



Ridge Historical Society

NEWSLETTER

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THE FATHER OF COMPUTER CONSULTING

Joseph S. Glickauf, who once lived in our community at 118th and Bell, celebrated his 91st birthday on January 15 in Venice, Florida. Who is Joe Glickauf? Joe was a very bright electrical engineer hired by Arthur Andersen & Co. after World War II.

In 1950, the Bureau of the Census decided to use a new fangled device, called the Univac computer, to do all the tabulations. (IBM objected strongly because they had not yet come out with a computer, and didn't for another five years.) All of this attracted the attention of the then managing partner of Arthur Andersen, Leonard Spacek (pronounced Spot check, and isn't that a perfect name for an accountant?) and he decided that the Firm should invest some money to research the possible use of computers in business.

But how was he going to convince his 35 partners to do this? Having studied the Univac in Philadelphia, Joe built "The Demonstration Model" in his basement on Bell. This suitcase-sized model was really just a binary counter with flashing radio tubes, but, turned up to full speed, it was dazzling. At the December, 1951 partners' meeting at the Drake Hotel, Joe dazzled them with the speed of his demonstration model, and the partners voted to create a task force to investigate the possible use of computers in business.

This is where I enter the story. I didn't live in the Beverly/Morgan Park community then. I was over east in Fernwood. One Friday in September, 1952 I was sitting in the staff room waiting until 5:30 so I could go home, and I was paged: "Gene -- report

to Leonard." Of course everyone knew that that was the "kiss of death", so we all said goodbye and off I went. But it turned out the total opposite! Leonard was asking me to be a member of a five-man team, under Joe's direction, to pursue the computer study. Joe was there, flashing the Demonstration Model. I had no idea what was going on. Leonard said, "Think it over, but let me know before you go home." So, I said yes.

In 1953, General Electric was in the process of consolidating their major appliance manufacturing in a huge new facility in Louisville, Kentucky called Appliance Park. They thought it might also be a good idea to update all of their business systems, perhaps using a computer. They quickly learned that Joe and his team at Andersen were the only consultants who knew enough to help them. So, in May 1953, exactly 50 years ago, Joe and his team launched the first computer

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Joe Glickauf and his "Glickiac"



TIME HAS RUN OUT ON YOUR MEMBERSHIP

If you have a red dot on your mailing label, you are overdue for your membership renewal. This will be the last newsletter you receive unless you renew now.

NEW RHS BOARD MEMBERS AND OFFICERS INSTALLED

The following Officers and board members for 2003 were elected at the February meeting:

Officers

President: Eugene L. Delves
 Vice President: Linda Lamberty
 Secretary: Bill Barnhart
 Corresponding/Membership Secretary:
 Julie DeHaan
 Treasurer: Bill Sandstrom
 Historian: Sue Delves
 Curator: Steve Zang

Board members until 2004

Bill Barnhart
 Eugene Delves
 Walt Kelly
 Jennifer Kenny*
 Eileen Klees
 Lori McGunn
 Marie Sandstrom*
 Jim Smenos
 (*to fill vacancy)

Board until 2005

Carol Belshaw
 Joyce Black
 David Daruszka
 Paula Everett
 Linda Lamberty
 Mati Maldre
 Mary Olsson
 Stephen Zang

It is with sadness that we inform our members of the passing of Cynthia Rae Rueggemeier on March 6, 2003.

Ms. Rueggemeier was a long-time resident of Beverly, and a devoted member of Trinity United Methodist Church.

We extend our deepest sympathies to her family.



From the **PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE**

The response to our first Annual Fund appeal in December was very encouraging. Again, we want to thank all the donors. I must confess, however, to considerable embarrassment that the name of the person who wrote the letter was inadvertently omitted when Sue and I submitted the list.

Additional Circle of Friends Donors:

Nancy Byrne
 Sue and Gene Delves
 Jennifer and Sean Kenny
 Linda Lane
 Peggy Papp
 Marion Wilson

We apologize for any confusion created by the membership renewal overlapping with the Annual Fund, and then followed so quickly by invitations for the January Endowment Fund dinner honoring the late Art Schueneman. These three activities will be spaced farther apart in the future.

Gene Delves

New board members are: David Daruszka, Assistant Supervisor of Locomotive Engineers for Metra, who returns to the board and serves as the Editor of the newsletter, website coordinator and publicity chairperson; Paula Klenk Everett who, as president of Mt. Greenwood

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RESEARCH REQUEST PROMPTS DISCOVERY OF EARLY HISTORY OF POLICE DEPARTMENT

The steel framework of the new 22nd District Police Station at Homewood and Monterey appeared Mid-March, looming over the former site of the Edna White Memorial Garden (which is being relocated). By coincidence, at about the same time there was a phone request from a policeman hoping to find a photo of the police station when it was located at 1925 W. Monterey, long before any of us could remember. We may have been able to help him.

Several days later, scanning a very comprehensive history of Morgan Park and Beverly Hills written by Pauline Palmer (1962), we found these facts but no pictures:

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feasibility study in business, which led to the 1954 installation of the Univac, the first installation of a computer for business data processing purposes.

Of course Joe's little team grew and grew and grew. Eventually it became Andersen Consulting and is now Accenture, with 70,000 consultants all over the world. And it all started with Joe Glickauf building "The Demonstration Model" (later called the "Glickiac", of course) in his basement at 11820 S. Bell.

Joseph S. Glickauf is, indeed, the Father of Computer Consulting in Business.

Gene Delves

Gene reports that he is in contact with Accenture regarding a loan of the "Glickiac" for display at RHS.

Editor

THE VILLAGE POLICE DEPARTMENT

During the year 1908 the police magistrate collected the sum of \$90.00 in fines. In his report he says, "From this it will be seen that the citizens of the Village of Morgan Park are law abiding, as nearly every dollar of the amount collected was from those living outside our limits, who came within our boundaries and violated our ordinances."

Chief of Police Charles G. Semm reported there had been less crime and violations of ordinances in 1908 than in former years. The police department recovered more than half of the stolen property. Because many dogs had been shot, there had been a decrease in the dog tax collected during that year.

There were only two burglaries of any consequence during the year, that of McSkimmings dry goods store (in 1962, Kadens) and that of the post office, then located on the east side of Homewood Ave. between Monterey and Pryor Ave. which had been robbed that year for the fourth time in eight years.

Chief Stemmm praises the work of officer Bauman in his report.

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| Disorderly conduct | 10 |
| Assault and battery | 7 |
| Drunk and disorderly | 4 |
| Violating speed limit | 4 |
| Begging | 3 |
| Peddling without license | 2 |
| Shooting in limits | 1 |
| Plain Drunk | 1 |
| Assault, threat to shoot | 1 |
| Grand larceny | 1 |
| Breaking open pond | 1 |
| Keeping poolroom, no license | 1 |
| Suspicion | 1 |
| Maintaining a nuisance | 1 |
| <hr/> Total number of arrests | <hr/> 38 |

"Right across the Rock Island tracks on the west side of Vincennes Road, between 103rd and 104th, was a blacksmith shop. I enjoyed watching the blacksmith shoe horses. The horses were gentle souls with never a whimper. The blacksmith was strong and muscular. Most of his business came from the milk companies nearby. The anvil was at the smith's left, the horse at his right and the furnace stood directly in front of him. There was also a tub of water between the anvil and furnace."

Gerhardt Sauermann
"The 103rd Street I Knew"

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These two photographs illustrate different generations of local athletes. We present these in honor of "March Madness", that plethora of high school and collegiate "round ball" championships. The top photo is of the Bethany Union basketball team, while the bottom is the Morgan Park High School Mustangs.

Both photos are from the RHS collections.



APRIL PROGRAM



CARING FOR FAMILY PHOTOGRAPHS SUNDAY, APRIL 27TH - 2:30 p.m.

Joy Matthiessen has been director of the Des Plaines Historical Museum for 13 years, and has a master's degree in Historical Administration from Eastern Illinois University. She has long had an interest in photographs and photography, and completed an internship at the Henry Ford Museum working with various components of their photo collection.

"Caring for Your Family Photographs" encourages participants to get started on sorting and filing those old family photographs -- today! The lecture explores some of the many types of photographs found in family collections, often sitting neglected in drawers and boxes, and gives tips on how to sort and store them.

Following the presentation, Joy will field questions from the audience as time permits. Joy has given the program "Caring for Your Family Photographs" for numerous groups throughout the Chicagoland area, including libraries and historical societies, and is looking forward to presenting at Ridge Historical Society.

NEW BOARD AND OFFICERS

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Cemetery, maintains a vast information file of vital statistics about former residents; Jennifer Kenny, a Preservation Specialist with Historic Certification Consultants, an historic preservation consulting company, has become a key research aide responding to email inquiries from home owners to our Architectural Resource Center; Mary Olsson who was responsible for obtaining Landmark District Status when she was with BAPA, and who now works with the City Department of Housing; and Marie Sandstrom, who has officiated for many years as RHS Social Chairman.

Our appreciation to retiring board members Kate Eaton, Cindy Fielding, Lisa Jaburek, Grace Kuikman and Maureen Shields who contributed in a number of roles to RHS events and endeavors during their tenure.

Chicago Bridge & Iron Company was built on swampy land between the Rock Island and Panhandle tracks by Horace Horton, who combined his Minnesota contracting business with the Kansas City Bridge Company and moved them both to Chicago in 1889.

Its first bridge, the Burr Oak, was built in 1890 for the Rock Island at 127th Street.



This man headed a mysterious cult that had a short and contentious stay in Beverly around the turn of the century (no, that's not one of his followers on the hook). Look for the story of this gentleman, and his rather odd beliefs, in an upcoming issue of the Ridge Historical Society Newsletter.



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OUR MOTTO: IF IT FITS, IT'S NEWS TO US!

Saly Grant Activities

From time to time we will be reporting on the progress of the Saly Teacher Enrichment Grant, announced in the previous Newsletter.

Paul Petraitis and Linda Lamberty presented a workshop on Thursday, March 20 at Driscoll House. There were 17 middle school students and teachers from 5 schools who came to learn the proper methods of interviewing subjects for oral history projects. The "absolute worst" interviewing methods were graphically illustrated by showing videotapes of **Saturday Night Live** skits. They were then split into two small groups and taken through guide-lists that had been created, stressing the importance of self preparation, familiarity with equipment, and developing creative interviewing

techniques.

RHS representatives attend monthly meetings of the BAPA Principals' group, an excellent place to network and inform educators of the opportunities available at RHS. At the same time we are learning what the schools would like from RHS.

Work with the Saly Grant components (BAPA Schools Committee, Beverly Arts Center, Morgan Park Academy and Ridge Historical Society) is focused on teacher enrichment. The meetings include work on different aspects of creative writing.

New Costume Room Progress

Doris Moulton, house and grounds chair, announces completion of renovation of the two upstairs rooms formerly occupied by a

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Saly Grant check presentation at BAPA. Left to right: Eileen Klees, Attorney Jean Roche, Linda Lamberty, Sue Delves

The Morgan Park Woman's Club is responsible for two stone markers, one at 112th and Lothair where a tree was dedicated in 1922 in honor of the sons of Morgan Park who served in World War I, and one at 112th and Longwood, presented in 1939, the organization's fiftieth anniversary, to keep in memory the Vincennes and Portage Trails used by the Indians and Pioneers.

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tenant. Plans call for the rooms to become the costume exhibit space and a much needed workroom. The present costume room will be converted to a research library.

Only the floors were done professionally. The work of preparing the walls, and hours of painting, were done by the volunteers. We would like to acknowledge the efforts of: Joyce Black, Cathy Cahill, Kate Eaton, Bill Barnhart, Pat McGrail, Julie DeHaan, Mati Maldre, Steve Zang, Bill Sandstrom, Michelle Stern, Allison Moulton and Doris herself.

Multimedia Exhibit Coming to RHS

Barbara Wynn Bansley's newest multimedia art project, "The Wit of America's First Ladies" recently ended its premiere exhibition at Mother McAuley High School, and it will soon be exhibited at Ridge Historical Society for a month, beginning in mid May, after it is shown at Columbia College. The artist is a graduate of Xavier Academy, McAuley's predecessor, and the exhibit was part of the school's Women's Month observance.

Members may recall her previously exhibited project at RHS, with blue and white pulp paper paintings of 23 houses on her block. Each painting included a chair holding a book of handmade paper pages, telling a story of the woman who lived in that house. Barbara added a storytelling performance to this exhibit. Over 600 people visited the exhibit at RHS.

The First Ladies exhibit, also in blue and white, uses 12 round tables where pulp paper images of First Ladies form the plate. Dried rosebuds represent silverware, and the napkin enfolds the brief script of a conversation between the four Presidents' wives represented. The centerpiece symbolizes an interest the four women would have had in common. Viewers

participate by reading the scripts.

Details will appear in the next newsletter, but the tentative opening is Friday evening, May 23 and it will probably remain in place into the second week of June. Tables will be arranged in the former tenant space, now being renovated, and also in the living room. Women's church and social organizations are encouraged to schedule group visits to view and interact with the exhibit through its scripted conversations. The exhibit consists of carefully researched historical facts and will also appeal to men, and particularly to high school and college students.

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The chief's report shows that the police shot four horses and seventy-eight dogs. Fifty-one visitors were lodged in the calaboose during the year. In 1929 our police department was moved from an old barn, which stood near the alley back of the row of stores that face Monterey, to 1923-27 Monterey in the store that was occupied for many years by Kammerman's grocery store.

Shortly after this move, another location was promised our police department. A building on the corner of Monterey and Esmond, known as the 13th District, was erected in 1936. Then in the winter of 1962, under the direction of Supt. O.W. Wilson, the station was closed and the district was transferred to the Gresham Ave. location. The building on Monterey is now occupied by the District Board of Education. *(Note: The district police station was reopened about 10 years later.)*

Sue Delves

"On the southeast corner of 111th St. and Hoyne was a thick crab-apple orchard and when in full bloom it was a sight to behold. It was also a bird haven, and we counted twenty-two varieties of singing birds one spring. In fall there were plenty of hazel nuts to gather, especially near Longwood Drive from 118th to 120th Streets."

Julia Howes
Myers
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NOT TO BE MISSED

A Calendar of Events and Attractions

The deadline for the June /July Newsletter is Wednesday May 14th. We also accept submissions via email at ridgehistory@hotmail.com

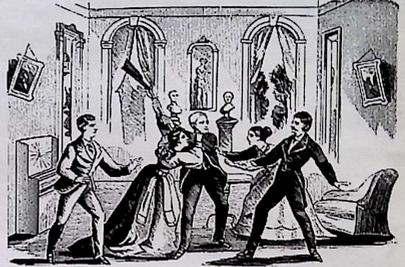
Caring For Your Family Photographs

Sunday April 27th, 2003 - 2:30 p.m.

See program description on Page 5.

Please note: This program is being held the LAST Sunday of the month, not the normal second Sunday.

Admission is free to RHS members. All others, \$5.00 per person. Light refreshments follow.



Board of Directors Meetings

April 9 - 7:30 p.m.

May 14 - 7:30 p.m.

All events, meetings and free-for-alls are held at Driscoll House unless otherwise noted.

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