy during the summer by swimming, riding her bike and playing with her friends. Whenever possible our family enjoys spending its spare time by visiting the State Parks of Indiana!

SCRIBNER, DON AND JOAN I am the daughter of Irene and Jesse Blume. I was born and raised in Magley and have lived most of my life here. I moved away for a short time after I married, but 'home' called me back. I am presently employed at Decatur Community Care Center. My hobbies are oil painting and volley ball. Don is a native of Ft. Wayne and lived all of his life in town, until he moved here. He loves 'country livin' and the people in Magley. Don is layed off from International Harvester. He works part time delivering recreational vehicles and is starting a body shop in the old gas station in Tocsin. His hobby is antique cars. Our children are Deb, age 16. She is a sopomore at Belmont. Her hobbies are books, boys, records and swimming. She has also lived all of her life in Ft. Wayne, until sne moved here 2 years ago. She also prefers 'country livin'. Sherri, age 14, is an 8th grader at Belmont Jr. High. Her hobbies are stamp collecting, soft ball and swimming. She has lived most of her live in Magley, but does not plan to stay. Teresa, age 10, is in the 3rd grade at Monmouth. Her hobbies are softball, playing with the neighbor kids and pestering her step-dad. She is also learning to be a body repairman's assistant.

SHANEYFELT, MARK There are four people that live in the Shaneyfelt nouse. They are Mark, Edwin, Deena and Stacy. Mark is the father of the three kids. He works at Fruehauf Trailers Corp. He has been working there for twenty years. He graduated from Pennville High School. Ed graduated this spring from Belmont High School, and will attend Purdue University this fall. In school, he played saxophone in Bellmonts Band of the Braves. He was on the football team his freshman year, and was active in the Junior Achievement for three years. Deena will be a sophomore at Belmont where she plays clairnet in the school band. She was also active in the Junior Achievement. Stacy will be in the 8th grade at the Junior High, where he plays cornet in the school band. He was very active in sports, participating in cross country, basketball, track and wrestling. We all love to go camping. We are also members of the Salem United Church of Christ.

SPIETH, JIM AND BECKY The Spieth family moved to Magley from Ft. Wayne in Oct. of 1979. The family members are Becky and Jim, and their children Abbey, Adam and Zachary. Jim works at I. T. T. Technical Institute in the automotive dept. in Ft. Wayne. He is also a 2nd Lt. in the Huntington National Guard. In the summer he works as an interpreter part time at Historic Ft. Wayne. Jim also likes to cook, or shall we say experiment with food. Watch out for his meatloaf! Becky is a real estate agent at Century-21 Bradley Realty in Ft. Wayne. She has been there since March of 1981 and finds it a very enjoyable and challenging career. Both Becky and Jim enjoy collecting antiques and traveling (when funds permit!) Abbey is 8 yr. old and attends St. Joe Catholic School in Decatur. Abbey gets good grades in school and she made her 1st Communion on May 2 this year. She enjoys being with friends, swimming, horses, cats, traveling and visiting people. Abbey also works at the Old Fort. Her character name is "Abigail Bailey". Adam is 4 yr old and has always been the serious one in the family. Lately, he has developed a big interest in motorcycles, dirt bikes, race cars, sports cars and pretty young ladies! Zachary is 3 yr old and always full of energy and curiosity. He is also big on race cars and both boys are hoping to have a horse someday. And last, but not least, we all LOVE PIZZA!!!!!!!

STEGBAUER, LILLIAN Lillian moved to Magley Nov. 6, 1978. No other information available.

WHITE, BOB AND ROZELLA In October of this year we will have lived in Magley 8 years. We have two children, both boys. Aaron, our oldest, will be 4 on August 25 and Alex will be 2, July 25. Bob has worked at General Electric for 9½ years and I just started working at Scotts Supermarket. As a family we enjoy going camping and fishing. Bob likes to play golf and I enjoy reading books. The boys like playing outside on their swing set and playing in their sand box.

WORTHMAN, BRIAN AND TAMARA Three generations of the Worthman family have lived in Magley, including Brian's parents and Grandparents. Brian's father, Carlton Worthman, built the house himself, and Brian and Tammy have lived in it for about 2 years. The Worthman's have 2 children, Matthew W., who was born on August 16, 1977. He will soon be five, and he attends nursery school and loves to go the farm and help his father with the farm chores. Our little girl was born on August 24, 1980, and her name is Stephanie A. She is busy discovering new things all the time and loves to play on the swing set! She will be two years old this year. Brian and I both work. Brian is kept busy helping his father at the farm. He also plays on 2 different basketball teams and bowls every other weekend. My name is Tammy and we were married in Feb. of 1977. I work at the Caylor Nickel Clinic in Bluffton, in the emergency room as a Ward Clerk. I like to bowl and am a member of a figure salon where I try and keep in shape. We enjoy living in Magley and feel very proud to be a part of this celebration!

ZIRKELBACH, WILLIAM JR. AND ANN Bill and Ann moved from Woodburn, In. to the community of Magley in May of 1979, bringing with them their two children David and Angie. Before moving to Magley, Bill had been engaged in farming along with his father, Wm. Zirkelbach, Sr. and his brother Richard. Bill is now employed with Pinkerton Security as a security guard and Ann is a file clerk at Peoples Trust Bank in Fort Wayne. The Zirkelbach's are interested in sports. Angie plays on a softball team at school and David plays on the softball and volleyball teams for the Decatur Missionary Church. David also enjoys military games. Ann enjoys sewing and playing the organ. She is organist at the Nazarene Church in Decatur. Bill enjoys baseball and reading.

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Generations and families have come and gone, but the same spirit of co-operation and good will that existed when the town was founded one hundred years ago is still prevalent among the inhabitants today.



Will we forget
the winter of
1982, or the
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1978?

The snowfall in
January of 1918
was heavy also.

It looks like
Theo and Roy
Bauer had a
good time!

Notice the
Arthur Adam
home in the
background.



We sincerely hope you enjoy our historical booklet about our little town of "Magley". A big "thank you" to all who have shared information, clippings, pictures, souvenirs, etc. We cannot name each individual, as we might miss someone accidentally. Without your efforts, this would not have been possible. We appologize if we have over looked someone who may have been a part of Magley, and for any slight errors. As you have discovered, a lot of information was gathered from micro-film. We are sure fortunate that our forefathers sent "Magley News Items" to the "Decatur Democrat" in the late 1800's and early 1900's.

Anyone with additional information on Magley, please let me know, as I would like to continue this project, for my own personal records.

Sincerely,

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